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Coaches vs. Cancer event nears Spaghetti, basketball make winning combination

T-G STAFF REPORT

Sixteen years ago, the Cascade Cafeteria Scholarship Fund started when Judy Pope finished her fight with liver cancer and passed away.

In the years since, that tragic event has grown into a local movement of helping in the fight against cancer.

Judy was the mother of then-Cascade High School basketball coach Charlie Pope and mother-in-law to Cindy Pope.

Now, each year Charlie and Cindy, with the support of the community and Cascade High School, host a Coaches vs. Cancer event at one of the home basketball games at Cascade High School. The event includes a spaghetti



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dinner and a "cancer dedicated" basketball game.

The money raised from the dinner goes toward a scholarship given to a senior at Cascade High School who had been impacted by Cancer. The



money raised from the Cancer Awareness t-shirts is donated to The Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research which also provides grants nationwide.

Year of growth

This year was a

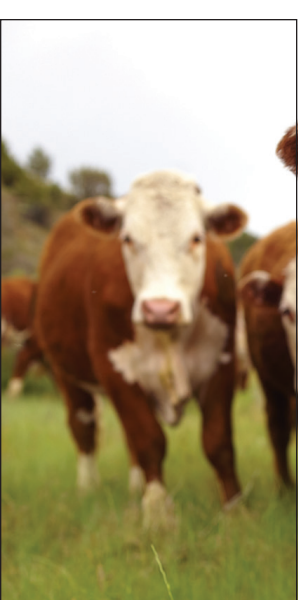
year for growth and opportunity. The Pope family reached out to Shelby Taylor, who serves on the Bedford Cancer Foundation board, about getting the Bedford Cancer Foundation involved with the movement they started over a decade ago.

"I'm excited to help, one, get another student involved in giving more scholarships to help with their college, and two, getting the word out about a local nonprofit that supports Bedford County,"

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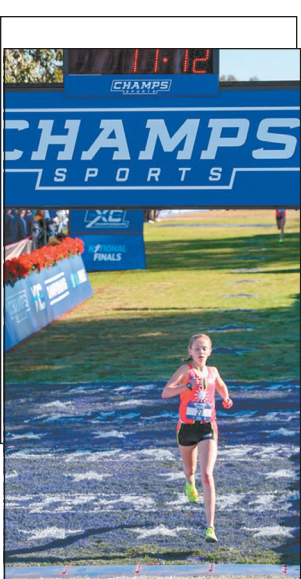
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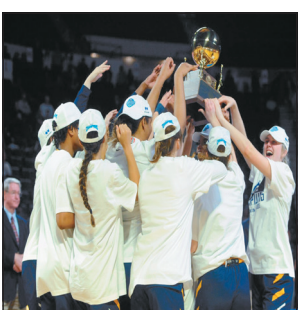
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AIRPORT DECISIONS AHEAD



T-G Photo by David Melson

Middle Tennessee State University will present details of their proposal to lease portions of Shelbyville Municipal Airport and eventually move its aviation department at Shelbyville Airport Authority's meeting at noon Thursday at Shelbyville Recreation Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Clinic granted \$10,000

T-G STAFF REPORT

Community Clinic of Shelbyville and Bedford County, Inc. has been awarded a \$10,000 grant by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

The funds will be used to provide preventive dental services (tele dentistry, exam/x-rays, and two cleanings) for 37 diabetic and/or hypertensive adults ages 19-64.

CCSBC's grant was among 546 applications.

"It represents our interest in and support of the fine work you do in addressing the needs of our community," a press release from the foundation said.

"We wish you much success with your work and with your efforts to attract additional sources of support. We are grateful that you took the time to apply; without good requests, we can't make good grants."

The grant covers Dec. 1, 2022 to Nov. 16, 2023. Individuals selected for the CFMT grant will be monitored for twelve months for diabetes and hypertension.

This is the second year CFMT has sponsored diabetic and hypertensive patients for maintaining oral health appointments. The new grant includes four

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Police seeking missing woman

T-G STAFF REPORT

Shelbyville police are seeking the public's help in finding a missing person.

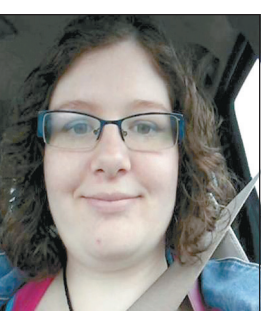
Celia Caitlin Nunn was last seen around 9

p.m. Christmas Eve at her home on Meadow Drive.

She is described as standing 5-feet-8 and weighing approximately 200 pounds.

Police did not release a clothing description.

Anyone with knowledge of Nunn's whereabouts is asked to contact Det. Lt. Charles Merlo, 931-684-5811.



CELIA CAITLIN NUNN

TVA reliance on fossil fuels criticized

By JONATHAN MATTISE and TRAVIS LOLLER
Associated Press

NASHVILLE — A federal utility's decision to resort to rolling blackouts after coal and natural gas units went offline during dangerously cold conditions has intensified questions about the Tennessee Valley Authority's recent decision to double down on fossil fuels.

TVA experienced its highest ever winter peak-power demand on Dec. 23 as an arctic blast brought blinding blizzards,

freezing rain and frigid cold from Maine to Seattle. The Tennessee Valley Authority said in an email that a combination of high winds and freezing temperatures caused its coal-burning Cumberland Fossil Plant to go offline at one point when critical instrumentation froze up. A second coal-burning plant, Bull Run, also went offline, TVA spokesman Scott Brooks said in an email, although he did not provide details. The utility "had issues at some of our natural gas units" as well, Brooks said.

"The Tennessee Valley Authority's coal and gas plants failed us over the holiday weekend. People across the Tennessee Valley were forced to deal with rolling blackouts, even as temperatures plunged into the single digits," Southern Environmental Law Center Tennessee Office Director Amanda Garcia said in an email. "Despite this obvious failure, the federal utility is still planning to spend billions to build new gas plants and pipelines."

TVA provides power to 10 million people in parts of seven Southern

states. The federal utility issued a statement on Wednesday saying it takes full responsibility for the rolling blackouts on Dec. 23 and Dec. 24, just as many customers were preparing for Christmas.

"We are conducting a thorough review of what occurred and why. We are committed to sharing these lessons learned and — more importantly — the corrective actions we take in the weeks ahead to ensure we are prepared to manage significant events in the future," the statement read.

The utility was already facing scrutiny for its recommendation to replace some aging coal-burning power plants with natural gas, instead of renewables and energy conservation measures — like solar, wind, heat pumps and LEDs. The decision to increase the use of natural gas was made just as TVA is about to seat six new board members nominated by President Joe Biden to fill out its nine-member board of directors. The utility's recommendation

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DEATH NOTICES

Darnell Appling

December 29, 2022

Darnell Appling, age 25, of Memphis, formerly of Shelbyville, passed away Thursday, December 29, 2022.

Funeral service will be 12 noon Saturday, January 7, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Reverend John Perkins will officiate.

The family will receive visitors one hour prior to service Saturday at the funeral home.

OBITUARIES

Caroline Elizabeth Black

December 27, 2022

Caroline Elizabeth Black, 35, of Maryville, died Tuesday, December 27, 2022.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 31, at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Rev. Marcus Williams officiating. Burial followed at Jones-Haynes Cemetery.

She was born May 27, 1987 in Nashville. She was a cheerleader during both her middle school and high school years and was very creative and artistic. Caroline was a member of First Christian Church of Waynesboro, Tennessee.

She is survived by her mother, Pamela Ann Phillips McDonald (Seth) of Maryville, her father, Richard Turman Black (Jennifer) of Parsons, Tn., brothers, Caleb Seth McDonald, Jared Samuel McDonald, Gabriel Joshua McDonald; step-grandparents, Gayle McDonald, Abraham and Judy Hernandez.



Raven Amber Smith

December 26, 2022

Funeral services for Raven Amber Smith, 20, of Bell Buckle, will be held 11 a.m. Friday, January 6, 2023, in the Chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Lee Baucom officiating. Burial will follow at Jones-Haynes Cemetery. Raven passed from this life Monday, December 26, 2022, at Vanderbilt-Bedford Hospital.

Visitation will be held 5-8 p.m. Thursday, January 5, at the funeral home.

Raven was born January 18, 2002, in Jackson, Tennessee to Winford Allan "Frog" Smith and Julie Anne McGee Chavarria. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Walter Lee Smith, Jr. and James and Linda McGee; and step-grandfather, Johnny Carr.

Raven was a proud, beautiful young mother that adored her daughter. She was a loving sister, wonderful daughter, fun and big-hearted person that will be missed greatly by all her loved ones.

Along with her parents she is survived by: daughter, Ivy Rana Berry Smith; brothers, John Duke of Jackson, Logan Smith of Shelbyville, Cesar and Sebastian Tejada, both of Shelbyville; sisters, Lillian (Steven) Roe of Florida, Maegan (Brennen Gajdatsy) Smith of Shelbyville, Paris Cintron of LaVergne, Charity Cintron of McMinnville, Jasmine Tejada of Shelbyville, Ginger Tejada of Shelbyville, Daisey Chavarria and Alene Chavarria, both of Shelbyville; nephew, Mason Gajdatsy; her other mom, Alicia Gail Carr; step-father, Efrain Chavarria; and step-grandmother, Jennifer Carr.

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

Mary Earline Faulk Sudberry

December 30, 2022

Mrs. Mary Earline Faulk Sudberry, of Murfreesboro, passed away Friday, December 30, 2022, at her daughter's home, under the loving care and comfort of her family and Aseracare Hospice.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Brother Frank Lipetri will officiate, with burial to follow in Willow Mount Cemetery. The family will receive visitors 11 a.m. until service time Tuesday.

Clinic

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dental appointments for the 12-month grant.

CCSBC continues to provide diabetic screenings on the second Tuesday and Thursday of each month from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Individuals who are low-income and uninsured are encouraged to contact CCSBC.

Clinic director Fredia Lusk has appeared before Shelbyville City Council several times in recent weeks, citing an urgent need for funding.

TVA

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to replace the Cumberland coal plant with a natural gas-fired one could become finalized by TVA's CEO in the coming weeks.

Already, TVA is facing a lawsuit that claims it violated federal law by approving a gas-power plant that is under construction at the retired coal-burning Johnsonville Fossil Plant without properly assessing the environmental and climate impacts. TVA has declined to comment on the lawsuit filed this month.

Biden has set a goal of a carbon-pollution-free energy sector by 2035 that TVA has said it can't achieve without technological

breakthroughs in nuclear generation and energy storage. TVA has set a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2035, compared with 2005 levels. CEO Jeff Lyash has said repeatedly that gas is needed because it can provide power at any time, regardless of whether the sun is shining or the wind is blowing.

"TVA's CEO Lyash does not need to move forward with a massive new gas plant decision at Cumberland as early as January 9 before the new board is fully seated and when we just learned the mandatory blackouts were due to coal and gas failures," Amy Kelly, with the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign, said in a statement.

OBITUARIES

Laura Leigh Wright Schmidt

December 31, 2022

Mrs. Laura Leigh Wright Schmidt, age 52, of Shelbyville, died Saturday, December 31, 2022 in Nashville.

Laura was born in Shelbyville, Tennessee and was a clinical lead nurse with Optum Healthcare. She was preceded in death by her mother, Joyce Faye Poarch Wright; brother, Ricky Wright; and grandson, William Lee Alwardt.

Mrs. Schmidt is survived by her husband of nine years, John Mason Schmidt, Shelbyville; children, Jesse Dakota Pugh, Wartrace, Jennifer Leigh Alwardt, Shelbyville, Kate Elizabeth Pugh, Shelbyville; father, Homer Wright, Shelbyville; sisters, Vicky Wright Voelkel, Shelbyville, Sandy Wright Tapp, Shelbyville; grandchildren, Lyla Jeen Pugh, Brylen Brooks Pugh, Joy Nichole Pugh, Jamey Rhett Alwardt, Maddie Adelaide Alwardt, Emmaline Faye Alwardt, Everleigh Grace Alwardt.

Family members will receive friends on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 from 5-8 p.m. at Lawrence Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2023 from the chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home with Rev. Randall Harmon officiating. Burial will follow in Andrew - Liggett Cemetery.

Joshua Pope, Jet Tapp, Joe Wright, Keith Newcomb, Eddie Smith, and Chris Brown will serve as pallbearers.

Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Chapel Hill, TN, 364-2233, (www.lawrencefuneral.net) in charge of arrangements.



Jerry Eugene Sissom

December 31, 2022

Jerry Eugene Sissom, 79, of Estill Springs died Saturday, December 31, 2022.

A Celebration Of Life service will be held Thursday, January 5, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Per his request he will be cremated.

He was born February 27, 1943 in Bedford County and was former co-owner of David & Jerry's Auto Parts of Shelbyville. He watched all sports, was an avid fan of the Tennessee Vols; loved porch sitting with his friends and watching the fish weigh-ins at Woods Reservoir. Fishing was his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rayburn Eugene Sissom and Martha Curtis Helmick. He is survived by two daughters, Amanda Gail (Jason) Carter of Shelbyville, Cristy Satchwill of Portland, and grandchildren, Kloe Carter, Joshua Gannon and Justin Irby.



Linda Faye Petty Carden

December 31, 2022

Linda Faye Petty Carden, 73, of Shelbyville died Saturday, December 31, 2022.

A Celebration Of Life service will be held 12:00 Noon Wednesday, January 4, at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 11:00 A.M. Per her request she will be cremated.

She was born February 20, 1949 in Spencer, was a former store manager of The Pantry and a member of First Christian Church. She loved her children and grandchildren; watching football and loved to travel. She was a four-time survivor of lung cancer.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Flora Simmons Petty; a daughter, Tina Locke; and brothers, Richard Petty and Dan Petty.

She is survived by her children, Jennifer (Richard) Simmons of Shelbyville, Robert (Anna) Carden of Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., Terry (Liz) Carden of Fredericksburg, Va.; son-in-law, Earl Locke; eight grandchildren, Paris Huckaba, Kennedy Huckaba, Elya Lopez, Mercedes Lopez, Tyler Carden, T.J. Carden, Parker Carden and Piper Carden; three great-grandchildren, Easton Lopez, Nina Nguyen and Dexter Simmons.



L.D. Mangrum

January 2, 2023

Mr. L. D. Mangrum, age 95, of Shelbyville, passed away Monday, January 2, 2023.

Funeral services will be 3 PM Saturday, January 7, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Rev. Bobby McGee will officiate, with burial to follow in Willow Mount Cemetery.

The family will receive visitors one hour prior to service Saturday at the funeral home.

He was born May 7, 1927, in Nashville to the late Lawrence Dillard and Irene Ledford Mangrum.

He was retired from American Can Company. A former member of the United States Coast Guard, he was a faithful member of Edgemont Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents., he was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jo Mangrum; daughter in law, Becky Mangrum; brothers and sisters, Winford Mangrum, Jerel Mangrum, Jessie Oakley, and Rita Rodgers.

Survivors include a son, David Mangrum, and his wife, Teresa, of Shelbyville, and a daughter, Melissa Arnold, and her husband Marcus, of Murfreesboro; grandchildren, Tricia Mangrum, Benjamin Arnold, and his wife Mary, Cassidy Arnold, and Stacy Arnold; four great grandchildren.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

James Kenneth Thorne Jr.

December 27, 2022

James Kenneth Thorne Jr., 58, of Shelbyville died Tuesday, December 27, 2022.

He was a truck driver for Sharpe Transport of Lawrenceburg and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was the son of the late James Kenneth Thorne Sr. and Velma Sue Bingham Thorne and the husband of the late Monique Thorne.

He is survived by sons, Timothy David Thorne and Kristopher Dallas Thorne and his step-mother, Carolyn Thorne.

Per his request he will be cremated. No services are scheduled.

Moscow says Ukrainian rocket strike kills 63 Russian troops

By FELIPE DANA Associated Press

EKYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian forces fired rockets at a facility in the eastern Donetsk region where Russian soldiers were stationed, killing 63 of them, Russia's defense ministry said Monday, in one of the deadliest attacks on the Kremlin's forces since the war began more than 10 months ago.

