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## Blackburn visits Shelbyville

### Senator expresses support for Walking Horse industry

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Sen. Marsha Blackburn met with representatives from Bedford County, Shelbyville City, and the Tennessee Walking Horse board on Tuesday.

The Q&A events were part of her 95-county tour she does annually.

"I meet with each one of our 95 counties every year," Blackburn, a Republican, said. In these meetings, she has talked about the ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds as well as any concerns the counties have. They also write letters of support for grants.

#### Horse industry support

Meeting with members of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Board of Directors, she said they talked about concerns with the PAST (Prevent All Soring Tactics) Act. The proposed act would "expand soring regulation and enforcement at horse shows, exhibitions, sales, and auctions, including by establishing a new system for inspecting horses for soring," as well as increase penalties for violations, as stated on Congress' official website.

Essentially, what this would do, Blackburn explained to the Times-Gazette, is add regulations and disallow certain equipment and processes for the Walking Horse industry

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### Zoning issues

Local/3A



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U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn speaks to local officials at Bedford County Courthouse during her yearly visit Tuesday. Blackburn expressed support for the Tennessee Walking Horse industry, agriculture, and vocational education. More photos, Page 6C.



### Neyland's nightmare

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## 'JUST PLAIN GARBAGE'

### Commissioners talk solutions to dumping

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During the Courthouse and Property Committee meeting Tuesday, several commissioners brought up the issue of areas of excessive trash throughout Bedford County.

"As far as the county goes and zoning, we have nothing available to help with it. But if this County Powers Act goes through, then we can set us up some parameters," said Commissioner Linda Yockey.

Essentially, the County Powers Act will give county officials power to create nuisance ordinances for the county similar to how municipalities create ordinances.

The act, scheduled for discussion by the Rules and Legislative Committee, was pulled from the agenda during the meeting by Commissioner Greg Vick.

"I don't that we have the proper information for me to explain that correctly in this environment," said Vick. The item will be discussed at a later time.

Some credited the holiday and the convenience centers' holiday hours for why the trash problem seems so bad, but others said it's also been an ongoing problem.

Commissioner Diane Neeley talked about driving down Fly Road and Sims Springs Road, which have been notoriously trashed and become dumping grounds.

"There's no way to know where it came from, who's throwing it out, how it got there, but it is a mess," she said. "Furniture, building supplies, dead animals, parts of tires. You name it and it's back there. It's just plain garbage."

Neeley described the area as wooded and swamp-like on Fly Road. "It's not really a Powers Act problem; it is just garbage," said Neeley.

According to zoning director Chris White, people are dumping trash on private property, so the county does not have any powers to go on private property and do

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Swampy and wooded areas on Fly Road have become dumping grounds.



### Viking pressure

Sports/1C



### SMOKY BLAZE

Shelbyville firefighters pull insulation from the ceiling of an apartment building on Coble Circle owned by Wanda Williams as others watch from ground level Tuesday night. The blaze originated from an electrical malfunction in an upstairs bedroom, Fire Marshall Jason Richardson said.

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From left, commissioners of the Rules and Legislative Committee: Greg Vick, Biff Farrar, Bill Anderson, Anita Epperson, John Boutwell.

# Anderson's resolution highly debated

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Tuesday evening's Rules and Legislative Committee meeting had a full house in the historic courtroom as many residents came to hear discussion on Commissioner Bill Anderson's resolution.

The resolution would put heavy regulation on subdivisions and zoning amendments as well as give more planning influence to the County Commission from the Planning Commission. "I love the county the way it is," Anderson told the Times-Gazette.

"What I don't want to see is our countryside turning into high-density houses everywhere," said Anderson. "I don't want to look like Highway 99 going into Murfreesboro. There's a place for subdivisions and there's a place for country and I want to preserve the country as best as we can."

"I would just like to see the acreage at least kept to one house per acre at minimum and it needs to perk," Anderson said.

There's also a specific part of the original resolution that would not allow STEP (Septic Tank Effluent Pumping) Systems in the county. Anderson said he has had developers tell him a STEP system that holds over 50 homes is "set up to fail."

Zoning Director Chris White said STEP system technology is close to 100 years, while the state of Tennessee has thousands in use today. He said he's never heard of one going bad. But if something were to go wrong, they're owned by a public utility, which is required by the state to have a duplicate site that is approved by the Department of Environmental Conservation to be in reserve. In a STEP system, each house has its own septic tank and the effluents are pumped to a sand filter.

There are at least four STEP systems in the county currently in operation. Cascade and Community high schools, the Horseshoe Bend subdivision on U.S. 231 North, and the State Fire Codes Academy.

Anderson said, "I do think it's a way to circumvent perking and circumvent the existing law by going to a STEP system so they can build more houses."

He also added that he fears adding major subdivisions in the county would drive up property values and make seniors, especially those on a fixed income, feel like they're being pushed out.

## What's in the resolution

For instance, in the original resolution, Section 1 proposes "the County Commission will have final approval of all subdivisions," moving the power from the planning commission to the county commission.

"As a Commission we approve all the zon-

ings. Looks to me like we should be approving all major subdivisions," said Anderson.

Section 2 suggests that the county commission be informed of all appeals made in the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meetings and given the "final say" in the approval.

Section 3 of Commissioner Anderson's resolution states the county "will not accept any applicants for R-1 PUD, R-2 PUD or any other Planned Unit Development."

Section 4 would disallow STEP systems. Section 4 also would not allow any accessory structures (such as mini-barns or garages) to be allowed on pre-existing, non-conforming lots. These "grandfathered pre-existing, non-conforming lots" are lots that would be smaller in size than five acres.

Section 5 seeks to enlarge R-1 lots from a minimum 30,000 to 43,560 square feet (that is, one acre). Section 6 proposes to enlarge the minimum size of R-2 lots from 25,000 square feet to 30,000. Section 7 suggests a similar proposal for R-3 lots (used for apartments or duplexes inside a municipal's urban growth boundary) from 20,000 square feet to 30,000.

Section 8 of the resolution also takes this concept a step further by proposing the Zoning Director inform all commissioner of all BZA applications. Section 9 also suggests the Zoning Director hosts town hall meetings on all changes to the Zoning Resolution. The current law stands that the director must host occasional town hall meetings when "necessary or when major projects are proposed."

Anderson said many of these components for this resolution came from a resolution made in Williamson County, which decided houses in the rural area would have a five-acre minimum in the county.

## Opinion and opposition

Commissioner Greg Vick made it clear he is against the resolution due to its lack of adherence to Dillon Rule's. "You really need to be careful on this resolution," said Vick during the meeting.

This resolution "is a corrupt bargain designed for nothing more than sheer unvarnished, good ole boy politics at its very best," said Vick. "Simply put, this resolution does nothing but hamstring every single buyer, home seller, homeowner, small businessman, and resident of Bedford County through sheer draconian measures unlike any other county in this state. For what? That's easy, for political power held by a few county commissioners that are trying to play a game."

Tennessee is a Dillon's Rule state, Vick explained. The rule limits local government to only exercise powers granted by the state, powers necessarily

and implied from the grant of power, and powers crucial to the existence of government.

For example, under Dillon's Rule, any amendments made in the county's Zoning Resolution must be administratively initiated and recommended to the county legislative body (county commission) by the regional planning commission before the legislative body can approve or not. The county commission can only approve or deny amendments to the zoning resolution when an application has been submitted to the planning commission and a favorable recommendation has been given.

This, essentially, keeps politics out of zoning and planning. "If we adopt something like Section 9, we're going to delay process and place roadblocks and undue burdens on every zoning variance...But worst it's going to inhibit family members from gifting property..." said Vick.

Commissioner Vick wrote, "the Planning Commissions, were, in my opinion, intentionally left out of the hands of the legislative bodies of local government in order to avoid cases where the politics of a legislative branch of government could enter into a decision which might disenfranchise a property owner of his or her constitutional rights."

Candy Joyce from the Middle Tennessee Association of Realtors (MTAR) said in an email, "These SIGNIFICANT changes would essentially stop all options for growth, development and housing opportunity in Bedford County. In short, proposals to reject any future PUDs, alternative waste systems such as Step systems, and minimum 5-acre subdivision lot sizes are paramount in the proposal."

"We owe it to the community and our industry to step into this dialogue today and shape the future of Bedford County proactively and with smart, thoughtful progress," said Joyce.

The resolution was deferred to the planning commission so several changes can be made to the document to come up with something "we can all agree to," said Anderson.



ANDREW PAUL GOODRICH AND ASHLEY JEANELLE KENNEY

# Engagement announced

Steve and Lori Kenney of Shepherdsville, Ky., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Jeanelle Kenney, to Andrew Paul Goodrich, son of John and Brenda Goodrich of Shelbyville. They are planning a wedding for February.

# Electric bill assistance available through DREMC's Project HELP

Duck River Electric Membership Corporation (DREMC) members can apply for assistance with their electric bills through the Project HELP program.

Project HELP is DREMC's emergency residential energy assistance program overseen by local charity organizations, including the Bedford County Good Samaritan Association.

Project HELP provides emergency electric bill assistance year-round to help qualifying DREMC members keep their electric power on during difficult financial times.

Project HELP has helped thousands of Duck River members over the program's 30-year existence. Because financial hardships can occur for

families or individuals anytime during the year, Project HELP assistance is available to help DREMC members when they need it most.

DREMC Office Manager Tara Groce shares the story of a Bedford County DREMC member who received assistance with her electric bill through Project HELP. "An elderly member came to our office almost in tears," she said. "She had turned on the heating unit's emergency setting to help with staying warm. With the heat strips staying on for an extended period, it caused her bill to increase. She receives a fixed income and was unsure how she would pay the bill."

"We explained to her how local assistance agen-

cies, including the Bedford County Good Samaritan Association through DREMC's Project HELP program, could help her with the bill payment," said Groce.

"It's situations, such as this, that make the Project HELP program a valuable resource for DREMC members," Groce said.

Project HELP is supported by donations from DREMC members and employees, and their generosity has made the assistance program available for DREMC members living in the Bedford County area.

To apply for Project HELP assistance, contact the Bedford County Good Samaritan Association located at 201 E. Highland Ave., Shelbyville, TN, 931-684-8160.

# Carden promoted by Community Clinic

Lisa Trollinger Carden has been named Director of Dental Operations at Community Clinic of Bedford County.

The promotion was announced at the December meeting of the CCSBC Board of Directors.

She will be responsible for community outreach, recruiting, and training potential community dental volunteers. As she provides information to the community about the importance oral health care, her focus will be patient care.

The recent passage of dental benefits for adults on TennCare has created a "barrier" for individuals receiving dental care in Bedford County. CCSBC does not provide dental care to any individual with dental insurance. Therefore, these patients

face a challenge of locating a TennCare provider. The closest TennCare providers are in Nashville area. Lisa will be assisting patients to continue their dental treatment plans.

She is the wife of James Carden, mother of Ryan (Chelsey) and Joshua, and grandmother of Isaiah and Sofia.

## Grant funds pap smears

The Community Clinic has received a \$7,500 Vanderbilt University Office of Health Equity Grant entitled "Increasing the Number of Pap Smears (HPC-Co Testing) for Low-income and uninsured CCSBC Females."

The 2023 grant will provide 46 women with a free pap smear screening. Women qualify for

screenings at the age of 25-65 every five years.

Call the clinic at 931-684-6772 or email shelbyvilleclinic@att.net to request an appointment. Women's Wellness is held monthly on the first Thursday but pap smears may be scheduled on any Tuesday or Thursday.

The grant goal is to schedule at least four or more pap smears per month.

