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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT SHINES AT PARADE

The winning float from Mount Lebanon Church, kids scrambling for candy, bands and more — they were all part of Shelbyville's Christmas Parade on Saturday. More photos, Page 6A.

Photo by Ashley Rhodes
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On the court

Sports/1B

Discussions continue on Cartwright Elementary

By ZOË WATKINS
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Bedford County Board of Education met Thursday night to discuss updates on the design phase of the new Cartwright Elementary School.

The new school will be located off Fairfield Pike and North Main Street (Highway 231 North) near the 437 Bypass. The construction manager is Bell Construction, and the architect is Kline-Swinney Associates. Jeff Sweeney will be the representative for Bedford County during the project.

School board chair Michael Cook said, "We're in a situation where we have a certain amount of money, and that's what we plan on using. If we have to wait, we have to wait. We have to think about the County, about our taxpayers, about our kids . . . The elementary school is the number one priority on our list, but we also have to be reasonable."

One of the biggest concerns discussed during the meeting was about road access to the elementary school. "There's a big security concern making that a public road, and if it becomes a through-road, the asphalt is not set up for that kind of traffic," said Jeff Sweeney.

Current plans show an access road built to the north of the property, connecting Fairfield Pike with Highway 231. This is so buses can come from either side of the city with the design of having student drop off/pick-ups in the vicinity of Fairfield Pike and Calsonic Way.

Architect Bart Kline said the road can either be made private or public. If made private, the school can have a locked gate and closed off at times. If made public by the City of Shelbyville, the asphalt will need to be made thicker to handle the increased traffic. This could add

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Submitted Photo

Société Honoraire Française of Shelbyville Central High School recently created a service project called Period Poverty. From left, Joanna Hernandez-Guerrero, Braden Ray, Sarah Morgan Brock, Allesandra Vazquez Mosqueda, Sean O'Gorman, Ruth Hernandez, Kullin Lasne and Marilynn Newman, French teacher/sponsor.

SCHS student club starts service project

Société Honoraire Française at Shelbyville Central High School is striving to alleviate what is referred to as period poverty within its school walls.

During a recent PowerPoint presentation to SCHS faculty, they discussed how their project came about after reading a book in AP French class called "Kiffe Kiffe Demain" (Same Thing Tomorrow) by Faiza Guinne. The story is about a young immigrant from Morocco who experienced frustrations in adapting to life in Paris. One of the

scenes involves Doria's purchase of feminine hygiene supplies.

This resonated with the students; they requested and received a \$1,000 grant from Walmart, which they are using to purchase feminine hygiene products as well as small makeup bags for discreet distribution.

For more information, call 684-3284 and ask for Student Health Services Supervisor Dee Crabtree or Director of Communications Carol Garrette.

Parade photos

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OBITUARIES

Marion Cataldo

November 26, 2022

A heart, dear to us, stopped beating the other night. Marion Cataldo passed away Saturday, November 26th, at the age of 93. A few of us were able to be with her when she passed, and we are grateful she was not alone.

She is survived by two daughters, Janet Cataldo (son in law, Don Cataldo, deceased), and Susan Fuss (son in law, Thomas Fuss), as well as 14 grandchildren: Toby Fuss, and the Cataldos: Eppie, Heidi, Adam, Tiffany, Benjamin, Bethany, Samuel, Jesse, Josiah, David, Levi, Asher, and Ezra (and all their beloved spouses). She is also survived by 32 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild: Zach, Brooklynn, Jonathan, Logan, Jakob, Arowyn, Anyka, Mia, Silas, Dorian, Amora, Christian, Isaac, Arthur, Henry, Abigail, Jude, Isabell, Eli, Keegan, Calista, Gab, Enoch, Corbin, Lexi, Layla, Mercy, Harper, Kylie, Aliza, Luis, Isaiah, and Harlee. She will be greatly missed.

It is a good soul, a good life that is missed upon passing. Our grandmother, Marion Cataldo, will be missed. She was an advocate for righteousness and her love was shown in her encouragement toward betterment. She had a steadfast heart and faith in Jesus Christ, but she was also witty and intelligent. She told us she wanted to “just cling to Jesus when she got to heaven.” That is how we will imagine her now! You may have met her at her Lutheran congregations on Long Island, New York or Shelbyville, or at the Church of Christ in Wartrace. You may recognize her from Cataldo Auto Repair, where she helped launch the business! She added to any group she joined, encouraging people to think deeper, try harder, love better. She was so frustrated as she began to lose her words. She asked us not to forget her, but I think she was asking us to remember her, make note of her passing, of her value to us. She was valuable. She was loved. She is still loved. We invite you to come remember her with us, to remember those you have lost, who were just as valuable to you.

Please join the family Monday, December 12, from 5-9 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Wartrace, Tennessee. Thank you and may God bless you all

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family. www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com



Dennis Keith Jackson

December 1, 2022

Dennis Keith Jackson, age 65, of Elora, passed away Thursday, December 1, 2022.

A Celebration of Life Service was held Sunday, December 4, at Hope Assembly Church in Fayetteville, with Brother Kenny McNatt officiating.

Keith was born April 26, 1957, in Shelbyville, Tennessee, to John Keith and Evelyn Jackson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Keith and Evelyn Jackson. He is survived by his wife, Anita Jackson, of Elora, Tennessee; sons, John Jackson, of Shelbyville, Jeffrey (Katie) Jackson, of Shelbyville, and Joseph (Kaley) Jackson, of Knoxville; step son, A.J. Key, of Elora, Tennessee; step daughter, Jennifer (Lee) Frame, of Fayetteville; god daughter, Frankie Wilson, of Fayetteville; brother, Scott (Sherry) Jackson, of Murfreesboro; sister, Paige (Richard) Shelton, of Estill Springs; grandchildren, Jordan (Taylor) Frame, Bailey Jackson, Madison (Wyatt) McCoy, Morgan (Montana) Driver, J.J. Key, Sophia Jackson Brayden Key, Zayne Key, P.J. Key, Clara Jackson, and Jasmine Clark; two great grandchildren, Nolan Frame and Emmett Frame; and several nieces and nephews.

Keith was a strong man of faith and loved being with his church family at Hope Assembly in Fayetteville, where he served in a multitude of roles from board member to nursery care. He was also a leader in the Celebrate Recovery Program in both Shelbyville and Fayetteville. Keith began his career in the oil business, where he faithfully served the family for more than a decade. Keith and Anita then became successful business partners with Sunbelt business brokerage. Keith was a man of many talents, who championed himself as a jack of all trades. According to his family, Keith was a man worthy of being called husband, father, and friend. He enjoyed helping and celebrating others. Keith liked the outdoors, fishing, and fellowshiping any time the Tennessee Vols were playing. Go Vols one last time!

In lieu of flowers, Keith would be honored for donations to be made to Hope Assembly Church for the Celebrate Recovery Program in Fayetteville.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.



Discussions

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another \$40,000 to the cost. Kline said they could put in speed bumps to ensure drivers obey the speed limit.

BOE Superintendent Tammy Garrett said she would prefer to make the road private, saying public drivers would be in the school traffic while a threat, like a car bomb, could be imminent. Board member Brian Crews was preferable making the road public so law enforcement could patrol the road.

Community High School has a similar private road called Community X-ing, which connects Unionville-Deason to 41A.

The board agreed to analyze which method—private or public—would be most cost effective and safe.

Costs

Looking at other comparative school costs, building a school could cost around \$300 per square foot. For example, Brentwood Middle School in Williamson County is estimated to cost \$274 per square foot while Lewis County High School is estimated to be \$353 per square foot. However, that cost will only continue to rise as building material costs continue to increase.

Many “cosmetic” changes have been made to the original design plan

in order to save costs, such as paint, sky-lighting, and outside overhangs.

The board talked about moving maintenance rooms to the roof of the building to save space. However, school maintenance director Daniel Kleindienst said this would cause more wear and tear to the roof over time.

At 113,000 square feet, the school is planned to hold over 800 students. The design of the new school can accommodate four more classrooms that can be added on later if needed. This would potentially cost around \$1.3 million, according to Garrett. “We have spent hours designing, programmatically, what we need. It is my opinion that it is our job as a board and my job as superintendent to design a school that meets the needs of our students . . . It’s time to move this project along to the County Commission,” said Garrett.

The board is waiting for a “hard” number for the cost of the project. The project managers from Bell Construction said they will have a cost based on 50% of the drawings at the monthly BOE meeting on Dec. 15.

The board needs to have the plans approved by their February meeting in order for the project to be completed by August of 2024, which is when the school plans to open.

Rashel Lee Ensey

December 3, 2022

Funeral services for Rashel Lee Ensey, age 88 of Unionville, will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2022 in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastors Jay Pope and Mark Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Hazel Cemetery in Bell Buckle. Mr. Ensey passed from this life Saturday, December 3, 2022, peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Visitation with the family will be held 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 6.

A native of Bedford County, Mr. Ensey was born on November 10, 1934, to the late Charlie and Mattie Ensey. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by: brothers, William “Bill” Ensey and James Edward “Wimp” Ensey; sister, Charlene Pope and beloved daughter-in-law, Genia Perryman Ensey.

Mr. Ensey was a member of Bell Buckle Baptist Church and was a 1954 graduate of Bell Buckle High School. He worked in the chicken business for Dixie Grain and Tyson Foods for 48 years before retiring. He enjoyed sitting outside, whittling, visiting friends, and watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren play sports.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 68 years, Joyce Brown Ensey; three sons, Michael (Becky) Ensey, Randall Ensey, and Darryl Ensey; 7 grandchildren, Stephanie (Kenny) Housch, Jennifer (Tim) Little, Travis (Brittany) Ensey, Darrick Ensey, Jessica (Michael) Leverette, Caleb Ensey, Josh Ensey; 8 great-grandchildren: Madison Housch, Morgan Housch, Jayden Little, Blaine Little, Gracelynn, Bentley Cook, Weston Cook, and Logan Leverette; 1 great-great-grandchild, Kinsley Lambertson; along with siblings, Roy (Dora) Ensey, Martha (Jerry) Hayes, Jean Lamb, Bobby Smotherman, and Tommy Ensey.

Memorial donations may be made to the COPD Foundation at www.copdfoundation.org or by mail: 3300 Ponce De Leon Blvd, Miami, FL 33134.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family. www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com

Jimmy Lee Taylor

December 1, 2022

Jimmy Lee Taylor, age 72, of Shelbyville, passed from this life Thursday, December 1, 2022, at Vanderbilt-Bedford Hospital.

Funeral services were Sunday, Dec. 4th, at Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Peter Allen officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Jimmy was born June 26, 1950 in Russellville, Ala. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by: brother, Ray Taylor; and nephew, Troy Taylor, Jr.

Jimmy was retired from Empire Berol (Newell Rubbermaid) where he worked for 40+ years. He was a long-time member of the Celebration City Car Club. He loved Nascar and was an avid Dale Earnhardt fan. He could be found driving back roads, on his lawn mower or golf cart. He loved the outdoors and thought everyone should be outside. And he could always be heard arguing (mostly playful) with those he loved the most and they will miss that immensely.

Survivors include: loving wife of 32 years, Janice Ferrell Taylor of Shelbyville; children, Don (Elizabeth) Taylor, Randy (Shannon) Taylor, Sherri Green Frame all of Shelbyville; Angie (Anthony) Smith of Lynchburg and Amanda Green Smith of Tullahoma; grandchildren, Cortney, Kendyl, Ashleigh, Brianna, Brooklyn, Shana, Jordan, Slayden, Maycee, and Madden; 6 great grandchildren with 2 on the way; brothers, Billy (Lillian) Taylor, Troy “Tiny” (Lana) Taylor, and Roy Taylor; along with several nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at www.stjude.org or by mail: 501 St. Jude Pl. Memphis, TN 38105.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family. www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com





Literacy Transforms Lives

Local Imagination Library receives \$5,000

Community Foundation supports literacy

Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, a charitable organization dedicated to enriching the quality of life in the 40 middle Tennessee counties it serves, announces \$2.8 million in grants have been awarded to 432 non profits. Bedford County’s Imagination Library is one recipient.

