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### County rivalry

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Firefighters battle a blaze at a Locust Street home late Sunday. Charles "Buddy" Chapman was critically injured, investigators said.

## Blaze critically injures man

By DAVID MELSON  
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A resident of a Locust Street residence was badly injured after his house burst into flames late Sunday night. Neighbors said they heard explosions.

Charles "Buddy" Chapman, 82, was found lying on a bedroom floor by Shelbyville firefighters. He was taken to Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital, then to a Nashville hospital.

Chapman was critically injured, said Fire Marshall Jason Richardson of the Shelbyville Fire Department.

Firefighters had not determined

a cause as of Monday. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has been called, Richardson said.

Chapman is "mobile and able to get around," police were told. He is an active member of a local bowling league and was participating as recently as last week.

### 'Family,' but...

"Neighbors were claiming they were like family, but they did not know the victim of the fire," Officer Dylan Farrar of the Shelbyville Police Department said in his report.

One neighbor named a man to

police she said had been "taking care" of Chapman, but was in jail as of Monday.

Nearby residents called 911 around 10:15 p.m. reporting two "explosions." One woman, who told police she'd been living next door to the home in a camper for the past week, said the blasts "threw me back like a movie scene and knocked everything out of my hand.

Another neighbor told firefighters propane tanks were inside the home.

Arriving firefighters found the front end and interior of a Dodge Durango SUV on fire next to a

carport. The SUV was checked to make sure no one was inside/

All on-duty city police officers were sent to Locust Street and asked neighbors to leave their homes until the fire was under control.

A dog walked from the residence as the blaze was being fought. Officer Andrew Koehler took the uninjured dog to Shelbyville Animal Control.

### Additional problem

Officers were also confronted

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## Virtual reality

### Online school viable: Teacher

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Some 78 students are enrolled at the Bedford County Virtual School. BCVS serves fourth through tenth grades with the ninth and tenth grades the most recently added since the school program began three years ago.

"This is real school," said BCVS Principal Meredith Gilliland. "School is not a one-size-fits-all. And I think it's important that parents in Bedford County have choices."

Parent involvement is one of the major reason

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Middle school science teacher Jonathan Wilson poses in his lab coat he wears as a teacher at BCVS.

T-G Photo by Zoe Watkins

## City Council introduced to world of TIFs

### Recruitment tool can lure businesses

By DAVID MELSON  
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Benefits of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreements in attracting industrial and retail developments were explained to Shelbyville City Council members by an attorney from one of Tennessee's most respected law firms at an informational luncheon Friday.

"Basically, I'm a tax lawyer," Mark Manantov of Knoxville, representing

the Bass, Berry & Sims law firm, said in introduction. "Every once in a while, I represent the 'greedy developers.' And I'm kidding. I try to protect cities and counties from making stupid mistakes and not being taken advantage of by developers."

Mamantov is familiar to Shelbyville officials. He represents Shelbyville Housing Authority (SHA) and said it's one of only a few in Tennessee utilizing TIF agreements to finance projects.

Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership president/CEO

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## SCHS BASKETBALL HOMECOMING QUEEN

Alyvia Smith was introduced as Shelbyville Central High School's basketball homecoming queen Friday night. From left are SCHS Principal Michael Hickman, Queen Alyvia, her grandfather James Farrar, and student body president Roderick Bowen. Alyvia is the daughter of Robert Smith and Amanda Shelton.

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## OBITUARIES

### J. Allan Harris

January 26, 2023

Funeral service for J. Allan Harris, age 50, of Shelbyville, will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 31, 2023, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Scott Reed officiating. Burial will follow at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Allan passed from this life Thursday, January 26, 2023, at Tristar Centennial Hospital after a short illness.

Visitation with the family will begin at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Allan was born on May 20, 1972, in Murfreesboro to Linda Burnett Harris and the late Terry Paul Harris. He was a 1991 graduate of Community High School and later in life received an associate's degree from The University of Phoenix.

Allan was a lover of music, from singing with his brother to listening to music at home he always had music playing or was singing. He enjoyed being the life of the party or playing jokes on family and friends. He loved the Lord, his family, his dogs and was known to his grandkids as "JoJo". He was a gun and knife enthusiast, having collected and built custom models for himself. He also was an avid Tennessee Vols football fan.

Along with his mother he is survived by: loving wife of 30 years, Karen Beth Molder Harris of Shelbyville; children, Megan (Bradley) Adcock and A.J. (Kayla) Harris; brother, Chris (Kelly) Harris; and grandchildren, Izzy and Ben McClanahan, Paislee and Jax Harris and Harry Adcock.

Memorial donations may be made to Clothe Our Kids at [www.clotheourkids.com](http://www.clotheourkids.com) or P.O. Box 1412, Fayetteville, TN 37334.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family. [www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com](http://www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com)



## School

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virtual school is still an option. Having a parent at home is part of the contract. In surveying the students, some 86% said there was an adult at home. And the students with parent support at home do better.

### Certified teachers

Though parents are encouraged to be a part of the program, the BCVS is not a homeschool. Students in fourth through eighth are taught by certified teachers who teach live who "broadcast" from the BCVS wing at Cascade Middle School.

Though homeschooling is a good option for some families, the content at some point goes beyond what the parent is trained to teach. "We can be an option for students, that's free, and have our BCVS supports in place..." said Gilliland.

The majority of the students' days are synchronous, meaning they are with a person. "We follow schedule guidelines that all schools in Bedford County follow, so there are directives with how much uninterrupted instructional time each course receives," said Gilliland.

Those "asynchronous times" include recess and related arts which students do on their own.

Gilliland explained that the schedule is set up in 30-minute increments. Elementary and middle

school students get breaks every hour to help alleviate screen time, while high school students have more flexible break times as long as they complete the required seven hours of class time and attend live lessons.

Often, Gilliland said, students will form online friendships with other students and get lunch together in person before reentering virtual school. "As much as we encourage them to get away from the computer, they're also using it to socialize," said Gilliland.

### In-person days

BCVS also has "in-person learning days," where students get together once a month where they take field trips or do hands-on learning activities through STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs.

"We spend all day long online with them, but to see them face-to-face is good," said Gilliland.

The demands of virtual learning are challenging to younger students, which is why numbers are lowest in fourth grade and why third grade was dropped from last. "There's a lot of independence, problem solving, troubleshooting, managing time," said Gilliland.

Also, as many parents return to the office themselves, younger students return to in-person learning.

High school students

are a little different in that they use a program called "Pearson," which is the same company that makes TCAP tests. They have state-certified teachers as well as live lessons, and each student receives an in-person advisor at the BCVS in addition to a Pearson advisor.

"We're here for them. A lot of high school students come in to work on things. We do a lot on one-on-one calls with them," said Gilliland.

Students also have access to an online 24-7 tutoring program called "Paper." Available in three languages, tutors typically respond within a few minutes to help coach students through papers and problem solving.

There are some benefits to this added screentime. Students learn how to troubleshoot, problem solve, organize files online, take screenshots — skills that many employers today look for.

### Adaptation

"Students adapt really quickly," said Gilliland. "We're preparing our students for careers that don't exist yet. So, any edge we can give them with technology — because technology is not going away — that's huge."

In addition to allowing parents to be more involved in their child's education, virtual school is still a viable option as many students decide to move their studies to home and online due

to health concerns, social anxiety, and better time management.

"I think if we expand — which it's a decision we haven't made yet — to upper high school, that's a flexibility we can offer so they can work if they have to," said Gilliland.

Gilliland said virtual schools even in larger districts hover around that 75-student mark. "So, Bedford as a rural area is doing pretty well."

The state also requires all virtual schools go through a monitoring process to make sure all laws are followed when it comes to time management, fiscal management, attendance, and virtual programming.

It's a lengthy process, according to Gilliland. Between July and December, the district school monitoring team along with the Department of Education complete rubrics, on-site visits, classroom observations, interviews with parents and teachers. Results are posted and sent to parents.

"That was a really productive visit because it allowed our leaders in Bedford County to see what we're doing. I think transparency is good. And it allowed us to problem solve in areas where we may be falling short," said Gilliland.

Enrollment for the spring semester at BCVS closes Feb. 1. But it will be posted again for next year beginning in early April.

## Blaze

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with an allegedly-intoxicated neighbor attempting to fight the fire with a garden hose from his backyard.

Baltazar Ramirez Vazquez, 34, allegedly refused officers' orders to back away. Ramirez allegedly kept yelling that a woman was inside the

residence after firefighters had cleared each room and removed Chapman.

"He continued to interrupt the firefighters from doing their jobs," Sgt. Chris Vest said. Vest said Ramirez smelled strongly of alcohol

Officers arrested Ramirez after he "became belligerent and yelling," Vest said. He was charged with disorderly conduct and public intoxication. Bond was set at \$2,500.

## City

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Shane Hooper talked of attempts to attract national hotel and restaurant chains to Shelbyville, using the proposed Tennessee College of Applied Technology and Bedford County Higher Education Center campuses, the Tennessee Downs auto lifestyle project, the expansion of Middle Tennessee State University's aeronautics program, and the activities around Uncle Nearest Distillery as drawing cards.

"We've done a lot to attract national hotels to smaller towns," Mamantov said. And Shelbyville's not that much of a "small town" anymore — Mayor Randy Carroll pointed out Shelbyville is now Tennessee's 29th largest city. Shelbyville's population is approaching 25,000 as subdivisions continue to grow, and the urban area around the city likely is already past that point when subdivisions just outside the city limits are included.

"What you have to incentivize people (referring to potential developers) is your property tax," Mamantov said.

### Tool kit

Mamantov listed three "tools in your toolbox" to officials:

- TIF agreements;
- PILOT programs, a form of property tax abatements;
- Special assessments, in which a tax is imposed on small, specific areas to pay

for infrastructure. These up-front impact fees are rarely done and usually only for large subdivisions, Mamantov said.

TIFs can only be granted to industrial development boards and housing and redevelopment authorities, such as SHA, according to Mamantov.

Their advantages include:

- No abatement of taxes;
  - No affect on valuation of property;
  - Most are effectively grants to the developer;
  - They can result in taxable income to developer.
- "A city council through an industrial development board is borrowing money on an income stream (that of the new business/industry) and granting funds to the developer," Mamantov said.

TIFs are usually utilized to gain money for immediate needs. The banker loaning the developer money, not the city or county, is responsible if the developer defaults, according to Mamantov. Many TIF incentives involve just reimbursement of costs with no borrowing involved, the council was told.

A three-step approval process for a TIF is necessary, Mamantov explained.

- A plan preparation document, also known as a plan amendment. "Just a simple, short explanation," Mamantov said.
- A public hearing held by the industrial development board.
- Approvals from both city and county governments.

The entire process takes

about 60 days, Mamantov said.

TIFs need to be well-planned, Mamantov told the council. They involve a bank note, a loan assignment, assignment of TIF revenues and a development agreement.

Mamantov said TIFs are typically used for four types of projects:

- Retail and hotel projects;
- D o w n t o w n revitalization and redevelopment of blighted properties;
- M i x e d - u s e developments, such as apartment buildings with retail stores on ground floors;
- Wastewater extensions.

### Local situation

SHA has talked about getting into downtown Shelbyville redevelopment, Mamantov was told. He responded that SHA cannot do TIFs for non-blighted areas, "and from what I've seen of your city Shelbyville has few if any blighted areas." Mamantov was very complimentary of Shelbyville's appearance, including "the courthouse on the hill."

"We struggle with hotels, restaurants and groceries," Hooper, a strong proponent of TIFs, said. He made a pro-TIF presentation to the council in late December.

"All serious developments ask about incentives. In the absence of TIFs, it's been hard to keep conversations going."

Hooper talked of Shelbyville's projected growth pattern.

"We want something up

and down (Highway) 231. That's where most of our growth is going."

TIFs have been used in nearby areas, Mamantov said, including the rebuilding of Northgate Mall in Tullahoma and a Hampton Inn in Fayetteville.

"Hampton Inn got a TIF and is struggling with it," Mamantov said, indicating a lack of business.

Council member Bobby Turnbow asked Mamantov what happens if a TIF fails, such as a developer defaulting or a new business using TIF funds shutting down relatively quickly. Mamantov responded that the city and county aren't financing the projects and the bank loaning the money would be the loser.

Mayor Randy Carroll asked about background checks on TIF applicants, seeing if they had failed projects in their backgrounds.

"Definitely do due diligence," Mamantov said.

Carroll mentioned the former Summit Polymers plant in Shelbyville, which had been given money in a non-TIF program. The plant closed after 5 years and was legally forced to repay the city, Carroll said.

TIFs are a learning experience for local officials.

"I was understanding that a TIF was like a zone where anyone in it could apply for it," council member Henry Feldhaus said. The use of TIFs is scheduled to be discussed by the council in upcoming meetings.

## Elon Musk's mysterious ways on display in Tesla tweet trial

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO

Elon Musk's enigmatic personality and unconventional tactics are emerging as key exhibits in a trial revolving around one of his most polarizing pursuits — tweeting.

The trial, centered on a pair of tweets announcing Musk had obtained the money to take Tesla private in 2018, reeled the 51-year-old billionaire into a federal courtroom in San Francisco for three days of testimony that opened a peephole into his often inscrutable mind.

Musk, who now owns the Twitter service that he deploys as his megaphone, was often a study in contrasts during his roughly eight hours on the stand. The CEO of the electric carmaker is facing a class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of Tesla shareholders after Musk tweeted about a company buyout that didn't happen.

Through both his testimony and the evidence submitted around it, Musk came across as impetuous, brash, combative and contemptuous of anyone who questioned his motives as a game-changing entrepreneur who has inspired comparisons to Apple's late co-founder, Steve Jobs.

