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Hard work, dedication pay off Schools' Supervisor, Principal of Year announced

T-G STAFF REPORT

Two Bedford County Schools employees have been recognized for their hard work and dedication. Supervisor of the Year went to Special Education Supervisor Julie Haynes, and Principal of the Year went to East Side Elementary Principal Layne Talbott.

Julie Haynes
Having been the Special Education Supervisor for five years, Haynes has been in education for 24 years. She received bachelor's of science and master's degrees from Middle Tennessee State University.

From an early age, she said she knew she wanted to work with children, so she supported this by working at a couple after school care position throughout high school and college. She then began teaching in Coffee County



JULIE HAYNES

before moving to Thomas Elementary School in Shelbyville in 1999 to teach special education for 4th and 5th grades.

Haynes also served as assistant principal at East Side Elementary from fall 2015 until June 2017 and



LAYNE TALBOTT

was named supervisor of special education that July. "My experience as an educator allowed me to see the world of special education evolve over the years," Haynes commented. "I worked with educators at Thomas Elementary School who embraced the inclusionary model and made that model successful for our students' academic success. In my positions, I have learned the importance of just listening. So many students and families whom I work

with just want to have a voice and to be heard." So far, she said believes her department has achieved an outstanding working relationship with students, parents, teachers and administrators, making

▶ See **Schools**, Page 2A

New wards drawn for City Council

By **DAVID MELSON**
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Redistricting maps have been drawn for Shelbyville City Council's six wards.

The map will be voted on at next week's City Council meeting.

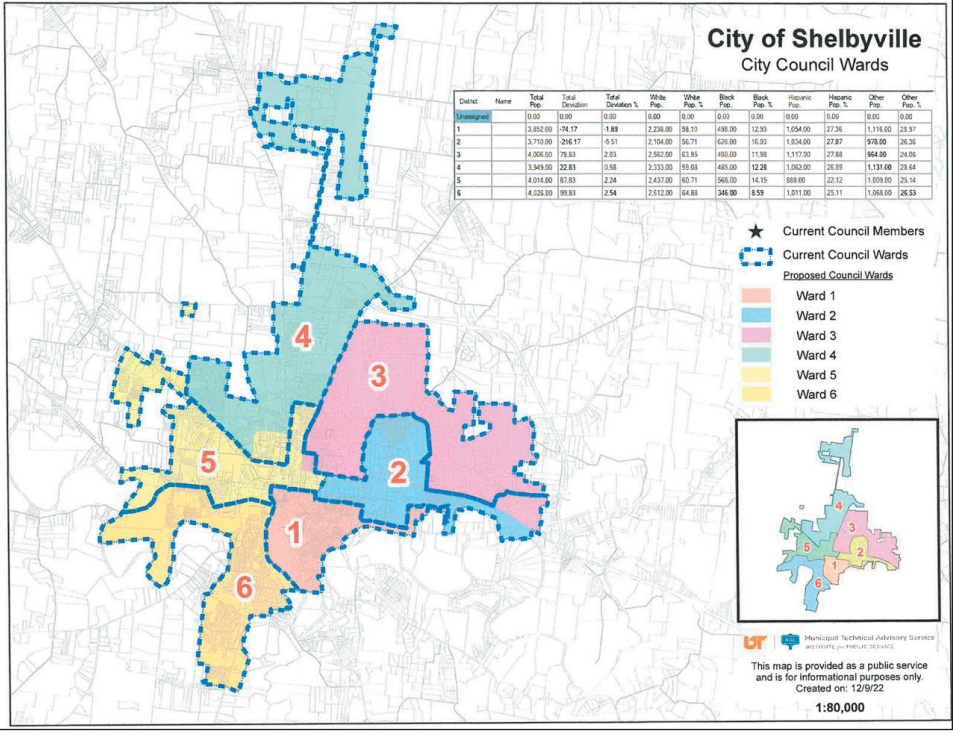
Few changes were made.

An area currently in Ward 2 in southern Shelbyville roughly north of Madison Street and east of Stanley Boulevard will be moving into Ward 2.

One chunk of the current Ward 5, comprising an area east of Coloredo

Boulevard to both sides of North Main south of Coloredo/Fairfield Pike, will become part of Ward 4 and a small portion east of that point becomes part of Ward 3.

The city charter requires redistricting and reapportionment each 10 years based on federal census counts. The maps were drawn by the University of Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Service with input from city officials and council members.



This map shows an overall view of Shelbyville's six City Council wards with proposed changes overlaid. See a detailed view of each ward on Page 6A.

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DEATH NOTICES

Irine Holt Oechsel

February 3, 2023

Mrs. Irine Holt Oechsel, 72, of Shelbyville, formerly of College Grove, died Friday evening, February 3, 2023 at her residence.

A graveside service will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 7 at Beard Cemetery in Williamson County. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. at the cemetery.

Lawrence Funeral Home, Chapel Hill, is in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARIES

Joyce Ann Bearden

February 4, 2023

Joyce Ann Bearden, 79, of Shelbyville died Saturday, February 4, 2023.

Graveside services will be held 2:30 P.M. Tuesday, February 7, at Smith Chapel Cemetery, Rev. Chris Harris officiating. Visitation will be from 12 noon-2 p.m. at Hillcrest Funeral Home.

She was born December 5, 1943 in Moore County; was a retired employee of Economy Pencil and a member of Smith Chapel United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Alethea Murray Green; her husband, Donald Bearden; a sister, Betty Jane Warren; and two brothers, Robert Wayne Green and Ronnie Green.

Joyce is survived by her children, Karen (Tom) Loso of Normandy, Kimberly (Phillip) Crosslin of Shelbyville; two sisters, Patricia (Bobby) Blackwell of Tullahoma and Peggy Green of Lewisburg; two grandchildren, Trevor Loso and Jessica Loso.



Ruby Norene Grace

February 1, 2023

Ruby Norene Grace, 73, of Murfreesboro died Wednesday, February 1, 2023 after an extended illness.

Funeral services were Sunday, February 5, at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Rev. Jimmy Gray officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

She was born December 17, 1949 in Five Points, Tennessee to the late Claude and Dessie Graves. She is survived by her husband of 30 years, David Arthur Grace; a brother, Claud Graves of Florida; several nieces and nephews and her dogs, Mary and Joseph.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Frances McGee and Nelda Townsend; a brother, Jimmy Graves and a niece, Annie Grace.



John David Kelley

February 1, 2023

A memorial service for John David Kelley, 61, of Shelbyville, will be held 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 7, 2023, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Brother Jimmy Gray officiating. Mr. Kelley passed from this life Tuesday, February 1, 2023, at Ascension St. Thomas Hospital.

Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

John David was born October 24, 1961 in Shelbyville, was raised by his late grandparents, William Henry and Annie Mae Arnold. Along with his grandparents he was preceded in death by his brother, Russell Kelley.

He was a graduate of Shelbyville Central High School and served his country in the U.S. Army. He had an extensive career in security as a government contractor with his brother, William; together they traveled and worked all over the world. In his free time, he enjoyed coin collecting, fishing, metal detecting and spending time with family and friends. He was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include siblings, Mike (Janice) Kelley of Flat Creek, William Kelley of Smyrna and Ann Marie (Larry) Morton of Shelbyville; along with several nieces and nephews.

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

Max 'Pappy' Mitrovich

February 3, 2023

Mr. Max "Pappy" Mitrovich, age 86, of Bell Buckle, passed away Friday, February 3, 2023, at his home under the loving care and comfort of his family and Alive Hospice.

A Celebration of Life Service will be Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel.