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**220 TULIP TREE RD**  
**SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160**

## LPRF GRANT PUBLIC MEETING

for  
**TENNIS & PICKLEBALL COURTS**

# PUBLIC NOTICE

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHELBYVILLE POWER, WATER, AND SEWER BOARD WILL MEET

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24TH @ 5PM**

AT THE SHELBYVILLE POWER SYSTEM OFFICE,  
308 SOUTH MAIN STREET.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND ANY AND ALL MEETINGS.

## SHELBYVILLE POWER, WATER, & SEWER BOARDS



JUNIOR'S HOUSE GETS NEW SPECIALIST



Submitted photo

Junior's House Children's Advocacy Center announced they are welcoming Makinley Holland to their organization as their new Prevention Program Specialist. Makinley is working with local schools, grades K-5, to offer the center's new Community Foundation grant funded Monique Burr program. According to a recent press release, the program is designed to educate and protect children and teens from all types of bullying, abuse, and victimization with evidence-based and evidence-informed prevention education programs. Makinley will also be training adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse with evidenced based "Darkness to Light" training. The center's prevention training is available to Lincoln, Moore, Bedford, and Marshall Counties. If you would like to find out more about scheduling Makinley to offer these trainings, call Junior's House at 931-438-3233. The press release said, "We are grateful to the State of Tennessee for funding our new prevention program."

Church of England refuses to back same-sex marriage

By SYLVIA HUI Associated Press

LONDON — The Church of England said Wednesday it will allow blessings for same-sex, civil marriages for the first time but same-sex couples still will not be allowed to marry in its churches. The decision followed five years of debate and consultation on the church's position on sexuality. It is expected to be outlined in a report to the church's national assembly, the General Synod, which meets in London next month. Under the proposals, the Church of England's stance that the sacrament of matrimony is restricted to unions between one man

and one woman will not change. However, same-sex couples would be able to have a church service with prayers of dedication, thanksgiving or for God's blessing after they have a civil wedding or register a civil partnership. Same-sex marriage has been legal in England and Wales since 2013, but the church did not change its teaching when the law changed. Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, the spiritual leader of the Anglican Church, acknowledged that the proposals "will appear to go too far for some and not nearly far enough for others."

Send church news and events to tgnews@t-g.com.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Baptist

Pastor Tyler Shoemaker's 10 a.m. message at **Calvary Baptist Church** will be "Who Should Evangelize" from 1 Peter 3:13-17. The service will be livestreamed.

"Followers are Disciples" from Luke 14:27 will be Pastor Jimmy West's message at 10 a.m. Sunday at **Edgemont Baptist Church**. The service will be livestreamed.

Bro. Bobby McGee's message at **Grace Baptist Church** will be "I Have You Friends" from John 15:11-15.

Christian (Disciples of Christ)

Dan Asche's message at 10 a.m. at **First Christian Church** will be the last of a series on spiritual maturity. This week's topic will be generosity from various texts in the book of

Proverbs.

Church of Christ

"It's War" from Ephesians 6:10-12 will be the first message in a new sermon series "The Fight" by Lance Bennett at **Fairlane Church of Christ**. The service will be livestreamed and broadcast on WLIJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM/wlijradio.com).

**Raus Church of Christ**, 102 Elijah Parker Road (just off Highway 130), is holding its Winter Lecture Series from Sunday, Jan. 22 through Thursday, Jan. 26. Services will be at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, and 7 p.m. weekdays. Speakers: Sunday morning, Jim Pruitt (Raus) "Do All Religions Lead to God?"; Sunday evening, Bill Cantrell (East Huntsville). "Is There Such a Thing as Truth?"; Monday, Jeff Collet (Fairfield), "Is the Bible Relevant?"; Tuesday, Chris Whitaker (Elm Street), "Is Christ the Only Way?"; Wednesday, Lee Allen (Mt. Herman), "Is Baptism Necessary?"; Thursday, Milton Stephens (Lynnville

& MTSOP), "Does What I Believe Really Matter?"

"The Master Teacher: Who do you say that I am?" from Mark 8:27 will be the 10 a.m. message Sunday by guest speaker John Paul Suchecki at **Southside Church of Christ**. "Not Ashamed" from Romans 1 will be Suchecki's 6 p.m. message. Buddy Koonce will speak on "Commitment and Discipleship" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services are livestreamed at cofcsouthside.com.

"Committed to Discipleship" will be the 11 a.m. Sunday sermon by Chris Bobo at **Wartrace Church of Christ**.

Methodist

Pastor Abe Zimmerman's sermon at **First United Methodist Church** will be "From Plea to Praise" from Psalm 13. The 10 a.m. service will be livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLIJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM/wlijradio.com).

Averitt adds Shelbyville native to board of directors

COOKEVILLE — During its 2022 annual meeting, the Averitt Express board of directors added two new members: Mark Davis, Averitt's vice president of pricing and traffic, and Tim Saylor, the company's vice president of information services.

"Both Mark and Tim have served Averitt for many years, and I'm thankful for their contributions that have helped our team get to where it is today," said Averitt President Wayne Spain. "Their experience and commitment to Averitt will help continue moving us forward as we deliver outstanding service to our customers, provide a top-tier workplace for our associates, and secure our future."

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Saylor grew up in Shelbyville, graduating from Tennessee Tech University in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Information Systems. He started working for Averitt after graduating, joining

the team in 1991 as a tech support associate. He was soon promoted to a leadership position, building Averitt's networking team from the ground up. Saylor was named vice president of information systems in 2011 and eventually absorbed the customer service department under his umbrella. Saylor is on the Tennessee Tech Business Information Technology advisory board and is a member of the Digital LTL Council. He is also active with SMC3's LTL Best Practices and LTL CIO Best Practices sessions.

A native of Lawrenceburg, Davis graduated from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1980. He began his career with Averitt in 1978 as a part-time dock/billing associate while he was in college. During his 43-year tenure at Averitt, he has held various positions in the organization, ranging

from rate clerk to his current role as vice president of pricing and traffic. Davis is also a long-time board member of SMC3 and The National Motor Freight Traffic Association (NMFTA).

In addition to Spain, Davis and Saylor, the Averitt board of directors includes Chairman and CEO Gary Sasser, Executive Vice President and COO Barry Blakely, Executive Vice President of Finance and CFO Johnny Fields, and Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing Kent Williams. According to a recent press release, the board oversees "the growth of the organization, ensuring Averitt has a clear vision for the future through innovation, creativity, developing its associates, investing in infrastructure, and maintaining a steadfast commitment to remaining financially independent for generations to come."

Shooting by 6-year-old raises complex cultural questions

By HOLLY RAMER Associated Press

He was 6, in his first-grade class in Newport News, Virginia. He pointed a handgun at his teacher, police say, and then he pulled the trigger. And across the nation, people ... didn't quite know how to react. Even in a country where gun violence is sadly commonplace, the story of a small boy with a gun is reverberating in a big way. There has been finger-pointing. Confusion. Floundering for answers. Mass grappling with deeply uncomfortable feelings. And questions: How could something like this possibly happen? Where in the national consciousness do we put it?

"It is almost impossible to wrap our minds around the fact that a 6-year-old first-grader brought a loaded handgun to school and shot a teacher," Mayor Phillip Jones said that day, Jan. 6. "However, this is exactly what our community is grappling with today." It's not just his community, though, and it wasn't just that day. This is a country full of people who know exactly what they think about everything, and say so. Yet many are throwing their hands up at this. In a land awash in hot takes, it's a head-scratcher. A heart-scratcher, even.

"I never thought elementary students being the shooter was a possibility we would ever see," says Kendra Newton, a first-grade teacher in Florida. That may be because it sits outside what people are accustomed to. Jennifer

Talarico, a psychology professor at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, believes the case hits differently in part because it violates society's expectations for both school shootings (of which there were two others elsewhere in the country that day) and childhood itself.

"Sadly, we have schemas, we have rubrics, we have archetypes for school shootings in this country. We have a sort of script for these things," said Talarico, who has studied how people remember indirectly experienced events. "Using the phrase 'school shooting' as a shorthand leads us to develop that story in our heads, and when the facts of the case are so different ... that is what is surprising."

Americans typically view childhood as an encapsulation of the best of our society and values, Talarico says — innocence, fun, joy, love. Anything that challenges that deep-seated view unearths complicated questions about the culture and community in which a child is being raised — whether it be local culture and community or the entire nation.

"That's some hard self-reflection," she says. "That is why the story is resonating with people."

Americans are left struggling with a scenario that doesn't fit into any bucket. But as jarring as that may feel, there's a danger in trying to force the incident into a familiar framework, says Marsha Levick, chief legal officer and co-founder of the Juvenile Law Center. She believes Americans have become "so stuck in

a place of punishment" that they have lost the ability to have conversations outside those boundaries. By labeling the shooting with the loaded word "intentional," Newport News Police Chief Steve Drew is inviting people to view it as a criminal act, Levick asserts.

"That is ludicrous. It is absurd. It is utterly inconsistent with science and what we know about human development and child development," she says. "Let's own that. This was not a criminal act."

Levick would like law enforcement to acknowledge that "this is not our lane," as it did more than two decades ago in one of the few cases from the recent past that bears some resemblance to the Virginia shooting. When a 6-year-old boy shot and killed a classmate in Michigan in 2000, Genesee County Prosecuting Attorney Arthur Busch didn't go after the boy, but after those who provided access to the gun.

In an interview last week, Busch said he's been surprised by the repeated use of "intentional" by Newport News police.

"It was like fingernails on a chalkboard when I heard the police say it was intentional," he said. "We don't call it intentional when it's a 6-year-old. ... He's not old enough to have intent."

Busch, who later became a defense attorney and retired in 2018, remembers visiting the boy at a group home and squeezing into a child-sized chair to chat. The boy proudly showed

him pictures he had colored and his favorite toys. A smile revealed two missing front teeth, and they talked about the tooth fairy and the Easter Bunny.

"He was excited because he knew he was going to get candy," Busch said. "It was quite clear that he was not hatching any diabolical plots. He was just a typical little kid. He was a baby, pretty much."

Busch remembers being dumbfounded when notified of the 2000 shooting. "I just couldn't wrap my head around that," he said. But he knew immediately he wouldn't bring any charges.

"The only thing to do with that boy is get him out of that situation, find the best place for him," Busch said. "This kid had probably never seen love in his life. We needed to wrap our arms around him as a community, and love and protect him."

The Virginia case is sure to stir debate about gun control and school safety. But Moira O'Neill, who led New Hampshire's Office of the Child Advocate for five years, says anyone feeling shaken by the incident can take a few simple steps. She says an abundance of research shows that the best way to support child development and promote resilience is to offer children a sense of belonging.

In short: Don't let your shock paralyze you. Take steps to value children in your own community.

"This is not a big commitment. This is simply knowing the kids, knowing their names, and giving the impression if they need help they can ask," she said. "If

neighbors choose to settle with being shocked, without thinking through ways they can contribute to child well-being and safety, they are sending the message that the children are not valued."

Whether all the reflection around the Virginia shooting leads to change remains to be seen. Talarico, whose work includes studying the "memory-laden language" that often surrounds big events, says imperatives

like "Never Forget" don't always lead to sweeping action — particularly when it comes to guns.

"'Never Forget,'" she says, "hasn't effectively translated to 'Never Again.'"

• Associated Press writer Denise Lavoie in Richmond, Virginia, contributed to this report.

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Sunday School .....	9 A.M.
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Wednesday night services begin at ... 6:30 P.M.	

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U.S. Air Force photos by Jill Pickett

Mark Winland, left, botanist with Arnold Air Force Base, and Dr. Amy Turner, the National Environmental Policy Act, natural and cultural resources planner for Arnold AFB, search in the cracks and crevices of a cave near Arnold AFB for tricolored bats.