The library will receive \$5,000 to mail free over 2,550 books to children ages birth to 5 in Bedford County. The cost to provide and mail each books to each child is \$2.15.

Bedford County Imagination

Library is a non profit in partnership with the Governor’s Early Literacy Foundation and the Dollywood Foundation.

The local Imagination Library Board is comprised of 12 to 15 volunteer business professionals who are charged with raising over \$30,000 each year from corporations, civic organizations and individuals for the program.

“The work of our nonprofit partners has never been more important as we watch needs emerge and evolve in this community,” said Ellen Lehman, Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee

president. “The Community Foundation is honored to connect generosity with need through these annual grants and other avenues throughout the year, but we couldn’t have an impact without the array of quality nonprofits offering solutions to our communities’ needs and vital services to our neighbors.”

The Community Foundation awards discretionary grants annually from its unrestricted and field-of-interest funds through an open application process to middle Tennessee nonprofits.

Justices spar in latest clash of religion, gay rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court’s conservative majority sounded sympathetic Monday to a Christian graphic artist who objects to designing wedding websites for gay couples, a dispute that’s the latest clash of religion and gay rights to land at the highest court.

The designer and her supporters say that ruling against her would force artists — from painters and photographers to writers and musicians — to do work that is against their beliefs. Her opponents, meanwhile, say that if she wins, a range of businesses will be able to discriminate, refusing to serve Black customers, Jewish or Muslim people, interracial or interfaith couples or immigrants, among others.

Over more than two hours of spirited arguments, the justices repeatedly tested out what ruling for the designer could mean, using detailed and sometimes colorful hypothetical scenarios. Those included a Black Santa asked to take a picture with a child dressed in a Ku Klux Klan outfit, a photographer asked to take pictures for the Jewish dating website JDate and also the marital infidelity website Ashley Madison, and a food business called “Grandma Helen’s Protestant Provisions.”

Justice Neil Gorsuch, one of three high court appointees of former President Donald Trump, described Lorie Smith, the website designer in the case, as “an individual who says she will sell and does sell to everyone,

all manner of websites, (but) that she won’t sell a website that requires her to express a view about marriage that she finds offensive.”

Where to draw the line for what a business might do without violating state anti-discrimination laws was a big question in Monday’s arguments at the high court.

Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson asked whether a photography store in a shopping mall could refuse to take pictures of Black people on Santa’s lap.

“Their policy is that only white children can be photographed with Santa in this way, because that’s how they view the scenes with Santa that they’re trying to depict,” Jackson said.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor repeatedly pressed Kristen Waggoner, the lawyer for Smith, over other categories. “How about people who don’t believe in interracial marriage? Or about people who don’t believe that disabled people should get married? Where’s the line?” Sotomayor asked.

But Justice Samuel Alito, who seemed to favor Smith, asked whether it’s “fair to equate opposition to same-sex marriage to opposition to interracial marriage?”

The case comes at a time when the court is dominated 6-3 by conservatives and follows a series of cases in which the justices have sided with religious plaintiffs. Across the street from the court, lawmakers at the Capitol are finalizing what would be a landmark bill protecting same-sex

marriage.

The proposed law, which also would protect interracial marriage, has gained momentum following the high court’s decision earlier this year to end constitutional protections for abortion. That decision to overturn the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling prompted questions about whether the court — now that it is more conservative — might also overturn its 2015 decision declaring a nationwide right to same-sex marriage. Justice Clarence Thomas explicitly said that decision should be reconsidered.

The case being argued before the high court Monday involves Smith, a graphic artist and website designer in Colorado who wants to begin offering wedding websites. Smith says her Christian faith prevents her from creating websites celebrating same-sex marriages.

“Ms. Smith believes opposite-sex marriage honors scripture and same-sex marriage contradicts it,” Waggoner told the justices.

But offering wedding websites to same-sex couples and refusing to design them for opposite sex couples could get Smith in trouble with state law. Colorado, like most other states, has what’s called a public accommodation law that says if Smith offers wedding websites to the public, she must provide them to all customers. Businesses that violate the law can be fined, among other things.



Community High School student Haley Mitchell recently won the DREMC writing competition.

Submitted Photos

Community student organizes coat drive

T-G STAFF REPORT

Community High School student Haley Mitchell recently won the Duck River Electric writing and scholarship competition. It is what Haley did for her community service project which still has folks talking.

Haley said she wanted to do something "unique" and on her own, so she organized a winter coat drive.

Assisting her were fellow members at New Vision Baptist Church.

The Bedford County student said recently that she received more donations than she expected. Of course, that will likely be a Christmas miracle for many in need of warm attire. New and gently worn coats have been collected, with sizes ranging from small children to adult.

"Haley's Coats" are available to all kids in Bedford County. The school system is assisting the Community High student with her distribution to students in need.

The community will soon also be cheering on this young, community servant as she competes at the state level for a \$10,000 electrical cooperative scholarship.



That Viking prides shines as Haley Mitchell organizes coats she collected for students and families in Bedford County.



Haley organized as her service project for the upcoming state scholarship competition a coat drive.



GRAIN BIN RESCUE

Bedford County Farm Bureau Board of Directors recently purchased a grain bin rescue tube and presented it to Bedford County Fire & Rescue Squad. The tube is designed specifically to aid in the extrication of partial grain entrapment victims. First Responders attended a grain bin safety training session and presentation earlier this year.

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PLUS A VISIT FROM
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Hanging Christmas lights

Dear Heloise: I've enjoyed your column for years and thought I'd share my hint for hanging Christmas lights in trees. I use my angled broom! The string of lights is held in the bristles of the broom, and the broom adds at least five feet to help me reach the branches. It takes a little coordination, but it sure helps get the job done. I hope someone finds this helpful and that all of your readers have a beautiful Christmas! -- Erin, Ethel, Louisiana

Hints from Heloise



USED DRYER SHEETS

Dear Heloise: I take my used dryer sheets to clean the lint from my dryer filter and the scattered lint on top of the dryer. Works for me. Best regards. -- Robert A. Lipe, Prairieville, Louisiana

NEW DRYER HINT

Dear Heloise: Last year, you had some dryer hints that were good; however, as a 55-year-old and seventime home owner, I have a very important hint I have never seen in your column. If your dryer is not on an outside wall and vented directly outside, it may be vented through the attic. This is also a fire hazard. A vent cleaning costs about \$150 or more.

The more you use your dryer, the more you need to have the vent cleaned. Your clothes last longer if you don't dry them, or dry them very little. Remember, the dryer lint came from your clothes. My dryers have lasted a long time because I use them so little. You should still clean the vent on the dryer after each dryer use. I have an extra shower curtain rod across the middle of the bathtub so I can hang dripping clothes and not have them drip on the floor.

Your column saved me from making a big mistake on a carpet bait-and-switch deal in 1989. I bought new carpet, which was expensive. I asked if I could have a sample in a color that people would not want to buy. And when they came to install it, I pulled out my sample, and they took their poor carpet and ordered the good carpet I had originally ordered. Thanks. -- Clair Katy, Texas

SALT AND ANTI-CAKING ADDITIVES

Dear Heloise: We are soon picking our olives and will cure them with a salt brine process that we make with additive-free salt. Anyone that does canning or curing with salt, please read the entire label before purchasing.

Anti-caking agents, added to prevent clumping of the salt, will yellow or cloud your brine, and this is not attractive. (I do not know how it affects the taste, though, because we never use it.) The front label may say "canning salt," "kosher salt," "sea salt," etc., but may still have an anti-caking element added.

PS: I, yes, am a man who reads your column daily in the Press-Enterprise in Riverside, California, often outloud to my wife at the breakfast table. Thank you. -- Tim Harned, Perris, California

Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001, or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or email it to Heloise@Heloise.com. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

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Send Community Calendar items to tgnews@t-g.com, notify us on Facebook, call 931-684-1200 or stop by our office, 323 E. Depot St.

TODAY

Bell Buckle beautification

Bell Buckle Beautification Committee will meet Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY

Retired Teachers meeting

Bedford County Retired Teachers will meet 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 at Emmy's Restaurant (Urban Plantation). Community High School Drama Club and instructor Tony Davis will present the program.

THURSDAY

Food Pantry

Scott's Chapel United Methodist Church, 940 Morton St., is opening its Seasoned With a Touch of Sale Food Pantry from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8. For more information call 931-684-2297.

Shelbyville Council

Shelbyville City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at Shelbyville Recreation Center. New mayor Randy Carroll, new council member Bobby Turnbow, and re-elected council members Marilyn Ewing and William Christie will be sworn in.

FRIDAY

Winter Fest

Thomas Intermediate School is holding Winter Fest on Friday, Dec. 9, beginning at 4 p.m. A chili supper, silent auction and photos with Santa are included. The play "Annie Kids" will be performed by the TMS Drama Club at 6 p.m.

Wine Walk

The 12th annual Wine Walk will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 on the

Shelbyville square.

Fly Dinner Theater

The Fly Arts Center is bringing back The Fly Dinner Theater for its first holiday performance since 2019. "Dashing Through The Snow" is a family-friendly play in which a parade of eccentric guests arrive at the Snowflake Inn and deck the halls with holiday hilarity. Also included at extra cost, if desired, is a meal consisting of chicken and dressing with sides. Times are 6 p.m. for dinner and 7 p.m. for the performances Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10, and a 2 p.m. performance with no meal on Sunday, Dec. 11. Tickets ranging from \$15-\$25 are available at www.flyartscenter.com.

DEC. 10

VFW fundraiser breakfast

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5019, and its Auxiliary will host their second Saturday of the month fundraiser breakfast Dec. 10, from 7-9:30 a.m. at the VFW Post, 1320 Depot St. Carry-outs are available. For more information call Alex, 615-513-7959.

Gilliland House

The Gilliland House, 803 Lipscomb St., is having a Christmas holiday event from noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served and photos with Santa will be available in the cabin behind the main house.

Gingerbread contest

Bell Buckle is holding its annual Gingerbread Decorating Contest from 11 a.m. (sign-up)-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Main Street Pavilion. Age categories are 9-under and 10-up.

Sleigh and S'mores

Sleigh rides with Santa, and a s'mores pit, will be available in Bell Buckle from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, and Saturday, Dec. 17.

DEC. 13

Bell Buckle meeting

Bell Buckle Board of

December 2022

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Holidays

18th - Hanukkah Begins in the evening
21st - Winter Begins
25th - Christmas

Mayor & Aldermen will meet Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. in Town Hall.

County Commission

Bedford County Commission will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Bedford County Courthouse.

DEC. 15

Bell Buckle parks

Bell Buckle Parks & Recreation Committee will meet Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. in Town Hall.

ONGOING

Meals on Wheels

Shelbyville Senior Citizens Center is in need of Meals on Wheels volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound of Shelbyville. For more information, call 684-0019 and ask for Amy Wilson.

Soup kitchen

Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen serves meals from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 336 S. Cannon Blvd. (corner of South Cannon

and Pickle Street). Doors open at 3. Donations may be made to Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 2259, Shelbyville, TN 37162, and are tax deductible under its 501c3 non-profit designation.

Boxed non-perishables are available. Takeouts are no longer distributed.

Head Start

Bedford County Head Start Centers are currently taking applications. For more information or to complete an application contact any Head Start Center. Phone numbers are: Wartrace 931-389-6406, Harris Head Start 931-773-0033, North Side Head Start Center 931-773-0141, and Bedford Early Head Start 931-685-0876. Head Start is a free child development program for children 6 weeks to 3 years and their families. Early Head Start enrolls pregnant women for monthly prenatal educational visits.

