

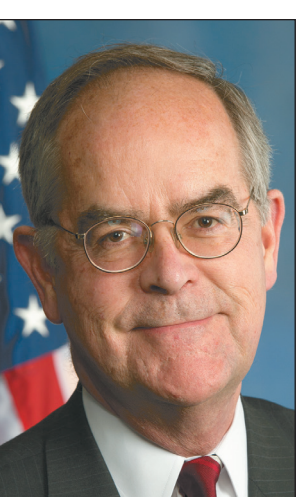
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## Cooper retires

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Greg Van Patten of Middle Tennessee State University addresses audience members' concerns about university student pilot traffic at Shelbyville Airport Authority's meeting Thursday.

# Airport neighbors up in air

## MTSU student flights draw support, complaints

By DAVID MELSON  
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A crowd estimated at 80-100 watched last Thursday as Shelbyville Airport Authority discussed Middle Tennessee State University's proposed lease of portions of Shelbyville Municipal Airport.

Several of those visitors voiced their opinions, pro and con, on MTSU's current student flight training operations and future plans. The university wants to fund expansion of the current facilities, with the possibility of moving its entire aviation program to Shelbyville at some point.

Board members reminded visitors that they only serve as an advisory committee to Shelbyville City Council, which will make the final decision. Bobby Turnbow serves as the city council's representative on the committee.

### Varying views

Jeanette Neese, who said she lives "two fields over" from the airport, complained that planes begin "buzzing" the area around 6-6:30 a.m. and continue until 11 p.m. She said she'd only heard officials talk about the project's economic benefits with little said "about what the rest of the county

thinks." "I spend my money here in Shelbyville and I would like to see more consideration about what the people of the county and the city think about all these airplanes. I don't want it," Neese said.

Neese said she was unable to talk over the telephone on her back porch because of "airplane noise."

"These airplanes buzz my treetops," Neese said. "MTSU is using us...go back to your own county."

Martin Davis, of Benford Road, said he's lived in the flight pattern his entire life "going on 72 years."

"It's not of any major consequence to me, my family, or my livestock. The MTSU planes are much quieter than the local planes."

Davis said MTSU's pilots fly higher than local planes, leading one critic to mutter, "I can see the pilots."

"To me, this is a great opportunity for Bedford County, for MTSU, for Middle Tennessee, and for Tennessee to have the premier aeronautics school in the country right here in our backyard...I think some of your concerns are ridiculous."

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## County rivalry

Sports/1B



## NO BEER HERE, BUDDY



The owner of this property on Church Cross Road makes a strong point about people dumping beer cans and trash. The surrounding land appeared to have been cleaned late last week.

## Diversity workshop for businesses will be held Thursday

By ZOË WATKINS  
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There are many benefits for businesses being a part of the state's Diversity Business Enterprise, or DBE.

According to Kimberly Fox, one of the Diversity Business Liaisons, some 2,174 businesses across the state are certified. However, there are many businesses that are left out.

So, the Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership along with Tennessee's Department of General Services' Central Procurement Office is hosting a workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. on Jan. 12 at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology's facility on Madison Street.

"So that's what we're trying to put together is an opportunity for our local folks to get registered," said Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership CEO Shane Hooper.

### 'Diversity owned'

There are five categories that businesses can be certified in including minority-owned (Hispanic American, Native American, African American, Asian American), women-owned, disabled veteran or active military, disabled person-

owned, and small business.

According to the state's website, a small business means a business that is "a continuing, independent, for-profit business which performs a commercially useful function with residence within this state and has total gross receipts of no more than \$10,000,000 averaged over a three-year period or employs no more than 99 persons on a full-time basis."

Of those 2,174, some 478 are small business, while 780 businesses are minority-owned, 816 are women-owned, 93 are service and disabled veteran-owned, and seven are owned by persons with disabilities.

"Sometimes people think their business is too small or they don't qualify or that it's strictly for minorities or veterans but that's not the case," said Hooper.

### Certification benefits

The certification is free and is valid for three years. Businesses looking to apply should have available a copy of two forms of ID (like a U.S. birth certificate, passport, or driver's license), a copy of

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## Tennis, pickleball courts may be added

By DAVID MELSON  
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Improvements to tennis and pickleball facilities at H.V. Griffin Park are being proposed by Shelbyville Recreation Department as part of the park's master plan.

The city is applying for a grant application for a grant application and Education Fund Grant from the Division of

Recreation Educational Services of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

Pre-application for federal funding is due Feb. 15, Shelbyville City Council members were told at a study session last week.

Cost is estimated at \$1.25 to \$1.5 million, with the city picking

up a share estimated at \$625,000-\$750,000. The city must initially fund the entire project and submit requests for reimbursement.

The request, if granted, will be included in the city's budget for fiscal year 2023-24, Recreation Director Mike Alsup said.

Alsup said he will

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**OBITUARIES**

**Marvin Boyce**

**January 8, 2023**

Funeral services for Marvin Boyce, age 87, of Shelbyville will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2023, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Reverend Jon Bell officiating. Burial will follow at Wheel Cemetery with military honors.

Mr. Boyce passed from this life Sunday, January 8, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family following an extended illness.

Marvin was born on November 30, 1935, in Bedford County he was son of the late James Forest Boyce and Aline Crowell Boyce. He was a member of Shiloh Outreach Church, was a lifelong dairy farmer and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army.

Marvin is survived by: his loving wife of 64 years Jerry Sue Boyce; children, Jennifer (Sam) Trott, Bryan (Angela) Boyce, and Trent Boyce, all of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Belinda (Matt) Bunt of Birmingham, Ala., Jeremy (Rachael) Trott, James Robert (Laura) Trott, Tabitha Paschal, Everette (Nicky) Boyce, all of Shelbyville; great-grandchildren, Hollie and Heidi Boyce, Bryleigh & Fisher Paschal, McCartney, Harrison, and Lucy Trott, Haley and Alaura Bunt, and Caleb Trott; siblings, Jewel Williams, Joe (Linda) Boyce, and Frank (Mamie) Boyce, all of Shelbyville.

Along with his parents Marvin was preceded in death by siblings; M.A. Evans and Billy Boyce.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Shiloh Outreach Church building fund by mail: 3409 Sims Rd., Shelbyville, TN 37160.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.



**Brenda Gayle Gibson**

**January 6, 2023**

Brenda Gayle Gibson, age 75, of Shelbyville, passed from this life early Friday, January 6, 2023, under the care of hospice at her home.

Gayle was born on July 14, 1947, to the late John and Emily Owens Meek. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 51 years, James Gibson.

She was a 1965 graduate of Bell Buckle High School, and in the same year married James. She received a bachelor's degree in science and a master's in art from MTSU. She worked in the mental health field for many years in Bedford and surrounding counties. She didn't prefer cooking but she was a foodie, she loved to try different types of food while dining out. Gayle leaves behind a legacy of love to her family and will be greatly missed by all.

Survivors include: brother, Sam (Annie) Meek of Shelbyville; sisters, Debra K. (Ricky) Dye of Shelbyville and Faye (Cam) Moss of Nashville; a multitude of nephews and nieces; and her fur babies, Ande and Ava Gibson.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 9, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Josh Hand officiating, followed by a private graveside service at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to New Destiny Dog Rescue at www.newdestinydogrescue.org or by mail: 202 E. Highland Ave, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

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



**Pauline Shapro**

**January 5, 2023**

Pauline Shapro, 87, of Allyn, Washington, passed away on Thursday, January 5, 2023.

She was born on July 6, 1935, in Shelbyville, to the late Buford Clifford and Dora Scales. Pauline worked in retail clothing sales and made homes for her family around the United States and overseas.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Robert Shapro of Allyn, Washington; her son Stephen (Vicki) Shapro of Seabeck, Washington; her daughters Sherine (Steven) Knapp of Davis, California, and Debra Shapro (Cheryl Polipnick) of Sauk Centre, Minnesota; her brother, Clyde Clifford of Shelbyville, TN; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service will be held by her family.



**Max D. Todd**

**January 5, 2022**

Max D. Todd, 85, of Chapel Hill died on Thursday, January 5, 2023.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 10, at Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill with Bro. Josh Webb officiating. Interment will follow in Swanson Cemetery in Chapel Hill.

Visitation with the family will be 4-8 p.m. Monday.

**William Louis 'Louie' Staton**

**January 8, 2023**

William Louis "Louie" Staton, age 70, of Shelbyville, passed suddenly from this life Sunday, January 8, 2023, in Shelbyville. Mr. Staton will be cremated and no services will be planned.

Mr. Staton was born in Albany, Kentucky on October 3, 1952, to the late Billy Ray Staton and Sybil Aldridge Stephenson. Before his retirement Louie was a Farrier shoeing horses for many years.

Survivors include: his wife of 39 years, Becky Staton; stepsons, Rex Pena of Ventura, California, Devin (Chelsea) Pena of Nashville; grandchildren, Maliah Pena of Venture, California, and Kora Pena of Nashville; siblings, Jerry (Cheryl) Staton of Rutledge, Sericea Parker of Mt. Juliet, Billie (Tom) Humphrey of Texas, and Sybil Jane Staton of Daytona Beach, Florida.

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

**Workshop**

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business license, business tax identification number or Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), a complete copy of most recent business tax return (2020 or 2021), and an equipment list (that is, items essential to operate your business).

The certification allows them access to any kind of procurement, according to Fox.

She explained that state agencies as well as colleges and universities have a diversity goal, meaning they have a certain amount of money that is to be spent on some kind of diversity business.

Fox said in the fiscal year of 2022, the state of Tennessee contracted \$1.05 billion with certified, diverse-owned businesses. "Those are huge contracts," said Fox. But many businesses are not involved because they may think they have enough clientele, so they're not looking for additional businesses, Fox explained.

Once certified, the state goes in and adds commodity codes that are specific to what they do. For example, a painting business will get notified of any upcoming painting jobs.

Businesses also get one-on-one access to any of the five Diversity Business Liaisons to ask questions about any procurements as well as walking them through the steps of certification.

In Shelbyville, Messer Construction has a prime contract with the new

**Industries that make the most money**

In Tennessee, the industry contributing the most to GDP is manufacturing, real estate and rental and leasing, and health care and social assistance.

Research by business credit card experts Capital on Tap analyzed 26 industries' gross domestic product using data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis to reveal which industries are producing the most money in each state.

Manufacturing in Tennessee's second quarter of 2022 produced \$71.46 billion in GDP. Real estate, rental, and leasing made \$51.48 billion. Health care and social assistance contributed \$41.65 billion in GDP.

Overall, the latest figures show that real estate contributed the largest amount to the United States' gross domestic product, with a total of \$3.1 trillion during the second quarter of 2022.

The GDP for all industries during that period was \$25.2 trillion, which means that real estate accounted for 12% of national output. Manufacturing came in second place, delivering \$2.7 trillion in GDP, which equates to 11% of the country's overall economic performance.

According to recent data, in the third quarter of 2022, the United States manufacturing sector increased output by 1.9%, with over 16 million people employed in this industry across the country. Manufacturing has seen a steady increase since the closures and disruptions during the pandemic and predictions for further growth in 2023 are on the table.

The real estate market was tough to navigate in 2022 with house prices fluctuating and reaching record highs. These are now on the decline, which is promising for buyers in 2023, as well as for the industry.

Damian Brychcy from Capital on Tap said: "For small business owners, GDP is an important indicator of the economy's overall health and potential for growth, and from that perspective, the outlook is generally positive, as national GDP has steadily grown in each consecutive quarter since the start of 2021."

He continued, "I think there is a question as to whether that growth can be maintained in 2023 and that's something small business owners will be following closely."

Tennessee College of Applied Technology facility that's being built on U.S. 231. They, too, have a diversity goal so the state will give notification of any upcoming outreach programs. According to Fox, businesses tend to look for these "big name" contractors to get their foot in the door.

Though Messer is the general contractor for the TCAT project, there are many opportunities for local subcontractors and small businesses, like landscaping, furniture, windows.

"The TCAT building is a government project. So, when they get ready to do their bidding,

there's an opportunity for local vendors, suppliers, contractors to participate," said Hooper.

He said since Messer has a local participation percentage that they would like to meet. Essentially, they wanted the Partnership to round up the local folks. However, that list was not found in one complete spot.

"It opens up a new frontier," said Hooper. "You've got other projects coming along that are government buildings... and I wanted as many of our local bidders and contractors to be involved as possible."

Often businesses don't get registered due to lack

of information and because businesses tend to work in their businesses versus working on their business.

Hooper said, "We have a lot of people around here who work in the construction industry, and we can't forget about them. In other words, this is an attempt to bring them into the fold of economic development and let them participate in the prosperity. We want to include as many people in Bedford as possible in the growth and development."

"We've got a lot of stuff in the pipeline, so it's better to be prepared now."

**Tennis**

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consult with an engineer on a more exact grant request amount.

**Upgrades**

Plans are for eight tennis courts and six pickleball courts. The park currently contains four tennis courts and four pickleball courts.

•Two new lighted tennis

courts will be considered "championship courts" with a shaded courtyard area including bleachers, Alsup said.

•Two lighted pickleball courts.

•The existing tennis courts will be resurfaced, with two containing lines for both tennis and pickleball.

•American Disabilities Act-compliant accessibility improvements planned.

Council member

Marilyn Ewing asked Alsup about American Disabilities Act-compliant restrooms.

Alsup said several existing restrooms are accessible, acknowledging some in the park do not meet those standards.

All current tennis courts are used year-round for recreational play, Alsup said. Shelbyville Central High School's and Harris Middle School's tennis teams consider H.V. Griffin

Park their home court, and Community High School sometimes uses the facilities.

Ewing asked if the recreation department has any other "big-ticket" projects.

Outdated lighting is being replaced at Never Rest Park and possibly at the larger Babe Ruth field at H.V. Griffin Park, Alsup said.

**Airport**

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Mike Gregory, who said he owns properties on Midland Road and Church Cross Road, said regulations should be enforced limiting pilot training time, and 11 p.m. is too late.