# AEDC team members assist with bat research

By JILL PICKETT

AEDC Office of Public Affairs  
**ARNOLD AIR FORCE BASE** – On a cold, drizzly day in December, Arnold Air Force Base team members ventured into a wet, muddy cave to add to the data concerning white nose syndrome and tricolored bats.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed listing the species as endangered in September 2022 due to the impacts of WNS, a disease caused by the fungus *Pseudogymnoascus destructans*.

“WNS is caused by the growth of a fungus that sometimes looks like white fuzz on bats’ muzzles and wings,” said Dr. Amy Turner, National Environmental Policy Act, natural and cultural resources planner for Arnold Air Force Base. “The fungus thrives in cold, dark, damp places and infects bats during winter cave hibernation. Impacted bats wake up more frequently, which often results in dehydration and starvation before spring arrives.”

The disease, for which there is no known cure, has been confirmed in 38 states since first being documented in the U.S. in 2006.

While there are no caves on Arnold AFB property, there are bat species that overwinter in the caves off base and are known to inhabit the forests of Arnold AFB the rest of the year.

The data collected in December and on a follow-up trip early this year will contribute to a study being conducted by researchers with Virginia Tech. The study is an investigation on how tricolored bats are surviving with WNS in some areas while in most of their range their population has declined.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website, “White-nose syndrome has caused estimated declines of more than 90% in affected tricolored bat colonies and is currently present across 59% of the species’ range.”

Locally, John Lamb, biologist for Arnold AFB, has seen an 88.75% decline in capture rates of tricolored bats on base during summer survey work.

Arnold AFB team members took temperature measurements, swabbed bats and their surrounding environment and banded bats for future identification if recaptured. The swabs and data are sent to the researchers for analysis, with Arnold AFB receiving reports of the results as a

study participant. This was the second year that Arnold AFB has participated in the study.

While conducting studies of the bats and other wildlife is important, precautions must be taken to protect both bats and people. Only qualified biologists with a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may work with endangered species. In Tennessee, a permit is required from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency to work with any wildlife species.

Biologists take care when handling bats to prevent transmitting diseases from humans to bats or between bats. They must also take precautions against transmission of disease from the bats to people, namely rabies. While cases of bats transmitting rabies to people is rare, according to Lamb, it is possible as all mammals can carry and transmit the disease. Biologists at Arnold who handle the bats receive rabies preexposure vaccinations.

The Virginia Tech study isn’t the first study of bats by Arnold AFB personnel. Since 2000, monitoring and various studies have been conducted of the bats that inhabit the forests on base and caves in the region.

“We at Arnold Air Force Base have been conducting bat research and conservation for more than 20 years with studies ranging from annual monitoring to radio telemetry tracking from airplanes,” Turner said. “Additionally, we manage our forests and waters to provide summer roosting habitat and foraging habitat for Tennessee bat species.”

Tricolored bats are just one of nine species of bats documented at Arnold Air Force Base. Six of those nine species are known to be susceptible to WNS due to hibernating in caves over the winter. They are the gray bat, Indiana bat, little brown bat, northern long-eared bat, tricolored bat and big brown bat. The red bat, evening bat and hoary bat live in forests year-round.

The gray bat and Indiana bat are classified as endangered. The northern long-eared bat is being reclassified from threatened to endangered effective Jan. 30.

“Gray and Indiana bats have been listed for many years due to declining numbers caused mostly by habitat loss and degradation,” Turner said. “However, the northern long-eared bat’s original listing in 2015 was due to declines caused by white-



A tricolored bat after being swabbed is ready to be banded before being returned to the area it was found in a cave.

nose syndrome.”

In September 2022, a proposal to list the tricolored bat as endangered was announced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, citing white-nose syndrome as the primary factor for an increasing risk of their extinction.

“Another species, the little brown bat, is currently under a status review by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for listing under the Endangered Species Act also due to white-nose syndrome,” Turner said. “Currently, no forest bats have shown signs of infection, but monitoring will continue to determine if forest bats are susceptible.”

While some may find bats creepy, the winged mammals are beneficial to humans. The species that inhabit Tennessee are insectivores and help control insect populations, such as mosquitoes.

“It is estimated that insectivorous bats contribute \$3 billion to \$23 billion annually to the U.S. agricultural economy by reducing crop damage and limiting the need for pesticides, not to mention the reduction of pests in our backyards,” Turner said. “Most bats consume up to half their body weight in insects, while pregnant or nursing bats will consume 100% of their body weight each night.

“It is likely that the effects of declining insectivorous bat populations will influence insect populations, including possible increases in some geographic areas of insects that are economic and nuisance pests, likely



John Lamb, biologist for Arnold Air Force Base, looks over a tricolored bat to assess its condition. Turner is at right.

leading to a need for more pesticide use.”

Knowing the potential impacts of a decline in the bat populations adds emphasis to the cooperative efforts by Arnold AFB team members and regional partners to gather and provide data for informed

conservation decisions.

“Arnold Air Force Base personnel have made important contributions through cooperative efforts with partners, including the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

and others,” Turner said. “With the wide-ranging habits of some species – not to mention the 10,000 caves in Tennessee – cooperation and communication between agencies is important to accomplish big tasks that no one entity can do alone.”



# SCHS Homecoming Court



From left, Jrs. Nevaeh Buchanan, Lily Waterson, Srs. Shelby Fortel, Savannah Butler, Alyvia Smith, Soph. Toriana Smith, Lilly Gray, Fr. Seriya Leslie, and not pictured Nyla Gresham



Seniors Alyvia Smith, Savannah Butler, and Shelby Fortel



Juniors Lily Waterson and Nevaeh Buchanan



Sophomores Toriana Smith and Lilly Gray



Freshmen Seriya Leslie and (not pictured) Nyla Gresham



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**Joy of the Lord**

How about taking some time for a little humor. After all, Proverbs 17:22 says, "A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones."

I don't want any of us to have a broken spirit...or dry bones.

So...here goes... A police officer pulls over a speeding car.

The officer says, "I clocked you at 80 miles per hour, sir."

The driver says, "Gee, officer, I had it on cruise control at 60; perhaps your radar gun needs calibrating."

Not looking up from her knitting the wife says: "Now don't be silly, dear - you know that this car doesn't have cruise control."

As the officer writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growls, "Can't you please keep your mouth shut for once!!?"

The wife smiles demurely and says, "Well dear you should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did or your speed would have been higher."

As the officer makes out the second ticket for the illegal radar detector unit, the man glowers at his wife and says through clenched teeth, "Woman, can't you keep your mouth shut?"

The officer frowns and says, "And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That's an automatic \$75 fine."

The driver says, "Yeah, well, you see, officer, I had it on, but I took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my license out of my back pocket."

The wife says, "Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you're driving."

And as the police officer is writing out the third ticket, the driver turns to his wife and barks, "WHY DON'T YOU PLEASE SHUT UP???"

The officer looks over at the woman and asks, "Does your husband always talk to you this way, Ma'am?"

"Only when he's been drinking!"

(Well, it is best to obey the law, and be truthful. Especially when you have an observant and truthful person sitting there with you.)

Here's another one....

(Some people are called to preach the Gospel and others are called to yell.)

After a church service one Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his parents,

"Mom and Dad, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up."

"Why that's wonderful,

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**'Help save my son'**

**Mother of three-year-old looking for answers**

By ZOË WATKINS  
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In April of 2022 Neyland Martin woke up with a cough that progressed rapidly into something worse. It's turned this past year into a repeating nightmare.

Outside of taking steroids for allergies, he was a regular, happy, healthy boy, just two-years-old at the time.

Neyland's mother, Jessica, said they took him to ER where they were transferred to Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville.

Neyland was in complete respiratory failure and spent 17 days being treated like an asthmatic. But there was more. It left him with 41% of his left lung and 21% of his right lung collapsed due to atelectasis. CT scans show the small airways in his lungs are collapsed.

"They said his lungs were so raw and inflamed, so it just didn't make any sense," said Jessica.

Now, at just three-years-old, he's gone from respiratory problems to neurological problems as he has started losing his ability to walk. Recently, he spent another 12 days in the ICU during Christmas.

"We need answers," Jessica said. "Something is attacking his body. His immune system...He'll go one or two weeks where



Neyland Martin, 3, has spent three out of the past eight months in the ICU.

he can't use his legs at all."

The hospital looked at putting him on a ventilator, but they were unsure if he would be able to come off. More and more he became unresponsive to the usual treatments. His body became so sensitive that when the nurse tried to put a blood pressure cup on his arm, he would thrash in extreme pain.

"The scream that we heard is something that we would place if somebody was on fire," Jessica

said. "Then it would stop as quickly as it came on."

But Vanderbilt, along with other hospitals they've been in contact with, has no answers. Even genetics testing provided no complete answers. "When the genetics doctor called, she was like 'I'm so sorry; I thought this was going to be our Hail Mary,'" said Jessica.

Jessica said they will continue meeting with the genetics department beginning this April. For now, Neyland goes to physical therapy four times a week in addition to going to a lung specialist.

"That's the only answers we get: treat what we see," said Jessica. "The not knowing is the hardest thing I've ever had to do."

"We desperately want to get our son into a hospital that specializes in rare childhood diseases. Vanderbilt has told us they have never seen this and can only treat his symptoms that he needs a children's hospital that diagnosis rare diseases to have multiple tests run on him to get answers, so we can find a cure/diagnosis for my son," she said.

Their next hope is getting a research study group solely for Neyland. Though he becomes a bit of a "specimen," giving doctors the opportunity to do more tests to hopefully provide answers for any child facing this in the future.

"They made the statement [last Thursday] that they're going to do everything that they can research-wise, but our end-result would have to be Botson's Children's Hospital or the Mayo Clinic," she explained. Jessica said Vanderbilt offered to arrange everything.

The mother of five said she's always on high alert. And though the family works together to hide a lot from Neyland to make his childhood as normal as possible, the long hospital stays and financial burden take a toll on everyone.

Jessica herself cannot work due to a medical condition, so their household is down to one income through her husband.

"The cost is overbearing; we're sinking fast," Jessica said. They're

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Jessica Martin and Neyland.

**MTSU Police attracts multiple recruits**

MURFREESBORO — After a period of reduced interest in prospective officers joining law enforcement ranks, the MTSU Police Department has attracted and brought on nine new officers over the past year and worked hard to support them through the rigorous onboarding process.

"It takes around nine months for a new hire to go from the first day to working solo on patrol," said Lt. Jacob Wagner who heads up training at the department along with Sgt. Jason Hurley.

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Lt. Jacob Wagner of Middle Tennessee State University's Police Department, far right, helps coordinate the department's training program and poses here with some of its newest recruits, from left, Officers Andrew Bradham, Tristan Slater, Lealand Wood and Lt. Wagner.



**Choices**

Options are always good, but I for one am being overwhelmed by choices.

In the past couple of months my trips to the grocery store have increased dramatically. I have to admit I am dazzled at the choices available to me. Choosing what to drink, and what flavor to buy, is one of the more daunting experiences.

Just last week I had to leave the checkout counter because I realized I had the right flavor of cranberry juice, but I had the diet version. I remember when there was plain cranberry juice and then grape and apple were added in. I never thought at the time I would see cranberry juice combined with mangos or pineapples, but both those flavors and more are on the shelves.

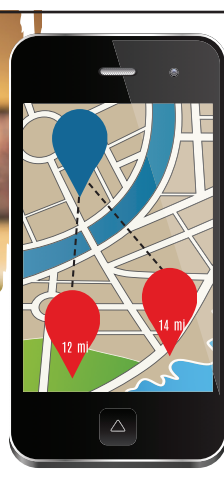
There are more than 20 basic flavors of any given sports drink. I remember when there was only one choice of brand and only one choice of flavor — lemon-lime - bottled in large glass jugs. They also made a powdered version which athletic teams began using at the beginning of the 1970s.