HOLIDAY SEASON

Heart Health Tips for the Holidays

Food, drinks, gifts and time with family make the holidays a merry occasion for people across the country. However, all that celebrating can sometimes become a distraction from maintaining heart health.

In fact, the joys of the season can become marred for many as research shows an uptick in cardiac events and heart attack deaths during the final week of December. According to a study published in the American

Heart Association journal, "Circulation," more cardiac deaths occur on Dec. 25 than any other day of the year, followed by the second largest number on Dec. 26 and third largest on Jan. 1.

"The holidays are a busy, often stressful time for many of us," said American Heart Association Chief Clinical Science Officer Mitchell S.V. Elkind, M.D., M.S., FAHA. "Routines are disrupted. We may tend to eat and drink more and exer-

cise and relax less. We're getting too little sleep and experiencing too much stress. While we don't know exactly why there are more deadly heart attacks during this time, it's important to be aware that these factors can snowball, increasing the risk for a deadly cardiac event."

Being aware of this annual phenomenon and taking a few important, heart-healthy steps can help save lives. Consider these tips from Dr. Elkind and the experts at the American Heart Association.

- Know symptoms and take action. Heart attack signs vary in men and women, but it's important to recognize them early and call 9-1-1 for help. The sooner medical treatment begins, the better chances of survival and preventing heart damage.
- Celebrate in moderation. Eating healthfully during the holidays doesn't have to mean depriving yourself. There are ways to eat smart, such as by limiting sodium intake and looking for small, healthy



Photo courtesy of Getty Images

swaps so you continue to feel your best while eating and drinking in moderation.

- Practice goodwill toward yourself. Make time to take care of yourself during this busy season. Reading a favorite book, meditating or even playing with pets are productive ways to reduce stress from the family interactions, strained finances, hectic schedules, traveling and

other stressors that can be brought on by the holidays.

- Keep moving. The hustle and bustle of holiday preparation often pushes exercise to the side, but it's important to stay active as much as possible. Get creative to keep moving by going for a family walk or playing physically active games with loved ones.
- Stick to your medications. Busy schedules can cause some people to skip

medications, sometimes even forgetting them at home or not getting refills in a timely manner. Try using a medication chart as a reminder, and be sure to keep tabs on your blood pressure numbers.

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AG NOTES

By **JOHN TEAGUE**
UT/TSU Extension

POULTRY NOTICE

The Tennessee State Veterinarian is issuing an alert for domesticated bird owners who also engage in bird hunting. Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) is prevalent in wild birds and is endangering backyard and commercial flocks in Tennessee.

“HPAI detections among domesticated birds and wild birds have been on the rise.” Tennessee State Veterinarian Dr. Samantha Beaty said. “We want to alert bird hunters that the risk of bringing this disease to their flock is extremely high. The good news is that owners can drastically reduce the risk by continually practicing biosecurity and avoiding contact between wild and domesticated birds, alive or dead.”

Dr. Beaty recommends that backyard flock owners wash their hands before and after interacting with domesticated birds and dedicate a pair of shoes to only be worn in coops or poultry houses. Those shoes should be cleaned with a 10 percent bleach solution after every visit. Likewise, clothing and shoes used for hunting should not be worn around domesticated birds. The Tennessee Wildlife

Resources Agency (TWRA) advises hunters to dress game birds in the field when possible. Remains can be buried at the harvest site or double bagged and disposed with normal household waste.

“It does take effort to sustain biosecurity practices but it’s well worth it,” Dr. Beaty continued. “Flock owners must be persistent in their efforts to keep birds healthy. If birds appear ill or there’s a spike in unexpected deaths, bird owners should notify our office right away.”

HPAI is a highly transmissible disease known to be deadly for domesticated fowl. Fowl can be exposed to HPAI through human interactions and through contact with wild birds. This year, cases in Tennessee have sickened domesticated chickens, geese, and ducks in Obion, Tipton, Bledsoe, and Davidson Counties. According to TWRA, there have been 28 confirmed cases of HPAI in wild birds, including 26 ducks, a Canada goose, and a bald eagle.

Although HPAI does not pose a food safety risk, no infected poultry is allowed to enter the food supply. Poultry and eggs are safe to eat when handled and cooked properly. The risk of human infection with avian influenza during poultry outbreaks

is very low. In fact, no transmission to humans was reported during the outbreak that affected commercial poultry farms in Tennessee in 2017.

If producers experience poultry deaths, disposal of any remnants of those farm animal carcasses should be done according to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture’s Policy Concerning the Disposal of Dead Farm Animals. Rules for lawful disposal and options for dealing with dead farm animals can be found online at www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/animals/animal-health/mortalities/animal-disposal.html.

Sick or dead wild birds can be reported to TWRA at www.tn.gov/twra/sick-birds.html. Nationally, sick or dead farm birds can be reported to USDA at 1-866-536-7593 or in Tennessee to the State Veterinarian’s office at 615-837-5120. Find more biosecurity tips and HPAI resources online at www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/animals/animal-health/avian-influenza.html.

SNAKES

I don’t like ‘em. Don’t care what they do for a living (mice, etc.), but I don’t like ‘em. Never could see too well as a child, and in the mountains of East Tennessee, that was a bit



of a disadvantage when it came to snakes.

So, when I get a contact about snakes in or under the house from someone who is concerned, I understand their anxiety. I want to help and be sure we are correct in our information.

I had a call about not one but two snakes captured on the glue boards in the house. There was also some work being done under the house and there was evidence of skins, etc. The important thing here was to identify them and make a recommendation for elimination from the house but just shy of blowing up the house or burning it to the ground!

Seriously, we wanted to just get them out and keep them out. Hard to do sometimes, especially when they are looking for a place to hibernate.

I have attached a picture of one of them. At first glance and looking up references, the thought of copperhead comes to mind. Not good! But I forwarded these photos to my friend at TWRA, Larry Thurston, and he identified it as a rat or corn snake. I remembered that we had another of these back earlier in the year, this one was hiding under the siding of a house but with part of it showing through a crack.

With big relief, I

reported back to the owner and they were very happy that at least this one was a non-venomous creature. As to a recommendation, I suggested she take this up with her exterminator. I’m sure there will be sealing and covering and a lot of other exclusion tactics used here.

SHEEP AND GOAT SALE

The dates for the United Producers Sheep and Goat Sales for December have been changed just a bit. They will be held on December 12 and 19. Help get that word around.

Large glossy leaves of Lusterleaf Holly shine



Submitted by Celeste Luckey Scott, Extension Agent, UT/TSU Extension Madison County

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – Hollies are versatile plants with a wide range of uses in the landscape, including the Lusterleaf Holly.

From a distance, the leaves of *Ilex latifolia* are often mistaken for those of the Southern magnolia, *Magnolia grandiflora*. I recall the first time I saw a specimen of this plant. It was being used in a living screen, and I was about 30 yards away when I myself made this incorrect assumption! I was initially drawn to the large, flat leaves. They were wide at the base and tapered towards the tip, leathery in texture, and some were even larger than the size of my hand. Upon closer inspection, I noticed the plant’s heavy berry load. The berries, which were immature and green at that time, were forming in huge clusters nestled at the leaf axils (where the leaf attaches to the branch) and encircling the stem. As the season progressed into winter, the berries turned a deep, dull red and were visible from a great distance, which only added to this plant’s beauty.

Ilex latifolia has a narrow, dense pyramidal shape, reaches average heights of 20 to 25 feet, and growth is considered slow. The large, broad leaves can reach 6- to 8-inches long and 3- to 4-inches wide. They are dark green and their upper surface is shiny and lustrous, which lends itself to the plant’s common name of lusterleaf holly. The leaf margins are edged evenly with small, coarse teeth, not spiny. *Ilex latifolia* prefers the heat of summers in the South and is hardy from USDA hardiness zones 7 through 9. There are several cultivars, but the straight species is the most commonly found at garden centers and is a grand addition to any landscape.

In my opinion, this species has the most beautiful foliage of all the hollies. It is resistant to heat, insects and diseases and could serve equally well as a specimen, in a grouping or as a component of a living screen. While this holly is not currently used widely in landscapes, it is worth consideration, and in the authoritative “Manual of Woody Landscape Plants,” Michael Dirr writes that *Ilex latifolia* “certainly ranks among the best of the broadleaf evergreens.”

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ing beyond the annual trial berms on the west side of the garden.

The UT Gardens includes plant collections located in Knoxville, Crossville and Jackson, Tennessee. Designated as the official botanical garden for the State of Tennessee, the UT Gardens are part of the UT Institute of Agriculture. The Gardens’ mission is to foster appreciation, education and stewardship of plants through garden displays, educational programs and research trials. The Gardens are open during all seasons and free to the public.

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CAR WASH HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING

The SBC Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting celebration for Soaky Suds Car Wash located at 1013 Madison Street.

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Following its regional award earlier this year, Middle Tennessee-based First Community Mortgage, which has an office in Shelbyville, was awarded the Better Business Bureau's International Ethics Award. Shown are FCB team members, including CEO Keith Canter.

Submitted photo

FC Mortgage earns Ethics award

First Community Mortgage is one of just five companies honored with the 2022 Better Business Bureau International Torch Award for Ethics.

The businesses are honored for their outstanding commitment to leadership character and organizational ethics and were recognized at a virtual ceremony Nov. 30.

"It may be trite but it is true: Actions speak much louder than words," said Keith Canter, CEO of First Community Mortgage and one of the company's found-

ers, "and we've taken great care to establish and communicate the core values of the organization, underscoring that they are never compromised by anyone."

Presented annually since 1996, the BBB International Torch Awards for Ethics recognize businesses in North America that maintain an outstanding dedication to upholding ethical business practices and promoting trust in the marketplace.

"The International Torch Awards for Ethics is one of the most important programs we

do each year," said Kip Morse, International Association of Better Business Bureaus President and CEO. "BBB sets standards to make trust a fundamental component of the American marketplace, but these businesses are out there every day making it happen. By awarding them the 2022 International Torch Award for Ethics, we are demonstrating to the business community that adhering to Better Business Bureau ethical standards is the hallmark of successful, competitive companies."

First Community Mortgage won its BBB International Torch Award in Category 3, companies with 100-499 employees. In January FCM was the winner of the 2021 Better Business Bureau's (Middle Tennessee and Southern Kentucky) Torch Award for Ethics in that region's Extra-large Business Category.

"We communicate our values at every level of employee engagement," said Canter, "and I am proud we have institutionalized not only communication of these guiding principles, but also

their execution. With that woven into the fabric of our organization, it cascades to our business partners and customers, who see and experience the trust we place in our team members. That helps them know we can be trusted with the privilege of their partnership, business and repeat business."

First Community Mortgage, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of First Community Bank of Tennessee, and includes wholesale and retail divisions.

US stocks slip

Investors weigh economic data

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell in morning trading on Wall Street Monday and bond yields rose as investors face a mostly quiet week that will be capped by a closely watched update on inflation.

The S&P 500 fell 1.1% as of 10:20 a.m. Eastern. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 288 points, or 0.8%, to 34,141 and the Nasdaq fell 1.2%.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury, which influences mortgage rates, rose to 3.60% from 3.49% late Friday.

Investors are weighing several international developments that could further unsettle a global economy that is already getting burned by stubbornly hot inflation.

Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine continues agitating an already volatile global energy market. U.S. crude oil prices rose 1.3% after a group of world leaders agreed to a boycott of most Russian oil.

China is lifting some of its most severe COVID-19 restrictions following protests across major cities. That has raised hopes that disruptions to manufacturing and trade will ease. Markets in Asia rose, while markets in Europe were mixed.