Ukrainian forces fired six rockets from a HIMARS launch system and two of them were shot down, a defense ministry statement said. It did not say when the strike happened.

The strike, using a U.S.-supplied precision weapon that has proven critical in enabling Ukrainian forces to hit key targets, delivered a new setback for Russia which in recent months has reeled from a Ukrainian counteroffensive.

According to the governor of Russia's Samara region, Dmitry Azarov, an unspecified number of residents of the region were among those killed and wounded by the strike on the town of Makiivka.

Russian military bloggers, whose information has largely been reliable during the war, said ammunition stored close to the facility had

exploded in the attack and contributed to the high number of casualties.

Expressing anger at the losses, Daniil Bezsonov, an official with the Russian-appointed administration in Russian-occupied Donetsk, called for the punishment of military officers who ordered a large number of troops to be stationed at the facility.

The Ukrainian military appeared to acknowledge the attack Monday, with the General Staff confirming that Makiivka was hit on Dec. 31, and saying 10 Russian military vehicles were destroyed or damaged. It added that Russian personnel losses were still being clarified.

In a claim that could not be independently verified, the Strategic Communications Directorate of Ukraine's Armed Forces had maintained Sunday that some 400 mobilized Russian soldiers were killed in a vocational school building in Makiivka and about 300 more were wounded. The Russian statement said the strike occurred "in the area of Makiivka" and didn't mention the vocational school.

Meanwhile, Russia deployed multiple exploding drones in another nighttime attack on Ukraine, offi-

cial said Monday, as the Kremlin signaled no letup in its strategy of using bombardments to target the country's energy infrastructure and wear down Ukrainian resistance to its invasion.

The barrage was the latest in a series of relentless year-end attacks, including one that killed three civilians on New Year's Eve.

On Monday, Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said that 40 drones "headed for Kyiv" overnight. All of them were destroyed, according to air defense forces.

Klitschko said 22 drones were destroyed over Kyiv, three in the outlying Kyiv region and 15 over neighboring provinces.

Energy infrastructure facilities were damaged as the result of the attack and an explosion occurred in one city district, the mayor said. It wasn't immediately clear whether that was caused by drones or other munitions. A wounded 19-year-old man was hospitalized, Klitschko added, and emergency power outages were underway in the capital.

In the outlying Kyiv region a "critical infrastructure object" and residential buildings were hit, Gov. Oleksiy Kuleba said.

Event

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said Taylor.

Taylor's father Brad Sudduth, who passed away in July of this year from cancer, was a good friend of the Popes. Their families became very close over the years and consider one another to be more like family. Taylor even received this scholarship in 2015 when she graduated from Cascade High School.

She used the scholarship to attend Middle Tennessee State University. She said it's nice to know she was recognized.

The Bedford Cancer

Foundation helps alleviate the financial burden of cancer for eligible patients in Bedford County. They are excited for the opportunity to partner with the Pope Family and two of the local high schools to host not one but two Coaches vs Cancer Events this year. The hope is to expand this event to all high schools by next year.

"It makes me feel like we're making a difference," she said. Students who qualify for the scholarship will receive an application from their school guidance counselor and candidates will be selected in the spring, according to Taylor.

Event days

Cascade High School's event will be held Tuesday, Jan. 17 and Shelbyville Central High School's event Tuesday, Jan. 31. The Spaghetti dinners will be served in each school's cafeteria from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. The basketball games will follow the dinners.

Dinner tickets for both events will be \$10 each and can be pre-purchased or bought at the door. To-go plates will be available as well.

You can pre-purchase a Cancer Awareness t-shirt through January 6 to show your support.

This year, the money

raised from the spaghetti dinner will go towards two scholarships — one to a Cascade High School senior and another to a Shelbyville Central High School student who has been impacted by cancer. The money raised from the t-shirt sales will be split between the Bedford Cancer Foundation the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research.

For more information on purchasing dinner tickets or a t-shirt, contact Shelby Taylor at 931-224-8815 or visit the Bedford Cancer Foundation website, www.bedfordcancerfoundation.org.

PROMise of Hope show

Special night made affordable for all

By **ZOË WATKINS**
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The Bedford County Board of Education, along with Enchanted Bridal Boutique, will be hosting a fashion show event on Thursday, Jan. 12, featuring new prom dresses as well as dresses from their free Promise of Hope Closet.

The event will take place at Shelbyville Central High School's auditorium at 7 p.m. and will have a \$5 entry fee.

The Promise of Hope Closet was started by Rebecca Joyce several years ago but wasn't picked up again by the school system until last year, according to Kim Joyce, Pre-K & CTE/RTI Data Administrative Assistant. This year, they're hoping to make the free prom dress closet more known and accessible to students.

"We have had people from all over town and all over Bedford County donate prom dresses to us," said Joyce.

Event planned

Being aware of this initiative, Ashley House, owner of Enchanted Bridal, approached the school system to put together a prom fashion show.

"I figured it would be a



Dresses from last year's Promise of Hope Closet.

T-G Photo by Zoe Watkins

great idea for us to come in together to promote both Enchanted and their Promise of Hope closet so girls can know there are some really pretty dresses that they have in their closet that are available to them if they can't afford a prom

dress," said House. Aside from helping students, it's also an initiative to encourage "shopping local." Local businesses have donated door prizes like tanning and hair sessions as well as corsages and boutonnières.

Boys and girls from all three high schools will be modeling dresses and tuxes from Enchanted Bridal, Torso, and Corner Cleaners. Shelbyville Central's CTE cosmetology class will be doing the hair and makeup, while Community

High's fashion design class will be helping dress the models. Cascade High's Interact Club will be collecting the \$5 entry fee which will be distributed to the three clubs among the schools.

"We're just trying to get

the word out that we do have prom dresses available here in Bedford County and through shopping local," said Joyce.

Many choices

House said they have close to 30 dresses they plan to show from Enchanted, most of which are from the new 2023 prom line. About 30 dresses from the Promise of Hope closet will also be showcased. "We wanted to showcase new styles that are coming out... as well as bring out different styles and beadwork," said House.

Promise of Hope has dresses from size zero to 24 in addition to formal shoes. Anyone interested in trying on a dress should contact Kim Joyce at 931-580-5215. Dresses are returned after prom.

"We don't want anybody not going to prom because they don't have the means to go, or they don't want to spend that much money on a dress they'll wear one time," said Joyce.

"I'm just excited to get a lot of the high school seniors involved and hopefully get freshmen, sophomores, and juniors excited to be a part of the event next year," said House.

See additional photos on 8A.

Wise decisions are a must for Shelbyville



T-G Photo by David Melson

The past and future of the U.S. 231 North corridor is clearly visible in the area across from Shelbyville Municipal Airport. A sign proclaims the upcoming new Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Shelbyville campus, one of several replacement campuses proposed across Tennessee. Russell Plaza, background, is one of several medical-related buildings near Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital. The house at right is being demolished or moved as a once-residential area is reoriented toward industries and businesses.



David Melson

On the Loose

2023 could be one of Shelbyville's best years.

Or it could turn out not so well. What we see by next New Year's will depend on cooperation, ambition, and a forward-thinking outlook.

Shelbyville's not going to remain the sleepy little small town some still think of it as being. In many ways, Mayberry left Shelbyville some time ago.

Look around and housing growth's already apparent. New subdivisions and apartments are visible in Shelbyville and areas of Bedford County. Business growth hasn't reached that level yet, but it'll come – if Shelbyville can attract the right type of development.

For years I've heard false accusations that local government bodies have intentionally kept chain stores from moving to Shelbyville. These types

of actions may have taken place years ago, but in, say, the past 20 years or so there's been a strong focus on growing the economy.

Today's problems attracting retail and businesses are due to poor demographics because so many of Shelbyville's jobs are relatively low-paying.

Local leaders are trying to attract higher-paying jobs and build Shelbyville into the type of city those well-paid workers will actually live in instead of commuting from Murfreesboro. The rise in overall income can attract more upscale merchants.

A progressive city is not going to stagnate and remain the same size for years to come. Any time talk of growth starts, a certain few always begin spouting misinformed statements revolving around wanting to kick people out of office because they're allegedly wanting to raise taxes. It's astounding how hateful some people, with no fresh ideas of their own, are so ready to cut down anyone who disagrees with them.

And those people so often claim that "everyone"

agrees with them. They must live in their own tiny little world. Fact check time: Not everyone agrees with, well, everyone.

I was looking Sunday at the empty lot where Tennessee Downs says it plans to build its auto lifestyle center and private road course. Maybe we'll see something other than a sign someday.

Down the road, the proposed Middle Tennessee State University aerospace campus is a much more viable reality with a lot to offer Shelbyville and Bedford County. MTSU officials will be debuting a detailed plan at Thursday's Shelbyville Airport Authority meeting. All local officials involved should look at this with an open mind.

MTSU's meeting with Shelbyville City Council in December involved much talk about how they'd give Shelbyville a world-class reputation in the aviation industry. Admittedly, there was a lot of hyperbole, especially from MTSU president Dr. Sydney McPhee – but that's one of his jobs, and he was

doing that aspect well. The picture McPhee verbally painted for Shelbyville was bright

Shelbyville's unusually large airport for a city this size was a drawing card for MTSU. That size is due to some progressive-thinking people from the 1940s and 1950s who thought ahead, especially pilot Bob Bomar, the airport's founding father, and longtime Times-Gazette publisher Franklin Yates, who was not only a wordsmith but also a skilled pilot.

Other proposals for this area are promising. The Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership is working on much more than can be described in one column.

But there's another hurdle.

Some people wrongfully get upset when they hear that new industries or retailers will be exempted entirely from paying property taxes, or paying reduced taxes, for relatively short periods of time. That's common practice by cities and counties nationwide, it's a tool for attracting new industries and businesses,

and it's necessary to be competitive.

Those new industries and businesses attract other businesses to those areas. They do pay taxes – and so will the larger industries and businesses when their exemptions end. The benefits outweigh any

temporary tax exemptions.

Amazing opportunities are staring us in the face. Pushing them away isn't going to improve anyone's lives.

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Julie Smith,

Financial Services Representative

Heritage South Community Credit Union

Date: January 3, 2023 Publication Date

Q: What is a consolidation loan?

A: When you combine more than one of your debts, this can be considered a consolidation loan. It may be that you have multiple credit card balances that are accruing high interest each month. Or perhaps you have several payments that you want to simplify into one payment. In either case, we highly recommend that you consider a consolidation loan. Often by combining loan balances into one loan that is paid by installments at a fixed rate, qualified borrowers may reduce their interest rate and/or reduce the amount they pay monthly. We currently have a consolidation loan special available to our members for just this purpose! Visit any of our offices to learn more. Remember, we help when others won't! Not a member of Heritage South? If you live, work, worship or attend school in Bedford, Cannon, Marshall, Maury or Rutherford County you can join!

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Conversing with scammers

Dear Heloise: I just read your column with the letter from Frank and Carol H., in Milford, Delaware, concerning scam calls. I am 84 and retired, and those calls are a nice respite from watching TV. The way I handle them is that after the obligatory "hello," I just respond to all their questions with questions of my own. Usually, my first question is: "Where are you calling from?" In response to whatever they say, I'll ask about the weather, or if there's an In-and-Out Burger there, or some other question that has nothing to do with anything, until they hang up. This takes up their time, and there's one less person they try to scam. -- Steve G., via email



Hints from Heloise
Heloise

ing them in with greens. Usually, I find that the oiled, seasoned vegetables coat the greens enough that I don't need salad dressing. But you can add an extra drizzle of olive oil for taste. You don't have to suffer for your health if you learn how to make food delicious. Good luck! -- Cindy L., Los Angeles

MICROWAVE PLATE COVERS

Dear Heloise: Rather than using paper towels or coffee filters to stop food from spattering in your microwave, you can buy reusable, inexpensive covers almost everywhere -- at Target, Walmart, Kohl's or Amazon. Paper items, made from trees, add to the landfill. We should all try to follow the "3 Rs" -- reduce, reuse, recycle -- wherever possible. I read your column every day in the Ventura County Star. Peace! -- Lilith, Ventura, California

EASY PET BED COVER

Dear Heloise: Another easy solution to protect pet beds is to use a fitted crib sheet. This works well for a range of sizes. You can buy them at thrift stores, garage sales, etc. Purchase two or more. Simply toss the dirty one in the wash and replace it with another. -- Juanita C. Dungan, Lafayette, Louisiana

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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STOP THE SALAD HATE

Dear Heloise: For Eric who hates salads, eating foods you don't like can be so hard, no matter how much (love-based) logic goes into making your plate. To make your vegetables more palatable, help your mother roast them.

Participating in cooking brings you closer to foods and may help you find the best way to consume them. Many vegetables can be seasoned and roasted as a way to enhance the flavor and texture of the salad -- broccoli, all kinds of squash, carrots, onions, tomatoes, green beans ... even cabbage can be roasted and tossed in with raw leafy greens.

To roast most vegetables, put a baking sheet in the oven and preheat it to 450 F. Chop your vegetables of choice into 1- to 2-inch chunks and toss in a bowl with a drizzle of olive oil, salt and pepper (garlic powder is optional). Spread vegetables onto the preheated sheet and roast for 15 to 20 minutes, or until they're as browned as you like. I like to rotate things halfway through cooking, but it's not strictly necessary.

Let vegetables cool five minutes before toss-

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.

SUNDAY

Laity Club

Bedford County Laity Club will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, at Cannon United Methodist Church for a potluck meal.

JAN. 10

County Commission

Bedford County Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at Bedford County Courthouse.

JAN. 12

City Council

Shelbyville City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at Shelbyville Recreation Center.

JAN. 16

MLK luncheon

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon is scheduled Monday, Jan. 16, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Fly Arts Center. The Newly-Oldie Wed Game will be featured. Attendees are asked to bring a canned or boxed food item for Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen. Tickets may be purchased by calling 615-594-7663, 931-580-3690, or 931-842-0049. Gilliland Historical Resource Center, Inc., is sponsoring the event.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Republican meeting

The Bedford County Republican Party's Reorganizational Convention will be held Monday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at International House of Prayer, 865 Union St. Any candidate seeking to be chair should notify the Contest & Credentials committee by Jan. 9 at bedfordcounty467@gmail.com. All other candidates are nominated from the floor.

JAN. 19

Head Start meeting

South Central Human Resource Agency Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council meeting will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the South Central Human Resource Agency Central Office in Fayetteville.

ONGOING

Healthier Me program

UT/TSU Extension is offering a yearlong online program that focuses on developing one healthy habit each month such as eat breakfast, sugar down, move more, etc. You will receive an emailed newsletter each month with a goal and tracking form. There will be drawings for prizes for completing the challenge for the month and reporting as well as optional special activities like cooking classes and more. Go to <https://bedford.tennessee.edu> for more information and to register or call the Extension Office at 931-684-5971 for questions.

Meals on Wheels

Shelbyville Senior Citizens Center is in

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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.

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.

Soup kitchen

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

How to choose the best weight loss plan for your 2023 goals

(StatePoint)

It's that time of year again when many Americans make the resolution to lose weight and start a healthier routine. This year in particular, with the pandemic largely behind us, many Americans will once again focus on their health.

In fact, 64% of Americans are motivated to lose weight because they know it has an impact on their immunity, according to a recent poll of 2,000 U.S. adults aged 30 and above. And 61% also now realize that a healthy diet and lifestyle can better protect their long-term health.

So what should you look for when it comes to a weight loss plan? Courtney McCormick, MPH, RDN, LDN, corporate dietitian at Nutrisystem, offers these tips to help you choose a program that's right for you.

Keep it Simple: Let's face it, in our crazy busy world, we have to make hundreds of decisions a day, often at lightning speed. You shouldn't have to worry about counting points or measuring foods. Look for a plan that's easy and convenient, and does the work for you.

Focus on Protein: Protein is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle and a key to weight loss. Protein helps with satiety, so it's important to include some in each meal and snack. Look for plans with



Remember, your weight loss goals will be more than achievable this year if you follow the right plan for you. Look for a program designed to help you succeed.

high-protein options, like Nutrisystem's new premium meals, which include up to 30 grams in each meal and keep you full for up to five hours.

