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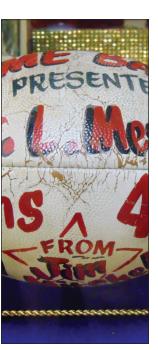
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UT-TPA PRESS AWARD

Teachers of distinction

Bedford County's best for 2022-23 selected

Several Bedford County teachers were awarded with "Teacher of the Year" designations for their hard work and dedication. See the Times-Gazette Tuesday for Principal of the Year and Supervisor of the Year awards as well.

Macy Ray

Macy Ray of Southside Elementary received Bedford County Schools Teacher of the Year for grades pre-K through 4th.

In her fourth year at Southside, she's been teaching kindergarten for five years. She earned her associate's degree from Motlow State Community College and her bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University in Early Childhood Education.

As a kindergarten teacher, she said she gets to set her students up for their entire educational

"That means I have to make sure I do my best to help my students love school and learning and encourage them to always



try their best. I think my greatest achievement is being able to allow my students to develop a love for learning and showing them how to believe in themselves," she said.

Of course, it's not easy. One of the most challenging parts of the job is not having enough time to do everything with students.

"In kindergarten, we spend a lot of time just understanding how to behave in school and learning the expectations and routines. Then, we have all of the standards that we have to teach to prepare them for first grade. Unfortunately, that



MORGAN TIPPS

leaves very little time for the fun stuff. I just try to fit in those memorable moments where I can!" she said.

However, it all pays off. Ray said the most rewarding part of her job is getting to celebrate successes with students.

"No matter how big or small, the lightbulb moments are unforgettable! Seeing my students light up and smile when I reward and encourage them or give them an award makes my heart grow," she said.

When her name was announced for Teacher of the Year at the school level, she said she "touched."



SCOTT HROUDA

"Then, when I received it at the district level, I was so overcome with emotion. Excited is an understatement for receiving an award for something that I truly love doing. I don't consider teaching as a 'job.' I enjoy waking up and coming to greet my students each morning and trying to make every day the best day for them."

Lindsay Cole, assistant principal, at Southside Elementary, commented, "She goes above and beyond not only for her students, but for her colleagues as well...We believe she was chosen ▶ See Teachers, Page 2A

Pen jobs going to Mexico

National

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T-G STAFF REPORT

National Pen announced to their Shelbyville team on Friday, Jan. 13, that they were moving operations to

CEO Peter Kelly wrote to the Times-Gazette, "This planned transition is in no way a reflection on the excellent work of our fulfilment teams in Shelbyville, but regrettably, National Pen anticipates that 67 fulfilment roles will be impacted as a result of this operational restructure."

Kelly explained National Pen has been "digitally transforming" their business.

"Like many other businesses in the US, we have been working hard to navigate ongoing economic challenges arising from high inflation, increasing material and supply chain costs and a range of other external pressures. To remain competitive and deliver the best possible customer value, National Pen must

➤ See Jobs, Page 2A

City property taxes could be cut

By DAVID MELSON

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Lower city property taxes may be in Shelbyville residents' future.

the property tax rate was discussed Tuesday night at a City Council study session.

"The price of goods is expensive right now and we want to see if we can try and reduce the property taxes," Mayor Randy Carroll said. "I think the council members want to do their part on this."

Shelbyville's current property tax rate is \$1.59 per \$100 of assessed value. The previous council's increase to the current figure was a hot topic during last fall's municipal election.

Tax process

The yearly city budget is planned each spring. "It would be meaningless to discuss it now

before the budget is even set," council member Bobby Turnbow

City Manager Scott Collins municipality are usually set during actual budget sessions.

council Some members appeared confused about the process for setting tax rates. City Recorder Lisa Smith, who compiles agenda for council meetings, urged members to propose a tax rate if possible during the study session so a number could be placed on the agenda for the Feb. 9 monthly meeting. Smith explained that number can be easily changed during discussion at that meeting, and the resulting proposal would remain changeable beyond that

"The No. 1 request when I was campaigning was that the property tax was too high," Turnbow said. He suggested setting the rate at

Council member Henry Feldhaus countered with a \$0.95 cent proposal, which is The prospect of a reduction in explained that tax rates in any Murfreesboro's rate (0.9526 per

> "I propose 95 cents because Murfreesboro's tax rate is 95 cents and they seem to be very popular over there, too, so 95 cents sounds good to me," Feldhaus said. "If you want to go low, how low you wanna go? It's totally a political statement, it has nothing to do with the budget right now until you pass a budget, so...whatever Mr. Farrar wants, I guess."

> Feldhaus was referring to Shelbyville businessman and property owner James Farrar, who was a strong supporter of council candidates opposing tax increases.

Explaining the rate

Carroll said each cent in the

property tax rate represents approximately \$57,000.

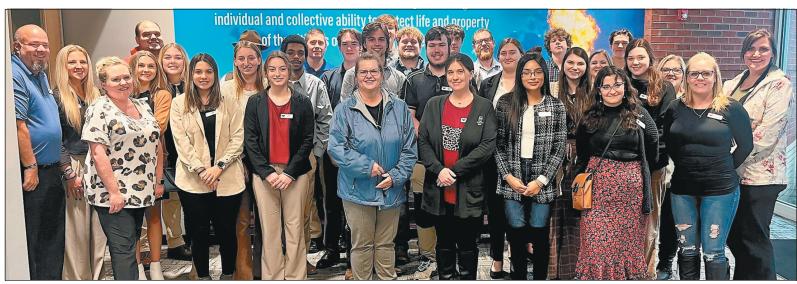
"We don't want to cut any type of services or protection. We do want to relieve the pressure that's on the citizens if we can." Carroll

Turnbow then offered several

numbers in the \$1.47-\$1.51 range. We do need to do some adjusting...and set an example to live within our means," council member Marilyn Ewing said. Ewing and council members William Christie, Stephanie Isaacs and Gary Haile did not propose

More information is needed on sales tax revenues and other items before an exact rate can be proposed, Collins told the council.

The tax rate will be listed as \$1.59 on the Feb. 9 agenda, Smith said. The council was reminded again by Smith that the number can be changed during discussion.



Members of the 2022-23 Youth Leadership Bedford team at an event in early December.

Benefit for Hope to help troubled students By ZOË WATKINS the recent suicide of a Cascade dinner," said Youth Leadership for 14% of all suicides. For this

zwatkins@t-g.com

Youth Leadership Bedford is

hosting a Benefit for Hope event on April 15 at Shelbyville Central High School. All proceeds will be allocated

toward scholarships for students

who need mental health counseling

but cannot afford it. Sparked by

High student, this is the first time Youth Leadership Bedford is doing an event to raise funds and awareness for students' mental health challenges. "In recent years, there's been

multiple student suicides in

multiple schools. So, we came

together as a group to do a benefit

Bedford Vice President Taylor Dowell. He is also a senior at Cascade High School. They hope to target high school students and lead them to programs

Disease Control, youth and young

adults aged 10 to 24 years account

like the Jason Foundation. According to the Center for

same age group, suicide is the second leading cause of death.

Social pressure

Mental health looks different today than it did years ago. Dowell ➤ See **Students**, Page 2A

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DEATH NOTICES

Charles E. 'Buddy' Chapman

January 30, 2023

Charles E. 'Buddy' Chapman of Shelbyville passed away Monday, January 30, 2023 from injuries sustained

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

OBITUARIES

James E. Griggs

January 29, 2023

James E. Griggs, age 85, passed away Sunday, January 29, 2023 in

James was born April 9, 1937 in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and was the son of the late Henry Gaston and Annie Lou Fagon Griggs. James was a founding member and pastor of Deer Point Community Church. James is survived by

his children, Rita Sue Briggs of Shelbyville, Linda Gail (Wyatt) Flannery of Lewisburg, and Robert D. Griggs of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Wayne (Gail) Segroves, Charity (Terence) Halburnt, Ashley Bilbrey, Jamie Flannery, Wyatt Earp Flannery, Stephanie Ann Griggs and James Robert D. Griggs; 17 great-grandchildren; brother, Lewis Griggs and sister, Marie Griggs. Along with his parents, James is preceded in death by first wife, Helen Griggs and second wife, Jean Vanderpool Griggs.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 3, 2023 from the chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home, Chapel Hill, with Ronnie Adams officiating. Burial followed at Swanson Cemetery.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

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

Leo Maurice Trice

January 31, 2023

On Tuesday, January 31, 2023, Leo Maurice Trice passed away. Born to Arthur and Willie

Trice, Leo was an injection mold operator at National Pen. But he was more than that. Leo was a loving husband to his wife, Jessica and a loving father to Kristopher, Tori and Lori. His pride were his seven grandchildren, Adaline,

Charlotte, Ariya, Allison, Matthias, Maddison and Robbie. He also had his six nephews and ten nieces.

He was a brother to Bobby and Brandy, Gary, Randall, Susan, Carol and Sergio. Leo was also a loyal friend to anyone that had the honor to have known him.

A man of faith, Leo never forgot his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a member of Bright Temple COGIC in Shelbyville, TN. As loyal as he was to family, he was also a true Dallas Cowboys fan but more than that, Leo was a dedicated fan to the Tennessee Volunteers, despite the rest of the family being Alabama fans. Leo loved a good joke, a good meal and told a great story, but he loved his family more than any earthly possession.

He will be missed, his memory cherished and his life remembered. May his spirit be forever before the Father's

His memorial will be held on Saturday, February 4 with visitation at 11 a.m. and service at 12 p.m. at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel in Shelbyville.

Donations may be directed to the memorial fund at www.gofund.me/2ca0d7ac.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with

the arrangements.

Hattie Mai T. Johnson

January 28, 2023

Hattie Mai T. Johnson, Former First Lady of Wadley, Georgia, passed Saturday, January 28, 2023 in Louisville, Kentucky.

She was born April 4, 1932 in Shelbyville to the late Cecil D. Thompson and Lula J. Oates Thompson.

She was preceded in death by her husband Billy A. Johnson, a former Mayor of Wadley; siblings, Mattie

Stewart, Janie Thompson, Idella Bullard, Beatrice Collins, and Robert Thompson Sr.She leaves to cherish in her memories, daughter Betty Ruff (David); granddaughter Chaka McGruder; grandson Willie Tarver (Tiny) and three great-grandchildren.

Families: Fields, Rankins (Care Givers); Drummond, Ransom, Thorn; Ransom, Atlanta, Georgia. Two special nieces and families in Tennessee, Amanda McCord (Curtis) and Idella Baldwin (John). A host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, a great-great-niece, friends and her Louisville church family at Pleasant View Baptist Church, Rev. Bruce J. Shaw Sr., Pastor.

Her wake will be held at Newcomer Funeral Home, 10304 Dixie Highway, Louisville, KY 40272, Friday, February 10, from 5-7 p.m. Her funeral will be Saturday, February 11, at Thompson Grove Baptist Church, 2966 Sims Road, Shelbyville. Wake will be 11:30 a.m. and funeral services at 12 noon. Interment service will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery.

OBITUARIES

Reed Ray Davis

Master Sergeant Reed Ray Davis, (Retired), age 87, of Shelbyville, passed away Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at his home, under the loving care and comfort of his family and Aveanna Hospice.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, February 6, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Burial, with full military honors, will follow in Willow Mount Cemetery.

The family will receive visitors 2-4 p.m. Sunday, February 5, at the funeral home.

He was born June 16, 1935, in Tellico Plains, Tennessee, to the late William H. and Roxie Cassida Davis. He retired as Master Sergeant from the United States Air Force after a 21-year career. He then worked at Textron Industries as a machinist until he retired.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia "Kitty" Davis, in 2022; brothers and sisters, Leonard Davis, Dillard Davis, Clarence Davis, Guy Davis, Rex Davis, Allen Davis, and Mary Townsend.

Survivors include his children, Terry Davis, and his wife Kathy Ann, Michael Davis, and his wife, Kristy Marie, and Melissa Alford, and her husband Barry Gene, all of Shelbyville; a sister, Donna Carnes; brothers, Glenn Davis and Victor Davis; six grandchildren and eight great Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with

the arrangements.

Students

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said in school, bullying is virtually nonexistent. But it's social media that's a major influence on young

"I'd say it's the social pressures of people posting things online being perfect. It's not directly bullying, but it's like people don't feel good about themselves because they see what other people have," he said. Senior year, especially,

is a difficult time. Dowell explained it's that stage in life where you are both an adult but still bound to school and home. "There's a lot of social pressures you're beholden to, like a bunch of little cliques; you can become kind of an outcast," said Dowell.

But, overall, Dowell said he hopes the event will

bring more awareness to mental health and resources people can use to help if they are struggling.

"I've enjoyed seeing how many people have come together to support a common cause," said Dowell.

The event will have a

silent auction beginning at

Event details

4:30 p.m. They are also having live music. Plates are \$20. For inquiries, send an email to ylb. benefitforhope@gmail.com by the end of March. They are still in need of sponsors and auction

items. Contact ylb. benefitforhope@gmail.com if you are interested.

If you or someone you know is experiencing difficult thoughts, call 988, which is the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Help is available.

Teachers

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as Bedford County Schools Teacher of the Year for grades pre-K through 4th because her bright light, positivity, and love for children shine through her work each and every day. We are extremely blessed to have her at Southside.'

Morgan Tipps

Eighth grade English Language Arts teacher Morgan Tipps at Liberty School received Teacher of the Year for grades 5th through 8th.

She's been teaching at Liberty for five years, among her 11 years of teaching total. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from the University of Memphis, a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Trevecca Nazarene University, and a 6-8 Middle Grades ELA endorsement from Lipscomb University.

addition teaching, she has coached cheerleading for 10 years. This is her fourth year coaching the Liberty Middle School cheerleaders.

But her own achievements in classroom "do not matter."

"My achievements do not matter — it's about what the kids achieve. I am always proud to see their efforts lead to academic and personal growth," she said.

Yet, professionally and personally, she said she is proud of her growth as an educator.

"I have tackled the curriculum in three different grade levels, and now I am thrilled to be thriving as a middle school teacher. I may have gotten level, but I always knew I wanted to teach middle school English," she said. But with teaching, comes

challenges, which for Tipps

my start at the elementary

is striving to make sure each student reaches their full potential. "The target continues to move, and each student's road to success looks

different. This presents a new challenge each day," she said. However, Tipps said she is rewarded watching students gain confidence

throughout their year in her classroom. "This could confidence in their writing skills, a confident hand up to answer a questions, or just the confidence to make

When she received her award she said she was grateful in so many ways.

it through a hard day," she

"I am grateful to my coworkers and students who made me feel so special and loved. I am grateful that this school system has embraced me and encouraged me to keep growing as an educator. I am grateful to my family and friends for always

being supportive." McCullough, Amy principal of Liberty School, said, "Morgan Tipps radiates her 'why" every day and in every aspect of Liberty School...Morgan builds relationships with her students by addressing potential problems before they arise, having oldfashion heart-to-heart conversations, 'showing rather than just telling' her belief in each student... Morgan is also extremely active in student life."

Scott Hrouda

Chemistry teacher Scott

Hrouda at Cascade High School received Teacher of the Year for grades 9th through 12th. In addition to teaching

chemistry, Hrouda has also

taught Algebra I and II, Geometry, and Calculus on a part-time basis before coming to Cascade, where he's been for nine years. He received a Bachelor's

degree in Psychology and Marine Science from the University of Miami as well as a master's degree from Lipscomb University in Education.

Before he became a teacher, he worked as an aquarist at SeaWorld and Discovery Cove in Orlando, Florida. It was here that he realized he loved teaching others about the world around them. Today, he says his

greatest achievement in the classroom is helping students to move away from simply memorizing information and learn how to think, reason, conceptualize and apply concepts to solve problems.

"These skills essential in preparing students for what is next. One way I help students do this is through productive struggle. This allows discover students to methods that help them to solve problems of their own," he said.

That is, students are asked to use previous skills and knowledge from previous lessons to the new material.

"If or when students are stuck I ask leading questions to help them in their understanding. Combining these skills with the ability to cope with challenges allows students to learn more," he said.

However, fighting disruptive environment from external and internal is one of the biggest challenges. "Disruptions are naturally going to happen

and are expected. Regardless these distractions take away valuable instructional time and negatively impacts student learning," he said. However, it all pays off as he said the most

rewarding part of teaching is the opportunity to make an impact on my students. "I love working with

students and showing them how Chemistry is relevant to them. I love working through the many challenges students face throughout the class. Helping students make connections and truly understand the material is gratifying. And my favorite part of all of this is seeing how much each student grows throughout the year. When my students leave my room, I know I have done everything I can to prepare them for what comes next,"

Sandy Sorrells, principal at Cascade High School said, "Mr. Hrouda offers his students a rigorous and engaging chemistry experience. He sets high expectations for all students in a classroom environment progress over where perfection is celebrated. Mr. Hrouda has a true passion for his subject matter, which motivates his students to achieve. He leads in many areas of the school including National Honor Society, Renaissance and the student-tutoring program, which contributes to the positive culture Cascade High School strives to promote."

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continually re-evaluate how best to manage costs while enhancing customer experience," he said.

It is for this reason they plan to cease a portion of fulfilment operations at the Shelbyville facility and transition these operations to their existing facility in Mexico.

Remaining jobs

A portion of fulfilment roles will remain Shelbyville. Roles in the Contact Center, Research & Development department, Logistics department, Molding, and supporting functions will also not be impacted by the planned transition. "National Pen remains

committed to Tennessee as a crucial site of operational importance, our Global Center of R&D Excellence and the base of essential Contact Center operations," Kelly said. Wayne Pilkington has

been working at National Pen for about nine years. He said he ran a full machine that put clear coat on to put the images on the product.

He said when they heard about National Pen's announcement, Pilkington said they were all shocked. He said there's an attitude, that "All just don't care right now. Everybody's in that mood. They really just don't care about a job."

For now, he said he's looking at getting his CDL but remains unsure of what to do next.

dead, officer shot at Memphis library By ADRIAN SAINZ person dead and a police clear if the shots were fired

Associated Press

MEMPHIS

shooting at a Memphis library on Thursday left one

officer critically wounded, authorities said. Officers were called to

the Poplar-White Station released. Public Library around 12:30 p.m., the Memphis Police Department tweeted. Both the person and the officer were shot, police said. The person, who police did not immediately identify, was pronounced dead at the library. The officer was taken to a hospital and "remains extremely critical

Thursday afternoon. Other details about the

shooting and the initial call were not immediately The small library, on a

busy street surrounded by high-rise office buildings, restaurants and stores, was blocked by yellow crime scene tape, with two fire engines and an ambulance parked nearby. Memphis police officers and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agents were talking outside.

It was not immediately

Bureau of Investigation said the Shelby County prosecutor has asked it to investigate. The bureau often investigates officerinvolved shootings around Police use of force is being scrutinized nationally

inside the library. Officers

were seen going in and out

Tennessee

of the building.

The

after five Memphis police officers were charged with murder in the fatal beating of Tyre Nichols.