"Some residents need to sleep," Gregory said, suggesting a 9:30 p.m. end time.

Gregory isn't opposed in general to the proposals.

"I think this is a good project," Gregory said.

"I'm tired of it," Leah Tierney of Binford Road, said, speaking of noise.

"What they're doing right now is just the tip of the iceberg...This is just being swooped in here under our blind eye. I've had it up to here."

"It doesn't bother me at all," said Jon Clarke, a Midland Road resident who lives "right under the flight path."

"There's not that many planes coming in and out. They don't buzz the trees. They don't bother me. What we need to be concerned with is how much it's going to increase."

Clarke noted the presence of MTSU staff members at the meeting and asked if they could provide numbers.

**MTSU's response**

Greg Van Patten, a dean of MTSU's College of Basic and Applied Sciences of which the aviation department is a part, attempted to answer Clarke's and others'

questions. Van Patten has acted as the main spokesperson for the university since the project was proposed.

The growth of MTSU's flight program has leveled off and training flights "have been distributed around the region" Van Patten said.

Pilots and instructors have to pay fuel costs and focus training on tight areas they're familiar with in order to limit costs, according to Van Patten. They are assigned particular areas and Van Patten said the same process would be followed in Shelbyville.

The increase in flight numbers would be "less than double where you're at right now," Van Patten said, apologizing for not being able to give a more exact number.

An audience member said she'd hired a firm to investigate the number of landings at Murfreesboro's airport and 77 percent were connected with MTSU. Many of those were "touch-and-go" landings by MTSU student pilots, she said.

Van Patten said the university follows a "good neighbor" program in Murfreesboro to prevent "crowding out" non-MTSU air traffic.

**Lease agreements**

MTSU states in the agreement they hope to use portions of the property for aeronautical and non-aeronautical use, such as proposed classroom buildings.

The proposed lease is for 40 years with two 5-year extensions. The university

will have the right to purchase non-aeronautical land based on a soon-to-be-updated airport layout plan. MTSU has mentioned the possibility of constructing classroom and administrative buildings alongside U.S. 231 North on land currently occupied by a farm supply store and the Carrick family's residence.

MTSU would be completely responsible for those structures, which would revert to city ownership if the lease were terminated. The city will be under no obligation to furnish additional utilities, which if added would be paid for by the university.

Board members expressed concern about a portion of the agreement stating in the event of a disaster that destroyed or damaged all or part of MTSU's facilities, it could terminate the lease on a 30-day notice as stated in the agreement's text, or 90 days, as stated verbally in the meeting.

The agreement would also give MTSU the right of first purchase to land adjacent to the airport. University officials mentioned possible construction of hangars for an expanded fleet of airplanes.

Another proposal indicates that approximately 7 acres (304,920 square feet) of currently undeveloped land will be leased to Azure Airport Development SYI, LLC, of Smyrna, and subleased to MTSU. Azure hopes to expand the ramp, improve the existing ramp, install aircraft tie-downs, and build temporary

buildings.

The structures would be used for flight training, additional hangars, and aircraft maintenance and repair. Azure and/or MTSU would be allowed to use a third party to sell aircraft fuel and lubricants to users of the new facilities. The proposal did not specify how the airport's existing fuel supplier would be affected.

Lease terms for hangars in the past have been 20 years with two 5-year extensions, board member Erick Larson said.

Kelly Wilson, in his first meeting as a board member, suggested the leases include the ability to make market adjustments on leases after a certain amount of time.

Several members of the committee said they felt more negotiations and planning, including the involvement of Shelbyville Power, were needed before signing of any agreements.

"The council deserves to hear the board's expertise on aeronautical leases," Larson said. "They're different from regular leases."

They noted nothing in the current proposals mentions compliance with local airport rules and regulations.

One board member asked if it could be stipulated that local contractors be used to construct the campus facilities. City Attorney Ginger Bobo Shofner said such an agreement would be illegal.

**TOURING THE COURTHOUSE**



Members of Volunteer Garden Club were given a tour of the Historic Bedford County Courthouse Friday by county archivist Carol Roberts. Club members viewed details such as the terrazzo map of the county on the first floor, and the renovated second floor courtroom, which serves as a meeting room for Bedford County Board of Commissioners. They also got to visit the courthouse attic, not pictured.

Bedford County Government photo

# Bedford County Board of Education talks TISA

By **ZOË WATKINS**  
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The Bedford County Board of Education discussed the state's new TISA (Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement) funding formula at Thursday night's study session. The new formula is set to begin on July 1.

The goal of the discussion was to go over new definitions as well as surmise how much funding Bedford County qualifies for. Superintendent Tammy Garrett said the \$10 million extra dollars the county is expected to receive with TISA shows "our students have a lot of needs."

That's because the new funding formula is based off of student needs. There are 10 Unique Learning Needs (ULNs) that the state has identified; they are based on dyslexia, special needs, and English language learners.

"This is a totally different funding model. We went from BEP [Better Education Plan] being a resource-based model to this being a student-based model," said Garrett. "TISA is a funding plan, not a spending plan."

Essentially, the more students a school system has who fit into these ULN categories, the more funding the school system receives.

On the surface, some argue, it looks like schools are paid to have students fit into those learning categories. According to Garrett, this was a view many legislators discussed before TISA legislation passed last year.

However, the formula allows for incentives or "outcome bonuses" that encourage student growth. For instance, Garrett said there's a potential to give teachers a monetary bonus with these outcome bonuses if growth goals are met.

Schools will also be heavily "tracked," according to Garrett, while oversight will be much more "intense." And students who are considered dyslexic must have a medical diagnosis, Garrett said.

**Funding per student**

Starting out, each school across the state will automatically receive \$6,860 per student. Students who

meet the requirements from those 10 special learning categories can only fall into four categories max. Based on each category, the student will receive more funding.

For example, a student receiving special education consultation will receive an additional 15% of the \$6,860 for a total of \$7,889. Garrett said the most a student can receive from four categories is around \$20,000.

Because of this immense amount of data required for funding, Garrett said the state recommends school systems hire data analysts. More responsibility would also fall on the EIS (Education Information System) to ensure all the data is keyed in correctly. Garrett said they may have to look into paying those in these positions more.

**What Bedford qualifies for**

According to the funding model, Bedford is considered a "sparse district," meaning there are less than 25 students per square mile.

Bedford also has "concentrated poverty," so the funding provides an additional 5% for Title I school students. Garrett said all of Bedford's schools—except the three high schools, the Cascade schools, and Thomas Magnet—are considered Title I.

The school system will receive these "weighted allocations" for the economically disadvantaged, concentrated poverty, and sparse distribution.

"If you think about our population in Bedford County, it makes sense why we're getting an additional \$10 million," said Assistant Superintendent Tim Harwell.

But there is also a "fast growth stipend," given if the student population grows by at least 1.25% in a year. The system could also receive infrastructure funding if they grow over 2% each year for three consecutive years. According to Garrett, Bedford is on-track to receiving that kind of funding as the school system grows by more than 2% each year.

**Fiscal capacity**

Essentially, the state puts everyone's money together. The state covers

70%, while the school systems across the state cover 30%. That 30% is distributed across the state to where, essentially, the richer school systems (based on TASSR [Tennessee Association for Student Success and Retention]) pay more.

However, this local contribution is based on a system's "fiscal capacity."

That is, Bedford doesn't "have to pay a lot because of our fiscal capacity," said Garrett. "The only thing that would cost us to have to start paying more is if you get richer. If you're per capita incomes starts going up, you're going to be required to pay more."

However, there will be no increase in what Bedford has to pay for the next three to five years, according to Garrett.

Board member Shanna Boyette asked what would happen after that moratorium. Garrett said all they've heard is that it all depends on the fiscal capacity.

**Goals**

This new funding formula, according to Harwell, has three goals: third grade reading retention, readiness, and gap closure.

Schools will also receive more funding to support CTE classes and student completion in courses that are considered "high wage, high demand."

"Our system will get money per student based on how involved they are in the CTE programs and what kind of CTE programs are offered," said Harwell.

Garrett said, "So if you think about the TISA goals when you look at the TISA rules everything is going to relate back to either third grade reading retention, readiness, and gap closure."



**BEDFORD FARM BUREAU RECOGNIZED**



Submitted photo

During the 101st annual meeting of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, Bedford County Farm Bureau was recognized for its accomplishments and successes from the past year. Bedford County President, Matt Ledbetter, was recognized onstage for the county's exemplary advancement and leadership development. Pictured are Ledbetter and Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation President Eric Mayberry.

**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](mailto:bedfordcounty467@gmail.com)  
All other candidates are nominated from the floor.

*Thank You*

To each and every one of you who had a part in the recent ham sale, we offer our heartfelt thank you! Knowing we have the support of this community is encouraging and comforting. Your continued prayers on this journey are priceless, felt and much needed.

**Carol & Billy McGee**

# Cell phones grab all the attention

**Dear Heloise:** After reading "Doesn't Compute" from a previous column, I just couldn't help writing to you for the first time ever. When we visit a couple of our all-time best friends, they often say, "Let's watch some TV after eating dinner." They bring up a station with a good show or movie, and we settle down to watch. Within minutes, I realize I'm watching the program by myself. All I see is the top of their heads looking down.

My friends, including my wife, are intently absorbed with their cell phones -- without even thinking about watching the TV -- for hours on end. Sometimes, I get up and go to another room to read a book, and I don't think they've ever noticed. I cannot possibly even comprehend what content must be on those cell phones to hold their attention so intensely for so long. Yes, I'm quite old, but so are they. -- Mr. Lonely, via email

## SENDING CARDS

**Dear Heloise:** Oh dear, I am dating myself, but I want to share a great tip I got from your mother. When sending cards to people in the hospital, use their home address for the return address, not yours. That way, if they should be sent home sooner than anticipated, they still get the card returned to them! -- Berne Mitton, via email

## DISPOSING OF GREASE

**Dear Heloise:** A reader recently wrote in discussing how grease and other substances can clog sewer systems. I keep a large empty cottage cheese container in my freezer. When I have grease to dispose of, I let it cool a bit and pour it into the cottage cheese container, which



**Hints from Heloise**  
Heloise

I then put back in the freezer. When the container is full, I simply run the sides of it in hot water for a minute to get the grease out before disposing it. -- Deborah Prusik, Laguna Niguel, California

## CLEAN DONATIONS

**Dear Heloise:** Most people like to donate their unwanted items to charity, but in what condition? Would you want a sweet child or anyone to receive something with stains on it? Before I donate anything, I make sure it is clean and remove all the stains that I can.

Did you know that WD-40 removes black marks on the rubber of white tennis shoes? Stuffed animals can be washed with a load of towels and come out looking like new. Thank you so much! -- Judy Martin, via email

## COMMIT TO LOSE WEIGHT

**Dear Heloise:** JoAnn H. from Los Angeles was right that it does take time and commitment to lose weight, but one should never say "no" to that cinnamon roll. When one deprives oneself of a little treat now and then, it increases the cravings. It doesn't hurt to have a small treat once in a while. Been there, done that. -- L.W., via email

## REMOVE STAINS FROM CUPS

**Dear Heloise:** To easily remove coffee or tea stains from cups and pots, scour the areas with a wet S.O.S pad, and then wash as usual. -- Patricia Diaz, Sun City, California

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## TODAY

### County Commission

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

## THURSDAY

### City Council

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

### Prom fashion show

The Bedford County Board of Education, along with Enchanted Bridal Boutique, will be hosting a fashion show event at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at Shelbyville Central High School's auditorium. Admission is \$5. New prom dresses and dresses from their free PROMise of Hope Closet will be featured.

## FRIDAY

### MLK Coffee

Rosenwald Recreation and Community Center and the Shelbyville & Vicinity Club will host an MLK Coffee at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the center, 516 Tillman St.

## SATURDAY

### Food pantry

Scott's Chapel United Methodist Church's Seasoned With a Touch of Salt Food Pantry will be open from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 at the church, 940 Morton St. For more information call 931-684-2297.

## MONDAY

### 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

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### 2023 January

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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.

### Democratic meeting

The Bedford County Democratic Party will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16 at El Mexico, 724 N. Main St.

### 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](mailto:bedfordcounty467@gmail.com). All other candidates are nominated from the floor.

## JAN. 17

### Coaches vs. Cancer

A Coaches vs. Cancer chili supper will be held at Cascade High School from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17. Basketball games will follow at 6:30 p.m.

## 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.

## JAN. 31

### Coaches vs. Cancer

A Coaches vs. Cancer chili supper will be held at Shelbyville Central High School from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31. Basketball games will follow at 6:30 p.m.

## 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 need of Meals on Wheels volunteers to deliver

meals to the homebound of Shelbyville. For more information, call 684-0019 and ask for Amy Wilson.

### Soup kitchen

Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen serves meals from 3:30-5 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.

### 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.

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# SHELBYVILLE TIMES-GAZETTE

## McCarthy's next big task: Win GOP support for House rules

**By HOPE YEN and LISA MASCARO**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After an epic 15-ballot election to become House speaker, Republican Kevin McCarthy faces his next big test in governing a fractious, slim majority: passing a rules package to govern the House.

The drafting and approval of a set of rules is normally a fairly routine legislative affair, but in these times, it's the next showdown for the embattled McCarthy.

To become speaker and win over skeptics, McCarthy had to make concessions to a small group of hard-liners who refused to support his ascension until he yielded to their demands.

Now those promises — or at least some of them — are being put into writing to be voted on when lawmakers return this week for their first votes as the majority party.

On Sunday, at least two moderate Republicans expressed their reservations about supporting the rules package, citing what they described as secret deals and the disproportionate power potentially being

handed out to a group of 20 conservatives.

The concessions included limits on McCarthy's power, such as by allowing a single lawmaker to initiate a vote to remove him as speaker and curtailing government spending, which could include defense cuts. They also give the conservative Freedom Caucus more seats on the committee that decides which legislation reaches the House floor.

They also raise questions about whether McCarthy can garner enough support from Republicans, who hold a 222-212 edge, on a critical vote in the coming months to raise the debt limit, given conservatives' demand that there first be significant spending cuts, over opposition from the White House and a Democratic-controlled Senate.