Look for Value: As prices continue to rise at grocery stores nationwide, many people are struggling to find affordable options that can help them eat healthier and lose weight. However, those options do exist. Look for plans that are cost-effective and deliver the majority of meals right to your door. Don't Give Up Your

Favorite Meals: Look for a plan that lets you eat your favorite foods. Losing weight doesn't have to mean giving up the things you love. Weight loss plans like Nutrisystem offer comfort foods made healthier that are perfectly portioned so you can enjoy them without any guilt. Plus, the plan also offers dessert for those who have a sweet tooth.

Seek Support: Achieving the goals you've set for yourself is so much easier when you have a support system. The best

people to have on your team when you're trying to lose excess weight are those who sit down at daily meals with you. Even better, your chances of reaching and maintaining your weight loss goal increase dramatically if another person in your household joins you on the journey. Look for plans that offer options for both you and your partner to get healthier together.

For more great information and other ideas to help fuel your success this year, visit leaf.nutrisystem.com.

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AG NOTES

By **JOHN TEAGUE**
UT/TSU Extension

MEETING

The Middle Tennessee Beef Producers will be having their January meeting at the Bedford County Ag Center on Thursday, January 5, at 6:30 p.m. The speaker for the meeting is Dr. Andrew Griffith, UT Extension livestock economist. He will be discussing market risk management and related topics.

A meal will be provided. Call the Extension office at 684-5971 to let us know you are coming. This is a good time to join this producer group. They meet on the first Thursday of the odd months for a meeting on some topic pertaining to beef cattle management. They also sponsor college scholarships to area students who will be majoring in agriculture or a related trade school in some area.

MASTER HORSE OWNER

Dr. Jennie Ivey has announced the 2023 version of Tennessee Master Horse Program (TMHP). It is a good series on topics important to horse owners. There will be guest horse specialists from over the country in addition to Dr. Ivey.

The schedule begins January 12 with a session on responsible horse ownership. On January 19 the session is on pasture management. This will be a good one. January 26 and February 2 will focus on nutrition. Dr. Ivey's specialty is forage based nutrition and this is a great discussion. February 9's session will cover economics and waste management.

Diseases and emergencies will be discussed on February 16. The February 23 session will be on parasites and dental care. March 2 session will focus on hoof care. March 9 session's focus is equine liability and insurance, and the last session on March 16 will be hot topics and graduation.

Registration runs from January 1-14, 2023 and costs \$195. Registration for the state TMHP includes access to all 10 webinars and the google classroom, a PDF of the TMHP Manual, a TMHP sign, a boot towel, and certificate upon completion, and one forage or soil test. Register today at tiny.utk.edu/2023tmhp

Participants will also be registered for the Horse Management Field Day in our region at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center in Spring Hill. (More information on the field days will be sent in a separate email).

For questions, contact Dr. Ivey at jzivey@utk.edu or contact me at 648-5971 or at jteague1@utk.edu

FARMING FUNDAMENTALS

With the rise of many new and beginning farmers, we are excited to promote the Farming Fundamentals program offered by the Center of Farm Management! This program targets those who are new to farming and are looking to start a farm business/operation. As an added bonus, this program is also an accepted course for the Beginning Farmer option on the Tennessee Ag Enhancement Program application.

This program is delivered online. The online version can be accessed at any time, giving producers the flexibility to complete it at their own pace. It consists of 8 modules, each lasting roughly 1.5 hours long. Topics covered include: financial statements, taxes, farming foundations, business actions, livestock basics, specialty crops, value added and crops.

I have the information on registration to pass on to those interested. Give me a call at 684-5971 or send me an email to jteague1@utk.edu and I'll be glad to discuss this program and send the registration information.

MASTER SMALL RUMINANT

The dates for the upcoming Master Small Ruminant webinar series will begin on February 2nd and continue on February 9, February 16, February 23, March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, and April 4. The time will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time. Videos of each session will be available for those who may miss a live session. This is done in the convenience of home, and it is live and questions can be submitted. It will be led by

For those who applied for TAEP, we'll get you certified for the Master level of funding in time for the equipment deadline. For those who are interested, this will certify you for the next three years as a Master Small Ruminant Producer. I will have the registration information shortly, so if you are interested in this program, contact me at 684-5971 or by email.

The topics will cover reproduction, health, nutrition marketing, facilities, etc., and will feature guest speakers. I'm a fan of this program due to the wide range of topics, the speakers involved, and the convenience of the programs.

SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to Public Chapter 1104 (2022), beginning January 1, 2023, qualified farmers and nursery operators may purchase building material, fencing material, warranties and most other items of tangible personal property used primarily (more than 50%) in agricultural operations exempt from sales and use tax. Automobiles, trucks, household appliances and gasoline or diesel fuel used in vehicles operated upon public highways are not included in this exemption.

This notice does not address the exemption in its entirety, please consult the Department's tax manual for more details. For farmers to qualify for this exemption, they are required to attain qualification from the Tennessee Department of Revenue. This page provides important links for the Tennessee Agriculture Sales and Use Exemptions. And watch for more information as this new change is implemented.

This is a major change for farmers. But in order to use this one must have an Ag Sales Tax Exemption Certificate from the Tennessee Department of Revenue to provide any vendors of the above items for their records. I can provide the link to the site to apply for this exemption and some suggestions for the questions on the form. Contact me at jteague1@utk.edu for more information.

Beef Promotion Board to meet

The Tennessee Beef Promotion Board will meet Friday, Jan. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the Tennessee Beef Industry Council, 530 Brandies Circle, Suite A, in Murfreesboro.

The meeting is open to the public. Individuals interested in addressing the board should plan to arrive early in order to be placed on the agenda.

The agenda includes approval of the previous meeting's minutes, a review of finances, and an update on programs.

The Tennessee Beef Promotion Board was created in 2012 by state law to oversee

the collection and use of assessments paid by producers for the purpose of promoting beef and beef products in-state. The Board comprises representatives from the Tennessee Livestock Market Association, Tennessee Cattlemen's Association, Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, Tennessee Dairy Association, and Tennessee Beef Cattle Improvement Initiative.

For more information, contact the Tennessee Department of Agriculture at 615-837-5160.

Human composting now legal in 6 states

By **MAYSOON KHAN**
Associated Press/Report for America

ALBANY, N.Y. — Howard Fischer, a 63-year old investor living north of New York City, has a wish for when he dies. He wants his remains to be placed in a vessel, broken down by tiny microbes and composted into rich, fertile soil.

Maybe his composted remains could be planted outside the family home in Vermont, or maybe they could be returned to the earth elsewhere. "Whatever my family chooses to do with the compost after it's done is up to them," Fischer said.

"I am committed to having my body composted and my family knows that," he added. "But I would love for it to happen in New York where I live rather than shipping myself across the country."

Democratic Gov. Kathy Hochul signed legislation on Saturday to legalize natural organic reduction, popularly known as human composting, making New York the sixth state in the nation to allow that method of burial.

Washington state became the first state to legalize human composting in 2019, followed by Colorado and Oregon in 2021, and Vermont and California in 2022.

For Fischer, this alternative, green method of burial aligns with his philosophical view on life: to live in an environmentally conscious way.

The process goes like this: the body of the deceased is placed into a reusable vessel along with plant material such as wood chips, alfalfa and straw. The organic mix creates the perfect habitat for naturally occurring microbes to do their work, quickly and efficiently breaking down the body in about a month's time.

The end result is a heaping cubic yard of nutrient-dense soil amendment, the equivalent of about 36 bags of soil, that can be used to plant trees or enrich conservation land, forests, or gardens.

For urban areas such as New York City where land is limited, it can be seen as a pretty attractive burial alternative.

Michelle Menter, manager at Greensprings Natural Cemetery Preserve, a cemetery in central New York, said the facility would "strongly consider" the alternative method.

"It definitely is more in line with what we do," she added.

The 130-acre nature preserve cemetery, nestled between protected forest land, offers natural, green burials which is when a body can be placed in a biodegradable container and into a gravesite so that it can decompose fully.

"Every single thing we can do to turn people away from concrete liners and fancy caskets and embalming, we ought to do and be supportive of," she said.

But not all are onboard

with the idea.

The New York State Catholic Conference, a group that represents bishops in the state, has long opposed the bill, calling the burial method "inappropriate."

"A process that is perfectly appropriate for returning vegetable trimmings to the earth is not necessarily appropriate for human bodies," Dennis Poust, executive director of the organization, said in a statement.

"Human bodies are not household waste, and we do not believe that the process meets the standard of reverent treatment of our earthly remains," he said.

Katrina Spade, the founder of Recompose, a full-service green funeral home in Seattle that offers human composting, said it offers an alternative for people wanting to align the disposition of their remains with how they lived their lives.

She said "it feels like a movement" among the environmentally aware.

"Cremation uses fossil fuels and burial uses a lot of land and has a carbon footprint," said Spade. "For a lot of folks being turned into soil that can be turned to grow into a garden or tree is pretty impactful."

•Maysoon Khan is a corps member for the Associated Press/Report for America Statehouse News Initiative. Report for America is a nonprofit national service program that places journalists in local newsrooms to report on undercovered issues.

More included in the agriculture tax exemption

According to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, effective January 1, 2023, more will be included in the agriculture tax exemption. They've expanded the exemption to include building material, fencing material, and more.

From the Tennessee Tax Manual for Farmers, Nursery Operators, and Timber Harvesters and in accordance with Public Chapter 1104 (2022), "the sale at retail, lease, rental, use, consumption, distribution, repair, storage for use, or consumption in this state of tangible personal property primarily used in agricultural operations is exempt from sales and use tax" (Tenn. Code Ann. §

67-6-207).

Examples of tangible personal property exempt from sales when primarily used in agricultural operations include—but are not limited to—machinery, equipment, and other tangible personal property primarily used for producing farm or nursery products or harvesting timber. It also includes building material, fencing material, repair services, software, grain bins and attachments to grain bins, aircraft designed and used primarily for crop dusting, such as an agracat or other similar airplanes that are designed for crop dusting purposes.

The tax manual also states that lumber and other

building materials that are purchased for the purpose of building a barn or other agricultural buildings and structures on farm property are exempt from sales tax. For example, building materials purchased for the purpose of building a chicken coop or an animal barn can be purchased exempt from sales tax.

Also, the sale of "extended warranty or service/maintenance contracts covering qualified farm machinery and equipment is exempt from sales and use tax when sold to a qualified farmer or nursery operator," according to the manual.

Agricultural exemption certificates must be current. The manual explains

agricultural exemption certificates are valid for a four-year period. Every fourth year, the Department reissues agricultural certificates of exemption to all current exemption holders. Renewed certificates are mailed during the latter part of December before the current exemption certificates expire. New certificates have an effective date of January 1 of the following year and will expire on December 31 four years later.

The Department explains sellers should keep copies of the older exemption certificates to support any tax-exempt sales that were covered by the now expired exemption certificate or card.

Florida crops safe from cold damage

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Florida's citrus, fruit and vegetable crops appear to have escaped any widespread damage from some of the coldest weather in years last week, officials with state growers associations said.

A cloud cover helped protect citrus trees in areas where the thermometer hovered around or below freezing, though there may be pockets of damage, said Matt Joyner, CEO of Florida Citrus Mutual.

"Indications so far are that the industry fared fair-

ly well," Joyner said in an email. "It appears that we were right on the edge of what could have been a devastating event."

Florida's fruit and vegetable growers also reported no widespread damage to crops, though growers are still assessing the cold weather's impact, said Christina Morton, director of communications for the Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association.

"Early reports are showing growers were pretty fortunate considering how cold it got and for how long it

hung around," Morton said in an email.

Parts of the Florida Panhandle had wind chills that dipped into the single digits, and interior parts of central Florida had temperatures plunging as low as 27 degrees. At Tampa International Airport, the thermometer dipped below freezing for the first time in almost five years.

Florida is the primary supplier of fresh fruits and vegetables for the rest of the country during the winter, and growers harvested as much of their crops as pos-

sible ahead of the Arctic blast. In the state's midsection, where blueberries, strawberries and blackberries are grown, growers used overhead irrigation to spray a protective coat of ice around the fruit.

Florida agriculture already was battered this fall by two hurricanes — Ian and Nicole. Hurricane Ian hit citrus groves hard, as well as the state's large cattle industry, dairy operations, vegetables like tomatoes and peppers, and even hundreds of thousands of bees essential to many growers.



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Trump rings in 2023 facing headwinds in White House run

By **JILL COLVIN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump began 2022 on a high. Primary candidates were flocking to Florida to court the former president for a coveted endorsement. His rallies were drawing thousands. A bevy of investigations remained largely under the radar.

One year later, Trump is facing a very different reality.

He is mired in criminal investigations that could end with indictments. He has been blamed for Republicans' disappointing performance in the November elections. And while he is now a declared presidential candidate, the six weeks since he announced have been marked by self-inflicted crises. Trump has not held a single campaign event and he barely leaves the confines of his Mar-a-Lago club in Florida.

Instead of staving off challengers, his potential 2024 rivals appear ever more emboldened. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, fresh off a resounding reelection victory, increasingly is seen as Trump's most formidable competition.

Trump's subdued campaign announcement has left even former stalwarts wondering whether he is serious about another run for the White House.

"There was a movie called 'Failure to Launch.' I think that's what Donald Trump's process of running has been so far. He had the announcement, and he hasn't done anything to back it up since then," said Michael Biundo, a GOP operative who advised Trump's 2016 campaign but is steering clear this time.

"What campaign?" asked longtime GOP donor Dan Eberhart, who gave \$100,000 to Trump's 2020 reelection effort but is now gravitating to DeSantis. "Trump's early launch seems more a reaction to DeSantis' overperformance and a legal strategy against prosecution than a political campaign."

Trump campaign officials insist they have been spending the weeks since his Nov. 15 announcement methodically building out a political operation. Trump, they note, announced just before the holiday season, when politicians typically lie low, and he did so unusually early, giving him plenty of time to ramp up.

"This is a marathon and our game plan is being implemented by design," said Trump spokesperson Steven Cheung.

"We're also assembling top-level teams in early voting states and expanding our massive data operation to ensure we dominate on all fronts," he said. "We are not going to play the media's game that tries to dictate how we campaign."

Trump also defended criticism of his campaign's slow start. "The Rallies will be bigger and better than ever (because our Country is going to Hell), but it's a little bit early, don't you think?" he wrote on his social media site.

While he has eschewed campaign events, the former president has nonetheless courted controversy.

There was his dinner with a white nationalist and the rapper formerly known as Kanye West, who has been spouting antisemitic tropes and conspiracies; his suggestions that parts of the Constitution be terminated to return him to power; and the "major announcement" that turned out to be the launch of \$99 digital trading cards that do not benefit his campaign.

Since his announcement, he has also faced a series of legal losses, including the appointment of a special counsel to oversee the Justice Department's investigation into the presence of classified documents at Trump's Florida estate as well as key aspects of a separate inquiry involving Trump's efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 election. Trump's namesake company was convicted of tax fraud last month for helping executives dodge taxes on extravagant perks. In Georgia, a special grand jury appears to be wrapping up its work investigating his efforts to remain in power.

Trump's potential rivals have spent months laying the groundwork for their own campaigns, visiting early-voting states, speaking before conservative groups and building the kinds of relationships that could benefit them down the line.

Bob Vander Plaats, the president and CEO of The Family Leader, an Iowa-based conservative group, pointed to Republicans such as former Vice President Mike Pence, former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley, who have made repeat visits to the state.

"They've done the early work that is needed to be out in front of Iowans and they're very well received," he said, noting the period since Trump announced his candidacy has been "unusually quiet. In a lot of ways, it kind of feels like it's the announcement that didn't even happen or doesn't feel like it happened because there was no immediate buzz. ... I don't hear from people on he ground, 'I can't wait for Trump to run.' 'Did you hear Trump's announcement?'"