At other times, Musk sounded like the savvy visionary that his supporters hail him to be — an intrepid rebel who by his own estimates has raised more than \$100 billion from investors. They have been richly rewarded from his leadership of pioneering companies that include PayPal in digital payments, Tesla in electric vehicles and SpaceX in rocket ships.

"It is relatively easy for me to get investment support because my track record is extremely good," Musk wryly observed.

But his confidence in his ability to get the money he wants to pursue his plans is one reason he found himself in court. The three-week trial is set to resume Tuesday and head for jury deliberations by Friday.

Here's what to know so

far:

### Planting the seeds

Evidence and testimony have shown Musk had started to mull taking Tesla private in 2017 so he wouldn't have to hassle with the headaches and distractions that accompany running a publicly traded company.

After a July 31, 2018, meeting with a top representative from Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund, Musk sent a letter to Tesla's board outlining why he wanted to take the automaker private at a price of \$420 per share — about 20% above its stock price at the time.

Musk was serious enough that he had already discussed the pros and cons with Michael Dell, who had gone through the public-to-private transition in 2013 when he led a \$25 billion buyout of the personal computer company bearing his name, according to trial evidence.

### Troublesome tweets

The crux of the case hinges on an Aug. 7, 2018, tweet in which Musk declared "funding secured" to take Tesla private. Musk abruptly posted the tweet minutes before boarding his private jet after being alerted that the Financial Times was about to publish a story that Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund had spent about \$2 billion buying a 5% stake in Tesla to diversify its interests beyond oil, according to his testimony.

Amid widespread confusion about whether Musk's Twitter account had been hacked or he was joking, Musk followed up a few hours later with another tweet suggesting a deal was imminent.

Musk defended the initial tweet as a well-intentioned move to ensure all Tesla investors knew the automaker might be on its way to ending its then-eight-year run as a publicly held company.

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# Bedford County Virtual School



**ABOVE:** "You Belong Here." According to BCVS Principal Meredith Gilliland, the virtual school is a great option for students who learn more independently.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Third and fifth grade teacher Alicia Johnson teaching from her "virtual" classroom.

**RIGHT:** How students learn in classrooms has come a long way as can be seen by this antique desk and chalkboard displayed at the Bedford County Virtual School wing at Cascade Middle.

T-G Photos by Zoe Watkins



## *In Memorium* **Gregory Blake Arvin** 2002 - 2023



Blake's arrival in April of 2002 was God's blessing and miraculous gift to his mother, Rhonda Saylor, and brother, L. B. Joshua Saylor. His presence further inspired our family to expand engagement in a wide variety of cultural and educational pursuits. At an early age he had a spark that grew into a passion for the performing arts. His passion was contagious. He enjoyed opportunities to hone his acting skills by appearing in multiple productions at school and through local community theater.

Blake also enjoyed participating in multiple sports including, T-Ball, baseball, soccer, basketball and Brazilian Jujitsu where he achieved rank and participated in a statewide tournament. At Shelbyville Central High School (SCHS), Blake developed a love for Cross Country and also competed in wrestling and track. On the SCHS Cross Country team he continually improved both his time and conditioning each year earning medals and recognition. This also prepared him for a respectable finish in the Music City Marathon.

In middle school, Blake's interest in science grew and afforded him an opportunity to study Genetics through a scholarship to a Duke University summer enrichment college level program. Due to his successful performance, he was invited to return for subsequent classes throughout middle school and high school. Additionally, in high school, he competed in multiple events in the Science Olympiad state competition.

As a very young child and throughout his life Blake always had a love of flying. This culminated into his active participation in the Civil Air Patrol, Murfreesboro Composite Squadron where he was involved in advanced leadership training programs and community service. As a cadet with that Squadron, he flew gliders and placed memorial wreaths during the 'Wreaths Across America,' event and participated in team building retreats.

After high school, Blake attended Motlow State Community College. There, his interest shifted to the study of Economics and his interest in Political Science culminated in his successful election as President of the multi-campus Student Government Association. He also excelled in Economics as an Honor student and served as an officer of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

He is best known, among those who love him, as a kind, loving, gentle, spirit with a quick and dry sense of humor. His strength of character and gentle spirit served as a solid foundation for the way he treated others. His passing has profoundly changed the course of our lives. We grieve that he is no longer available to the many people who looked to him for leadership and support.

Blake's memorial fund has been established to provide Economics books for those students who would not otherwise have access. Donations to provide Economics library books for students to use may be made through Motlow State Community College online giving page at: <https://www.mscc.edu/give/donate.html>. Choose 'Other' on the drop-down Designation menu and indicate **Memorial Books-Gregory Blake Arvin**. Alternatively, checks can be made payable to Motlow College Foundation indicating they are for '**Memorial Books-Gregory Blake Arvin**' and mailed to the attention of Sharon Bateman at PO Box 8500, Lynchburg, TN 37352.

**Note from mother Rhonda Saylor:**

*"You are an ever present confirmation of God's grace and promises. You are a light in the darkest places, peace and comfort in sorrow, and a constant reminder that true joy exists in the world. You bring beauty, joy and hope to our family, I am forever humbled and exceedingly grateful to have the honor of being your mom. I love you more than you will ever know and I will miss your presence more than words can convey."*

**Note from brother L. B. Joshua Saylor:**

*"Blake, your loss means not ever hearing your dry jokes, or random facts of history or your sweet, loving personality, or enjoying you perform on a stage and all of our cultural/artistic engagements, but most of all, I will miss experiencing a lifetime of being with my baby brother. Love always, your big brother."*

# Pillow makes travel crate comfy

**Dear Heloise:**  
I just read the suggestion of the lady from Louisiana about using crib sheets to protect pet beds. I discovered a king-sized pillow would fit a large-sized travel crate. That was my little doxie's, Charlie, favorite place to nap in the daytime. Before I put it in the crate, I covered it with a water-proof pillow protector and put a pillowcase over that. I bought washable pillows. They lasted until he finally chewed a hole and started taking the stuffing out.

I read your column every day in the San Antonio Express-News. -- Glenda Duming, San Antonio

**Hints from Heloise**



ambulance.” I received absolute silence. She hasn't called again. I am 79, and she was selling prepaid funeral plans. -- Linda, via email

**PLUG SOLUTION**

**Dear Heloise:** I am losing my vision and could not figure out how to plug in my cell phone, tablet or ear phones. I bought some inexpensive and different colored nail polish and put a dot on the correct side of the plug as well as a dot on the device so that I could tell where to plug it in.

I use different colors for different plugs, since each is a different size. -- Jill, via email

**ALWAYS CARRY YOUR KEYS AND CELL PHONE**

**Dear Heloise:**  
Regarding Michael Noll's suggestion about always taking a house key when going outside as a safety precaution -- that's good advice, but please also remember to take your cell phone, too, if you don't have an emergency call button. If you fall, you may not be able to get up, and then you will be at the mercy of the elements until someone sees you and comes to your aid. -- Sara R., Sebastian, Florida

**CLEANING REUSABLE FOOD STORAGE BAGS**

**Dear Heloise:** I like using reusable food storage bags to store leftovers, premade green smoothies, and soup. I freeze the food in heavy duty storage bags. The bags take up less space and can be used over and over again.

Cleaning the bags is easy, but getting them to dry completely can be a challenge. I've tried different methods, but my favorite is to wipe out the inside with a clean, soft towel. Then I ball up a small, clean dish cloth and place it in the open bag to help the air circulate. By the next day, the bag is completely dry and ready for storage. I don't worry about lingering moisture during storage. -- Theresa V., Hamilton, Ohio

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

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**REMOVING STAINS**

**Dear Heloise:** I recently found a good, safe method to remove stains from stainless (not really stainless) coffee cups, thermos bottles or carafes. It removes coffee or tea stains. Mix 1/2 a cup of hydrogen peroxide with 2 table-spoons of baking soda. Put it in the thermos or carafe and let it sit for about a half an hour. It can be easily rinsed with hot water, and you don't have to worry about using any toxic cleaners. Have a great day. -- Mike Hopton, via email

**ROBOCALL SHOCK**

**Dear Heloise:** I enjoyed the letter from Steve about dealing with robocalls. I recently received calls with automated messages from "Amy" every three days. I hung up each time. The fourth time, I had a response when she asked how I was doing. I said, "I just fell off the roof and am waiting for an

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

**TODAY**

**Coaches vs. Cancer**

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

**SATURDAY**

**Flat Creek potluck**

Flat Creek Community Center's monthly potluck dinner will be 6 p.m. Saturday, February 4 at 6:00 at the community center, 115 New Herman Road. Al Simmons, president of Bedford County Historical Society, will discuss the history of Flat Creek. Attendees may bring old photographs of family and friends from the community.

**FEB. 6**

**Bag Day**

Good Samaritan Bag Day will be Monday, Feb. 6 from noon-2 p.m. at 201 E. Highland Ave.

**FEB. 7**

**SCHRA meetings**

South Central Human Resource Agency's governing board will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the central office, 1437 Winchester Hwy. in Fayetteville. Subcommittees will meet at 10 a.m.

**FEB. 15**

**ABC's of Medicare**

A free ABC's of

Medicare class is scheduled at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the South Central Tennessee Development District building, 101 Sam Watkins Blvd. in Mt. Pleasant. The class teaches the basics of Medicare. Volunteer workers are also needed. Advance registration is required because class size is limited. Call 1-877-801-0044, 931-379-2927, or email sctn.ship@sctdd.org.

**FEB. 16**

**Junior's House**

Junior's House, a children's advocacy center providing free services to child abuse victims, will hold an open house at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at Edgemont Baptist Church, 150 Fairfield Pike.

**FEB. 19**

**Laity Club**

Bedford County Laity Club will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church. A meal will be furnished.

**FEB. 25**

**Wartrace Alumni Game**

An alumni game for anyone with a present or past connection with the newly refurbished Wartrace Gym will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the gym. All ages are welcome in the mixed-gender game. Contact Tammy Leverette at wartraceparksandrec@gmail.com no later than Friday, Feb. 3.

**MARCH 7**

**Commodities**

A commodity food distribution will be held

**2023 January**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Tuesday, March 7 from 9-11 a.m. at Bedford County Agriculture Center, 2119 Midland Road, by South Central Tennessee Human Resource Agency. Only Bedford County residents are eligible. Call 931-685-9962 for more information.

**ONGOING**

**Healthier Me program**

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

**Meals on Wheels**

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

**Soup kitchen**

Shelbyville Community

Soup Kitchen serves meals from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 336 S. Cannon Blvd. (corner of South Cannon Boulevard and Pickle Street). Donations may be made to Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 2259, Shelbyville, TN 37162, and are tax deductible under its 501c3 non-profit designation. Boxed non-perishables are available. Takeouts are no longer distributed.

**Head Start**

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

**Celebrate Recovery**

Celebrate Recovery meets each Monday at 6 p.m. at International House of Prayer, 865 Union St. Attendees do not have to be a church member. For more information call Doug, 931-703-3159.

# Are you in a weight loss plateau?

**(StatePoint)**  
So, you took the leap and signed up for a weight loss program. But once you got started, it was a whole different story. While you may feel like you're doing everything to a T, the scale is stuck and you can't figure out why. Plateaus are a normal part of any weight loss journey, but there are many reasons for them. Check out these six reasons why the scale may be stuck:

1. Overeating. Weight loss is dependent on "calories in" being lower than "calories out." Eating too much for your current activity level and weight could be a reason why the scale is stuck. "Meal delivery programs can help eliminate any guesswork," says nutrition expert Chris Mohr, PhD, RD. "Plans like Nutrisystem are perfectly portioned to provide the right bal-

ance of nutrients at every meal. The program boasts SmartAdapt science, which provides personalized plans that adapt to your unique metabolism and weight loss goals and help minimize plateaus."

2. Not Keeping Track. Overeating, skipping meals and portion control can all be eased if you get more diligent with food tracking.
3. Skimping on Protein and Fiber. Try maximizing protein and fiber in your diet. "Protein helps preserve lean muscle mass while losing weight to help maintain metabolic rate. Also, protein and fiber keep you feeling full longer. What's more, protein is more thermogenic than carbohydrates and fats -- meaning you'll burn more calories digesting and absorbing high-protein foods. Fiber isn't fully digested, so the calorie contribution from fiber is less than other carb sources," adds Mohr.
4. Increasing Muscle. If you've been hitting the gym and putting on muscle, you might also experience a stall on the scale. Find other measures of success in the meantime. For example, your jeans may be fitting better or you may have more energy. These non-scale victories are just as valuable as a number on the scale.
5. Other Lifestyle Factors. Lack of sleep can disrupt weight loss. The National Sleep Foundation recommends sticking to a regular sleep schedule. Limit caffeine and screen-time in the hours before bed. The light emitted

This way, when the scale is stuck, you can evaluate where you may be overdoing it. The NuMi app by Nutrisystem is a useful tool to keep your meal plan organized.

by screens on electronic devices reduce your body's production of melatonin, the hormone that regulates your sleep and wake cycle, according to Harvard Health. You can also try a before bed exercise routine. Did you know that chronic stress can halt weight loss? Address your stress with self-care. Try meditation, daily exercise and breathing techniques. You should also seek out a support system and engage in your community. Feeling overly stressed? Be sure to speak with your doctor.

6. Illness or Injury. A recent illness or injury can cause increased inflammation that results in water retention. Additionally, injury or illness can decrease daily activity and overall calories burned. Some medications may also stall weight loss. Keep in mind that your overall health should always take precedence over the number on the scale. Consult your doctor. It may mean modifying your weight loss program temporarily. This setback is not the end of your journey though. Once you've recovered, you should be able to start where you left off, pending your doctor's approval. "Ultimately, your goals should be realistic. Don't expect the pounds to fall off instantly. Have patience and give yourself some grace. If you're doing the work, that's all that matters," says Mohr.