He was born December 20, 1936 in Midland, Pennsylvania, to the late Milutin and Milica Tepsic Mitrovich. He retired from Crucible Steel of Midland as Superintendent of Maintenance. He then became an owner/operator of his own truck for a number of years, and finally retired after being a baker at Publix Grocery. He loved his job at Publix, handing out cookies to the children who affectionally called him "Pappy." He was committed to his community during the years he lived and farmed family property in Pennsylvania, serving as the captain of the Ohioville Volunteer Fire Department and as a councilman.

He was an awesome and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. A big man with an even bigger heart. He was a talented woodworker even though he got an "F" in that class in high school. He loved his dog "Ben" and they were famous for the naps they took together. He was an avid outdoorsman, loved to garden, bird watch, take care of the wild deer who frequented his back yard, and play golf with his son-in-law Marc. He was always in attendance at whatever sporting event his grandchildren or



OBITUARIES

great-grandchildren were involved in.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Darlene Potts Mitrovich; daughters, Teresa Dail, and her husband Marc, of Old Hickory, and Annette Mitrovich-Willis, of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Tony McLean, Milica Parker, Sarah McCommon, Matthew McCommon and Maxwell McCommon; great-grandchildren, Maddie McLean, McKenna McLean, Mellie McLean, Olivia Duncan, Beau Lee Parker, Kolton Maximus Paul Anderson

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Gladys Ruth Jones Young

January 25, 2023

Gladys Ruth (Jones) Young, 84, of Huntsville, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

Gladys was born in Bell Buckle, Tennessee, on July 2, 1938. She was preceded in death by parents Walter Mitchell Jones, Sr. and Clara Belle (Stewart) Jones; her husband of 68 years: Leighton Eugene Young; two sisters: Judy Shae Jones and Margaret Faye Jones King.

Left to cherish her memory are her children Rhonda Young Hogan (Tom), Gina Young Walling (Paul), Chet Young (Cathey), and Willie Sheffield; three siblings: Jo King, John Jones (Carol), and Jack Jones; 13 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws.

Gladys graduated from Shelbyville Central High School in 1956. She also graduated from Perry Business School in 1959 with a secretarial certification. She was a long time member of the Mastin Lake Road Church of Christ where she volunteered many years as a Bible class teacher. She was always willing to help anyone who needed help.

Gladys was an excellent cook and seamstress. She loved to have fun and have her house full of family and friends.

Services were held Monday, January 30, 2023 at Valhalla Funeral Home, Huntsville, officiated by Alvin Alston and Scotty Sparks. Entombment was in the Chapel of Peace Mausoleum at Valhalla Memory Gardens.



New Mexico considers roasted chile as official state aroma

By **SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN**
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The sweet smell of green chile roasting on an open flame permeates New Mexico every fall, wafting from roadside stands and grocery store parking lots and inducing mouth-watering visions of culinary wonders.

Now one state lawmaker says it's time for everyone to wake up and smell the chile.

Sen. Bill Soules' visit with fifth grade students in his southern district sparked a conversation about the savory hot peppers and the potential for New Mexico to become the first state in the nation to proudly have an official state aroma, a proposal now being considered by lawmakers.

"It's very unique to our state," the Las Cruces Democrat said of roasted chile. "I have tried to think of any other state that has a smell or aroma that is that distinctive statewide, and I can't think of any."

For New Mexico, chile is more than a key ingredient for every meal. It's life. It's at the center of the official state question — "Red or green?" — and is one of the state's official vegetables.

New Mexico produced more than 60% of the U.S. chile pepper crop in 2021 and is home to Hatch, an agricultural village known as the chile capital of the world for the unique red and green peppers it has turned out for generations. The famous crop also is used in powders, sauces and salsas that are shipped worldwide.

Legislation recognizing roasted chile as the official aroma passed its first committee on Tuesday, and supporters say it's not likely to fire up much debate — other than lawmakers sharing their own stories about how they can't go a day without eating it, from red chile lattes to smothered breakfast burritos to plates of enchiladas and tamales infused with the peppers.

"Chile is in the hearts and on the plates of all New Mexicans, and the smell of fresh roasting green chile allows us to reminisce on a memory eating or enjoying our beloved signature crop. We like to call that memory a person's 'chile story,' and each of us as New Mexicans have a chile story," said Travis Day, executive director of the New Mexico Chile Association.

Officially recognizing the aroma could also pay off as another way to market New Mexico to visitors.

New rules would limit sugar in school meals for first time

By **JONEL ALECCIA**
AP Health Writer

U.S. agriculture officials on Friday proposed new nutrition standards for school meals, including the first limits on added sugars, with a focus on sweetened foods such as cereals, yogurt, flavored milk and breakfast pastries.

The plan announced by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack also seeks to significantly decrease sodium in the meals served to the nation's schoolkids by 2029, while making the rules for foods made with whole grains more flexible.

The goal is to improve nutrition and align with U.S. dietary guidelines in the program that serves breakfast to more than 15 million children and lunch to nearly 30 million children every day, Vilsack said.

"School meals happen to be the meals with the highest nutritional value of any meal that children can get outside the home," Vilsack said in an interview.

The first limits on added sugars would be required in

the 2025-2026 school year, starting with high-sugar foods such as sweetened cereals, yogurts and flavored milks.

Under the plan, for instance, an 8-ounce container of chocolate milk could contain no more than 10 grams of sugar. Some popular flavored milks now contain twice that amount. The plan also limits sugary grain desserts, such as muffins or doughnuts, to no more than twice a week at breakfast.

By the fall of 2027, added sugars in school meals would be limited to less than 10% of the total calories per week for breakfasts and lunches.

The proposal also would reduce sodium in school meals by 30% by the fall of 2029. They would gradually be reduced to align with federal guidelines, which recommend Americans aged 14 and older limit sodium to about 2,300 milligrams a day, with less for younger children.

Levels would drop, for instance, from an average

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the program one of the "best in the state."

"Building relationships to last means a lot to me, and I hope anyone that has ever met with me, knows that when they leave my office," she said.

And building relationships she does. She said one of the most challenging parts of her job is having to "wear many hats."

"Providing services to students from age 3 through their 22nd birthday is a challenge because there is so much information that goes with each milestone," she said.

However, it pays off. "I love being in a classroom and getting to visit a student completing something for the first time. No price can be assigned to see the excitement on his or her face when he or she realizes the accomplishment!"

When named supervisor of the year, Haynes said she was in disbelief.

"I had the opportunity to work in other school districts, but I wanted to give back to the community where I was raised and graduated from. I know I do not say this enough, but the team I work alongside is amazing. My special education teachers, educational assistants, therapists, support staff and office staff are rock stars. They are in the trenches each day and work so hard for our students. They make me proud!"

Superintendent Tammy Garrett commented, "Julie Haynes is a true advocate for students with disabilities. She is a wealth of knowledge and an essential member of our leadership team. Many parents have witnessed how she works with them to design the best educational plan possible for our students."

Assistant superintendent Tim Harwell also said, "Julie excels as a supervisor due to her heart for all students. In her position as SPED supervisor, she is on the forefront advocating for all students having every opportunity to learn and excel to the best of their ability."

Layne Talbott

Principal of the Year Talbott is in her 6th year at East Side Elementary and 19th year as an educator in Bedford County.

She received a bachelor of science in education from Middle Tennessee State University, master of arts in instructional leadership from Tennessee Tech University, and specialist in education (instructional leadership) from Tennessee Tech University.

She has taught

kindergarten, first grade and third grade, and was assistant principal at Southside Elementary for five years before becoming principal at East Side Elementary.