Inflation, rising interest rates and the potential for recessions throughout global economies are among the biggest concerns for investors. Wall Street has been closely watching corporate announcements and government reports to get a better sense of just how much damage is being done to the economy and inflation's path ahead in 2023.

V.F. Corp., which makes Vans shoes and The North Face outdoor gear, fell 8.2% after warning investors that weak demand is crimping revenue. The company also announced the departure of its CEO.

Tesla fell 5.1% following reports that it may have to cut production in

China because of weak demand.

Investors are dealing with several crosscurrents of information. Demand may be weakening in some areas of the economy, but some sectors remain resilient.

The services sector, which makes up the biggest part of the U.S. economy, showed surprising growth in November, according to the Institute for Supply Management. Employment remains a strong area of the economy as does overall consumer spending.

Wall Street will get a weekly update on unemployment on Thursday. Investors will likely be more focused on the monthly report on consumer prices, for November, from the government on Friday.

— Elaine Kurtenbach and Matt Ott contributed to this report.

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The children's group from First United Methodist Church in Shelbyville stopped by Shelbyville Police Department on Sunday to spread a little Christmas cheer. On duty officers were also presented with popcorn.

Church photo

JAIL INTAKE

- Ajani Shomari Akil, 55, Canova Drive; driving on a revoked license, DUI, violation of implied consent; \$4,000 bond
- Rene Ramirez-Bartolon, 19, Davis Street; aggravated assault, domestic assault (simple), public intoxication, resisting arrest by officer; \$150,000 bond
- Faye Mari Bermudez, 21, Davis Street; disorderly conduct, resisting arrest by officer; \$6,500 bond
- Matthew Christopher Brinck, 36, Tullahoma; driving on a revoked license, DUI, failure to yield, financial responsibility, open container law; \$10,000 bond
- Else Marina Cantillano, 35, Murfreesboro; financial responsibility, light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; no bond
- Walter Edward Christmon Jr, 39, Mohican Place; violation of probation; \$1,000 bond
- Matthew Ray Clanton, 26, Ledgeview Drive; domestic assault (simple), vandalism; \$3,000 bond
- Brittany Michelle

- Conway, 28, Woodbury; violation of probation; \$1,000 bond
- Destiny N. Deskins, 20, Warner Bridge Road; leaving the scene of an accident; no bond
- Courtney Michelle Fears, 27, Mount Herman Road; driving on a suspended license, improper registration; \$2,500 bond
- Griffin Christopher Grant Jr, 32, Blue Ribbon; violation of order of protection; \$1,000 bond
- Stephen Henry Lovett, 42, Belmont Avenue; failure to appear; no bond
- Robert Earl Marlin Jr, 50, Cleveland Road, Wartrace; assault; no bond
- Nakita Mathews, 36, Belmont Avenue; vandalism; \$15,000 bond
- Gifford Glen Medley, 29, Hillsboro; failure to appear; \$2,500 bond
- Marysol Medrano, 24, Alta Avenue; aggravated assault; \$7,500 bond
- Pennie Constance Miller, 64, Midland Road; DUI, failure to maintain lane; \$1,000 bond
- Jerry B. Parker Jr, 19,

- Murfreesboro; aggravated assault; \$10,000 bond
- Christopher Shane Pittman, 22, Couch Lane; driving on a suspended license, driving while in possession of methamphetamine, failure to obey traffic instructions, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule 2 drug, possession of schedule 3 drug; \$5,000 bond
- Daniel Arturo Robinson, 26, Austin Avenue; driving on a revoked license, DUI, traffic control device (stop sign), violation of implied consent; \$6,000 bond
- Brian Howard Rodriguez, 27, Sims Springs Road; violation of order of protection; \$1,000 bond
- Jerome Thomas Sobrowski III, 45, South 231, Bell Buckle; criminal trespassing; \$500 bond
- Annette Ruth Beynon, 48, Collier Avenue; failure to appear; \$1,500 bond
- Crystal R. Cobb, 34, Regent Drive; domestic assault (simple); \$1,000 bond

- Brittany Michelle Conway, 28, Woodbury; violation of probation; \$1,000 bond
- Dante Trenon Inman, 25, Murfreesboro; driving on a suspended license, speeding; no bond
- Tomas Lopez, 21, Rolling Road; failure to yield right of way, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; no bond
- Rebekah Monroe, 32, Raven Court; driving on a suspended license, light law; no bond
- Daniel Trent Singleton, 33, Murfreesboro; DUI, financial responsibility, seatbelt law, speeding; \$2,000 bond
- Jalil Lee Singleton, 24, Ray Street; violation of probation; no bond
- Edward James Worthy Jr, 46, South Cannon Boulevard; domestic assault (simple), evading arrest, manufacturing/selling controlled substance (two counts), reckless/careless driving, theft of property; \$50,000 bond

Body of 7-year-old Texas girl found, FedEx driver arrested

PARADISE, Texas (AP) — A 7-year-old Texas girl has been found dead, two days after being reported missing, and a FedEx delivery driver arrested in her death, authorities said.

The body of Athena Strand was found Friday and Tanner Lynn Horner, 31, was arrested on kidnapping and murder charges after confessing to killing the girl and telling authorities where to find her body, according to Wise County Sheriff Lane Akin.

Horner remained jailed Saturday on \$1.5 million bond. Jail records did not list an attorney who could



Tanner Horner

had made a delivery to the girl's home shortly before she disappeared.

Horner did not know the girl's family, according to Akin, who declined to discuss a motive for the crime.

"We really can't get into the content of the confession, but I will say we have a confession" from Horner, Akin said.

The girl's stepmother had reported her missing on Wednesday from the family home near Paradise on the northwestern outskirts of the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area.

Her body was found near the town of Boyd,

about 6 miles (9.6 kilometers) southeast of Paradise, a town of about 475 people, Akin said.

James Dwyer, acting special agent in charge of the FBI's Dallas field office, said FedEx cooperated with investigators.

FedEx said in a statement that it is working with law enforcement agencies investigating the case.

"Our thoughts are with the family of Athena Strand during this most difficult time," according to the statement. "Words cannot describe our shock and sorrow surrounding this tragic event."

when businesses are normally full of tourists and holiday shoppers. County schools were closed.

Traffic lights were out throughout the county. Drivers treated intersections as four-way stops, which caused some traffic in places such as downtown Carthage. A consistent hum of honks could be heard as people signaled to each other when they should go at each nonfunctional traffic light. Many local businesses and restaurants displayed "Closed" signs in the windows and had empty parking lots.

Kalai and Christine Balutski of Pinebluff sat under a heater Monday morning drinking warm beverages at the Red's Corner food truck lot in Southern Pines. The couple has been without power since 7 p.m. Saturday and said they have been driving to restaurants in the next county over to eat warm meals and watch football while they wait for updates.

"We got two dogs at home, so we can't just up and leave," Kalai Balutski said. "We're working off of a power brick to keep our phones charged and candles in one room to keep it

COVID-19 UPDATES

COVID-19 lives on

STAFF REPORT

Latest COVID-19 data from Tennessee Health Department shows that Bedford County has 37 active COVID-19 cases. While it would be great to say that the County is past it all, and let's just get on with Christmas, stats show it's still out there.

Between Nov. 13 and Nov. 26, the state reported 61 active COVID-19 cases in this county. Right after Halloween, there were 60 cases of the coronavirus here.

Bedford County is yet to zero out on COVID-19 cases, since 2020. This means, during this holiday season, it is still necessary to take precautions to remain safe.

There's no reason not to have the celebrations, but every effort should still be taken to help keep the county population as a whole, healthy.

Many resident have received vaccinations. But, not everyone, according to the state.

Since March 5, 2020, when Tennessee Health Department began recording virus cases, Bedford County has had a total COVID-19 case count of 17,179.

While vaccinations remain a choice, here, statistics reveal that 55,337 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered here as of August. There were at least 23,838 people receiving one dose.

About half the Bedford County population has been fully vaccinated, according to state data.

Since the pandemic started, there have been 243 deaths in Bedford County and 333 hospitalizations.

Comparatively, Lincoln County currently has 18 active COVID-19 cases and Coffee County has 31.

New Life Retreat Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation and Education

The holiday season can be very stressful; whether it is trying to find the perfect gifts, family drama, or financial stress, there is a good chance everyone will at least have one moment of stress during the holidays. Unfortunately, this stress also affects those struggling with drugs and alcohol.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, relapse rates year-round are between 40 to 60 %. From what we have seen at [Narconon New Life Retreat](#), many of these relapses occur during the holiday season. Although the reasons for the relapse may vary between the temptation of alcohol at Christmas Parties or money from gifts they received, we regularly hear many stories of relapse from the holidays.

In addition to this, many families discover for the first time, their loved one is struggling with substance abuse. The holidays are often the primary time of the year that families see each other. If you are concerned your family member may be using drugs or drinking excessively, you should learn the [signs of drug and alcohol abuse](#). Being able to spot the characteristics could make the difference between your loved one getting treatment or ending in tragedy.

If you find yourself in either of these situations, do not wait but start working on getting your loved one into treatment as soon as possible. Narconon Louisiana offers free assessments and referrals. Call us today to speak with a treatment specialist that can help you take the necessary steps to help your loved one.

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The holidays can be tough on those who have struggled with addiction. It can be a recipe for relapse between holiday stress and family gatherings with alcohol. If you have a loved one struggling with drug or alcohol use, you should seek treatment for them immediately.

Being close with family for the holidays may also have caused you to notice that they are not doing well and struggling with addiction. Take the time to talk to them, ask them what they may be struggling with, and discuss treatment. We hope everyone is having a wonderful Holiday season.

To learn more about the dangers of waiting visit: <https://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/the-dangerous-waiting-game.html>

Vandals shoot out county's power

CARTHAGE, N.C. (AP) — Tens of thousands of people braced for days without electricity in a North Carolina county where authorities say two power substations were shot up by one or more people with apparent criminal intent.

Across Moore County southwest of Raleigh on Monday, businesses handed out free food or coffee and businesses without internet conducted transactions in cash. One local economic official described the area known for its golf courses and local pottery as "eerily quiet" at a time of year

warm enough to sleep."

Bundled in a beanie, boots and a Pittsburgh Steelers jacket, Christine Balutski said she has been struggling to get work done for her remote IT job for the her system without WiFi access at home.

The Pinehurst Resort & Country Club has also been affected by the outage. With limited power generation capability at The Carolina Hotel, the resort has consolidated all guests into rooms with available power. Golf courses remained open but the main clubhouse was closed.

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Christmas Parade lights up Shelbyville



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Champs check all boxes in dominant win

By **CHRIS SIERS**
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BELL BUCKLE — Cascade Champion head coach Chris Lawson and his squad have a set of goals they want to check off every game.

Some of those goals include holding opposing teams to 55 points or less, scoring a certain point total and putting multiple players in double figures in the scoring column.

Despite a slow first quarter on Thursday night, the Champions (5-0) checked all the boxes and pulled away with a huge, 74-50 win against visiting Moore County (1-1).

“At the end of the game, I talked about our team goals to hold teams to 55 or less. That’s a big deal for us. That’s a win for us,” Lawson said.

Senior Lucas Clanton went for a game-high 28 points, but the shots weren’t always falling for Cascade.

In the first quarter, Moore County burst out of the gates and executed its game plan to near perfection, putting the Champs on their heels with a big quarter from Alex Copeland, who scored eight of his team-high 17 points in the opening frame, including a pair of triples.

“We had a slow start. Give Moore County credit, they came out and knocked down some shots and ran their offense really well. They were ready to play. They put up 17 in the first quarter and that was a solid start,” Lawson said.