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## AG NOTES

By **JOHN TEAGUE**  
UT/TSU Extension

### GRAZING

The dry weather was not friendly to our pastures this past year. We're going to have to work on recovery. And then we have had a severe winter and that has resulted in our livestock to really put a drain on our already expensive hay that's in short supply.

For the strong of heart, we are getting close to one of the simpler things to do to improve pastures. We can over-seed clovers into our grasses and the best time to do that is from mid-February to mid-March. Adding red and white clovers to grazing land and hay ground will help with nitrogen fixation by the clover root systems to feed the grasses, and they will also add protein to the hay and pasture mixture for livestock.

Nobody likes to talk about expensive fertilizers, but we need to get soil testing done now so we can determine the most strategic approach to crops, pastures and hay. Most of those folks who didn't put any plant nutrients down or put only part on the fields in 2022 were short on hay and those crops that have a dependence on nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium. And they were set back severely by the dry weather.

There will be a grazing conference on February 24 at 9 a.m. at the Wilson County Fairgrounds in Lebanon and it looks to be a really good session. Sponsored by the Tennessee Forage and Grassland Council, there will be several topics that will be of interest to livestock growers. Contact me at 684-5971 or by email to jteague1@utk.edu for details or go to [utbeef.com](http://utbeef.com)

This conference will have information that can be used by grazers of all species.

### PICK TN CONFERENCE

The Pick TN Conference will be held in 2023 at the Cool Springs Marriott in Franklin. Dates are February 16-18. There will be around 75 sessions on things pertaining to fruits, vegetables, and flower production and marketing. There is a good trade show as well. The link to registration and other details is <https://www.picktnconference.com/>

### BEEKEEPING

The Duck River Beekeepers Association will hold its annual Beekeeping School March 13th, 14th, 16th and 17th (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri) at the Farm Bureau Building at 323 Bethany Lane, Shelbyville.

Classes will start at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. (finger foods will be served). The school will cover all information needed to begin beekeeping.

On the last night of school there will be a drawing in which three beginner hive kits (without the bees) will be given away.

Winners must have attended all four nights and be a new beekeeper to qualify for the drawing. Cost is \$30 per person.

For further information contact Debra McKill at 931-581-5415 (call or text) or email [tnbeassoc@gmail.com](mailto:tnbeassoc@gmail.com)

### ANTIBIOTICS

This year will see an end to being able to purchase some antibiotics over the counter without a veterinarian's prescription. The ones that will be subject to this change are those classes of medicines that are used in both animals and humans.

This is coming about because of concerns about resistance that can be developed due to overuse and loss of effectiveness.

A prescription from a certified and licensed veterinarian will be required to purchase commonly used antibiotics starting in June. You'll need to have a good working relationship with a veterinarian to ease this transition. If you don't have one now, better start developing that now.

I can provide a list of these products upon request.

### WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS?

I have been asked this question more times than I can count about trees, shrubs, and other plants. Given the cost of landscaping, I realize it's important, but homeowners think these things show up all of a sudden but in most cases the problem has been a long time in the making.

There are two significant issues that we have experienced in the past several months or the last few years that are contributors. The extremes in the weather are most assuredly involved. We've had hot and freezing weather in the past year, along with extremely dry periods. These conditions take a slow toll on plants.

A panel of UT Extension specialists recently put out a group message about weather damage. The main message was that it was too early to assess the damage. They unanimously agreed to wait until spring to see if these plants will put out new live buds. This includes shrubs, vines, and trees. Also, pruning can be delayed to help assess damage easier.

### POULTRY

We are still on poultry biosecurity alert. The highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is still rampant. Backyard flocks need to be kept up to avoid wild birds and water fowl with the risk of contact.

Our commercial growers must follow protocols set by the Tyson folks. Even with the best efforts in other parts of the state, the HPAI found its way into some commercial houses.

Poultry farmers, we've got to work hard to keep this disease out. There is no treatment, and prevention is our only hope.

## PHOTO OP



This little guy — or rather big guy — was ready for a quick picture on a farm in the northern part of the county.

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# Legislature begins new session

*"No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session."*  
— Mark Twain

Mark Twain's quote could be correct for the U.S. legislature, but not here in Tennessee. The state with the lowest taxes per capita—lowest debt per capita—and the fastest growing economy in the nation!

We started our 113th legislative session on January 10th at noon with 19 new House members and 4 new Senators. Whenever the people of Tennessee elect a new General Assembly, we have to go through "organizational days" in which the Speaker of the House, Cameron Sexton, moves members into new offices and assigns members to committees.

On January 21, Bill Lee was inaugurated as governor for his second term, and immediately following this



Pat Marsh

grand event, the General Assembly met for our first official legislative day. Legislative Session and committee days will start next week on January 30 and will probably go until around May 1 after we pass a balanced budget.

It is an honor to be re-elected by our Republican Caucus and by the entire body of the House as Speaker Pro Tempore. For the 113th General Assembly, I have been

assigned to the Agriculture, Transportation, and Commerce committees. I am lucky enough to have received my top committee choices. These are the subjects I am most knowledgeable in and hope to lend my expertise. I have also been appointed to the Transportation subcommittee and the Business & Utilities subcommittee (which I chaired at one time). I was able to keep my same office, my same parking spot, and my current seat on the House floor. This will be my 13th year as a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives and I am now in the top 10 in seniority. It is hard to believe that I have been here for this long.

In the House, each member can only file 15 bills and I have 15. Over the past few weeks, I have been getting them drafted

by our legal department and ready to be presented to the proper committees. The bill filing deadline is January 31 so I will have all my bills filed by next week and ready to go.

On Tuesday, January 10, we kicked off the day with a legislative prayer breakfast in the Capitol. Many members and guest speakers attended, including Gov. Bill Lee, and it was very inspiring. I left encouraged to represent the District to the best of my ability. The next day, we had our weekly devotional, which always helps start the day on the right foot. We also have a minister of the day to lead us in prayer before each floor session.

One of the Governor's biggest priorities this session is to formulate a plan to alleviate the traffic congestion in our cities. As a member of the Transportation committee,

I am excited to listen to possible solutions and find the best path forward for our state.

Speaker Sexton has made one change to how the House conducts its business. He has made the House Legislative Dashboard open to the public. Dashboard brings more clarity to proposed bills and amendments by highlighting the proposed changes in red. All citizens can access the Dashboard through our website: capitol.tn.gov, and look up each bill and watch all committees live.

On January 19, Fayetteville mayor, Donna Hartman and city manager Kevin Owens came up for a very productive meeting with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT).

On January 20, I had some special guests from Shelbyville stop by for a

quick visit. John Running and his daughter, Michelle Cox, and her two daughters, Zuri and Amaya Cox, met with me in my office and watched our Friday Session in the Capitol. They got hands-on experience with the legislature and saw how elected officials conduct business on the floor.

I plan on sending out a weekly newsletter to keep everyone informed on the happenings on the Hill. I also have a new assistant this year, Shaxper McCarver. Shaxper is dedicated to helping all of our citizens of the 62nd district. Please feel free to call me or Shaxper at (615) 741-6824 or email me at rep.pat.marsh@capitol.tn.gov.

I am truly honored to serve as your state representative and always welcome your thoughts and ideas to make our state a better place to live, work and raise a family.

## Reeves presides over Senate session

The 113th General Assembly has officially reconvened and is ready to begin conducting business!

The General Assembly concluded its organizational session last weekend with the Inauguration of Gov. Bill Lee to his second term in office. I'm excited to continue to work aside Gov. Lee to make Tennessee a better place to work and live. The committees have held their first meetings to hear from various state officials with budget requests and reports.

I had the honor of presiding over the Senate during Thursday's session! I thank Lt. Gov. Randy McNally for entrusting me with the position of Deputy Speaker this session.

Christina Nwokeabia, a pharmacy student from Lipscomb University, came to shadow me on Wednesday. I look forward to having more job shadows in my office over the next few months.

As always, feel free to call my office at 615-741-1066 with any questions or concerns, or if you would like to come meet me in Nashville.



Shane Reeves

## Tyre Nichols remembered as beautiful soul with creative eye

By ADAM BEAM, TRAVIS LOLLER and CLAIRE GALOFARO  
Associated Press

On most weekends, Tyre Nichols would head to the city park, train his camera on the sky and wait for the sun to set.

"Photography helps me look at the world in a more creative way. It expresses me in ways I cannot write down for people," he wrote on his website. He preferred landscapes and loved the glow of sunsets most, his family has said.

"My vision is to bring my viewers deep into what I am seeing through my eye and out through my lens," Nichols wrote. "People have a story to tell, why not capture it?"

Nichols, a 29-year-old father, was on his way home from taking pictures of the sky on Jan. 7, when police pulled him over. He was just a few minutes from the home he shared with his mother and stepfather, when he was brutally attacked by five Memphis police officers.

He died three days later at a hospital, and the officers have since been charged with second-degree murder and other offenses.

"Nobody's perfect, nobody. But he was damn near," his mother, RowVaughn Wells, said at a news conference this week, moments after she watched the video of her son being beaten. "He was damn near perfect."

He was the baby of their family, born 12 years after his closest siblings. He had a 4-year-old son and worked hard to better himself as a father, his family said. He was an avid skateboarder from Sacramento,

California, and came to Memphis just before the coronavirus pandemic and got stuck. But he was fine with it because he was with his mother, and they were incredibly close, Wells said. He had her name tattooed on his arm.

Friends at a memorial service this week described him as joyful and lovable.

"This man walked into a room, and everyone loved him," said Angelina Paxton, a friend who traveled to Memphis from California for the service.

Growing up in Sacramento, Nichols spent much of his time at a skate park on the outskirts of the city. It could be a rough place sometimes for younger kids. But when Niko Chapman was 10 years old, his parents would let him walk to the park alone as long as they knew Nichols was there.

"You remember people that are really kind to you, and Tyre was just a really kind person," Chapman said. "He just always made me feel really welcome."

Chapman's dad, Curtis Chapman, ran a youth group at a local church that would often meet at the skate park for pizza. Nichols quickly became a regular, bringing his energetic spirit and quick wit. But away from the group, Nichols would often show up at the Chapman house to talk about life — including coming to grips with being a young parent.

"What drew me to Tyre was just — he's real," Curtis Chapman said. "He would talk about being a dad and wanting to be a good dad and seeking advice."

There was a Bible study on Thursdays that Nichols would attend with his friend

Brian Jang. One day, the group watched a sermon about how the world is filled with distractions. Jang said Nichols was so moved by it that he pulled out his flip phone and dropped it in a cup of water.

"I thought it was awesome, just seeing his growth and his commitment," Jang said.

The last time Jang saw Nichols was in 2018 at the food court in a local mall. The two hadn't seen each other in awhile, but Jang said Nichols came up behind him and gave him a big hug as the two caught up.

"It's honestly pretty devastating to see such a good human go through such unnecessary brutality, such unnecessary death," Jang said.

His mother said she raised him to love everyone openly — until they give you a reason not to. So Nichols was quick to make friends.

In Memphis, Nichols went to Starbucks every morning, and Nate Spates Jr. would hang out with him there. They chatted about sports or life. Spates was with his wife once when they ran into Nichols there, and they all talked for a couple of hours. Afterwards, Spates said his wife commented, "He's got such a good spirit and soul and calm presence."

Nichols worked second shift at FedEx with his stepfather. Every day, they'd come home together on their break at 7 p.m., and his mother would have a meal waiting for them.

Wells said she'd offered to buy her son Jordans, the popular athletic shoes, but he didn't want them.

"He was just his own

person," she said. "He didn't follow what anyone else was doing."

When he wasn't working, he went to the park to skateboard and take pictures. His website, called This California Kid, starts with an invitation: "Welcome to the world through my eyes."

He included a gallery of what he considered his masterpieces: bridges and railroad tracks rendered in black and white, the neon lights of Beale Street at night. He took pictures of pink flowers, sunsets over the Mississippi River, fields of grass, statues of Elvis. He highlights a quote from another photographer: "A good photographer must love life," it begins.

After she watched the video of her son's death, she stood with her family and their lawyers at a lectern, shaking, to convey what the world lost.

A lawyer described the beating shown in the video — "he was a human pinata" — and Wells turned her head away, burying her face into her hands.

In the video footage, which was released Friday to the public, Nichols is heard saying he just wants to go home, family lawyers said. He was less than 100 yards from his mother's house.

Lawyers described the last words Nichols is heard saying — calling for his mom, three times.

She still finds herself waiting for him to walk in the door every day at 7 p.m.

"It's not even real to me right now. I don't have any feelings right now," she said. "I know my son Tyre is not here with me anymore. He will never walk through that door again."

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# Drug suspect accused of punching officer

**By DAVID MELSON**  
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A woman under arrest on drug charges allegedly punched a Bedford County corrections officer in the face Friday night, police said.

Officers discovered Crystal Marie Moore, 39, of Shelbyville passed out behind the wheel of her vehicle at Dairy Queen, Lane Parkway.

Moore was wakened by a sternum rub from Officer Andrew Koehler. She allegedly handed over what she said was prescription medication and a container with a cut straw she used to snort prescribed medication following dental work. Two capped syringes that Moore told police were for prescribed medication were found, the report said. Six pills police said were Xanax and tizanidine hydrochloride were confiscated.

Koehler said Moore failed field sobriety tests. Moore was charged with DUI, possession of schedule 4 and legend drugs, and possession of drug paraphernalia. An assault charge was added after the alleged punch. She was held without bond.

Two others were charged with drug-related offenses over the weekend.