Rep. Nancy Mace, R-S.C., a strong McCarthy supporter, said she currently is "on the fence" about the proposed rules.

"I like the rules package," Mace said, in reference to what has been released publicly. "What I don't support is a small number of people trying to



AP Photo/Andrew Harnik  
**Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., takes the oath as House Speaker on the House floor at the U.S. Capitol early Saturday.**

get a deal done or deals done for themselves in private, in secret."

She said it will be hard to get anything done in the House if a small band is given a stronger hand compared with the larger number of moderates. "I am concerned that commonsense legislation will not get through to get a vote on the floor," she said.

Rep. Tony Gonzales, R-Texas, said was an outright "no" against the rules package, decrying an "insurgency caucus" that he said would cut defense spending and push

extremist legislation, such as on immigration.

Democrats are expected to be united against the package.

Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, a member of the Freedom Caucus who is expected to lead the House Judiciary Committee, defended the concessions McCarthy made and said he believes the rules package will get enough Republican support to pass. He insisted that the agreements will help ensure broader representation on committees and will curtail unfettered government spending.

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## AG NOTES

By JOHN TEAGUE  
UT/TSU Extension

### AG SALES TAX EXEMPTION

This information was provided by Tennessee Farm Bureau and I modified it for this article. There is a lot of information available in the new Tennessee Tax Manual for Farmers, Nursery Operators, and Timber Harvesters from the Tennessee Department of Revenue. It is available online and can be printed free.

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. Below are hopefully some helpful resources to farmers when looking at the new exemptions.

Agricultural operations mean land, buildings and machinery used in the commercial production of farm products and nursery stock; and activity carried on in connection with the commercial production of farm products and nursery stock.

Farm products means forage and sod crops; grains and feed crops; dairy and dairy products; poultry and poultry products; livestock, including breeding and grazing; fruits; vegetables; flowers; seeds; grasses; forestry products; fish and other aquatic animals used for food; bees; equine; and all other plants and animals that produce food, feed, fiber or fur.

Nursery stock includes trees, shrubs or other plants, or parts of such trees, shrubs, other plants, grown or kept for, or capable of, propagation, distribution or sale on a commercial basis.

Contractors and subcontractors who use property in the performance of a contract with a qualified farmer or nursery operator are subject to sales and use tax on such property. This is the case regardless of whether title to the property is in the name of the contractor, subcontractor, qualified farmer, or nursery operator. Contractors may not use the qualified farmer or nursery operator's tax-exempt status to purchase property tax-exempt.

### WHAT'S THE MARKET?

Drs. Andrew Griffith and Aaron Smith, livestock and crop economists with UT Extension, provided these comments.

Fed cattle traded steady compared to last week on a live basis. Prices on a live basis were mainly \$155 to \$157 while dressed prices were mainly \$246 to \$249. The 5-area weighted average prices through Thursday were \$155.90 live, up \$0.34 compared to last week and \$248.73 dressed, up \$0.92 from a week ago. A year ago, prices were \$135.55 live and \$217.30 dressed.

There is certainly optimism moving into 2023 for calf and feeder cattle prices. The tremendous cow and heifer harvest in 2022 have pulled on beef cow and replacement inventory and should result in a smaller calf crop for 2023, which means there will be fewer animals to meet a strong demand.

An increase in heifer retention in 2023 and 2024 will provide further support to the calf and feeder cattle market. Given the particular situation, cattle producers can also expect harvest cow prices to increase as the demand for lean grinding beef is not disappearing.

Corn, cotton, and wheat were up, and soybeans were mixed for the week. Here are the high points.

March 2023 corn futures closed at \$6.62, up 9 cents since last Friday. For the week, March 2023 corn futures traded between \$6.44 and \$6.67. May 2023 corn futures closed at \$6.65, up 12 cents since last Friday. December 2023 corn futures closed at \$6.01, up 4 cents since last Friday.

January 2023 soybean futures closed at \$14.79, down 1 cent since last Friday. For the week, January 2023 soybean futures traded between \$14.60 and \$14.89. March 2023 soybean futures closed at \$14.84, up 1 cent since last Friday. November 2023 soybean futures closed at \$13.93, up 4 cents since last Friday.

March 2023 wheat futures closed at \$7.76, up 23 cents since last Friday. March 2023 wheat futures traded between \$7.38 and \$7.78 this week. May 2023 wheat futures closed at \$7.82 up 21 cents since last Friday. July 2023 wheat futures closed at \$7.86 up 21 cents since last Friday.

# Rapid temperature changes killing shrubs

If the shrubs in your yard have turned brown, you aren't alone.

According to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, the recent winter freeze caused damage to plant life across the state.

Though not due to solely the cold, the extreme and rapid drop in temperature caused much plant life to die.

According to the department, as the temperature goes down plants draw more water into their roots. This helps keep ice crystals from forming inside the plant cells. But in a flash freeze, plants don't have time to react. The water inside the cells freezes, crystalizes, and begins pushing out (water expands as it freezes) puncturing the cell walls as they go.

So, cell damage leads to tissue damage, and tissue damage leads to plant damage.

Thin barked trees, like crape myrtles and Japanese maples, may also have experienced damage.

It may be too early to tell if the damage is permanent. But Troy Marden, host of Volunteer Gardener on Nashville Public Television, said the key is patience. That is, do not prune. Instead, wait. The full extent won't be known until spring.

Give your plants time, it could take a season or two.



Photo from the Department of Agriculture

# Global food prices in 2022 hit record high

ROME (AP) — Global prices for food commodities like grain and vegetable oils were the highest on record last year even after falling for nine months in a row, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization said, as Russia's war in Ukraine, drought and other factors drove up inflation and worsened hunger worldwide.

The FAO Food Price Index, which tracks monthly changes in the international prices of commonly traded food commodities, dipped by 1.9% in December from a month earlier, the Rome-based organization said Friday. For the whole year, it averaged 143.7 points, more than 14% above the 2021 average, which also saw large increases.

The December decline was

led by a drop in the price of vegetable oils amid shrinking import demand, expectations of increased soy oil production in South America and lower crude oil prices. Grain and meat were also down, while dairy and sugar rose slightly.

"Calmer food commodity prices are welcome after two very volatile years," FAO chief economist Maximo Torero said in a prepared statement. "It is important to remain vigilant and keep a strong focus on mitigating global food insecurity given that world food prices remain at elevated levels, with many staples near record highs, and with prices of rice increasing, and still many risks associated with future supplies."

Last year, the U.N. organization's Food Price Index

hit the highest level since its records began in 1961, according to FAO data.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February exacerbated a food crisis because the two countries were leading global suppliers of wheat, barley, sunflower oil and other products, especially to nations in parts of Africa, the Middle East and Asia that were already struggling with hunger.

With critical Black Sea supplies disrupted, food prices rose to record highs, increasing inflation, poverty and food insecurity in developing nations that rely on imports.

The war also jolted energy markets and fertilizer supplies, both key to food production. That was on top of climate shocks that have fueled starvation in places like the Horn of Africa. Ethiopia,

Somalia and Kenya are badly affected by the worst drought in decades, with the U.N. warning that parts of Somalia are facing famine. Thousands of people have already died.

Prices for wheat and corn reached a record high last year, though they fell in December along with the costs of other grains, the FAO said. It said harvests in the Southern Hemisphere boosted supplies and there was strong competition among exporters.

The organization's Vegetable Oil Price Index hit an all-time high last year, even as it tumbled in December to its lowest level since February 2021. For all of 2022, the FAO Dairy Price Index and Meat Price Index also were the highest since 1990.

# Farms settle suits on using immigrants over Black US workers

By EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS  
Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — Two agriculture businesses in the Mississippi Delta and some Black farm workers have settled the workers' lawsuits over claims the farms hired white laborers from South Africa and paid them more than the local Black employees for the same type of work.

Federal court records show the two lawsuits were settled in December, with terms of the settlements remaining private.

"This particular form of discrimination is a recent manifestation of the age-old problem of exploitation of Black labor in America and particularly in the Delta," Rob McDuff of the Mississippi Center for Justice, one of the workers' attorneys, said in a news release Thursday. "These settlements are an important step and we are going to keep moving forward in an effort to eradicate these abuses throughout the Delta."

Southern Migrant Legal Services and the Mississippi Center for Justice filed one of the lawsuits in September 2021 on behalf of six workers against Pitts Farms Partnership, which grows cotton, soybean

and corn. Two more plaintiffs joined the suit in November 2021.

The groups filed the other lawsuit in April on behalf of five workers against a catfish grower, Harris Russell Farms.

Both farms are in Sunflower County, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) northwest of Jackson.

Court records show U.S. District Judge Debra M. Brown filed the settlement order in the Harris Russell Farms case on Dec. 6, and U.S. Magistrate Judge David A. Sanders signed the settlement order in the Pitts Farms case on Dec. 22.

Amal Bouhabib, a Southern Migrant Legal Services attorney who also represented the workers, said the plaintiffs will be compensated "for the discrimination they suffered at these two farms."

"But many other Delta farms are engaging in these unlawful practices and more suits will be coming against those who do not pay fair wages to the local workers," Bouhabib said.

Tim Threadgill, an attorney for Pitts Farms, said Friday that the business "is glad to have reached a mutual settlement with the plaintiffs in the lawsuit against the farm.

"Pitts Farms denied liability, but litigation is expensive and the farm believed it was in everyone's best interest to settle if the parties could reach mutually agreeable terms, which they did," Threadgill said.

Robert Warrington, an attorney representing Harris Russell Farms, said Friday that he could not comment on the settlement.

The lawsuit against Pitts Farms said the business started bringing in white workers from South Africa in 2014, using a placement firm to hire seasonal labor, and that from 2014 to 2020, the farm did not make the same effort to recruit U.S. workers as it did for immigrant workers.

The H-2A program allows U.S. farmers to hire foreign workers when no U.S. workers are available, but it does not allow farmers to pay American workers less than the foreign workers, Bouhabib said.

Southern Migrant Legal Services and the Mississippi Center for Justice also contacted the U.S. Labor Department, which investigated allegations of wage theft and displacement of U.S. workers. In November, the department announced it

had recovered \$134,532 in unpaid wages for 54 workers at 11 farms in the Mississippi Delta and set fines of \$122,610 against those farms.

Mississippi Center for Justice president and CEO Vangela Wade said the lawsuits and the Labor Department's enforcement "worked in tandem to improve the lives of many of these local farm workers."

"We look forward to continuing this campaign in the Delta and bringing some measure of justice to the workers who have been underpaid and mistreated for many years," Wade said.

Mississippi is a largely rural state with poultry, soybeans, timber, cotton and corn as its top agricultural products.

In August 2019, U.S. immigration agents raided seven chicken processing plants in Mississippi and arrested 680 mostly Latino workers in the largest such operation in at least a decade. Two years after the raid, Mississippi Center for Justice said about 230 people had been deported because of previous immigration orders or other causes, and about 400 were awaiting hearings.



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# Cooper bids farewell after three decades in D.C.

By **SAM STOCKARD**  
Tennessee Lookout

For 32 years, U.S. Rep. Jim Cooper sought to bring “Tennessee common sense” to Congress. But in the end, he saw an insurrection spurred by a president and the undoing of his congressional district by the Republican-controlled state Legislature.

The son of Tennessee Gov. Prentice Cooper and grandson of state House Speaker William Prentice Cooper, he is stepping away from Congress this week after two tours in the U.S. House of Representatives, ending a career in which he was called “the conscience of the House, a lonely voice for civility in this ugly era.”

Cooper, 68, cites former Gov. Lamar Alexander, the late Sen. Howard Baker, former Gov. Phil Bredesen and the late former Gov. Ned McWherter as key leaders in Tennessee.

“That’s the essence of Tennessee politics, and we have strayed so far from that that we’re in danger of ending up in the ditch,” Cooper says.

In 2021, Cooper urged Tennessee lawmakers not to split Davidson County into three districts as they went about the federally-required redistricting. Republicans ignored his request and ultimately drew the 5th Congressional District, as well as the 6th and 7th districts, into a mish-mash of Davidson, suburban and rural counties, giving Republicans a roughly 60% to 40% advantage at the polls.

The result, Cooper says, is that Columbia is now the capital of the 5th Congressional District, and Nashville will be represented by the members of Congress in the Maury County seat, Clarksville and Cookeville for the next decade unless Democrats “get their act together,” he says.

A Belle Meade resident who grew up in Shelbyville while mixing in an Episcopal prep school experience in Massachusetts, Cooper used his experiences to represent both rural and urban constituents.

In contrast, he says Davidson County’s congressmen, Republican Reps. Mark Green, John Rose and Andy Ogles are quickly showing they won’t vote in line with the majority of Metro Nashville residents. None live in Davidson and only Green has said he would open a congressional office in Nashville.

Cooper says the national Republican Party was fond of him, choosing several

times not to challenge him at re-election time because of his moderate outlook.

But even though he would have been pitted against the right-wing firebrand Ogles if he had stayed in the race, Cooper contends he could not have won, simply because the numbers are overwhelmingly Republican. The old 5th included Cheatham and Dickson counties, but the new version takes in part of Davidson, Wilson, Williamson, Maury, Marshall and Lewis counties.

If his old home county of Bedford had been included in the 5th, he would have run again, he says.

Lawmakers “got wind of that,” though, Cooper says, and made sure it was not included in the new 5th. The legislature also put west Wilson County in the district, making it even more partisan Republican, an area where he knew he couldn’t gain support. State Sen. Heidi Campbell ran in his stead but couldn’t get enough support in rural and suburban counties to win.

One of Cooper’s longtime colleagues, former U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon, characterizes the redistricting as “criminal.”

The Murfreesboro Democrat characterizes Cooper as a “low-key star,” a congressman who was “very bright” and one of the most respected members of Congress on both sides of the aisle because of the way he dug into issues.