"From being a student, a teacher and an assistant principal, I have learned that everyone needs a compassionate principal. My motto is 'Family first,' and I try to live by this philosophy each day. I think it helps build a positive climate and culture," she said.

Talbott added that during her time as principal at East Side she has been able to create a "positive climate and culture between faculty, staff and students."

"This has definitely helped with teacher retention each year. Also, we have joined forces with community partners like Cooper Steel, our biggest supporter. We are thankful for the support of our community partners!" she said.

Garrett said Talbott has one of the highest teacher-retention rates in Bedford County Schools — which speaks volumes as many systems struggle with staffing.

Like many other educators, Talbott said there are not enough hours in the day. It's one of the biggest challenges of what she does.

"If I could clone myself, I might be able to complete the to-do list. There is always more to be done. I wish I could give my teachers and students more. The demands of the education field are many, but the rewards are plenty," she said.

However, it's the students that make this job fun for Talbott.

"I am honored to have been chosen for this award by my peers. Bedford County has the best educators, and I am proud to work alongside them each day. Being a product of Bedford County schools, coming from a family of Bedford County educators and working my entire career in Bedford County, I am so proud of this district and all that is being accomplished on a daily basis!"

Harwell commented, "At East Side, Layne has created an environment in which students and teachers feel safe and supported. She takes her role as instructional leader seriously and is always willing to grow in that capacity."

Garrett also added, "Layne Talbott is a phenomenal principal. The school culture she creates through her leadership is one of the best, and teachers and students love to be at East Side. She is a great manager as well as instructional leader."

"School meal programs are at a breaking point," she said. "These programs are simply not equipped to meet additional rules."

Vilsack emphasized that the plan phases changes in over the next six years to allow schools and food manufacturers time to adjust to the new standards. He said in a press conference Friday that the USDA will also fund grants of up to \$150,000 to help small and rural schools make the changes.

"Our hope is that many school districts and food providers accelerate the timeline on their own," he said.

Courtney Gaine, President of the Sugar Association, said the proposal ignores the "many functional roles" sugar plays in food beyond sweetness and encourages the use of sugar substitutes, which have not been fully studied in children. Sugar substitutes are allowed under the new standards, Vilsack said.

CUTEST COWGIRL



Ava Brown won 3rd place at "Cutest Cowgirl," Saturday night, at the Lone Star Rodeo. See more photos on page 8A.

T-G Photo by Zoe Watkins

Roads, agriculture brought to Marsh's attention

By REP. PAT MARSH
The Tennessee House committees are in full swing and many bills are being introduced. Every bill must go through multiple committees where it is discussed and debated in detail. We have 35 committees that meet each week, and I serve on six. Then we have at least two floor sessions a week (sometimes more).

This past Monday, we had a caucus meeting with Gov. Bill Lee and TDOT Commissioner Butch Eley, who walked us through their plan to alleviate traffic congestion by using public-private partnerships to build express lanes along some of our busiest interstates. TDOT plans on building more roads across the state to accommodate our growing population. They also have proposed a new approach to building new road projects which should speed up design and construction. The final part of their proposed plans is to come up with new ways for electric vehicles to pay their fair share for using our roads. Their innovative plans have my full support

at this time.

On Wednesday, I had a lunch meeting with University of President Randy Boyd and the new head of the UT Institute of Agriculture (UTIA), Keith Carver. Mr. Carver has been serving as the president of University of Tennessee-Martin and he has an extensive background in Agriculture. There are a lot of new and innovative developments coming to UTIA. Those include:

- Adding 32 new extension agents in distressed and at-risk counties
- Ten extension offices going through major renovations or getting completely new facilities.
- Growing the College of Veterinary Medicine from 340 to 480 students. That's a 41% increase from 2023 to 2028.

As a research institute, UT has moved from 123rd to 52nd in the nation. A record amount (\$80 million) was invested in



REP. PAT MARSH

"The basis of a democratic state is liberty"

— Aristotle

research - that's a 12% increase from 2021. Under President Boyd's leadership, the University of Tennessee is heading in an exciting direction and doing great things for our state.

Also this week, I got a notice from the Comptroller's office that Middle Tennessee State University had no audit findings, which means that MTSU is a well-run institution. Congratulations!!

I want you to know the State Capitol is the People's House and is always open to our citizens. Feel free to come up for a visit anytime we are in Session.

I'm honored to serve as your state representative and please call or email if I can ever help, 615-741-6824 or rep.pat.marsh@capitol.tn.gov.

Let's not put the foxes in charge of the henhouse

By RICHARD KARPEL
Executive Director, Public Notice Resource Center

OPINION

Politicians don't like to be forced to share information. Some are more forthcoming than others but every last one of them — regardless of party — prefer to shape their own narrative without outside interference.

That's why public notice laws requiring government officials to publish factual information about their plans and actions — meetings, budget and zoning proposals, school district reports, etc. — are under perpetual assault in state legislatures. Unfortunately, legislation introduced recently in Nashville would give lawmakers the control they seek. Senate Bill 525 (the House version is HB 300) would authorize local officials to hide such notices on county websites instead of publishing them in local newspapers and on newspaper websites where citizens are more likely to see them.

It's a dangerous proposal. Public notice laws represent the best of self-government. Along with open-meeting and freedom of information laws, they're an important part of the three-legged stool of government transparency.

They ensure that citizens have access to information they need to participate in the governance of their communities. They're an essential element of our fragile democracy.

Those in favor of changing such laws claim they should be published on the internet instead of newspapers. That's a specious argument because the law in Tennessee already requires them to be published on the internet — on newspaper websites. And newspaper websites almost always get far more traffic than county websites.

The measure being considered in Nashville also would completely eliminate the print component of public notice even though print provides notice far more effectively than the web. When we read a newspaper, the tactile, contemplative experience and the size of its pages encourage us to find information we didn't expect to see. That serendipitous process guarantees that notices in local newspapers will be seen by many people in the community who didn't pick up the paper seeking them.

We're more goal-oriented on the internet,

visiting websites for a particular reason. Digital interfaces tend to be unidirectional and are often focused on the sensational. Public notices don't stand a chance in that environment; they get lost and are easily hidden. Moreover, the massive migration from desktop computers to small-screen mobile devices has exacerbated the problem. Who's going to be able to find an important government notice on a smartphone app or browser?

The internet has other vulnerabilities that make it a poor choice as an exclusive venue for notice. Newspaper notices can't be altered once they're published. By contrast, notices that are digitally published are fraught with the potential for modification. Websites can be hacked and altered; government sites are especially vulnerable. They can be taken off-line through normal service disruptions, extended power outages, denial-of-service attacks or ransomware demands. Public notices on websites can even be fabricated to cover up the fact they were never published. That's why courts make it more difficult to introduce digital evidence.

The mutability of digital information raises another vital issue exposing the folly of SB 525. Do we really want to put the government fox in charge of the informational henhouse?

As Ronald Reagan was fond of saying: "Trust, but

verify." Requiring independent, third-party newspapers with a financial and civic interest in ensuring public notices run in accordance with the law was our legislative ancestors' way of providing verification. Giving government officials the means to hide public notice information that may be embarrassing or simply doesn't suit their interests, is a surefire way to guarantee they're going to do it. It doesn't mean they're bad people; it's simply human nature to seek to avoid embarrassment or criticism. Foxes aren't inherently evil animals; we just know they like to eat hens so we plan accordingly.

The inescapable truth is there are too many ways for public officials to hide information on websites under their exclusive control. And removing newspapers from the public notice process would eliminate an important check on that tendency and exponentially increase the risk that vital civic matters will be hidden from the public.

Swapping the current system of notice via newspaper and newspaper website for government website notice is a bad trade that will leave more people less informed. That's why SB 525 is a bad trade for Tennesseans.