A woman initially arrested on other charges was found to possess 0.5 grams of methamphetamine and 26 unprescribed alprazolam in her possession, police said.

Tracie Dale, 52, of Unionville was arrested Saturday at Dollar General Market, North Main Street, after allegedly making an "open line" 911 call, then giving a false name and Social Security number to Officer Kim Moses. The drugs were found on arrival at Bedford County Jail, the report said.

Dale was charged with possession of schedule 2 and 4 drugs and paraphernalia, criminal impersonation and violation of probation. Bond was set at \$15,000.

An estimated 3.2 grams of methamphetamine were confiscated from a Shelbyville man during a traffic stop Sunday morning on North Main Street.

Carlos Daniel Diaz Pina, 23, allegedly ran a traffic light and pulled in front of traffic on North Main Street as Officer Ramon Castillo observed.

Rolled dollar bills and a plastic bag containing narcotics residue were found, Castillo's report said.

Charges of possession of a schedule 2 drug and paraphernalia were filed, along with several traffic citations. Diaz posted \$7,500 bond.

Christian Wooten of Shelbyville was charged with DUI, simple possession of a schedule 6 drug, driving on a suspended

license and a light law violation following a traffic stop Saturday night on Buckingham Lane, police said.

Wooten allegedly turned quickly off West Lane Street after seeing Officer Dylan Bliss's patrol car stopped nearby, a report said. Bliss stopped Wooten after noticing a brake light was out.

The alleged smell of marijuana in the vehicle resulted in a search. Officers found 2 grams of marijuana plus residue "throughout" the interior, Bliss's report said.

Bond was set at \$4,500.

## Shoplifting

Shoplifting suspects seemed to converge on the Shelbyville Walmart on Sunday.

A man identified as Trevor Lee Powell was charged with shoplifting after allegedly entering Walmart, donning a \$75 pair of boots, grabbing a pair of work gloves, and attempting to leave without paying.

Powell was stopped by loss prevention personnel after walking past all pay points, police said.

Timothy R. Arbogast and Kendra Cluc allegedly tried to walk out with a 45-gallon tote filled with clothing and a mechanic set. Police said the total amount of items was \$333.40.

Two women got away without paying for multiple food and clothing items Sunday, according to police. They were seen leaving in a blue Honda Civic with black luggage racks on top.

## Theft

Clothing, toys and a cabinet were taken from a unit at ADD Self Storage, East Lane Street, since November, police said.

A lock was cut to gain entry.

## Jail Intake

Alberto Garcia, 30, Goodlettsville; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding; released on recognizance

McKenzie Hefflin, 30, Moreland Avenue; domestic assault (simple, two counts); \$5,000 bond

Olvin Javiar Leros Miranda, 37, East Depot Street; light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, registration law violation; released on recognizance

Kaylee Brooke Manire, 24, McMinnville; violation of probation; \$1,000 bond

Shawna Jo Melton, 57, Murfreesboro; violation of probation (two counts); \$2,500 bond

Shirley Kay Rodriguez, 63, Regent Drive; theft of property; released on recognizance

Yennifer Raquel

Somoza, 34, Buckingham Lane; light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance

Alaina Rose Thompson, 25, Comanche Place; allowing animals to run at large; released on recognizance

Tyias Sayvon Allison, 27, Shelbyville; possession of schedule 6 drug; released on recognizance

Tyler Nathaniel Barrett, 26, Fairview; violation of probation; released, \$3,500 bond

Mateo Castro Gutierrez, 30, Shelbyville; child restraint law (two counts), failure to appear, financial responsibility, light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; no bond

Tracie Dale, 52, Unionville; criminal impersonation, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule 2 drug, possession of schedule 4 drug, violation of probation; \$15,000 bond

Steven Markell Davis Jr., 24, Shelbyville; driving on a revoked license, speeding; released, \$1,000 bond

Carlos Daniel Diaz-Pina, 23, Shelbyville; driving on a suspended license, failure to yield right of way, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule 2 drug, traffic control device (stop sign), violation of probation; released, \$7,000 bond

Cecilia Ann Faccadio, 41, Lebanon; driving on a suspended license, speeding; released, \$1,500 bond

Cory Allen Frazier, 28; violation of probation; \$3,500 bond

Fausta (NMN) Garcia, 41, Shelbyville; assault, domestic assault (simple), resisting arrest by officer; released, \$10,000 bond

Roberto Godinez Lopez, 23, Shelbyville; criminal impersonation, DUI, failure to maintain lane, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; violation of implied consent; \$9,000 bond

Richard Isaac Hill, 23, Shelbyville; violation of probation (two counts); released, \$5,000 bond

Jasmine Christina Jackson, 27, Shelbyville; criminal trespassing; released, \$1,500 bond

Layla Marie Johnson, 10, Shelbyville; light law, simple possession; released on recognizance

Chad Wayne Jones, 46, Lewisburg; domestic assault (simple); released on recognizance

Sharon Kissel, 54, Unionville; financial responsibility, following to closely, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance

Billy Joe Leslie Jr., 34, Shelbyville; driving on a suspended license, financial responsibility, running a red light/stop sign; released on recognizance

Domingo Lopez, 22, Shelbyville; driver to exercise due care, driving on a suspended license; released, \$1,000 bond

Victor Manuel Lopez Giron, 36; public intoxication; released, \$1,000 bond

Stephen Henry Lovett, 42, Shelbyville; disorderly conduct; \$500 bond

Nicolas Juan Mateo, 19, Shelbyville; driver's license violations, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; window tenting; released, \$3,000 bond

Lindsey Brooke Matlock, 44, Murfreesboro; violation of probation; released, \$1,500 bond

Marie Crystal Moore, 39, Shelbyville; assault, DUI, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule 4 drug; no bond

Gilbert Allen Newell III, 21, Unionville; driver to exercise due care, driving on a suspended license, immediate notice of accident, leaving the scene of an accident; released on recognizance

Ashia Nowlin, 22, Shelbyville; filing false report; \$10,000 bond

Baltazar (NMN) Ramirez-Vazques, 34, Shelbyville; disorderly conduct, public intoxication; \$2,500 bond

Diego Armando Za Rizo, 43, Shelbyville; driving on a suspended license, DUI, failure to maintain lane; released, \$5,000 bond

Manuel Rizo Mojca, 47, Shelbyville; driving on a revoked license, financial responsibility, light law; released, \$500 bond

Cesar Osbaldo Rodriguez, 22, Shelbyville; violation of order of protection; no bond

Carla Marie Stringer, 45, Manchester; failure to appear; no bond

William James Taylor, 51, Fayetteville; driving on a revoked license; released on recognizance

Michael Caleb Underwood, 18, Shelbyville; hunting violations, illegal taking of game, spotlighting deer; released on recognizance

Taylor Allen Underwood, 22, Shelbyville; hunting violations, illegal taking/possession/destroying of game, spotlighting deer; released on recognizance

Lopez Giron Manuel Victor, 36; public intoxication; released, \$1,000 bond

Troy Wayne Warner, 38, Shelbyville; driving on a revoked license; released on recognizance

Charlene Eugenia Warren, 59, Shelbyville; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, violation of registration law; released on recognizance

Christian Isaha Wooten, 19, Shelbyville; driving in a suspended license, DUI, light law, simple possession; released, \$4,500 bond

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

01/17/2023—01/23/2023

Joseph Layne Fulton to Michael L. Lanning, Joan D. Lanning—\$249,900, 0 acres, no address

Adonijah I. Bakari, Sybil A. Pruitt to Adonijah L. Bakari And Sybil Arletta Pruitt Revocable Trust, Adonijah L. Bakari Revocable Trust, Sybil Pruitt Revocable Trust—0 money, 15.43 acres, Wartrace Creek Rd.

Cody Steven Nash, Kara Beth Nash to Robert Dale Huey, Jason David Jent, Jeffrey Walker Moore—\$39,000, 0 acres, no address

Victoria A. Ferranro, Justin L. Benson to JW Properties—\$160,400, 0 acres, Southview Dr.

Dastan Abdulrahman Hassan, Muslim Abdulrahman Hassan, Johan Suphi Abdulla to Dastan Abdulrahman Hassan, Johan Suphi Abdulla, Hogir Wasim—0 money, 0.54 acres, East Highland Ave.

Old South Properties Inc. to Andrew Trey Davis, Amber Marie Sullivan—\$315,000, 0 acres, no address

Cody Steven Nash, Kara Beth Nash to Jason David Jent, Jeffrey Walker Moore—\$39,000, 0 acres, no address

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Cody Steven Nash, Kara Beth Nash to Albert Stephenson, Lois Stephenson—\$46,000, 0 acres, no address

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Patrick J. Miller, Patrick Miller, Erica Miller to Patrick J. Miller, Erica Miller—0 money, 0 acres, Gordon Rd.

Alcorn Properties LLC—RHB LLC—\$1,440,000, 10.29 acres, Stonecrop Dr.

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James K. Stallings to Luis Olea, German Matthew Olea—\$162,500, 0 acres, Cowan Ave.

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Freda Head, Polly Gill Frazier to Freda F. Head, Freda Head—0 money, 0 acres, Shelbyville Lewisburg Hwy.

David E. Beasley, Don A. Beasley, Linda B. King, Dorothy G. Beasley to David E. Beasley, Brenda F. Beasley—0 money, 0.02 acres, no address

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Sandra Baker, Brenda Irwin, Sarah Anita Haislip, Sarah Haislip, Sara Anita Haislip to Sandra Baker, Brenda Irwin—0 money, 0.8 acres, Hwy 130

Gary Boyce Construction LLC to Harlan Ortiz Solis—\$293,000, 0 acres, Coney Island Rd.

Jared Paskwicz to Skylar Paskwicz—\$188,600, 0.87 acres, Moulder Rd.

Tara L. Walter to Anthony Parry, Christopher Parry—\$245,000, 0 acres, Center St.

Doug Anderson, Barbara Anderson to Justin Leonard—\$260,000, 0.84 acres, Harlem St., Bell Buckle

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Jo Ann Jackson Wortham, Jo Ann Wortham to Tara Kingship LLC—\$50,000, 2.27 acres, Unionville Season Rd.

Ann Marie Rossi, Stephen Rossi to Jeffery C. Mooneyham, Andrea Mooneyham—\$280,000, 4.93 acres, Anchor Mill Rd.

Jennifer Crowell Henderson to Richard Paul Henderson, Henderson Tennessee Community Property Trust, Jennifer Crowell Henderson—0 money, 0 acres, Halls Mill Rd.

Jennifer Crowell Henderson, Jennifer Kay Vincent to Henderson Tennessee Community Property Trust—0 money, 0 acres, Virgil Crowell Rd.

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James Doyle Farrar, Zela Mae Elliott to James Doyle Farrar—0 money, 0 acres, no address

Richard T. Hawkins to Kirsten Ann McGee—0 money, 0 acres, Fayetteville & Shelbyville Hwy

Curl Properties LLC to Joey Curl—0 money, 0.43 acres, Spring St., Wartrace

Greg Curl, Lisa Curl to Curl Properties LLC—0 money, 0 acres, Blackman Blvd.

Curl Construction And Excavating LLC to Curl Properties LLC—0 money, 0 acres, Bugscuffle Rd.

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Luis Olea, German Matthew Olea to Bryan K. Nerren—0 money, 0 acres, no address

Elizabeth Wheelon, Elizabeth Gregory to Timothy Wheelon—0 money, 0 acres, no address

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Robert Mitchell Potts, Janet Wright Potts to David Allen Cook, Ashley Potts Cook—0 money, 17.44 acres, Potts Rd.

Charles Grubbs, Pepper Grubbs to Charles Grubbs, Pepper Grubbs—0 money, 142.9 acres, no address

Robert Mitchell Potts, Janet Wright Potts to Charles Grubbs, Pepper Grubbs—\$500,000, 2.13 acres, Potts

Lisa Curl, Jill Cook to Richard Jones—\$495,000, 0 acres, Apple Blossom Trail

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David T. Moulder, Sonya Comstock Moulder to Heath Presley—0 money, 5.15 acres, no address

Paul A. Simmons to PAS Simmons Enterprises LLC—0 money, 61.91 acres, no address

Sandy Shumate to PAS Simmons Enterprises LLC—0 money, 78.6 acres, Fairfield Pike

Eutiquio De Leon Ortiz to Claudia Moreno Zayala, Elaine De Leon Ramirez—\$20,000, 0 acres, Sims Rd.

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**JANUARY 1903**

**CORTNER** – The store house and stock of goods belonging to Messrs. Barns and Jernigan at Cortner, was destroyed by fire on Thursday night last week. The building belonged to John Troxler.

**REAL ESTATE** – Richard Ransom and others to G. W. and W. M. Joyce, 203 1/2 acres in 10th District.

**NOTICE** – I have in my possession one blazed face bay horse. John L. Sutton, Bell Buckle.

**FLAT CREEK** – An oyster supper was given the young people by Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Lacy, last Friday night.

**FOR SALE** – Being about to move from Shelbyville, I wish to sell at once a buggy, a good milch cow and several articles of household goods. R. A. Kimbrough.

**RIVERSIDE** – Misses

Kate Jenkins and Delsie Johnson of Thompson Creek were visiting relatives here last week.

**JANUARY 1928**

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**HALEY** – Mr. Raymond Stewart of Prospect has returned home after spending several days with his aunt, Mrs. Dave Hickerson.

**CENTER POINT** – Mr. Bob Whorley recently visited his brother, Mr. Frank Whorley.

**WARTRACE** – Mrs. W. H. Ellington has gone to Chattanooga and will spend the winter with Mrs. B. G. Blackman.

**NEW STORE** – Mr. H.G. Hill and his manager, Mr. Thweat of Nashville, were out here last Tuesday looking after the arrangements for opening their new store on Depot Street.