When starters Saebyn Burris and Thomas Gentry both picked up a pair of quick fouls early in the first quarter, Lawson turned to his bench and it was the combined efforts of Isaac McElroy, Jayden Little and Sawyer Lovvorn that helped bridge the gap.

That depth played a major role as Cascade rallied for 20 points in the second quarter and after Clanton scored on a layup at the 3:54 mark of the quarter, Cascade grabbed the lead for the last time and never looked back.

By the end of the quarter, the Champs had rallied for an 11-point halftime lead.

“I know all of them can play, but you don’t always get an opportunity to play all of them. One of the things in the first five games is when we go to the bench, we don’t have drop off. Those guys coming in can still play, whether they’re in the post or in the perimeter, they’re still able to run our stuff and do a good job,” Lawson said.

Cascade continued its onslaught of offense into the second half and went on a 19-12 run in the third quarter and led by as many 22 points in the quarter.

With the Champs’ depth, the ability to score at multiple points on the court proved vital in Cascade executing its offense, no matter who was on the floor.

“We’ve got some height and we have some strong kids. We want to

get the ball inside and work from the inside out. Whenever we get an opportunity to finish around the rim, we will, but if teams help down on us in the post, we can kick it out and then we can shoot outside,” Lawson said.

Aside from the first quarter, Moore County never truly threatened the Champions’ lead and Cascade was able to close out the game on a 21-15 run in the fourth quarter and finish with the 24-point win.

Joining Clanton in double figures was Davis, who added 15, while Jayden Little added 10 points off the bench.

As a team, Cascade combined for five treys and went 8-for-12 from the free throw line.

Thursday night’s win marked the fifth-straight victory to open the 2022-2023 season and showcased the Champs’ versatility in finding different ways to win against different types of teams.

On Monday, Cascade had to rely on some savvy play in the closing seconds to defeat Rockvale, while Thursday’s game was a showcase of the Champs’ bench depth that helped carry Cascade to the win.

That versatility is a sign, Lawson says, his team is certainly trending the right way in the first part of the season.

“It’s huge. I think we can count on, most nights, we’re going to get point production from Jackson Davis and

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T-G Photos by Chris Siers
Lucas Clanton flies to the rim and finishes a possession for the Champions. He finished with a game-high 28 points against Moore County on Thursday night.



T-G Photo by Chris Siers
Laina Carter (1) skies for a rebound against the Raiderettes.

Lady Champions struggle in loss

By **CHRIS SIERS**
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BELL BUCKLE — Despite pulling within seven points in the second quarter, the Cascade Lady Champions struggled to handle a tenacious Moore County pressure defense and fell, 58-18 on Thursday night.

The Raiderettes jumped out to a 15-5 lead after the first quarter, but baskets by Sophie Ray and Kaegan Young cut the Raiderette lead to seven points on two different possessions early in the period.

That’s as close as Cascade would get, as Moore County closed the

quarter on a 6-0 run.

In the second half, the Raiderettes utilized the full compliment of its offense and went on a 31-6 tear to close the game.

Seven different Raiderettes scored on Thursday night, while Sophie Ray was the top-scorer for Cascade with eight points.

Cascade was back on its home court on Monday, hosting Watertown.

Moore Co. 15 12 18 13 — 58
Cascade 5 7 4 2 — 18
Moore Co.: Madison Dingler 16, Paisley Logan 9, Ellie Graham 9, Ava Butts 9, Makenzie Goodwin 6, Maecy Fletcher 6, Bella Tucker 3.
Cascade: Sophie Ray 8, Kaegan Young 4, Suzanna Crews 2, Isabella Rhodes 2.
3-Point goals: Moore Co. (4): Goodwin, Butts, Dingler, Tucker.
Halftime score: Moore Co. 27, Cascade 12.

Viqueens win with textbook 4th

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — With the game tied going into the fourth quarter, the Community Viqueens connected on the first basket of the quarter to take the lead and preserved their advantage by controlling the ball and making their free throws down the stretch as the Viqueens defeated the Eagleville Lady Eagles 50-43 in a basketball contest Friday night.

Community (3-3) used three treys from Haley Mitchell to take the lead in the first quarter, but the Lady Eagles used their hot shooting to score the final five points of the quarter and took an 18-13 lead to the second quarter.

In contrast to the first quarter, the Lady Eagles could only manage three points in the second as the Viqueen defense tightened down.

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T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy
Haley Mitchell (20) of the Viqueens drives to the basket against an Eagleville defender. Mitchell had three treys and 13 points in the Community victory.

Vikings fall in heartbreaker

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — It had been a tough start to the season as the Community Vikings had dropped three of their games by two points or less heading into Friday night’s game with the Eagleville Eagles.

In a game full of ebbs and flows, the Vikings used their defense to retake the lead late in the fourth quarter, but the Eagles spoiled the night with a three-pointer in the final seconds to tie the game and went on to defeat Community 65-62 in overtime.

Community (0-7) started out blazing the nets in the opening quarter. The Vikings connected on five treys, with Stratton Lovvorn connecting on four three-pointers as the Vikings scored the final seven points and took a 22-10 lead to the second quarter.

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T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy
Jacob Flannagan (32) scores for the Vikings. Flannagan finished with 16 points for Community.



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Isaac McElroy pulls up for a baseline jumper against the Raiders.

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Lucas Clanton. But the kicker for us and the thing that I think makes u- tough

to guard is we can get eight to 10 points from about six or seven other guys on any given night. It doesn't always happen all on one night. That's where not having the drop off comes into play," Lawson said.



Jayden Little goes up strong on a put-back. He finished with 10 points on Thursday.

Cascade was back on its home court on Monday night, hosting Watertown in another non-district clash.

Moore Co. 17 6 12 15 — 50
 Cascade 14 20 19 21 — 74
 Moore Co.: Alex Copeland 17, Will Baker 9, Wes Clifton 8, Dawson White 6, Sawyer

Parks 4, Blakely Bobo 2, Will Parker 2, Keller Morey 2.
 Cascade: Lucas Clanton 28, Jackson Davis 15, Jayden Little 10, Isaac McElroy 6, Thomas Gentry 5, Nick Harris 3, Logan Pulley 3, Zach Crosslin 2, Sawyer Lovorn 2.
 3-Point goals: Cascade (5): Clanton 2, Narris, Davis, Gentry; Moore Co. (4): Copeland 2, Baker, Clifton.
 Halftime score: Cascade 34, Moore Co. 23.

CASCADE GIRLS



Suzanna Crews takes aim from the perimeter and fires a three-point attempt.



Abrielle Presley drives against the Moore County defense.

Brothers gave Community a 43-37 lead with 4:20 to play.

After a Lady Eagle basket at the 4:07 mark cut the Community margin to 43-39, the Viqueens took time off the clock by spreading out their offense on their remaining possessions.

Plenty of time elapsed before the Viqueens reached the bonus with less than a minute of play.

The strategy came to fruition as Community

completed a perfect 11-11 night at the foul line with seven free throws in the final 51 seconds to take the win over its neighboring rivals.

"We got the lead and we were able to control the game offensively and defensively which is what we want to do," Coach Cody Pierce of the Viqueens said.

"We did a lot of good things tonight. We did a lot of the fundamentals, we boxed out, got some rebounds, slowed them

Eagles' can't slow down Siegel's Webb

T-G STAFF REPORT
MURFREESBORO — The Siegel Stars simply had too much firepower for Shelbyville Central to match in Friday's non-district matchup

Siegel's Carter Webb went for 29 points and the Stars were able to knock off the Golden' Eagles, 81-49.

Shelbyville hung close after the Stars led 18-10 after the first quarter, but a 25-point outburst in the second frame helped create some breathing room for the home team.

Of the Stars' 25 points in the second, Webb went for 12 to help build a 43-25 lead by halftime.

Not much changed in the second half as Siegel continued to rely on Webb,

who added 10 more in the third quarter.

Terrence Johnson was the only player to reach double figures for the Eagles with 11, while Joe Harris added nine.

Johnson connected on three of Shelbyville's six made three-pointers.

The Eagles will be back on their home court on Tuesday and hope to bounce back into the win column against White County.

Shelbyville 10 15 11 13 — 49
 Siegel 18 25 18 20 — 81
 Shelbyville: Terrence Johnson 11, Joe Harris 9, Zyon Bonner 6, Kyler Trice 5, Matek Johnson 5, Isah Alexander 4, Tae' Shawn Shelton 2, Rocky Chandler 2, Mari Draper, Ty Childress, Billy Brown.
 Siegel: Carter Webb 29, Mac Moss 13, Dorian Lyles 11, Thomas Santel 9, Cadence Melendez 5, Chase Bandy 5, Roth Clark 4, Christopher Kaup 2, Brayden Shockey 2, Peter Thomas.
 3-Point goals: Siegel (6): Webb 2, Moss, Bandy, Lyles, Santel; Shelbyville (6): T. Johnson 3, Trice 2, M. Johnson.
 Halftime score: Siegel 43, Shelbyville 25.

Eaglettes edged by 2 at Siegel

T-G STAFF REPORT
MURFREESBORO — It was by no means an offensive masterpiece by either squad on Friday night.

After mustering up just 11 first-half points, the Siegel Lady Stars rallied past Shelbyville Central, 29-27, in a low-scoring affair.

Eaglette Lanaya Young was the only player in the contest to reach double figures.

She finished with 10 points, with six of her total coming in the first half.

She also went 4-for-6 from the charity stripe.

Paige Blackburn chipped in eight for the Eaglettes, including two, first-half three-pointers.

Shelbyville led 7-5 after the first quarter and

after piling on 11 in the second frame, led 18-11 at the intermission.

Siegel flipped the script after the half and held the Eaglettes to just four points in the third quarter, which came on a pair of baskets by Young.

That theme continued into the fourth quarter as the home team was able to outscore Shelbyville 9-5 to close the game out for the slim margin of victory.

The Eaglettes will be back in Rick Insell Gymnasium on Tuesday, hosting White County at 6 p.m.

Shelbyville 7 11 4 5 — 27
 Siegel 5 6 9 9 — 29
 Shelbyville: Lanaya Young 10, Paige Blackburn 8, Lilly Brown 6, Yasmine McFarland 3.
 Siegel: Issie Hodge 6, Amiyah Thompson 6, Elie Walker 5, Jasmine Sneed 4, Neela Alexander 2, Jha'niah Nelson 2.
 3-Point goals: Siegel (2): Thompson, Walker; Shelbyville (2): Blackburn 2.
 Halftime score: Shelbyville 18, Siegel 11.

Houston, Texas remain at top

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Houston and Texas remain firmly entrenched atop The Associated Press men's college basketball poll, while preseason No. 1 North Carolina has dropped out entirely after a fourth straight loss.

The Cougars earned 37 of 62 first-place votes in Monday's poll, extending the program's first stay at No. 1 since the "Phi Slama Jama" days in the 1980s for another week. Houston

(8-0) beat Norfolk State and Saint Mary's in its first week at the top.

"I don't dwell on it," coach Kelvin Sampson said last week about the No. 1 ranking. "We're not running around here pushing our chest out, thinking we're something we're not."

The Longhorns received 14 first-place votes. No. 3 Virginia got three votes and No. 4 Purdue got the remaining eight.

Viqueens

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Community only scored eight points of its own, but a basket by Zoey Dixon with three seconds left was enough to tie the game at 21-21 heading into the intermission.

The third quarter fit the definition of a seesaw game as the lead changed hands five times.

The Lady Eagles took

their biggest lead at 29-23 with 5:44 left, but the Viqueens fought back.

M.J. Simmons scored eight points while Addison Brothers and Anna Haskins each connected on treys as the game was tied 37-37 heading to the final quarter.

The game took on the form of a chess match early in the quarter as the teams looked to the gain the upper hand.

A basket by Brothers broke the tie, then two-pointers by Simmons and

Vikes

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The Vikings completed a 10-0 run to take a 25-10 lead before the Eagles started to cut into the Community lead.