•The Public Notice Resource Center is a non-profit organization that provides education and research on the importance of effective official notices.

James 'Dustin' Samples Act to support firefighters

NASHVILLE — State Senator Paul Bailey (R-Sparta) and Representative Johnny Garrett (R-Good-lettsville) today filed the James 'Dustin' Samples Act, which seeks to reduce stigma and provide support for firefighters following a post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) diagnosis.

The bill is named in honor of Captain James 'Dustin' Samples of the Cleveland Fire Department, who tragically committed suicide in 2020 after a years-long struggle with PTSD.

Jennifer Samples, widow of Samples, said, "Dustin was incredibly passionate about the work he did and gave all he had. It's important to me that I honor his legacy by continuing to raise awareness and support for those with mental health injuries. These injuries can be just as severe, if not more so, than many of the physical injuries that are visible. Unfortunately, sometimes, as in Dustin's case, they can even be fatal."

If passed, the bill will make the diagnosis of PTSD for a firefighter presumed to be an injury suffered in the course of employment if certain criteria is met.

The entirety of the Senate and a majority of the House have signed on as cosponsors.

"When a person goes to work saving lives in our communities, we owe it to them to do all we can to minimize the risk of any type of injury," said Bailey,

Senate sponsor. "We can't legislate away traumatic accidents and emergencies, but we can remove obstacles to getting support when firefighters need it. Addressing the crisis of PTSD and suicide in the fire service requires a commitment to both prevention and treatment from all stakeholders and that's what SB856 aims to do."

Garrett, House sponsor, added, "The choice to become a firefighter comes from a passion to help others

and save lives. Firefighters do an extremely difficult job that frequently puts them in dangerous situations and exposes them to terrible destruction, trauma and sometimes loss of life. It can take an enormous toll on a person's mental health which can be just as detrimental as any physical injury. This legislation will improve access to effective treatment but also break down barriers where asking for help has not always been easy."

Deputy Director Open Position

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

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Attach shopping list to grocery cart

Dear Heloise: I keep an index card taped on a door near the kitchen, so as I become aware of needed groceries and other items, I jot them down. I usually forget them if I don't do this. Then, when I go to the grocery with my index card, it is easy to attach it to the grocery cart right above the top storage section to scratch off items easily as I grab them!

Hints from Heloise



any others who might have this issue. Thanks. -- Connie Scott, Smock, Pennsylvania

TOO MANY CHERRY OR GRAPE TOMATOES?

Dear Heloise: Have you ever bought too many cherry or grape tomatoes and worried that you won't be able to use them before they spoil? Just make pasta sauce!

I like to cut the tomatoes in half, but you can leave them whole if you want. Pour some extra virgin olive oil in a pan and heat until hot, but not too hot. The tomatoes, with all the water they contain, may splatter when you add them to the pan if the oil is too hot. Add salt and pepper to taste, and if you want a little heat, add red pepper flakes. Cook the tomatoes about 10-15 minutes until softened. Add a little water or even white wine if necessary.

I usually serve them over penne or rigatoni topped with Parmesan or Romano cheese. I read your column in the Orange County Register. -- Ira Blair, Lake Forest, California

NO KNICKKNACKS

Dear Heloise: For those of us senior citizens who don't need or want more knick knacks, ask us what we'd like, or give us gift certificates for our favorite nail salon, coffee shop, restaurant, hair salon, gas station, auto club membership, carpet cleaner, etc. Or you can just take us out to dinner with your family. (No phones allowed.) You can also invite me to join you for some other family outing like the zoo, a local park or a concert. -- Joyce Dulin, via email

STALE WATER SMELL IN THE WASHER

Dear Heloise: I have a front-load washing machine that gets a stale water odor, so I've found a simple solution that works well. When I'm not using the washer, I set a solid odor neutralizer (room deodorizer) inside it. It works great to eliminate the smell. You just have to remember to remove it before using. I hope this will help

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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 Hall.

Board of Education

Bedford County Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at Bedford County Department of Education headquarters on Madison Street.

THURSDAY

Concert at the Capri

Craig Wayne Boyd, winner of The Voice, will be live at The Shelbyville Capri Theatre on Thursdays, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.shelbyvillecapritheatre.com. Boyd will be performing hit songs, including "My Baby's Got a Smile on Her Face" and "I Ain't No Quitter" as well as new music from his latest album.

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.

SATURDAY

Food pantry

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.

MONDAY

Arts Council

Bedford County Arts Council will hold its February potluck and program at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at the Fly Arts Center. A preview with actors from the upcoming fund raiser production of "Clue" will follow the meal.

Republican meeting

Bedford County Republican Party will meet

at the International House of Prayer, 865 Union St. at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13. Paul Engle from the ConstitutionStudy.com will speak. For more information, visit the BCRP website at <https://bedfordgop.org/> and their Instagram at BCRP2023.

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.

FEB. 19

Laity Club

Bedford County Laity Club will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at Mt.

Olivet United Methodist Church. A meal will be furnished.

FEB. 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 Game

An alumni game for anyone with a present or past connection with the newly refurbished Wartrace Gym will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the gym. All ages are welcome in the mixed-gender game.

FEB. 26

Spaghetti fundraiser

Middle Tennessee Spay & Neuter Clinic is holding its first spaghetti fundraiser from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at Bedford County Agriculture Center, 2119 Midland Road. Funds will be used for Spay Day. A silent auction will begin at 11 a.m..

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


Head Start

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

Celebrate Recovery

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

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We love you and sadly miss you very much!!
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Son & Family: Chase, Amber, Kymberli Baltimore, Keegan, Lucas and Mazie
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AG NOTES

By **JOHN TEAGUE**
 UT/TSU

ANTIBIOTICS (From the Tennessee Cattlemen Association Monday Memo)

After June 11, 2023, livestock owners will need a script to purchase antibiotics including popular brands such as LA 200 and anything that contains the following ingredients: Oxytetracycline, Penicillin, Sulfa-based antibiotics (sulfadimethoxine and sulfamethazine), Tylosin, Cephapirin and Cephapirin Benzathine, and Lincomycin and Gentamicin.

The intent of the guidance is to ensure animal drugs that contain antimicrobials important for humans are not being overused and creating resistance. Cattlemen will need a veterinarian-client-patient relationship, or VCPR, in place to purchase those antibiotics after June 2023.

Some producers are attempting to stock up on some of the popular types of antibiotics before the deadline. Expect shortages due to hoarding in some locations so you may want to get some now. (Expirations dates on these products vs. expected use should be considered before stocking up. I have a list by brand name of all products that are included in this action. JKT)

Go ahead and develop a relationship with a large animal veterinarian. Don't wait until you need something to try and find a veterinarian. Veterinarians have guidelines they must follow to write a prescription which normally means they must have visited your farm in the last year to form a valid vet-client-patient relationship.

Some retail locations have also stocked up on antibiotics before the new deadline is in place and the common thought is they will be able to continue to sell the antibiotics they purchased before July 11, 2023 without a prescription. That may last an additional month or so but not something to be counted on for long.

BASIC MASTER BEEF PRODUCER

I will be having this class on February 28, March 2, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, and 16. This is a live in-person class designed for those who have never had any Master Beef Producers classes. We will cover reproduction, genetics, animal health, nutrition, marketing, grazing management, carcass quality, beef quality assurance, and other topics related to beef production. The class will be held here at the Extension office at 2105 Midland Road, beginning at 6 p.m. Contact me for registration details.