**JANUARY 1953**

**NOTE** – A history of Skull Camp Bridge appeared in the Shelbyville Times-Gazette on January 1, 1953 written by Mrs. T. E. Fisher.

**NOTICE** – Mr. R. S. (Bob) McGill, President of the First National Bank, has been named a member of the Shelbyville Power and Water Board. He succeeded J. E. (Josh) Huffman.

**SHELBYVILLE** – Welcome Mr. and Mrs. Hearly W. Tucker, Carter Street, Byrdstown, Tenn, Soil Conservation Service, two children. Baptist.

**SULPHUR SPRINGS** – Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Noblitt of Tullahoma, Mrs. Fannie

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Historian



Grubbs, Joann and Mary Lou of Flat Creek, Mrs. Byrd Logan of Shelbyville, and Nancy Gammill of Paducah, Kentucky, were all guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gammill Christmas Day.

**LONGVIEW** – Glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Asa Maxwell and daughter, Nancy, move to our community. They have an apartment at the Rogers place.

**RAUS** – Mrs. John Smith spends most every day with her sister, Mrs. Helen Harris.

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Wendy Williams (Cascade Interact Club Sponsor) receives a check from Enchanted Bridal owner Ashley House.

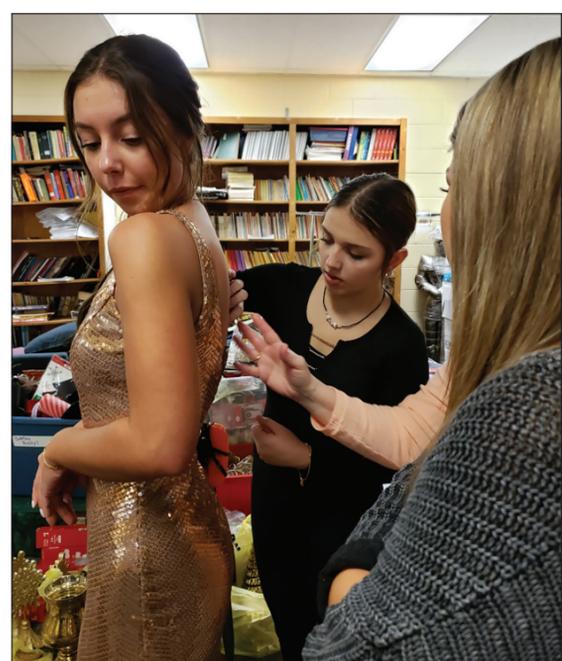


Leah Hilliard, the cosmetology sponsor from SCHS, accepts a check.



Kim Joyce accepts a check for Cynthia Friedman, Community High's Fashion Design sponsor.

Checks from the Promise of Hope Fashion Show were presented to members of the three groups who helped put on the show on Jan. 12. The Cascade Interact Club Sponsor worked the admission table. The SCHS cosmetology group did makeup and hair for several of the models. The Board of Education also accepted a check for Cynthia Friedman, Community High's Fashion Design sponsor, who pinned and tied the dresses for the models.



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# Champs pull away in 4th, stop Vikes

By **RICKEY CLARDY**  
Sports Writer

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UNIONVILLE — It was a typical Cascade Championship versus Community Viking intra-county game Friday night as an intensity fueled by a jam-packed crowd spurred the teams to play a hard-fought 32 minutes of basketball.

At the end of the day, the Champions pulled away from a close game with an 18-2 run in the fourth quarter and went on to defeat the Vikings 86-67 in the District 7-AA contest.

There was no shortage of points as both teams came out hot in the opening quarter.

With Ramone Hernandez leading the way with five points, Community (1-21, 0-4) went on a 5-0 run and took its biggest lead at 12-6 with 4:27 remaining.

The Champs were quick to respond as Jayden Gulick connected for 11 points, including three treys while Saebyn Burris added six points and Lucas Clanton had five as Cascade (19-4, 3-0) went on an 11-0 run and took a 21-14 advantage with 1:43 left.

The Champions ended the quarter with a 24-17 lead.

“Jayden Gulick had a great start and shot the ball extremely well,” Coach Chris Lawson of the Champions said. “We had multiple guys chip in.”

“When we can score in a variety of ways, it makes it tough to guard,” Lawson added.

Burris scored nine points and Jackson Davis had seven as the Champs stayed hot in the second quarter.

Hernandez added seven points as the Vikings matched their point total from the first quarter, but Cascade expanded its lead with 22 points and took a 46-34 lead into the intermission.

Lawson wanted the Champs to continue their success from the first half in the half-time talk to his team.

“We wanted to do a good job defensively and do the hustle plays and push the ball on offense and see if we could get down the floor,” Lawson said.

Davis and Thomas Gentry each scored five points as the Champions led by double digits for most of the third quarter, but the Vikings were not ready to throw in the towel. With Jason Cullum scoring six points and Hernandez adding five, Community went on a late 7-1 run and cut the Champ lead to 61-54 heading to the fourth quarter.

“The most exciting part was when we were making our run in the third, we had two sophomores and two freshmen on the floor,” Coach Robbie Davis of the Vikings said.

A Jacob Flannagan field goal to start the quarter got Community within five at 61-56, but the tank got close to empty for the Vikings as the Champions put it in another gear.

Gullick scored seven points while Gentry, Burris, and Davis each had six as Cascade went on a 7-0 run to take a 71-58 lead with 4:36 left.

After a Viking field goal, the Champions scored the next 11 points to take a commanding 82-60 lead and never looked back as Cascade stayed unbeaten in the district.

Four players reached double figures to pace the explosive Champion scoring attack.

Burris led the way with 23 points while Gulick added 21 points and Davis had 20. Gentry finished with 11 points for the Champs.

Cullum and Hernandez each had 17 points while Flannagan had 10 to lead three scorers in double figures for the Vikings.

The Champions were 18-of-24 from the free throw line while the Vikings were 4-of-9.

“We matched them in field goals, 3-points made, the difference in the game was the free throw line,” Davis said.

“Jason Cullum played lights out tonight getting close to his first career triple-double,” Davis added.

“Senior Ramone Hernandez once again did an outstanding job on the defensive end and he executed the game plan and shot the ball really well getting a career-high 17.”

“They (Community) shot the ball extremely well tonight,” Lawson said.

“I told the guys I’m proud of you because every time they made a run, we stayed calm and answered right back,” Lawson added. “It kind of went that way the whole game. A lot of credit to our guys for taking care of business when they had to.”

Cascade entertains Huntland while the Vikings play host to Harpeth Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in non-district tilts for both teams.

“Our kids are getting better every day in practice,” Davis said. “Our senior group played with a lot of heart tonight as well.”

“It was a great game by our kids. They are excited to get back to practice,” Davis added.

Cascade 24 22 15 25 — 86  
Community 17 17 20 13 — 67  
Cascade: Saebyn Burris 23, Jayden Gulick 21, Jackson Davis 20, Thomas Gentry 11, Lucas Clanton 7, Zach Crosslin 2, Isaac McElroy 1, Sawyer Lovorn 1, Eli Elliott, Tucker McGee.  
Community: Ramone Hernandez 17, Jason Cullum 17, Jacob Flannagan 10, Landon Lovorn 3, Moe Berman 2, Cole Crockett 7, Jaxon Williams 6, Corey Paterick 5, Austin Stickler.  
3-Point goals: Cascade (8): Gulick 4, Gentry 3, Clanton; Community (7): Hernandez 3, Williams 2, Paterick, Lovorn.  
Halftime score: Cascade 46, Community 34.



ABOVE: Jayden Gulick drives to the basket for the Champions. Gulick had four treys and 21 points in the Cascade win. BELOW: Jason Cullum drives to the basket and scores for the Vikings. Cullum finished with 17 points for Community.



# Viqueens' huge 1st half downs Lady Champs

By **RICKEY CLARDY**  
Sports Writer



Sophie Ray of the Lady Champions is fouled while driving to the basket. Ray finished with 12 points for Cascade.

UNIONVILLE — The Community Viqueens connected on their first five shots from the field to take a commanding lead and the Viqueens never looked back as Community defeated the Cascade Lady Champions 84-46 in an intra-county and District 7-AA basketball contest Friday night.

With M.J. Simmons scoring 16 first-quarter points and Zoey Dixon adding seven, Community (18-5, 4-0) was clicking not only around the basket, but also outside the arc as the Viqueens connected on three treys.

Laina Carter scored four points for Cascade (1-19, 0-3) as the Viqueens took a 29-10 lead after a quarter.

Carter connected on two treys for the Lady Champs in the second quarter, but it was not enough to stop the hot Viqueen shooting.

Anna Haskins scored seven points and Haley Mitchell added six as the Viqueens continued to connect from the outside with five treys.

Community took a 51-21 lead into the intermission.

“We came out with a lot of energy and we shot the



Haley Mitchell of the Viqueens looks for an opening. Mitchell had 12 points in the Community win.

ball well,” Viqueen coach Cody Pierce.

“Our press was working early and a lot of good stuff happened early in the

game.”

“We defended well. Just a great start and a great finish tonight,” Pierce added. Dixon and Simmons

each added six points as the Viqueens kept up the pressure in the third quarter.

Sophie Ray and  
▶ See **Viqueens**, Page 2B



Thomas Gentry fires a trey for the Champs. Gentry finished with 11 points for Cascade. T-G Photos by Rickey Clardy



Addison Brothers drives the baseline for the Viqueens. Brothers had six points in the Community victory. T-G Photos by Rickey Clardy



Jacob Flannagan puts up a shot for the Vikings. Flannagan finished with 10 points for Community.



Kaegan Young puts up a shot for the Lady Champs. Young finished with five points for Cascade.

## Viqueens

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Kaydence Miller each scored five points for the Lady Champs as Cascade had its most productive quarter with 13 points, but Community added to its lead with 23 points and took a 74-34 lead to the final quarter.

Suzanna Crews led the Lady Champions with five points in the quarter as reserves saw a big chunk of the action.

Cascade outscored the Viqueens 12-10 as Community stayed unbeaten in the district.

Simmons led all scorers with 26 points as three Viqueens reached double figures.

Dixon finished with 15 points while Mitchell had 12.

Carter led the Lady Champions with 13 points while Ray added 12.

The Lady Champs reached double figures in each quarter, which was a positive for Coach Janie Demonbreum.

“That’s a positive for us, because we have struggled scoring,” Demonbreum said. “I’m asking girls to score that have never been asked to score before.”

“I’m superproud of Laina Carter,” Demonbreum added. “Laina Carter has come an extremely long way as far as her ability to score.”

The Viqueens finished 8-of-10 at the free throw line while the Lady Champs were 13-of-19.

Community had with a decided advantage from 3-point land as the Viqueens finished with 12 treys while the Lady Champions connected on five.

“A lot of players got involved and shot with confidence,” Pierce said.

“That’s what we want, especially when we get to the postseason.”

“We want everybody on the court to be a threat and we showed we can be a threat tonight,” Pierce added.

Community entertains Harpeth while Cascade plays host to Huntland on Tuesday night in non-district contests.

Both games begin at 6 p.m.

Cascade	10	11	13	12	—	46																																		
Community	29	22	23	10	—	84																																		
Cascade:	Laina Carter	13,	Sophie Ray	12,	Isabella Rhodes	6,	Kaegan Young	5,	Kaydence Miller	5,	Suzanna Crews	5,	Haley Giel,	Kaydence Bynum,	Avery Villapania,	Anna Clanton,	Sarah Floyd,	Community:	M.J. Simmons	26,	Zoe Dixon	15,	Haley Mitchell	12,	Addison Brothers	6,	Shelby Cawthon,	Anna Haskins	9,	Jacey Collier	6,	Stevie Dickenson	3,	Izzy Martinez	3,	Jayla Mangrum	2,	Raegan Haley	2,	Annie Prince.
3-Point goals:	Cascade	(5):	Carter	2,	Rhodes,	Miller,	Crews;	Community	(12):	Mitchell	4,	Dixon	3,	Haskins	2,	Brothers	2,	Dickenson.																						
Halftime score:	Community	51,	Cascade	21.																																				

# Bengals' Ossai laments late hit in AFC title loss

By DAVE SKRETTA  
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Joseph Ossai stood in front of his clean-out locker inside Arrowhead Stadium, while Bengals teammate B.J. Hill stood by for support, and lamented a mistake Sunday night that could easily haunt the defensive end for the rest of his career.

The Kansas City Chiefs were driving for a potential winning field goal in the AFC championship game when Ossai, a second-year pro, gave chase to scrambling Patrick Mahomes. Both were running at full speed when the All-Pro quarterback made it to the Cincinnati sideline, where Ossai gave a push from behind the sent Mahomes sprawling to the ground.

Penalty flags flew and Ossai knew immediately what he had

done.

The 15-yard penalty for a late hit was enough to give Harrison Butker a field-goal chance, and the Chiefs' big-legged kicker barely coaxed the ball over the crossbar, giving Kansas City a 23-20 victory and a berth in the Super Bowl.

“I was just in full chase mode and pushing to maybe get him going backwards, because I knew he was going for the sideline, so make him go backwards and get that clock running,” Ossai said. “I didn’t know how far out of bounds we were.”

It was enough that the flag was indisputable.

Making things worse, Ossai lay in a heap on the sideline as Mahomes trotted back to the field. He wound up hurting his right knee on the play, and an

MRI exam is due Monday to determine the nature and extent of the injury.

“I’ve just got to learn from experience and know not to get close to that quarterback when he’s close to the sideline,” said Ossai, who had played well up to the last minute of the game, and bravely answered questions from reporters afterward.