What a break it was from water, though in junior high coach Tom Parker would only let us drink the lemon-lime mixture during games. When the orange flavor was added we all were thrilled to have an option, but we certainly never expected in our wildest dreams we would someday have flavors like grape, fruit punch or cherry to choose from.

Joe Boy's Dari (sic) Bar on North Main Street, owned by Billie and Coke Crowell, was one of the first, if not the first, places in town to purchase an ICEE. There were two flavors — Coca-Cola and cherry. We all thought at the time those two choices were enough. But the company quickly added more. Now, according to the Internet, there are 150 different ICEE flavors with 30 available at any one time.

While it is true variety is the spice of life, I often wonder to myself why we need 23 flavors of any cola flavored drink, though I do like the cherry flavored versions. I even enjoy the mango flavored cola one company produces at various times of the year, but it is certainly not a flavor combination I would have thought of developing. Vanilla flavored cola drinks bring back memories for many who remember when most drug stores had soda fountains, but an orange flavored cola appears to me to be a little bit of a stretch.

Grocery shopping has become a nightmare for me. Oh, how it makes me dream of a simpler time.



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Tennessee Tech graduates look excited for their big day.

# Fall 2022 Deans' Lists

Several Bedford County residents made the Dean's List at their respective colleges and universities. The following are sent to our newsroom. If you would like your student to be honored, send the university's press release to [tgnews@t-g.com](mailto:tgnews@t-g.com). The Times-Gazette would like to congratulate all of these hardworking students with bright futures ahead.

**Benjamin Renegar** made Dean's List at UT Chattanooga for the Fall 2022 semester. He is studying at the Gary W. Rollins College of Business.

**Katherine Gallagher** of Normandy made the President's List for the Fall 2022 semester at Young Harris College in North Georgia.

UT Martin named several local students for their fall semester Chancellor's Honor Roll. They were **Drake D. Hodge**, Bell Buckle, High Honors; **Caroline R. Barton**, Normandy, Honors; **Haley C. Henson**, Shelbyville, High Honors; **Tevin A. Shipp**, Shelbyville, Honors; **Karley J. Simmons**, Shelbyville, Honors; **Cindy R. Solis**, Shelbyville, Honors; **Christin F. Rickman**,

Wartrace, High Honors. **Hollis Johnson** of Bell Buckle was named in the Fall 2022 Dean's List at Mississippi College in Clinton, Miss.

**James Gillette**, a Bell Buckle student majoring in International Studies, was named to the fall 2022 Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio.

Dozens of students from Bedford County at Tennessee Tech made Dean's List for the fall semester. They are: **Blake A Adams, Gabriel Ryan Adams, Logan Chase Adcock, Angela Elizabeth Anderson, Jessica Mariah Apple, Matthew R Baldwin, Rachel Katherine Barnes, Samantha Marie Blanche, Savannah Bobo, Ellen Marie Bomar, Ethan N Bramblett, Anna Jones Brown, Jordan Andrew Burchett, Benjamin R Cantrell, Dallas SarahAnn Carlton, Jacey E Cartwright, Tyler Clay Christian, Patrick B Clinton, Mackenzie Grace Collet, Taylor B Cook, Ashton Elizabeth Crick, Sawyer N Curevich, Derrick Colton Davis, Nicole Lindsey Davis, Riley Leanne Davis, Ashton A Dement, David J Dickens, Collin Dudley, Lydia**

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**Meghan Leeann Solomon, Cacey Danielle Spence, Hannah Grace Stephens, Lindsey Dawn Stephens, Brigette Michaela Swafford, Harlee S Taylor, Shana Raeann Taylor, Charles Bryan Thomas, William Keith Thomas, James Tyler Thurber, Halee Jordan Tucker, Ariel L Upton, Mallory E Vaughn, Coleman Dayton Walker, Aiden Karter Wallace, Katie Beth Warren, Lauren Hope Warren, Erin Renee Watlington, Joel Reade Watlington, Caleb Benjamin Whaley, Carrie Dawnette Williams, Morgan Williams, Daphne Elise Wilson, Bailey R Womble, Braden W York, James D York, George Curtis Zane.**

## Non-Bedford residents

**Johnathon Savage** of Chapel Hill made the fall 2022 Dean's List at the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega, Ga. for achieving at least a 3.5 grade point average, carrying 12 or more credit hours in one semester and having no grade lower than B.

**Olivia Hogan** of Tullahoma made the President's List for Fall 2022 at the University of the Cumberland in Williamsburg, Ky.

## Are you old enough to be a fashion model?

According to a recent Wall Street Journal article, the demand for older models in the fashion and cosmetics industries is exploding. Sorry. Perhaps "exploding" is a trigger word. It might give some of the most seasoned models flashbacks of "the rocket's red glare, bombs bursting in air."

That's right. When I say "older," I am not simply referencing hints of gray.

Cosmetics juggernaut L'Oréal currently employs Helen Mirren (age 77) and Jane Fonda (age 85), and those celebrities are just the "young chicks" compared to other spokespeople out there hawking makeup and clothing.

(I'm still trying to secure an interview with one model who alleges, "When I started, the whole fashion line consisted of fig leaves. My best friend failed to moisturize and turned into a pillar of salt. You couldn't strut your stuff on the runway until the waters parted.") For too long, mature

women have let college-age influencers, teens or even creepily sexualized preteens set an impossible standard of beauty for them. ("Wait – before you bring home the bacon and fry it up in a pan, be sure to warm up by doing the splits and decorating the homecoming float.") Bless the ladies for whom "class" means something other than copying the school brain's algebra test.

Good genes, diet, exercise, skincare and attitude have given society a plethora of older women who are stunningly beautiful. (So I am told. I hate when my wife reads over my shoulder!) Yet they have traditionally been burdened with fashions so frumpy that a "come hither" look is answered with, "Why? Do you need help milking the yaks?"

I'm glad we've gotten away from the paradigm of models being ever-younger and ever-skinnier. People with memories of the disco nightclub days of Studio 54 still talk about the

ugly scene when a model became jealous of her own still-attached umbilical cord.

One substantial advantage of hiring older models is that they are more sensible and less likely to let the glamor and spotlight go to their heads. Granted, there are other things that may cloud their judgment. ("Have you ever seen anything as beautiful as my grandson's drawing of a whatever-it-is? If I can't display this on the next lingerie magazine cover, you'll hear from my lawyer, you whippersnapper!")

Of course, new advertising campaigns must be tailored to current realities. The models who implored "Don't hate me because I'm beautiful" in 1980s Pantene commercials would now beseech, "Don't hate me because I'm going to drain the Social Security trust fund dry before you ever get there. Bwahaha..."

I must admit not all my friends are onboard with the industry shift.

**Danny Tyree**

*Tyrades*



The article touted "models over 50 whose faces tell a story." One friend conceded, "Okay, their face can tell a story – just as long as it's not the one about walking five miles to school in the snow, uphill both ways. Or the one about sharing a wild taxi ride with Guy Lombardo."

The heck with him. We need courageous models (male and female) who can inspire their contemporaries or those who aspire to be that age in a few years.

Perhaps you or someone you know has a bright future in modeling.

Just be prepared for the hyper-competitive arena of seeking to be quoted.

"Like I told Francis Scott Key, what happens in Fort McHenry stays in Fort McHenry!"

•Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at [tyreetyrades@aol.com](mailto:tyreetyrades@aol.com) and visits to his Facebook fan page "Tyree's Tyrades."

## Webb athletes nominated for 2023 McDonald's All-American Games

BELL BUCKLE— Some 722 of the nation's elite girls and boys high school basketball players have been nominated for the chance to shine on one of basketball's elite stages at the McDonald's All-American Games.

This includes two basketball athletes from the Webb School: Aaiyah Del Rosario and Angelica Velez.

They were nominated by their high school coach, athletic director, principal, or member of the McDonald's All American Games Selection Committee. This year's nominees span far and wide, with 44 states plus the District of Columbia represented among this class.

The new class of nominees joins a legendary group of athletes who, over four decades, have been nominated for a chance to play in the nation's premiere showcase – including Shaquille O'Neal, Candace Parker, Anthony Davis, Maya Moore, Trae Young, Breanna Stewart, and many more of your favorite hoopers.

A complete list of 2023 McDonald's All American Games Nominees is available at [mcdag.com](http://mcdag.com). The top 24 girls and 24 boys will be revealed Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023 on NBA Today between 3-4 p.m. CT on ESPN and announced across ESPN's various social and digital platforms.

Tickets to the 2023 McDonald's All-American Games will be available beginning Tuesday, January 24 at [mcdag.com](http://mcdag.com).

The 2023 McDonald's All American girls game will air on Tuesday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m. CT on ESPN2 and the boys game will immediately follow-on ESPN at 8 p.m. CT.



Submitted photos

Neyland was a perfectly healthy, normal two-year-old until last April.

## Neyland

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behind on most bills due to prolonged stays at the ICU. And, unfortunately, insurance varies from state to

state. According to Jessica, their insurance does not cover rare childhood diseases.

Though all of these treatments cost an unimaginable amount, Jessica said their only priority is to get Neyland better no matter

where that may be.

In the meantime, people from the community have shown support where they can; they hope to start a fundraiser and are donating to the family's GoFundMe page. To donate, visit [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com)



Neyland will meet with the genetics department beginning April. For now, he goes to physical therapy four times a week in addition to going to a lung specialist.

and search "Help save my son" by Jessica Martin.

"Time is of the essence. Anything you can do to help us we would greatly appreciate it. We need help financially all the way around. This has been very hard on our family. We all

just want answers so that Neyland can receive the care he needs to get better," she said.

Shots and long hospital stays are now normal for Neyland. And though he has spent three of the past eight months in the ICU,

Neyland is still the same sweet and loving boy he always was and will be.

"He likes the little things...He is so easy to please. If you were to see Neyland, he's so good; he lights up the room," said his mother.



Sgt. Alex Watlington of Middle Tennessee State University's Police Department, center, shows MTSU's newest recruits Lealand Wood, left, and Tristan Slater how to operate a patrol vehicle's computer on campus in November 2022.



The newest recruits from Middle Tennessee State University's Police Department prepare for the rigors of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy by running the stairs at the university's Floyd Stadium during the fall 2022 semester.

## MTSU

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"It's a long and rigorous process," Hurley said, "so as a department and in the wake of hiring shortages, we have really tried to fine-tune our training protocol and environment to prepare and support individuals that are taking on this job and provide them with the tools they need to be successful."

Even before attending the 12-week Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy located in Nashville off Lebanon Pike, MTSU Police new hires take on a six-week administrative phase of in-house training with their True Blue colleagues.

"Sgt. Hurley and I have really tweaked this phase to provide detailed and specific training in areas that will best prepare them for the police academy and eventually when they return to us," Wagner said.

The training department focused on enhancing the physical, mental and emotional preparation of their newest officers.

"We added an hour of daily physical fitness training to help them feel more confident taking on the academy's demanding running and calisthenics that can push recruits to their physical limits and even lead to injury," Hurley said.

Next, the department gets recruits familiar with the academic material they

will be taught and assessed on at the academy.

"They take 10 hours of class a day for a total of about 480 hours of learning, and we want to make sure the academy isn't the first time they encounter this information," Wagner said.

Hurley and Wagner then prioritized creating a support network the recruits could lean on when the going got tough.

"We made sure to have lunch together, so we could laugh or share a little about our lives outside of work," Hurley said. "It's also a chance for the recruits to form a bond between themselves before going to the academy together."