Jacob Flannagan led the Vikings with six points as Community took a 36-27 advantage into halftime.

The Viking offense stalled in the third quarter as Eagleville got hot.

The Eagles used a 12-0 run and took their first lead at 41-40 with four minutes

to play before taking a 48-42 lead to the final quarter.

"We challenged our guys at halftime to go out and finish," Coach Robbie Davis of the Vikings said. "We had lost three games by giving up last-second shots and we told them this is a great opportunity to get over the hump."

"We came out flat in the third and didn't play to win but more to keep from losing," Davis added.

With Lovorn scoring nine points and Jacob Cullum adding six, the Viking offense started to get untracked as Community

used a 9-0 run to take a 55-51 lead with 4:19 remaining.

After the Eagles scored five consecutive points to take a 56-55 advantage, the Viking defense came to the forefront.

Community used four steals in the final two minutes, including baskets by Lovorn and Cullum after steals to take a 59-56 lead with 29 seconds left.

But the Eagles were able to deliver a dagger as C.J. Goers scored his only points of the game by connecting on a trey with six seconds left to tie the game at 59-59

and bring on overtime.

The Vikings struggled to find the basket in the extra period as Lovorn's trey with 2:34 left tied the game at 62-62 and were the only points Community could muster.

Community still had a chance late after Eagleville went ahead. With the Eagles clinging to a 63-62 lead, the Vikings had two possessions in the final 26 seconds, but a miss and a turnover prevented the Vikings from taking the lead.

After two free throws gave the Eagles a 65-62

down, and hit some free throws," Pierce added.

Simmons netted 17 points while Mitchell added 13 to pace the Viqueens.

Brinli Bain led the Lady Eagles with 13 points while Eliza McClaran added 12.

Pierce was pleased to see his team's defense hold the Lady Eagles to 43 points.

"We've been playing some games in the 60s and it's nice to score, but we've been trying to get more stops so we can hold teams to under 40 or 50 points,"

Pierce said.

Community travels to Sycamore for a 6 p.m. game Tuesday night.

Eagleville 18 3 16 6 — 43
 Community 13 8 16 13 — 50
 Eagleville: Brinli Bain 13, Eliza McClaran 12, Alex Klarer 8, Izzy Sawyer 8, Shelby Mooneyham, Rylee Warbritton 2, Jules Weese, M. C. Whitt.
 Community: M. J. Simmons 17, Haley Mitchell 13, Addison Brothers 9, Zoey Dixon 4, Shelby Cawthon 4, Anna Haskins 3, Jayla Mangrum.
 3-Point goals: Eagleville (4): McClaran 2, Bain, Sawyer; Community (5): Mitchell 3, Brothers, Haskins.
 Halftime score: Community 21, Eagleville 21.

stretch," Davis added.

"The guys are playing hard and giving great effort but we just have to execute better."

Community travels to Sycamore Tuesday night. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Eagleville 10 17 21 11 6 — 65
 Community 22 14 6 17 3 — 62
 Eagleville: Grey Barker 10, Rhett Deaton 9, Jordan Reed 7, Isaac Gaway 6, C. J. Goers 3, Camden Cole 23, James Bega 5, Kaden Snitzer 2, Brady Burns.
 Community: Landon Lovorn 29, Jacob Flannagan 16, Jason Cullum 7, Ramon Hernandez 2, Dallas Grooms, Cole Crockett 8, Corey Paterick, Emery Smith, Landon Bertram.
 3-Point goals: Eagleville (4): Cole, Deaton, Bega, Goers; Community (5): Lovorn 4, Crockett.
 Halftime score: Community 36, Eagleville 27.

VIQUEENS HONORED FOR POSTSEASON RUN



A banner was displayed honoring the accomplishments of the Community Viqueens during the 2021-22 basketball season. The Viqueens were District 7AA and Region 4AA champions and secured a sub-state berth.

T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy

Cascade wrestling closes out a week of winning efforts

T-G STAFF REPORT

The Cascade Champions finished off a busy but successful week of wrestling with a tri-match split on Friday evening against Eagleville and Cornersville and an abundance of individual victories on Saturday morning in the Frank Alexander Invitational Tournament.

At Eagleville, the Champions came away with a dominant 54-18 victory over Cornersville, but couldn't muster a similar result against Eagleville as they fell to a 45-27 defeat.

Losses in the 138 and 152 divisions were the only shortcomings against Cornersville outside of forfeits.

Champion wrestlers Max Darefsky, Isaac Chapa, and Dylan Warren all pinned their opponents in less than 30 seconds.

In the second leg of the tri-match, only Chapa and Hayden Dowell won via pin.

Cole West, Dylan Warren, and Chase Sutter were the only other Champion wrestlers to

secure a victory against Eagleville with Warren's being the lone decision win (12-10).

On Saturday, seven wrestlers earned first place finishes in their respective brackets.

Dowell, Chapa, Sutter, Warren, West, William Kramer, and Vayden Moore all were top of the podium for Cascade.

The individuals competed in three rounds of matches during the tournament with a victory advancing them to the next round.

Of the seven wrestlers that secured first place, only one victory across their 21 combined rounds was decided by points with the other 20 rounds being wins via pin.

Multiple schools were represented in the tournament with the likes of Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet, Greenbriar, Page, Rockvale, and Wilson Central all in competition.

Cascade will be back in action on Tuesday at Moore County.



Seven wrestlers earned first place honors for the Champions in the Frank Alexander Invitational. Those who won first-place were (back row, from left) William Kramer, Isaac Chapa, Hayden Dowell, Chase Sutter; (front row, from left) Cole West, Vayden Moore and Dylan Warren.

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Champs sweep tri-match vs. Smyrna, La Vergne

By WILL CARTER
Sports Writer

SMYRNA — After a clean sweep of their opponents earlier in the week, the Cascade Champions traveled to Smyrna on Thursday night and walked away with another sweep with a 42-24 win over the Smyrna Bulldogs and 42-30 win over the LaVergne Wolverines.

Junior Chase Sutter secured the quickest win for the Champions across both matchups with a 20 second fall time victory over his Smyrna opponent.

Sutter pinned both of his opponents in the 145 weight class for a sweep of his own.

Cascade was on the mat for back-to-back matches, but were able to fight fatigue for their victories.

"We wrestled really well against Smyrna and wrestled like we were tired against La Vergne, but we still came out with the win," Champion head coach Andy Giel said. "A lot of the guys did really well."

Junior and previous state qualifier Hayden Dowell joined Sutter with pinned victories over both of his opponents in the 182 weight class.

Without an opponent from both foes, fellow previous state qualifiers, Vayden Moore and Cole West, earned victories by forfeit and pin during the meet.

Giel has been impressed by those three

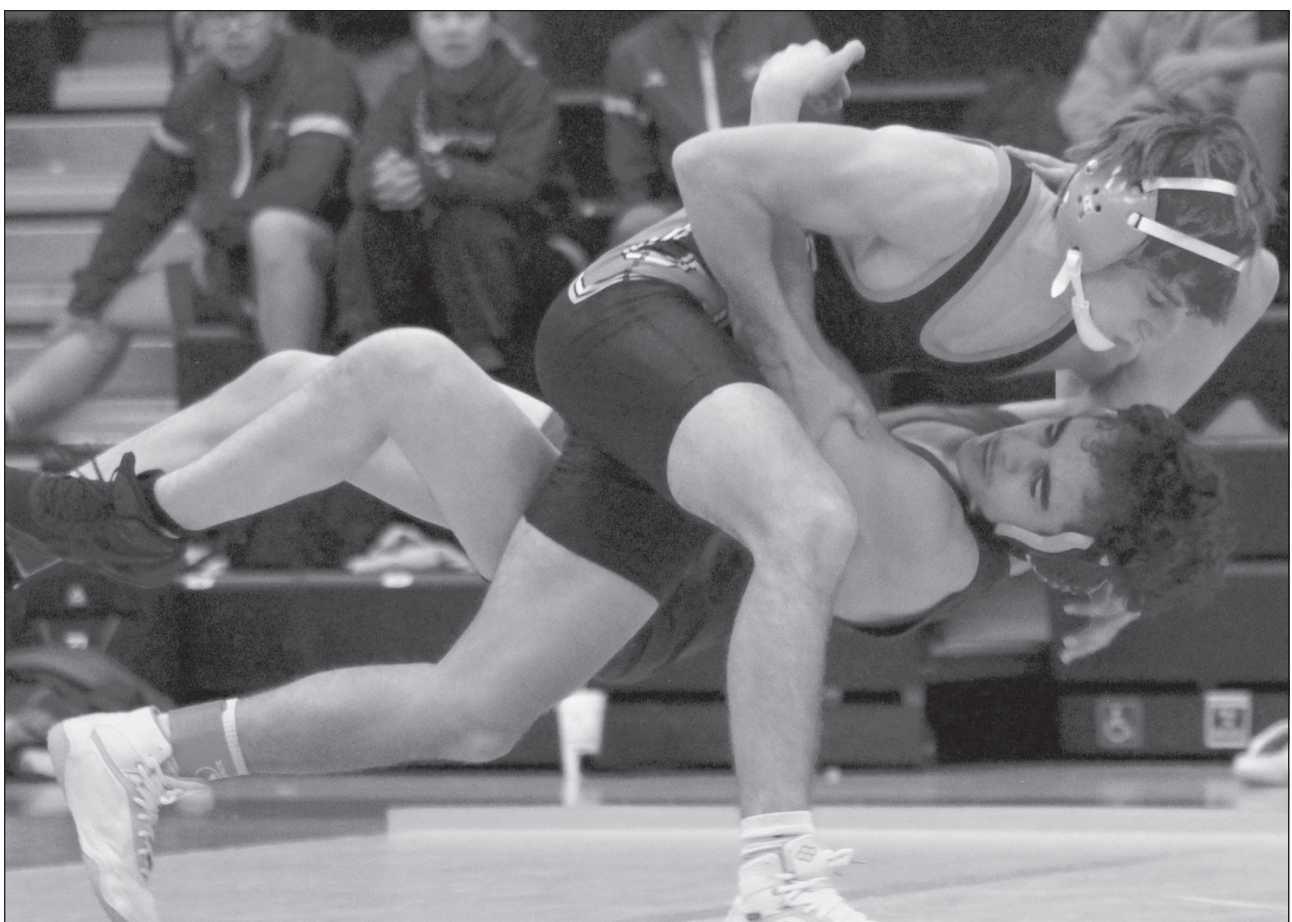
Hayden Dowell secures a pin against his La Vergne opponent. He won both of his matches via pin.

and his younger grapplers throughout the beginning of the season.

"Moore, Dowell, and West are blowing the top off of it right now," he said. "A lot of our younger guys are coming along and wrestling well right now."

Vayden Moore slams his opponent before securing a pin for an exhibition win.

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Zoey Dixon (2) of the Viqueens is fouled while driving to the basket.

T-G Photos by Rickey Clardy



Shelby Cawthon (30) of the Viqueens is fouled while putting up a shot. Cawthon had nine points, including eight points in the fourth quarter.

Viqueens come up short vs. Central Magnet

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE —The Community Viqueens battled the entire game to stay close and take the lead, but the Viqueens could not get over the hump as the Central Magnet Lady Tigers edged the Viqueens 62-60 in a basketball contest Thursday night.

Community (2-3) never led but had a chance to take

the win in the final seconds. Both teams came out hot in the opening quarter.

M.J. Simmons led the Viqueens with 10 points, but the Lady Tigers were propelled by three treys and used an 8-0 run to take a 20-14 lead after one quarter.

The good shooting continued for both squads in the second quarter.