Remembering Elvis, remembering Danny

anny Crosslin loved Elvis Presley. He had his records and could be found walking through the house singing "Hound Dog" or "It's Alright

That would have been around the mid-1970s. It was a unique affiliation for him to love Elvis, according to his mother Henrietta. Elvis was "her generation." But she said Danny loved his gospel songs since he was 10 years old.

"He would tell me, 'Mama, I just love how he sings," Henrietta recalled. Danny and Elvis even shared the same birthday month of

But Elvis' death shocked the nation in August of 1977. And just three months later, Danny passed away suddenly in November 1977 at the age of 15 years old in a terrible car crash here in Shelbyville.

Every year since then, Henrietta has put a remembrance ad in the Times-Gazette commemorating Danny's birthday. He would have been 61 on Jan. 18 this year.

She can also remember her son every time an Elvis song comes on the radio, or every time she looks at Danny's poster of Elvis that's still in her home. There's a dollar in that poster frame. It was Danny's last

But as Elvis himself was once quoted saying, "It's not how much you have that makes people look up to you; it's who you are."

Though years have passed,



Danny's poster of Elvis Presley from the mid-1970s. In the poster is Danny's last dollar, a reminder that it's not how much you have, but who you are that matters.

Henrietta still looks fondly to the time when the King of Rock 'n Roll was front and center of entertainment — and how he shaped a young Shelbyville boy's love for music and made him a light for his family.



Kristin Davis

New class at Rec Center: REFIT

REFIT is a dance aerobics class that offers easy to follow choreography for all shapes, sizes, and ages, according to Kristin Davis, who teaches the class. The dances can be modified depending on the level of intensity the participant is wanting. Davis said she was introduced to REFIT by her twin sister and loved it immediately. "After realizing I could not find any local REFIT classes, I decided to get certified myself so I could bring the class to Bedford County! I love that REFIT makes exercise not feel like exercise. You just show up with a group of friends and start dancing," she said.

Classes are offered on Monday and Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 per class.

Jones Logistics Acquires Nationwide Express

HATTIESBURG, MISS. and SHELBYVILLE Jones Logistics (JoLo), a national specialized transportation and logistics company, announces today the acquisition of Nationwide Express. Central Based in

Tennessee, Nationwide Express provides trucking services, warehousing, 3PL logistic services, recycling transportation, and waste management solutions. Its geographic footprint includes operations in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

Jones Logistics is a portfolio company of Jones Capital. Based in Hattiesburg, Miss., Jones Logistics delivers freight brokerage, managed transportation, and services to clients across the United States.

Through this acquisition, Jones Logistics expands not only its footprint, but also its service line offerings and capabilities, which will now include warehousing and enhanced intermodal and managed transportation solutions. Further, JoLo hopes offer Nationwide's customers



Nationwide Express in Shelbyville is located at 1211 E Lane St.

access to its broad and deep carrier base and its nationwide dedicated offerings.

"Nationwide Express is a highly reputable organization rooted in the same fundamentals of professionalism, quality, and customer satisfaction as Jones Logistics. We share very similar core values and feel that we have complimentary cultures, which was so important to us when looking at this opportunity" says Brian Haynes, CEO of Jones Logistics. "We

are excited to welcome the Nationwide Express team to the JoLo family, and we are eager to bring the benefits of our combined team, network, and capabilities to our customer base"

With the acquisition of Nationwide Express, JoLo's headcount tops more than 700 team members, with a fleet of over 500 trucks. The combination of the business increases JoLo's national presence, flexibility in operations and facilities, and breadth of service and logistics solutions.

"We congratulate Jones Logistics in this latest chapter of their growth and welcome Nationwide Express to the Jones Capital family," says Tom Caughlin, President of Jones Capital. "The Nationwide team and ownership group have built a tremendous business over the years, and we look forward to building upon

their historic success for the benefit of their customers, employees, and respective communities."

About Jones Logistics

For over 23 years, Jones Logistics has been focused on delivering freight brokerage, managed transportation and dedicated services

to clients across the United States. Headquartered in Hattiesburg, Mississippi the company has over 700 employees across 25 states. The expertise of Jones Logistics has evolved to include more specialized services such as brokerage capabilities, flatbed, heavy haul, transportation of forestry by-products, and the

dedicated services division.

HOME







Celebration City Car Club makes donations to local charities each year, including Bedford County Humane Society. From left are Car Club secretary Phyllis Clanton, club Board of Directors chairman Jerry Clanton, Humane Society Board of Directors member Diane Forbes, and Car Club president Walt Bagar.



Humidifier helps with dry skin

ear Heloise: Regarding Courtney W.'s question about alleviating dry winter skin, I would like to recommend using a humidifier. I've used one for years due to dry skin, and it helps not only my skin, but also my dry hair and sinuses. They're readily available, as is the distilled water used in them. I even have a small portable one for travel! -- Cindy C., Redlands, California

GIFT FOR SENIORS

Dear Heloise: I read the article from Betty R. about family not listening when she tells them, "No gifts, please, I am downsizing." The solution for my senior husband and I are receiving gift cards to restaurants or generic cards to be used anywhere. We thoroughly enjoy the gift cards; we use them whenever we want or need them, and they do not take up space! --

HARD-BOILING EGGS

Violet P., Houston

Dear Heloise: I have a method that never fails. I put two or three eggs in a small saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil and let boil for a couple of seconds. Cover and let cool. When the water is cold, I check to see if any shells have cracked. Those eggs then get used in something else.

I write the date on the ones that are perfect, and I use the water the eggs boiled in for my plants. I read your column in the Republican-American published in Waterbury, Connecticut. -- Sincerely, Carolyn McDonough, Canaan, Connecticut

HEATING MOISTURIZER

Dear Heloise: I have a small tabletop heater in my bathroom. I always turn it on before my shower to keep my bathroom warm. Then, when I use my moisturizer, I put it on my hands and hold my hands in front of the heater for two seconds so that my moisturizer is warm and goes on easily. -- Joy, The Villages, Florida

BAGS INSTEAD OF BASKETS

Dear Heloise: Just want to suggest that if your laundry room is downstairs, do not use a plastic laundry basket.



Carrying it downstairs increases the chance of a fall. Instead, use a mesh laundry bag, make sure the top is securely closed, and just toss it down the stairs. This keeps both hands free and adds a greater measure of safety for you as you go downstairs. Keep safe. --Grace Hill, via email

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: When flying, tie a bright piece of cloth to the handle of your suitcase. This way, it is so easy to pick yours out on the carousel. I saw this done on another suitcase years ago, and it has served me well. I'm just sorry if my hint came too late for those thousands of stressed-out travelers this past Christmas. -- Cheri Lehew, Punta Gorda, Florida

SAVING RECIPES

Dear Heloise: I just took a photo of your Italian Chicken recipe. It is a quick way to save a recipe or hint nowadays, rather than cutting it out of the paper. I've been reading Heloise since I don't remember! --Patricia Joan Ellis Smith, via email

PET PAL

Dear Heloise: Winnie, my Dachshund, likes to burrow under the covers. This time, she overdid it! I had to get her out of it. -- Anon.

Readers, to see Winnie and our other Pet Pals, go to Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the

Do you have a furry friend to share with our readers? Send a photo and a brief description to Heloise@Heloise.com. -- Heloise

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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TODAY

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.

MONDAY

Bag Day

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

VFW meeting

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5019, and its Auxiliary will meet Monday, Feb. 6 at the VFW Post on East Depot Street. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with a business meeting for members immediately following. For more information, contact Post Commander Mike Ruess, 931-249-1566.

TUESDAY

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.

Bell Buckle beautification

Bell Buckle **Beautification Committee** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 in Town

THURSDAY

Bell Buckle P&R

Bell Buckle Parks and Recreation Committee will meet Thursday, Feb. 9 at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

Shelbyville City Council

Shelbyville City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at Shelbyville Recreation Center's Meeting Room B.

FEB. 11

Food pantry

Scott's Chapel United Methodist Church, 940

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16, at Bedford County

Department of Education

headquarters on Madison

FEB. 19

Morton St., will open its Seasoned With a Touch of Salt Food Pantry from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. For more information call 931-684-2297.

FEB. 14

Bell Buckle meeting

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14 in Town Hall.

County Commission

Bedford County Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Bedford County Historic Courthouse.

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

Head Start meeting

The South Central Human Resource Agency Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council will meet at 10:30 a.m. February 16, 2023, at the South Central Human Resource Agency Central Office, in Fayetteville

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.

Board of Education

Bedford County Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb.

Deputy Director Open Position

Financial Controller and Assistant to the Executive Director.

The Shelbyville Housing Authority (SHA) is currently

accepting resumes for a Deputy Director to serve as

the Deputy Director will administer the financial and

operational activities of the agency. Resumes should

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Only qualified resumes will be considered. Send to:

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Laity Club Bedford County Laity

Street.

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

FEB. 20

Democratic meeting

The Bedford County Democratic Party will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20 at El Mexico restaurant, 724 N. Main St.

FEB. 21

County committees

Bedford County Board of Commissioners' Rules and Legislative, Law Enforcement, and Courthouse and Property committees will meet consecutively beginning at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 at Bedford County Historic Courthouse.

Bell Buckle history

Bell Buckle Historical Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 in Town Hall.

FEB. 25

Wartrace Alumni

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.

FEB. 27

Wartrace board

Wartrace Board of Mayor and Aldermen will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at Town Hall.

FEB. 28

County Financial Committee

Bedford County Board of Commissioners' Financial Committee will meet at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday. Feb. 28, in Room 110 at **Bedford County Business** Complex, 200 Dover St.

Planning Commission Bedford County Planning

Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Bedford County Historic Courthouse.

MARCH 7

Commodities

A commodity food distribution will be held 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. 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

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

non-profit designation.

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.

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Concerns over prayer breakfast lead Congress to take it over

By GARY FIELDS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON National Prayer Breakfast, one of the most visible and long-standing events that brings religion and politics together in Washington, is splitting from the private religious group that had overseen it for decades, due to concerns the gathering had become too divisive.

The organizer and host for this year's breakfast, scheduled for Thursday, will be the National Prayer Breakfast Foundation, headed by former Sen. Mark Pryor, D-Ark.

Sen. Chris Coons, a regular participant and chairman of the Senate ethics committee, said the move was prompted in part by concerns in recent years that members of Congress did not know important details about the larger multiday gathering.

Coons, D-Del., said that in the past, he and Republican Sen. James Lankford of Oklahoma, the committee's vice chairman, had questions about who was invited and how money was being raised.

The annual event "went on several days, had thousands of people attending, and a very large and somewhat complex organization," Coons said in an interview. "Some questions had been raised about our ability as members of Congress to say that we knew exactly how it was being organized, who was being invited, how it was being funded. Many of us who'd been in leadership roles really couldn't answer those questions."

That led to lawmakers deciding to take over organizing for the prayer breakfast itself.

Pryor, president of the new foundation, said the COVID-19 shutdown gave members a chance to "reset" the breakfast and return it to its origins — a change he said had been discussed for years.

"The whole reason the House and Senate wanted to do this was to return it to its roots, when House members and Senate members can come together and pray for the president, pray for his family and administration, pray for our government, the world," Pryor

Pryor said members of Congress, the president, vice president and other administration officials and their guests are invited to Thursday's prayer breakfast, which will be held at the visitors' center at the Capitol. He anticipated between 200 and 300 people would attend.

Pryor said he hoped the smaller event will regain the intimacy that is similar to the weekly nondenominational prayer gatherings on Capitol Hill. Groups of senators and representatives have long held unofficial meetings for fellowship and to temporarily set aside political differences.

The prayer breakfast addressed by the president has been the highlight of a multiday event for 70 years. Dwight D. Eisenhower was the first president to attend, in February 1953, and every president since has spoken at the gathering.

The larger event, put on by a private religious group called the International Foundation, has always been centered around "the person and principles of Jesus, with a focus on praying for leaders of our nation and from around the world," the group's spokesman, A. Larry Ross, said in an email. More than 1,400 people are

registered for the two-day event, with one-third of those from outside the United States.

President Joe Biden, who has spoken at the breakfast the past two years, is set to do so again. In 2021, he made remarks from the White House during a virtual breakfast the month after the building was attacked by supporters of former President Donald Trump intent on trying to stop the certification of the 2020 election.

At last year's address from the Capitol, Biden talked about the need for members of Congress to know one another more personally.

"It's hard to really dislike

someone when you know what they're going through is the same thing you're going through," he

In recent years, questions about the International Foundation, its funding and attendees had led some to reconsider the involvement of

Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., stopped coming in 2016 because the event "had become an entertainment and lobbying extravaganza rather than an opportunity for spiritual reflection," a Kaine spokeswoman wrote in an emailed response to questions. Kaine will attend Thursday.

The gathering came under heightened criticism in 2018 when Maria Butina, a Russian operative, pleaded guilty in 2018 to conspiring to infiltrate conservative U.S. political groups with the aim of advancing Russian interests. According to court documents, she attended two breakfasts in hopes of setting up unofficial connections between Russian and U.S. officials.

It took on political undertones with Trump shattering the custom of the address being a respite from partisan bickering. He used his 2020 speech to criticize his first impeachment and attack political opponents, including Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, and then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

CHURCH **ACTIVITIES**

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

Baptist

"What Evangelism Is Not" will be Pastor Tyler Shoemaker's message at 10 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. The service will be livestreamed. Pastor Jimmy West's

message at 10 a.m. Sunday **Edgemont** Baptist Church will be "Followers Are Witnesses" from Luke 24:27-48. The service will be livestreamed. "God Forgives, But

Guilt Does Not" from 1 John 3:18-22 and James 2:10-13 will be Bro. Bobby McGee's message at **Grace** Baptist Church. **Thompson** Grove

Missionary **Baptist** Church will celebrate Pastor Glenn Sutton and his wife on their fourth anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 12. Pastor Corey Davis will be guest speaker at 11 a.m. followed by lunch and guest speaker Pastor Robert McClean at 2:30 p.m.

Christian (Disciples of Christ)

The series "Jesus the Transformer" will continue with the message "Doubt to Belief" at 10 a.m. Sunday at First Christian Church. Pastor Dan Asche will focus on the Samaritan woman at the well from John 4.

Church of Christ

The sermon series "The Fight" by Lance Bennett continues at Fairlane Church of Christ. Sunday's message will be "Truth and Lies" from John 17:1-8. The service will be livestreamed and broadcast on WLIJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM/wlijradio.com).

Ravesloot **Highland Church of Christ** will be guest speaker at 10 a.m. Sunday at Southside Church of Christ. Brian Nicholson will continie a study of Philippians at 6 p.m. Sunday. Charlie Pope will lead Bible study at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services are livestreamed at cofcsouthside.com.

Methodist

"Damascus Road" from Acts 8:1-3, 9:1-9, 17-19 will be Pastor Abe Zimmerman's message at First United Methodist The 10 a.m. service will be livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLIJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM/wlijradio.com).

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

Broken baby Jesus statues flood restorers ahead of feast day

By MARÍA TERESA HERNÁNDEZ

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — It is Maximinio Vertiz' busy season. Dozens of beloved but worn and broken baby Jesus figurines will pass through this 49-yearold craftsman's hands, restoring them in time for their annual pilgrimage to church for a Candlemas blessing.

Holding a putty knife with a steady hand, Vertiz went about this meticulous task on a day earlier this month. He touched up the sacred statue's eyes as he tuned out the bustling downtown Mexico City street market where he worked. More than 20 other figurines lay on his worktable awaiting his

repairs. Similar scenes were playing out in the booths all around him as rows of busy craftsman used paint and tools to give new life to these beloved infant figurines. Some of their owners stood nearby

eagerly waiting to take them back home where they will be dressed up in special-made saint costumes for Candlemas. Marking the end of Christmas celebrations, the Catholic feast day falls on Feb. 2 and commemorates Virgin Mary's purification and Jesus' presentation at the temple.

Most of the figurines – often passed down from generation to generation - spend the Christmas season in Nativity scenes displayed in homes. They are placed in creches at midnight on Christmas Day and families celebrate the occasion by swaddling the statue and rocking it while singing a lullaby.

They are typically handled with care, but accidents happen. Some are dropped or cracked while being dressed up. Others need their paint touched up or their missing fingers replaced. Many more come wrapped in cloths, broken

"I call them puzzles,"

said Vertiz, who assesses shattered icons. determining how to make them whole again.

On that day earlier this month, a woman cradling a blanket approached Vertiz as he worked. Visibly sad, she opened her bundle to reveal a statue that had cracked at the neck, losing its head. Already overwhelmed with repair work and a few impatient clients, he had to turn her

The larger the figure, the easier it is to repair. It can take Vertiz anywhere from 30 minutes to fix a busted 16-inch-tall (41 centimeters) statue or up to 3 hours for a tiny one. The cost ranges from \$5 to \$12 per piece.

Vertiz, who struck out on his own in 2019, has decades of repair experience, having learned the profession from his father who also restores religious statues in the same street market.

devotees Catholic prioritize keeping their statues of the Christ child in top condition. They believe the figures are representations of God, and form spiritual and emotional attachments with them through their interactions, anthropologist and restorer Katia Perdigón explains in her book, "My Baby

"It is necessary to keep the effigy in good passing them down through condition, taking care of it so that it does not break, or repairing it when necessary, thus reinforcing its symbolic effectiveness," Perdigón writes. "The sculpture ... represents the presence of God at home as he becomes part of the family. He is a son in the hands of the adoptive

mother." Watching Vertiz work, María Concepción Sánchez, 65, hoped the repairman would finish with the three baby Jesus figures she entrusted in his care soon. One is hers and the others belong to her grandchildren.

"The blond one he's working on is 50 years old," said Sánchez, whose mother used to display it at home. Sánchez, whose family

keeps about a dozen of these figures on their home altars, opted to have her grandchildren's restored instead of buying new ones so they could preserve their tradition of the generations. One figure had lost an arm when its clothes were changed and the other broke into pieces after being dropped on the

Once repaired dressed up for their Candlemas blessing, Sánchez and her family will ask their baby Jesus' for good health, having lost several of her 18 brothers and sisters, including three who died in 2022 alone.

"We will dress them up like doctors and surgeons," Sánchez said of the figures. "When one is old, you never know what might

Church helps mining community in dark, cold Arctic

By GIOVANNA DELL'ORTO

Associated Press

LONGYEARBYEN, Norway The warm glow of Svalbard Kirke's lights gleams on the mountain slope from where the church stands over this remote Norwegian Arctic village, cloaked in the polar night's constant darkness.

A century after it was founded to minister to the coal miners who settled Longyearbyen, the Lutheran house of faith is open 24/7, serving as a beacon for the community navigating a drastic change in its identity.

The last Norwegian coal mine in Svalbard – an archipelago that's one of the world's fastest warming spots – was slated to close this year and only got a reprieve until 2025 because of the energy crisis driven by the war in Ukraine.