He called the poor performance of some Trump-backed candidates in the 2022 midterms a "caution flag" and said that even Trump supporters are open to backing someone else in the 2024 contest.

"For the president, I think he's definitely going to have to earn the nomination," he said.

Despite his vulnerabilities, Trump remains the early GOP front-runner. While he is seen as potentially beatable in a one-on-one matchup, he is likely to benefit from a crowded field that splits the anti-Trump votes, just as he did when he ran and won in 2016.

But Biundo, the former Trump campaign adviser, said that after watching likely candidates such as Pence pay visits to early voting states, he too, believes the field is wide open.

"I don't think Donald Trump has it locked up. I don't think Ron DeSantis has it locked up. I don't think anyone has it locked up," he said. "At this point, it's an open primary."

'Human error' helped spur wrong ballots in Nashville

By **JONATHAN MATTISE**
Associated Press

NASHVILLE — Nashville election officials made erroneous updates to voter lists for last month's election and failed to follow steps to make sure they were accurate, leading more than 430 Tennessee voters to cast ballots in the wrong races, the state's elections coordinator determined in a review released Friday.

A report by state Elections Coordinator Mark Goins cited "human error" as a main cause of the problem in Nashville. The Davidson County Election Commission confirmed in the report that more than 3,000 voters were assigned to one or more of the incorrect districts. Hundreds cast wrong ballots before the issue was flagged.

The contests affected included state legislative races and congressional races, in which Republican state lawmakers had just carved the left-leaning city three ways during once-a-decade redistricting early this year, cutting in and out of some neighborhoods. Republicans ultimately succeeded in their map-drawing push to flip a Democratic seat, contributing to the GOP takeover of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The report determined that none of the errors were egregious enough to affect any of the races in which erroneous ballots were cast.

Goins' report says the root cause of the issues was that Nashville election officials made updates to voter files after the city's IT GIS division had used geocoding, a computerized process to compare voter addresses to new district boundaries. Geocoding can be done multiple times in the process, the report says, and the commission did not verify its changes through a final round of geocoding by the IT GIS division, which a commission staff member declined to have done in March after election officials had made thousands more manual edits.

During the early voting period for the Nov. 8 election, The Associated Press first reported Nov. 1 that Nashville voters were being given ballots for incorrect congressional and statehouse races, leading officials to scramble to fix voters' districts. Trying to correct the problem under a tight timeframe as early voting wrapped up on Nov. 3 led to over-corrections, the report states.

The mistakes spurred a lawsuit, which ended in an agreement with elections officials that allowed people who voted in the incorrect district to cast a provisional ballot, but it would only be opened if an election was contested. Paper ballots were also available for people who showed up at the polls and thought their voting machine ballot was wrong.

The errors rekindled anger from critics in the city, including Democrats, over how Republicans redrew the congressional map.

On Election Day, 117 of the 437 voters identified as voting in a wrong race during early voting showed up to vote on a provisional ballot, the report states. The report doesn't dive into the prospect of incorrect district assignments during the primary election in August, which occurred before the mapping errors were identified.

Goins recommended that counties with their own GIS resources should use them to validate their data, but they should also have them validated by the state comptroller's geocoding to promote uniform results.

"The issues in Davidson County were the unfortunate combination of human error and failure to follow all steps to ensure changes were made accurately," Goins wrote. "I am confident that through the election commission's continued work with Metro IT Services, as well as assistance from the Comptroller's office, they can prevent similar issues in future elections."

Supreme Court taking longer to hear cases

By **JESSICA GRESKO**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When lawyers argue before the Supreme Court, a small white light goes on to tell them when their time is almost expired and then a red light signals when they should stop. But arguments this term are extending well beyond the red light's cue.

Arguments that usually lasted an hour in the morning have stretched well beyond two, and on many days it's long past lunchtime before the court breaks.

The lengthy arguments have to do with a change the justices have made to their argument style, a switch tied to the coronavirus pandemic, leading to the justices asking more questions. Justices have said in the past that lawyers' written briefs, not oral arguments, most influence their decisions, so it's unclear if the extra time is really helping them decide cases. Whether that trend will continue is also an open question.

In December, an argument about whether a Colorado graphic artist can refuse to create wedding websites for same-sex couples lasted two hours and 25 minutes. And an important elections case that was scheduled for an hour and a half clocked in at two hours and 53 minutes. Already, a handful of arguments have been longer than any argument the high court heard in the term that ended in June — and that term included major cases on abortion and guns.

In the graphic artist case on Dec. 5, Justice Neil Gorsuch engaged in friendly banter with attorneys about the length of arguments.

"Good morning, Mr. Olson," Gorsuch said around 11:30 a.m., after arguments had been going on for nearly an hour and a half.

"Is it still morning?" responded Colorado lawyer Eric R. Olson.

"Just barely," Gorsuch replied to laughter from the audience. "It must not feel like it standing where you are."

"I'm here all day, Justice Gorsuch," Olson said.

The reason high court arguments are running longer goes back to a change the justices made in 2020. After the pandemic began, the justices decided to hold arguments by telephone and abandoned their typical free-for-all style of questioning. Instead, each justice got a few minutes to ask questions in order of seniority.

When the justices moved back to in-person arguments in their courtroom more than a year and a half later, they returned to the largely free-

for-all questioning. Now, however, at the end of each lawyer's time, the justices each get a chance to ask any remaining questions, again in seniority order. That switch led to an average of 18 extra minutes per case last term, said lawyer William Jay, who's been tracking the extra time.

Jay said by email the longest argument so far this term was a case involving the adoption of Native American children, which ran three hours and 13 minutes. Jay said his sense is that the justices seem more comfortable with the format this term and that the questions are longer. Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, who replaced retiring Justice Stephen Breyer, is also a "considerably more active questioner" than her predecessor, Jay said.

According to Adam Feldman, the creator of the Empirical SCOTUS blog, Jackson has spoken about 36,000 words this term while her most vocal colleague, Justice Elena Kagan, has spoken only about 24,000.

The justices' new format has tripped up some lawyers who are used to the old way of doing business and have moved to sit down when the red light on their podium went on.

"Don't go. Not so fast," Chief Justice John Roberts told one lawyer who tried to sit prematurely.

Longer arguments are, in fact, a return for the court. Early in the court's history, cases could take days to argue.

During the 1800s, when the justices heard arguments from noon to 4 p.m. without a lunch break, tables were set up behind the bench and the justices would leave one or two at a time to eat.

"The audience could not see them eating, but they could very distinctly hear the rattle of the knives and forks," court history expert Clare Cushman has written.

The length of arguments shrank

The report also shows how intricately the lines were drawn during redistricting, as political districts at times split voting precincts and divided one apartment complex. Local election officials indicated they would need to go physically to some places to figure out someone's correct district, the report says.

In a statement Friday, Davidson County election administrator Jeff Roberts said the report shows "redistricting is a complex process."

Roberts said working with Nashville's IT services and the comptroller's office "will provide data analysis and validation by multiple independent staff, preventing similar issues in future elections."

The findings also document communication problems. For instance, a map that the city IT GIS department sent to local election officials made it hard to see where Congressional District 7 was marked and switched the labeling within sections of a precinct from what local election officials previously used. That left 1,029 voters in wrong districts in one precinct, the report says.

One local election staffer admitted it was his error in making manual edits in another precinct to "clean up splits with small populations," which the report says resulted in 1,544 wrongly assigned voters.

In Nashville, only four local election commission workers primarily worked on the redistricting process, the report says.

"The standard throughout the process should be that if you are in doubt, seek more guidance," Goins wrote.

over the years until in 1970, under Chief Justice Warren Burger, it became 30 minutes per side. The court's website claims that's still the case. "Typically, the Court holds two arguments each day beginning at 10:00 a.m., each lasting one hour," it says.

These days there's no leaving the bench to eat during arguments, though justices sometimes duck out to go to the bathroom. In October, when the court heard back-to-back arguments in two affirmative action cases, it took a brief break between cases. The court had scheduled two hours and 40 minutes of arguments in the two cases. They took nearly five hours.

That's compared with an hour and 27 minutes for Bush v. Gore in 2001. In 2012, arguments over President Barack Obama's health care law stretched for approximately six and a half hours over three days.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who was chief from 1986 to 2005, was known for cutting off lawyers and even fellow justices when the lawyer's red light went on.

Seth Waxman, a veteran of more than 80 Supreme Court arguments, once remarked that for Rehnquist: "The red light ended everything — absolutely everything."

Roberts, who became chief after Rehnquist's death, is less strict, but before the pandemic, arguments were still generally an hour.

In the graphic designer case, after the third and final lawyer stood up to argue, Gorsuch couldn't resist revisiting the argument's length.

"I think, at the end of two hours -- we are now in the afternoon, by the way," Gorsuch told Biden administration attorney Brian Fletcher.

"Good afternoon," Fletcher replied. It was only the first of two cases scheduled for the day.

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'Lord, I love you': Aide recounts Benedict's last words

By **FRANCES D'EMILIO**
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's last words were "Lord, I love you," his longtime secretary said Sunday, quoting a nurse who helped care for the 95-year-old former pontiff in his final hours.

Archbishop Georg Gaenswein, a German prelate who lived in the Vatican monastery where Benedict took up residence after his 2013 retirement, said the nurse recounted hearing Benedict utter those words at about 3 a.m. Saturday. The retired pope died later that morning.

"Benedict XVI, with a faint voice but in a very distinct way, said in Italian, 'Lord, I love you,'" Gaenswein told the Vatican's official media, adding that it happened when the aides tending to Benedict were changing shifts. "I wasn't there in that moment, but the nurse a little later

recounted it," the archbishop said. "They were his last comprehensible words, because afterwards, he wasn't able to express himself any more."

Gaenswein did not identify the male nurse who shared the information.

Earlier, the Vatican said that Pope Francis went to pay his respects immediately after Gaenswein called to inform him of Benedict's death shortly after 9:30 a.m. Saturday Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni said Francis stayed in Benedict's monastery for quite some time before returning to his residence in a hotel located across the Vatican Gardens.

During New Year's Day remarks on Sunday, Francis prayed for his predecessor's passage to heaven and expressed thanks for Benedict's lifetime of service to the church.

Francis departed briefly

from reading his homily during a morning Mass at St. Peter's Basilica to pray aloud for Benedict.

The basilica is set to host Benedict's coffin for three days of viewing that start Monday.

Rome Prefect Bruno Frattasi, an Interior Ministry official, told Italian state TV that "no fewer than 25,000, 30,000" mourners were expected to file past the coffin on Monday.

On Sunday, Benedict's body lay on a burgundy-colored bier in the chapel of the monastery where he had lived during his nearly decade-long retirement. He was dressed in a miter, the headgear of a bishop, and a red cloak-like vestment.

A rosary was placed in his hand. Behind him, visible in photos released by the Vatican, were the chapel's altar and a decorated Christmas tree.

Francis remembered Benedict

again later Sunday while addressing thousands of people in St. Peter's Square.

"Let us unite all together, with one heart and one soul, in giving thanks to God for the gift of this faithful servant of the Gospel and of the church," Francis said, speaking from a window of the Apostolic Palace to pilgrims and tourists below.

The square will be the setting for Benedict's funeral led by Francis on Thursday morning. The service will be a simple one, the Vatican has said, in keeping with the wishes of Benedict. Before he was elected pope in 2005, Benedict was a German cardinal who served as the Church's guardian of doctrinal orthodoxy.

In recent years, Francis hailed Benedict's stunning decision to become the first pope to resign in 600 years and has made clear he'd consider such a step as an

option for himself.

Hobbled by knee pain, Francis, 86, on Sunday arrived in the basilica in a wheelchair and took his place in a chair for the Mass, which was being celebrated by the Vatican's secretary of state.

Francis, who has repeatedly decried the war in Ukraine and its devastation, recalled those who are victims of war, passing the year-end holidays in darkness, cold and fear.

"At the beginning of this year, we need hope, just as the Earth needs rain," Francis said in his homily.

While addressing the faithful in St. Peter's Square, the pope cited the "intolerable" war in Ukraine, which began more than 10 months ago, and conflicts elsewhere other places in the world.

Yet, Francis said, "let us not lose hope" that peace will prevail.

Suspect charged in Idaho student killings

By **REBECCA BOONE, MARC LEVY and MIKE BALSAMO**
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — A suspect arrested in connection with the slayings of four University of Idaho students plans to waive an extradition hearing so he can be quickly brought to Idaho to face murder charges, his defense attorney said Saturday.

Bryan Kohberger, a 28-year-old Ph.D. student and teaching assistant in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Washington State University, was taken into custody early Friday morning by the Pennsylvania State Police at his parents' home in Chestnuthill Township, authorities said.

"We believe we've got our man," Moscow Police Department Captain Anthony Dahlinger told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Investigators obtained samples of Kohberger's DNA directly from the suspect after he was arrested, Dahlinger said.

"He's the one that we believe is responsible for all four of the murders," he said.

Bill Thompson, a prosecutor in Latah County, Idaho, said during a press conference Friday that investigators believe Kohberger broke into the University of Idaho students' home near campus "with the intent to commit murder." The bodies of the students — Kaylee Goncalves, Madison Mogen, Xana Kernodle and Ethan Chapin — were found on Nov. 13, several hours after investigators believe they died.

The arrest in the disturbing case brought a sense of relief to the small northern Idaho college town after weeks passed with little information released by police. But it has also raised questions about whether the suspect knew the victims, what he has been doing in the weeks since the killings and how authorities tracked him down in Pennsylvania.

Many of those details will be released after Kohberger makes his first appearance in an Idaho courtroom, Dahlinger said. State law prohibits police from releasing most investigation records while the investigation is underway, and investigators kept many details about the investigation secret to avoid damaging the case, he said.

"I just really hope that everybody out there can understand the 'why' behind us holding a lot of information close to our vest," Dahlinger said. "This is the positive outcome that we were searching for the entire time."

Kohberger's attorney, chief public defender Jason LaBar, said Kohberger is eager to be exonerated and plans to tell a judge in Monroe County, Pennsylvania on Tuesday that he will waive his

extradition hearing so he can be quickly brought to Idaho.

LaBar also cautioned people against passing judgment on the case until a fair trial is held. The case has generated massive amounts of speculation on social media, with would-be sleuths suggesting possible motives and frequently trying to pin the blame for the deaths on various friends and acquaintances of the victims.

"Mr. Kohberger has been accused of very serious crimes, but the American justice system cloaks him in a veil of innocence," LaBar wrote in a prepared statement. "He should be presumed innocent until proven otherwise — not tried in the court of public opinion."

Police are now trying to understand "every aspect" of Kohberger, Dahlinger said. When the arrest was announced, investigators asked that anyone that knows Kohberger call a tip line to share information.

The response was immediate.

"We got 400 phone calls within the first hour after the press conference, which is great," Dahlinger said. "We're trying to build this picture now of him: Who he is, his history, how we got to this event, why this event occurred."

Neighbors of the Kohberger family in Chestnuthill Township, Pennsylvania told The (Scranton) Times-Tribune on Friday they were shocked to see law enforcement vehicles outside the home.

Eileen Cesaretti, who lives across the street, said she loves Kohberger's parents and is fond of their son, who she said helped her and her husband around their house when he was home from school.

"I don't think he's capable of doing something like this. I pray to God he's innocent," Cesaretti said.

Nephi Duff lives next door to Bryan Kohberger at a Washington State University apartment complex for graduate students and families. He told Spokane, Washington-based television station KREM2 that recent crimes like the slayings in Moscow have left him feeling unsafe.

"I don't recall ever seeing him around," Duff said of Kohberger. "I thought I was moving to a safe, small community, but that hasn't been the case recently. I just think if these things are happening right under my nose, how do I protect (my family)?"

BK Norton, a student in the WSU Criminal Justice and Criminology Department, said Friday that they didn't know Kohberger well, but didn't like him.

"We interacted in class, but personally I was not a fan of Bryan because of comments he had made about LGBTQ+ individuals," they said in an email to The Associated Press. "He was a little off, but I always thought it was

because he was awkward and wanted to fit in."