The Lady Tigers took advantage of offensive

rebounds to outscore the Viqueens 17-16. Haley Mitchell led the Viqueens with seven points as Central Magnet took a 37-30 lead to the intermission.

The Viqueens chipped away at the Lady Tiger lead in the third quarter as Simmons scored eight points.

Community closed the margin to two at 41-39 before the Lady Tigers went

on a 7-0 run.

Central Magnet took a 48-41 lead to the final quarter.

With Shelby Cawthon scoring eight points off the bench and Simmons adding seven, the Viqueens staged a late comeback attempt in the quarter.

After trailing by five points with 16 seconds left, a Mitchell three-pointer cut the Central Magnet lead to

62-60 with six seconds left.

After the Lady Tigers missed two free throws with four seconds to play, the Viqueens hurried down court and managed a three-point shot at the buzzer, but the shot missed the mark as the Lady Tigers escaped with the win.

Olivia Hart and Addison Melton scored 20 points each to lead the Lady Tigers.

Simmons scored 28 points and Mitchell added 16 to pace the Viqueens.

Central Magnet	20	17	11	14	—	62
Community	14	16	11	19	—	60

Central Magnet: Olivia Hart 20, Addison Melton 20, Reilly McMillian 14, Bethany Jackson 2, Reese Carlisle, Reagan Brand 5, Julia Stuble 1, Reese Martin.
Community: M. J. Simmons 28, Haley Mitchell 16, Addison Brothers 2, Zoey Dixon 1, Anna Haskins 1, Shelby Cawthon 9, Jayla Mangrum 3, Izzy Martinez.
3-Point goals: Central Magnet (7): Melton 4, McMillian 2, Hart; Community (5): Mitchell 4, Mangrum.
Halftime score: Central Magnet 37, Community 30.

Sluggish 2nd dooms Vikings against Central Magnet

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE —Despite outscoring the Central Magnet Tigers in the second half, the Community Vikings could not recover from a scoring spree by the Tigers in the second quarter as the Vikings fell 61-50 in a basketball contest Thursday night.

Both teams had trouble finding the basket in the opening quarter as the Tigers took an 8-5 lead to the second quarter.

Community (0-6) started to warm up as the Vikings scored 15 points in the quarter, but it was not enough to keep up with the Tigers as Central Magnet got hot from three-point land.

Corey Paterick of the Vikings connected on three treys to pace Community, but Central Magnet used four three-pointers to score 25 points and took a 33-20 lead to halftime.

The Vikings started to get their offense in flow in the third quarter as Jason Cullum led the way with seven points.

Community cut the Tiger lead to six at 39-33 before Central Magnet increased



Ramon Hernandez (10) of the Vikings puts up a shot and scores despite pressure from the Central Magnet defense. Hernandez had eight points for Community.

T-G Photos by Rickey Clardy

its advantage to 45-36 with one quarter to play.

Cullum scored six points for the Vikings in the quarter, but Community

could never get closer than nine as the Tigers closed out the win.

Will Becker scored 20 points to lead Central

Magnet.

Cullum led the Vikings with 16 points.

Central Magnet	8	25	12	16	—	61
Community	5	15	16	14	—	50

Central Magnet: Will Becker 20, Jake



Jason Cullum (3) of the Vikings is fouled while driving to the basket. Cullum led Community with 16 points.

Meadows 13, Mason Brown 3, Mac Martin 2, Isaac Smith, Owen Zubkus 10, Alex Perry 6, Carson Wood 5, Aljah Dean 2.	Smith 1.
Community: Jason Cullum 16, Ramon Hernandez 8, Landon Loworn 7, Dallas Grooms 3, Landon Berman, Corey Paterick 9, Austin Stickler 4, Cole Crockett 2, Emery	3-Point goals: Central Magnet (6): Becker 2, Meadows, Zubkus, Wood, Brown; Community (8): Cullum 3, Paterick 3, Loworn, Grooms.

Halftime score: Central Magnet 33, Community 20.

How would 12-team playoff look this season?

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**
AP College Football Writer

The College Football Playoff is two years away from expanding, and those involved in growing the format from four to 12 teams have already said the first two seasons will be a test run.

They are committed to the basics of the format long-term: 12 teams, six conference champions and six at-large teams.

“Twelve, six, six is solid, solid, solid in the minds of the presidents and the commissioners,” CFP Executive Director Bill Hancock said Friday, when expansion, starting in 2024, was announced.

Hancock left the door

widely open to reconsideration of where the quarterfinals are played for the 2026 season and beyond. It will be interesting to see if other tweaks are made.

The field was set Sunday for the second-to-last four-team CFP.

No. 1 Georgia will play No. 4 Ohio State in the Peach Bowl. No. 2 Michigan faces No. 3 TCU in the Fiesta Bowl. Both will be played Dec. 31.

Now, let’s take this season’s final selection committee rankings and apply the future format.

This is how a 12-team playoff would look. Remember, the top four conference champions get first round byes. So a team

can be ranked in the top four, like TCU and Ohio State this season, and not get a pass to the second round. Teams 5-8 get home games, but the conference champions do not get preferential treatment after the top four seeds are handed out.

No. 9 Kansas State (Big 12 champ) at No. 8 Tennessee (at-large) winner vs. No. 1 Georgia (SEC champ) at the Sugar Bowl.

No. 12 Tulane (American champ) at No. 5 TCU (at-large) winner vs. No. 4 Utah (Pac-12 champ) at the Fiesta Bowl.

No. 11 Penn State (at-large) at No. 6 Ohio State (at-large) winner vs. No. 3 Clemson (ACC champ) at

the Orange Bowl

No. 10 USC (at-large) at No. 7 Alabama (at-large) winner vs. No. 2 Michigan (Big Ten champ) at the Rose Bowl.

First off, that looks pretty awesome.

These matchups will always be a bit of a crap shoot as far as quality is concerned, but that Tulane-TCU-Utah line looks incredibly watchable as does Penn State-Ohio State-Clemson.

Clearly, there are some potential issues here related to which teams get byes.

This was an unusual playoff field this year. Never before had two teams that didn’t win their conference make the field as TCU and

Ohio State did.

In the committee’s final rankings Clemson was seventh and Utah was eighth, but because they won their conferences they jumped ahead of the line to become the three and four seeds.

The commissioners who put this format together wanted to emphasize conference championships. There is merit to that idea, but seeing how that can play out, where the third and fourth ranked teams in the country get bumped into the first round will make some fans cringe. Especially, those who root for the teams getting bumped.

The potential ramifications extend to the

quarterfinals.

By shuffling those rankings to defer to conference champions, it exposes top-seeded Georgia and No. 2 Michigan to Tennessee (ranked fifth) and Alabama (ranked sixth), respectively, in the next round.

If seedings matched the committee’s rankings, Georgia’s second round opponent in a 12-team playoff would be the Utah-Kansas State winner. Michigan’s would play the Clemson-USC winner.

No reason to start fretting about these quirks now, but the 2026 season will get here soon enough and it’s good to be prepared for the arguments to come.

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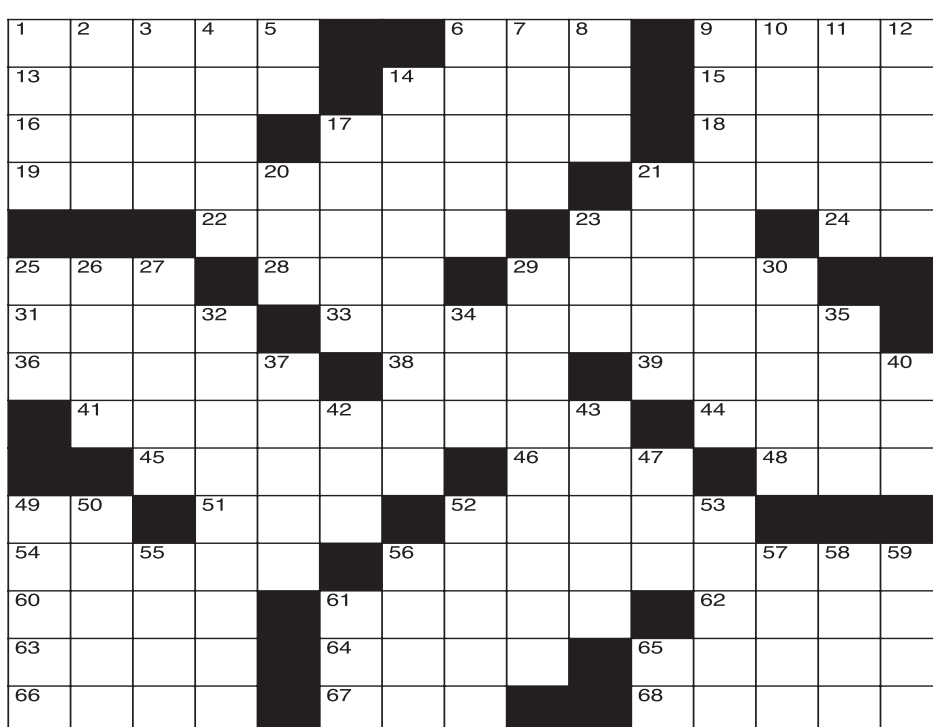
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Take weapons away from
- 6. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 9. Most ancient Hindu scriptures
- 13. Access Lathan
- 14. Baseball's strikeout king
- 15. British codebreaker Turing
- 16. One who lives by disreputable dealings
- 17. Tropical American plant
- 18. Opposite of right
- 19. Importance
- 21. Monetary units
- 22. Lawmen
- 23. Cool!
- 24. Affirmative answer
- 25. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
- 28. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 29. Muslim nobleman
- 31. About aviation
- 33. Scientific instrument
- 36. Protests strongly
- 38. Not polished
- 39. Grab

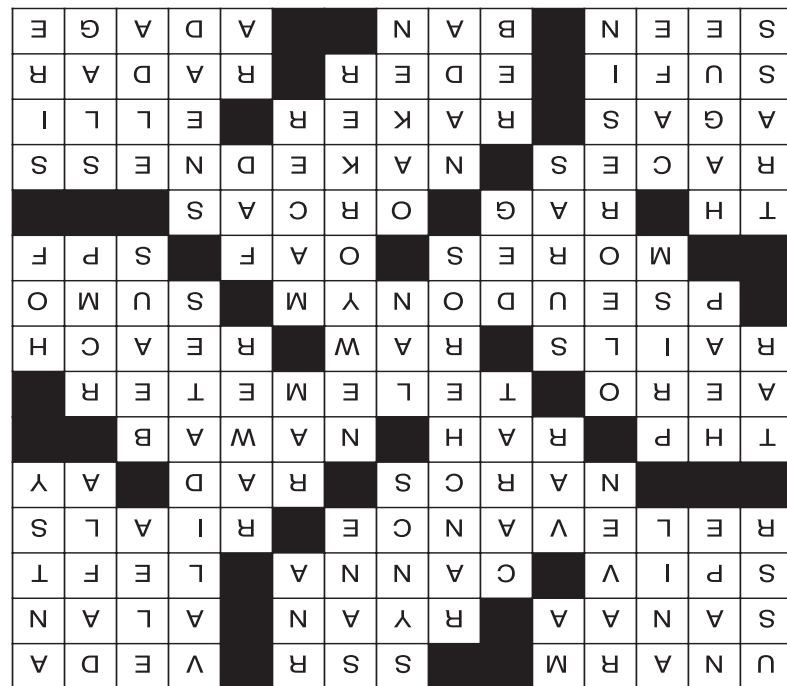
- 41. Alias
- 44. Large wrestler
- 45. Relative quantities
- 46. One who is big and awkward
- 48. Sunscreen rating
- 49. Atomic #90
- 51. Mock
- 52. Whales
- 54. Peoples
- 56. A state of being unclothed
- 60. Ottoman military commanders
- 61. Gatherer of fallen leaves
- 62. Norse personification of old age
- 63. Muslim mystic
- 64. German river
- 65. Measuring instrument
- 66. Have witnessed
- 67. Disallow
- 68. Proverb