For the lone pastor, the challenge is to fulfill the church's historical mission of ministering to those in crisis while addressing a pressing, divisive contemporary

"We pray every Sunday for everyone who's affected by climate

change," the Rev. Siv Limstrand

Svalbard Kirke beckons to its fireplace-warmed lounge that opens into the sanctuary. A cup of coffee or hymnbooks in multiple languages are always available.

'You don't have to be very religious. They have room for everybody," said Leonard Snoeks, whose daughter sings in Polargospel, the church's children's choir, and whose wife is working on the city's energy plan.

The switch this year from coalfired to diesel-powered energy production at the plant - which prompted the mine's decision to shut down – is expected to halve carbon dioxide emissions, said Torbjørn Grøtte, Longyearbyen's energy transition project leader.

As change swirls faster than the snowdrifts outside, the church's anchoring role seems poised to remain the only constant.

It attracts miners who have attended funerals for colleagues who died on the job over the decades, as well as newly arrived scientists and tourism workers seeking to integrate in the increasingly diverse community where people now tend to stay only a couple of years.

Store Norske, the Norwegian company still operating the remaining mine, built the first church in 1921 in Longyearbyen, which for most of the 20th century was inhabited by single miners and the mining executives' fami-

Trond Johansen was 17 when he arrived in 1971 on a plane chartered by the mining company. Sipping black coffee on a mid-January morning in the town's sleek café, the retired miner recalled when the main entertainment was at the church.

Johansen and fellow miners gathered on Wednesdays to watch four-week-old videocassettes of news broadcasts from the mainland - though they skipped the weather forecast, Johansen added with a chuckle.

"It was a fantastic place to grow up, more free probably than many places, and you had the wild and the excitement with polar bears lurking around," said Bent Jakobsen, who was born on Svalbard and works at the coal mine like his father and brothers before him.

But today he jokes the mine's closing will turn him into an endangered species just like the iconic Arctic predator. "I can be stuffed and put in the

museum, me and the polar bear,"

Jakobsen said. Svalbard's natural environment has been changing fast, too. There's no more ice on Isfjorden, which translates as "ice fjord" and whose feet-thick ice cover used to be traversed by polar bears in winter until a dozen years ago.

"Everything except the darkness has changed," said Kim Holmén, special advisor to the Norwegian Polar Institute.

Swept by the Gulf Stream ocean current, and with growing open water that accelerates the warming, Svalbard is heating up even faster than the rest of the

Unusual winter rains unsettle the snowpack, leading to more

avalanches, including a deadly one around Christmas in 2015 that killing two people in Longyearbyen.

One of them was a friend of

Svalbard Kirke's then-pastor, the Rev. Leif Magne Helgesen, who had already been working on raising awareness of the changes he was observing on the island.

"As a pastor on Svalbard, you're the northernmost religious leader in the world. That gives you a pulpit," Helgesen said.

He started including prayers about climate in worship services. He also worked with the church's then music director, Espen Rotevatn, to create a climate change Mass - including a rite of penance for piano with deep, haunting notes and upbeat, blues-inspired passages.

From a Christian perspective, some might argue that God can fix everything – but Rotevatn shares a different view he believes is more common in the Norwegian church.

'We have a responsibility for the earth that is given to us, to (not) destroy it, which is what we may be doing now," Rotevatn said.



Vicky Faulkner and Nancy Brothers work on Valentine's decorations.





Valentine's crafts with **Butler Creek FCE**

alentine's Day is heading our way. To help get ready for it, 11 members of Butler's Creek FCE gathered for a craft workshop on Jan 31. Whitney Danhof presented a program of instructions as to how to create a colorful Iris folded paper Valentine's card. Members were also able to choose to create a descentive well benefing made of falls beauty on to get instruction and excitators. decorative wall hanging made of felt hearts, or to get instruction and assistance with their knitting and crochet.



An example of a decorative wall hanging.

State grant to be requested for tennis, pickleball courts

By DAVID MELSON dmelson@t-g.com

Details of a proposed grant application for the State of Tennessee recreation funds were detailed by Recreation Director Mike Alsup at a Shelbyville City Council study session

Two public meetings and a lunch with a group of senior adult park users resulted in many suggestions for use of the funds, Alsup said. Those meeting had been urged by city council member Marilyn Ewing.

The funds, if received, should be used for tennis and pickleball courts, Alsup recommended. The application will be for up to \$1.5 million.

Pickleball can be played utilizing portions of the tennis courts, according to Alsup, although some commenters desired dedicated pickleball courts.

Alsup said 24 suggestions were received for tennis courts with what he described as a "bubble," allowing use during colder and inclement weather at H.V. Griffin Park. Twelve people asked for pickleball courts, seven desired lighted, fenced soccer fields, and a few suggested extensions of the park's walking

Parents of tennis players supported the soccer plans, Alsup said.

A soccer complex would carry an estimated cost of \$12-15 million, Alsup said. It would involve currentlyunused land and require a new park entrance, new field lighting, and a large new parking lot - the "whole works," in Alsup's words. Soccer leagues currently use the outfields of baseball and softball fields.

"Has the county ever thought about helping pay for any of this?" Turnbow asked. He cited the number of residents from all across the county using the city facilities, including some school athletic programs. Ewing said the school system has talked about building its own facilities at some locations. Shelbyville Central High School has its own lighted soccer field.

Items discussed at the study session will be voted on and/or discussed further at the monthly City Council meeting Feb. 9.

Fee increases

increas-Proposed es to the Shelbyville Planning and Community Development Fee Schedule were explained by Waleed Albakry, the city's director of planning and community development.

The increases, which Albakry said are "not huge," generally involve permits costing developers several hundred dollars per new structure. Turnbow asked if the

city could charge impact fees to developers.

The city charter does not allow impact fees, City Attorney Ginger Shofner

Bedford County charges an Adequate Facilities Tax on new residences countywide, including within Shelbyville, according to Shofner. Those fees are much higher than the city's, with all proceeds going to the school system.

Turnbow asked if developers were adequately notified of the fees. Albakry said they have or will be posted on the city's website. Turnbow said that wasn't enough and urged the fee schedule be published in the Times-Gazette. Ewing also said the public needed more notification.

The fees were last increased around 2018, Albakry said.

Vehicles

Three Ford F150 trucks are to be purchased by the city through Tennessee statewide contracts.

Proceeds from the city drug fund - money received through convicted drug dealers' fines - will be used to buy a 2023 crew cab 4-wheel-drive pickup for Shelbyville Police Department's Criminal Investigation (detective) Division. The truck, estimated to cost almost \$55,000, will not cost taxpayers. The fund currently has \$85,000.

Shelbyville Department will be buying a 4-wheel-drive truck to be used by first responders, and Shelbyville Recreation Department will purchase a hard-to-find 2-wheel-drive truck, both from Lonnie Cobb Ford in Henderson which holds a statewide

Alsup said he would like to switch the department to three-quarter-ton trucks because they "hold up better." The recreation department's truck will replace a 2008 Ford Ranger with 108,000 miles. Alsup noted two older full-size Ram pickups with higher mileage are in better condition. Turnbow asked if there

was a mileage limit on city-owned vehicles before disposal. Public Works Director Buck Vallad said city vehicles are used "till they fall apart."

The police department will be selling a 2012 Honda Civic seized from a convicted drug suspect.

Swing Estates

A proposal for a 144acre development, including 38 acres inside Shelbyville, off Union Street near Jostens, will be forwarded to Shelbyville Regional Planning Commission for further study. The development is named for a family who owns or owned the

Zoning changes

•Approval is being sought for rezoning 10 acres at the end of Calsonic Way, near the site of the new Cartwright Elementary School on Fairfield Pike, from low-density residential (R-2) to light industrial (I-1). The acreage, previously "landlocked," will be used for an access road to the school, Albakry said.

Albakry also showed a map displaying a divided roadway with a median in front of the school's location. Fairfield Pike is presently two-lane with no shoulders in that area, and concerns have been expressed about potential traffic issues.

•A proposal to rezone a portion of Sevier Street from general commercial (C-2) to medium/high density residential (R-3A) will be on the agenda.

"The east side of Sevier Street has been changing,' Albakry told the council.

A developer will "likely" request to build two 4-unit and one 2-unit apartment buildings on the property owned by Ben Livingston, Albakry said. The project has received a favorable recommendation from the planning commission.

Listening Project

Three members were named to the Bedford County Listening Project. Council

member Stephanie Isaacs, Shelbyville Power System board member Tristan Call, and city codes/zoning director Bryan Stevens will be joined by four other members chosen from names to be submitted next

City manager Scott Collins recommended against any other council members being chosen because state laws requiring public notifications of meetings would come into

Fallen worker praised

Public Works Director Buck Vallad expressed praise and appreciation for the work of Randy Cunningham, a longtime employee of the public works department who died recently.

Cunningham suffered a stroke while on the job, Vallad said.

Grant sought A grant application for a

portable air refill device for Shelbyville Fire Department was approved 6-0 by the council at a special called meeting preceding the study session. Fire Chief Matt Doak

said a large fire at a ministorage facility on Bethany Lane last fall proved the need for the purchase.

The city is asking for a \$32,000 application with the Federal Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security for an Assistance to Firefighters Operation and Safety Grant, The city's share, if aoproved, will be 10 percent or \$3,120.21. Cost of the device is \$31,302.14.

Battery charger taken from home

By DAVID MELSON dmelson@t-g.com

A battery charger was stolen from a carport at an Anthony Lane home Sunday night, Shelbyville police

The victim said a Craftsman tool box was taken the previous week.

A suspect, described as a "slender white male in a black and white letter jacket," was named. The man was said to frequently walk behind the home.

Drug charges

Two suspects have been charged wth drug-related offenses this week.

•A bag containing 1.32 grams of marijuana was found in a vehicle during a traffic stop early Tuesday, according to police.

Alyssa Nelson was stopped for running a stop sign at East Lane and Highway 82 Bypass. Officer Darrian Lanier searched the vehicle after smelling marijuana, his report said.

Nelson was charged with simple possession.

•A "small amount" of methamphetamine, syringes, tourniquets and a "snorting straw" were found on a shoplifting suspect Wednesday at Dollar General Market, North Main Street, police said.

Destiny Marie Finch, 22, of Murfreesboro allegedly was seen by store security stuffing almost \$54 worth of items into her clothing and backpack.

Finch was charged with shoplifting, simple possession and possession of drug paraphernalia. She posted \$4,000 bond.

Jail intake

The following were charged since Monday by the Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Shelbyville Police Department, Tennessee Highway Patrol or 17th Judicial District Drug Task Force. They are only charged; guilt or innocence will be determined by the courts.

Bartell, 27, Austin Winners Circle; violation of probation; released on recognizance •Jeremy Wayne Bateman,

43, Tullahoma; violation of probation; held, \$2,500 bond Benjamin •James Calahan, 29, West Lane Street; possession of schedule 3 drug, possession of

drug paraphernalia; released,

•Elias Compos Pacheco, 43, Whitaker Road; no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recog-

•Julia Delgado Cisneros, 41, Greystone Way; failure to appear, light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recog-

 Destiny Marie Finch, 22, Murfreesboro; possession of drug paraphernalia, simple possession, shoplifting; released, \$4,000 bond

•Francisco Gatiernez, 25, Highway 41A North; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding; released on recognizance

•Alfredo Gutierrez Ramirez, 37, Murfreeboro; due care, driving on suspended license, failure to appear, financial responsibility, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; held, no bond

•Samantha Perez Guzman, 19, Crestview Circle; light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, registration law; released on recognizance

•John Andrew Haughton, 24, Adams Drive; due care, DUI; held, \$3,000 bond

•Martin Hernandez Castro, 39, Oak Street; driving on revoked license, speeding; released, \$500

•Holly Joy Daniel Hollis, 37, Center Street; misuse of 911; released, \$1,500 bond

•Brandon Dwayne Lenon, 24, Mankin Road; assault; released on recognizance •Craig Marshall, 39,

Moody Street; violation of probation; released on recog-•Justino Olmos Martinez,

38, Nashville; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding; released on recog-•Whitney S. Powell,

35, Green Lane; domestic assault; released, \$2,500 bond •Guillermo Mendez

Rubio, 37, Bugscuffle Road; due care, DUI, open container, registration law; released, \$3,500 bond •Barbara Raye Smith, 46, Smithville; violation of

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Wanda Davenport Piercey to Aleitha M. Kimbro—0 money, 0.15 acres, no address Christopher Sullivan,

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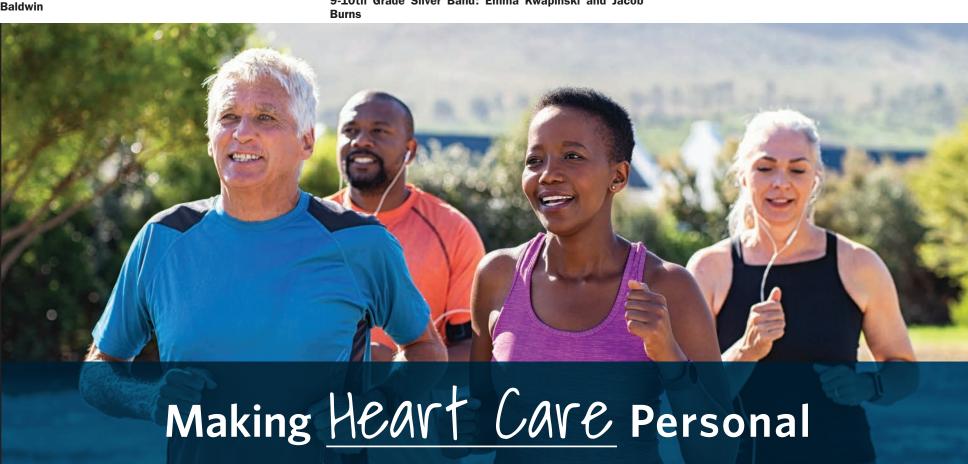
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Listen to the will of God

There's a story told about President Franklin Roosevelt, who so often had to endure long receiving lines at the White House.

He said that no one really paid any attention to what he even said as they shook his hand, so the story goes that one day, during a reception, he decided to try an experiment.

To each person who passed down the line and shook his hand, he murmured, "I murdered my grandmother this morning.' The guests responded

with phrases like, "Marvelous! Keep up the good work. We are proud of you. God bless you, sir." It wasn't until the end of the line, while greeting the ambassador from Bolivia, that his words were actually heard. The ambassador leaned over and whispered, "I'm sure

President." Now whether that's true or not, I still like the story.

she had it coming, Mr.

In the New Testament, James wrote in the 1st chapter of his letter: "So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, and slow to speak..."

We all need to listen, to listen closely, attentively, and realize what we are hearing

I read this story awhile back in The Upper Room devotional, and I want to share it with you.

"A distressed driver stopped me as I walked and announced that she was completely lost. Agitated and berating our town's apparent lack of signposts, she told me she was late for an appointment.

"I knew exactly where she wanted to go and how to get there. I explained the correct way slowly and clearly, despite her impatience.

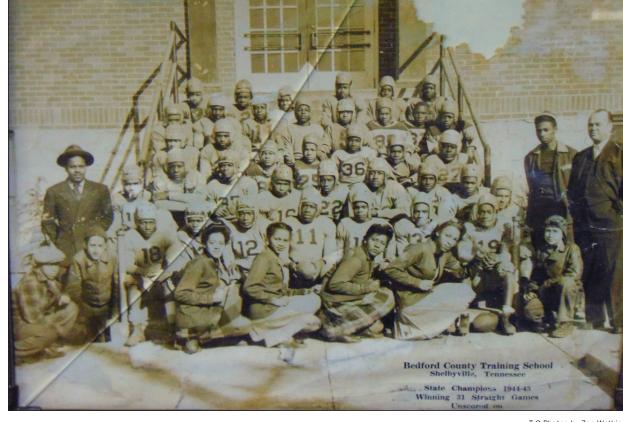
"If you listen," I found myself saying, "You won't get lost." "She nodded, relaxed,

then reversed her car and disappeared from view. "As I watched her go,

I wondered how often I ask God for direction but don't stop and listen. Am I just speeding on in life or rushing through the day with just a cursory glance Heavenward? This stranger was a timely reminder to me of my need to study God's Word, the Bible, more closely and to take the time to listen receptively to God."

When I read that devotional that morning in my quiet time with the Lord, the phrase, "If you listen, you won't get lost," stuck in my mind all that week. And I knew I had to share that in my Sunday sermon. And I did.

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A picture of BCTS's state champions between 1944 and 1945, "winning 31 straight games."

Library honors BCTS athletes

T-G STAFF REPORT The Shelbyville-

Bedford Library along with the Gilliland Historical Research Center have put together a display at the library featuring artifacts and photographs of **Bedford County Training** School's athletes.

These include the first female basketball team as well as the football team "The Fighting Tigers," who received, at one point, 59 consecutive wins. Led by Coach Edward Finley, from 1943 to 1950, the school registered an undefeated, 82-0-4 record and still stands as the fifth longest undefeated streak in high school history.

Many of these athletes, like James "Jim" Mitchell, went on to play for college and pro football. In Mitchell's case, it was an 11-year career with the Atlanta Falcons.

As a trophy, the BCTS received a small cedar bucket that stands just a couple inches high. The words "Cedar bucket" can be seen inscribed on the

Why a cedar bucket? Well, local resident

Thomas Johnson speculates it probably had something to do with Murfreesboro, which was a prominent location where cedar buckets were made. Other than that, many are unsure of the origin.

While under segregation, BCTS played on Shelbyville Central 's field on Thursday nights, while Shelbyville played on Friday nights. But often, these teams would get together on the weekend and play a game.

About BCTS

According to the SCHS official website, the first public high school for African Americans was organized in 1895. The principal was John McAdams, whom the school was named for and thus dubbed "McAdams School." McAdams was principal there for 40

But after the McAdams School came a joint venture of the county and the city for grades 1st through 12th. It was called the **Bedford County Training** School.

Many African American high schools were simply called "training schools." But because of Bedford's historic winning streak, BCTS was one of the more well-known schools in Tennessee.

From 1935 to 1965, Sidney W. Harris was the principal of BCTS. The name was changed to Harris High School in the early 1960s after Harris died. Though the building no longer stands, it is in the former location of where Harris Middle was, according to Johnson. Shelbyville Central High

School then absorbed the BCTS students in 1967 (after Harris High closed in 1966) and as desegregation was initiated around 1964.

In addition to football, the girls' basketball team was state champions in 1965. It was the same year that Will P. Martin became the principal of Harris High School. He remained principal until the school was merged with Central, according to the SCHS website.



A "game ball" presented to "Mr. L. Messengale" (Coach Lendell Massengale) from Jim Mitchell. Born in Texas. Massengale had a successful career as a coach for both BCTS and SCHS as well as in positions of leadership in Shelbyville.

Rex Brothers makes it to Lipscomb Hall of Fame

By MARK MCGEE Special to the T-G

NASHVILLE — From the time he was five years old Rex Brothers always had a baseball and glove sitting on the kitchen table. Now he has a hall of fame plaque and a silver bat as a result of his longtime love and dedication to the game.