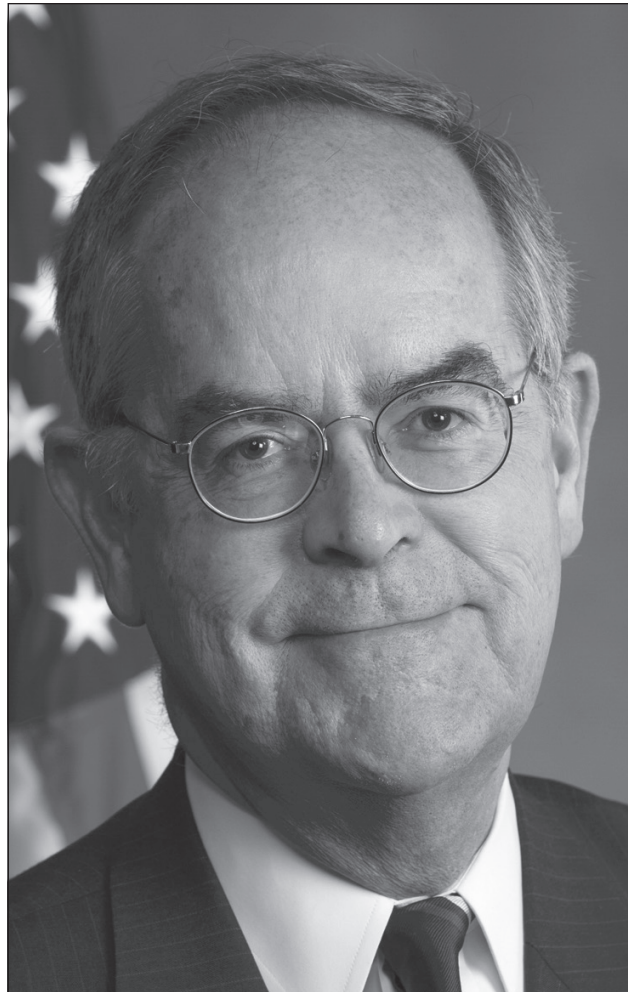
When it became apparent the Space Force was critical to national security, Cooper looked at it in a “serious way,” pushing the program to reality. Cooper also was famous for his intern program, one in which the members — known as “Jimterns” — were given reading assignments.

“He will also be known ... as a pay-as-you-go guy, and he was an early proponent of not having deficit spending,” Gordon says.

## Tennessee turns right

Among Cooper’s last votes as he prepared to step away from the office, he supported a measure to legalize same-sex marriages and maintain legality for interracial marriages. He and Democratic Rep. Steve Cohen of Memphis were the only Tennessee lawmakers to back it.

Cooper points out same-sex marriages and relationships were controversial decades ago but no longer, and he encourages Tennessee to “join the mainstream.” Otherwise, industry



U.S. Rep. Jim Cooper in his official portrait from 2013.

recruitment will prove difficult as companies seek a “diverse and inclusive” workforce, he says.

“I hate to see my colleagues drag their heels in joining the future,” he says.

Cooper is concerned that lack of tolerance could set back the state economically, even with major companies such as Ford Motor Co. deciding to locate an electric truck manufacturing plant and battery facility in rural West Tennessee.

Cooper believes Tennessee strayed from its moderate roots, in part, because of “destabilizing social media.” For instance, he points out, the 2016 Mueller Report found that one of the most popular Tennessee websites was tn\_gop, which was really a Russian computer program that seduced thousands of Tennesseans by repeating racist memes.

“That was sufficiently popular to swing any election in Tennessee. But that shows how vulnerable we were because we didn’t expect an attack from Russia. We didn’t see any bullets getting fired, but it doesn’t have to be that way. Now it’s in your laptop or your phone,” he says.

Cooper is well-versed in cyber attacks. In his second congressional stint from 2003 to 2022, he helped form the Space Force as chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces. In his first stint from 1983 to 1995, he focused on health-care policy and fought for expanded coverage.

A self-admitted “nerd,” Cooper served on more committees than any member of Congress and was among the longest-serving members from Tennessee. He obtained a bachelor’s degree from the University of North Carolina before becoming a prestigious Rhodes Scholar,

then earning a law degree at Harvard. He worked at a Nashville law firm for a short period before running for Congress in 1982. He was only 28 when first elected.

A member of the Blue Dog Coalition, a group of centrist Democrats focused on fiscal responsibility and a strong military, Cooper sounded the bell about America’s shaky financial future, though he believes it can be salvaged. He also voted against House Speaker Nancy Pelosi more than once — mainly because it was politically expedient for both of them.

“Blue Dogs are one of the bravest groups in Congress because we’re one of the few groups willing to buck our party’s leadership,” Cooper says. “Because guess what, neither party is right all the time. That’s not a news flash. Everybody knows it, but so few people are willing to act on their beliefs. My job was not to be a Democrat, my job was to represent the people of Tennessee.”

Shift in Volunteer State On the political front, Tennessee was always considered a “border state,” with moderates such as Baker, Alexander, Sens. Bob Corker and Bill Frist and Gov. Winfield Dunn leading the way. Cooper puts Bredesen and McWherter in that group as well.

Baker, who was immensely popular, fell out of favor because he sided with Democratic President Jimmy Carter on allowing Panama to take control of the Panama Canal, according to Cooper. That would be akin to Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell agreeing with former President Barack Obama on passage of the Affordable Care Act in exchange for not seeking re-election, Cooper says.

Yet Baker, who was known for saying “the other guy might be right,”

became chief of staff for President Ronald Reagan and saved the Reagan presidency, Cooper says.

## How it started

Cooper continues to hold admiration for the Alexanders and the Bakers, even though he handily defeated the late senator’s daughter, Cissy, in his first congressional race for the old 4th District. He says it was drawn for either the late state Rep. Tommy Burnett or Cissy Baker when Democrats and Republicans had “mystery” candidates for the race.

He notes that Cissy Baker hired a Washington firm to run her campaign but made poor strategic decisions. The primary color she chose for signs and stickers was yellow, and she didn’t want to be associated with the Baker name.

Thus, she handed out yellow bumper stickers that said “Cissy,” failing to realize that most people in rural East and Middle Tennessee weren’t going to put a bumper sticker like that on a pickup truck.

“That shows people are out of touch with rural Tennessee,” he says.

The late Fred Thompson, on the other hand, who defeated Cooper in the 1993 U.S. Senate race, rented a pickup and drove across the state campaigning as a folksy candidate for Congress.

“He didn’t even believe in his own campaign enough to (own one). But that worked, that symbolism and also the fact that he’d been in tons of movies playing admirals and senators and presidents. Give Fred credit, he was a genuinely authentic person. He’s from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, a self-made man, larger than life, dated movie stars. Who’s against that? That’s pretty cool,” Cooper says.

## Two congressional careers

During his initial congressional stint, Cooper put together a plan to spread health-care coverage nationwide, minus an employer mandate.

His father had suffered from cancer much of his adult life and died when the younger Cooper was 14. Faced with that harsh reality, he learned how the hospital industry worked and developed an appreciation for health care.

Cooper also understood that Tennessee was a health-care capital, with companies such as the Hospital Corporation of America sprouting in Nashville.

He remains disappointed with Tennessee’s refusal to accept Medicaid expansion, which would enable some 300,000 uninsured and underinsured people to have health-care coverage, calling it a “national tragedy because it is a self-inflicted wound.”

Going back 30 years, though, he also regrets Hillary Clinton’s refusal to accept his bipartisan health-care bill that would have put universal coverage into place 20 years before Obamacare took effect.

“That was one of the greatest lost opportunities in American history,” he says.

Cooper says he tried to give his legislation to Hillary Clinton but she refused to take it because her health advisor wanted to start with a more liberal bill and be “dragged kicking and screaming to the middle.”

Congress also failed to pass the Wyden-Bennett health care plan and, instead, pushed Obamacare to passage, leading to multiple lawsuits.

Cooper argues that each

party too often “invites trouble,” inserting “poison pills” into legislation that the other side of the aisle will dislike.

When Cooper returned to Congress in the early 2000s after a turn teaching at Vanderbilt University and working as an investment banker, Pelosi refused to reappoint him to the health committee but placed him on the intelligence committee, instead.

In 1980, two years before his first term, Cooper says “we nearly lost Tennessee” when a nuclear-tipped ballistic missile blew up in an Arkansas silo after a repairman dropped a wrench into it. The near-disaster, which could have sent a massive nuclear plume into West Tennessee, was kept secret for years.

Thus, his job was largely secret for 20 years, and he became an expert on America’s nuclear weapons, military satellites and ballistic missiles, matters that require perfect execution.

Otherwise, the nation’s security and safety is at risk.

The Space Force was needed, in part, because the Air Force was doing a poor job with military satellites, according to Cooper. He calls it the biggest change in the military since 1947, maybe 1926.

Entrusted with some of the nation’s most important military secrets, Cooper says modern technology, space and cyberspace eliminate the protection oceans and friendly neighbors provided America for centuries.

## The insurrection

Like most members of Congress, Cooper was in his office on Jan. 6, 2020 when a throng of Trump supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol in an effort to stop the certification of Biden’s election. It had never come close to happening in more than three decades, and suddenly protection disappeared as rioters gunned for lawmakers such as Speaker Pelosi and any senators they could find.

“This is stated intent to murder, and that is completely wrong. This hadn’t happened in America since the British burned the Capitol in the War of 1812. That was a war, and this was an insurrection by our own people? And see, these are not bad people.”

Despite their anger and bad intent, Cooper says they were simply misled at the White House rally by Trump and his “worst allies.”

“Anybody can be fooled, but let’s not let them stay fooled,” he says, adding it is important to explain to the public what happened.

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Cooper says his political career is done. You can “put a fork” in him. He’s ready to teach again, finish a book and likely do some banking.

“I’ve won 33 out of 34 elections,” he says. “That’s a pretty good win-loss record. And that’s because of the kindness of Tennessee voters. What they’ve given me is this: They’ve given me the benefit of the doubt, which is the nicest present anybody can ever be given.”



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# Teacher shot by 6-year-old known as devoted to students

By DENISE LAVOIE  
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The Virginia teacher who authorities say was shot by a 6-year-old student is known as a hard-working educator who is devoted to her students and enthusiastic about the profession that runs in her family, according to fellow teachers and city officials.

John Eley III, a former member of the Newport News School Board, identified the first-grade teacher as Abby Zwerner, 25. Zwerner was shot Friday at Richneck Elementary School, authorities said.

Shortly after the shooting, police said Zwerner had life-threatening injuries, but she has improved and was listed in stable condition at a local hospital.

Eley and other city officials met with teachers and the principal at the school Friday and later went to the hospital, where they met with members of Zwerner's family, including several aunts who also are teachers.

"The family was all educators and said she was excited about doing the job," said Eley, who was recently elected to the Newport News City Council.

"The custodians and other teachers spoke about how she's a good teammate, she's a team player, she loves her children, she's just an all-around good teacher."

Cindy Hurst said her granddaughter, 8, is still rattled by the shooting. She was in Zwerner's class last year, and told her grandmother she is a great teacher.

"I just hate that this happened," Hurst told The Virginian-Pilot. "But life as we know it may not ever be the same — I don't know."

Zwerner attended James Madison University, graduating in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies and minors in Elementary Education and Music. She graduated from JMU's College of Education in 2020 with a master's degree in Education.

JMU President Jonathan Alger offered a message of support for Zwerner, her family, friends and fellow teachers, students and their families.

"JMU is prepared to support those impacted by this incident now and in the weeks to come," Alger tweeted Saturday.

Police Chief Steve Drew said the boy shot and wounded the teacher with a handgun in a first-grade classroom. He was later taken into police custody. Drew said the shooting was not accidental and was part of an altercation. No students were injured.

Police have declined to describe what led to the altercation or any other details about what happened in the classroom, citing the ongoing investigation. They have also declined to say how the boy got access to the gun or who owns the weapon.

Virginia law does not allow 6-year-olds to be tried as adults. In addition, a 6-year-old is too young to be committed to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice if found guilty.

A juvenile judge would have authority, though, to revoke a parent's custody and place a child under the purview of the Department of Social Services.

Mayor Phillip Jones would not say where the boy is being held.

"We are ensuring he has all the services that he currently needs right now," Jones said Saturday.

Experts who study gun violence said the shooting represents an extremely rare occurrence of a young child bringing a gun into school and wounding a teacher.

"It's very rare and it's not something the legal system is really designed or positioned to deal with," said researcher David Riedman, founder of a database that tracks U.S. school shootings dating back to 1970.

He said Saturday that he's only aware of three other shootings caused by 6-year-old students in the time period he's studied. Those include the fatal shooting of a fellow student in 2010 in Michigan and shootings that injured other students in 2011 in Texas and 2021 in Mississippi.

Riedman said he only knows of one other instance of a student younger than that causing gunfire at a school, in which a 5-year-old student brought a gun to a Tennessee school in 2013 and accidentally discharged it. No one was injured in that case.

Newport News is a city of about 185,000 people in southeastern Virginia known for its shipyard, which builds the nation's aircraft carriers and other U.S. Navy vessels.

Richneck has about 550 students in kindergarten through fifth grade, according to the Virginia Department of Education's website. Jones said there will be no classes at the school Monday and Tuesday.

# Grammy winner accused of assault, kidnapping fatally shot

NASHVILLE (AP) — A Grammy-winning sound engineer accused of kidnapping and threatening his wife and stepdaughter at gunpoint in Tennessee was fatally shot by police, authorities said.

A Metro Nashville Police officer killed Mark Capps, 54, during an encounter Thursday at the man's home in the Hermitage neighborhood, agency spokesman Don Aaron said. Officers had gone to the home to arrest Capps on warrants charging him with two counts each of aggravated assault and aggravated kidnapping, Aaron said.

His 60-year-old wife and 23-year-old stepdaughter told police he had held them in the home at gunpoint early Thursday, police said.

"The victims said that Capps awakened them at 3 a.m., gathered them in the living room at gunpoint and refused to allow them to leave," Aaron said. They told police he repeatedly threatened to kill them if they tried to call anyone, but they were able to escape when he fell asleep. They went to police and arrest warrants were issued in the afternoon, Aaron said.