Once the recruits head

off to the academy, Wagner and Hurley meet with them weekly.

"They show up full of stories from the week," Wagner said. "We can give them advice and encouragement. It seems like a good outlet for them, and it's also reinvigorating for us to see this new energy coming into our department."

The department's latest group of recruits celebrated their academy graduation on campus at Tucker Theater at the end of December with many MTSU Police staff in attendance.

One of these graduates, Tristan Slater, originally from Ontario, Canada, said the department's support

gave him confidence going into the academy.

"I believe that I came in more prepared than (recruits from) other departments because of the training that has been provided to us to prepare for the training academy," Slater said. "I would highly recommend people to apply for MTSU PD because they provide great training, and everyone here is always willing to help."

Another graduate, Lealand Wood from Clarksville, Tennessee, said the department has been like a family.

"The training staff ask us how we're doing, if they can do anything to help us," Wood said. "They've been great with that. Everyone

else (here) who has been through the academy ... has given us words of encouragement. Everyone here has treated us wonderfully."

Andrew Bradham, originally from Collierville, Tennessee, wraps up his total training next month and said his favorite part of the experience has been the staff.

"All of the training staff is super easy to get along with, and they have taught me so much," Bradham said. "This department will do its best to take care of you as an officer and as a person. The training I have received here has been fantastic, and I have had experiences here that are not available at other agencies."

## Doug

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honey," his mother responded. "That's sure okay with us. But what made you decide that?"

"Well," the little boy said, "I have to go to church on Sundays anyway.... And I figure it would be more fun to stand up and yell at people, than to have to just sit there and listen."

Okay, one more....

Comedians Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks did some

comedy sketches called the "2000 Year Old Man." In one skit, Reiner interviews Brooks, who is the old gentleman.

At one point, Reiner asks the old man, "Did you always believe in the Lord?"

Brooks replied: "No. We had a guy in our village named Phil, and for a time we worshiped him."

Reiner: "You worshiped a guy named Phil? Why?"

Brooks: "Because he was big, and mean, and he could break you in two with

his bare hands!"

Reiner: "Did you have prayers?"

Brooks: "Yes, would you like to hear one? O Phil, please don't be mean, and hurt us, or break us in two with your bare hands."

Reiner: "So when did you start worshiping the Lord?"

Brooks: "Well, one day a big thunderstorm came up, and a lightning bolt hit Phil. We gathered around and saw that he was dead. Then we said to one another, 'There's somethin'

bigger than Phil!"

Yes there is something much, much bigger than Phil.

Our God, the Creator of all that exists, yet He takes time to be here with us. The Bible says He is Emmanuel, which means 'God With Us.'

And God wants us to live with that knowledge, and take time to laugh and love.

The Bible says, "The Joy of the Lord is your strength;" and the Joy of the Lord has the power

to give us the strength to make it through the difficult times.

When we're faced with trials, it's easy for us to become discouraged, depressed and feeling hopeless.

But if we focus on the Joy of the Lord instead, that Joy can empower us to keep going.

It can give us hope and a sense of purpose when nothing else seems to make sense.

My prayer for you is that you will take time to

recognize God is there with you, so live fully, laugh often, and love a whole lot.

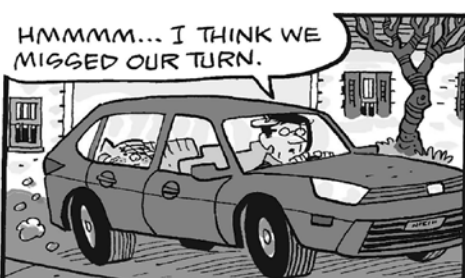
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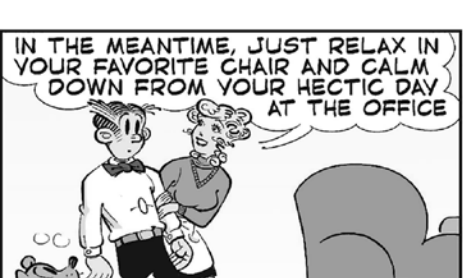
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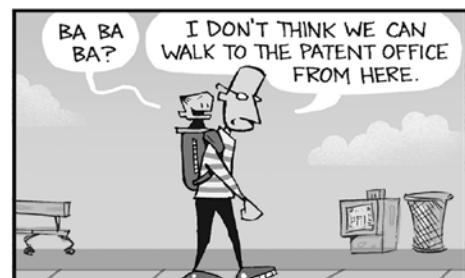
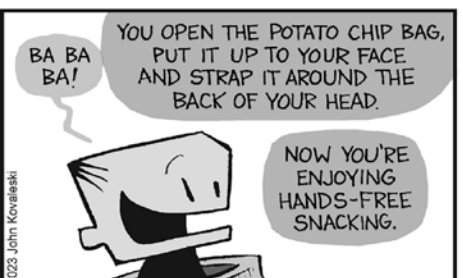
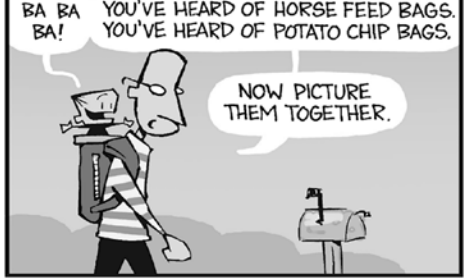
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## Baby Blues



## DADDY DAZE



# SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

SO, WANNA GRAB SOME DINNER AFTER WE LAND?

UM, WE SHOULD PROBABLY TALK ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT...

THERE'S JUST SOMETHING ABOUT A SNOWFALL THAT STILL MAKES ME HAPPY...

I MEAN, SURE, I'LL HAVE TO SHOVEL IT ALL...

AND YEAH, EVENTUALLY IT JUST TURNS DIRTY AND GRAY AND STICKS AROUND FAR LONGER THAN YOU WANT...

BUT WHEN IT FIRST FALLS, IT'S BEAUTIFUL, ALMOST MAGICAL, AS IT BLANKETS THE YARD, THE HOUSE, THE TOWN...

EVER SINCE THEY CANCELED SNOW DAYS AND WE NOW HAVE TO LOG INTO CLASS EVEN WHEN SCHOOL'S CLOSED, IT'S ALL JUST USELESS ICE CRYSTALS TO ME.

WELL, I ALREADY CALLED IN SICK FOR TOMORROW, SO MAYBE DURING YOUR LUNCH PERIOD WE CAN BUILD A SNOWMAN.

AND IN THAT MOMENT ALL IS WONDROUS AND CALM.

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REMARKABLE, ISN'T IT...?

I DOUBT HE KNOWS WHAT TO MAKE OF HER NOW.

THIS WOLF IS FRIENDLY...

AND AN EXCELLENT JUDGE OF CHARACTER! WHEN DEVIL LIKES A STRANGER, IT GOES A LONG WAY WITH ME.

I AM TEYDRA... FAREWELL... SAY NOTHING OF ME... NOTHING OF THIS PLACE.

I NEED THE WEAPON TO GET HOME ALIVE. YOU EXPECT YOUR ENEMIES TO BE LYING IN WAIT?

THE LESSER HUMANS THAT INHABIT THE LOWER CHAMBERS... THE RUINS. THEY KNOW WHO I AM... AND WHAT I DO.

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# Hi and Lois

by Brian and Greg Walker

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DAD, MY BEDROOM DOOR WON'T CLOSE. I'LL FIX IT LATER.

DAD, MY BIKE HAS A FLAT TIRE. I'LL FIX IT LATER, DITTO.

THE DRAWER ON MY NIGHTSTAND IS STICKING, DAD. LATER, DOT.

(SIGH) EVERYBODY HAD JOBS FOR ME ALL DAY!

EXCEPT YOU, TRIxie. I NEED A CHANGE... NOW.

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# THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"GREAT SERMON... IT'LL KEEP ME NAGGING ALL WEEK."

"HOW CAN THEY HAVE A HIGHLIGHT SHOW WHEN THEY LOST 35 TO ZERO?"

"APPARENTLY, MONEY HAS GHOSTED US."

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CANDORVILLE BY DARRIN BELL

THE OTHER DAY, MY NEIGHBOR YELLED "SHUT UP" AT MY DOG...

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HE ASKED ME TO TRAIN MAULER NOT TO DO THAT, SO I SAID, "SOUNDS LIKE YOU DON'T RESPECT MY DOG'S FREEDOM OF SPEECH."

I TOLD HIM I'M NOT GOING TO TRAIN MAULER TO CENSOR HIMSELF TO PROTECT SOMEONE ELSE'S FEELINGS.

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SLYLOCK FOX BY BOB WEBER JR.

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Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Watch, flying saucer, tape, pencil, shell and headphones cord.

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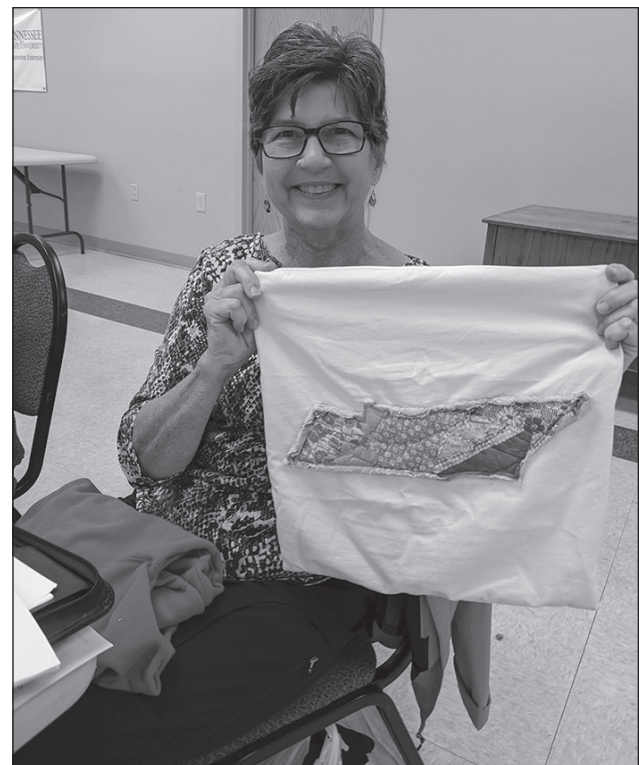
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Babs Chicoine shows off her handmade ornaments.



Bonnie Saunders shows off a fun Santa figurine.



Linda Rucker displays a hand-stitched pillow case.

# Shelbyville FCE shows off handmade goodies

The Shelbyville FCE Club met on January 13, 2023 at the Extension Office with 7 members present.

President Babs Chicoine called the meeting to order with the timely poem, "Soup Season." Helen Williams shared several inspirational and insightful readings for the devotion.

Members responded to the roll call by answering the question "What is your favorite soup?" with a variety of answers. Secretary Linda Rucker read the minutes from the club's October 4 meeting. Treasurer Babs Chicoine reported on the club finances, and Shirley McGee was added to the Sunshine Committee.

The educational lesson for the month reminded members of lifestyle factors for improving immunity. Information was pro-

vided concerning hygiene, lifestyle, exercise, health, and diet to help optimize our bodies' immunological response.

The club's other business included completing summary reports for the previous year and organizing yearbooks and member assignments for the current year.