Saturday night Rex was named to the Lipscomb University Athletics Hall of Fame at the annual "First Pitch" Dinner Saturday night at the George Shinn Center on campus. Brothers was inducted along with fellow former baseball teammates Caleb Joseph and Josh Smith. All three had been invited to the event to speak about their times at Lipscomb and in the Major

Lipscomb athletic director Philip Hutcheson made the surprise announcement.

"It is the honor of my baseball playing career," Rex said. "Just the players, the men and the guys who have gone before me and the players I have played with it makes it so special to be a part of this.

"I thought I was just going to be part of another panel discussion. But then Hutch got up there and started talking. My body was overwhelmed. I was having chills. The next thing I knew I was in tears. That is how much it meant to me."

▶ See **Brothers**, Page 3B



Photo by John Wilkinson

Rex Brothers, right, was surprised by the announcement he was being inducted into the Lipscomb Athletics Hall of Fame. Making the presentation of a plaque and a silver commemorative bat was Lipscomb athletic director Philip Hutcheson.

Mark McGee My Take

Speech

merica isn't easy." That's not a quote original to me. It was said by Michael Douglas as President Andrew Shepherd in the movie "The American President."

But the speech goes on and here is the rest of his thought:

"America is advanced citizenship. You've gotta want it bad, 'cause it's gonna put up a fight. It's gonna say, "You want free speech? Let's see you acknowledge a man whose words make your blood boil, who's standing center stage and advocating at the top of his lungs that which you would spend a lifetime opposing at the top of yours.'

One of this country's foundations set forth by its founding fathers is the right to free speech. You might not like what someone else has to say, but let them have the opportunity to say it.

We appear to have forgotten what that means. So many live in fear of what they can say and what the consequences will be for them if they do say something deemed to be unpopular with one side or the other.

We have become fearful of saying or writing something which could be considered offensive. And in today's social climate it has become so easy to cross over the line of what is upsetting to others it is sometimes safer to say nothing at all.

I have never been an advocate for censorship, but it is being practiced on so many levels today. Say something bordering on being controversial and watch what happens on Twitter and other social media. Consider the fact that some lose their jobs or positions because of what they have said or placed on social media because of who they may have offended.

There are some things you can't do like yell "fire' in a crowded venue unless there is one. You can't openly incite people to violence.

But we all can enter into a free exchange of ideas. Are we all going to agree on everything? No, and that

is the point. Let both sides have a free exchange of ideas. Listen to what is being said. Don't shout down the opposition. Don't threaten

them with harm of any sort. Lately, I have been using the statement more and more that "there are two sides to every story". Guess that is the journalist

in me. But there are also two sides to every belief. Instead of turning a deaf ear we need to listen carefully to both sides, study what has been said and then making an informed decision on what we are going to support.

That is what America is all about. It takes work to be a good citizen. You do have to be tough.

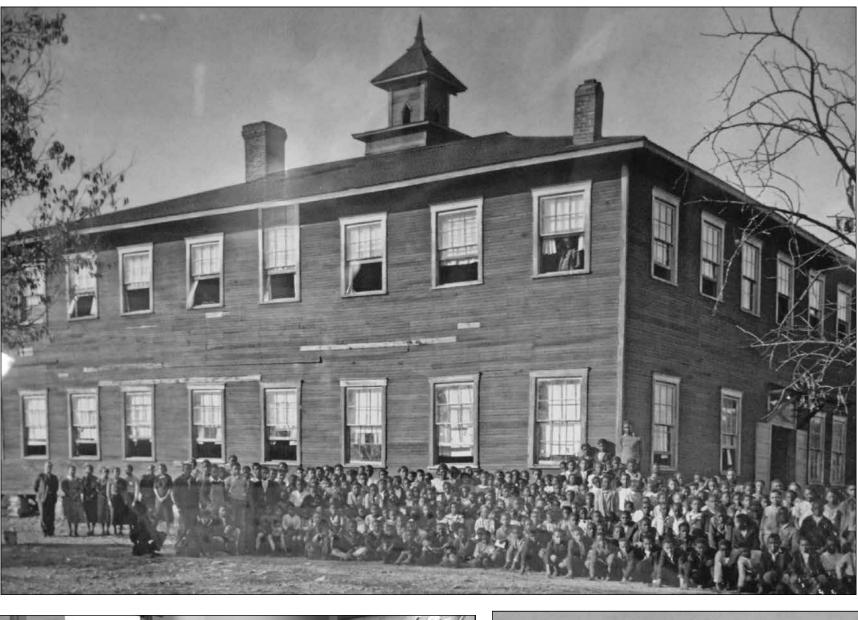


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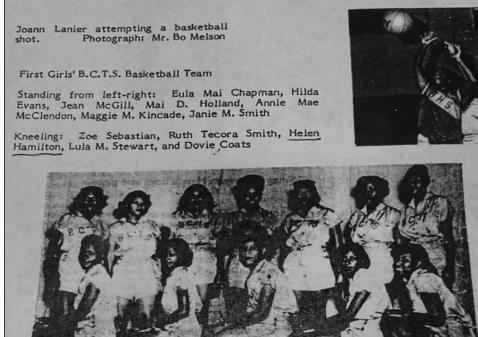




Bedford County Training School. Though the building no longer stands, was on Elm Street.



Rosie Biggs of the Gilliland Center works with a library worker on the display case.



Photographs of the first girls' BCTS basketball team. On the right is a picture of Joann Lanier "attempting a basketball shot" taken by Times-Gazette sportswriter Bo Melson.

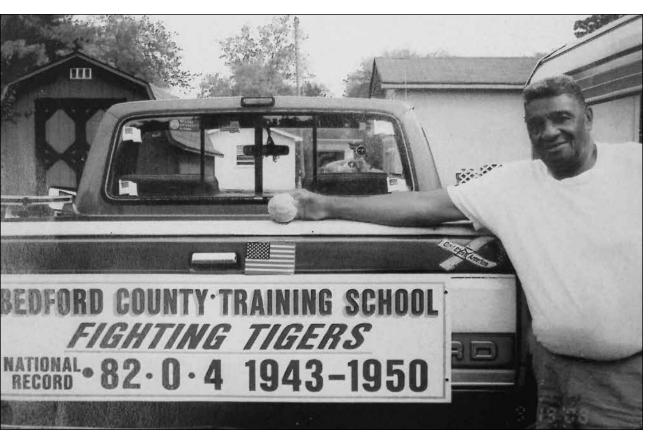


The display case will be at the Shelbyville-Bedford Public Library through the month of February.

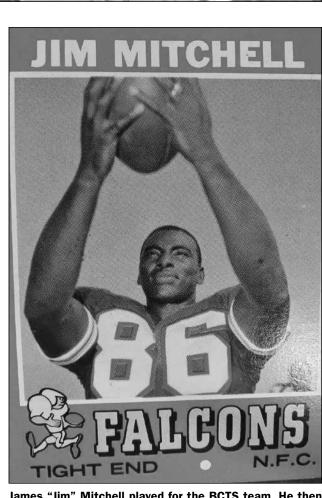


The "Cedar Bucket" which The Tigers used as their trophy.

T-G Photos by Zoe Watkins



The "Fighting Tigers" achieved a national record of 82-0-4.



James "Jim" Mitchell played for the BCTS team. He then went on to play from 1969-1979 for the Atlanta Falcons. Born in Shelbyville, he died in 2007 at the age of 60.

Brothers

(Continued from Page 1)

Hall of Fame honors are given to people not only as evidence of their accomplishments but also as a tribute to those who provided support to help the person achieve his dreams.

"Every bit of what you saw of my emotions was real," Rex said. "I love the people. I love the place. To be honored like this is not just a testament to me but also to those who propped me up."

The right decision

Rex, coached by Scott Hall at Shelbyville Central High School, was recruited to Lipscomb by then head coach Wynn Fletcher. When Fletcher was replaced by Jeff Forehand before Rex could put on a Bisons uniform he remained true to his commitment even though he was starting to receive interest from major programs like Tennessee and Vanderbilt.

"Coach Forehand was a big, big part of my life at a fragile time in my life," Rex said. "I was out of my house. I was in my early 20s. I was trying to make grades. To have somebody like Coach Forehand to lean on was irreplaceable.

"What he does for his players and the impact he has it amazing. We can all attest to the fact we are better people because of playing for Coach. What he instilled in me lasted me throughout my playing career. You can't get that many places. It is special."

His father, Andy, was a major influence with Rex deciding to stay a Lipscomb. Later on, Rex's younger brother Hunter would also pitch for Lipscomb and be a part of the Rockies organization. He and Hunter own and operate Brothers Excavation.

"I am so glad my dad wanted me to play for Coach Forehand," Rex said. "My Dad said this is a great fit for me. There wasn't a better fit for me.

"We had been going to camps at Lipscomb since Mel Brown was the coach when I was around eight years old. Hunter and Seth Brothers also went. We would get in grandma's van and go up to Nashville. It just came full circle for me."

In three seasons at Lipscomb Rex won 16 games. He struck out 322 batters and posted a 3.38 earned run average.

He was honored as the Atlantic Sun Freshman of the Year and was second team member of the ASUN All-Conference team. Also, in 2007 he was selected to the Louisville Slugger All-Freshman Team as announced by the Collegiate Baseball newspaper.

He was named to the NCAA Athens Regional All-Tournament Team in 2008

In 2009 he was a First Team ASUN Conference selection. He won the Ken Dugan Award, named for the late Hall of Fame Lipscomb baseball coach.

Rex is also a member of the ASUN All-Decade Team for the 2000-2010 period.

While the awards have been nice, he also relishes the memory of his team-

"I had great teammates," Rex said. "I tried to learn something from all my teammates and hope in turn someone learned something from me that

helped them." A family celebration

It was a family affair for Rex. His father, Andy, and his mother, Carol, were there along with his grandmother, Janelle

Brothers and his wife, Jill and their children, daughter River and twin sons Zion and Duke.

"As a young kid there were three things for Rex baseball and hunting and fishing," Andy said. "He started in coach-pitch. He always had a ball and glove on the kitchen table. We would go outside and throw."

During those afternoons throwing the ball around Andy never thought about how big baseball would be for Rex.

Nashville," Andy said. "I wanted to play for Lipscomb. I wasn't good enough to play for Lipscomb. "When Rex was a fresh-

"I grew up in

man and he walked on the field for his first practice I was good with it. He playing at a good school and was close to home."

It is a mutual admiration society between Andy and Forehand.

"I learned a lot from Andy over the years," Forehand said. "He is such a special man. The way he raised Rex and Hunter was an inspiration for me and my wife about how we raised our boys.

"He gave good advice. There was one way to do things and had the market cornered on how to do the right thing all the time. I took that to heart about how to raise my kids."

The Majors

In 2009 Rex became only the second Lipscomb player drafted in the first round of the Major League Baseball Draft, the 34th selection by the Colorado Rockies. Bo McLaughlin had been picked by the Houston Astros in the first round in 1975.

Rex made his Major League debut in 2011 throwing for the Rockies in relief on the road against the San Diego Padres on June 6, as part of a 3-0

"When he threw that first pitch in San Diego it was so good," Andy said. "Being there and seeing it and knowing that was his dream come true. It is a special thing for a parent to see the dreams of their children come true."

Rex would also play for the Atlanta Braves, the Chicago Cubs and the New York Yankees. He ended his career as a part of the Milwaukee Brewers orga-

nization. He finished his Major League career with 374 appearances, a 23-16 record with 384 strikeouts in 322.1 innings pitched

and a 4.08 ERA. He helped lead the Bisons to their first ever Atlantic Sun Conference Championship and their first NCAA bid in 2008. He threw 5.2 innings as the Bisons won their first NCAA tournament game against Georgia, the eventual NCAA runner-up.

His 133 strikeouts in 2009 is the highest total in the NCAA era for Lipscomb. He is in the school's career top 10 in wins, ERA, strikeouts, complete games and games started.

A power pitcher

At 6-foot-1 Rex did

not have the size often associated with power pitchers. His ability to mow down batters was a pleasant surprise for his Bison teammates. He was described by his teammates as a "sheer force" on the mound. "When you have that

type of velocity and have a slider like he had, he had big league stuff as a freshman and sophomore in college," Joseph said. "And he kind of came out of nowhere. He was from Chapel Hill and we really

didn't know he was. "But he showed up and



Rex Brothers wife Jill and children River, Zion and Duke were also present for the Lipscomb Hall of Fame honor. From left are grandmother Janelle Brothers, mother Carol Brothers, sons Zion and Duke, Rex, wife Jill and daughter River.



Rex Brothers was joined by his grandmother, Janelle Brothers, his mother Carol and father Andy Brothers at the dinner.

Caleb Joseph, far left, and Josh Smith, center.

he was left-handed and threw hard. That type of pitcher doesn't grow on trees. And then he started doing stuff with weights and he ballooned up and got stronger."

Forehand agrees Rex was an unexpected talent.

"In this day and age everybody throws hard, but in his day and age he was kind of a unique find for us," Forehand said. "At that point he threw a hard fastball and hard slider. He was so difficult to hit. He was the best of the best."

Joseph, who caught Rex for two seasons, remembers how the ball exploded into his mitt.

"It was like a bowling ball," Joseph said. "Rex had the hardest fastball I've ever caught in terms of what it felt like in the mitt. I've caught 100 miles per hour fastballs, but Rex throwing 97 miles per hour felt like 107." Rex developed a tenac-

ity at Lipscomb that served him well on both the college and pro levels. "When he was on the

mound, he could just look at a guy and put fear into them," Joseph said. "He was the ultimate competi-"It was fun to be back

there when he pitched because you just knew he was going to empty his tank on every pitch, and you knew without a doubt

you were getting every bit

of what he had in terms of

effort. He just absolutely

dominated."



Rex Brothers, far right, was joined by fellow teammates and Hall of Fame inductees

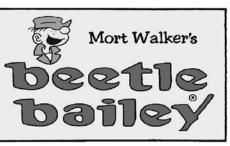


Rex Brothers, Caleb Joseph and Josh Smith all played for several Major League baseball organizations. Joseph's Baltimore Orioles jersey, Brothers' Colorado Rockies jersey and Josh Smith's Cincinnati Reds jersey were on display during Lipscomb baseball's annual

"First Pitch" Dinner.

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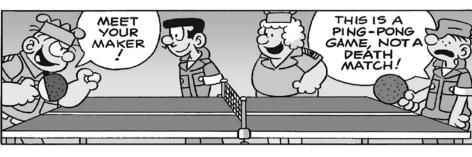


















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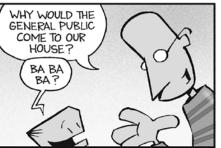
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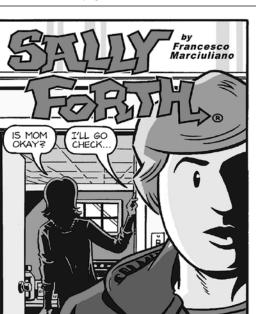


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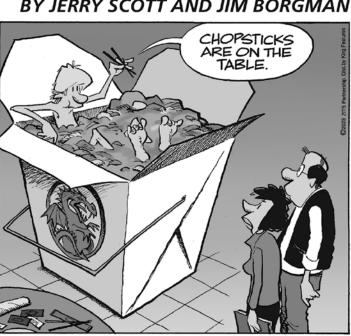
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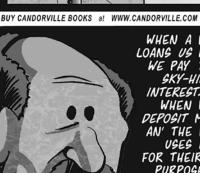








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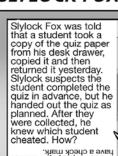
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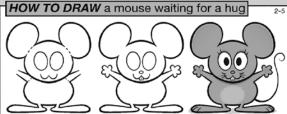
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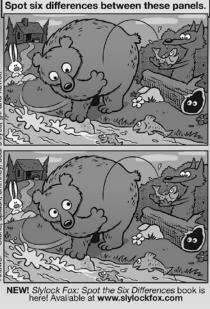


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Fascinating details about Wells' famous 1883 lawsuit

By BILL CAREY

Bill Carey is the founder of Tennessee History for Kids, a non-profit organization that helps teachers cover social studies.

If you read about the Civil Rights Movement, you'll find reference to a lawsuit Ida B. Wells filed that foreshadowed events three-quarters of a century later.

A few years ago, thanks to state archivist Wayne Moore, I found the documents from this case on file at the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

In 1883, the 20-year-old Wells was working as a teacher in Memphis when she tried to sit in the section of a passenger train that was, by custom, reserved for whites only. The conductor told her to move to the front coach. She refused, was kicked off the train, and sued the railroad for \$5,000 in damages.

According to the hand-written record of the case (Ida Wells vs. Chesapeake, Ohio and Southwest Railroad), the incident occurred in September 1883. As background to the event, Judge James O. Pierce noted that the Tennessee General

Assembly had passed laws allowing railroads to segregate races, so long as they charged different amounts for first and second-class tickets. Judge Pierce also explained that, typically, railroads designated front, "second class" passenger cars for "colored" passengers and white passengers who smoke, while reserving rear "first-class" passenger cars for white, non-smoking passengers.

Wells traveled alone

on September 15, and she purchased a first-class ticket from Memphis to Woodstock prior to boarding the train. When the car had gone about a mile, conductor William Murry came by her seat, in the rear coach, and said he would not accept her ticket until she moved. A few minutes later, Murry returned and said Wells would have to move to the other car because that was where black people must ride. "I replied that I would not ride in the forward car, that I had a seat and intended to keep it," Wells testified. "He said to me that he would treat me like a lady, but that I must go into the other car, and, I replied that if he wished to treat me like a lady, he would leave me When the train arrived at its first stop (Frayser), the conductor returned again and told her she would have to move. "He then took hold of me to carry me to the other car," Wells claimed. "I resisted him – holding onto my seat – when he called for help, and two white passengers helped him to carry me out.

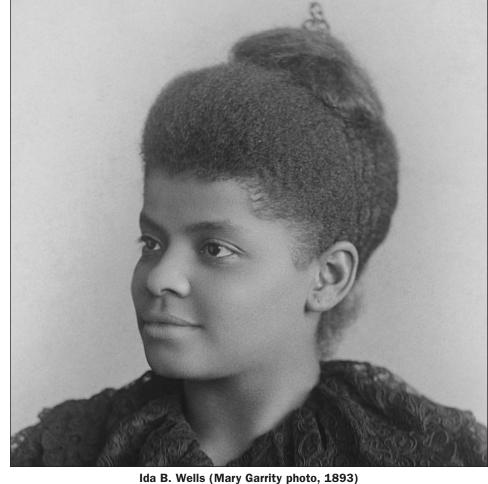
"My dress was torn in

"My dress was torn in the struggle, my sleeve almost torn off. Everybody in the car seemed to sympathize with the conductor and were against me. . . when they got me onto the platform between the cars, I got off the train refusing to go into the forward coach."

Murry's testimony differed from Wells in a couple of ways. He claimed he used no more force than necessary and said he "got the worst of it," claiming she "bit" and "scratched me badly."