“If there’s anything that could possibly cause a penalty in the dire situation like that,” he said, “I’ve got to do better.”

Not everyone on the Cincinnati sideline was supportive after Ossai’s mistake. TV cameras caught linebacker Germaine Pratt asking with an expletive why he was even near Mahomes at that point in the game. But most of the Bengals were ready to stand by Ossai’s side, even batting away

questions that they didn’t like in the postgame locker room.

“There were a lot of other plays that could have turned the tide in that game in one second, so that’s not the only one,” said Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow, who was sacked five times and threw a pair of interceptions in the loss.

“This is emotional. We worked really hard to get here,” added Bengals coach Zac Taylor. “Any play that people feel like was left out there, you’re going to take it hard. We want guys like that, that this means a lot to. They care about it, care about their teammates; Joseph comes to work every day; he loves being a part of this team.”

Ossai’s career has been a hard one so far. He was a third-round pick of the Bengals out of Texas

in 2021, but a meniscus injury in his second preseason game landed him on injured reserve for the season. The Nigeria native returned this season and appeared in 16 regular-season games, making just 17 tackles to go along with 3 1/2 sacks.

Yet by the way teammates gathered around him Sunday, it was clear his attitude and perseverance had won them over.

“We’re one big family. It’s not fake. When the going gets tough, we lift each other up,” he said. “I am just happy I’ve got these group of guys around me, supporting me right now, because it’s hard. There’s a bunch of guys in that room that I’m very thankful for, B.J. being one of them. A lot of older ones. They’ve done a good job taking us under their wings.”

# Eaglettes can't match Lady Raiders



Paige Blackburn fires off a contested three-pointer. She led the Eaglettes with nine points.

T-G Photo by Gary Johnson

## T-G STAFF REPORT SHELBYVILLE

Coffee County took off on a hot start and Shelbyville Central was never able to catch up in Friday night's 60-28 loss.

The visitors jumped out to an 18-7 lead in the first quarter and stretched their lead to 17 points by halftime.

The Eaglettes saw Paige Blackburn knock down a pair of first-quarter treys, but struggled to consistently match Coffee County through the remainder of the game.

The back-breaker came on a 19-7 run in the third quarter by Coffee County, in which the Lady Red Raiders knocked down four three-pointers to put the game out of reach.

Chloe Gannon led all scorers with 13 points, while Olivia Vinson and Natalie Barnes added 11 apiece.

For the Eaglettes, Blackburn led the way with nine points—all of which came from the perimeter.

Shelbyville is back on its home court on Tuesday, hosting Warren County at 6 p.m.

Coffee Co. 18 13 19 10 — 60  
Shelbyville 7 7 7 7 — 28  
Coffee Co.: Chloe Gannon 13, Olivia Vinson 11, Natalie Barnes 11, Jalie Ruehling 8, Emaleigh Tarpley 7, Channah Gannon 6, Alivia Reel 2, Bryleigh Gray 2.  
Shelbyville: Paige Blackburn 9, Sammie Brown 5, Lanaya Young 5, Lilly Brown 4, Jaz Western 3, Yasmine McFarland 2.  
3-Point goals: Coffee Co. (7): Barnes 3, Vison 3, Ruehling; Shelbyville (4): Blackburn 3, Western.  
Halftime score: Coffee Co. 31, Shelbyville 14.

# EAGLETTES PICK UP POSTSEASON HONORS



A pair of Shelbyville Central soccer players were honored for their achievements during the 2022 season. Sharaid Palmeros (left) received second team All-Region and Paige Blackburn (right) received first team all-region and All-State in Class AAA.

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# Mahomes, Hurts set for historic Super Bowl matchup

By **ROB MAADDI**  
AP Pro Football Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Black quarterbacks have come a long way in the NFL since Fritz Pollard became the first to play in the league in 1923 and Doug Williams was the first to start and win a Super Bowl following the 1987 season.

Now, Patrick Mahomes and Jalen Hurts will be the first Black QBs to face off in a Super Bowl.

It's fitting that a season which began with 11 Black QBs starting in Week 1 will end with a historic matchup.

Mahomes can become the first two-time winner if he leads the Kansas City Chiefs to victory over the Philadelphia Eagles on Feb. 12. Hurts aims to become the fourth Black QB to win the Super Bowl, joining Williams, Mahomes and Russell Wilson.

Steve McNair, Colin Kaepernick, Cam Newton and Wilson also started in the Super Bowl and lost.

Michael Vick was the first Black QB selected No. 1 overall in the draft in 2001. McNair became the first Black QB to win MVP in 2003. Mahomes and Lamar Jackson won it back-to-back years.

They all had to overcome stereotypes to get to this point.

Jackson said a scout from the Los Angeles Chargers asked him to run routes at the NFL combine in 2018. The Baltimore Ravens ended up selecting him with the 32nd pick in the first round and he was MVP in his second season.

Donovan McNabb, a six-time Pro Bowl QB who started five NFC championship games for the Eagles, was told by some college scouts that he had to play running back or wide receiver. He wouldn't switch positions, went to Syracuse to play quarterback and was drafted No. 2 overall in 1999 by Philadelphia.

Hurts began his NFL career in 2020 as an all-purpose QB after the Eagles took him in the second round. Playing behind Carson Wentz, Hurts had 12 rushing attempts, one catch and threw just three passes in his first nine games before taking over as Philadelphia's QB.

He clearly has not forgotten that the decision to draft him in the second round of the 2020 draft was widely criticized by reporters and fans.

"My first year here,

(people) probably didn't even want to draft me here," Hurts said Sunday. "It was probably one of those things. But it always handles itself."

Neither Hurts nor Mahomes celebrated their conference championship wins too much. The main goal remains ahead. They each want one more win.

Hurts puffed a victory cigar after the Eagles routed the San Francisco 49ers 31-7 but he showed little emotion, per usual, in his postgame news conference.

"I don't really know how to feel to be honest. You work really hard to put yourself in this position and I'm forever grateful," Hurts said. "Only God knows the things that each individual on this team has been able to overcome for us to come together as a team and do something special as a group. That's what means the most. I always want to go out there and give my best regardless of what's going on because I don't want to let down the guy next to me. That makes us all go harder."

Hurts, a finalist along with Mahomes for AP NFL MVP and Offensive Player of the Year, missed two games late in the season with a shoulder injury. The Eagles haven't had to lean on him in two lopsided playoff wins. He has only 275 yards passing and two TDs along with 73 yards rushing and two scores.

"I know I've been through a lot personally, but I don't want to steer away from the direction of how good this team has been at playing together, being together, and challenging one another," Hurts said. "When we experience some painful times and some tough times, we always found a way to overcome. You want to be going into a situation like this, and we have a chance to go out there and win it all, so we want to prepare to go do that."

Mahomes battled through an ankle injury to help the Chiefs beat the Cincinnati Bengals 23-20 to advance to their third Super Bowl appearance in four years.

He had no intention of lighting up a victory cigar after a hard-fought win.

"I don't think we have any cigars, but we'll be ready to go at the Super Bowl," Mahomes said, poking fun at Joe Burrow's penchant for puffing those after big wins.

# Eagles' offense can't match Coffee Co.

## T-G STAFF REPORT SHELBYVILLE

Offense was a struggle for Shelbyville Central in Friday night's home loss to visiting Coffee County.

The Eagles were held to single digits scoring in each quarter and Coffee County jumped out to the early lead and never let off the throttle in the 61-31 win over the Eagles.

A 12-point lead for the Red Raiders after the first quarter only grew as the game progressed.

Coffee County led 19-7 after the first period and stretched its lead to 15 points by halftime.

In the second half, Coffee County out-scored its host 32-17.

Coffee County put three players in double figures, with Jackson Shemwell leading all scorers with 12 points.

Rocky Chandler and Terrence Johnson paced the Eagles with eight points apiece.

The Eagles are back at Rick Insell Gymnasium on Tuesday night, hosting Warren County at 7:30 p.m.

Coffee Co. 19 10 16 16 — 61  
Shelbyville 7 7 8 9 — 31  
Coffee Co.: Jackson Shemwell 12, Cooper Reed 11, Deion Subaran 10, Treyton Williams 7, Jayden Carter 6, Dayne Crosslin 4, Jaiden Warren 3, Cayden Trail 2.  
Shelbyville: Rocky Chandler 8, Terrence Johnson 8, Joe Harris 7, Zyon Bonner 2, Marquis Wilson 2, Tae-Shawn Shelton 2, Kyler Trice 2.  
3-Point goals: Shelbyville (4): Johnson 2, Harris; Coffee Co. (3): Williams, Warren, Reed.  
Halftime score: Coffee Co. 29, Shelbyville 14.

Terrence Johnson fights his way to the rim and goes up for two. He, along with Rocky Chandler, led the Eagles with eight points each.

T-G Photo by Gary Johnson



# Cowboys fire offensive chief Kellen Moore

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**  
AP Pro Football Writer

The Dallas Cowboys are moving on from offensive coordinator Kellen Moore after another season without a trip beyond the divisional round of the playoffs.

Coach Mike McCarthy said Sunday night it was "a mutual decision to part ways." Moore had a year remaining on his contract. Quarterbacks coach Doug Nussmeier, whose contract was expiring, also won't return.

McCarthy called the plays for most of his 12-plus seasons as head coach in Green Bay and could return to that role with the Cowboys.

McCarthy said he kept Moore as the play-caller when he came to

Dallas in 2020 because he wanted continuity for quarterback Dak Prescott.

The Cowboys had one of the NFL's highest-scoring offenses each of the past two seasons but were inconsistent, and it ended up costing them in the postseason both times.

Prescott's two interceptions played big roles in a 19-12 divisional loss at San Francisco last weekend.

The 2021 season ended with a shaky showing from the offense in a 23-17 wild-card loss at home against the 49ers.

"The production of our offense and his mentorship of Dak were at the center of Kellen's impact, and we are grateful for his tenure and leadership," McCarthy said.

Dallas has a seven-game losing streak in the divisional round, the longest since the 1970 merger, and the Cowboys haven't reached an NFC championship game since the most recent of the franchise's five Super Bowl titles 27 years ago.

Moore interviewed for the Carolina head coaching job this month before the Panthers hired Frank Reich.

McCarthy declined to say Moore would return in his final meeting of the season with reporters, saying he was being evaluated along with the rest of the coaches.

Less than an hour later, McCarthy said it was "big for us" that defensive coordinator Dan Quinn had decided to return after interviewing for three head coaching vacancies.

VIQUEEN SOCCER HONORED



The Community Viqueens display a banner signifying their 2022 District 6-A soccer championship. The Viqueens also finished as Region 3-A runners-up and reached the TSSAA Class A substate round.

T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy

BROTHERS STEPPING AWAY AFTER 10 YEARS



Coach Chris Brothers is accompanied by seniors of the Community Viqueen soccer team to commemorate his time as head coach of the Viqueens. Brothers is stepping down after 10 seasons as coach. His teams were district champions twice, finished as district runners-up three times, and were region runners-up on two occasions while appearing two times in substate games. His recent 2022 team captured the District 6-A championship.

T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy

# Braves extend Snitker through 2025 season

By CHARLES ODUM  
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Atlanta Braves manager Brian Snitker, coming off the team's fifth consecutive NL East title, signed a contract extension on Friday that runs through the 2025 season.

Snitker, 67, guided the Braves to the 2021 World Series championship before the team won 101 games last season.

Snitker said Saturday he is excited about the future of the Braves, who have locked up many core players to long-term deals despite losing shortstop Dansby Swanson and first baseman Freddie Freeman as free agents in back-to-back offseasons.

Snitker applauded the work of general manager Alex Anthopoulos in signing newly acquired catcher Sean Murphy and others to long-term deals.

"We've done a good job," Snitker said at the Braves Fest for fans at Truist Park. "I think now you're going to see the core group of these guys here every year for this thing. I think that's what Alex does, keeping those young, quality guys around."

Murphy signed a \$73 million, six-year contract after he was acquired from Oakland. He is going to share playing time with Travis d'Arnaud.

The Braves also reached long-term deals with sluggers Austin Riley and Matt Olson, as well as rookie stars Michael Harris II and Spencer Strider, in the past year.

The Braves have signed outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr. and second baseman Ozzie Albies to similar deals. The team has seven core players under

contract for at least three more seasons, and club options could extend the deals even more.

The Braves plan on a 2022 rookie, Vaughn Grissom, competing with Orlando Arcia at shortstop in spring training.

Now Snitker is on board for at least three more seasons. He will be entering his 47th year with the organization and his seventh full season as Braves manager. He took over as interim manager on May 17, 2016, before landing the full-time position later that year.

He has a 542-451 record with Atlanta following more than 1,300 wins in the minor leagues.

After waiting so long for his opportunity to manage in the majors, Snitker has shown no sign he's thinking of retiring. He said he's making one change in his offseason routine — repeat visits to Hawaii for longer vacations after taking his wife, Ronnie, on their first one-week visit after last season.

"That's the first time I've taken a non-baseball-related trip with my wife," Snitker said.

"I said if I'm going to keep working, we've got to start doing this every year. ... I'm going for longer next time."

Snitker finished third in the manager of the year voting last season after winning the award in 2018. He also was a finalist for the honor in 2019 and finished fourth in 2020 and 2021.

Snitker is the first manager in franchise history to take the team to the postseason five times in his first six full seasons.

# Chiefs, Eagles make it to Super Bowl

By DAVID BRANDT  
AP Sports Writer

Patrick Mahomes finally got the best of Joe Burrow.

All he needed was a little shove. Harrison Butker made a 45-yard field goal with 3 seconds left — after Cincinnati's Joseph Ossai was flagged for a 15-yard penalty for shoving Mahomes after he was out of bounds — and the Chiefs beat the Bengals 23-20 in the AFC championship game to make it back to the Super Bowl.