Club member demonstrations included 'oldies but goodies' - projects members had completed at some time in the past. These were as follows: Babs Chicoine, sequined felt ornaments; Shirley McGee, counted cross-stitch framed poem; Linda Rucker, pillow cover with vintage quilted state of Tennessee; Bonnie Saunders, painted fence-post Santa; and Lucile Sorrels, Christmas quilt hanging. Everyone enjoyed viewing and sharing these

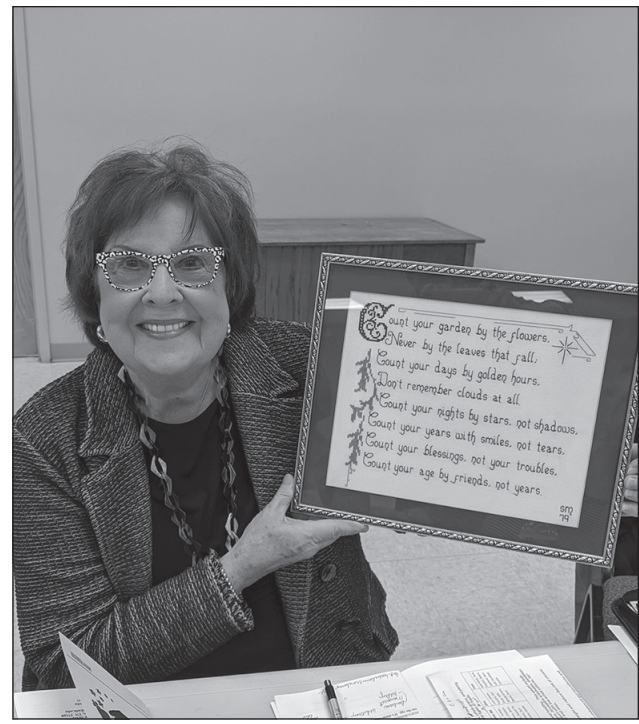


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Lucile Sorrels displays a beautiful Christmas quilt.

items.

President Babs Chicoine then adjourned the meeting

with the adage "The same boiling water that softens the potato, hardens the



Shirley McGee shows a cross stitch design she recently completed.

egg. It's about what you're made of, not the circumstances."

The next club meeting will be February 7 at the Extension Office.



## Leadership Bedford Realty Day

Submitted photo

Starting off the new year, on Jan. 11, both leadership classes were taught about banking, real estate, and finances. Reed Emerson and Jeff Hicks from Heritage Realty presented on the process of buying, selling, and renting a property. After traveling to the construction site, they walked through the multiple stages of building a house with David Boyce. Heritage South Community Credit Union employees explained how credit and debit cards work. The last stop was FCB Mortgage where the class enjoyed a lunch provided by First Community Bank and heard from various speakers. Thank you to all those involved in making this day a success.



## Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital awarded 'A'

Shelbyville/Tullahoma - Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital (VBH) and Vanderbilt Tullahoma-Hartom Hospital (VTHH) received an "A" Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group. This national distinction celebrates the hospitals' achievements in protecting patients from preventable harm and errors.

Vanderbilt University Medical Center acquired both hospitals in January of 2021 as one transaction.

"Vanderbilt Health is on the mission to provide health care that is personal; that includes delivering high-quality care led by those who live in and know the communities they serve," said Travis Capers, President of Vanderbilt regional community hospitals. "We achieved this grade because of the combination of the local team's dedication to their home facility and the investments Vanderbilt Health has made over the last two years."

Since the acquisition, Vanderbilt Health's resources and expertise have augmented the hospitals' operations, including



safety best practices.

"Over the last two years, Vanderbilt Health has made tremendous investments into these community hospitals that has enabled our clinicians and staff to operate at a level they've always strived for," said Bill Rich, President of VBH.

"And the integration into the Vanderbilt Health network, from electronic medical records and more pathways for referrals to specialists, has made an incredible difference in how we operate and are able to care for our patients," added Richard Ellis, president of VTHH.

The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization with

a 10-year history of assigning letter grades to general hospitals throughout the United States, based on a hospital's ability to prevent medical errors and harm to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent, and free to the public. Hospital Safety Grade results are based on more than 30 national performance measures and are updated each fall and spring.

"I applaud the hospital leadership and workforce for their strong commitment to safety and transparency," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "An 'A' Safety Grade is a sign that hospitals are continuously evaluating their performance, so that they can best protect patients. Your hospital team should be extremely proud of their dedication and achievement."

To see VBH's and VTHH's full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter, Facebook, and via its newsletter.

## Tennessee promotes National Birth Defects Awareness Month

Nashville - The Tennessee Department of Health is recognizing National Birth Defects Awareness Month in January 2023 to encourage healthy choices and habits for prospective parents to help lower their risk of having babies born with birth defects.

Birth defects are structural changes that can affect almost any part of the body. In Tennessee, more than 3,000 babies are born with birth defects every year. Birth defects cause one in five infant deaths in the state and cause lifelong physical and intellectual challenges for others.

"There are resources to help people to be as healthy as possible, whether they are preparing for pregnancy, caring for a child with birth defects, or are individuals living with birth defects," said Dr. Tobi Amosun, Assistant Commissioner for the Department of Health and Director of Family Health and Wellness.

"The Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) program is an important resource for nutrition and the Community Health Access and Navigation in Tennessee (CHANT) program is available in every county to assist with other needs for children, particularly those with special needs. We are working to make sure all Tennesseans receive the services and

treatments they need, in the ways they need them. Supporting family and child health creates a better Tennessee."

Adopting healthy behaviors even before becoming pregnant can increase the chances of having the best outcomes.

These healthy behaviors include:

- Maintaining a healthy diet;
- Engaging in daily exercise;
- Taking 400mcg of folic acid daily;
- Starting prenatal care early;
- Staying current on vaccines;
- Managing chronic health conditions, such as diabetes and hypertension;

• Spacing healthy timeframes between pregnancies; and,

• Avoiding alcohol, nicotine products, and the misuse of substances.

Women of childbearing age are encouraged to ask their healthcare providers about ways to have the healthiest pregnancy possible. This is particularly important for women taking medication regularly.

For more information, visit the TDH Birth Defects website ([www.tn.gov/health/BirthDefectsInfo](http://www.tn.gov/health/BirthDefectsInfo)) and the National Birth Defects Prevention Network (<https://www.nbdpn.org/bdam.php>).



**VFW  
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VFW Post 5019 held its 4th Fundraiser Breakfast serving biscuits and gravy, country ham and pork loin, hashbrown casserole, scrambled eggs and cheese grits. Proceeds help support local Veterans and VFW and Auxiliary programs. Those who attended said the food was great and so was the company! They hope to see everyone again next month on Feb. 11 from 7-9:30 a.m.

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## Champs come through in closing seconds

By **WILL CARTER**  
Sports Writer

**BELL BUCKLE** — It was an eventful night on the hardwood for the Cascade Champions and Forrest Rockets as both teams battled back-and-forth until the final seconds when the Champions were able to put the finishing touches on their 63-58 win.

The Champions (15-4, 2-0) got off to a hot start with a 5-0 run after a Thomas Gentry layup and Jayden Gulick three-pointer, but the Rockets (1-16, 1-2) took over from there.

After the baskets for Cascade, Forrest went on a 14-0 run until the final two minutes of the quarter to take a 14-5 lead.

"I'm super proud of how my guys played," Forrest head coach Shane Chapman said. "It's a fun game and a game you want to be a part of as a player and coach. The kids were battling. They (Cascade) didn't have their best night, but they were able to do enough to get the win."

Gentry broke up the run with a tough layup, and the Champions were able to close down their deficit to 19-13 heading into the second quarter.

Bray McCowan notched eight points in the quarter for Forrest.

Cascade opened the second quarter with a high-

pressure defense in an attempt to limit the Rockets' attack, and they found some success with it as they held them to a single digit quarter. But it wasn't until the final two minutes that the Champions were able to grab some momentum back as Gulick found his rhythm from behind the arc.

Gulick knocked down three consecutive three-pointers to go on a 9-0 run of his own with just under two minutes remaining in the half, and the Champions grabbed the lead for the first time since the opening minutes.

"We needed somebody to step up and hit some shots, and that was Jayden Gulick," Champs head coach Chris Lawson said. "He hit three threes in a row there that gave us a spark. Sometimes that's what you need, and that's what makes us a tough team. . . Going down the stretch now, he has that experience of knowing he can hit the shots, so it will help us a ton."

He totaled 18 points on the night with all of them coming from threes.

Cascade outscored Forrest 18-9 in the second frame for a 31-28 lead at halftime.

Coming out of the break, it was all Champions in the third quarter.

Cascade turned up their defensive pressure to start

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Saebyn Burris moves through traffic on a fast break against the Rockets.

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Zoey Dixon (2) drives to the basket for the Viqueens. Dixon had 13 points for Community.

T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy

## Viqueens escape threat from Lady Bulldogs

By **RICKEY CLARDY**  
Sports Writer

**UNIONVILLE** — The Community Viqueens led the Cornersville Lady Bulldogs by just four points heading into the final quarter, but the Viqueens pulled away with a 21-point run and defeated the Lady Bulldogs 62-52 in a non-district basketball game Tuesday night.

It was an evenly played opening quarter as both teams traded 6-0 runs. Led by six points from Ady Gentry, Cornersville (8-11) took its biggest lead at 9-5 after its run. Zoey Dixon scored five points as Community (15-5) went on its run and retook the lead at 14-12. The game was tied at 14-14 heading to the second quarter.

The Viqueens trailed 18-16 in the quarter before going on a 7-0 run. Anna Haskins came off the bench to score seven points, including a trey with 5:10 remaining that put the Viqueens up 21-18 and gave Community the lead for good.

The Lady Bulldogs stayed close with Camille Franklin scoring six points, but a late three-pointer by Haley Mitchell gave the Viqueens a 30-23 lead at the intermission.

"We did a good job offensively finding the open person and taking the shots," Coach Cody Pierce of the Viqueens said.

Mitchell had five points in the third quarter as Community led 35-26 with 6:10 left, but the Lady Bulldogs fought back. Alicia Polk scored nine points as Cornersville went on a 5-0 run to cut the Viqueen lead to 35-31. Community finished the quarter with a 41-37 advantage.

Haskins started the fourth quarter with two treys as the Viqueens upped their lead to 47-40. Led by six points from Anna Wood, the Lady Bulldogs trailed 49-45 with 4:28 left before Community widened its lead. M. J. Simmons scored seven points and Mitchell added six as the Viqueens scored the next eight points to go up 57-45 en route to their 10-point win.

"We shot it well outside and it helped us out a lot when we were struggling to defend," Pierce said.

Balanced scoring was the theme for both teams.

Haskins scored 16 points to lead four Viqueens in double figures. Simmons finished with 15 points while Mitchell added 14. Dixon had 13 points for Community.

Polk and Gentry each had 13 points while Wood finished with 12 for the Lady Bulldogs.

The Viqueens were 2-of-3 at the free throw line while the Lady Bulldogs were a

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## Vikes turn up pressure on Bulldogs

By **RICKEY CLARDY**  
Sports Writer

**UNIONVILLE** — Throughout the 2022-23 basketball season, the Community Vikings have experienced problems sustaining a consistency on the court for 32 minutes.

Tuesday night, the Vikings turned it around with a high-pressure defensive effort the entire game that led to a 20-3 third-quarter advantage as Community picked up its first win with a 64-49 victory over the Cornersville Bulldogs.

"No one felt the pressure of winning more than these kids," Coach Robbie Davis of the Vikings said. "I am happy they finally were able to come into a locker room after a win."

It was a low-scoring first quarter as both teams had trouble getting untracked. Hayden Grover led Cornersville (6-12) with four points while Landon Lovvorn paced Community (1-18) with six points. The Viqueens took an 8-7 lead to the second quarter.

The scoring increased as 12 players netted points in the second quarter. Five Vikings scored three points to lead the seven Community scorers while Kel Ford scored four points to lead five Bulldogs in the scoring column. The Vikings ended the half with a 26-21 advantage.