Other witnessesv

Black minister G.H. Clovers, who had been in the forward coach. Clovers testified that other people in the forward coach were smoking and drinking, and that it was not a pleasant place to be. "The people in said forward coach where I was were rough. They were smoking, talking and drinking. It was no fit place



ida B. Wells (Mary Garrity piloto, 1895)

for a lady."

White physician J.E. Blades, who gave his account of the incident, sympathetic to the conductor, and added his opinion: "White people as a rule do object to colored people being allowed to ride in the same car with them. It is unpleasant to ladies and to gentleman."

Virginius Kimbrough, a white farmer and merchant, said that the idea of aBlack

woman in the first-class coach "does not arouse my indignation in entering the ladies coach so long as they conduct themselves in a proper manner."

On Christmas Eve, 1884, Judge Pierce ruled in favor of Wells and awarded her \$500 in damages. The railroad appealed the case and eventually won their appeal before the Tennessee Supreme Court (siding with the railroad). "We know of

no rule that requires railroad companies to yield to the disposition of passengers to arbitrarily determine as to the coach in which they take passage," the court said.

Well thus lost her case. Seventy-one years later, Rosa Parks made a similar protest in Montgomery, Alabama, that helped ignite the modern Civil Rights Movement.

FCE CLUB REPORTS

Four Corners FCE meets

Four corners met on Jan. 23 at the Extension Office with 10 members present. President Tammy Brown called the meeting to order. Miriam Pietkiewicz read the call to order and Rhessa Wilson gave the devotion. Louise Armstrong gave the treasurers report and Vavial Jamison the sunshine report. Kay Asche will be new vice president and Pietkiewicz, the program leader.

Connie Smith gave the leader training program on Lifestyle factors in Improving Immunity. Members were given important information on staying healthy.

For member demonstrations, Louise Armstrong showed needlepoint snowmen as well as needlework on hoop. Sally McReynolds demonstrated a needlepoint pillow and picture and even a kitchen towel doll.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 27 at the Extension Office.

Fairview FCE meets

Fairview FCE Club met Wednesday, Jan. 18 at the UY/TSU Office Shelbyville. President Sandra Smith opened the meeting. Mary Frances Gordon read the call to order. Sandra Smith gave the devotion.

Twelve members answered the roll call by answering, "What is your favorite soup?" Linda Lovell, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$253.04.

The Educational Lesson "Lifestyle Factors in Improving Immunity" was presented by Mary Frances Gordon.

Club hours and donations, and goals accomplished were discussed and recorded, while members were reminded to complete and turn in their reading reports by Jan. 31.

The County Council report was given by Carolyn Jones and Mary Frances Gordon. All 100% of the members and Master Clubs will be returning for 2023. As another reminder, Leadership Retreat (Camp) Instructor Forms will be due Feb.15.

For the club member demonstration, a handmade Christmas card was brought by Mary Frances Gordon. The next meeting will be held Feb. 15.

Doug

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When we are seeking God's will for something specific in our lives...we need to pray, ask God for His direction, and then listen for what He tells us to do.

The Christian author, Thomas Merton, wrote: "What is the use of praying if at the very moment of prayer, we have so little confidence in God that we are busy planning our own kind of answer to our prayer?"

Do you ever find yourself doing that? Praying and then not waiting to hear from God, but going ahead with your own planning?

It's easy to do that. We're so used to figuring things out on our own.

But we need to listen to God

I remind myself and my Church Family all the time, "God speaks. We need to listen."

Elaine Foster said: "God speaks in a soft voice I can hear better when I resolve to listen and stop putting words in His mouth."

Wow! That is humbling! I think that a lot of times we do put words in God's mouth, telling ourselves what we want to hear, instead of really listening to what God has to say to

us.
The Old Testament

prophet, Isaiah, heard God say (Isaiah 30:21): "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, 'This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."

We all need to pray for direction, for God's will to be done in our lives. That is what Jesus taught us to do by both His words and His example. In His well-known

"Sermon on the Mount,"
Jesus said (Matthew 6:910): "After this manner
therefore pray ye: 'Our
Father which art in
Heaven, Hallowed be Thy
name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done in Earth,
as it is in Heaven.

Several years later on the evening that Jesus knew He would be arrested, we read in Matthew 26:42: "Jesus went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, 'O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, Thy will be done.'"

Jesus taught His disciples to pray "Father God, Thy will be done, not my own." And that is exactly what Jesus prayed Himself.

He surrendered to God's Plan for Him to be arrested and then crucified; to die, knowing that He would rise again. He prayed "Thy will be done."

The folks at Pew
Research put together
a quiz that measures
"knowledge of the Bible,
world religions, and what
the Constitution says about
religion in public life."
Guess who scored the

best? It was those who claimed to be agnostics and atheists.

In fact, "Bible-belt

Southerners ... came in at the bottom" and "those who believe the Bible is the literal word of God did slightly worse than average, while those who say it is not the word of God scored slightly better," and it was a rare thing for Americans to be able to identify the first book of the Bible and the first four books of the New Testament.

Wow! That's embarrassing. People who say they don't believe in God know the Bible better than those who claim to be Bible-believing Christians. Wow! Shame on us!

I remember one night

years ago when Lynn and I were ministering out on the streets of downtown Louisville, Kentucky, and we came across a man that was drunk, stumbling down the street.

Our ministry team

stopped him and we asked if we could talk to him. With his approval we began to witness to him about Jesus, and we shared the Gospel Message with him. But then he stopped me

in mid-sentence, and he

began quoting the Word of God right back at us. He started preaching

from the Bible right back at us. Even in his inebriated state, he knew the Gospel,

and the Word of God began flowing from his mouth. He knew he wasn't doing God's will, and he said he wasn't sure if God

was even real.
Our ministry team
gathered around that man,
and with his permission,
we all prayed for him. And
then with tears running
down his face, he thanked

us, and he headed on down the street. There's a lot more to that story. But, I firmly believe that we all need to learn the Word of God, and learn how to seek God's

direction, His will, His desire for our lives. And then act on it. Do

it! And we need to Live It!
We need to Be It!
We need to pray, "God,

I want Your will to be done in my life, and not my own."

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Easy DIYs to display your love affix the top layer to the a flower, heart, word or

(Family Features)
Handmade Valentine's

Day decor is a crafty way to put your love on display. Add a little TLC to your home or share your affection with loved ones by dedicating some time to simple DIY projects that come straight from the heart.

1. Creative cutouts.

Places and moments hold special places in the heart, so memorialize them with decorative wall hangings. Use a treasured photo or map of destinations you hold dear as the base layer. Next, choose a design, such as a heart or a romantic word like "love." Print your design then trace it on a piece of foam core or matting. Cut out the design to create an opening and layer

it over the photo or map.

To finish the project, either

affix the top layer to the bottom and display as-is or place it in a pretty frame.

2. Sucker for succulents. Hardy and easy to care for, succulents are a stylish way to add some plant life to your home. Add a romantic twist by gathering a selection of small succulents in a variety of colors and textures then clustering them in a heart-shaped basket or planter. Succulents also make great gifts; just create a small planter and attach a card that conveys your heartfelt thoughts.

3. Love is in the cards. Almost everyone has a deck or two of old playing cards laying around, or they're an inexpensive investment. Using the red-hued cards from the heart suite, punch holes in the top of each

card. String heart-themed



Start with a firm backing,

ribbon through the holes to make a whimsical banner you can hang on a wall or across a doorway.

4. Say it in string. Expressing yourself with string art is an easy project suitable for all ages.

4. Say it in string. such as a scrap of light-Expressing yourself with weight wood. Add a base string art is an easy projcoat of paint to make your

design pop then sketch

your design. Examples like

some combination of those are all good choices for a Valentine's Day project. Add thin nails in 1/2-inch intervals along the border of your design. Select your string and tie an end to the nail of your choice. There's no right or wrong way from there; just loop from one nail to another until your design is obvious. Tie off your string, trim any excess end pieces and you're done. 5. Collage of comrades. Paying tribute to those you

hold near and dear is easy with a stylized cork board. Select snapshots of loved ones and attach them to a basic corkboard using push pins in classic Valentine's colors like red, white and pink. Then add accents with tape, stickers, gemstones and other embellishments.

Allison Davis

Cattlemen's Association presents award to Bedford teen

MURFREESBORO — The Tennessee Cattlemen's Association (TCA) presented the Outstanding Youth Award to two individuals for their outstanding leadership and commitment to the beef cattle industry.

from Shelbyville. Gracie Giles from Clinton won the junior division award for ages 12-16. They received this award at the Tennessee Cattlemen's

Association Youth Awards Banquet sponsored by Kubota Tractor Corporation, on Saturday, Jan. 21, in Murfreesboro.

The senior award winner, ages 17-21, was Allison Davis

The TCA Outstanding Youth Award is designed to recognize a well-rounded individual in the cattle industry. Winners are selected based upon their presence in the cattle industry, both the show ring and production aspect, their involvement in their community and service to others, academics, and their plans for making a contribution to the cattle industry in the future.

"The TCA Outstanding Youth Award is another way for us to recognize youth who are excelling in the beef cattle industry," said Luke Teeple, TCA Board of Director and Outstanding Youth Award sponsor. "These individuals work hard to manage their own cattle herds, are active in 4-H and FFA, and serve in their community. They deserve to be recognized for their extraordinary efforts."

Prizes

The junior division winner received a \$250 cash award and trophy belt buckle sponsored by Oakdale Farms. The senior division winner received a \$1,000 cash award and trophy belt buckle sponsored by Oakdale Farms. Oakdale Farms is owned by the Luke Teeple Family of Sparta,

"I am honored to be chosen for this award," said Allison Davis, senior division Outstanding Youth Award winner. "I am so grateful to be involved in such a great industry. I look forward to my future involvement in the cattle and agriculture industries."

Those eligible for the award must complete an application that outlines their involvement in the cattle industry thus far and state how they plan to stay involved in the industry in the future.

They must also list their leadership roles and community involvement. The application must be endorsed by their Extension Agent, Agriculture Education Teacher, or county Cattlemen's Association president. Applicants must also be a paid member of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Youth

"I am honored to receive the Outstanding Youth Award," said Gracie Giles, junior division Outstanding Youth Award winner. "The Tennessee Cattlemen's Association and Tennessee Cattlemen's Youth Association have presented me with awesome opportunities over the past several years."

Applications for the 2023 TCA Outstanding Youth Award will be available in the fall of 2023.

About TCA

TCA was founded in 1985 and has more than 7,000 members from across the state and the southeast. The organization works to provide the cattlemen of Tennessee with an organization through which they may function collectively to protect their interests and work toward the solution of cattle industry problems and to build the necessary goodwill that will bring both governmental esteem and recognition to the industry.

CASCADE VS COMMUNITY

ntensity was fueled by a jam-packed crowd, spurring the teams to play a hard-fought 32 minutes of basketball. Ultimately, 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. See the full story in last Tuesday's Times-



The Viking student section reacts after a Community basket.



The Champion student section was in full force Friday night.

Ready for history's Valentine hall of shame?

et's face it: not everyone does Valentine's Day

A significant number of people are too unromantic, lazy, cheap or unimaginative to make the best of the occasion.

Don't despair if you fall into one of those categories. Some of the most prominent people in history have been romantic

duds. For instance... Philosopher René Descartes, who declared, "I think, therefore I am going

to break up with her before I have to buy a Valentine's Day gift." King Arthur, who fumed, "Isn't it enough that I splurged for a round

table? I draw the line at

using sissified coasters on

Library reformer Melvil Dewey, who invariably told women he met in bars, "No, don't give me your number. I'll assign you

Economist Adam Smith, who confessed, "Nations have wealth, but I'm tapped out. Let's go Dutch treat for Valentine dinner." Charles Dickens,

who had lots of time to reconsider his critique, "It was the best of kisses, it was the worst of kisses..."

Renaissance polymath Nicolaus Copernicus, who blundered into pointing out,

"The world really doesn't revolve around you, dear. I can prove it...' P.T. Barnum, who

proclaimed, "There's a younger trophy wife born

every minute." Painter Salvador Dali, who made the excuse, "Sorry I'm late for our date, but have you seen this piece of crap watch that some guy on the corner sold me?'

George Washington, who beamed, "I cannot tell a lie. That dress does make you look fat. Whoa - put down that hatchet!"

Leonardo da Vinci, who delivered the regrettable greeting, "Enigmatic smile

– or just gas? Let me guess! Let me guess!" Pres. Herbert Hoover, who bullied, "There! A

chicken in every pot! Now start cooking, woman!" Winston Churchill, who proclaimed, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat. So,

if you're looking for a

bouquet, you're up the

Thames without a paddle."

Marc Antony, who explained, "Friends. Romans. Countrymen. I could have sworn I told you that all of them are tagging along on our date."

The captain of the Titanic, who snapped, "Putting the toilet seat down? Yes, I prioritize that right after rearranging the deck chairs."

Russian tsar Peter the Great, who reminded his date, "I'm Peter the Great

and you're Arm Candy the Adequate." Physicist Erwin Schrodinger, who told his Significant Other, "The chocolates in this box – I

Philosopher Friedrich

Nietzsche, who exclaimed,

groused, "Who really needs a candlelit dinner? Here, hold this kite string.' have both saved them just Karl Marx, who for you AND eaten them all. Gimme a quantum

mansplained, "From each according to his ability,

to each according to his

need another pair of

needs. Wait, do you really

"If whatever doesn't

kill me only makes me

stronger, I ought to be

paying for that stretch

made the excuse, "My

limo!'

anyway?"

freakin' Superman after

J.R.R. Tolkien, who

knee hurts too much, and

Martin Luther, who

encouraged his date to be

uninhibited and "Dance

negative reviews of it on

Benjamin Franklin, who

like nobody's posting

the church door."

who cares about a ring,



Tyree

Tyrades

pumps?"

Try your best to have a fun Valentine's Day. Think positive thoughts, rather than dwelling on poor Galileo Galilei, who gushed, "I dropped everything to be with you tonight. Unfortunately, I dropped it off the top of the Leaning Tower of Pisa without yelling, 'Look out below!'

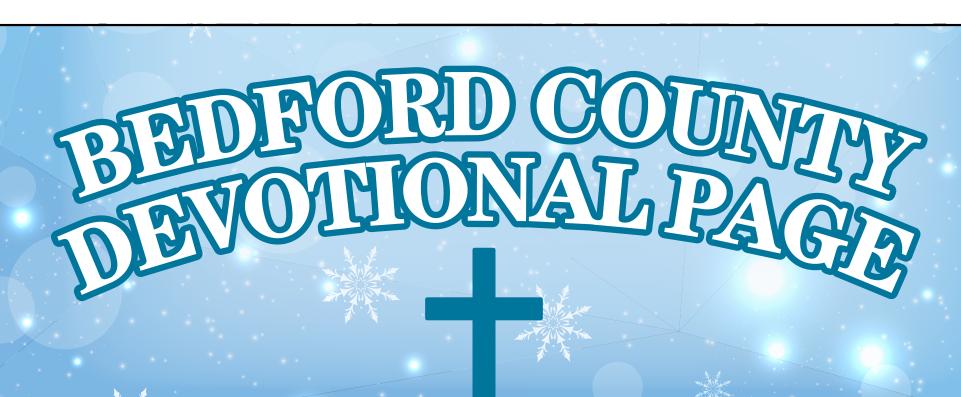
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Champs hit century mark on Senior Night

On Tuesday night, Cascade honored its senior class, prior to tip-off against Huntland.



Jackson Davis rises up for a tough layup against Huntland on Tuesday night. He had a game-high 31 points.

Sports Writer

BELL BUCKLE Some nights the rim looks bigger than usual and almost every shot seems to

That was true for the Cascade Champions on senior night Tuesday as they lit up the nets for a 104-73 victory over the Huntland Hornets and their 20th win on the season behind 61 combined points from Jackson Davis and Lucas Clanton.

The duo got off to a hot start as they accounted for all 27 of Cascade's first quarter points, with Davis' 14-point start and four three-pointers leading the way.

"Those two have been our leading scorers all year and they got going early tonight," Champion head coach Chris Lawson said.

"Both of them started hitting their shots early and everyone around them followed their lead. I can feel it building a little bit with how we're playing lately."

Cascade went on a run of 7-0 and 9-0 separately in the opening quarter for a 27-18 lead heading into the

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Earlier this season, Cascade senior Lucas Clanton scored his career 1,000th point for the Champions. On Tuesday night, he was presented with a basketball commemorating the accomplishment reached back in December.

Huntland holds off Cascade in OT thriller

Sports Writer

BELL BUCKLE — It was a fight to the finish on Tuesday night as the Cascade Lady Champions battled with the Huntland Lady Hornets for all 32 minutes plus overtime, but ultimately couldn't grab a victory as they fell

Cascade (1-19) controlled the game from the second quarter until the very end of regulation when Huntland (17-6) evened the score for the first time since the opening frame and the Lady Champions found themselves in unknown territory as they tried to close out the game at the end.

"We haven't been in a late-game situation like that before," Lady Champs head coach Janie Demonbreum said. "We lost our way a little bit at the end of the game, but for two years those girls haven't been in that type of situation. This place was rocking and that's what we strive for. I didn't want them to hang their heads because we played a lot better than we did last time against Huntland."

The contest opened with a back-and-forth first quarter that ended with the Lady Hornets holding onto a 10-7 lead, but the Lady Champions found their footing on both ends of the floor in the second frame.

After a slow start, Cascade was able to tie the game at 10-10 with five minutes remaining before halftime. Sophie Ray took it upon herself to bring the Lady

Champs back as she accounted for her team's first three points of the quarter, and they took the lead just 30 seconds later with Laina Carter knocking down a layup for a 12-10

Ray notched nine points in the first half and a total of 18 on the night for a team-high.



Sophie Ray makes a strong move to the basket for a layup against Huntland. She totaled 18 points on the night.

Kaydence Miller lines up and knocks down a three-pointer against the Lady Hornets.

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Champs

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the second. They continued their hot

start into the second frame as they opened on an 8-2 run up until just under the seven-minute mark when Huntland used a timeout to change their attack.

But the Champions couldn't be stopped as six different players scored in the quarter for another 27-point frame.

Over the first two quarters, Cascade knocked down eight three-pointers and they matched that in the second half for a total of 16 long balls on the night.

"We've been working for several weeks at trying to get everyone on the same page shooting the basketball with confidence," Lawson said. "There's been games where this guy has a good night or that guy has a good night, but now we're getting to the point that everyone is feeling it and contributing."

At the half, Champions led 54-36.

While Cascade's lead never dropped below double-digits, the Hornets never stopped playing and were able to put up an abundance of points themselves.

Huntland exploded for 24 points in the third quarter to outscore the Champions by two, but it wasn't enough to bring the game within reach in the

With a 76-60 lead in hand heading into the final frame, Cascade set its sights on surpassing 100 points for the first time this season.