Federal and state investigators are now combing through Kohberger's background, financial records and electronic communications as they work to identify a motive and build the case, a law enforcement official who could not publicly discuss details of the ongoing investigation and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. The investigators are also interviewing people who knew Kohberger, including those at WSU, the official said.

Kohberger is being held without bond in Pennsylvania and will be held without bond in Idaho once he is returned, Thompson, the Latah County prosecutor, said. The affidavit for four charges of first-degree murder in Idaho will remain sealed until he is returned, Thompson said. He is also charged with felony burglary in Idaho. An extradition hearing is scheduled for Tuesday.

The students — Kaylee Goncalves, 21, of Rathdrum, Idaho; Madison Mogen, 21, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Xana Kernodle, 20, of Post Falls, Idaho; and Ethan Chapin, 20, of Conway, Washington — were members of the university's Greek system and close friends. Mogen, Goncalves and Kernodle lived in the three-story rental home with two other roommates. Kernodle and Chapin were dating and he was visiting the house that night.

Autopsies showed all four were likely asleep when they were attacked. Some had defensive wounds and each was stabbed multiple times. There was no sign of sexual assault, police said.

Ben Roberts, a graduate student in the criminology and criminal justice department at WSU, described Kohberger as confident and outgoing, but said it seemed like "he was always looking for a way to fit in."

"I had honestly just pegged him as being super awkward," Roberts said.

Roberts started the program in August — along with Kohberger, he said — and had several courses with him. He described Kohberger as wanting to appear academic.

"One thing he would always do, almost without fail, was find the most complicated way to explain something," he said.

The arrest marked a bittersweet moment for law enforcement officers, Dahlinger said.

"We're very excited by the fact that we were able to locate Mr. Kohberger and bring him into custody, but we all still feel the sadness and the sorry," he said. "We feel horrible for the families and the loss of their loved ones."

Biden's new year pitch focuses on bipartisanship

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**
Associated Press

CHRISTIANSTED, U.S. Virgin Islands — President Joe Biden and top administration officials will open a new year of divided government by fanning out across the country to talk about how the economy is benefiting from his work with Democrats and Republicans.

As part of the pitch, Biden and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell will make a rare joint appearance in McConnell's home state of Kentucky on Wednesday to highlight nearly \$1 trillion in infrastructure spending that lawmakers approved on a bipartisan basis in 2021.

The Democratic president will also be joined by a bipartisan group of elected officials when he visits the Kentucky side of the Cincinnati area, including Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear of Kentucky and Republican Gov. Mike DeWine of Ohio, the White House said.

Biden's bipartisanship blitz was announced two days before Republicans retake control of the House from Democrats on Tuesday following GOP gains in the November elections. The shift ends unified political control of Congress by Democrats and complicates Biden's future legislative agenda. Democrats will remain in charge in the

Senate.

Before he departed Washington for vacation at the end of last year, Biden appealed for less partisanship, saying he hoped everyone will see each other "not as Democrats or Republicans, not as members of 'Team Red' or 'Team Blue,' but as who we really are, fellow Americans."

The president's trip appeared tied to a recent announcement by Kentucky and Ohio that they will receive more than \$1.63 billion in federal grants to help build a new Ohio River bridge near Cincinnati and improve the existing overloaded span there, a heavily used freight route linking the Midwest and the South.

Congestion at the Brent Spence Bridge on Interstates 75 and 71 has for years been a frustrating bottleneck on a key shipping corridor and a symbol of the nation's growing infrastructure needs. Officials say the bridge was built in the 1960s to carry around 80,000 vehicles a day but has seen double that traffic load on its narrow lanes, leading the Federal Highway Administration to declare it functionally obsolete.

The planned project covers about 8 miles (12 kilometers) and includes improvements to the bridge and some connecting roads and construction of

a companion span nearby. Both states coordinated to request funding under the nearly \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure deal signed in 2021 by Biden, who had highlighted the project as the legislation moved through Congress.

McConnell said the companion bridge "will be one of the bill's crowning accomplishments."

DeWine said both states have been discussing the project for almost two decades "and now, we can finally move beyond the talk and get to work."

Officials hope to break ground later this year and complete much of the work by 2029.

Biden's visit could also provide a political boost to Beshear, who is seeking reelection this year in his overwhelmingly Republican state.

In a December 2022 interview with The Associated Press, Beshear gave a mixed review of Biden's job performance. Biden had joined Beshear to tour tornado- and flood-stricken regions of Kentucky last year.

"There are things that I think have been done well, and there are things that I wish would have been done better," Beshear said of Biden.

Other top administration officials will also help promote Biden's economic policies this week.

Chief justice: Judges' safety 'essential' to court system

By **JESSICA GRESKO**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With security threats to Supreme Court justices still fresh memories, Chief Justice John Roberts on Saturday praised programs that protect judges, saying that "we must support judges by ensuring their safety."

Roberts and other conservative Supreme Court justices were the subject of protests, some at their homes, after the May leak of the court's decision that ultimately stripped away constitutional protections for abortion. Justice Samuel Alito has said that the leak made conservative justices "targets for assassination."

And in June, a man carrying a gun, knife and zip ties was arrested near Justice Brett Kavanaugh's house after threatening to kill the justice, whose vote was key to overturning the court's Roe v. Wade decision.

Roberts, writing in an annual year-end report about the federal judiciary, did not specifically mention the abortion decision, but the case and the reaction to it seemed clearly on his mind.

"Judicial opinions speak for themselves, and there is no obligation in our free country to agree with them. Indeed, we judges

frequently dissent — sometimes strongly — from our colleagues' opinions, and we explain why in public writings about the cases before us," Roberts wrote.

Polls following the abortion decision show public trust in the court is at historic lows. And two of Roberts' liberal colleagues who dissented in the abortion case, Justices Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, have said the court needs to be concerned about overturning precedent and appearing political.

After the leak and threat to Kavanaugh, lawmakers passed legislation increasing security protection for the

justices and their families. Separately, in December, lawmakers passed legislation protecting the personal information of federal judges including their addresses.

The law is named for the son of U.S. District Judge Esther Salas, 20-year-old Daniel Anderl, who was killed at the family's New Jersey home by a man who previously had a case before her.

Roberts thanked members of Congress "who are attending to judicial security needs." And he said programs that protect judges are "essential to run a system of courts."

The Bedford County Republican Party

Reorganizational Convention will be held **January 16, 2023**, at the International House of Prayer in Shelbyville. Check-in will start at 6:00 with the convention starting at 6:30.

Any candidate seeking to be Chair will **need** to notify the Contest & Credentials committee of their intent to seek the chairmanship 7 calendar days prior to the reorganization.

This notification may be sent to the following email: bedfordcounty467@gmail.com

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Ashley House, owner of Enchanted Bridal.



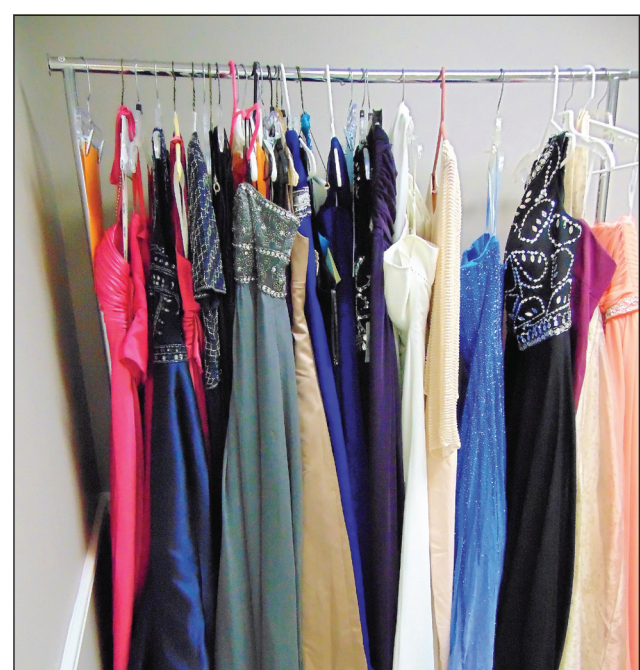
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Bedford County Schools CTE Director and Supervisor of Secondary Education Lori Sexton, left, and communications director Carol Garrette taking in prom dress donations to the PROMise of Hope closet.



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Abby Faith Cheeseman crosses the finish line in the national championship meet, held in San Diego, Calif.

Cheeseman's repeat as state champ is top local sports story of 2022

By **CHRIS SIERS**
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On Saturday, we debuted the first half of our list of the top 2022 local sports headlines. Here are the top three headlines from local athletes and teams in Bedford County:

No. 3

Viqueen softball reaches state tourney

Being paired up against the Forrest Lady Rockets in the same district is no easy draw for any team.

Prior to the 2022 season, the Lady Rockets had won two-straight state titles, reaching back to 2019 and then in 2021, after the 2020 season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But iron sharpens iron and the Community Viqueens made the most of their season, despite several clashes with the Lady Rockets, and forged a historic season that included not only the first-ever berth for the state softball tournament, but also the first-ever win in the big dance.

After falling to Forrest in the Region 4-AA title game, Community made the long trek to Pikeville to face the talented Bledsoe County Lady Warriors.

Entering the Class 2A sectional, Bledsoe County had just one loss—a 5-4 loss to Chattanooga Christian.

With the odds stacked against them, Community put forth perhaps its best effort of the season and knocked off the Bledsoe County (30-2) in a 1-0 thriller to clinch its first-ever state tournament berth.

"We set goals and not always can you go down a list and check off goals that you set. I'm just proud of those girls and their parents and how everyone worked.



T-G Photos by Chris Siers

The Lady Feet hoist the TSSAA state championship trophy after winning their second-straight state title.

It's been a heck of a group," Viqueen coach Cam Farrell said.

All season long, Community relied on the efforts of freshman Taylor Wessner from the pitcher's circle and in the sectional matchup, she twirled a dandy of a gem to keep the Viqueens in the mix.

Bledsoe County managed just four hits off Wessner, but it was some timely hitting and stellar

base running that put the Viqueens through to the big dance.

It wasn't until Abby Murrill connected on a two-out double in the top of the sixth and then was driven home by Zoey Dixon for the game's only run.

"She (Murrill) is just a phenomenal athlete. She wants to work hard. She's a kid who stays late, comes early and always asking for someone to work with her,"

Farrell said.

While qualifying for the state tournament was certainly among the goals for the Viqueens, simply making the state tournament wasn't enough for the Purple and Gold.

Wessner followed up her outstanding showing in the sectional round with a two-hit shutout against Summertown in the first game of the state tournament.

Haley Mitchell provided the offense via a two-run double to open the state tournament with a statement win.

Community suffered its first loss of the tournament to eventual state champion Alcoa, before ending its season with a 7-5 loss to Loretto.

Community turned in a 26-13-1 overall record and returns the bulk of its squad in 2023.

*Original reporting by Chris Siers and Rickey Clardy

No. 2

Webb Lady Feet repeat as state champs

In 2021, the Webb School Lady Feet established
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established themselves as one of the top basketball teams in the state, regardless of division or classification, en route to the first-ever state championship by defeating Providence Christian in the Division II Class A state championship in convincing fashion.

After edging USJ, 48-43, in the semifinals, Webb followed with a dominant 54-38 win over Providence Christian for the first-ever state title.

While programs could feel the pressure of success, Webb thrived after the title in March of 2021 and flourished.

Once again, making it to the state tournament at Tennessee Tech, the Lady Feet dominated Trinity Christian in the semifinals, 64-36 to once again earn a berth in the state championship game.

In 2022, however, the opponent was an all-too-familiar foe in Middle Tennessee Christian.

For the fourth time in a single season, the Lady Feet paired up against Middle Tennessee Christian and completed the season sweep, beating the Lady Cougars, 68-48 to hoist the state championship trophy for the second-straight year.

“This group is different. People don’t understand what practice is every day and what the negative chatter that went on. They’re mentally tough and they battled,” coach Matthew Shewmake said following the championship game.

Against MTCS, Webb saw four players reach double figures, with Bree Robinson posting a game-high 19 points.

Tatianna Stovall added 14, while Angelica Velez and Lauren Rust added 13 and 12, respectively.

After struggling through much of the first half, shooting just 30% from the floor, the Lady Feet caught fire in the second half of the title game and shot 51.1% from the floor to extend its lead.

In the final two quarters, Webb combined for 48 points, while holding MTCS to just 29.

“I know the nerves were running high. We’re just limping through it and we make a little run and then the kid made a nice shot to cut it to one before the half. We were kind of playing cat and mouse with them, just trying to figure out what they’re going to do and what we’re going to do,” Shewmake said.

Eventually, Webb’s depth proved to be too much for MTCS as Robinson and Stovall took control on the offensive end of the court.

“We talked about that every day at practice all through the year that it’s going to be somebody different each night and that’s OK. Today it was



T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy

Taylor Wessner delivers a pitch for the Viqueens. Wessner threw her second consecutive shutout as Community advanced in the TSSAA Class 2A state tournament.

Tatianna and Bree and yesterday it was Bre’aria Cannon and Aallyah (Del Rosario),” Shewmake said.

For her efforts in the tournament, Stovall was named tournament MVP.

Webb finished the 2021-2022 season with a 31-6 overall record.

* Original reporting by Chris Siers

No. 1

Cheeseman wins 2nd straight XC title

Winning a state championship in an individual sport like cross country is one of the hardest feats a student-athlete can accomplish.

There are not teammates to rely on, just you and the course.

But for Webb sophomore Abby Faith Cheeseman, that’s just what she did as she posted the fastest time in the state of any classification for the second-straight season and won the Division II Class A state championship in 17:12.

She bested second-place finisher, Lauren Rutlin of St. George’s by 1:21.

Cheeseman’s title comes after winning the state title as a freshman during the 2021 season as well.

While Cheeseman’s efforts stood out in the overall standings, Webb finished fourth in the team standings.

In 2022, Webb saw a

dramatic improvement in the team standings and improved to a second-place overall finish.

After claiming her second-straight individual title, Cheeseman advanced to the Champs Sports Cross Country regional race, held in Charlotte, N.C., where she finished seventh overall and earned a trip to the national cross country meet, held in San Diego, Calif.

After finishing the state cross country meet in 17:12, Cheeseman finished her run in the national meet just a second off her mark in the state meet to finish fourth nationally in 17:13.

* Original reporting by Chris Siers



Angelica Velez settles in and knocks down a free throw in the fourth quarter.



The Lady Feet fight for positioning after the start of the Div. II Class A state cross country meet at Sanders Ferry.



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The Community Viqueens pose in front of the scoreboard at Bledsoe County after upsetting the 30-1 Lady Warriors to advance to the Class 2A state tournament.

Jags poised to take AFC South crown

By MARK LONG

AP Pro Football Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Doug Pederson’s message to his team following a fourth consecutive victory was simple: keep being you.

The Jacksonville Jaguars have figured out who they are and how to win — key steps for one of the NFL’s youngest teams. The past month has been perhaps the most impressive stretch in franchise history, complete with a resounding victory at Tennessee, an overtime stunner against Dallas and then back-to-back road wins as favorites.

The streak has the Jaguars (8-8) in position for a winner-takes-the AFC South regular-season finale against the skidding Titans (7-9) on Saturday night. A primetime matchup at home against the two-time defending division champs?

It’s the ideal setup for Jacksonville’s potential — maybe pending — coronation.

The Jaguars are 6½-point favorites, according to FanDuel Sportsbook, and no one would be surprised to see the line increase. The Titans have lost six in a row and could be starting third-string quarterback Josh Dobbs against a team poised to end years of futility.

“It’s time, it’s time, it’s time,” Pederson emphasized to his team after a 31-3 romp at Houston that ended a nine-game skid in the series.

“This is what you play for. This is what you coach for. This is what you want for your football team,” Pederson told reporters later. “You want to be in the conversation, and you want to be playing for, for us, the AFC South.

“Listen, we haven’t done anything yet. They’re still the champs until something happens. I felt like and really feel like our guys are in a good place. They’re in a good place mentally, physically. I don’t really have to worry too much about them getting excited for this one.”