When three SWAT officers went to the home arrest Capps, he opened the front door armed with a pistol and Officer Kendall Coon yelled at him to show his hands, Aaron said.

"Officer Coon deemed that Capps' movements posed an immediate, imminent threat and fired," Aaron said. Capps died at the scene.

Video of the shooting appears to show the door of the home opening and an officer can be heard yelling "Show me your hands" before firing seconds later.

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation will investigate the shooting. The Nashville Police Department will conduct an administrative review of the tactics and interactions used to determine whether they meet departmental standards.

Capps' website says he is a multi-platinum Grammy award-winning Engineer/Mixer/Producer. He won four Grammys for his work on polka albums and his website lists several other albums on which he's done mixing and engineering work.

# Intoxicated man repeatedly calls 911

T-G STAFF REPORT

Nine calls to 911 within an hour landed a Shelbyville man in jail Saturday night.

Officers found Domingo Ahualeip, 29, listed as "homeless," in the driveway of a Union Street home where the calls were reportedly originating. They were investigating a report of a man walking in the street and appearing to be intoxicated.

Ahualeip admitted consuming three beers and calling 911 but never told officers why. He was charged with misuse of 911 and public intoxication and held on \$2,500 bond.

## Theft

A 100-foot-long sewer tape rented from Christopher Equipment, Madison Street, was reported stolen Friday after not having been returned by a deadline of last Oct. 3.

## Jail intake

•Domingo Ahualeip, 29, homeless; misuse of 911, public intoxication; \$2,500 bond

•Christopher Michael Conner, 28, East Depot Street; stalking; \$7,500 bond

•Amanda Jean Da Casta, 47, Raven Court; driving on a revoked license; released, no bond

•Chad Richard Dubbs, 40, Campground Road, Bell Buckle; capias (two counts), failure to appear (two counts), violation of order of protection; no bond

•Heath Ryan Dugger, 33, Elizabeth Street; driving on a revoked license, financial responsibility, light law; released, \$1,000 bond

•Harold Gene Edwards, 36, Fair oak Street; public intoxication, violation of probation; released, \$3,000 bond

•Brandon Keith Floyd, 32, Campground Road, Bell Buckle; driving on a revoked license, DUI, leaving the scene of an accident, resisting arrest by an officer; \$20,500 bond

•James Lee Foy, 39, Regent Drive; driving on a revoked license, DUI, no proof of insurance, speeding, violation of implied consent; released, \$3,500 bond

•Fidencio Garcia Lajuj, 33, Cedar Street; financial responsibility, no driver's license/ exhibited on demand, speeding; released, \$1,000 bond

•Elmer Gonzales Cabrera, 21, Industrial Parkway; driving on a suspended license, traffic control device (stop sign); released, no bond

•Jose Alberto Jimenez, 32, Georgia; license required, light law; released, \$1,500 bond

•Bobby Joe McCullough, 38, homeless; violation of order of protection; \$5,000 bond

•Vincent McDowell, 28, Smyrna; driving on a revoked license, no proof of insurance, speeding, unlawful possession of a weapon; released, \$8,500 bond

•Taylor David Mooneyham, 30,

Perfection Drive; violation of probation; \$2,500 bond

•Jordan Carl Newsom, 21, Deery Street; violation of probation (two counts); released, \$1,500 bond

•Carlos Ramos Ordonez, 19, Sherwood Drive; no driver's license/ exhibited on demand, speeding; released, no bond

•Sadie Killian Parsons, 43, Nashville; possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule 2 drug, possession of schedule 4 drug; released, \$63,500 bond

•David Bruce Phillips, 76, Estill Springs; domestic assault (simple); released, \$2,500 bond

•Candelaria Ramos Ordonez, 26, King Arthur Court; child abuse/ neglect/endangerment (two counts); \$20,000 bond

•Mariano Gutierrez Sanchez, 48, Fay Creek Road, Wartrace; DUI, failure to maintain lane, no driver's license/ exhibited on demand; no proof of insurance; \$2,000 bond

•Adir Shalev, 33, Henderson; possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule 4 drug, possession of schedule 2 drug, speeding; released, \$9,500 bond

•Ricardo Gregory Stewart, 23, Stone Field Circle; failure to appear; no bond

•Ronald David White, Jr., 33, Horse Mountain Road; driver's license violations (two counts), driving on a suspended license, DUI, open container law, speeding; released, \$4,000 bond

# Brazil cracks down post-riot and vows to protect democracy

By DAVID BILLER  
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO

— Brazilian authorities vowed Monday to protect democracy and punish thousands of supporters of ex-President Jair Bolsonaro who stormed and trashed the nation's highest seats of power in chaos with striking similarities to the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

The protesters swarmed into Congress, the Supreme Court and presidential palace on Sunday. Many have said they want the Brazilian army to restore the far-right Bolsonaro to power and oust the newly inaugurated leftist Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

Police broke down a pro-Bolsonaro encampment outside a military building Monday and detained some 1,200 people there, the justice ministry's press office told The Associated Press.

Lula and the heads of the Supreme Court, Senate and Lower House also signed a letter Monday denouncing acts of terrorism and vandalism and saying they were taking legal measures.

Justice Minister Flávio Dino told reporters police have begun tracking those who paid for the buses that transported protesters to the capital. At the news conference late Sunday, Brazil's minister of institutional relations said the buildings would be inspected for evidence including fingerprints and images to hold people to account, and that the rioters apparently intended to spark similar uprest nationwide.

"They will not succeed in destroying Brazilian democracy. We need to say that fully, with all firmness and conviction," Dino said. "We will not accept the path of criminality to carry out political fights in Brazil. A criminal is treated like a criminal."

Rioters donning the green and yellow of the national flag on Sunday broke windows, toppled furniture, hurled computers and printers to the ground. They punctured a massive Emiliano Di Cavalcanti painting at the presidential palace in seven places and completely destroyed other works of art. They overturned the U-shaped table at which Supreme Court justices convene, ripped a door off one justice's office and vandalized an iconic statue outside the court.

The monumental buildings' interiors were left in states of ruin.

Monday's arrests came in addition to the 300 held Sunday while caught in the act.

But police were noticeably slow to react - even after the arrival of more than 100 buses - leading many to ponder whether authorities had either simply ignored numerous warnings, underestimated the protesters' strength, or been somehow complicit.

Public prosecutors in the capital said local security forces had at very least been negligent. A supreme court justice temporarily suspended the regional governor. Another justice blamed authorities for not swiftly cracking down on budding neofascism in Brazil.

After his Oct. 30 electoral defeat, Bolsonaro, who has gone to Florida, has been stoking belief among his hardcore supporters that the electronic voting system was prone to fraud — though he never presented any evidence. His lawmaker son Eduardo Bolsonaro held several meetings with former U.S. President Donald Trump, Trump's longtime ally Steve Bannon and his senior campaign adviser, Jason Miller.

Results from Brazil's election — the closest in over three decades — were quickly recognized by politicians across the spectrum, including some Bolsonaro allies, as well as dozens of governments. And Bolsonaro surprised nearly everyone by promptly fading from view. He neither conceded defeat nor emphatically cried fraud, though he and his party submitted a request to nullify millions of votes that was swiftly dismissed.

Brazilians have used electronic voting since 1996 that security experts consider less secure than hand-marked paper ballots because they leave no auditable paper trail. Brazil's system is, however, closely scrutinized and domestic authorities and international observers have never found evidence of it being exploited to commit fraud.

Still, Bolsonaro's supporters refused to accept the results. They blocked roads and have remained camped outside military buildings, urging the armed forces to intervene.

Dino, the justice minister, referred to the encampments as incubators of terrorism. Protests were overwhelmingly peaceful, but isolated threats — including a bomb found on a fuel truck headed to Brasilia's airport — prompted security concerns.

Two days before Lula's Jan. 1 inauguration, Bolsonaro flew to the U.S. and took up temporary residence in Orlando. Many Brazilians expressed relief that, while he declined to participate in the transition of power, his absence allowed it to occur without incident.

Or so it had been, until Sunday's havoc.

"Bolsonarism mimics the same strategies as Trumpism. Our Jan. 8 — an unprecedented manifestation in Brazilian politics — is clearly copied from Jan. 6 in the Capitol," said Paulo Calmon, a political science professor at the University of Brasilia. "Today's sad episodes represent yet another attempt to destabilize democracy and demonstrate that the authoritarian, populist radicalism of Brazil's extreme right remains active under the command of former President Bolsonaro, the 'Trump of Latin America.'"

U.S. President Joe Biden, Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau jointly said Monday that "Canada, Mexico, and the United States condemn the January 8 attacks on Brazil's democracy and on the peaceful transfer of power. We stand with Brazil as it safeguards its democratic institutions."

Analysts told the AP that the upheaval could yield greater political support for Lula and his stated mission to pacify the polarized country, with many right-wing citizens and politicians repulsed by Sunday's scenes and eager to distance themselves from far-right radicalism. The leader of Bolsonaro's own party called the uprising "an embarrassment."

"This may have been the beginning of the end. The political system will want to isolate that radical movement and move away from it," said Mario Sérgio Lima, political analyst at Medley Advisors. "I think what we will see now is the right trying to create new alternatives and new leaders, and the center distancing itself."

In a news conference from Sao Paulo state, Lula read a freshly signed decree for the federal government to assume control of security in the federal district. He said that the so-called "fascist fanatics," as well as those who financed their activities, must be punished, and also accused Bolsonaro of encouraging their uprising.

Bolsonaro repudiated the president's accusation late Sunday. Writing on Twitter, he said peaceful protest is part of democracy, but vandalism and invasion of public buildings are "exceptions to the rule."

Unlike the 2021 attack in the U.S., few officials would have been working in the top government buildings on a Sunday. And videos showed limited presence of the capital's military police.

One video showed a group of protesters easily pushing through a police barricade, with only a few officers using pepper spray. Another showed officers standing by as protesters stormed the Congress, including one using his phone to record what was happening.

"This was a gross error by the federal district's government. It was a tragedy foretold," said Thiago de Aragão, director of strategy at Brasilia-based political consultancy Arko Advice. "Everyone knew they (the protesters) were coming to Brasilia. The expectation was that the federal district's government was going to mount a response to protect the capital. They didn't do any of that."

Lula said at his news conference there was "incompetence or bad faith" on the part of police, and he promised some would be punished.

Federal District Gov. Ibaneis Rocha confirmed on Twitter he had fired the capital city's head of public security, Anderson Torres — hours before a Supreme Court justice suspended the governor from office, alleging "intentional omission."

"Two years since Jan. 6, Trump's legacy continues to poison our hemisphere," U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez, who chairs the Senate's foreign relations committee, tweeted, adding that he blamed Bolsonaro for inciting the acts. "Protecting democracy & holding malign actors to account is essential."

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## SUNSET OVER BEDFORD COUNTY

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The historic church at Church Cross Road and Coop Road near Bell Buckle is silhouetted in the setting sun as night nears in Bedford County.

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## Viqueens ride hot start, win 7-AA opener

By **WILL CARTER**  
Sports Writer

**BELL BUCKLE** — It didn't take long for the Community Viqueens to get hot from three-point land against the Cascade Lady Champions on Friday night and they stayed hot throughout the contest on their way to a 68-41 district win.

The Viqueens (13-4, 1-0) opened the cross-county rivalry with a three pointer on their first offensive possession and a layup after stealing Cascade's (1-13, 0-1) inbound pass which led to a 8-0 run over the first two minutes.

Community knocked down five of its 11 three-pointers in the first frame, with Haley Mitchell leading the way with three of her own.

"Everyone was pretty motivated to come out and play the first district game of the year," Viqueens head coach Cody Pierce said. "We've been shooting well recently, and we came out tonight with a hot start shooting."

After Sophie Ray stopped the run with two free throws for the Lady Champions, the Viqueens went on a 9-0 run to take a 17-2 lead midway through the quarter.

Community went 4-for-4 from behind the arc before their first miss came with three minutes and 49 seconds left in the frame.

But the Lady Champions were able to stop the bleeding by closing out the quarter on a 6-1 run behind Ray's six first quarter points.

Community turned up their intensity defensively in the second quarter as they held the Lady Champions scoreless until the one minute and 11 second-mark of the frame.

M.J. Simmons and Zoey Dixon combined for 12 of their 17 points in the quarter to help their squad to a 35-13 advantage at the half.

Cascade opened the second half with a few three-pointers of their own as Kaydence Miller and Kaegan Young were able to find some open shots and knock them down.

The duo combined for 11 of their 15 total points for their highest scoring



**M.J. Simmons is fouled on her way to the basket against the Lady Champions. She accounted for 18 points.**

quarter of the game, and Cascade head coach Janie Demonbreum attributed that success to a more patient offense.

"We slowed down and started to move the ball around after halftime," she said. "Kaydence stepped up. Every time she caught it she was confident."

"I told her that if she would have shot like she did in the third quarter at the start of the game, then

it would have been a lot closer."

But the Viqueens matched that and then some for their highest scoring quarter with 23 points while adding four more three-pointers to their total.

Mitchell and Addison Brothers both knocked down two each.

"We're an inside out team, so a lot of teams try to take away our posts, and that leaves our guards

open to shoot some threes," Pierce said.

"It's a good night when they go in."

Cascade won the fourth quarter with Miller and Ray combining for all 13 points in the final frame while holding the Community to 10.

Mitchell and Simmons both notched 18 points for the game's high with Brothers close behind at 16. Demonbreum gave credit

to Mitchell and Simmons for their big nights, and was proud of how her team competed despite the loss.

"Haley Mitchell shot the lights out tonight, and there's not much you can do to stop that," she said. "Kudos to her for having a good night, and MJ Simmons is just a phenomenal player."

"I don't think that we've competed like that in any other game. They could quit

when we get down, but they just keep playing."

Both squads were scheduled to return to action Tuesday night with the Lady Champions traveling to Eagleville and the Viqueens hosting Cannon County.