With just under three minutes remaining in the contest, Cascade was only 10 points away from reaching that accomplishment.

Senior Jayden Gulick found his range in the final few minutes and knocked down a pair of triples to bring their total to 96, and everyone in their gym got on their feet for the final

Gulick knocked down five three-pointers on the night for a total of 17

With a 30-point lead in hand, Lawson looked to his bench and put some of his younger players in to be a part of the monumental

Junior Nick Harris stepped to the free throw line with a minute and a half remaining and knocked down both chances to bring their total to 98 and fellow junior Tucker McGee closed the deal

soon after with a layup. Freshman Henry Stone capped off the game with four points of his own to close out the 104 point

Cascade outing. While Lawson and the Champions pride themselves on their defense, Lawson was happy to see his team play freely and explode on the offensive

"We hang our hat on defense, but I know that we're going to have to be successful offensively to get where we want to go," he said. "I'm sure there will be games coming up that we have to play better defensively, but I feel good about our offense and where we are right now. We were unselfish and played together all night."

Cascade will travel to Grundy County on Friday night for their first matchup of the season with the Yellow Jackets.

Cascade 27 27 22 28 — 104
Huntland 18 18 24 13 — 73
Cascade: Jackson Davis 31, Lucas Clanton
30, Jayden Gulick 17, Thomas Gentry 9,
Isaac McElroy 5, Saebyn Burris 4, Henry
Stone 4, Nick Harris 2, Tucker McGee 2.
Huntland: Eli Wiggs 23, Braylen Phillips
18, LaShawn Kimmons 8, Trace Kilpatrick
8, Kannon Lefevers 6, Landon Ermer 4 Ripatrick S, Kannon Lefevers 6, Landon Farmer 4, Cade Limbaugh 3, Avery Petty 2, Jarren Kinslow 1. Kinslow 1.
3-point goals: Cascade (16): Davis 5,
Gulick 5, Clanton 4, Gentry 2.; Huntland
(7): Kilpatrick 2, Phillips 2, Kimmons,

Limbaugh, Wiggs. Halftime score: Cascade 54, Huntland 36.



Tom Brady has announced his retirement for the second time, insisting it's "for good" this time.

Brady's legacy goes beyond Super Bowl rings

By ROB MAADDI

AP Pro Football Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Tom Brady had nothing

Already considered the GOAT — greatest of all time — Brady finally walked away from the NFL on Wednesday following the most difficult, emotionally draining season in his

"I'm retiring. For good," Brady said in a short video he posted on social media.

Brady leaves with seven Super Bowl rings, five Super Bowl MVP awards, numerous other honors and nearly every passing record in

His success on the field is unmatched and his career accomplishments long ago cemented his Pro Football Hall of Fame credentials.

But Brady's legacy stretches beyond the field, his championships and his 89,214 passing yards and 649 touchdowns.

He set a standard for longevity that will difficult to duplicate. It requires unique dedication to proper training and nutrition, an unfailing commitment to mental preparation and an unquenchable desire to compete.

At age 44, Brady led the NFL with a careerbest 5,316 yards passing and tossed 43 TDs. In a subpar season by his standards, 45-year-old Brady still led the NFC with 4,694 yards passing, threw 25 TDs and broke his own NFL record for completions with 490.

There's little doubt Brady could still play another year at a high level despite the way his

season ended with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers being dominated by Dallas in the playoffs. Brady still has the arm strength and there was no drop-off in his velocity. He threw a careerhigh 66 passes against the Cowboys in his last game, including on-target deep balls.

However, Brady knows it's time, especially after briefly retiring last year. His desire to be closer to his children and to spend more time with them after his divorce from supermodel Gisele Bündchen had to be a major factor in

Now, Brady moves onto the next chapter. He'll stay in football with a lucrative contract to be an analyst on Fox Sports.

His impact on this and other sports carries on through his TB12 method.

Brady's extraordinary ability to excel in his 40s in a physically demanding game will inspire others to try to follow his path. That's been one of Brady's goals. He hopes athletes learn how to better take care of their bodies

their careers. "I feel like everything I've learned over the course of 23 years in football has and will allow me to continue to help people in different ways," Brady said in September. "The things I've learned have been a huge benefit to me and I realize that there are systems that are broken and you'd like to try to improve that the best way you can by giving people the knowledge that has allowed me to be successful. I think a big part of my future life will be

"Unfortunately, like everything else, there was a lot of money made in the old system and it's hard because preventive care and preventive maintenance to your body is a challenge because it takes time and energy.

"But I think starting young is really important, educating people on what works as opposed to the way things have always been. And I think the way things have always been will always result in basically the same outcomes for people. And I think what I've tried to do is challenge that norm by performing over a long period of time, and I've really done it in a way that's, I'd say, been unique. And I've tried to allow my teammates to learn, as well as tens of thousands of other people that have kind of been educated and adopted a different

type of belief system." One of Brady's most striking characteristics was being relatable to teammates, even younger guys half his age. For a mega-celebrity, was approachable, down-to-earth. He'd walk out of the stadium after games alone with no security or entourage surrounding him, chatting with anyone who came over to him

whether it was reporters or stadium employees. "Just being able to meet him, play alongside him and just pick his brain as a human being outside of sports and things like that was great," rookie running back Rachaad White said after Brady's last game.

Many of Brady's teammates echoed those

Apple embraces sports streaming with MLS deal

AP Sports Writer

CUPERTINO, Calif. — After taking its first dip into sports streaming last year, Apple is now immers-

The tech giant kicked off a 10-year partnership on Wednesday with the launch of Season Pass on

Apple TV+. "This is very important for us. It is one of the key things we are doing this year and for the next 10 years. We're now part of

with Major League Soccer a family together," Apple CEO Tim Cook said during a presentation for MLS players, owners and media

at Apple Park last month. The Apple launch comes after a transformative year for sports and streaming services. The NFL fur-

ther embraced streaming last year as Prime Video carried "Thursday Night Football" and Major League Baseball partnered with Apple TV and Peacock to stream games. The NFL also reached an

YouTube TV to carry the "Sunday Ticket" package

beginning next season. Tech companies and broadcast outlets likewise see the value of live sports programming. According to a recent report by Parks

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Lady Champs

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Demonbreum for her pressure defense immediately after, and Cascade went on a 7-0 run before a Lady Hornets three-pointer stopped it with three minutes left before the halftime break.

At the half, the Lady Champions held onto a 18-13 lead with the momentum on their side.

They carried momentum into the second half, and went on a 6-0 run to open the third quarter as Kaegan Young and Kaydence Miller knocked down back-to-back threes.

Young notched 14 points on the night.

quarters that propelled

But it wasn't their offense in the middle them to a double-digit lead as they were able to hold Huntland to only nine points in the middle quarters.

"We played hard and that was one of our keys to success tonight that we talked about before the game," Demonbreum said. "We wanted to pack it in since Huntland isn't a consistent three-point shooting team. The girls did a great job of limiting their points on the inside."

Cascade's defensive pressure and ability to limit second-chance shots made easy baskets.

scoring the ball a little bit easier as they were able to run in transition and get "A point of emphasis for me was that if we could get up-and-down the court,

then they would get tired,"

Demonbreum said. "We're

conditioned enough to

run in transition for open layups."

Heading

fourth quarter, the Lady Champions led 31-19. Their lead eventually got up to 14 points early in the

final frame, but Huntland started to fight back soon Hornets The Lady threw everything they had defensively at the Lady

Champions, and they forced some big turnovers that turned into points offensively. With five minutes and

17 seconds left in the quarter, Huntland brought it all the way back to a one-possession game after putting a 12-2 run together.

Both teams traded baskets from that point on until the final six seconds

of the game when the Lady

Hornets knocked down

two free throws to even the

game, but the dramatics didn't stop there.

agreement with Google's

With one final play to draw up, Demonbreum looked towards Young to drive the ball and potentially win the game for Cascade.

Young received the ball on the run and took it to the basket where she was fouled for two free throws with one second remaining.

But she wasn't able to knock them down, and the game went into overtime.

With the momentum on their side, the Lady Hornets grabbed an early lead in overtime and never let it go as Logan McLennon hit six free throws in overtime to

secure the victory. She scored a game-high 31 points on the night for Huntland with 22 coming

in the final 12 minutes. Despite the narrow loss, Demonbreum was proud of her team's effort and of Ray and Young for taking charge throughout the contest.

"When either one of them is on, then everyone else plays energized on the floor," she said. "They are constantly in the gym and stay even after I leave sometimes. They're going to be huge for us the rest of the year and the years to come."

The Lady Champions will be back on the hardwood on Friday night as they travel to Grundy County for a district matchup.

Huntland 10 3 6 24 11 — 54 Cascade 7 11 13 12 2 — 45 Huntland: Logan McLennon 31, Jacy May 15, Morgan Sanders 5, Ayia Williams 2, Yareli Avalos 1. Cascade: Sophie Ray 18, Kaegan Young 14, Laina Carter 6, Kaydence Miller 3, Suzanna Crews 2, Isabella Rhodes 2. 3-point goals: Huntland (5): McLennon 3, May, Sanders.; Cascade (3): Young 2

Miller.
Halftime score: Cascade 18, Huntland 13.

Chip Caray follows grandpa's footsteps as Cardinals' voice

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

Longtime broadcaster Chip Caray is taking over as the television play-by-play voice of the St. Louis Cardinals, more than five decades after his grandfather and Hall of Fame broadcaster Harry Caray became a

baseball staple with the same club.

Bally Sports Midwest announced Caray's hiring in a statement Monday. The voice of the Atlanta Braves is replacing Dan McLaughlin, who left the Cardinals booth in December after 24 years following his third arrest for drunken driving.

"I'm grateful and excited to come home and call games for the team that made me fall in love with baseball as a kid in St. Louis County," Caray said. "I have always admired the passion, knowledge and loyalty of Cardinals fans, both here in St. Louis and across the country. The honor of continuing the legacy of my grandfather Harry, my dad Skip and so many other great Cardinal broadcasters, past and present, is the stuff dreams are made

The third generation of Carays to broadcast in the major leagues spent the past 20 seasons as the voice of the Braves on Bally Sports South, Bally Sports Southeast, TBS and Peachtree TV. He also called games regionally for the Seattle Mariners and Chicago Cubs, where his grandfather spent the final 16 years of his career.

Harry Caray got his break in broadcasting with the Cardinals, though, beginning alongside former catcher Gabby Street in 1945. He held down the job alongside such luminaries as Joe Garagiola and Jack Buck through the 1969 season, then went on to spend a season with the A's before a decade with the White Sox and the rest of his career with the Cubs.

Chip Caray's father, Skip, was part of the Braves broadcast team from 1976 until his death in 2008. And his brother, Josh Caray, is the play-by-play voice of the Rocket City Trash Pandas, the Double-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels.

"The Cardinals are pleased to

"The Cardinals are pleased to share in today's announcement," Cardinals President Bill DeWitt III said. "Chip brings a wealth of experience to the booth and has a great feel for the history and tradition of the franchise."

McLaughlin, who is scheduled to appear in court next week, was charged on Dec. 5 as a persistent offender of driving while intoxicated following his arrest in the St. Louis suburb of Creve Coeur. He pleaded guilty to DWI charges in 2010, when he was sentenced to two years of probation, and in 2011, when he was given a suspended 90-day sentence.

McLaughlin and Bally Sports Midwest issued joint statements in December saying that he was stepping away. McLaughlin also said that he was planning to focus on his family and his recovery, which he said had already started.

His departure after more than two decades gave Caray a chance to return to his roots. The 57-year-old, who also spent six years as the TV voice of the Cubs, attended high school in the St. Louis suburb of Chesterfield before heading to Georgia for college. He also worked for the NBA's Orlando Magic and the Mariners earlier in his career.

"There is an illustrious history of Cardinals broadcasters and we are excited to add to that incredible roster by bringing in one of the best play-by-play announcers in baseball today," Bally Sports Midwest general manager Jack Donovan said. "Chip brings enthusiasm to the game and cherishes the opportunity to be part of Cardinals baseball."

McCarthy to call plays for Cowboys

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)
— Dallas Cowboys coach
Mike McCarthy is set to
call plays in 2023 after
the club parted ways with
offensive coordinator
Kellen Moore.

Owner/general manager Jerry Jones told reporters at the Senior Bowl on Wednesday that McCarthy will run a version of the West Coast offense he used when calling plays as head coach in Green Bay from 2006-18.

Executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones hinted at philosophical differences between McCarthy and Moore, who kept the play-calling role for three seasons after McCarthy was hired.

Chargers hired Moore as offensive coordinator Monday, a day after the Cowboys announced Moore's departure.

The Cowboys haven't had the head coach calling plays since Jason Garrett gave up that role after the 2012 season. Moore's debut as offensive coordinator came in 2019, Garrett's final year in Dallas.

McCarthy said he

wanted to keep Moore as the play-caller because he thought it was the best thing for quarterback Dak Prescott.

The Cowboys had one of the league's most productive offenses the past

two seasons when Prescott was healthy. But they misfired on offense in playoff losses each time, most recently in a 19-12 divisional-round loss to San Francisco last month.

McCarthy briefly gave up play-calling with the Packers, and said he'd never give up that role again after taking it back over.

He was fired midseason in 2018 and reversed course on that declaration after joining Dallas in 2020. Now McCarthy is back in that role.

"This is the logical step to build on it and use what we've established, if you will, the foundation of the things we've got," Jones told reporters in Mobile, Alabama. "This is the time for us to build on it. That's what this is, a building step."

Moore's departure came a few days after the Cowboys announced six assistant coaches on expiring contracts wouldn't return.

With McCarthy set to call plays, Dallas is still planning to hire an offensive coordinator. Among the interviews are Carolina's Jeff Nixon and Thomas Brown of the Los Angeles Rams. Both have been assistant head coaches, with Nixon in charge of running backs and Brown coaching tight ends.

White brings new hope to Bulldogs

By CHARLES ODUM

AP Sports Writer
ATHENS, Ga. — Mike
White is making an impact
in his first season as

Georgia's coach.

After five consecutive losing seasons in Southeastern Conference games, the Bulldogs are 14-7 and 4-4 in the league under White.

Georgia has made its way to the middle of the SEC standings by beating three of the four teams tied for last place. The good news for White is the Bulldogs no longer rank as one of the bottom teams, one year after finishing

1-17 in the conference.

White knows his job of building a winner is far from finished.

"We've gotten better throughout the year," White said after Saturday night's 81-78 overtime win over South Carolina. "We still have room for improvement, obviously."

The Bulldogs won three of their first four SEC games before losing three

straight, including an ugly 70-41 loss at then-No. 4 Tennessee on Wednesday night. Georgia snapped the skid by beating South Carolina after trailing by 12 points in the second

"What have I learned? We've got some fighters," White said. "We're pretty connected. We've got a healthy locker room. We've got guys that like each other. We're a resilient group that has found a way to win some close games. Hopefully we can keep a bunch more close and we can steal a few."

White was hired from Florida only three days after Georgia fired Tom Crean. Georgia finished no better than 10th in the SEC in four seasons under Crean and hit a low point with a 6-26 overall record last season.

Georgia's most impressive win under White came in its SEC opener, beating then-No. 22 Auburn 76-64 on Jan. 4. The Bulldogs visit Auburn, which moved

to No. 25 in Monday's AP Top 25 poll, in a rematch

on Wednesday night.

White is building around defense, and full-court pressure was a key against South Carolina. Guard Jussaun Holt, who had five steals against the Gamecocks in only his fourth start, was a key to

the defense.

"I feel like that's our niche," Holt said. "That's what we're good at. We're going to take pride on defense."

South Carolina is one of four teams tied for last at 1-7 in SEC games. Georgia also has wins over two other teams in that lastplace group, Mississippi and Mississippi State.

Georgia fans can't be picky about seeing the Bulldogs lean on wins over last-place teams. The Bulldogs haven't finished better than 7-11 in the league since a 9-9 mark in the 2016-17 season under coach Mark Fox. Georgia's last NCAA tournament appearance came in 2015.

White hopes the comeback win over South Carolina helps to build confidence for the second half of the conference schedule. He knows Georgia's best hope for a winning season is to sur-

vive more close games.

"Really all year most of our wins ... have been grind-it-out games, haven't been overly pretty," White said. "That's kind of been our identity as a team. We've got a bunch of guys who play hard. We've got to play that way to have a chance."

A team coming off a one-win season in the conference isn't going to complain about an ugly victory over a last-place team.

"It was real big," said Mardrez McBride after scoring a career-high 17 points. "Losing can be contagious, but also winning can be contagious. It feels good to get back in the win column and hopefully keep it going."

Napier doesn't expect NCAA inquiry By MARK LONG failed name, image and and I think a very unique university and pays stu-

AP Sports Writer
GAINESVILLE, Fla.

— Florida coach Billy Napier provided little insight Wednesday into how and why the Gators lost four-star quarterback Jaden Rashada, but said he doesn't expect it to prompt an NCAA investigation.

Napier sidestepped several questions about Rashada, who signed with Florida in December only to be granted his release a month later following a likeness deal worth more than \$13 million. Napier repeatedly said NCAA rules prohibited him from providing details. "I wish we could get

rules prombled him from providing details.

"I wish we could get into the specifics, but we're not allowed to," Napier said. "I think the reality is the current structure of NIL with third parties being involved, with agents being involved,

with marketing representa-

tives, with lawyers, with

collectives, (is) very fluid,

and I think a very unique dynamic."
Rashada, who threw

for 5,275 yards and 59 touchdowns at Pittsburg (Calif.) High last season, was granted his release on Jan. 20 and announced on social media Wednesday that he's committed to his father's alma mater,

social media Wednesday that he's committed to his father's alma mater, Arizona State. Rashada bailed on Florida after the Gator Collective — an independent fundraising group

that's loosely tied to the

dent-athletes for use of their name, image and likeness — failed to honor a multiyear deal that was signed by both sides. The bombshell came

a little more than two months after Rashada switched his verbal commitment from Miami to Florida. Rashada, his representatives and the Gator Collective had presumably agreed to terms on the lucrative deal at the time of his flip.

Titans switch to synthetic turf at Nissan Stadium

NASHVILLE (AP) — The Tennessee Titans are tearing up the grass field at Nissan Stadium and replacing it with a synthetic surface before the 2023 season.

The Titans announced the change Tuesday. The team, which already has started work, is making the change after

reviewing injury rates and knowing how difficult it is to grow grass at Nissan Stadium since it opened in 1999.

"Ultimately there's just a limit to how much can be done for a natural grass surface in this part of the country," said

for a natural grass surface in this part of the country," said Burke Nihill, the team president and CEO. "This turf is cutting-edge technology and will be a huge improvement in terms of consistency and performance."

The Titans have led the NFL in each of the past two seasons for most players used, including setting a league

record with 91 players in 2021 — most in a non-strike season — because of injuries.

The franchise also learned from the NFL that games at Nissan Stadium have had players suffer more lower-body injuries than games at the league's other stadiums with monofilament, synthetic turf fields over the past few sea-

sons and also was among the league leaders for games with players with lower-body injuries.