Although the pressure will be on the Jaguars, they insist it’s been that way since a five-game losing streak in October dropped them to 2-6. If they beat Tennessee, they would be the fifth team in NFL history to make the playoffs with a five-game winning streak and a five-game losing streak in the same season.

“We’ve been expecting this, and we’re ready for it,” quarterback Trevor Lawrence said. “You can’t freak out and make it bigger than it is. You have to stick to what you know and your process.”

What’s working

Jacksonville’s defense has been at its best the past two weeks. After allowing 227 yards and a field goal to the New York Jets, the Jaguars gave up 277 yards and a field goal to the Texans and stopped Houston four times on fourth down.

They also finished with a combined three takeaways in those games and allowed just 150 yards

rushing.

What needs help

Ball security remains a concern. Thanks to his eighth interception of the season, Lawrence has four turnovers in Jacksonville’s past three games. The Jags are 3-1 this season when not committing a turnover, with the lone loss coming at Kansas City, so they know the importance of protecting the ball.

Stock up

K’Lavon Chaisson, a first-round draft pick in 2020, played a season-high 33 snaps and notched his first sack since Week 5 of the 2021 season. Chaisson is being counted on to replace Dawuane Smoot (Achilles), who landed on injured reserve last week.

Stock down

Pederson and the Jaguars had

hoped to avoid a short week for the finale, especially after a road game and with Tennessee coming off extra rest following a Thursday night game.

One less day means tweaking the schedule and cramming some things together, but it should help that they played the Titans a month ago.

Injured

Pederson pulled many starters in the second half at Houston and reported no injuries. LB Travon Walker (ankle) and DT Foley Fatukasi (ankle) returned after missing last week’s game.

Key number

2 — number of times in franchise history the Jaguars have swept Tennessee. They made the playoffs both previous times, in 1997 and 2005, and likely need to do it again to get back to the post-season for the first time since 2011.



Submitted photo

The Community Viqueens went 2-1 in the Smoky Mountain Classic and took third place with a win over Beech High School in the consolation game.

Viqueens take 3rd in Smoky Mountain Classic

T-G STAFF REPORT

GATLINBURG — A hot start in the consolation game in the Smoky Mountain Classic over the holiday break landed the Viqueens a third-place finish in the tournament as the Purple and Gold took down Beech, 48-43.

Community burst out of

the gates and went for 15 in the opening quarter, with Haley Mitchell piling on six points early.

Four different Viqueens scored in the opening frame, including a trey by Anna Haskins.

Beech rallied in the second quarter and out-scored Community, 10-8, to

cut the Viqueen advantage to 23-17 by halftime.

But in the third, it was M.J. Simmons who took control and was able to finish several shots while drawing contact as part of a 17-point third frame.

Simmons went for seven of her game-high 17 in the period, while

Beech struggled to match the offensive pace with 14 more.

The Lady Buccaneers made it interesting in the fourth quarter by drawing several fouls of their own and cashing in at the free throw line.

As a team, the Lady Bucs knocked down 6-of-9

free throw attempts in the fourth quarter.

Still, Community mustered up just enough offense to preserve the five-point win and secure third place in the tournament.

After a busy week of tournament play in Gatlinburg, the Viqueens return to more familiar

grounds and will face backyard rival Eagleville on Tuesday night.

Community 15 8 17 8 — 48
 Beech 7 10 14 12 — 43
 Community: M.J. Simmons 17, Zoey Dixon 10, Haley Mitchell 10, Anna Haskins 5, Addison Brothers 4, Shelby Cawthon 2.
 Beech: Carson Sisk 12, Bailey Ford 10, Riley Long 9, Lily Dun 5, Kyrah Shaw 3, Loryn O'Neal 2, Kaitlyn Graham 2.
 3-Point goals: Community (3): Dixon, Brothers, Haskins; Beech (3): Sisk 2, Dun.
 Halftime score: Community 23, Beech 17.

(Do)bbs or die for Titans in regular season finale

To say it has been a rollercoaster of a season for the Tennessee Titans would be an understatement.

After starting 0-2, the Titans won seven of their next eight games, which included a five-game win streak to place themselves at the top of the AFC South division.

Then they lost their next six games and their starting quarterback in Ryan Tannehill, who went down with an ankle injury against the Los Angeles Chargers in Week 15.

So, the Titans looked towards their third round draft pick, Malik Willis, in an important divisional game against the Houston Texans.

It was Willis' second start of the season having stepped in for Tannehill in their week nine overtime loss to the Kansas City Chiefs.

The Titans lost to the Texans 19-14 and it was in large part due to the offense's struggles in the second half with Willis throwing two interceptions.

A few days before the game, though, quarterback Joshua Dobbs was signed from the Detroit Lions practice squad to be Willis' backup in the wake of Tannehill being ruled out for the remainder of the season.

Fast-forward to right before the home finale against the Dallas Cowboys on Thursday Night Football and Dobbs was named the starting quarterback.

Some took it as head coach Mike Vrabel resting Willis much like Derrick Henry and some other key players, but others took it as an experiment before they met the Jaguars in Week 18.

Reasons aside, Dobbs made a very good case for himself.

In his first career NFL start after eight days with the Titans, he threw for 232 yards and a touchdown and interception.

Will Carter

Carter's Corner



Obviously his stats weren't mind-blowing, but the Titans offense seemed somewhat together without their centerpiece and with a battered offensive line against one of the premier pass-rushing defenses in the league.

In short, the good outweighed the bad and that's saying a lot for a team at their lowest point in awhile.

But, Vrabel wasn't ready to name a starting quarterback for the finale after the loss.

"He was excited for the opportunity to get his first start," Vrabel said in the postgame press conference. "I thought he did some good things. Certainly he would like a couple throws back, but we'll see where things are in a couple days.

Vrabel also added some insight on Willis and the quarterback position heading into the regular season finale.

"We're excited about having Malik and some of the things he's done," he said.

"He's worked hard, but we're going to see where we're at with the quarterback position for the last game of the season."

The decision is a crucial one as the Titans control their own destiny with a win against the Jaguars solidifying them as the AFC South Champions.

While crucial, it also seems frankly an easy one to make.

On one hand you have a rookie quarterback with two starts under his belt who could potentially be the future at the position, and on the other you have a sixth-year veteran who spent three years under Ben Roethlisberger for the



Photo courtesy of the Tennessee Titans

After joining the Titans eight days prior, Josh Dobbs performed well and threw for 232 yards, a touchdown and an interception.

Pittsburgh Steelers.

Given what Dobbs was working with personnel wise against the Cowboys and with minimal notice, he turned in an impressive performance despite the loss.

He was even self-aware of his mistakes immediately after the game and mentioned Willis being a great resource throughout

the week.

"There's obviously things that I know I can do better, especially situationally. I love how the team fought, and I'm grateful for the opportunity," Dobbs said after the loss to the Cowboys.

"He's (Willis) been great just helping me with procedural things such as

cadence and snap count. He's been a great resource. We have a really good (quarterback) room."

Now imagine what Dobbs could do with a rested Derrick Henry and more experience within the offense to go along with a defense that is getting back important pieces like Jeffrey Simmons on the defensive line.

And the Titans could very well end up using both Dobbs and Willis at some point in the game, but Dobbs should be the one to get the nod for all the marbles.

Vrabel has plenty of time to make the decision as the Titans and Jaguars will be taking the field in Jacksonville on Saturday at 7:15 p.m.

NFC wide open heading into final weekend

By ROB MAADDI
AP Pro Football Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Tom Brady again was at his best when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers needed him most.

The 45-year-old, seven-time Super Bowl champion had one of the best statistical games of his legendary 23-year career in a 30-24 victory over the Carolina Panthers on Sunday that clinched Tampa's second straight NFC South title.

Another old quarterback who also wears No. 12 is one way win away from joining Brady in the playoffs. Aaron Rodgers and Green Bay Packers routed Minnesota 41-17 for their fourth straight win. One more next week at home against Detroit secures a wild-card spot that seemed improbable when the Packers were 4-8.

On a day where the NFC's top

teams struggled, the Buccaneers (8-8) and Packers (8-8) were victorious in must-win games and proved they can't be counted out despite mediocre records.

"Playoffs start a clean slate for everybody," Buccaneers coach Todd Bowles said. "You've got a three-game elimination tournament and it doesn't matter where you are."

Brady rekindled his connection to Mike Evans, hitting the four-time Pro Bowl receiver in stride three times for touchdown passes of 63, 57 and 30 yards. He finished 34 of 45 for 432 yards, tying the fifth-highest output in his career.

"Mike played awesome, like he always does," Brady said. "I love playing out there with him and he's an amazing player. I've missed him too many times this year, so it was nice to connect with him and hopefully we can keep that going. I think we will."

Brady became the first player in league history to complete at least 30 passes in five consecutive games and the first player with at least 30 completions in 10 games within a single season. His completion percentage of 75.6% was his highest in a game with at least 45 pass attempts in his career.

Evans had 10 catches for 207 yards to surpass 1,000 yards receiving for the ninth straight season, extending his own NFL record to begin a career.

"Tom was just dropping dimes," Evans said. "Those were some really, really good balls. One of the best games I've seen Tom play since he has been here. They were falling right in the breadbasket every time. He had an unbelievable game."

Brady has now led the Buccaneers to three comeback wins when trailing by double

digits in the fourth quarter, including two in a row.

With Brady and Evans back in sync and Tampa's defense playing tough, the Buccaneers are a dangerous team in the playoffs.

Same for Rodgers and the Packers.

A ball-hawking defense helped Green Bay dismantle NFC North champion Minnesota. Two-time Pro Bowl cornerback Jaire Alexander and the secondary held star receiver Justin Jefferson to just one catch. Rodgers was efficient, Aaron Jones ran for 111 yards and the defense forced four turnovers, including a pick-6 by Darnell Savage.

Now, after several outcomes around the league went their way over the past few weeks, the Packers just have to beat the Lions (8-8) to get in.

"I know not many people in that locker room and definitely not

many of you people believed we'd be sitting here at 8-8 with control of our own destiny going into Week 18," Rodgers said. "That's pretty special."

Suddenly, the NFC seems wide open after the Philadelphia Eagles (13-3) lost their second straight game without Jalen Hurts, the Vikings (12-4) were blown out and the San Francisco 49ers (12-4) needed overtime to beat Las Vegas after surrendering 500 yards to Jarrett Stidham and the Raiders' offense.

The Eagles would secure the No. 1 seed with a win over the playoff-bound New York Giants (9-6-1), who are locked into the sixth seed. The Dallas Cowboys (12-4) need a win over Washington and Philadelphia to lose to overtake the Eagles.

Anything is possible in the NFL this season.

Purdue tops 1st poll of year

By JOHN MARSHALL
AP Basketball Writer

Purdue solidified its No. 1 ranking in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll following UConn's first loss of the season, while No. 23 Charleston moved into the rankings for the first time in 20 years.

The Boilermakers remained No. 1 for the fourth straight week, receiving all but one first-place vote from a 61-person media panel in the poll released Monday. No. 2 Houston and No. 3 Kansas each moved up a spot, and No. 4 UConn dropped two spots after losing to Xavier, which moved up from No. 22 to No. 18. Arizona rounded out the top five.

Purdue lasted only one week after hitting No. 1 for the first time last season, but it has tightened its grip this season since moving to the top spot on Dec. 12.

The Boilermakers (13-0, 2-0 Big Ten) dominated Florida A&M 82-49 last Thursday in its first game in eight days to join No. 21 New Mexico as the nation's only remaining undefeated Division I teams.

"Competition is going to get harder and teams are going to know what to scout," Purdue's Mason Gillis said. "There are going to be closer games down toward the end. We'll find out who can play under pressure."

UConn (14-1, 3-1 Big East) had been off to its best start since 1998 before losing 83-73 to Xavier, which has won eight straight.

Charleston charting

Charleston put together a solid first season under Pat Kelsey a year ago, winning 17 games. The Cougars almost have matched that already this season to enter the AP Top 25 for the first time since a one-week stint at No. 25 in 2002-03.

Charleston (14-1, 2-0 CAA) lost to then-No. 1 North Carolina in its second game and has since reeled off 13 straight wins. The Cougars outlasted Colonial Athletic Association preseason

favorite Towson 76-74 in overtime on Saturday.

Lobos rising

New Mexico cracked the AP Top 25 for the first time in eight years last week and won both of its games.

The Lobos beat Colorado State 88-69 on Thursday in front of more than 15,000 people, the largest crowd at The Pit in seven years. They then pulled out a 76-75 win at Wyoming on Saturday for their best start since going 17-0 in 1967-68.

Rising/falling

No. 18 Xavier had the largest jump within the poll, climbing four spots after its win over UConn. No. 11 Virginia and No. 12 Miami were the only other teams to climb more than one spot, each moving up two.

No. 19 Baylor had the biggest drop, losing seven places after a 15-point loss to Iowa State, which went from unranked to No. 25. No. 13 Arkansas dropped four spots following a 60-57 loss at LSU.

In and out

No. 20 Missouri is ranked for the first time since 2020-21 after returning from its holiday break to beat Kentucky by 14.

No. 24 Ohio State returned to the poll after a two-week absence following wins over Alabama A&M and Northwestern. No. 25 Iowa State is back after three unranked weeks, thanks to its win over Baylor.

Kentucky is unranked for the first time in two years, dropping out from No. 19 after its loss to Missouri. Mississippi State fell out from No. 21 following a loss to No. 7 Alabama.

North Carolina's return to the poll didn't last long.

The Tar Heels, the preseason No. 1, moved back into the poll at No. 25 last week after a tumultuous start to the season. North Carolina is again outside looking in, dropping out after losing to Pittsburgh.

Duggan vs. Bennett: 2 onetime underdogs fight for CFP title

By DAVID BRANDT
AP Sports Writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — TCU thought so much of Max Duggan at the beginning of the season that he lost his job. Georgia seemed like it spent years trying to give its starting quarterback job to anyone not named Stetson Bennett.

If they gave out five stars for resiliency, these two guys would have been some of the highest-rated recruits in the country.

Now the underdogs-turned-legends at their respective schools will fight it out for the national championship on Jan. 9 in Inglewood, California. No. 3 TCU upset No. 2 Michigan 51-45 and No. 1 Georgia rallied to beat No. 4 Ohio State 42-41 on Saturday in a pair of semifinal games that were among the best the College Football Playoff ever has produced.

The encore awaits. It will be the eighth straight title game with at least one team from the Southeastern Conference. The SEC has won 15 games in the CFP's history while every other conference has combined for 11 wins.

"Now we've got to take care of business," Bennett said. "We've got to prepare. We've got nine days or whatever to play a

really good TCU team."

If anyone expected Duggan or Bennett to give exuberant soundbites following their thrilling semifinal wins, well, that's just not how these guys are wired. The two veterans talk more like 10-year NFL veterans than a couple of college guys.

"I just try to do my job," Bennett said.

Despite the setbacks in their careers, the two Heisman Trophy finalists do their jobs very, very well.

Duggan accounted for four touchdowns in TCU's win over Michigan, throwing for two and running for two more. Bennett threw for 398 yards and three touchdowns in the Bulldogs' win over Ohio State, including a brilliant final drive that resulted in a 10-yard touchdown completion to Adonai Mitchell with 54 seconds remaining.

"I looked around, and there was just a whole bunch of just determined, strong stares from all the dudes," Bennett said. "It gave me confidence, and everybody else had confidence when we went down the field."

Duggan is in his fourth season starting for TCU after coming to the school as a four-star recruit,

but the journey hasn't been without hiccups. The 21-year-old needed heart surgery before his sophomore year and played most of last season with a broken bone in his foot.

When new coach Sonny Dykes and offensive coordinator Garrett Riley initially chose redshirt freshman Chandler Morris as their starting quarterback this summer, Duggan was disappointed in himself. He said he wasn't mad at the new coaches, and he never considered leaving TCU.

"You get over it pretty quickly," Duggan said. "Because there's a season to be played."