Community 18 17 23 10 — 68  
Cascade 8 5 15 13 — 41  
Comm.: Haley Mitchell 18, MJ Simmons 18, Addison Brothers 16, Zoey Dixon 11, Shelby Cawthorn 8  
Cascade: Sophie Ray 15, Kaydence Miller 12, Kaegan Young 12, Isabella Rhodes 2.  
3-point goals: Comm.: Mitchell 6, Brothers 3, Dixon, Simmons.; Cascade: Miller 4, Young 2.  
Halftime score: Community 35, Cascade 13.



**Addison Brothers fires up and knocks down a three-pointer in the third quarter Friday night.**



**Kaydence Miller lines up a three-point attempt in the third quarter Friday night. She totaled 12 points for Cascade.**

T-G Photos by Will Carter

# Davis, Gentry lead Champs in district opener

By **WILL CARTER**  
Sports Writer

**BELLBUCKLE** — With huge opening and closing quarters, the Cascade Champions were able to narrowly win the quarter behind Davis' 10 points.

possessions when we have a good lead."

The third quarter was a tight-knit affair throughout, but the Champions were able to narrowly win the quarter behind Davis' 10 points.

He accounted for all but two of Cascade's third quarter points.

"They took Lucas Clanton away with how they were playing defense, so some other guys had to step up," Lawson said. "Credit to Jackson Davis and Thomas Gentry for stepping up again on the offensive end."

Clanton has been Cascade's leading scorer for the majority of their games, but the Vikings came in with a structured game plan to limit his production and they were able to hold him scoreless until the second half and to a total of six points on the night.

Despite the pressure from Community throughout the contest, the Champions were able to find another gear in the final frame as they notched 27 points to close out the game.

Davis and Gentry combined for 13 points in the quarter.

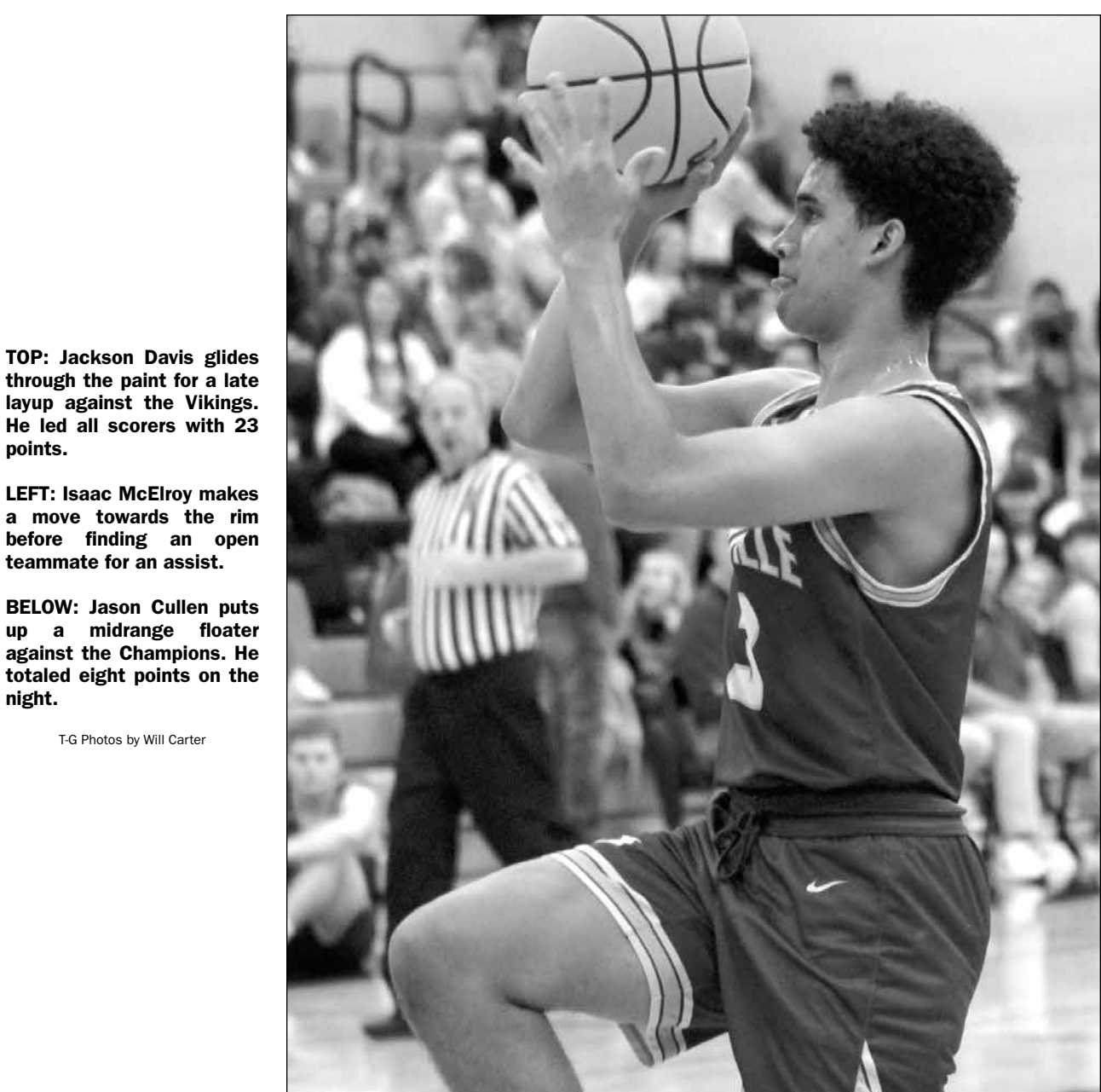
"We just outlasted them to close out the game," Lawson said. "We pressured the ball a little bit to make them make quick decisions, and we got good shots and got to the free throw line a good bit."

Community had their best quarter to close out the game as well as they notched 17 total points in the quarter behind Cole Crockett's 9 points.

Crockett totaled 13 on the night for a team high.

Both squads were scheduled to be back in action on Tuesday night with the Champions traveling to Eagleville and the Vikings hosting Cannon County.

Community 8 11 11 17 — 47  
 Cascade 21 10 12 27 — 70  
 Community: Cole Crockett 13, Austin Stickler 10, Jason Cullen 8, Landon Lovorn 6, Jacob Flannagan 6, Moe Berman 2, Romone Hernandez 2.  
 Cascade: Jackson Davis 23, Thomas Gentry 16, Saebyn Burris 7, Lucas Clanton 6, Jayden Gulick 5, Sawyer Lovorn 5, Zach Crosslin 4, Isaac McElroy 4.  
 3-point goals: Cascade (7): Davis 3, Gentry 2, Clanton, Gulick.; Community(1): Crockett.  
 Halftime score: Cascade 31, Community 19



**TOP:** Jackson Davis glides through the paint for a late layup against the Vikings. He led all scorers with 23 points.

**LEFT:** Isaac McElroy makes a move towards the rim before finding an open teammate for an assist.

**BELOW:** Jason Cullen puts up a midrange floater against the Champions. He totaled eight points on the night.

T-G Photos by Will Carter

# Michigan facing possible infractions

By **LARRY LAGE**  
AP Sports Writer

**ANN ARBOR, Mich.** — Michigan announced Friday that it has received notice from the NCAA that it is looking into potential rules infractions in the Wolverines football program.

Athletic director Warde Manuel said the "draft allegations" were received Thursday.

"We have cooperated and will continue to cooperate with this investigation," Manuel said. "Out of respect to the NCAA's enforcement process, we will not offer further comments."

The investigation is believed to involve impermissible texts and calls — including some by coach Jim Harbaugh — to high school prospects during part of a pandemic-related dead period for contact with potential recruits, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The NCAA was also looking at whether a member of Michigan's off-field football staff violated rules by doing on-the-field coaching during practice, the person said, speaking on condition of anonymity because Michigan officials

were not making details of the investigation public.

The announcement came a day after Harbaugh said he expects to coach at Michigan next season, posting a statement on the team's social media accounts following reports of his interest in returning to the NFL.

"I am aware of the rumors and speculation over the past few days," Harbaugh said. "College and NFL teams have great interest in all our personnel, from players to coaches to staff, and I truly believe that is a testament to the strength of our University of Michigan football program."

Carolina Panthers owner David Tepper had a conversation with Harbaugh about the team's head coaching position, according to a second person familiar with the situation who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Tuesday because the Panthers do not typically release details of their coaching search.

Harbaugh also has been mentioned as a possible candidate to coach in Denver and Indianapolis, one of four teams he played quarterback for in the league from 1987 to 2000.



T-G Photo by Gary Johnson

Shelbyville Central's Paige Blackburn led the way as the Golden Eaglettes rolled past visiting Riverdale for the second time this season. Blackburn scored a game-high 26 points and knocked down six 3-pointers.

# Eaglettes overpower Riverdale

By GARY JOHNSON  
Sports Writer

SHELBYVILLE — After leading 28-2 at the intermission, Shelbyville Central's Golden Eaglettes claimed a 52-12 victory over visiting Riverdale on Friday night.

The Eaglettes led 7-0 after the first quarter and went up 20-0 after junior Paige Blackburn nailed three 3-pointers with 3:36 left in the first half.

Shelbyville Central was never challenged in the second half as they claimed a 40-point win.

Joining Blackburn in double digits

was Lilly Brown with 10 points. The Eaglettes host Independence on Tuesday evening at 6.

Riverdale	0	2	7	3	— 12
Shelbyville Central	7	21	20	4	— 52
Riverdale:	Norah Haney 3, McGee 1, Max De la fuent 2, Ambriah Haynes 2, Alana Waller 2, Jada Spivey 2.				
Shelbyville Central:	Jaz Westen 6, Paige Blackburn 26, Lilly Brown 10, Rayne Pointer 2, Lanaya Young 8.				
3-Point goals:	Shelbyville Central (6) - Blackburn 6.				
Halftime score:	Shelbyville Central 28, Riverdale 2.				

# Riverdale too much for Golden Eagles

T-G STAFF REPORT  
SHELBYVILLE

— Offense was a struggle for Shelbyville Central in a home loss to visiting Riverdale on Friday night.

The Warriors held the Eagles to single figures in the first three quarters and handed Shelbyville a 61-29 defeat.

Riverdale put three players in double figures, while Joe Harris was the top scorer for the Eagles.

The Warriors went for 16 points in the opening quarter, while Tae'Shawn Shelton and Kyler Trice knocked down the only field goals of the opening frame.

Not much changed in the second quarter as Riverdale steamed ahead on a 15-5 run, with Malek Johnson knocking down a three-pointer for the Eagles just before halftime.

In the third, the Eagles held Riverdale to eight points, but still just struggled to get shots to fall.

Shelbyville did score 13 points in the third, but Riverdale closed the game with 21 more points to put the game out of reach.

Shelbyville connected on five treys in the game, three of which came from Harris, but made just two free throws.

Shelbyville will be back at home on Tuesday night, hosting Independence.



T-G Photo by Gary Johnson

Terrence Johnson drives to the rim for the Eagles.

Riverdale	16	15	8	21	— 61
Shelbyville	4	5	7	13	— 29
Riverdale:	Maddox 18, Bodexhamer 18, Malachi Gilliam 13, Daren Waller 10, DeMaruion Locke 6, Gray Turek 5, Arman				

Leavy 4, E.J. Turner 3, Rashad Mitchell 2.
Shelbyville: Joe Harris 9, Kyler Trice 7, Tae'Shawn Shelton 6, Rocky Chandler 4,

Malek Johnson 3.
3-Point goals: Riverdale (3): Gilliam 2, Bodexhamer; Shelbyville (5): Harris 3,

Trice, Johnson.
Halftime score: Riverdale 31, Shelbyville 9.

# Hamlin injury leaves lasting impact on NFL

It's been over a week since the terrifying injury to Damar Hamlin and it's safe to say that single injury may have changed the NFL forever.

Chris Siers

The Extra Point



During the first quarter last week, the Buffalo safety stepped up to make a routine tackle on Bengals receiver Tee Higgins, and what followed were perhaps the scariest moment on a football field in decades.

Usually after an injury, even serious ones, injured players will give a thumbs up, or show signs of how everything will be OK.

Spectators and players alike got none of that from Hamlin after the injury.

Instead, what we got was the horrified look of Bills and Bengals players on the sideline, fighting back tears—grown men openly sobbing on the field.

At this point, everyone began to realize the play in which Hamlin went down was anything but routine.

After the initial contact, Hamlin stood up, then collapsed and went completely limp.

In the crucial minutes following the injury, trainers and first responders rendered CPR and administered a defibrillator to resume Hamlin's heartbeat.

As journalists, we're trained to report whatever it is we're covering with as much detail as possible and I've got to hand it to the ESPN crew, from Joe Buck and Troy Aikman in the booth, to Lisa Salters on the sidelines, to Booger McFarland, Adam Scheffer and Suzy Kolbe did their best to continue coverage during the time until the game was canceled.

While print is nothing like broadcast, their professionalism can't be overlooked.

One of the biggest issues I had with the whole ordeal was as soon as Hamlin was in the ambulance and transported off the field, both teams returned to their respective locker rooms and it was reported the NFL gave teams five minutes to get ready to return to play.

At this point, nobody knew the condition of Hamlin and I don't care

what level of sport you're participating, seeing someone receive CPR can 100% take you out of the mindset to play.

But the almighty greenback rules all and there's no doubt the NFL wanted to resume play against arguably one of the biggest games of the year between two Super Bowl contenders.

In the week since the injury, Hamlin has shown remarkable improvement and was extremely active on Twitter during the Bills' regular season finale against New England on Sunday.

At the end of the day, football is a game.

Sure, there are inherent risks that can result in extreme bodily injury, or even death, as Hamlin nearly suffered.

But the outpouring of support for a single player has never really been seen in a national capacity.

During Sunday's finale, teams across the NFL wore shirts in support of Hamlin and his recovery.

Speaking to Hamlin's character, he's a big supporter of donating for a toy drive and the support has reached his fundraising efforts as well.