Nissan Stadium will be the NFL's first to use the technology featuring a monofilament, Matrix Helix turf with an organic infill that retains moisture better than synthetic fields using rubber. The Titans installed the surface at their

indoor practice field last year.

Coach Mike Vrabel said he noticed the grass becoming slick even when replaced with new sod, causing players to slip. Vrabel said players responded favorably to the new indoor surface.

"Just witnessing our practices inside and how they feel and how they respond on that product," Vrabel said. "We're excited to be able to add this product to our stadium."

Apple

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Associates, revenue from sports streaming subscription packages is expected to increase 73% to \$22.6 billion in 2027 after generating \$13.1 billion last year. In the era of cord cutting,

In the era of cord cutting, tech companies, advertisers and sports leagues are also finding that younger viewers continue to migrate toward streaming and are watching for extended periods.

According to Amazon tracking data, 22% of "Thursday Night Football" viewers on Prime Video were in the coveted 18-34 age demographic, compared with 14% of viewers watching NFL games on linear networks.

The average viewing time for "Thursday Night" games was 85 minutes — nine minutes longer than games not on Prime.

Apple teaming with MLS makes sense for both parties. Various studies have found that soccer fans are more likely to watch sports on streaming devices or recorded TV.

"This is a deal that expresses where things have been headed for a while and pushes them forward as well," said Daniel Kirschner, the cofounder and CEO of Greenfly, a digital media distribution platform that works with over 30 leagues.

MLS will receive at least \$250 million per season from Apple. The league averaged \$90 million per season under its previous eight-year agreements with Fox, ESPN and Univision.

Apple has made previous forays into sports streaming, but this is its first significant involvement with a league. MLB aired two games on Apple TV+ on Friday nights last year, including the game where St. Louis' Albert Pujols became the fourth player in baseball history to reach 700 career home runs.

This deal could signal

where sports streaming and league media rights are headed.

Apple and MLS are

teaming up for a directto-consumer product that
will allow fans to watch
every game without local
blackouts or restrictions and
that reaches beyond North
America. Fans in London,
Paris and wherever the
Apple TV app is available will be able to see the
games as well.
"We've looked at sports

fan, and there's also never

been a worse time to be

able will be able to see the games as well.

"We've looked at sports and acknowledged that there's never been a better time to be a sports to

a sports fan," said Eddy Cue, Apple's senior vice president of services. "We have an opportunity with this partnership to make the experience a lot better for fans, and help grow the sport and the league in the US and beyond."

MLS is taking over the production of all its matches, similar to how European soccer leagues do business. But the other leagues, such as the Premier League and Germany's Bundesliga, then sell their rights to broadcast outlets in each country. In this case, only one outlet — Apple — has

worldwide rights.

Even games on Fox in the United States, TSN and RDS in Canada and TelevisaUnivision will be

on the Apple TV+ app. "I think they were the right league to recognize that the long-term value of their rights is best situated with a streaming partner or a technology partner, as opposed to the traditional leagues that sill need big billions of dollars of payments from traditional networks," said Jon Cohen, senior vice president at Frequency, which provides software for ad-supported streaming channels. "I think it's the right time for

both to do this."

While Apple TV+ has had success as the first streaming service to receive an Oscar for Best Picture with "CODA" last year and "Ted Lasso" won back-to-back Emmys for Best Comedy, it is not turning into an entertainment company or studio. It remains a diversified company.

"Sports drives a lot of engagement in terms of media. I think it shows that they have a very specific strategy with respect to growing their subscription and video services," Cohen said.

MLS and Apple's progress will be watched closely by other leagues. While the NFL, NHL and baseball have wrapped up rights deals the past two years, the NBA is expected to have some streaming component when it begins negotiations on its media rights this year.

Cue and Cook acknowledge there will be growing pains during the first year, especially with MLS getting up to speed with its own production company. Everyone, though, is focused on the potential of the project and the road ahead.

"People are going to say

we are the smartest guys in the room or we were a couple of years too early," MLS Commissioner Don Garber said. "The opportunities are endless, but it is an undertaking with many tests."



Brothers Travis and Jason Kelce will become the first brothers to play against each other in the Super Bowl.

Kelces prepare for Super Bowl showdown

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Donna Kelce is going to have to pull out that now-familiar custom jersey — the one with Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce's front stitched to Philadelphia Eagles center Jason Kelce's back — one more time this season.

At least this time, she'll get to see her boys in person.

For the first time in Super Bowl history, a pair of siblings will play each other on the NFL's grandest stage. Kelce helped the Chiefs return to their third championship game in four seasons on Sunday night when they beat the Bengals for the AFC title, while Jason has the Eagles back for the second time in six years after their NFC title win over the 49ers.

"Cool scenario to be in, you know?" Travis Kelce said. "My mom can't lose."

Or maybe can't win.

Indeed, there have been plenty of famous NFL siblings over the years, and many had some memorable matchups: Peyton vs. Eli Manning, Tiki vs. Ronde Barber. But they never reached the same Super Bowl, or had to put their dear old mom in such a predicament, where one will be hoisting the Lombardi Trophy at the other one's expense.

"It's going to be an amazing feeling playing against him," added Travis, whose team has gotten the better of big brother's Eagles the last three matchups. "I respect everyone over there in the Eagles organization. You won't see me talk too much trash because of how much I love my brother. But it's going to be an

emotional game, for sure."

Jason Kelce was even ever-so-briefly a Chiefs fan Sunday night, pulling on a Kansas City sweatshirt for about the three hours between the end of the Eagles' 31-7 rout of San Francisco and the finish of his little brother's 23-20 win over Cincinnati.

"That's it for the rest of the year," Jason said with a smile. "I am done being a Chiefs

He'll leave that to mom and dad.

While her husband, Ed, has mostly kept private over the years, Donna has been a fixture as she crisscrosses the country to watch her boys. During wild-card weekend last year, she started in Tampa Bay watching the Eagles against the Buccaneers, then hopped a plane to Kansas City in time to watch the Chiefs play the Steelers at night.

She already has seen both of her sons win Super Bowls, too: The Eagles beat the Patriots in 2018 in Minneapolis, and the Chiefs rallied to beat the 49ers in Miami two years later.

She hasn't seen much of them lately, though. The way the playoff schedule worked out for the divisional round and the conference championship games, it was impossible for Donna to make it to see both of her boys in person.

In any case, they've come a long way from their solidly middle-class upbringing in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Jason blazed the trail as the star offensive lineman who earned a scholarship to Cincinnati, and Travis soon followed suit. Both caught the eyes of NFL scout during their college careers, and of one coach in particular: Andy Reid.

It was Big Red who, while coaching the Eagles, used a sixth-round pick on Jason during the 2011 draft. And two years later, after Reid had gotten a fresh start in Kansas City, the Chiefs used a third-rounder to bring Travis

"Big brother probably protected Travis from doing some crazy things. He probably talked him from dropping off a ladder into raked-up leaves once or twice," Reid said Monday. "Listen, they're both at heart very competitive and compassionate, is the biggest thing. They care and they care about people and they care about they're game."

They also happen to be very good at it.

Jason has been to six Pro Bowls and was just voted an All-Pro for the fifth time, and he's emerged as one of the best offensive linemen in Eagles history. Travis has been to eight Pro Bowls, just made a fourth All-Pro team and is second in NFL history to Jerry Rice in playoff catches, yards and touchdowns.

Football's not the only thing they're good

The brothers have new a podcast called "New Heights with Jason & Travis Kelce," which takes listeners on a riotous, real-time ride through the NFL season. The weekly shows are recorded on Tuesdays and last between 60 and 90 minutes, the two NFL stars playing off each other as if they were hanging out in mom's basement.

Special guests have included Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts and Chiefs counterpart Patrick Mahomes.

"They have a good mesh there, and a good relationship," Reid said. "I think Travis has grown up a lot. Jason probably came in a bit more mature — Travis was a little immature. But he's really grown into a good person.

"I have invested time in both of those two," Reid added, "so I feel like a part of the fam-

'Andy Who?' No one has to ask now

AP Pro Football Writer

Andy Reid was an unknown assistant in Green Bay when Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie took a chance on hiring Brett Favre's position coach to revive a struggling franchise in Philadelphia.

A newspaper headline greeted Reid's arrival with a headline that said: "Andy Who?"

Everybody knows his name

Reid won more games (130)

than any coach in franchise history during his 14 seasons with the Eagles. He led Philadelphia to nine playoff appearances, six division titles and five NFC championship games. But Reid couldn't deliver a Super Bowl victory, losing to the New England Patriots after the 2004 season. For that reason, he was underappreciated by many fans and reporters in Philly.

Reid eventually lost his job after only his third losing season in 2012, and immediately landed in Kansas City. He finally hoisted that elusive Vince Lombardi Trophy with Patrick Mahomes

and the Chiefs three years ago. By that time, the Eagles had

won their first Super Bowl under

then-coach Doug Pederson, one of really matters — together." Reid's prized pupils.

Now, Reid and the Eagles are going head-to-head aiming for that second title. The Chiefs (16-3) vs. the Eagles (16-3) is one of the most-anticipated Super Bowl matchups in recent years.

Just don't expect the stoic Reid to get emotional about it.

"When you really cut to the chase on it, they're a really good football team and so, I think that's where the energy goes because really when it's kickoff, you're playing that team," Reid said

"It's the players that you're going against and the coaches and so the uniform (and) all, that's not where your mind's at. Your mind's at making sure you have a solid game plan and that you come out and you can perform to

the best of our ability. "That's, I think, where the major focus goes, and you try to — it doesn't matter who you're playing — you try to blank out all the hype that goes with the game. It's a pretty big game for everybody. ... It's a big, big deal. It's the

Super Bowl. But you try to blank

that out and make sure that you're

getting the game plan — what

Nearly a quarter century since he walked into an interview with the Eagles armed with a 6-inch binder containing notes on how to build a winning team, Reid has amassed Hall of Fame credentials. He's led the Chiefs to nine playoff appearances, including seven consecutive division titles in 10 winning seasons. He's been to five straight AFC title games, winning three.

"It's a real testament to the job that general manager Brett Veach and Coach Reid have done over the last several years," Chiefs chairman Clark Hunt said after the team clinched the division last

"We obviously have a bunch of young players and we've got some new players, and Andy and his staff have done a tremendous job of incorporating them into the team. That's just part of the National Football League. They've really done a fantastic job, and I couldn't be more proud

of them." Reid is a no-nonsense, oldschool coach who is respected

and loved by his players. He rarely

throws anyone under the bus. Part

of the criticism he received from

reporters in Philly was for his unwillingness to call anyone out and to always shoulder all the blame after losses and poor performances. "I gotta do a better job" became a punch line.

He came across as robotic in news conferences, always opening with injuries before turning it over to reporters for questions by saying: "Time's yours." At 64, Reid has become more

of a lovable grandpa in Kansas City. He's known for wearing floral shirts and cracking jokes about his weight. Ask Reid how he plans to celebrate a victory and he'll say with a cheeseburger. "I'm gonna go get the biggest

cheeseburger you've ever seen!" Reid said after the Chiefs beat the 49ers in the Super Bowl on Feb. After a victory over the

Seahawks on Dec. 24, Mahomes and All-Pro tight end Travis Kelce presented Reid with a cheeseburger inside a wrapped Nike shoe box as a Christmas gift.

Players in the locker room cheered and hollered.

Reid smiled and shouted: "May you all get a gift as great as this."

Another Lombardi trophy would be the best present of all.

Chiefs' unknowns step into spotlight

By DAVE SKRETTA AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. The Kansas City Chiefs have some of the biggest names in the NFL, from Patrick Mahomes and Travis Kelce to Chris Jones and JuJu Smith-Schuster, yet they're playing in their third Super Bowl in four years largely because they refused to give up on players only their most-passionate fans know about. There's the quartet of

rookie defensive backs that were picked on all sea-

son, but who largely shut down Ja'Marr Chase and the Bengals' other talented wide receivers while picking off Joe Burrow twice in the AFC championship game. There's Skyy Moore, their fumble-prone rookie punt returner whose fumble cost them a win in

Indianapolis in Week 3, but whose big return in the waning seconds Sunday night helped to set up the winning field goal in the 23-20 vic-And there's their kicker, Harrison Butker, whose sprained ankle in the regu-

lar-season opener in Arizona led to the most inaccurate season of his career, yet who drilled the 45-yarder with 3 seconds left that ultimately sent the Chiefs back to the desert. "Really, those are the

redemption stories that you get into," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "It was quite a deal to watch." Indeed, Reid has been

around long enough to

understand the unforgiving nature of the NFL, where players' careers are often measured in weeks rather than years. He's seen hundreds with promise flame out, their chances at making it big done in by fumble problems, blown blocking assignments, missed tackles or other seemingly minor

He likes to say that the line between success and failure is so small that it's almost imperceptible.

His players understand

With the circumstances high" Chiefs offensive tackle Orlando Brown Jr. admitted, "the margin of error is so slim.'

So nobody would have batted an eye had the Chiefs relegated Moore to the mothballs earlier in the season, when the first-year wide receiver couldn't even make a fair catch. To be fair, Moore had never really been put in that position, but that did not stop fans from groaning every time he

fumbled a punt.

The Chiefs finally pulled him from return duties, at least during games. But Moore continued to work in practice, and it wound up paying off. Their new returner, Kadarius Toney, hurt his ankle against the Bengals, and his backup Justin Watson already was inactive with an illness. So, the Chiefs sent Moore back to fetch the biggest punt of the season.

He not only fielded it cleanly but raced up the sideline to give Kansas City a chance to win the AFC title in regulation.

"I just had to remind myself who I was and why I was here," Moore said. "I was doing something new, and I was going to take my bumps and bruises. I just kept working at it. I didn't think I was ever going to get a punt return again this season. But I didn't stop catching punts. I was prepared for that moment and it paid off." So did the decision by

the Chiefs to keep putting rookie cornerbacks Trent McDuffie, Jaylen Watson and Josh Williams on the field together, often with rookie safety Bryan Cook, even as wily wide receivers kept beating them and flags kept flying for pass interference. Much like Moore, they took their lumps early in the season so they would be ready later.

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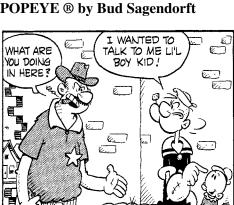


















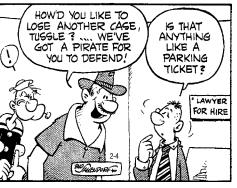




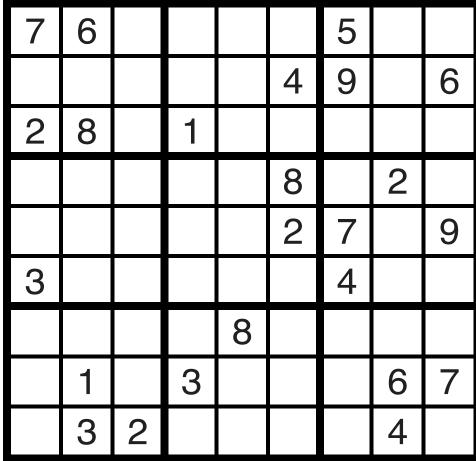








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Clue: Ability to see

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Clue: Aids vision

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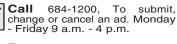
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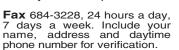
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KNDJN2A26F7130303 (Feb. 4, 2023) City of Shelbyville

Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting Agenda February 9, 2023 Regular Meeting: February 9, 2023 Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Shelbyville Recreation Center, Meeting Room B, 220 Tulip Tree Road

II. Invocation III. Pledge of Allegiance IV. Roll Call

I. Call to Order - Police Officer

V. Adopt the Agenda VI. Consent Agenda - All items in this portion of the Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial

by the Council and may be approved by one motion; However, a Councilmember may request that an item be removed for separate consid-A. Approval of City Council

Minutes of the following: a. Study Session of January 3, 2023 b. Regular Meeting of January 12, 2023

c. Special Called Workshop December 13, 2022 d. Special Called Workshop December 14, 2022 B. Accept all Monthly Reports

C. Accept Treasurer's Report

Payable (January) E. Authorization to forward the Swing Estates Annexation Request for 124 acres located on the south side of Union Street and reference on Bedford County Tax Map 079, Parcel 047.00 to the Planning Commission for further study.