MASTER BEEF PRODUCER

The Animal Science Department is preparing a set of recorded videos on various topics in beef production to be available for those who need to renew their Master Beef Producer status in time for the TAEP equipment deadline of April 1. If it has been a while since you had a Master class, contact me by email and I'll check your status. Remember, this is the difference in 35% or 50% cost-share.

GRAZING CONFERENCE

It's not too late to register for the Grazing Conference on February 24. Covered topics will be: Starting with a Good Stand, Economics of Forage Production for Grazing Livestock, Cattle Genetics in Forage-Based Systems, The Science of Grazing Management, Forage Research at UT, a Producer Highlight, Extending the Grazing Seasons to Reduce Hay Needs, Temporary Fencing Options in Grazing Systems, and NRCS Program Opportunities for Tennessee Livestock Producers. Sound interesting? Cost is \$40 which includes a nice lunch. Contact me for the link to the registration site.

SHEEP AND GOATS

The Master Small Ruminant Producer series started last week, but with the sessions recorded, there is still time to get registered and catch up. If you are interested, contact me quickly for the registration information.

GARDENING TIME

This is when serious gardeners start to look at the seed and plant books. There is a lot of gardening done in the easy chair right now and making big plans for later. But then, later never comes or things get busy or people get out of the notion when it gets time for the hard work!

I do have some very good gardening publications that I can share by email. There are several in our publication library, and I have organized the links to them.

FARMERS MARKET

We do have some serious gardeners here. And we have a dedicated Farmers Market that has been in existence for nearly 50 years or longer. If you are interested in being a vendor at the market, please contact us. Even those who have been vendors over the past five years or so, we would like to hear from you. We want to have a meeting with those folks interested sometime in the next month or so to get an idea of what the market will feature. Please contact me at jteague1@utk.edu or Whitney Danhof at wdanhof1@utk.edu.

PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION

Any farmer who holds a Private Applicator card must renew their certification this year before June 30, 2023. I will be having this training this month. I will be sending each Privat Applicator a letter with the dates and times available this coming week with instructions on registering for a time. At this point, the tentative dates pending approval will be on Monday evening Feb. 20 at 6 p.m., Tuesday evening Feb. 21 at 6 p.m., and Wednesday morning Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. Make plans on coming to get this done.

If you have let your card lapse or do not have a current status, you will have to take the initial training over. This recertification will not work for you. Watch for the letter and get ready to call in or email.

Route to Super Bowl dangerous for Mexico's avocado haulers



A farmhand harvests avocados at an orchard in Santa Ana Zirotto, Michoacan state, Mexico.

By **ARMANDO SOLÍS**
 Associated Press

SANTA ANA ZIROTTO, Mexico — It is a long and sometimes dangerous journey for truckers transporting the avocados destined for guacamole on tables and tailgates in the United States during the Super Bowl.

It starts in villages like Santa Ana Zirotto, high in the misty, pine-clad mountains of the western Mexico state of Michoacan. The roads are so dangerous — beset by drug cartels, common criminals, and extortion and kidnap gangs — that state police provide escorts for the trucks brave enough to face the 40-mile (60-kilometer) trip to packing and shipping plants in the city of Uruapan.

Truck driver Jesús Quintero starts early in the morning, gathering crates of avocados picked the day before in orchards around Santa Ana, before he takes them to a weighing station. Then he joins up with other trucks waiting for a convoy of blue-and-white state police trucks — they recently changed their name to Civil Guard — to start out for Uruapan.

"It is more peaceful now with the patrol trucks accompanying us, because this is a very dangerous area," Quintero said while waiting for the convoy to pull out.

With hundreds of 22-pound (10-kilogram) crates of the dark green fruit aboard his 10-ton truck, Quintero's load represents a small fortune in these parts. Avocados sell for as much as \$2.50 apiece in the United States, so a single crate holding 40 is worth \$100, while an average truck load is worth as much as \$80,000 to \$100,000.

Mexico supplies about 92% of U.S. avocado imports, sending north over \$3 billion worth of the fruit every year.

But it's often not just the load that is stolen.

"They would take away our trucks and the fruit, sometimes they'd take the trucks as well," Quintero said. "They would steal two or three trucks per day in this area."

It happened to him years ago. "We were coming down a dirt road and two young guys came out and they took our truck and tied us up."

Such thefts "have gone down a lot" since the police escorts started, Quintero said. "They have stolen one or two, one every week, but it's not daily like it used to be."

State police officer Jorge González said the convoys

escort about 40 trucks a day, ensuring that around 300 tons of avocados reach the packing plants each day.

"These operations have managed to cut the (robbery) rate by about 90 to 95 percent," González said. "We accompany them to the packing house, so they can enter with their trucks with no problem."

Grower José Evaristo Valencia is happy he doesn't have to worry if his carefully tended avocados will make it to the packing house. Packers depend on arrangements they have made with local orchards to fill promised shipments, and lost avocados can mean lost customers.

"The main people affected are the producers," Valencia said. "People were losing three or four trucks every day. There were a lot of robberies between the orchard and the packing house."

The police escorts "have helped us a lot," he said.

Once the avocados reach Uruapan or the neighboring city of Tancitaro — the self-proclaimed avocado capital of the world that greets visitors with a giant cement avocado — the path to the north is somewhat safer.

The shipment north of avocados for Super Bowl season jhas become an annual event, this year celebrated in Uruapan. It is a welcome diversion from the drumbeat of crimes in the city, which is being fought over by the Viagras and Jalisco cartels.

On Jan. 17, Michoacan Gov. Alfredo Ramírez Bedolla "kicked off" the first Super Bowl avocado shipments, literally, kick-

ing a football through tiny goalposts on an imitation football field.

Behind him, a big tractor trailer bore a huge sign reading "Let's Go! Super Bowl 2023."

It was an attempt by Michoacan growers to put behind them last year's debacle, when the U.S. government suspended inspections of the fruit in February, right before the 2022 Super Bowl.

The inspections were halted for about 10 days after a U.S. inspector was threatened in Michoacan, where growers are routinely subject to extortion by drug cartels. Some Michoacan packers were reportedly buying avocados from other, non-certified states and trying to pass them off as being from Michoacan and were angry the U.S. inspector wouldn't go along with that.

ABSOLUTE ESTATE AUCTION Saturday, Feb. 18th 10:00 AM

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Home sells at 11AM, Personal Property at 10AM.

PERSONAL PROPERTY:
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AUCTIONEER: TODD DAVIDSON 931-205-3294 Lic #5915