With a relentless press that forced Bulldog turnovers and rushed shots, the Vikings went into another gear in the third

quarter. Corey Paterick and Cole Crockett each had five points as the Vikings connected on their first three field goal attempts to go up 32-21. After the Bulldogs scored their three points, Community finished with the final 14 points to take a 46-24 lead to the final quarter.

Ben Franklin and Carter Neat each scored eight points as the Bulldogs got hot with 25 points in the quarter. Cornersville used a 7-0 run to get within 12 at 59-47 with 2:03 to play, but it was as close as the Bulldogs would get. Ramone Hernandez of the Vikings was 7-of-8 from the foul line as Community extended its lead with a 5-0 run and took the 15-point win.

Lovvorn led the Vikings with 17 points.

Franklin led the Bulldogs with 12 points while Grover added 11.

The Vikings finished 15-of-24 at the charity stripe while the Bulldogs were 8-of-12.

Davis changed his lineup going into the game.

"We knew we were going to start the young guys and bring in the older kids," Davis said. "Our hopes were that we could contain without fouling and create more offensive

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**Jason Cullum (3) puts up a shot for the Vikings. Cullum had seven points for Community.**

T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy





T-G Photo by Will Carter

**Jayden Gulick led the way with 18 points for the Champions on Tuesday night.**

## Champs

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the second half which caused some problems for the Rockets and led to some fastbreak points on the other end.

Jackson Davis notched eight points in the quarter and Gulick knocked down another timely three-pointer to extend Cascade's lead to 49-36 going into the final frame.

It was the only double-digit lead either team possessed throughout the contest.

But the Rockets wouldn't go down without a fight.

Led by Davin Porter, the Rockets found a groove early in the fourth quarter as they went on a 13-0 run over the first few minutes to tie the game back up at 49-49.

Porter accounted for 14 points in the final frame to round out a game-high 26 points on the night for the Rockets.

"There's been some times when we've told him to put the team on his back," Chapman said. "Davin didn't have a great game against Community, but came out tonight and played really well. When our guys can get it going, any of our guys can light it up on any night."

After the run was broken up by a Gentry layup again, Forrest was able to take their first lead since the second quarter after Mason Harper knocked down a three-pointer with three minutes and 15 seconds remaining.

The lead changed hands a few more times for a total of four in the final frame.

On the next possession, Gulick hit his final three of the game to give the Champions a two-point lead.

A minute later McCowan knocked down his fourth three of the game to take back the lead for

the Rockets in the last 60 seconds of the game.

Cascade took the lead back for the final time on the next possession when Davis found some space for a midrange jumper with 48 seconds remaining.

He later hit two vital free throws to make it a three-point game in the final 10 seconds.

On the final possession for the Rockets, they couldn't find enough space for the game-tying shot and Cascade grabbed the rebound as the clock wound down.

Saebyn Burris was fouled on the play to preserve time, but he knocked down both of his free throws to ice the game and secure the victory for Cascade.

"I told the guys in the locker room that basketball goes this way sometimes," Lawson said. "There's gonna be nights where you just don't play well and the other team does play well. Forrest played well tonight. They came out and shot the ball really well and got the ball in the paint some for layups."

"I told our guys that a mark of a really good team is finding a way to grind a win out sometimes."

While the loss hurts, Chapman was proud of how his team fought on the road and is looking forward to the next matchup with the Champions when they travel to Chapel Hill.

"Super proud of the effort my guys played with tonight," he said. "This is the kind of effort and production I've been looking for all season long. We'll see them again when they come to our place in a couple weeks."

Cascade wase back in action on Friday hosting Fayetteville City.

Cascade 13 18 18 14 - 63  
Forrest 19 9 8 22 - 58  
Cascade: Jayden Gulick 18, Jackson Davis 14, Lucas Clanton 12, Thomas Gentry 8, Jayden Little 8, Saebyn Burris 2, Zach Crosslin 1.  
Forrest: Davin Porter 26, Bray McCowan 17, Jimmy Bond 4, Ryan Mealis 4, Mason Harper 3, Will Bennett 2, Ben Villazon 2.  
3-point goals: Cascade (6): Gulick 6, Forrest (9): McCowan 4, Porter 4, Harper.  
Halftime score: Cascade 31, Forrest 28

# Cascade wrestlers split road tri-match

**T-G STAFF REPORT**  
The Cascade Champion wrestling squad traveled to White House Heritage on Tuesday night where they were defeated by the Patriots 54-30 and narrowly topped the Cheatham County Central Cubs 39-30.

Against the Patriots, three Champions were able to secure victories via pin.

Cole West grabbed the quickest pin for Cascade with a 44 second victory in the 220 pound class while Isaac Chapa and Tyler Haddock both secured their victories in less than a minute and a half in the 195 and 138 pound classes respectively.

Hayden Dowell and Dylan Warren were the only other Cascade vic-

tors against White House with both of their victories coming via forfeit.

In their matchup with Cheatham County, the Champions secured three victories with three via pin and one via tiebreaker.

Max Darefsky won the 160 pound division 6-5 with the final point coming in overtime for the tie-breaking win.

Chapa and West both claimed wins via pin again for a clean sweep of their classes at the tri-match while Dowell grabbed a pin victory in the 182 class in three and a half minutes.

The rest of Cascade's points were by forfeit as the Cubs couldn't fill every class with grapplers.

# Comeback try too late in Eagle loss

**T-G STAFF REPORT**  
A late comeback effort fell a little short as Shelbyville Central's Golden Eagles dropped a 51-47 decision to host Coffee County in a District 6-4A contest on Tuesday night.

The Red Raiders posted

leads of 8-7 the end of the first quarter and 16-15 at the half before increasing that advantage to 36-27 after three periods.

The Eagles fought back and outscored Coffee County 20-15 in the fourth stanza but it was too little, too late.

Jackson Shemwell led the winners with 19 points while Deion Subaran followed with 15.

Joe Harris connected for 19 points, including four 3-pointers to pace the Eagles.

Shelbyville Central travels to Warren County

on Friday night at 7:30 for a district clash.

Coffee County 8 8 20 15-51  
Shelbyville Central 7 8 12 20-47  
Shelbyville Central (47) - Zyon Bonner 2, Terrance Johnson 3, Tae Shawn Shelton 4, Isah Alexander 5, Rocky Chandler 7, Joe Harris 19, Tyler Trice 7.  
Coffee County (51) - Dayne Crosslin 3, Deion Subaran 15, Jackson Shemwell 19, Jahlin Osborne 8, Courtland Farrar 3, Cooper Reed 2.  
3-point goals - Shelbyville Central (7): Harris 4, Johnson, Alexander, Trice 8; Coffee County (2): Subaran, Farrar.  
Halftime - Coffee County 16, Shelbyville Central 15.

# Coffee County flexes muscles vs. Eaglettes

**T-G STAFF REPORT**  
Coffee County lived up to its ranking as the No. 2 ranked Class 4A team rolled past Shelbyville Central's Golden Eaglettes 68-36 in a District 6 4A contest in Manchester on Tuesday evening.

The Lady Red Raiders led 20-10 after the first quarter, 43-21 at the intermission and 52-34 going into the fourth quarter.

Natalie Barns led the winners with 22 points, including six treys. Emaleigh Tarpley added

14. Paige Blackburn and Lanaya Young paced the Eaglettes with 10 points apiece.

Shelbyville Central travels to Warren County for a district matchup on Friday at 6 p.m.

Shelbyville Central 10 11 13 2-36  
Coffee County 20 23 19 6-68  
Shelbyville Central (36) - Paige Blackburn 10, Lilly Brown 9, Sammie Brown 7, Lanaya Young 10.  
Coffee County (68): Jalie Rueling 6, Olivia Vinson 9, Natalie Barns 22, Chloe Gannon 4, Channah Gannon 9, Alivia Reed 3, Emaleigh Tarpley 14, McIntosh 1.  
3-point goals - Coffee County (10): Barnes 6, Vinson 3, Reed; Shelbyville Central (4) Blackburn 3, L. Brown.—

## Vikes

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opportunities and tonight we did."

"The reason we won this game was 100 percent the attitudes of the seniors," Davis added.

"Our sophomore guards Jason Cullum and Landon Lovvorn came out and played big to start the game. Then our seniors came in with high energy, great pressure, and were flying to the ball."

"We told them in the locker room, it's simple," Davis said. "For the first time this season, let's play to win the game and not to keep from losing it."

Community travels to Grundy County for a District 7-AA game Friday night at 8 p.m. while the Bulldogs play host to Moore County in a District 9-A game also on Friday night.

Cornersville 7 14 3 25-49  
Community 8 18 20 18-64  
Cornersville: Ben Franklin 12, Hayden Grover 11, Carter Neat 8, Gage Lovell 6, Blaine Woodard 5, Kel Ford 4, Kale Adcox 3, Jacob Courtemanche.  
Community: Landon Lovvorn 17, Jason Cullum 7, Austin Sticker 2, Landon Berman, Noah Watson, Cole Crockett 9, Corey Paterick 8, Jacob Flannagan 8, Ramone Hernandez 7, Moe Berman 3, Emery Smith 3, Dallas Grooms, Jaxon Williams, Isaiah Beech.  
3-Point goals: Cornersville (5): Lovell 2, Neat, Woodard, Adcox; Community (7): Lovvorn 3, Paterick 2, Crockett, M. Berman.  
Halftime score: Community 26, Cornersville 21.



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**Dallas Grooms (4) surveys the floor for the Vikings.**

# Titans will return to London next season: NFL

**By ROB MAADDI**  
AP Pro Football Writer

The Buffalo Bills, Tennessee Titans, Jacksonville Jaguars, Kansas City Chiefs and New England Patriots will each play international games during the NFL's 2023 regular season.

The Chiefs and Patriots

will play in Germany. The Bills, Titans and Jaguars will play in London. The Bills and Titans are the designated home teams for two games at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, while the Jaguars will host a game at Wembley Stadium as part of their multi-year commitment to playing in

the United Kingdom.

The league announced the plans on Thursday.

Opponents, dates and times for the games will be released when the full schedule is announced later this year.

There will be no international game in Mexico in 2023 due to

renovations taking place in Estadio Azteca in Mexico City.

"We have a long history and we continue to grow but these international games are pivotal," NFL executive Peter O'Reilly told the AP. "Those who have been there and experienced it, you just see the passion of the fans in these markets. This is the chance for them to experience the best of the NFL live and it's an opportunity for year-round engagement with the fans there. There's nothing bigger and better than an NFL game and those teams to be there in those markets and putting it on in a stadium."

The Chiefs and Patriots are part of the league's International Home Marketing Area program, which sees teams secure international marketing rights in countries beyond the United State, with both sides having been awarded rights in Germany.

The Bills and Titans will play their second games in London. The Bills lost to the Jaguars in London in 2015. The Titans lost to the Chargers there in 2018. The Jaguars will play their 10th game in London.

## Viqueens

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perfect 5-of-5.

"My girls battled. We battled for every loose ball," Coach Hayden McMahon of the Lady Bulldogs said.

"There were a few instances where we could have been better," McMahon added.

"They're a good team," McMahon said. "They've got six seniors and were a sub-state team last year."

"They shot well. We had a hard time defending them," Pierce said. "It was a little frustrating at times, but they hit some big shots. I've got to give them a lot of credit."

The Viqueens travel to Grundy County for a 6:30 p.m. District 7-AA game

Friday.

"It was good to get a lapse of not playing a district game," McMahon said. "We get another game under our belt and go back to district play Friday night."

"This is a good team to get a good experience against," McMahon added. "Playing good teams makes you better."