Approval of

D. Approval of Accounts

Authorization for the Mayor and City Attorney to sign the Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$165,000 with Griggs & Maloney for a Preliminary Engineering Report on the City's Flume & Flood Pump System. G. Approval to declare a 2012

Honda Civic, VIN 8501 as surplus through GovDeals.com. This vehicle is a court awarded seizure through the Police Department and proceeds from the sale will be placed in the Police Drug Fund. H. Authorization to purchase

a 2023 Ford F-150 4x4 crew cab truck with upfitting of all equipment from Lonnie Cobb Ford, Henderson, TN through TN statewide contract #209-75347, in the amount of \$54,920 for the Police Department. This purchase will be made through the Drug Fund and assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. I. Authorization to purchase

a 2023 Ford F-150 responder vehicle with upfitting of all equipment from Lonnie Cobb Ford, Henderson, TN through TN statewide contract #209-75347, in the amount of \$47,865 for the Fire Department. This purchase replaces one approved by Council at the November Council meeting due to availability issues. The approved amount at the November session was \$48,011 and the original FY23 Budgeted amount was \$39,700. J. Authorization to purchase a 2023 Ford F-150 4x4 extend-

ed cab pickup with upfitting of all equipment from Lonnie Cobb Ford, Henderson, TN through TN statewide contract #209-75347, in the amount of \$42,883 for the Parks & Department. Recreation This purchase replaces one approved by Council at the September Council meeting due to availability issues. The approved amount at the September session was \$35,319 and the original FY23 Budgeted amount was

\$30,000. VII. Public Hearings: None Consideration of a motion to allow City Attorney to read caption only on Ordinances and Resolutions

OLD BUSINESS: VIII.Ordinances-Second & Final Reading: None

NEW BUSINESS: IX. Ordinances-First Reading: A. An Ordinance of the City

of Shelbyville. Tennessee to Approve the Rezoning of 1.10 (+/-) Acres Owned by Ben Livingston, Located on the West Side of Sevier Street and Referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 78I, Group B, Parcels 7.11, 7.12 and 8.00 From General Commercial (C-2) Zoning District to Medium-High Residential Density (R-3A) Zoning District, and Repealing Any Ordinance or Potion of Ordinance in Conflict Therewith. B. An Ordinance of the City

of Shelbyville, Tennessee to Approve the Rezoning of 10.01 (+/-) Acres Owned by Tejinder & Baljinder Judje, Located on the Side of the Future Extension of Calsonic Way and Referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 069, Parcel 058.06 From the Low-Density Residential District (R-2) Zoning District to the Light Industrial (I-1) Zoning District, and Repealing any Ordinance or Portion of Ordinance in Conflict Therewith. C. An Ordinance to Adopt Reapportionment/

Redistricting Plan and Map For the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee. D. An Ordinance to Amend the Adopted Budget Ordinance (As Amended) of the City

of Shelbyville, Tennessee Various Funds, For the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the Period Ending June 30, 2023 E. An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee

Establishing the Municipal Property Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at \$1.59 on Each \$100 of Assessed Valuation of Property and Providing for an Effective Date of July 1, 2023. X. Resolutions: A. A Resolution Authorizing

Municipal League Legislative

Conference in Nashville

Delegation

2023 Tennessee

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Tennessee, for March 13-14 2023, providing for the Attendance and Expenditures of that Delegation, Consisting of the Mayor, City Manager and City Councilmembers. B. A Resolution of the

Shelbyville City Council

to Repeal All Previous Ordinances and Resolutions Pertaining to Planning and Development Community and Fee Schedule, and to Adopt An Updated Planning and Community Development Fee Schedule. C. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Shelbyville. Tennessee. Grant

Authorizing Application to the Division of Recreation Educational Services of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for the Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grants. XI. Business Items: A. Consideration of a motion to Approve the Contract with Neel-Schaffer for Scope of

Engineering Work on TDOT TAP 5 Project - Greenway/ Trail System Riverwalk with River Overlook and to Authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to sign. XII. Appointments: A. Bedford County Listening

Project Committee XIII. Announcements City Hall will be Closed on

Monday, February 20th in observation of President's Day. Monday's trash will be picked up on Tuesday, February 21st with Tuesday's regular route. XIV. Adjourn: Mayor Randy Carroll (Feb. 4, 2023)

Public Notice

The City of Shelbyville Beer Board will meet in regular session on Wednesday February 8, 2023, at 6:00 PM, at the Shelbyville Recreation Center, 220 Tulip Tree Road. The following matters are up for consideration: 1.MCall to order 2. Roll Call 3. Approval of the Agenda 4. Approval of Minutes

5. New Business: A. Consideration of an application to sell beer (on premises) by Dattixay Asian Cuisine, 1057 Madison Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160. 6. Old Business: None 7. Other Business: 8 Reports from Staff

A. Regular meeting of January

11, 2023

9. Adjourn

Brett Fisher, Chairman (Feb. 4, 2023) Notice to Owner and/or

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2005 CHEVY KTA VIN# 1GNEK13V15R111132 (Feb. 4, 2023)

By CHRIS MEGERIAN and FARNOUSH AMIRI **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — When Vice President Kamala Harris was called to the pulpit at the funeral for Tyre Nichols, she said the White House would settle for nothing less than ambitious federal legislation to crack down on police brutality. "We should not delay.

And we will not be denied," Harris said to applause in Memphis, Tennessee. "It is nonnegotiable." Backin Washington, however,

progress appears difficult, if not unlikely. Bipartisan efforts to reach an agreement on policing legislation stalled more than a year ago, and President Joe Biden ended up instead signing an executive order named for George Floyd, whose murder at the hands of Minneapolis police set off nationwide protests nearly three years ago. Now, with a new killing in

will meet with members of the Congressional Black Caucus on Thursday to explore whether it's possible to get legislation back on track. "I am working to make sure that we have a clear plan," said

Rep. Steven Horsford, D-Nev.,

the headlines, Biden and Harris

The White House is facing fresh pressure to advance the issue, and even some political allies are frustrated with what they view as excess caution from Biden.

who chairs the caucus.

"I think the president is missing the opportunity to be a historic president when it comes to the social issues that continue to plague our country," said Rep. Jamaal Bowman, D-N.Y. "That's what we need." Bowman described Biden as

"a champion of the status quo in many ways," and he said Biden needs to be "a champion of a Thammavongsa, Mia House new vision for America." The solution, Bowman said,

is not "thoughts and prayers, come to the State of the Union after your kid gets killed," a reference to Nichols' mother and stepfather being invited to attend next week's speech. White House press secretary

Karine Jean-Pierre reporters on Wednesday that "we understand there's a lot more work to do." She blamed Republicans for progress in Congress. "The way that we're going

to deal with this issue is to have federal legislation," Jean-Pierre said. "That's how we're going to move forward." Jim Pasco, executive director

of the Fraternal Order of Police, said he was in touch with the White House last Friday, when video of Nichols' beating became public, about whether the situation could be a catalyst to "get things moving again." organization, nation's largest police union,

had participated in previous attempts to reach a bipartisan deal, and Pasco said that "we welcome any constructive effort to help us do our jobs better." The union's president, Patrick **SERVICE**

Yoes, has already condemned Nichols' killing and said that "our entire country needs to see justice done - swiftly and However, Pasco said, "we're kind of in a wait-and-see mode

right now," with Republicans

recently regaining control of

the House, making legislative

progress much harder. "You've got to look at the political realities here," he said.

The issue involves critical political questions for the White House. Biden has carefully balanced his approach, embracing calls for overhauling how police do their jobs while also emphasizing his longtime support for law enforcement and rejecting proposals to cut funding. He was elected with strong support from Black voters, and he's preparing a reelection campaign that could launch in the near future.

As a former prosecutor and the first person of color to serve as vice president, Harris has faced particular scrutiny for her approach to police issues. While attending the funeral on Wednesday, she condemned Nichols' death, saying that "this violent act was not in pursuit of public safety." "When we talk about public

safety, let us understand what it means in its truest form," Harris said in her short speech. "Tyre Nichols should have been safe." Marc Morial, president of

the National Urban League, said he was encouraged that Harris attended the funeral. "This is what people expect, that you'll be there for them at a

time of need," he said. Now, Morial said, "we need a substantive response, not a political response where they say, 'Let's just pass something."

Last year's executive order was the product of negotiations among civil rights leaders and law enforcement organizations, and it mostly focuses on federal agencies by requiring them to review and revise policies on the use of force.

The administration is also encouraging local departments to participate in a database to track police misconduct.

But deeper modifications, such as making it easier to sue officers for misconduct allegations, have remained elusive. "We haven't gotten even

a fraction of the changes that are necessary," said Rashad Robinson, president of the activist group Color of Change. "We haven't gotten the kind of structural change to policing that is required." Robinson said he was encouraged by the swift arrests

of the Memphis police officers

responsible for beating Nichols.

However, he said that shouldn't

be the end of the matter.

"Are those in power willing to do something to make sure it doesn't happen again?" he said. "Or do they want to make sure only individuals are punished?"

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Florida city highlights conflicts over gerrymandering

By AYANNA ALEXANDER **Associated Press**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Not far from the postcard images of Jacksonville -the white sand beaches, the riverfront fountain, the upscale shopping district —

is another side of the city. Here, neighborhood roads are pitted potholes and sometimes unpaved. Weeds swallow abandoned cars in empty lots. Grocery stores are sparse.

The people who live in this other Jacksonville are mostly Black, and many of them lay blame for their neighborhoods' lack of services on the city's politics. They point to a lack of representation resulting in part from the way the districts have been drawn for the city council, the decision-making body for Jacksonville's 950,000

"It's about diluting Black representation, Black power and change that needs to happen in the Black community," said Moné Holder, a city resident who holds a leadership role at Florida Rising, a local voting rights group that focuses on communities of color. "Others may tell a different story as to why it is, but we see it in the lack of resources that go into those communities.'

A group of Jacksonville residents and local civil organizations sued the city last year, alleging that the council's redistricting maps packed Black communities into four of the 19 council districts, five of which are

A U.S. district court judge last fall ruled in their favor and ordered the maps redrawn. Advocates said the city returned with more of the same, and in December the same court ordered that a map proposed by the advocates be used for Jacksonville's elections this

"There's just naturally an incentive to keep things the same, and that's what you saw in the Jacksonville process," said Nick Warren, staff attorney with the ACLU of Florida.

The council argued in its court filings that the latest plan advocates' would be the third council map in less than a year and would "cause voter confusion and undermine voter confidence." The court rejected the appeal in early January, so voters will be casting ballots in new council districts for the city's March elections.

The fight over how Jacksonville's districts are drawn reflects an aspect of redistricting that often remains in the shadows. Redistricting for congressional and state legislative boundaries captures wide attention after new census numbers are released every 10 years, as the two major political parties seek mapmaking advantages that will help them retain or regain power at the federal or state level – a process known as gerrymandering.

No less fierce are the battles over the way voting lines are drawn in local governments, for city councils, county commissions and even school boards.

Conflicts over local redistricting erupted into public view late last year when a leaked audiotape how members of the Los Angeles City Council were plotting to gerrymander council districts in a way that would boost political power for their community at the expense of traditionally Black ones.

The exchange was punctuated with racist and graphic language and has widened racial fissures within the city, led the state Department of Justice to announce an investigation and prompted a legislative effort to remove the council's redistricting

"Self-interest should not be the deciding factor," said the bill's sponsor, Democratic state Sen. María Elena Durazo. "It should be the Voting Rights Act, the California Constitution and the U.S. Constitution."

When the city was going through the redistricting process, Los Angeles City Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson recalled bringing up topics important to his constituents related to what he termed the "One Black district" but said he was ignored.

"Now I understand that that was on purpose," he said.

Supreme Court ruling a decade ago gutting a section of the federal Voting Rights Act gave state and local governments tremendous freedom to change voting procedures and to redraw political boundaries, even if redistricting was done in a way that diluted the voting power of minority communities. Previously, some states and local governments were required to get approval from the Justice Department before making significant votingrelated changes.

The gerrymandering for local government bodies receives far less attention than congressional or state legislative gerrymandering, in part because few local groups have the money and expertise to bring lawsuits against what they perceive as unfair maps.

Jacksonville is an exception. Local branches of the NAACP and the American Civil Liberties Union teamed up with community civil rights groups to challenge the maps the City Council approved in March 2022.

Some community activists trace the city's redistricting problems to a 1968 consolidation with Duval County, which allowed the city to grow but also changed its racial dynamics. At the time, it was hoped that a mix of predominantly Black council districts and atlarge council positions would help boost Black representation.

Yet in the more than half-century since the merger, just six Black residents have served in the at-large positions, which are elected on a citywide basis, and just two of those were Democrats, according to research by Marcella Washington, a retired Florida State College at Jacksonville political science professor who is a plaintiff in the lawsuit.

residents made up at least 40% of Jacksonville's total population at the time of the consolidation, and today they account for a little over While seven members

of today's Jacksonville are Washington said they don't always vote in the interest of the Black community. As one example, she cited contentious votes over whether to remove Confederate monuments across the city. Other residents noted additional concerns in predominantly Black areas of Jacksonville they feel the council does not prioritize city properties that are overgrown, problems with water and sewer service, inadequate services for homeless people.

Councilman Diamond was the lone vote against the council's original map, saying it was designed to protect incumbents. But he also is critical of the redrawn map to be used in the upcoming elections because believes it could have the unintended consequence of "destroying African-American representation on the City Council." Other council members declined to comment, citing the litigation.

Local activists say forcing Black residents into a handful of council districts has led to a sense in those communities that their voice doesn't matter. That has made it difficult to get them engaged politically, said Rosemary McCoy, a plaintiff in the lawsuit and CEO of the Harriet Tubman Freedom Fighters, a nonprofit that registers new voters.

"We understand that when you pack a group of people together, then these people don't have a say. Their vote happens to be wasted," McCoy said. "I ask people to sign petitions to put things on the ballot ... and many times they're telling us, 'My vote don't matter. My vote don't count. Why should I vote? Nothing's going to change"

Ben Frazier, another plaintiff in the case and CEO of the Northside Coalition of Jacksonville, which focuses on injustice, said he would like the court fight in Jacksonville to inspire other groups around the country to challenge local redistricting maps when they appear to be drawn unfairly. "I'm hopeful that there

will be other cities and other states who look at Jacksonville and say Jacksonville moved against them, and maybe we should, too," he said.

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Black history class revised by **College Board amid criticism**

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Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — High school senior Kahlila Bandele is used to courses that don't address the African American experience. Then there's her 9 a.m. class. This week, it spanned topics from Afro-Caribbean migration to jazz.

The discussion in her Advanced Placement course on African American studies touched on figures from Marcus Garvey and Malcolm X to Jimi Hendrix and Rihanna. In her AP European History course, she said, "we're not discussing Black people at all" — even though they were colonized by Europeans. Her school in Baton Rouge, Louisiana,

is one of 60 schools around the country testing the new course, which has gained national attention since Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis threatened to ban it in his state. The rejection has stirred new political debate over how schools teach about race.

The official curriculum for the course, released Wednesday by the College Board, downplays some components that had drawn criticism from DeSantis and other conservatives. Topics including Black Lives Matter, slavery reparations and queer life are not part of the exam. Instead, they are included only on a sample list states and school systems can choose from for student projects.

The College Board, which oversees AP exams, said revisions to the course were substantially complete before DeSantis shared his objections.

The fact of the matter is that this landmark course has been shaped over years by the most eminent scholars in the field, not political influence," the organization said in a written statement.

The revised curriculum will guide the course's expansion to hundreds of additional high schools in the next academic year. College Board officials said developers consulted with professors from more than 200 colleges, including several historically Black institutions, and took input from teachers piloting the

The students at Baton Rouge Magnet High School were aware of the political controversy over the course. But the class on Monday was filled with discussion of the Négritude and Negrismo movements that celebrated Black culture and a painting by the Afro-Asian-Latino artist Afterward, Bandele, 18, said she

doesn't understand arguments that the course would indoctrinate children. don't feel particularly

indoctrinated," she said. DeSantis, a possible Republican presidential candidate in 2024, said he was blocking the course in Florida because it pushed a political agenda.

"In the state of Florida, our education standards not only don't prevent, but they require teaching Black history, all the important things. That's part of our core curriculum," DeSantis said at a news conference last week. "We want education and not indoctrination."

A spokesperson for DeSantis on

Wednesday said the state education department is reviewing the revised curriculum for compliance with Florida Despite the College Board's

assurances otherwise, the notion that the course changed because of political controversy generated fresh outrage Wednesday. "To wake up on the first day of Black History Month to news of white men in positions of privilege horse trading essential and inextricably linked parts of Black History, which is American history, is infuriating," said David Johns, executive director of the National Black Justice Coalition.

The course has been popular among students in schools where it has been introduced. In Baton Rouge, so many students were interested that Emmitt Glynn is teaching it to two classes, instead of just the one he was originally Earlier this week, his students read

selections of "The Wretched of the Earth" by Frantz Fanon, which deals with the violence inherent in colonial societies. In a lively discussion, students connected the text to what they had learned about the

conflict between colonizers and Native

Americans, to the war in Ukraine and to

police violence in Memphis, Tennessee. "We've been covering the gamut from the shores of Africa to where we are now in the 1930s, and we will continue on through history," Glynn said. He said he was proud to see the connections his students were making between the past

For Malina Ouyang, 17, taking the class helped fill gaps in what she has been taught. "Taking this class," she said, "I realized how much is not said in other

Matthew Evans, 16, said the class has educated him on a multitude of perspectives on Black history. He said the political controversy is just "a distraction."

"Any time you want to try to silence something, you will only make someone want to learn about it even more," he said.

The College Board offers AP courses across the academic spectrum, including math, science, social studies, foreign languages and fine arts. The courses are optional. Taught at a college level, students who score high enough on the final exam usually earn course credit at

In Malcolm Reed's classroom at St. Amant High School in Louisiana, where he teaches the AP class, he tries to be mindful of how the material and discussions can affect students.

'I give them the information and I've seen light bulbs go off. I ask them, 'How does it affect you? How do you feel about learning this?" " he said. "It's also new for me, and I'm just taking it in stride. We're not just learning history, but we're making history."

The Proposed Fee Schedule for the City of Shelbyville Planning Department is being considered for a First Reading at the Thursday, February 9th City Council meeting at 6:00 PM. If approved, there will be a Public Hearing at which the Public may comment on the Proposed Fee Schedule on

Thursday, March 9th at 6:00 PM with the Second Reading and vote immediately following						
Shelbyville Planning and Community Development Fee Schedule						
Project Type	Fee					
	\$400.00 (Less than 5,000 square feet of New Building Area,					
!	Building Addition or Site Work)					
!	\$600.00 (5,000 to 20,000 square feet of New Building Area,					
Site Plan	Building Addition or Site Work					
!	\$800.00 (Greater than 20,000 square feet of New Building Area,					
!	Building Addition or Site Work)					
!	\$500.00 (Greater than 50 Acres)					
	\$150.00 per residential unit (multifamily buildings)					
Preliminary Plat	\$325.00 plus \$150.00 per Lot					
Final Plat	\$325.00 plus \$75.00 per Lot					
Combination Plat	\$150.00 (3 Parcels or Less)					
	\$150.00 plus \$100.00 per Parcel (More than 4 Parcels)					
Shifting Lot Lines	\$150.00					
!	Application \$150.00					
Temporary Dwelling Units (During Construction)	First Extension \$250.00					
	Second and Final Extension \$250.00					
	Residential Planned Unit Development					
,	1 to 15 Dwelling Units: \$200.00 per Dwelling Unit					
, ·	16 or More Dewelling Units: \$150.00 per Dwelling Unit					
,	Commercial Planned Unit Development					
, ·	Less than 5,000 gross sqft: \$200.00 per 1,000 sqft. of building					
,	More than 5,000 gross sqft: \$150 per 1,000 sqft. of building					
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!	Commercial Planned Unit Development category and/or the					
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· !	Less than 5,000 gross sqft: \$300.00 per 1,000 sqft.					
	More than 5,000 gross sqft: \$200 per 1,000 sqft.					
Initial Concept Plan Review	\$200.00					
Special Exception	\$350.00					
Administrative Reviews	\$350.00					
Variance	\$350.00					
Text Amendment (Zoning Ordinance) /	·					
(Comprehensive Plan)	\$600.00					
Zoning Map / Future Land Use Map Amendment	\$600.00					
Special Called Meeting Request	\$600.00					
Zoning Verification Letter	\$50.00					
Accessory Structure Application	\$35.00					
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· !	up to 5 small wireless facilities and \$100.00 for each					
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	together with colocation of small wireless facility, maximum					
1	application fee is \$1,000.00					
Annexation Request	\$250.00 Base Fee plus \$100.00 per acre with per acre fee not					
	to exceed \$1,000,00					

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9-10th Grade Gold Band: Ella Jefferson, Macy Howell, Emma Crunk, and Lincoln Gulick

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Central High School band members
recently performed at the MidState Band and
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Band and Orchestra Association (MTSBOA)
was organized in 1938 with the goal to promote the study of instrumental music through
band and orchestra programs in schools across
Middle Tennessee. See more finalist photos in
Tuesday's Times-Gazette.

Submitted photos



9-10th Grade Gold Band: Michael Welch



7-8th Grade Silver Band: Rachel Nunley and Judah Maddox



11-12th Grade Orchestra: Henry Urbaniak



7-8th Grade Gold Band: Cooper Howell and Timothy Lucich



7-8th Grade Jazz Band: Timothy Lucich