Kansas City will face the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl on Feb. 12 in Glendale, Arizona.

The Eagles opened as a 1 1/2-point favorite, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

There are no shortage of storylines: Kansas City coach Andy Reid goes against his old team — which he led to Super Bowl 39 — in a game that's also the first matchup of Black starting quarterbacks in the Super Bowl with Mahomes and Philadelphia's Jalen Hurts.

On top of that, there's a brother-against-brother showdown between Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce and Philadelphia center Jason Kelce.

"Officially done being a Chiefs fan this season!!" Jason Kelce tweeted immediately after the Chiefs won.

The Chiefs have been making deep postseason runs on a regular basis ever since Mahomes came to town as the franchise quarterback.

This was their fifth straight trip to the AFC title game and will be their third Super Bowl appearance in that span. They beat the 49ers for the NFL title in the 2019 season, but lost to the Bucs the following season.

The Eagles clobbered the Niners 31-7 in the NFC title game earlier Sunday. They've looked dominant in the playoffs so far, also beating the New York Giants 38-7 in the divisional round.

Philadelphia is back in the Super Bowl five years after beating the New England Patriots 41-33 on Feb. 4, 2018.

Now a mostly new generation of Eagles — led by coach Nick Sirianni and Hurts — will come to Arizona to try and win another title.

The Chiefs-Bengals game looked as if it was going to overtime before Ossai's ill-advised play. Mahomes —

who was playing on a badly sprained ankle — was running to get a first down in the final seconds as Ossai desperately tried to track him down.

Mahomes was out of bounds when Ossai gave him a shove, sending both players tumbling to the turf. The ensuing 15-yard penalty was enough to push Butker into field-goal range and the kick split the uprights.

A distraught Ossai sat on the bench with his head in his hands, well after the game was over.

The Bengals and Chiefs were playing for the fourth time in less than 400 days and Cincinnati had won the previous three meetings — all by three points. This one was decided by a field goal, too, and all Burrow could do was watch.

The Bengals lost to the Rams in last year's Super Bowl and they just missed another chance at returning to the title game.

## No drama in NFC

Odds makers thought fans were in for some close conference championship games.

They'll have to settle for a 50% success rate.

The NFC title game was a blowout. Niners rookie quarterback Brock Purdy was injured in the first quarter when Eagles linebacker Haason Reddick drilled his right arm on a play that was ruled a fumble. The Eagles recovered that fumble and the injury proved to be a game-changer.

With Purdy hurt, San Francisco turned to 36-year-old journeyman Josh Johnson, who couldn't do much before eventually leaving with a concussion. Purdy came back into the game, but could barely throw, and the Eagles cruised to the win.

The 49ers dealt with quarterback injuries all season, losing Trey Lance and Jimmy Garoppolo before turning to Purdy, a seventh-round draft pick out of Iowa State. Purdy stepped into a starter's role in December and won his first seven games before Sunday's injury.

Here's a few things to know about the upcoming Super Bowl:

## What's the schedule?

**FEB. 5**  
Pro Bowl flag-football game, 2

p.m. CST, ABC/ESPN

**FEB. 12**  
Super Bowl LVII, Philadelphia Eagles vs. Kansas City Chiefs, 5:30 p.m. CST, Fox

## Rihanna at halftime

Rihanna will take center stage as the headline act for this year's Super Bowl halftime show.

With sales of more than 250 million records worldwide, Rihanna ranks as one of the best-selling female artists ever. Her most recent album was 2016's "Anti." Rihanna last performed publicly at the Grammy Awards in 2018.

The singer said she turned down a similar opportunity for the 2019 Super Bowl that was ultimately headlined by Maroon 5. At the time, many artists voiced support for Colin Kaepernick, the former San Francisco 49ers quarterback who protested police brutality against Black people and minorities by kneeling during the national anthem in 2016.

Country music star Chris Stapleton will sing the national anthem, while R&B legend Babyface will perform "America the Beautiful."

## Pro Bowl makeover

The Pro Bowl is getting a major makeover this year after the NFL eliminated its full-contact all-star game and replaced it with weeklong skills competitions and a flag football game.

The flag football contest is Feb. 5 in Las Vegas at Allegiant Stadium, one week before the Super Bowl.

The Pro Bowl debuted in January 1951 in Los Angeles and stayed there for 21 seasons before the game moved to different cities from 1972-80. Hawaii hosted from 1980-2009, and the game has had several homes in the years since, including Miami, Phoenix, Orlando and Las Vegas.

"The game was kind of silly, I guess," Saints two-time Pro Bowl offensive lineman Ryan Ramczyk said back in September when the news was announced. "Guys weren't out there playing true football. Hopefully, there'll be a lot of interactions with the fans and guys will get their opportunity to go out there and show some skills. I could see that being a good change."

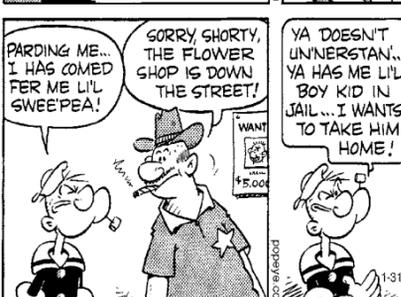
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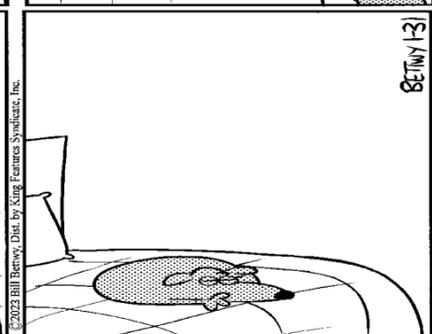
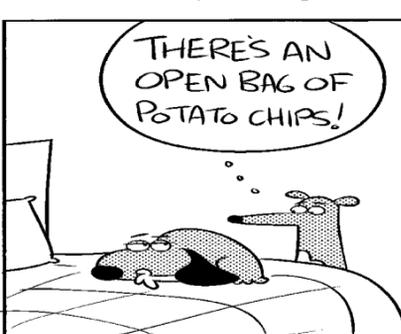
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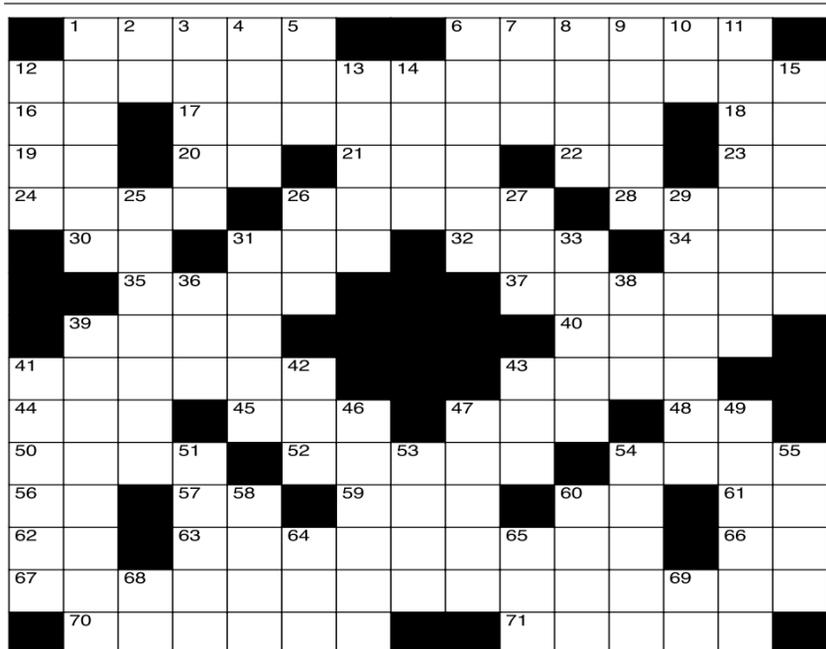
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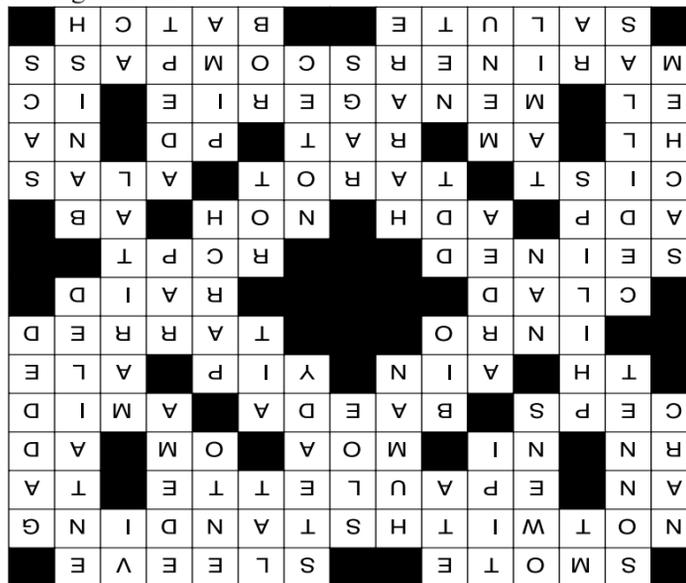
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- 1. Struck firmly
6. Shirt part
12. Nevertheless
16. Article
17. Adornment
18. Educator's helper
19. Healthcare pro
20. Atomic number 28
21. Extinct flightless bird
22. Mystic syllable
23. College sports decision maker (abbr.)
24. Edible mushrooms
26. Venerable English monk
28. Surrounded by
30. Forming fractional numbers from 4 onwards
31. Eastern France river
32. Short cry or yelp
34. Brew
35. Ornamental box
37. In a way, surfaced
39. Attired
40. Peculation
41. Netted
43. It shows you paid (abbr.)
44. Payroll firm
45. Antidiuretic hormone
47. Japanese classical theater
48. The first two
50. Ancient burial chamber
52. Type of card
54. Expression of sorrow or pity
56. Hectoliter
57. Morning
59. NYC subway dweller
60. Law enforcement
61. Sodium
62. Elevated subway
63. Facility where wild animals are kept
66. Integrated circuit
67. Seaman's tool
70. Drink to
71. Small group

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Poem
2. Ever is one (abbr.)
3. Olympic legend Jesse
4. Portable tent
5. When you hope to get there
6. Unwavering
7. Back muscle
8. Within
9. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
10. Six
11. Involved as a necessary part
12. 2002 Liotta, Patric film
13. Living thing
14. Type of gin
15. Moved around in pursuit of fun
25. Makes light bulbs
26. Story of one's life
27. Small island in a river
29. A type of bliss
31. Genus of large herons
33. A way to make dry
36. One's grandmother
38. Vocal style
39. Pronunciation mark
41. American Indian chief or leader
42. Insecticide
43. Go bad
46. Capital of Zimbabwe
47. Polish river
49. Cast out
51. People of India and Sri Lanka
53. Cleaning fabrics
54. Very skilled
55. Pouches
58. Restaurant must-have
60. Native Americans from Arizona
64. Remaining after all deductions
65. Fleece
68. Dorm official
69. It cools your home

PUZZLE SOLUTION



ASTROGRAPH

- ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20: Your finances need a little extra work, Aries. Start to focus on investments, money and other financial matters.
VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22: Business and personal successes are coming your way soon, Virgo.
TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21: Romance is on your mind this week, Taurus.
GEMINI - May 22/June 21: Matters involving work are at the forefront of your mind, Gemini.
CANCER - Jun 22/July 22: Cancer, you may be longing for an encounter with your romantic partner.
LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23: An unexpected financial windfall lands in your lap, Leo.
CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20: A long journey is in your near future, Capricorn.

about how to invest this unexpected gift.
Business and personal successes are coming your way soon, Virgo. It could be a project that brings you financial gain or the development of a new friendship.
Libra, whether it's a hunch or a tip from someone close to you, you have some valuable information that will come in handy in the coming days.
A relationship reaches new heights, Scorpio. If you are unattached, you might find a partner soon.
Sagittarius, draw your closest friends together and plan a gathering where you can exchange ideas and rekindle friendships.
A long journey is in your near future, Capricorn.

It may come by way of a much-needed vacation, or you may make a move across country to follow a job or passion.
Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18: Finances dominate your week, Aquarius. This could be related to a pay raise at work or a personal investment that pans out.
Pisces - Feb 19/Mar 20: Pisces, a business partner may contact you with some good news after returning from a trip. Prepare to join this person in a promising venture.
FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS:
JANUARY 2: Dax Shepard, Actor (47)
JANUARY 3: Eli Manning, Athlete (41)
JANUARY 4: Jaeden Martell, Actor (19)
JANUARY 5: Bradley Cooper, Actor (47)
JANUARY 6: Irina Shayk, Model (36)
JANUARY 7: Lauren Cohan, Actress (40)
JANUARY 8: Genevieve Padalecki, Actress (41)

TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY 31, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'The Rookie', 'FBI: Victim', 'The Bachelor', etc.

WEDNESDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 1, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Schoolhouse', 'Price Is Right', 'Chicago Fire', etc.

THURSDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 2, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Celebrity Jeopardy!', 'The Parent Test', 'CSI: Vegas', etc.

FRIDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 3, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Shark Tank', 'S.W.A.T.', 'Fire Country', etc.

SATURDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 4, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'NBA (Live)', 'FBI: Under Pressure', 'The Wall', etc.

SUNDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Home Videos', 'The 65th Annual Grammy Awards', 'Password', etc.

MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 6, 2023

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TUESDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'FBI: The Untouchable', 'The State of the Union', 'Night (N)', etc.