Morris got hurt in the opener against Colorado, moving Duggan back into a starting role. He has had by far his most productive season, with 3,546 passing yards, 32 touchdowns and six interceptions. The Horned Frogs won all 12 games in the regular season before falling to Kansas State in the Big 12 championship game.

They still earned a spot in the CFP bracket and as Saturday's win over Michigan proved, they were deserving.

"I think a lot of people were emotional, because you get so close to a league championship," Duggan

said. "And then for us to battle back and kind of avenge that loss and be able to win this one tonight against a great opponent and have the opportunity to go play for a national championship, I think just means so much to the guys up here, the guys in the locker room, our coaching staff, our fans, our university."

As for Bennett, the 25-year-old has never had prototypical size or arm strength, especially for the leader of one of the most talented rosters in the country. The former walk-on who took a detour through junior college has been an unlikely leader of a team packed with blue-chip recruits.

He took hold of the starting job early last season and guided the Bulldogs to their first national championship since 1980. Now he's got a chance for a second title.

No matter what happens on Jan. 9, it's safe to say Duggan and Bennett won't have to pay for a cold beverage in Fort Worth or Athens anytime soon. The two standouts have one more college game remaining.

"We know that we got a bigger one coming up," Duggan said. "And that's the one we really want."

Alabama stars declare for NFL draft

By JOHN ZENOR
AP Sports Writer

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama quarterback Bryce Young and linebacker Will Anderson Jr. are heading to the NFL, where both could contend for the top draft spot.

Young, the 2021 Heisman Trophy winner, and the two-time unanimous All-American Anderson announced their decisions to skip their senior seasons on Monday, two days after leading Alabama to a 45-20 victory over Kansas State in the Sugar Bowl.

Tailback Jahmyr Gibbs also is heading to the NFL and coach Nick Saban said other players could follow. They endeared themselves to Crimson Tide faithful even more by not joining the ranks of bowl opt-outs among NFL prospects. Young passed for 321 yards and five touchdowns in New Orleans.

He and Anderson have both graduated.

"I'm very proud of the way these guys have represented the program, not only the way they played on the field but the kind of character as people," Saban said. "The academic success that they've had.

"I think that's why we're so close because we're kind of the same person. It's super exciting to see a teammate of yours in the same position as you that you know has worked his butt off every day."

Added Young: "I think

"These guys showed tremendous leadership and character to make a decision to play in the Sugar Bowl, which I think impacted the entire team with the example that they set."

Young got a loud ovation from Alabama fans when he was substituted out for backup Jalen Milroe in the fourth quarter, and later got a salute from Kansas State coach Chris Klieman.

"That's what college football is about. I was happy Bryce played," Klieman said after the game. "That was really good for college football and really good for kids to see."

Now, both are expected to be top-five draft picks and contenders for the No. 1 spot in April.

"It is pretty cool, but it just speaks volumes to the type of person Bryce is," Anderson said. "He's a competitor just like me. We have the same mindset, same mentality."

"I think that's why we're so close because we're kind of the same person. It's super exciting to see a teammate of yours in the same position as you that you know has worked his butt off every day."

Added Young: "I think

that really speaks volumes to the program and the players I've been blessed to play with."

Young, who arrived from California as one of the nation's top recruits, started the past two seasons after backing up current New England Patriots starter Mac Jones during a national championship run in 2020.

"Sitting my freshman year was something I hadn't done before," Young said. "It was hard. I'm a competitor. I wanted to play, but it was a blessing in disguise. Being able to learn from Mac and being able to watch that offense, that team, operate and being able to be there for every step of the way, it really helped me."

He finished with 8,356 passing yards and 80 touchdowns against just 12 interceptions. Young passed for 3,328 yards and 32 touchdowns with five interceptions last season, making him the first Alabama quarterback with two 3,000-yard seasons.

Anderson is one of the top pass rushers in Alabama history and is even more decorated than Young. He is only the second two-time Nagurski Trophy winner and he also

won both the Lombardi Award and Lott IMPACT Trophy as a junior.

He finished his three-year career with 34 1/2 sacks and 62 tackles for loss, behind only Hall of Famer Derrick Thomas in school history.

Anderson finished fifth in the 2021 Heisman voting after racking up 17 1/2 sacks and 34 1/2 tackles for loss. He had 10 sacks and 17 tackles for loss this past season.

Gibbs, a Georgia Tech transfer, ran for 926 yards and seven touchdowns and gained 444 yards on a team-leading 44 catches. Anderson thinks any team that drafts Gibbs is "going to get a special guy."

"He's very good, very athletic, can move," he said. "I'm super excited to see what his future is. His cuts are ridiculous. His top-end speed is crazy. Trying to catch him downhill is crazy."

After three years together, Anderson could finally get a chance to actually sack Young in the NFL after having to hold back in practice.

"If I get the opportunity sometime next year, I've got to try to make sure I talk a little smack to him when I do it," he said.

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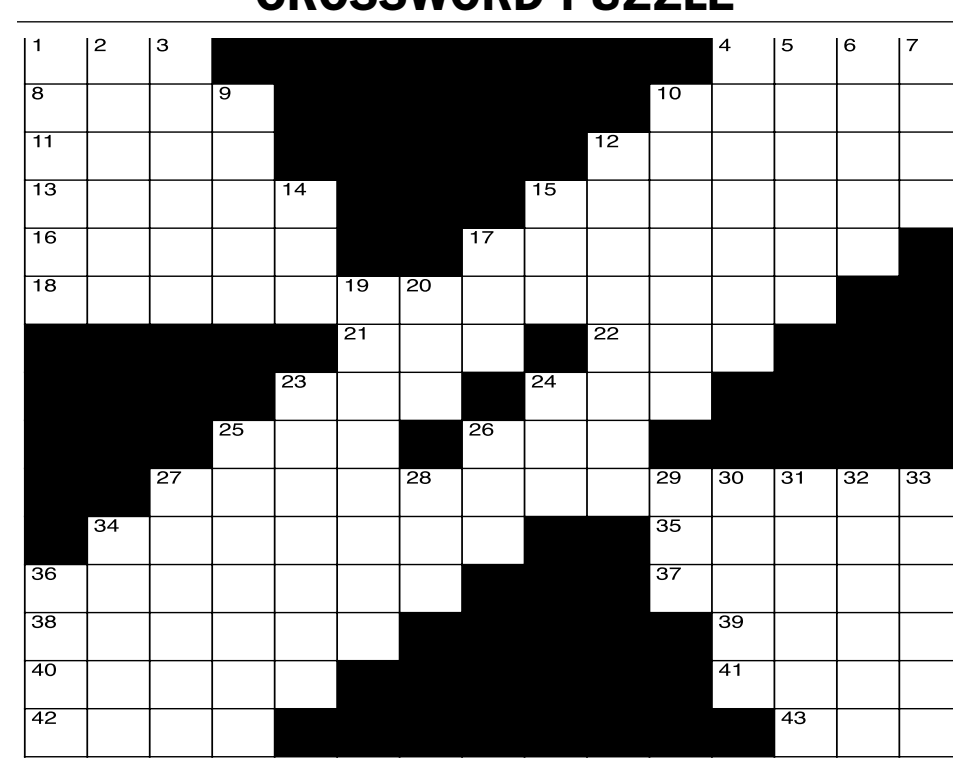
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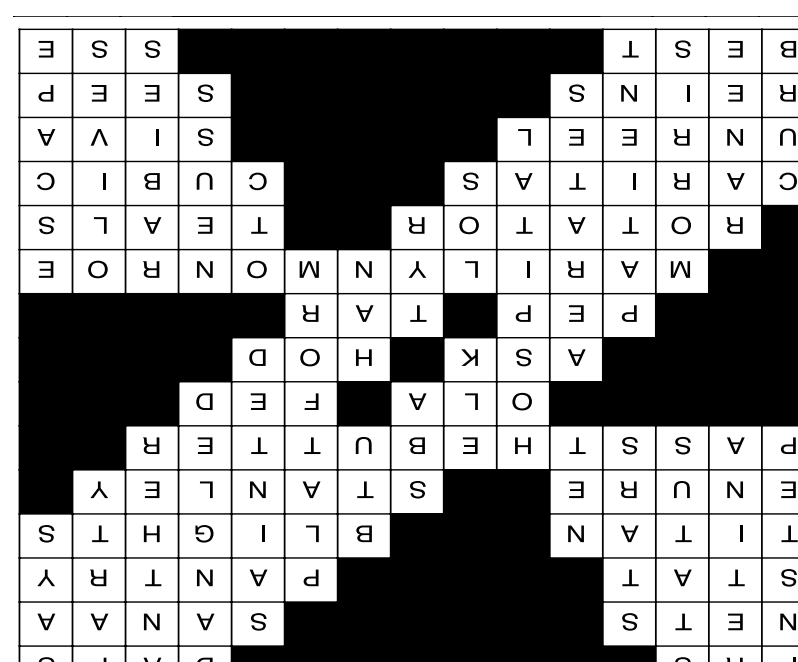
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Tax collector
- 4. Fishes without the line touching water
- 8. Brooklyn hoopsters
- 10. Actress Lathan
- 11. A metric for athletes
- 12. Food storage location
- 13. Colossus
- 15. Desolations
- 16. Accustom to something unpleasant
- 17. ___ Kubrick, filmmaker
- 18. You might ask this at Thanksgiving
- 21. Arkansas city
- 22. Gave food to
- 23. Request
- 24. V-shaped open trough
- 25. Make lively
- 26. It accompanies feather
- 27. Blonde bombshell
- 34. One who revolves
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Charity
- 37. Having the shape of a cube
- 38. Unwind
- 39. Believed by some to be the supreme being
- 40. Checks or guides
- 41. Leak slowly through
- 42. Top-quality
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Part of your foot
- 2. It's at the back of the eyeball
- 3. Where things stand
- 4. Offered
- 5. Contains pollen
- 6. Boisterous get-together
- 7. Asserts out loud
- 9. They're in the sky
- 10. Canonized
- 12. A politician's official stances
- 14. It can catch fish
- 15. British thermal unit
- 17. Helps little firms
- 19. Where patients go for treatment
- 20. Large red deer
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. "Star Wars" hero Solo
- 25. One in a hospital
- 26. Scandinavian god of battle
- 27. Famous cat
- 28. ___ Angeles: City of Angels
- 29. Type of drug (abbr.)
- 30. City along the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Martini ingredients
- 33. Get away
- 34. Rare species of rodent
- 36. Suppress

PUZZLE SOLUTION



ASTROGRAPH

- ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**
Sometimes you have to hold some things in to safeguard others from sticky situations. It can be tricky keeping secrets, but this week it is for the best.
- TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**
Taurus, there are a lot of people in your corner right now who are willing to pitch in when you need help. If you encounter an obstacle, just ask for assistance.
- GEMINI - May 22/June 21**
Gemini, change your schedule or your scenery, especially if you feel like you are in a rut. All it may take is one modification to bring on an entirely new perspective.
- CANCER - Jun 22/July 22**
If a person comes to you needing a friend in the next few days, resist the urge to offer advice. Simply listen and provide companionship. This is all the person needs at the moment.
- LEO - July 23/Aug 23**
Prioritize getting your finances in order, Leo. Make this one New Year's resolution that you maintain; otherwise, you may have financial troubles in the months to come.
- VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**
A few opportunities are coming your way in regard to your career, Virgo. Sort through all of the offers and figure out what works best for your situation.
- LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**
Libra, there is a lot of momentum around you, but for some reason you cannot find your footing. Sooner than later you'll find your path and will be moving along.
- SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**
Take charge of your priorities, Scorpio. It can be easy to get swept away in other people's drama. Make a list of all the things you want to accomplish and start working.
- SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**
Sagittarius, people are expecting much of you this week, especially higher-ups at work. You may need to find the motivation to keep going. The end result will be worth it.
- CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**
Family time is a hot commodity for you right now, Capricorn. Even after the holidays, you have a few other events on the calendar that will bring relatives together.
- AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**
It can be difficult to let things go and trust other people. However, the free time that you'll get will enable you to tackle other items on your to-do list, Aquarius.
- PISCES - Feb 19/March 20**
If you are thinking about going back to school or learning a new skill, this is the time to do it, Pisces. Start shopping around for programs.
- FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**
JANUARY 1
Poppy, Singer (28)
JANUARY 2
Dax Shepard, Actor (48)
JANUARY 3
Florence Pugh, Actress (27)
JANUARY 4
Coco Jones, Actress (25)
JANUARY 5
Bradley Cooper, Actor (48)
JANUARY 6
Kate McKinnon, Comic (39)
JANUARY 7
Nicolas Cage, Actor (59)

TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY 3, 2023

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	The Rookie (TV14) (N)	The Rookie: Feds (N)	Will Trent: "Pilot" (N)	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline				
CBS	FBI: "Second Life" (N)	FBI: International (N)	Most Wanted (N)	Local	(35) Late Show (TV14)	Corden				
NBC	America's Got Talent: All-Stars: "Auditions 1"	New Amsterdam (N)	Local	(35) Late Show (TV14)	Corden	Late Night				
FOX	The Resident (N)	Fantasy Island	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)				
ION	Chicago Fire (TV14)	Chicago Fire (TV14)	Chicago Fire (TV14)	Chicago Fire (TV14)	Chicago Fire (TV14)	Chicago Fire (TV14)				
CABLE	A&E Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Customer	Customer	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor
AMC	Major League (18, PG-13) ★★★	Tom Brangier, Charlie Sheen	Grounding Day (93, PG) ★★★½	Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell						
ANIMAL	Lone Star Law (TV14)	Lone Star Law (TV14)	Lone Star Law (TV14)	Lone Star Law (TV14)	Lone Star Law (TV14)	Lone Star Law (TV14)				
BET	BET Star Cinema	The Oval	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Tyler Perry's The Oval	Tyler Perry's The Oval				
BRAVO	Below Deck Adventure	Below Deck Adventure	Watch What	Below Deck Adventure	Below Deck Adventure	Below Deck Adventure				
CARTOON	Hill	Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Dad	Dad	Rick Morty	Tyson	Aqua Teen	
CMT	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	
COMEDY	The Office (TV14)	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	
DISCOVERY	Bering Sea Gold: "Brawl of Duty" (TV14) (N)	(01) Ice Cold Catch (N)	(01) Ice Cold Catch (N)	(01) Ice Cold Catch (N)	(01) Ice Cold Catch (N)	(01) Ice Cold Catch (N)	Bering Sea Gold	Bering Sea Gold	Bering Sea Gold	
DISNEY	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Big City	Big City	Unsubtable	Sydney	Raven Home	Raven Home
E!	(6:00) TBA	Movie	To Be Announced		El News	El News	El News	El News	El News	
ESPN	College Basketball: LSU vs Kentucky (Live)	NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at Los Angeles Kings (Live)								
ESPN2	(6:00) College Bball	College Basketball: Kansas vs Texas Tech (Live)	College Basketball (Live)	College Basketball (Live)	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)	
FOOD	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)	
FREEFORM	Grown Ups	The Internship (13, PG-13) ★★★½	Vince Vaughn, Owen Wilson	The Proposal (09, PG-13) ★★★	Sandra Bullock					
FX	The Proposal (09, PG-13) ★★★	Sandra Bullock								
HGTV	Ugliest (N)	Ugliest	Fixer to Fabulous (N)	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Fixer to Fabulous	Fixer to Fabulous	Fixer to Fabulous	
HISTORY	Skinwalker (TVPG)	The Secret (TVPG)	Proof: Skinwalk (TVPG)	The Secret (TVPG)	(03) Skinwalker (N, PG)	(03) Skinwalker (N, PG)				
LIFETIME	Surviving R. Kelly	Surviving R. Kelly: "Jane, Verdict" (TV14) (N)	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	
MTV	Teen Mom (N)	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	
NEWSNAT	Cuomo	Dan Abrams Live	Barfield	Cuomo	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live				
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
PARMT	S.W.A.T. (03, PG-13) ★★★½	Samuel L. Jackson, Colin Farrell	The Day After Tomorrow (04, PG-13) ★★★½	Dennis Quaid						
SYFY	Secret Service (15)	(55) Transformers: The Last Knight (17, PG-13) ★★	Mark Wahlberg, Gemma Chan	Shutter						
TBS	Bang	Bang	Bang	Last O.G.	Young	Young	Young	Young	Young	
TCM	The Bride's Play (21, NR)	Beauty's Worth (22, NR)	When Knighthood Was in Flower (22, NR)	Loren & Loren	Loren & Loren	Loren & Loren				
TLC	Little People (TVPG) (N)	Little People (TVPG) (N)	I Am Shauna Rae (N)	Loren & Loren	Loren & Loren	Loren & Loren				
TNT	(15) Suicide Squad (16, PG-13) ★★★	Will Smith, Jared Leto	(45) Justice League (17, PG-13) Ban Affleck, Henry Cavill							
TRAVEL	Paranormal Survivor	Paranormal Survivor	Paranormal Survivor	Paranormal Survivor	Paranormal Survivor	Paranormal Survivor				
TV LAND	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.				
USA	WWE NXT (Live)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D.: "Rage" (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)				
VH1	Black Ink Crew (TV14)	Infamy: When	Black Ink Crew (TV14)	VH1 Family (TV14)	Wayans	Wayans				
PREM	HBO Real Sports	See How They Run (22, PG-13)	We're Here (TVMA)	(45) While We're Young (16, R) ★★★						
MAX	Shiva Baby (21) ★★★	(18) Chef (14, R) Jon Favreau, Sofia Vergara	(13) Mirrors (08, R) ★★★½	Kiefer Sutherland						
SHOW	(6:45) The Holiday (06, PG-13)	Cameron Diaz	George & Tammy	Generation Q (TVMA)	ALL ACCESS	The Best				