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12:00 NOON

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 REFERRED BY: KAY PETTY

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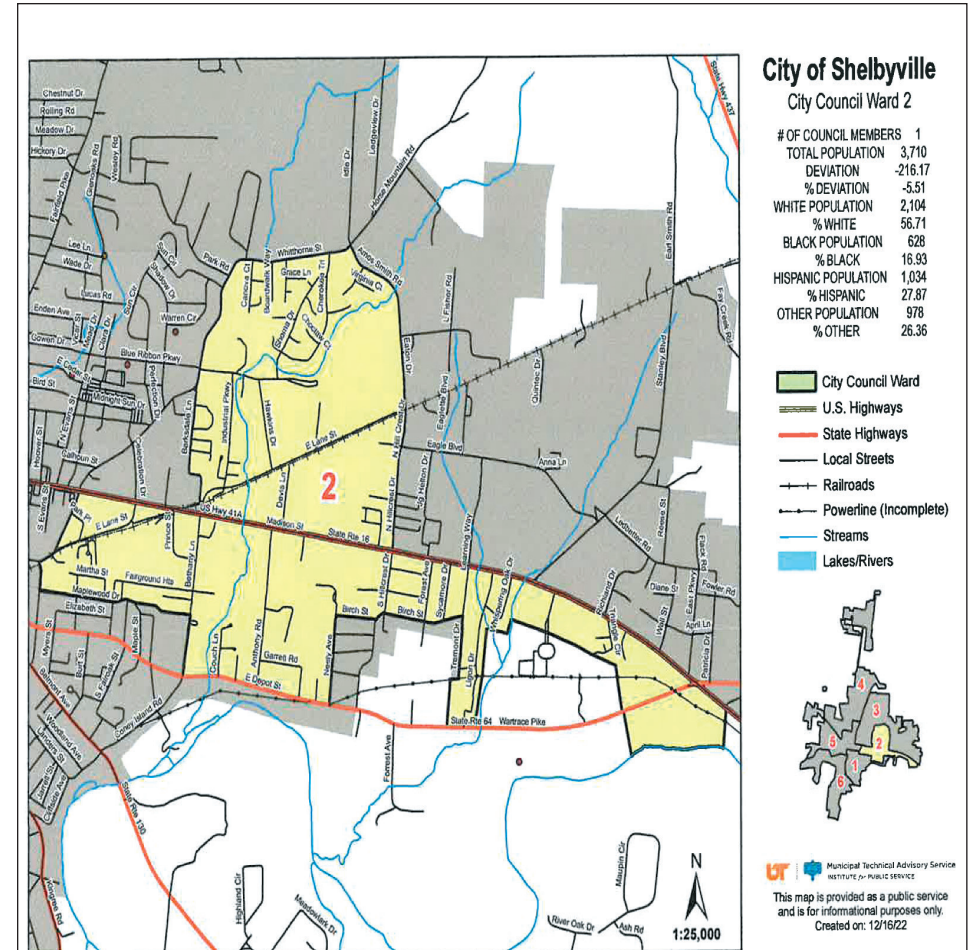
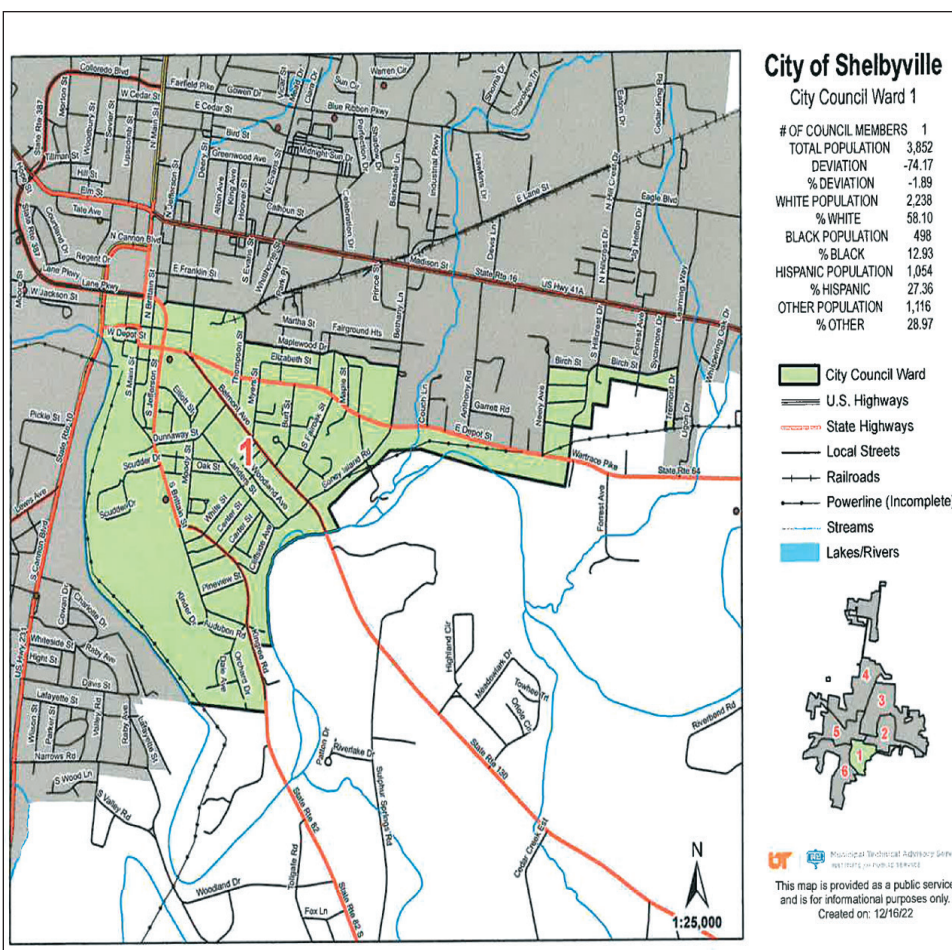
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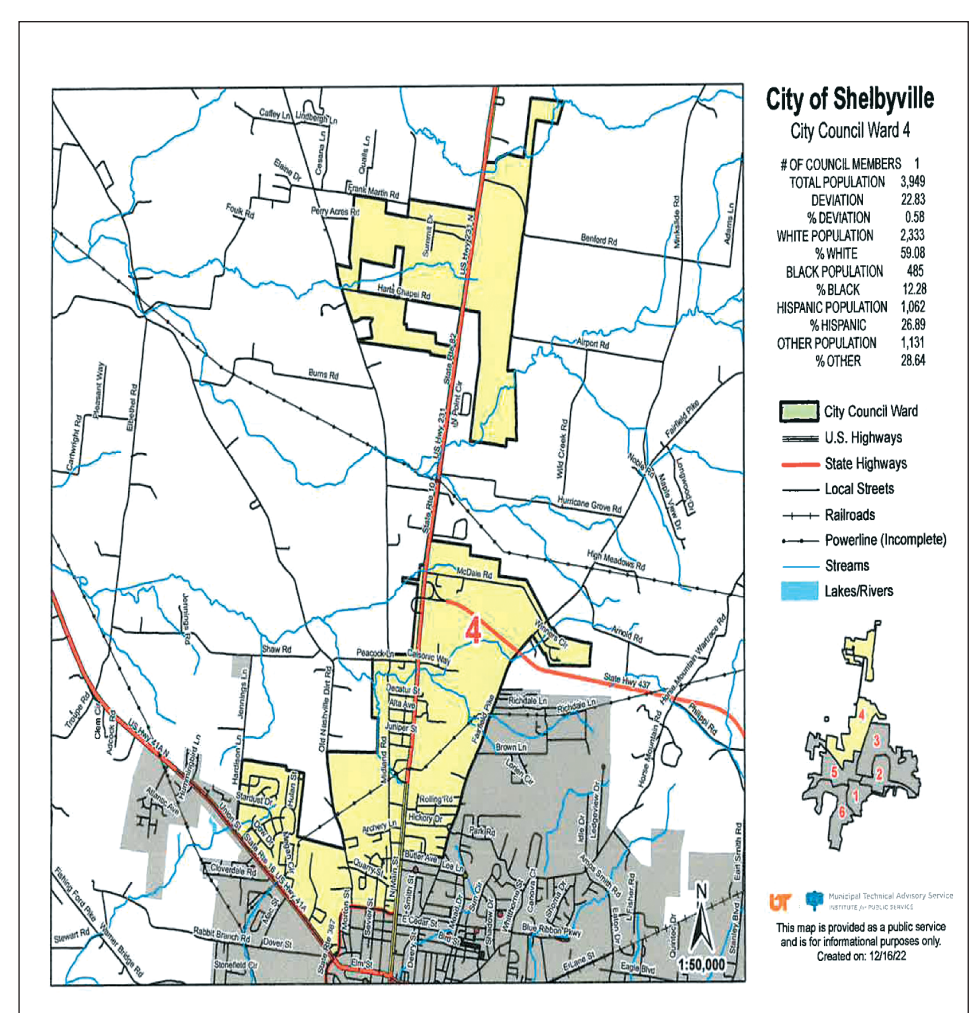
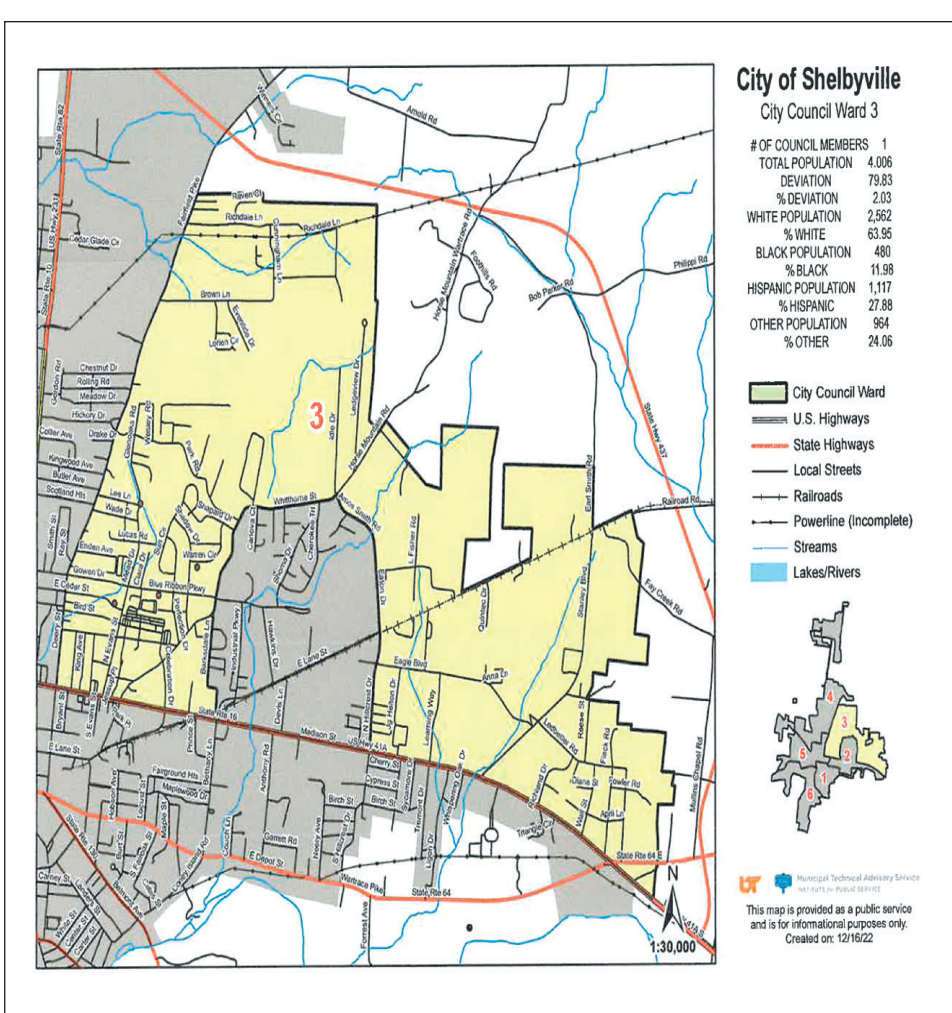
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Maps show proposed City Council wards