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- 2. The back side of the neck
- 3. A type of imine
- 4. Black bird
- 5. Partner to "Pa"
- 6. Puts together in time
- 7. Lucid
- 8. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
- 9. Demonstrates the truth of
- 10. Ancient Greek City
- 11. Nishi language
- 12. Slang for fidgety
- 14. Southwestern farmers
- 17. Metric weight unit
- 20. Instant replay in soccer
- 21. Less polished
- 23. Popular pickup truck model
- 25. Slang for a cigarette
- 26. Large pile
- 27. Solid geometric figure
- 29. One from the Big Apple

- 30. Male admirers
- 32. Balsam is one
- 34. Local area network
- 35. Canadian law enforcers
- 37. Koran chapters
- 40. Cooperstown, NY museum (abbr.)
- 42. Certificate (abbr.)
- 43. An official who carries a mace of office
- 47. Briefly in fashion
- 49. Volcanic ash
- 50. Dutch city
- 52. Made of wood
- 53. Legendary golfer
- 55. Restaurant
- 56. None
- 57. Spanish city
- 58. Stony waste matter
- 59. Father
- 61. Confederate soldier
- 65. The ancient Egyptian sun god

PUZZLE SOLUTION



ASTROGRAPH

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Someone thinks you are up to a challenge this week, Aries. Dive right in and prove them correct. There's much you'll get done, but leave some time for leisure.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
There's not much you can't accomplish these next several days, Taurus. The key will be knowing just where to pull back so that you can do each job well.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Think before committing to a project that is expected to take a long time, Gemini. While you may have a lot of free time right now, that may not be the case in a few weeks.

CANCER – June 22/July 22
Cancer, health concerns may come to the forefront this week, whether it pertains you or someone close to you. Empty your schedule so you can devote the utmost attention.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23
Leo, despite many looming deadlines, you are surprisingly relaxed about all the things you need to accomplish. Maybe that is because you have a lot of help.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Some unexpected time off has dropped into your lap, Virgo. Figure out if a small vacation or weekend getaway might be just what you need right now. Then make it happen.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
A career change could be on the horizon, Libra. Do your research before you take the full plunge into new waters. Maybe test things out before making a firm commitment.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Home improvements could be coming soon, Scorpio. They'll interfere with your daily schedule for a bit, but the results will be well worth any disruption.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Your hospitable nature is a perfect match for the entertaining you will be doing this week, Sagittarius. Expect a household of people on one or more days.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Spending certainly is up during the holiday season, but you may need to keep a closer eye on what is going on with your finances, Capricorn. Don't lose sight of your budget.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
A few interesting possibilities may come across your desk, Aquarius. Look at them with a critical eye and get a second opinion before moving forward.

PISCES – Feb 19/March 20
Too many things seem like a priority right now, Pisces. You need to weed through all of your responsibilities and tackle the most urgent.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
DECEMBER 4
Tyra Banks, TV Host (49)
DECEMBER 5
Frankie Muniz, Actor (37)
DECEMBER 6
CoCo Vandeweghe, Athlete (31)
DECEMBER 7
Jon Moxley, Wrestler (37)
DECEMBER 8
Nicki Minaj, Rapper (40)
DECEMBER 9
Donny Osmond, Singer (65)
DECEMBER 10
Kenneth Branagh, Actor (62)

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 6, 2022

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like 'Celebrity Wheel of Fortune', 'Press Your Luck', 'The \$100,000 Pyramid', etc.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 7, 2022

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like 'Conners', 'Goldbergs', 'Elementary', 'Economics', etc.

THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 8, 2022

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like 'Santa Claus', 'Ghosts', 'CMA Country', 'CSI: Vegas', etc.

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 9, 2022

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like 'Shark Tank', 'S.W.A.T.', 'Fire Country', 'Blue Bloods', etc.

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 10, 2022

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like 'NBA Live', 'NBA Basketball: Boston vs Golden State', 'Frosty', '48 Hours', etc.

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 11, 2022

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like 'Avatar', 'Christmas Tree Now!', 'Must Love Christmas', etc.

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 12, 2022

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like 'The Great Christmas Light Fight', 'Neighbor', 'Bob Hearts', etc.

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 13, 2022

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like 'Celebrity Wheel of Fortune', 'CMA Country', 'Avatar: The Last Airbender', etc.



Christmas concert in Bell Buckle

Are you feeling the Christmas spirit? Looking for a warm & cozy place to enjoy an evening with family and friends? This December 8th at 7pm in the Bell Buckle Banquet Hall in downtown Bell Buckle, TN, Country artist Lee Gibson returns for his 2nd annual Christmas concert at this intimate venue. He'll be performing several classic Christmas tunes suitable for all ages as well as a new one, titled "He Is Christmas Day", set to be released to radio next year. This is the 4th year Gibson has held Christmas concerts throughout the Southeast and the plan is to continue these concerts every Christmas. Rumor has it Santa Claus might show up to this one!

Aside from Bell Buckle, Lee will be traveling to the newly renovated Princess Theatre in South Pittsburg, TN and the President Theatre in Manchester, GA

for more seasonal shows this year. He'll be traveling to those with the duo Karli & James, formerly Cross Atlantic, who you've recently seen on CMT & GAC. Maybe we can bring them to Bell Buckle with Lee in 2023!

"Last year we almost had a full house the first year at this venue and we'd love to see even more this year! I look forward to these shows all year.", Gibson said. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7pm. Children under 12 enter free with the purchase of a ticket, which can be ordered through <https://LeeGibson.Square.Site> OR <https://www.leegibson-music.com/tourdates/>. Both General Admission seating as well as VIP section seating are available for the Dec 8th show at the Bell Buckle Banquet Hall located at 27 Railroad Square in downtown Bell Buckle, TN



Lee Gibson

Warm up Winter with Watermelon Fun

(Family Features)

The cold chill of winter may have you feeling trapped indoors with nothing to do and nowhere to go, but fun activities fit for the whole family can add excitement and chase away those wintertime blues. Paired with an appetizing snack, at-home crafting provides a relaxing way to keep your mind and body moving.

Warming up with family-friendly activities starts with a versatile (and delicious) option like watermelon, which can be your sweet superstar all year long. As a centerpiece for evenings at home or gatherings and get-togethers, its versatility creates zero food waste with endless creative uses in the kitchen, from grind-smile snowmen to handheld snacks.

When this year's first snowfall offers a canvas for creativity and entertainment, gather your loved ones to make this Watermelon Snowman. Fresh-cut and personal-sized watermelons

are the predominant options in wintertime, and they're perfect for putting together this festive work of art. All you'll need is a collection of kitchen knives, an ice cream scoop, melon ballers, skewers, some decorative "clothing" and blueberries for a fruit salad served right out of the snowman.

While you're hard at work, ease your appetite with a quick and easy snack like Watermelon Glazed Meatballs. Start with a homemade watermelon puree mixed with barbecue sauce then saute frozen meatballs and top with the sweet glaze for a perfect wintertime treat. Along with delicious taste, watermelon is also a nutritious hydration source, which is just as important in winter as during warmer months, and provides an excellent source of vitamin C with 25% of the daily recommended value in each 2-cup serving to support immunity.

These tasty morsels also make for a simple,

shareable appetizer while hosting throughout the season. Just lay them out on a serving tray and pop toothpicks into each meatball so guests can grab and go while mingling.

To find more family-friendly crafts and sweet snack ideas, visit Watermelon.org.

Watermelon Snowman

- Kitchen knives
- 1 round seedless watermelon
- 2 personal-sized watermelons, one larger than other
- ice cream scoop or large spoon
- melon baller
- mini melon baller or paring knife
- blueberries
- large wooden skewers
- y-shaped sticks
- scarf
- hat

Using knife, cut 1/4-inch slice off bottom of round seedless watermelon and both personal watermelons to provide stable bases. Use smallest melon for head, second largest for torso and largest for lower body. Set aside smallest watermelon.

Cut tops off large and medium watermelons to create bowls. Using ice cream scoop or large spoon, scoop out flesh.

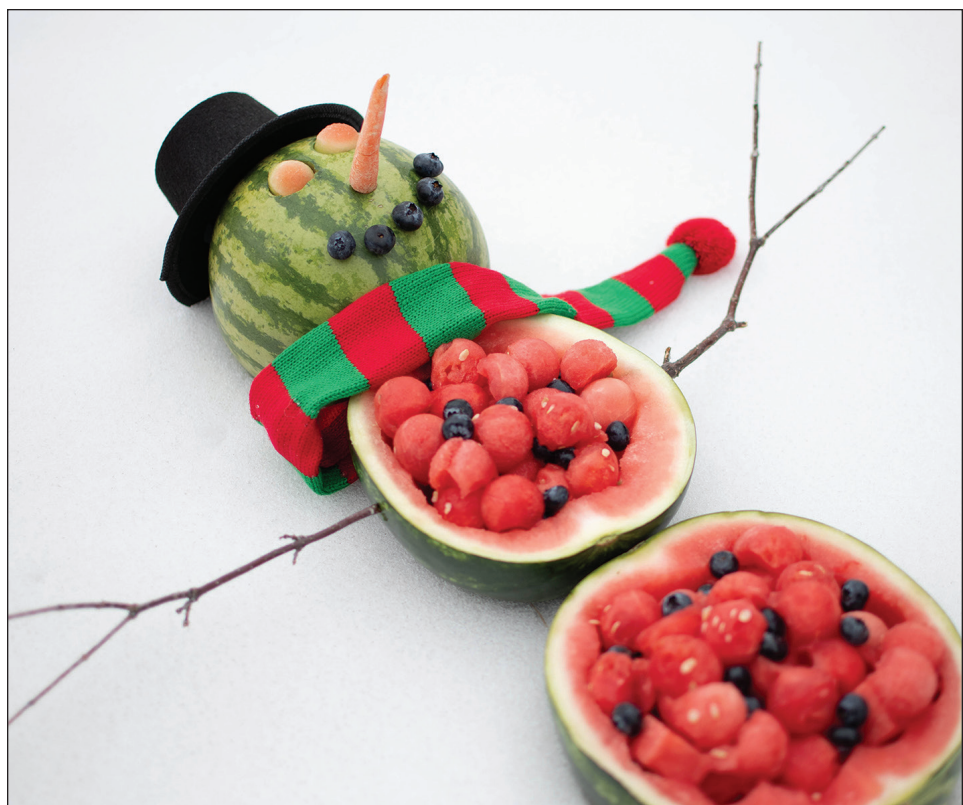
Using melon baller, scoop eyes out of smallest watermelon. Invert melon balls and reinsert.

Using mini melon baller or paring knife, scoop out holes for nose and mouth. Carve one piece of watermelon into triangle for nose and fill mouth holes with blueberries.

On platter, using large wooden skewers, connect all three watermelons.

Insert y-shaped sticks in middle watermelon for arms.

Fill bottom sections with fruit salad of melon balls and blueberries. Decorate with scarf and hat.



Watermelon Glazed Meatballs

- Serving: 8
- Watermelon Puree:
 - 1 fresh watermelon
 - 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 24-36 frozen prepared mini meatballs
 - 1 cup prepared barbecue sauce
 - 1 cup watermelon puree
- To make watermelon puree: Remove seeds from watermelon and cut into large chunks. In blender, process until

smooth.

In large, heavy saute pan over medium-high heat or electric skillet set to 325 F, heat oil.

Saute mini meatballs until browned and hot. Reduce heat to low.

Mix barbecue sauce and watermelon puree. Pour over meatballs and simmer 2-3 minutes. Serve hot.

Source: National Watermelon Promotion Board



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