At the time of this publication, Hamlin's fundraiser has reached nearly \$9 million.

I feel like at times, journalists, coaches, players and fans forget that football is a game.

Hamlin's injury shook everyone who saw it to their core, from every aspect of the game.

From journalists covering the game, to fans in attendance, everyone was behind Hamlin and his recovery.

And that's the kind of event that can leave lasting imprints on a game forever.

• Chris Siers is sports editor of the Times-Gazette. Email him at sports@t-g.com.

# Several Champ wrestlers reach Rampage podium

T-G STAFF REPORT

SMYRNA — Over the weekend, the Cascade Champion wrestling team participated in the Red Hawk Rampage and saw several wrestlers reach the podium and finish after strong showings.

Vayden Moore and Isaac Chapa both won their respective weight divisions, while Hayden Dowell and Cole West each took third.

In the 126-pound class, Moore defeated Eagleville's Drake Rzemieniewski to win via pin 3:31 into the

match.

Chapa also had a hard-fought championship match at the 195-pound class, defeating Munford's Ethan Gullett in a 4-3 decision.

Dowell took third in the 182-pound class and pinned Colton Hagan of Cookeville to secure a strong finish, while Cole West won a sudden victory in the 220-pound class.

Cascade was back on the mat at Marshall County on Monday night, however, results were unavailable at press time.

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# Seahawks are in field after Lions stun Packers

By **DAVID BRANDT**  
AP Sports Writer

The NFL's Week 18 saved its best drama for the final game of the weekend.

The Detroit Lions — eliminated from playoff contention earlier Sunday when the Seahawks beat the Rams — pushed past their disappointment and played the role of a spoiler, rallying to beat Green Bay 20-16 on Sunday night. The win denied quarterback Aaron Rodgers and the Packers a spot in the postseason.

Instead of Green Bay, it's the Seahawks who will be the No. 7 seed in the NFC. They'll travel to face division rival San Francisco in next weekend's wild-card round.

The rest of next weekend's schedule is also set: In the AFC, it'll be the Miami Dolphins at the Buffalo Bills, Baltimore Ravens at the Cincinnati Bengals and Los Angeles Chargers at Jacksonville Jaguars. In the NFC, the Minnesota Vikings will host the New York Giants and the Tom Brady-led Tampa Bay Bucs host the Dallas Cowboys.

The Lions' upset win capped a weekend that saw the Dolphins make it back to the playoffs for the first time since 2016. The surprising Jaguars also return to the postseason for just the second time since 2007.

Seven of the 14 teams that qualified for the playoffs didn't make the field last season, including the Seahawks, Ravens,

Jaguars, Chargers, Dolphins, Vikings and Giants.

Among those headed home: The New England Patriots and six-time Super Bowl-winning coach Bill Belichick, eliminated after a loss to the Bills.

The Lions didn't have much to play for against the Packers other than pride, but that was enough. They were knocked out of playoff contention when Seattle's Jason Myers kicked a 32-yard field goal to beat the Los Angeles Rams 19-16 in overtime.

The No. 1 overall seed in the AFC was claimed by Kansas City with its 31-13 win over Las Vegas on Saturday. The NFC's top spot was taken by Philadelphia, which beat the New York Giants 22-16 on Sunday.

The AFC bracket could still be affected by the cancellation of the Bills-Bengals game after Hamlin's injury. The Bengals avoided a coin flip for home field after beating the Ravens 27-16, but there still could be a neutral field AFC championship game if the Bills line up against the Chiefs.

Here's a look at some other developments as the postseason approaches:

## What's the Wild Card schedule?

All times CT  
**SATURDAY**

Seattle Seahawks at San Francisco 49ers, 3:30 p.m., FOX  
Los Angeles Chargers at

Jacksonville Jaguars, 7:15 p.m. NBC

## SUNDAY

Miami Dolphins at Buffalo Bills, noon, CBS

New York Giants at Minnesota Vikings, 3:30 p.m. FOX

Baltimore Ravens at Cincinnati Bengals, 7:15 p.m. NBC

## MONDAY

Dallas Cowboys at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 7:15 p.m., ESPN/ABC

## What's the format for the playoffs?

This is the third straight year of the current NFL playoff format, which includes the top seven teams from both the AFC and the NFC.

The four division winners in both conferences automatically get the top four seeds, regardless of record, and then the top three teams with the best record that didn't win their division are the wild-card selections. That's why it's fairly common for a wild-card selection to have a better record — but worse playoff seeding — than a team that finished as a division winner.

The No. 1-seeded team in each conference gets a bye into the second round — that's the Chiefs and Eagles — while No. 2 hosts No. 7, No. 3 hosts No. 6 and No. 4 hosts No. 5 during wild-card weekend.

The NFL has a re-seeding policy after each playoff round. That means that no matter how

the bracket started, the lowest-seeded team will always travel to the higher-seeded team.

There are four rounds to the playoffs: The wild-card round is during the upcoming weekend, the divisional round is Jan. 21-22, the conference championship games are on Jan. 29 and the Super Bowl is scheduled for Feb. 12 in Glendale, Arizona.

## What changed with the Bills-Bengals cancellation?

It's been an eventful week for players and fans, who watched in horror Monday night as Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin collapsed on the field and had to be given CPR before leaving the field in an ambulance. A few days later, those same players and fans have watched with joy as Hamlin recovers.

That made it much easier to focus on Week 18 and now the playoffs.

The Bills-Bengals game had major playoff implications in the AFC, so the cancellation of the game due to Hamlin's injury could force some changes depending on playoff results.

The AFC championship game will be played on a neutral site if the Chiefs and Bills reach that point.

Buffalo's 35-23 win over New England on Sunday coupled with Kansas City's 31-13 victory at Las Vegas on Saturday means the No.

1 seed Chiefs (14-3) can't host the conference title game against the Bills (13-3) because the teams played an unequal number of games.

NFL owners approved a resolution Friday that implemented new rules for this postseason in response to the cancellation of the Bills-Bengals game.

## What else happened this weekend?

In fairly straightforward playoff drama, the Jaguars beat the Tennessee Titans 20-16 on Saturday night to win the AFC South for the first time in five seasons. The Titans needed a win to advance to the postseason.

The Dolphins and third-string quarterback Skylar Thompson squeezed past the Jets 11-6, snapping a five-game losing streak. Miami then had to wait a few minutes for Buffalo to finish off New England to make the Dolphins' playoff appearance official.

"We're In" was displayed on the videoboard at Hard Rock Stadium.

The Pittsburgh Steelers nearly found a way to sneak into the postseason but couldn't quite make it. They did their part by beating the Browns 28-14 but needed the Patriots and Dolphins to lose.

The Patriots obliged. The Dolphins did not.

# Dobbs 'proud of effort' despite costly turnovers vs Jaguars

By **MARK LONG**

AP Pro Football Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — All Joshua Dobbs had to do was protect the football. He failed miserably.

The journeyman quarterback who was signed off Detroit's practice squad just a few weeks ago turned the ball over twice in the second half Saturday night, handing Jacksonville 10 points in a 20-16 loss that could haunt the Tennessee Titans for the next eight months.

The Titans had done everything they needed to do to beat the Jaguars in a winner-take-all game to decide the AFC South. Derrick Henry was effective running the ball, helping Tennessee control the clock for 36 minutes. The defense held Jacksonville to 222 yards, including 19 yards rushing.

Trevor Lawrence and the Jaguars had done nothing down the stretch, losing a yard on nine plays

in the fourth quarter.

It was Tennessee's game to win. It was Tennessee's division to clinch for the third time in as many years.

And then Dobbs turned the ball over twice. He badly underthrew a deep pass to Treyton Burks that resulted in an interception and a field goal. And then he fumbled on a sack, which Josh Allen scooped up and returned 37 yards for the go-ahead score.

"Hats off to them for making a great play in a big moment of the game," Dobbs said.

Dobbs felt like his arm was going forward on the fumble, although officials reviewed the play and confirmed Allen's touchdown.

"When you throw the ball and the ball goes forward after the guy hits you, it feels like — I'm a physics guy — so it's pretty simple that it's going forward," Dobbs said. "When you're on road,

they do a great job of not showing replays of big plays. I'll check it out on film, but it was definitely a tough one."

To be fair, Dobbs probably shouldn't have been in this position. With Ryan Tannehill (ankle) out for the season and rookie Malik Willis struggling in his place, the Titans turned to Dobbs to try to get them out of their late-season funk.

He played well last week against Dallas and even looked poised in the first half against Jacksonville. But his night unraveled late, and Tennessee (7-10) lost its seventh consecutive game.

"Nobody wants to finish how we did," said Henry, who finished with 109 yards on 30 carries. "That's never the plan, never the goal. Like I said, stuff happens, adversity happens."

"We wanted to win the division and have a great record, yeah, but it didn't

happen this year. All you can do is go back to work and be thankful for the journey and everybody in their efforts and look forward."

The Titans rested several starters last week and essentially created a 10-day break to get healthy. They returned to their bruising brand of football and looked like they would pull an improbable turnaround — until Dobbs' final turnover changed the game.

"We just got on a (crappy) streak and couldn't get off it," Titans coach Mike Vrabel said. "Couldn't make the plays when we needed to. We couldn't be consistent enough when we needed to, and it showed up again."

Dobbs completed 20 of 29 passes for 179 yards, with a touchdown and an interception. He also ran five times for 32 yards.

"I'm proud of my effort," he said.

# Brady breaks own record but suffers 1st losing season

By **GEORGE HENRY**

AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Tom Brady hasn't tired of breaking records — even his own.

He ended Sunday with a different record he's never had: a losing one.

Brady broke his own NFL mark for most completions in a season, quickly gaining the needed nine connections in Tampa Bay's 30-17 loss to the Atlanta Falcons. He played into the second quarter and then was taken out to avoid injury with the playoffs next week.

The loss dropped the NFC South champion Buccaneers to 8-9, the first time a team quarterbacked by Brady has finished a season below .500.

Brady had a record 485 completions with the Buccaneers in 2021, and the 45-year-old began the day only nine away from a new mark. He also has NFL career records for passes completed, passes attempted, yards passing and touchdown passes.

He's a three-time MVP and a 15-time Pro Bowl selection among his other accolades.

"I just love going out there and competing with my teammates, love competing with those guys," Brady said. "I've got a great group of guys I go to work with every day. We try to show up for everybody and be the best we can be. These are all team records in my opinion. I've always said that."

Brady set his most recent mark on a 5-yard completion to Russell Gage, a former Falcons receiver, early in the second quarter. The sideline pass gave Brady nine completions on his first 12 attempts and 486 for the season.

That drive ended with a field goal. Brady played one more possession before backup Blaine Gabbert took over late in the first half.

Now the Bucs must regroup and get ready to host a playoff game against Dallas next Monday night.

"It's a big challenge," Brady said. "I think every team's going to be challenged. There's only 14 teams that qualify. There's only one that's happy about it at the end. It's going to be hard, but we're battle tested."

"We've had some tough games. Some we came back from. Some we haven't. But like I said, close won't be good enough for going forward for anybody."

Brady completed 13 of 17 passes for 84 yards with a touchdown, giving him 490 completions for the season. He also took the loss on his career record and dropped to 11-1 all-time against the Falcons.

Tampa Bay clinched the NFC South with last week's 30-24 win over Carolina and couldn't improve its No. 4 seed in Sunday's game.

Though Buccaneers coach Todd Bowles followed through with his plan to start his healthy regulars, it was not known how long he would stick with Brady.

The Buccaneers had three active quarterbacks, including Kyle Trask, for only the second time this season. Trask, a second-year player, has not appeared in a regular-season game this season.

"I was trying to play as long as I could, I really was, but we just had so many injuries and we had so many people going in and out," Brady said. "It's tough. You want to give other people opportunities to play. I've played a lot this year. Good to see Blaine in there and throw a touchdown and good to see Kyle play a little bit."

Brady didn't need long to close in on the record. He completed four passes for 38 yards on Tampa Bay's opening drive, including an 8-yard touchdown lob to tight end Kyle Rudolph.

"He continues to defy time," Bowles said. "Father Time is having a heck of a time with Brady. He works hard. He loves to play the game. He's like a little kid out there. He loves to compete and everything else has already been said."

# Gronk to try a field goal in live Super Bowl ad

By **ROB MAADDI**

AP Pro Football Writer

Rob Gronkowski will be back on a football field for the Super Bowl.

The four-time All-Pro tight end will attempt to make a field goal in Arizona on Feb. 12 during a live Super Bowl television commercial for FanDuel.

It will be a high-stakes kick for Gronkowski, a four-time Super Bowl champion with New England and Tampa Bay who is used to performing under pressure.

Anyone who places a Super Bowl bet of \$5 or more on FanDuel will win a share of \$10 million in free bets if Gronkowski makes the field goal.

"Everyone knows that I love throwing myself into fun, love trying out new ideas," Gronkowski told The Associated Press.

"Obviously, I can catch a football. ... Why not try to kick a field goal? And on top of it, I was punt, pass and kick champion in the western New York region when I was growing up, as well. So I love kicking field goals. I used to practice all the time. This is an opportunity to help my fans out there to win \$10 million in free bets, which is mind-blowing."

Gronkowski said he made one field goal in his career, a 33-yarder in high school. FanDuel is introducing the ad campaign titled "Kick of Destiny" with a 30-second spot on Monday.

"Our first-ever Super Bowl commercial will be more than just a television spot — it will create a moment that will bring fans together, and give them something to collectively cheer for," said Andrew Sneyd, FanDuel's executive vice president of marketing. "It's an unprecedented field-goal attempt on live TV. ... so anything can happen."

Gronkowski already is practicing his kicking with three-time All-Pro Adam Vinatieri, whose 599

career field goals are most in NFL history.

"I'm not at the top of my game right now, but I actually have two training sessions coming up this week," Gronkowski said. "I believe if you put your mind to anything, you can do anything. And I don't want to disappoint America. ... I'm going to have to train, but I feel like I'm going to be able to pull it off. It's like fourth-and-1, game on the line. I like that pressure. I like the ball coming to me. And this is the same situation with the field goal."