These maps, provided by the City of Shelbyville and prepared by the University of Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Service, show proposed new voting wards. They still must be approved by the council.



ABSOLUTE AUCTION Saturday, Feb. 18th 10:00 AM

1446 HIGHWAY 64 WEST
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This home is in need of some remodeling and repair but has excellent potential. It is beautifully situated on a very nice 7+/- acres, mostly open and fenced. The property is also improved with a 24' x 60' shop.

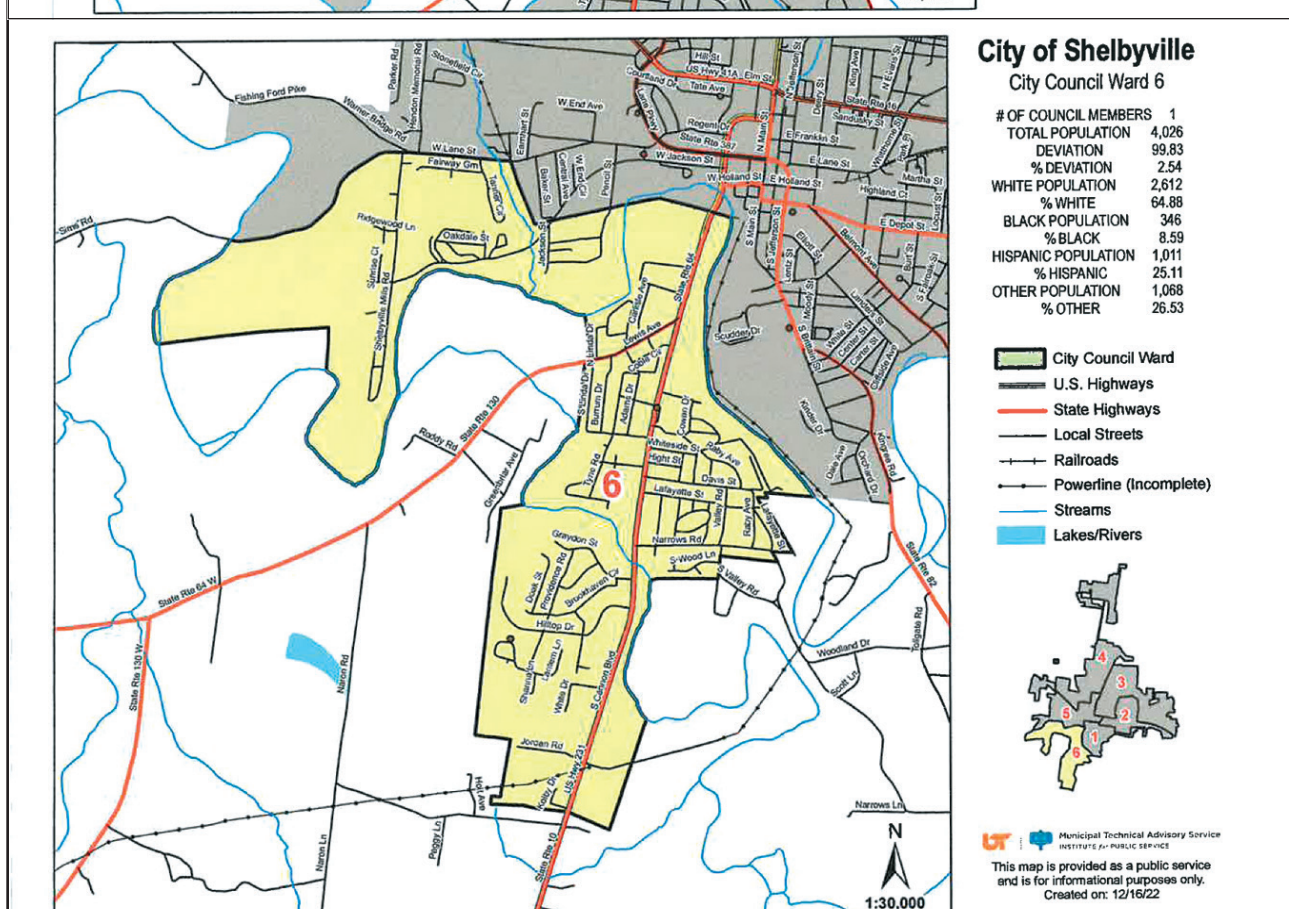
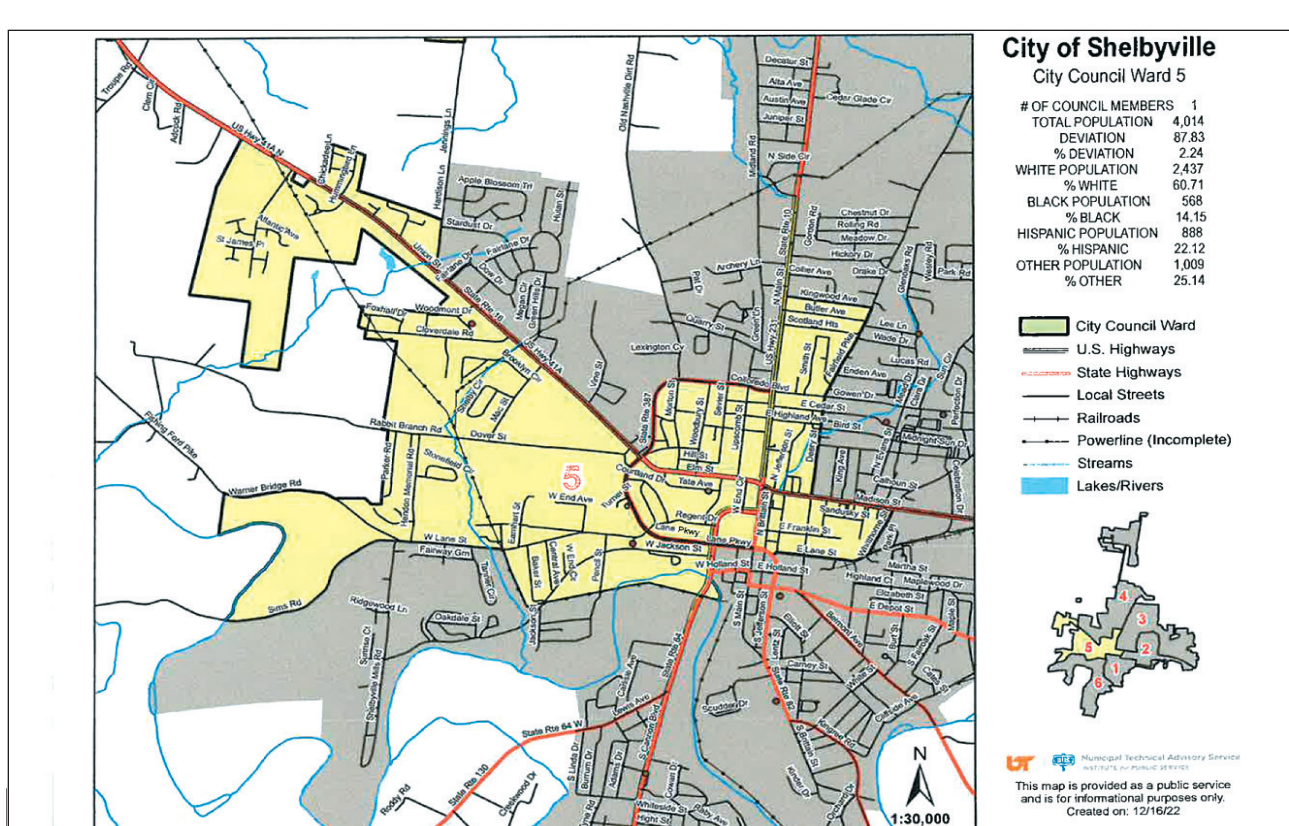
Great location, just minutes from town.