Cornersville 14 9 14 15-52  
Community 14 16 11 21-62  
Cornersville: Alicia Polk 13, Ady Gentry 13, Anna Wood 12, Jayli Childress 5, Katie Powers, Camille Franklin 6, Annabelle Mulliniks 3, Emma Dunivan.  
Community: M. J. Simmons 15, Haley Mitchell 14, Zoey Dixon 13, Shelby Cawthon 4, Addison Brothers, Anna Haskins 16.  
3-Point goals: Cornersville (7): Wood 4, Polk, Childress, Mulliniks; Community (8): Haskins 4, Mitchell 3, Dixon.  
Halftime score: Community 30, Cornersville 23.

**Anna Haskins (24) drives to the basket for the Viqueens. Haskins led Community with 16 points.**



T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy

# Forrest 3's rain as Lady Champs fall

By **WILL CARTER**  
Sports Writer

**BELL BUCKLE** — It was another good night on the offensive side of the floor for Macyn Kirby as she dropped a game-high 24 points for the Forrest Lady Rockets in their 52-32 win over the Cascade Lady Champions.

The game came to Kirby early on as she knocked down a game-opening three-pointer to jumpstart a 6-0 run for the Lady Rockets.

After a slow start to the game offensively, the Lady Champions found some production as Kaegan Young got to the basket and the foul line for five points in the first quarter.

But Forrest found their rhythm from behind the arc and knocked down three more three-pointers to take a 14-6 lead behind Kirby's eight points.

They carried their momentum into the second frame as they totaled 17 points in the quarter with Kirby notching nine of her own and 17 total in the first half despite Cascade's defensive pressure.

"They ran a box-and-one on Macyn Kirby, and she was still able to lead us in scoring tonight," Lady Rockets head coach Hal Murrell said. "The last several games she's been phenomenal."

The Lady Champions couldn't get much to fall for them in the second quarter, but were able to scrape seven points with Laina Carter accounting for five of them.

For Lady Champions head coach Janie Demonbreum, Cascade is just struggling to create on the offensive end.

"Offensively, we are struggling to look for our own shots, and that's where we're losing every game," Demonbreum said. "We will keep losing games if that happens."

At the half the Lady Rockets led 31-13.

Coming out of the locker room, Cascade struck first when Young attacked the rim and drew a foul for two shots at the free throw line, which she knocked down.

The Lady Rockets couldn't find an opportunity to score after the break until Kinslee Inlow found

a crease in the defense, and knocked down her first three-pointer of the quarter.

She added three more in the frame for a Forrest total of four in the third quarter and 10 for the entire game.

"They ran the box-and-one which opened up a lot of opportunities for some girls to knock down shots," Murrell said. "We were able to push the ball in transition and draw some defenders which opened up the perimeter."

And without a true post player to produce down low, Murrell emphasized the importance of hitting those shots.

"We don't really have a true post player, so we have to have those threes moving forward and in the postseason if we're going to advance," he said.

Heading into the final frame Forrest held a 45-23 lead.

After Kirby dropped in six points in the first few minutes of the final frame, Murrell was able to take his starters out and give his younger players some playing time.

Despite the big district win, Murrell wasn't thrilled with his team's performance.

"Yes, we won and that's ultimately what we came over here to do, but I just felt like we had some inconsistent play," he said. "They shot 26 free throws and we shot 14. We're fouling too much. We can't do that come tournament time. It just wasn't a great effort out of us tonight."

The Lady Champions hosted Fayetteville City on Friday.

Forrest: 14 17 14 7 - 52  
Cascade: 6 7 10 9 - 32  
Forrest: Macyn Kirby 24, Kinslee Inlow 14, Josie Brown 6, Megan Mealer 3, Meagan Seaggs 2, Adi Howes 1, Kaylin Pope 1, Carli Warner 1.  
Cascade: Kaegan Young 11, Suzanna Crews 7, Sophie Ray 7, Laina Carter 5, Sarah Floyd 2.  
3-point goals: Forrest (10): Inlow 4, Kirby 3, Brown 2, Mealer; Cascade (2): Carter, Crews.  
Halftime score: Forrest 31, Cascade 13

**ABOVE: Sophie Ray fights through contact on her way to the basket. She finished with 7 points.**

**RIGHT: Kaydence Miller fires up a three-pointer in the first quarter against Forrest.**

T-G Photos by Will Carter



# Titans hire 49ers' Carthon as general manager

By **TERESA M. WALKER**  
AP Pro Football Writer

**NASHVILLE** — The Tennessee Titans have hired San Francisco director of player personnel Ran Carthon as their general manager.

The Titans announced the hiring Wednesday morning, wrapping up a search that formally started Jan. 12. Carthon will be the franchise's first minority GM. He is tentatively scheduled to be introduced at a news conference Friday.

Controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk, who ran the search committee that interviewed seven candidates, said in a statement they are excited to add Carthon with his variety of experience as a player, scout and personnel executive.

"I was impressed with his natural leadership qualities and his ability to connect with people," Strunk said. "With talent evaluation being critical to this role, the roster they have built in San Francisco stands out. He played an important role there constructing one of our league's best teams."

Carthon will be the sixth minority among the past eight GMs hired in the

NFL, which has held two programs since late May to promote more minority candidates for front office jobs. Carthon, who will be 42 on Feb. 10, attended that first session last May.

Carthon joined San Francisco in 2017 along with coach Kyle Shanahan and general manager John Lynch. The 49ers since then have made three playoff appearances, winning two division titles and the 2019 NFC championship. The 49ers had seven Pro Bowl picks in 2021 and six this season.

The 49ers will host Dallas on Sunday night in the NFC divisional round after earning the No. 2 seed. Carthon started as San Francisco's director of pro personnel before being promoted to his latest role in 2021. In that

position, he evaluated top college prospects while also assessing pending free agents for the team's target list.

Carthon, who also interviewed last year for general manager jobs with Chicago and the New York Giants, worked for the Rams between 2012 and 2016 as director of pro personnel. He started as a pro scout with Atlanta in 2008 through 2011.

He interviewed with the Titans Friday of last week. Strunk headed up the search committee to replace Jon Robinson who was fired Dec. 6 in his seventh season in the midst of the Titans' seven-game skid en route to a 7-10 finish.

Carthon played running back at Florida and was part of the Gators' 2000 Southeastern Conference



**Ran Carthon waits for the San Francisco 49ers' game against the Minnesota Vikings in 2021. The Tennessee Titans have hired Carthon, formerly the 49ers' director of player personnel, as their 14th general manager.**

Championship team. He spent three years in the NFL as an undrafted free agent starting with Indianapolis in 2004 and played in nine games with the Colts between 2005 and 2006.

Born in Osceola, Arkansas, Carthon earned his bachelor's degree in sociology at Florida after his playing career in 2008. He took part in the NFL Career Development Symposium

at the Wharton School of Business in 2013 while with the Rams and again in 2018 with San Francisco.

His father, Maurice, played in the NFL and coached with seven teams.

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LOCAL GOP SELECTS NEW MEMBERS

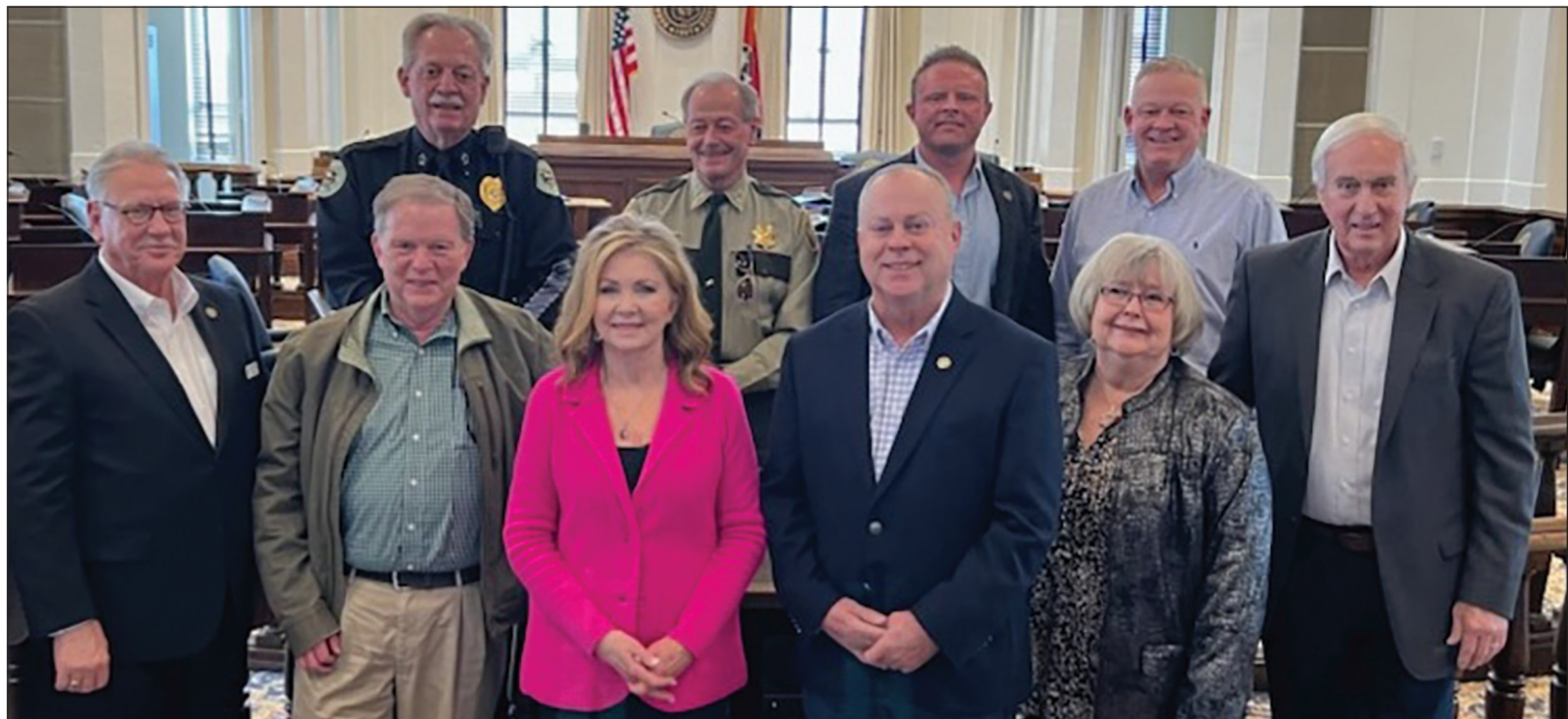


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The Bedford County Republican Party held a re-organizational meeting Monday to select new members. Bo Gill was selected to be the new chairman and will be replacing Sandy Still. From left, back row, Danny Robbins (Member at Large), Chairman Gill, Phillip Frisby (Member at Large), Paul Frisby (Vice-Treasurer). Front row, Sandy Still (Immediate Past Chairman), Maleah Claxton (Vice-Chairman), Barbara Blanton (President of Bedford County Republican Women) and Steven Gall (Treasurer). For more information, visit their website [www.bedfordgop.org](http://www.bedfordgop.org).

# Visiting with Bedford County

Sen. Marsha Blackburn made a stop in Shelbyville Tuesday afternoon as part of her 95-county tour. She held a Q&A at the historic courthouse as well as talked with Tennessee Walking Horse board members.



ABOVE FAR LEFT: The Q&A consisted of questions regarding bipartisan efforts to solve illegal immigration at the southern border.

ABOVE: Sen. Blackburn with Shelbyville City and Bedford County officials.

FAR LEFT: Sen. Blackburn shakes hands with former Bedford County GOP chair Sandy Still.

LEFT: Sen. Blackburn with members of the Tennessee Walking Horse board.

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Stacey Claxton, Human Resources Generalist (Jan. 21, 24, 28, & 31, 2023)

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