WEDNESDAY EVENING JANUARY 4, 2023

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	Celebrity Wheel of (N)	Elementary	Economics	Big Sky (N)	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline			
CBS	Price Is Right (N)	Chicago as Nails: "Welcome To" (TVPG) (N)	Local	(35) Late Show (TV14)	Corden	Late Night				
NBC	Chicago Med (TV14) (N)	Chicago as Nails: "Welcome To" (TVPG) (N)	Chicago P.D. (TV14) (N)	Chicago P.D. (TV14) (N)	Chicago P.D. (TV14) (N)	Chicago P.D. (TV14) (N)				
FOX	Special Forces: World's Toughest Test (N)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)				
ION	Blue Bloods (TV14)	Blue Bloods (TV14)	Blue Bloods (TV14)	Blue Bloods (TV14)	Blue Bloods (TV14)	Blue Bloods (TV14)				
CABLE	A&E Customer	Customer	Customer	Customer	Christmas	Christmas	Customer	Customer	Customer	Customer
AMC	Revenge of the Nerds (84, R)	Robert Carradine	Fast Times at Ridgemont High (82, R) ★★★	Breakfast Club (86)						
ANIMAL	River Monsters (TV14)	River Monsters (TVPG)	River Monsters (TVPG)	River Monsters (TVPG)	River Monsters (TVPG)	River Monsters (TVPG)				
BET	BET Star Cinema	Tyler Perry's The Oval	BET The Encore	Tyler Perry's The Oval	BET The Encore	Tyler Perry's The Oval				
BRAVO	Housewives (TV14)	Housewives (TV14)	Housewives (TV14)	Housewives (TV14)	Housewives (TV14)	Housewives (TV14)				
CARTOON	Reg. Show	Titans	Burgers	Burgers	Dad	Dad	Rick Morty	Tyson	(45) ATHF	
CMT	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	
COMEDY	The Office (TV14)	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	
DISCOVERY	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	
DISNEY	Mo'Nsters (N)	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	
E!	BUNK'D	BUNK'D	Jessie	Jessie	Big City	Big City	Unsubtable	Sydney	Raven Home	Raven Home
ESPN	(6:45) NBA Basketball: Milwaukee vs Toronto	(05) NBA Basketball: Miami vs Los Angeles (Live)								
ESPN2	(6:00) College Bball	College Basketball: Basketball coverage. (Live)	SportsCenter Sports news. (Live)	NFL Live						
FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Kitchen Crash (TV G)	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games				
FREEFORM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office				
FX	Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (18) Chris Pratt	Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (18) Chris Pratt								
HGTV	Ugliest (N)	Ugliest	Property Brothers (N)	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Property Brothers (N)	Property Brothers (N)	Property Brothers (N)	
HISTORY	Forged in Fire (TVPG)	Forged in Fire (TVPG)	Forged in Fire (TVPG)	Forged in Fire (TVPG)	Forged in Fire (TVPG)	Forged in Fire (TVPG)	Forged in Fire (TVPG)	Forged in Fire (TVPG)	Forged in Fire (TVPG)	
LIFETIME	Married at First Sight: "Marry Me in TN" (N)	Married at First Sight	Married at First Sight	Married at First Sight	Married at First Sight	Married at First Sight				
MTV	The Challenge: "Bird Fatti" (N)	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous				
NEWSNAT	Cuomo	Dan Abrams Live	Barfield	Cuomo	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live				
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
PARMT	The Day After Tomorrow (04, PG-13) ★★★½	Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal	Independence Day (96, PG-13) ★★★	Will Smith						
SYFY	Transformers (17) ★★	Twilight (14) ★★	The Twilight Zone: "A Small Town" (TVMA)	The Green Hornet (11, PG-13) ★★	Young	Young				
TBS	Bullitt (68, PG) ★★★	Steve McQueen	(15) High Sierra (41, NR) ★★★½	Isla Lippino	(15) Gun Crazy (50)	(15) Gun Crazy (50)				
TCM	My 600-lb Life: "Robin and Garrett" (TVPG)	1000-lb Best Friends	1000-lb Sisters (TV14)	My 600-lb Life (TV14)	My 600-lb Life (TV14)	My 600-lb Life (TV14)				
TLC	(6:00) NHL Hockey (Live)	NHL Hockey: Tampa Bay Lightning at Minnesota Wild (Live)	NHL Post	Replacemnt						
TRAVEL	Haunted Towns (TV14)	Haunted Towns (TV14)	Haunted Towns (TV14)	Haunted Towns (TV14)	Haunted Towns (TV14)	Haunted Towns (TV14)				
TV LAND	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.				
USA	SVU: "Games" (TV14)	SVU: "Net Worth"	SVU: "Unintended"	SVU: "Something"	SVU: "Something"	SVU: "Something"				
VH1	(6:00) Movie	Movie								
PREM	HBO (6:35) F9 (21, PG-13) ★★★½	Vin Diesel	In Season (50) We're Here (TVMA)	(55) Secret Thing (15)						
MAX	Beyond the Reach (16, R) ★★★	(32) The Forever Purge (21, R) ★★★	(16) Killers (10, PG-13) ★★	Ashton Kutcher						
SHOW	Marathon Man (76, R) ★★★	Dustin Hoffman	(05) Good Will Hunting (98, R) Robin Williams	(15) George & Tammy						

THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 5, 2023

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	Celebrity Jeopardy! (N)	The Parent Test (N)	The Chase (N)	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline				
CBS	Young (N)	So Help Me Todd (N)	CSI: Vegas (TV14) (N)	Local	(35) Late Show (TV14)	Corden				
NBC	Law & Order (TV14) (N)	Law & Order: SVU (N)	Organized Crime (N)	Local	Tonight Show (TV14)	Late Night				
FOX	Hell's Kitchen (TV14)	Welcome to Call Me	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)				
ION	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)				
CABLE	A&E The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TVPG) (N)	Interrogation Ray (N)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)				
AMC	Zombieland (08, PG-13) ★★★½	Woody Harrison	The Fifth Element (97, PG-13) ★★★½	Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman						
ANIMAL	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue				
BET	BET Star Cinema	BET Star Cinema	Movie	Tyler Perry's The Oval	Tyler Perry's The Oval	Tyler Perry's The Oval				
BRAVO	Southern Charm	Southern Charm	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie				
CARTOON	Reg. Show	Reg. Show	Burgers	Burgers	Dad	Dad	Rick Morty	Tyson	Robot	
CMT	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	
COMEDY	The Office (TV14)	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	
DISCOVERY	BattleBots: "ROBOTS, READY!" (TVPG) (N)	(01) BattleBots (TVPG)	BattleBots (TVPG)	BattleBots (TVPG)	BattleBots (TVPG)	BattleBots (TVPG)				
DISNEY	Big City	Big City	Jessie	Jessie	Big City	Big City	Unsubtable	Sydney	Raven Home	Raven Home
E!	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	El News	Honest	Sex & City	Sex & City
ESPN	(6:00) NHL Hockey (Live)	College Basketball: USC vs UCLA (Live)	SportsCenter Sports news. (Live)							
ESPN2	(6:00) College Bball	College Basketball: Basketball coverage. (Live)	SportsCenter Sports news. (Live)	UFC Live						
FOOD	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Restaurant: Impossible	BBQ Brew (TV G)	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	
FREEFORM	The Blind Side (08, PG-13) ★★★½	Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw	The 700 Club (TV G)	The Office	The Office	The Office				
FX	The Waterboy (98, PG-13) ★★★½	Adam Sandler	The Waterboy (98, PG-13) ★★★½	Adam Sandler	Ted (12, R) ★★					
HGTV	Ugliest (N)	Ugliest	My Lottery	My Lottery	Hunters	Hunters	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	
HISTORY	Swamp People (TVPG)	Swamp People (TVPG)	(33) Swamp People (TVPG)	(33) Swamp People (TVPG)						
LIFETIME	The Devil Wears Prada (06, PG-13) ★★	Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway	Harry & Meghan: Escaping the Palace (21)							
MTV	Siesta Key (TVPG) (N)	MTV Cribs	RuPaul's Drag Race (TV14)	RuPaul's Drag Race (TV14)	RuPaul	RuPaul				
NEWSNAT	Cuomo	Dan Abrams Live	Barfield	Cuomo	Dan Abrams Live	Dan Abrams Live				
NICK	Slimetime	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
PARMT	Grease (78, PG) ★★★	John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John	Dirty Dancing (87, PG-13) ★★½	Jennifer Grey						
SYFY	(5:35) Speed (94, R)	(06) The Legend of Tarzan (16, PG-13) Alexander Skarsgård	(35							

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated May 13, 2016, executed by JAMES T. LEWIS conveying certain real property therein described to MIDTOWN TITLE, LLC, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee recorded May 18, 2016, in Deed Book TD856, Page 290; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Nations Lending Corporation, an Ohio Corporation who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **January 24, 2023** at 11:00 AM at the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit: Beginning at

a stake at the intersection of Bridgeview Avenue (also known as Bridge Street) and Knobb Creek Road (also known as Sims Road) and running thence in a Northerly direction with the West margin of said Knobb Creek Road, a distance of 140 feet to a stake, the same being the Northeast corner of this tract and the Southeast corner of Streeter; thence in a Westerly direction with the boundary of Streeter a distance of 110 feet to a stake, the same being the Northwest corner of this tract; thence continuing with the boundary of Streeter in a Southerly direction a distance of 138 feet to a stake located on the North margin of Bridgeview Avenue; thence in an Easterly direction with the North margin of Bridgeview Avenue 60 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel ID: 071D-E-013.00
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **315 BRIDGE STREET EAST, WARTRACE, TN 37183**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.
CURRENT OWNER(S): ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF JAMES T. LEWIS
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.
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 (Dec. 27, 2022 & Jan. 3 & 10, 2023)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated December 22, 2020, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded December 28, 2020, in Book No. TD988, at Page 597, and modified on June 13, 2022, in Book No. 1056, at Page 1 in Office of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Leo Henry Bonin, conveying certain property therein described to Foundation Title & Escrow Series, LLC as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, will, on **February 6, 2023 on or about 3:15 PM, at the Main Entrance of the Bedford County Courthouse 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160**, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder **FOR certified funds** paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

The Land referred to herein below is situated in the County of BEDFORD, State of TENNESSEE, and is described as follows: Beginning at a stake in the west

margin of Cliffside Avenue or Street marking the south corner of property described herein, which stake is located 257.8 feet from Intersection of said west margin of Cliffside with north margin of Randolph; thence along the west margin of Cliffside north 22 deg. 45 min. east 75 feet to a wood hub; thence north 67 deg. 00 min. west 150 feet to a stake; thence south 22 deg. 45 min. west 75 feet to a stake which is 249.8 feet from north margin of Randolph; thence south 67 deg. 00 min. east 150 feet to the point of beginning, same being Lots or Units Nos. 55, 56, and 57, Block "C" of Cliffside Subdivision, Shelbyville, Tennessee, a plat of which is of record in Deed Book 52, page 135, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 310 Cliffside Avenue, Shelbyville, TN 37160

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property:

LEO HENRY BONIN TENANTS OF THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. In the event of inclement weather, the trustee hereby announces that the sale will be postponed and that notices of said postponement for inclement weather will be mailed to interested parties of record. **W & A No. 350733**

DATED December 16, 2022
 WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C.,
 Successor Trustee
 (Dec. 20 & 27, 2022, & Jan. 3, 2023)

NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Note

dated FEBRUARY 26, 2021, and the Deed of Trust of even date, securing said Note recorded MARCH 4, 2021, in Book TD997, at Page 116-127, as Document #21001813 in the Register's office for BEDFORD County, Tennessee, executed by RONNIE L LUKER, conveying the certain property described therein to DAVID MARTTALA, Trustee, for the benefit of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS") AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE, its successors and assigns and to MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C., having been appointed as Successor Trustee by instrument of record APRIL 19, 2022, in the Register's office for BEDFORD County, Tennessee in Book TD1050, at Page 278-280, as Document #22003323.

WHEREAS, the owner and holder of the Note has declared the entire indebtedness due and payable and demanded that the hereinafter described real property be advertised and sold in satisfaction of indebtedness and costs of foreclosure in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE,

notice is hereby given that an agent of Marinosci Law Group, P.C., as Successor Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty and authority vested in and conferred upon said Successor Trustee, by the Deed of Trust, will on February 21, 2023 at 12:00 PM at the front door of the Bedford County Courthouse in Shelbyville, Tennessee offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, and free from all legal, equitable and statutory rights of redemption, exemptions of homestead, rights by virtue of marriage, and all other exemptions of every kind, all of which have been waived in the Deed of Trust, certain real property located in Bedford County, Tennessee, described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land located in the 9th Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, bounded and described as follows:

Being Lot 29, as shown on the map entitled Pepper Hill Estates Subdivision, Section 2, of record in Plat Cabinet B, Envelope 211, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more complete and accurate legal description.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO

RONNIE L LUKER BY WARRANTY DEED RECORDED ON MARCH 4, 2021 IN DEED BOOK 363, PAGE 240, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.
 THE CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:
 ALL MATTERS AS SHOWN ON MAP OR PLAT OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET B, PAGE 211, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.
 RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENTS TO DUCK RIVER ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 232, PAGE 167 AND DEED BOOK 246, PAGE 569, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.
 3. WATERLINE EASEMENTS OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 233, PAGE 567; DEED BOOK 241, PAGE 549; AND DEED BOOK 241, PAGE 551, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.
 4. WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT EASEMENTS TO THE BEDFORD COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 234, PAGE 742 AND DEED BOOK 249, PAGE 854, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

More Commonly Known As: 318 CAYENNE RD, BELL BUCKLE, TN 37020
 Said sale shall be held subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and subject to, but not limited to, the following parties who may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: LIEN SOLUTIONS, RONNIE L LUKER, REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, OCCUPANTS/TENANTS OF 318 CAYENNE RD, BELL BUCKLE, TN 37020.

To the best of the Successor Trustee's knowledge, information, and belief, there are no other Federal or State tax lien claimants or other claimants upon the subject property which would require notice pursuant to the terms and provision of T.C.A. § 35-5-104 or T.C.A. § 67-1-1433 or 26 U.S.C. § 7425.
 The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor

Trustee's option at any time. The Successor Trustee may postpone the above referenced sale from time to time as needed without further publication. The Successor Trustee will announce the postponement on the date and at the time and location of the originally scheduled sale.
 This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be utilized for that purpose.
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