Gronkowski had 621 catches for 9,286 yards and 92 touchdowns in the regular season in nine seasons with New England and two with Tampa Bay. He had 98 receptions for 1,389 yards and 15 TDs in the postseason.

The 33-year-old Gronkowski first retired after the 2018 season, but he returned to play with Tom Brady in Tampa Bay in 2020. The close friends led the Buccaneers to a Super Bowl title that season. Gronkowski said he thought about returning a couple times this season but couldn't make the commitment to play again. The Buccaneers (8-9) won the NFC South for the second straight year, but Brady and the offense sorely miss Gronkowski.

"Obviously, football is in my heart. I love playing the game. I thought about it a few times, actually," Gronkowski said. "I wasn't really close. In order for me to go back to football, my whole mindset, everything would have to be flipped knowing like that is what I'm going to do."

Gronkowski, who is working as an analyst with Fox, didn't rule out returning next season.

"Anything's possible but right now, not really thinking about that, but just doing some other things, enjoying doing other things and having a good time with everything," he said.

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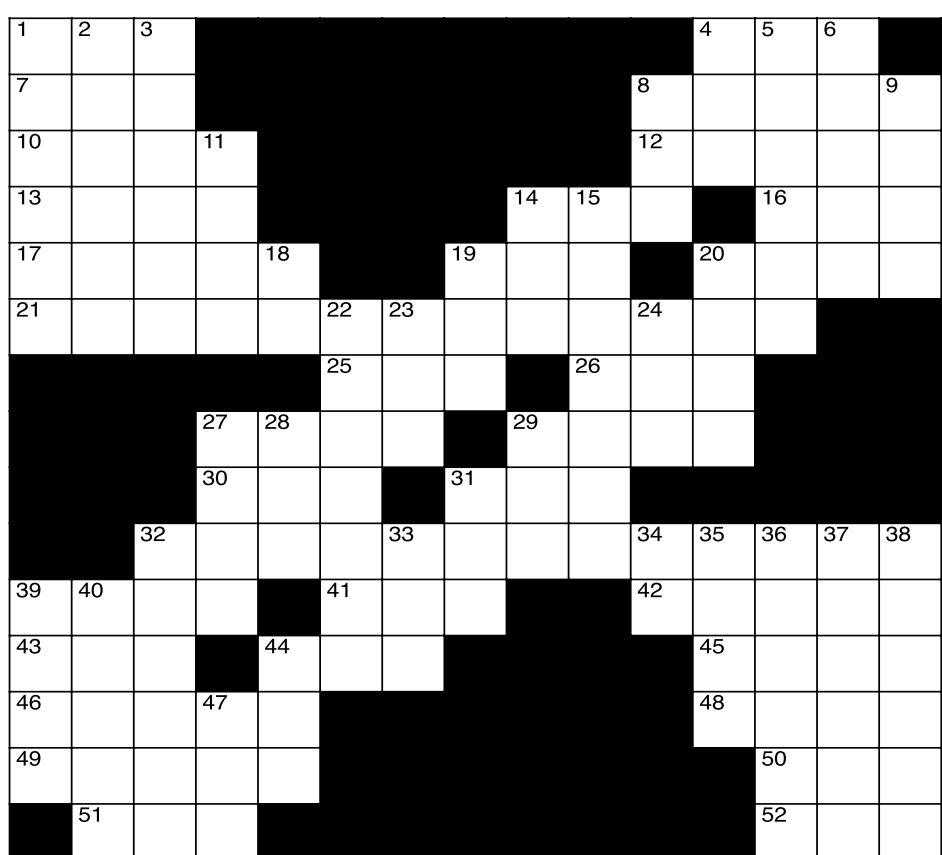
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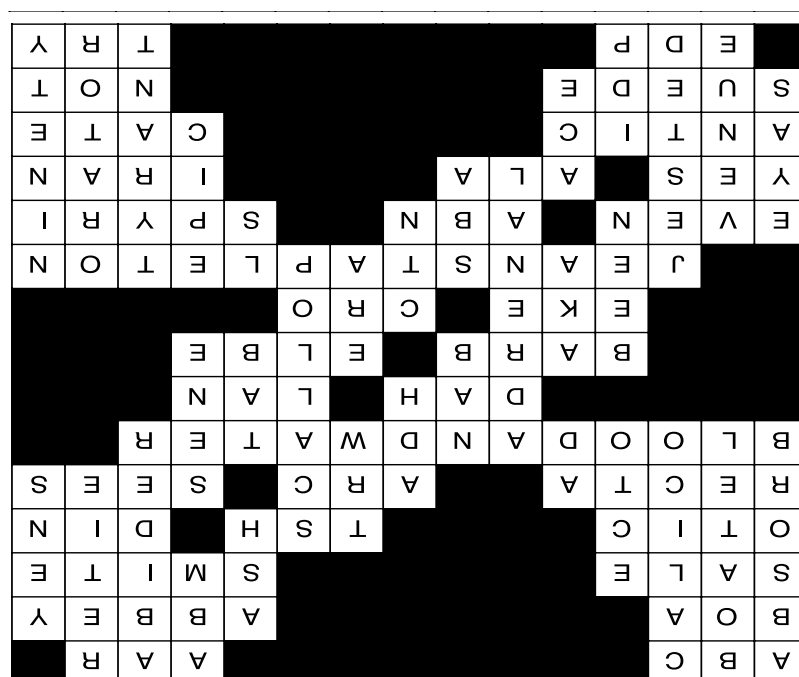
**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Basics
- 4. Swiss river
- 7. Constrictor snake
- 8. Building occupied by monks
- 10. Discount
- 12. Deal a blow to
- 13. Relating to the ear
- 14. Thyrotropin
- 16. Loud, unpleasant noise
- 17. Large intestines
- 19. Move with a curving trajectory
- 20. Witnesses
- 21. You need both to live
- 25. Dash
- 26. Network
- 27. Dig
- 29. C. European river
- 30. Supplement with difficulty
- 31. Corporate executive
- 32. Carroll O'Connor's onscreen wife
- 39. No variation
- 41. Airborne (abbr.)
- 42. "Heidi" author
- 43. Affirmative
- 44. Pie \_\_\_ mode
- 45. W. Asian country
- 46. Grotesque or bizarre
- 48. Delicacy (archaic)
- 49. Textile
- 50. Denial
- 51. Electronic data processing
- 52. Attempt

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Engulf
- 2. Waterside hotel
- 3. Printed cotton fabric
- 4. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 5. One who follows the rules
- 6. Lace up once more
- 8. Fire byproduct
- 9. Hankerings
- 11. Outer
- 14. One-time aerospace firm
- 15. Seafood
- 18. Commercial
- 19. Epoxy hardener (abbr.)
- 20. Samoan monetary unit
- 22. Type of gland
- 23. Arrest
- 24. Check
- 27. Past participle of be
- 28. Alias
- 29. Major division of geological time
- 31. Kids programming channel (abbr.)
- 32. Joked
- 33. Helps little firms
- 34. Roman numeral 50
- 35. Impressive in size or scope
- 36. Domineering leader
- 37. A person who delivers a speech
- 38. One after 89
- 39. Young hawk
- 40. The scene of any event or action
- 44. A team's best pitcher
- 47. Integrated data processing

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**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, you are willing to take risks and never afraid to try new things. This benefits you as you seek new solutions regarding how to get things done.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, figure out a new goal to pursue and start to make a list of how to get to the finish line. You may need to recruit a few volunteers to help along the way.

**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**  
Gemini, when a project at work lands on your desk, you may be ambivalent about it. You appreciate the challenge, but already have a long list of things to do.

**CANCER – June 22/July 22**  
Could this be the right time to think about making a career move, Cancer? The new year marks a fresh start, and perhaps you have had your eyes on a new work opportunity.

**LEO – July 23/Aug 23**  
There's more than meets the eye this week when someone from your past suddenly pops up on your radar again, Leo. Learn all of the facts before you make assumptions.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, try to stay in the loop around the office. Doing so might pay professional dividends that could open the door to new possibilities.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
You've been keeping quite busy, Libra, but don't forget to make time to touch base with friends and loved ones from time to time. Keep those lines of communication open.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Patience is a virtue of which you are in short supply recently, Scorpio. You have no control over the timeline on certain things and that can be frustrating. Wait it out.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
It's time to tackle all of those tasks you have been putting since the end of last year, Sagittarius. If you need help getting organized, reach out to someone you trust.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Think about all the possibilities you have before you, Capricorn. When you consider all of the positives in your life, the negatives just may fade away.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Your name is on the lips of so many people. That is likely because you are affecting change wherever you go. Keep forging ahead because you are helping others.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Now that spending has ceased, take a closer look at how you can budget for the new year. Make your money work for you, Pisces.

**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**  
**JANUARY 8**  
Cynthia Erivo, Actress (36)  
**JANUARY 9**  
Nina Dobrev, Actress (34)  
**JANUARY 10**  
Rod Stewart, Singer (78)  
**JANUARY 11**  
Jamie Vardy, Athlete (36)  
**JANUARY 12**  
Jeff Bezos, Entrepreneur (59)  
**JANUARY 13**  
Natalia Dyer, Actress (28)  
**JANUARY 14**  
Dave Grohl, Singer (54)

TUESDAY EVENING

JANUARY 10, 2023

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JANUARY 11, 2023

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SUNDAY EVENING

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JANUARY 16, 2023

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TUESDAY EVENING

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Bedford County Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 6:00pm  
Central Office  
500 Madison St.  
Shelbyville, TN 37160  
(Jan. 7 & 10, 2023)

## 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

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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, WARTACE, 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. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee 1661 International Drive,

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Fax: (470) 508-9401  
(Dec. 27, 2022 & Jan. 3 & 10, 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, to wit: 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: 1. ALL MATTERS AS SHOWN ON MAP OR

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PLAT OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET B, PAGE 211, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE. 2. RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENTS TO DUCK RIVER ELECTRIC MEMBER-SHIP CORPORATION OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 232, PAGE 167 AND DEED BOOK 246, PAGE 569, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE. 3. 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. 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. Marinosci Law Group, P.C., Successor Trustee 555 Perkins Extended, Suite 400 Memphis, TN 38117 Office: 901-203-0680 Fax: 901-440-0561 (Dec. 27, 2022 & Jan. 3 & 10, 2023)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Shelbyville is accepting applications for the part-time position of Recreation Supervisor for the Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Department. The employee is responsible for the smooth operation and supervision of activities and programs

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in the recreation facility during assigned work shift. This is a part-time position with an hourly rate of \$14.00. Applications and a copy of the complete job description may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City website: [www.shelbyvilletn.org](http://www.shelbyvilletn.org) Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring Street or emailed to: [stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org](mailto:stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org) and will be accepted until position is filled.

The City of Shelbyville is an equal opportunity employer and a drug free workplace. Successful Applicants are required to pass a background check, physical and drug screen. Stacey Claxton, Human Resources Generalist (Jan. 10, 14, & 17, 2023)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Shelbyville is accepting applications for the full-time position of Truck Driver/Laborer for the Public Works Department. The employee performs a variety of manual labor tasks, including duties of the operating of medium to heavy duty trucks in either a specific or a variety of maintenance, construction, and/or utility tasks. Minimum of a Class B CDL with air brakes is required. Work schedule is MONDAY - THURSDAY, 6am - 4:30pm. This is a full-time position with an hourly rate of \$16.39. The City provides a comprehensive benefits package. Applications and a copy of the complete job description may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City website: [www.shelbyvilletn.org](http://www.shelbyvilletn.org) Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring Street or emailed to: [stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org](mailto:stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org) and will be accepted until position is filled.

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## Request for Proposals

Audit of Bedford County, Tennessee  
School Activity Funds and E-911  
Bid No. 23-26  
Bid packages are available on the Bedford County website, [bedfordcountyttn.org](http://bedfordcountyttn.org), or at the Bedford County Department of Finance, 200 Dover Street, Suite 102. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 31, 2023.  
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## Prince Harry accuses Camilla of 'dangerous' leaks to media

By DANICA KIRKA  
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) Prince Harry has accused his stepmother, Camilla, the queen consort, of leaking private conversations to the media to burnish her own reputation as he promotes a new book that lays bare his story of his life behind palace walls.

In interviews broadcast Sunday and Monday, Harry accused members of the royal family of getting "into bed with the devil" to gain favorable tabloid coverage, singling out Camilla's efforts to rehabilitate her image with the British people after her longtime affair with his father, now King Charles III.

"That made her dangerous because of the connections that she was forging within the British press," he told CBS. "There was open willingness on both sides to trade information. And with a family built on hierarchy, and with her on the way to being queen consort, there was gonna be people or bodies left in the street."

Harry spoke to Britain's ITV, CBS's "60 Minutes" and "Good Morning America" to promote his book "Spare," which is to be widely released Tuesday. Some U.K. bookshops plan to open at midnight to meet demand for the highly anticipated memoir, which has generated incendiary headlines with reports that it includes details of bitter family resentments, as well as Harry and his wife Meghan's decision to give up their royal roles and move to California.

In the interviews, Harry repeatedly blamed the media for the troubles that afflicted the couple, also known as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, saying the coverage contributed to the rift with his brother, Prince William, and his wife, Kate.

## Deputy Director Open Position

The Shelbyville Housing Authority (SHA) is currently accepting resumes for a Deputy Director to serve as Financial Controller and Assistant to the Executive Director. Under the direction of the Executive Director, the Deputy Director will administer the financial and operational activities of the agency. Resumes should include a cover letter and references. No phone calls. Only qualified resumes will be considered. Send to:

Shelbyville Housing Authority  
PO Box 560  
Shelbyville, TN  
APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

The SHA is subject to Section 3 hiring requirements; is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and Drug-Free Workplace. The SHA abides by the requirements of 41 CFR 90-741.5(a), which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals on the basis of disability or protected veteran status; and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

Pre-employment physical and drug screen required for new hires. Upon request, reasonable accommodations may be provided as required by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

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