# Some think federal grants should favor highway repair over expansion

By JEFF McMURRAY  
Associated Press

Arizona officials refer to a notoriously congested stretch of desert highway through tribal land as the Wild Horse Pass Corridor, a label that's less about horses than the bustling casino by the same name located just north of where the interstate constricts to four lanes.

With the Gila River Indian Community's backing, the state allocated or raised about \$600 million of a nearly \$1 billion plan that would widen the most bottleneck-inducing, 26-mile section of I-10 on the route between Phoenix and Tucson.

But its bid for federal grant money under the new infrastructure law to finish the job fell short, leaving some advocates for road construction accusing the Biden administration of devaluing those projects to focus on repairs and mass transit.

"Upset would be the right terminology," Casa Grande Mayor Craig McFarland said of his reaction when he learned the project won't receive one of the law's first Mega Grants the U.S. Department of Transportation will announce this week. "We thought we had done a good job putting the proposal together. We thought we had checked all the boxes."

The historic federal investment in infrastructure has reenergized dormant transportation projects, but the debate over how to prioritize them has only intensified in the 14 months since President Joe Biden signed the measure.

The law follows decades of neglect in maintaining the nation's roads, bridges, water systems and airports. Research by Yale University economist Ray Fair estimates a sharp decline in U.S. infrastructure investment has caused a \$5.2 trillion shortfall. The entire law totals \$1 trillion, and it seeks to not only remedy that dangerous backlog of projects but also build out broadband internet nationwide and protect against damage caused by climate change.

Some of the money, however, has gone to new highway construction — much of it from the nearly 30% increases Arizona and most other states are receiving over the next five years in the formula funding they can use to prioritize their own transportation needs.

For specific projects, many of the biggest awards available under the law are through various highly competitive grants. The Department of Transportation received around \$30 billion worth of applications for just the first \$1 billion in Mega Grants being awarded, spokesperson Dani Simons said.

Another \$1 billion will be available each of the next four years before the funding runs out. Still, the first batch has been closely watched for signals about the administration's preferences.

Jeff Davis, senior fellow at the Eno Center for Transportation, said it's already clear that the Biden administration plans to direct a greater share of its discretionary transportation funding to "non-highway projects" than the Trump administration did. However, with so much more total infrastructure money to work with, Davis said, "a rising tide lifts all boats."

For example, one of the projects that the administration told Congress it had chosen for a Mega Grant will widen Interstate 10 — but in Mississippi, not Arizona. Davis said the department likely preferred the Mississippi project due to its significantly lower price tag. This year's Mega Grants combine three different award types into a single application, one of which caters specifically to rural and impoverished communities.

Some of the winning grants are for bridges, while others are for mass transit — including improvements to Chicago's commuter train system and concrete casing for a rail tunnel in Midtown Manhattan.

Along with the nine projects selected, transportation department staff listed seven others as "highly recommended" — a distinction Davis said makes them clear front-runners to secure money next year. Arizona's I-10 widening effort was part of a third group of 13 projects labeled as "recommended," which Davis said could put them in contention for future funding unless they're surpassed by even stronger applicants.

But such decisions remain largely subjective. Advocates for regions such as the Southwest, where the population is growing but more spread out, argue that their need for new or wider highways is just as big of a national priority as a major city's need for more subway stations or bicycle lanes.

Arizona state Rep. Teresa Martinez, a Republican who represents Casa Grande at the southern end of the corridor, said she was livid when she heard from a congressional office that the administration might have turned down the I-10 project because it didn't have enough "multimodal" components.

"What does that even mean?" she said. ".... They were looking to fund projects that have bike paths and trailways instead of a major interstate?"

Testifying in March before the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg assured Arizona Democratic U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly that he understood the state's unique highway needs and that his department wouldn't "stand in the way of a capacity expansion where it's appropriate."

Some Republicans, however, remain skeptical, in part due to a memo the Federal Highway Administration distributed in December 2021, a month after Biden signed the bill. The document suggested states should usually "prioritize the repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction, replacement, and maintenance of existing transportation infrastructure" over new road construction.

Although administration officials dismissed the memo as an internal communication, not a policy decision, critics alleged they were trying to circumvent Congress and influence highway construction decisions traditionally left to states under their formula funding.

Last month the Government Accountability Office concluded the memo carried the same weight as a formal rule, which Congress could challenge by passing a resolution of disapproval. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia, the ranking Republican on the Environment and Public Works Committee, pledged to write one.

According to figures the Federal Highway Administration provided to The Associated Press, 12 capacity-expansion projects have received funding through previous competitive grants since the memo was issued. States also have used their formula funding toward 763 such projects totaling \$7.1 billion.

# 'Don't be numb to this': Battling despair over gun deaths

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BUFFALO, N.Y. — Increasingly it feels like America is at war with itself.

In New Orleans, just days into the new year, a 14-year-old girl was shot to death, along with her father and uncle. A few days after, in a Virginia classroom, a 6-year-old boy pulled out a gun and shot his first-grade teacher. That news was eclipsed by a mass shooting at a California dance studio last weekend that left 11 people dead. A day later and a few hundred miles away, a farmworker opened fire in a beachside town, killing seven coworkers. Three more were killed and four wounded in a shooting at a short-term rental home in an upscale Los Angeles neighborhood early Saturday.

Just keeping track of all the shootings has become overwhelming, with the locations, circumstances and the names of the victims running together into a seemingly endless trail of bloodshed and grief.

And many Americans are deeply pessimistic that anything will soon change. When President Joe Biden signed a bill last year to fight gun violence — the first such measure to pass Congress in a generation — a substantial majority supported it. But 78% said they believed it would do little or nothing at all, a survey by the Pew Research Center found.

The sheer number of killings and the glacial pace of the political response "breeds a sense of powerlessness and despair," said Pedro Noguera, the dean of the school of education at the University of Southern California and a sociologist who has studied gun violence for more than two decades.

"I don't think anybody feels good about where we are at — even gun enthusiasts," he said.

But if all that might make you think America has gone numb to gun violence, Zeneta Everhart would disagree. Fiercely.

Everhart's then-19-year-old son, Zaire, was working his part-time job at a Buffalo supermarket last May when a gunman stormed in, looking for Black people to kill. Ten died in the attack. Zaire was shot in the neck but survived.

"I don't think that the country is becoming numb to it, but I think that

the country is frustrated," she said. "I think that people are tired."

"You know, we don't want to hear about this. We don't want to hear about our children dying by gun violence, and we don't want to hear about our seniors" who were killed in the California studio attack. "How awful. How heartbreaking."

But that makes Everhart and others even more determined to find ways to stem the violence.

The month after the supermarket shooting, she and other victims' relatives went to Washington, D.C., testifying before a House committee about the need for gun safety legislation. Two weeks later, Biden signed the gun violence bill.

That success, and her son's continuing recovery, keep her energized.

But in a country where attitudes about guns and violence are often contradictory, charting a course of action makes for uneasy calculus.

Overall, 71% of Americans say gun laws should be stricter, according to a 2022 poll by the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. But in the same poll, 52% said it is also highly important to protect Americans' right to own guns for personal safety.

Last year's gun violence law was designed to incrementally toughen requirements for young people to buy guns, deny firearms to more domestic abusers and help local authorities temporarily take weapons from people judged to be dangerous. Most of its \$13 billion cost would go to bolster mental health programs and for schools.

This year, though, the number of shooting deaths are already deeply discouraging.

The nation's first mass shooting last year happened on Jan. 23. By the same date this year, the nation had already endured six mass shootings, leaving 39 people dead, according to a database compiled by The Associated Press, USA Today and Northeastern University. It tracks every attack in the U.S. that has claimed at least four lives, not including the shooter's, since 2006.

"Unfortunately, I think we have become immune to it," said Mark Gius, a professor at Quinnipiac College who studies gun violence and public policy.

# Tyre Nichols case revives calls for change in police culture

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MEMPHIS — An unarmed Black man dies after a videotaped beating by police. The officers involved are fired. After a thorough review of the evidence, criminal charges are swiftly filed against the offending officers.

Investigation, accountability and charges.

This is often the most Black citizens can hope for as the deaths continue. Nationwide, police have killed roughly three people per day consistently since 2020, according to academics and advocates for police reform who track such deaths.

Tyre Nichols' fatal encounter with police officers in Memphis, Tennessee, recorded in video made public Friday night, is a glaring reminder that efforts to reform policing have failed to prevent more flashpoints in an intractable epidemic of brutality.

Nearly 32 years ago, Rodney King's savage beating by police in Los Angeles prompted heartfelt calls for change. They've been repeated in a ceaseless rhythm ever since, punctuated by the deaths of Amadou Diallo in New York, Oscar Grant in Oakland, California, Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and so many others.

George Floyd's murder in Minneapolis in 2020 was so agonizing to watch, it summoned a national reckoning that featured federal legislation proposed in his name and shows of solidarity by corporations and sports leagues. All fell short of the shift in law enforcement culture Black people in America have called for — a culture that promotes freedom from fear, trust in police and mutual respect.

"We need public safety, right? We need law enforcement to combat pervasive crime," said Jason Turner, senior pastor of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church in Memphis. "Also, we don't want the people who are sworn to protect and serve us brutalizing us for a simple traffic stop, or any offense."

The five Black officers are now fired and charged with murder and

other crimes in the Jan. 10 death of Nichols, a 29-year-old skateboarder, FedEx worker and father to a 4-year-old boy.

From police brass and the district attorney's office to the White House, officials said Nichols' killing points to a need for bolder reforms that go beyond simply diversifying the ranks, changing use-of-force rules and encouraging citizens to file complaints.

"The world is watching us," Shelby County District Attorney Steve Mulroy said. "If there is any silver lining to be drawn from this very dark cloud, it's that perhaps this incident can open a broader conversation about the need for police reform."

President Joe Biden joined national civil rights leaders in similar calls to action.

"To deliver real change, we must have accountability when law enforcement officers violate their oaths, and we need to build lasting trust between law enforcement, the vast majority of whom wear the badge honorably, and the communities they are sworn to serve and protect," the president said.

But Memphis, whose 628,000 residents celebrate barbecue and blues music and lament being the place where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, has seen this before. The city took steps advocates called for in a "Reimagine Policing" initiative in 2021, and mirrored a set of policy changes reformers want all departments to implement immediately, known as "8 Can't Wait."

De-escalation training is now required. Officers are told to limit uses of force, exhaust all alternatives before resorting to deadly force and report all uses of force. Tennessee also took action: State law now requires officers to intervene to stop abuse and report excessive force by their colleagues.

Showing unusual transparency for a police department, the MPD now publishes accountability reports that include the race of people subjected to use of force each year. They show Black men and women were overwhelmingly targeted for rougher treatment in 2019, 2020 and 2021. They were subject to nearly 86% of

"It's become a part of life."

Fred Guttenberg, whose 14-year-old daughter Jaime was killed when a gunman rampaged through a Parkland, Florida, high school in 2018, knows too well how overwhelming the violence can be.

The immediate instinct to these shootings, he said, is to think "Here we go again." But it doesn't end there.

"It's not that Americans don't care. It's that we've let it go too far," he said. "America is paying attention. People are more engaged on this issue than they've ever been."

For years, he's been pushing in Congress and Florida for legislation known as "Jaime's Law," which would require people buying ammunition to undergo the same background checks required to buy a gun. The bills have stalled repeatedly, but he's not giving up.

While mass killings like Parkland grab much of the attention, more than half of America's roughly 45,000 annual firearm deaths are from suicide.

Of gun killings, the vast majority leave only one or two people dead. Many of those deaths get no attention, beyond from the authorities and the people left behind.

"That's the sad thing," said USC's Noguera. "It almost takes being directly impacted to understand how dangerous the situation is right now."

It has created a situation where even people who detest guns can find themselves wondering if they should buy one.

"It's understandable," he said. "People think: If the state can't protect us, then we must protect ourselves."

Eight months after the Buffalo supermarket attack, doctors have been unable so far to remove all the bullet fragments lodged inside the body of Everhart's son, some of them dangerously close to vital organs. But his survival motivates her to keeping pushing government for change, and she urges others not to give up fighting when they hear about yet another shooting.

"Don't be numb to this," she said. "This should hurt you. You should feel something."

• Associated Press video journalist Robert Bumsted contributed to this story. Sullivan reported from Minneapolis.

the recorded uses of guns, batons, pepper spray, physical beatings and other force in 2021, the total nearly doubling that year to 1,700 cases.

Seven uses of force by Memphis police ended in death during these three years.

"I don't know how much more cumulative Black death our community should have to pay to convince elected officials that the policing system isn't broken — it's working exactly as it was designed to, at the expense of Black life," said Ash-Lee Woodard Henderson, co-executive director of the Highlander Research and Education Center, a Tennessee-based civil rights leadership training school.

The Nichols case — just one of the brutality cases to make national news this month — exposes an uncomfortable truth: More than two years since the deaths of Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Rayshard Brooks touched off protests, policing reforms have not significantly reduced such killings.

States approved nearly 300 police reform bills after Floyd's murder, creating civilian oversight of police, more anti-bias training, stricter use-of-force limits and alternatives to arrests in cases involving people with mental illnesses, according to a recent analysis by the Howard Center for Investigative Journalism at the University of Maryland.

Despite calls to "defund the police," an Associated Press review of police funding nationwide found only modest cuts, driven largely by shrinking revenue related to the coronavirus pandemic. Budgets increased and more officers were hired for some large departments, including New York City's.

Still stuck in Congress is the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, which would prohibit racial profiling, ban chokeholds and no-knock warrants, limit the transfer of military equipment to police departments, and make it easier to bring charges against offending officers. Biden said he told Nichols' mother that he would be "making a case" to Congress to pass the Floyd Act "to get this under control."