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AUCTIONEER: REX BICKNELL 931-580-0116 Lic #1970
REFERRED BY: KAY PETTY

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TAXES: Prorated **POSSESSION:** With Deed
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FRIDAY CRASH



T-G Photos by David Melson
No one appeared seriously injured in a two-vehicle crash Friday on Highway 64 East at the Highway 437 Bypass just east of Shelbyville on Friday afternoon. Further information was unavailable from the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

Expensive tools, trailer stolen

By DAVID MELSON
 dmelson@t-g.com

A work trailer valued at \$4,000 containing \$10,000 worth of tools was stolen from a construction site on Highway 41A North overnight Thursday, a Bedford County Sheriff's Office report said.

A lock cut from the trailer was left behind.

Resisting arrest

A woman was charged with resisting arrest, domestic assault and disorderly conduct due to a disturbance at her Landers Street home Friday night, police said.

Brittany Burdine, 36, was found by officers on her front porch where she'd allegedly been dragged during an argument. Burdine allegedly loudly cursed medical personnel called to the scene and refused orders to give officers her hands when being arrested.

Officer Gary Goodwin said in his report he, Interim Sgt. Rod Stacy and Officer Darrian Lanier "had to physically roll her over and handcuff her." Burdine was held without bond.

Theft alleged

A suspect faces multiple charges after allegedly taking two cell phones from a woman's vehicle, then rolling up a window of his own vehicle with her arm stuck in it around midnight Thursday morning.

Jeffrey Wayne Draper, 34, of East Depot Street is charged with auto burglary, aggravated domestic assault, theft of property and vandalism.

The victim was reaching into Draper's vehicle in an attempt to get her keys and a phone after he arrived outside her North Main Street workplace late Wednesday,

Shelbyville police said. A co-worker came to her aid when Draper allegedly rolled the window up. A window rain guard was damaged on Draper's vehicle, police said.

Draper allegedly got of his vehicle and disabled both phones by throwing them to the ground. Police said Draper drove to police headquarters nearby and reported damage to his vehicle's window rain guard during the incident as vandalism.

Bond for Draper was set at \$12,500 after a 24-hour hold.

Shoplifting

"Just trying to survive" was the reason a shoplifting suspect gave police for allegedly taking 16 items worth a total of almost \$450 Thursday at Walmart.

A loss prevention officer said he was able to stop Thomas Tackett, 48, from pushing a cart out of the store without paying for the contents. Tackett's address was not available.

"A woman took two baseball gloves, up to six pieces of silverware, deli fried chicken and a bottle of cleaning solution Sunday afternoon at Walmart, police said.

She paid only for alcohol while ignoring the other items she'd placed in her purse, then ran out of the store when approached by loss prevention personnel, according to the report.

The suspect, described only as white with brown hair, was last seen leaving in a white car, possibly a Ford Fusion.

Jail Intake

- Isaiah Laquan Bowen, 19, Fairground Heights; financial responsibility, no driver's license/exhib-

ited on demand, speeding; released on recognizance

- Jeffrey Wayne Draper, 34, East Depot Street; auto burglary (motor home), aggravated domestic assault, theft of property, vandalism; \$12,500 bond

- Stacey Louise Dudeck, 45, Shelbyville Drive; violation of probation (Circuit Court, two counts), violation of probation (General Sessions, two counts); no bond

- Justin Thomas Grisham, 25, Deery Street; violation of probation; released, \$2,500 bond

- Vaughn Vincent Gulley, 42, Murfreesboro; aggravated assault; released, \$50,000 bond

- Tommy Eugene Lucas, 70, Woodbury Street; failure to appear; no bond

- Shawn Denise Payne, 47, Midland Road; capias, failure to appear; released, no bond

- Joshua Polk Pearson, 31, Tullahoma; capias, failure to appear; no bond

- William Garvin Pickle, 31, Smyrna; failure to appear; no bond

- Rigoberto Rivera Bueso, 28, Austin Avenue; driving on a revoked license; \$1,000 bond

- Johnny Velazquez-Flons, 44, Depot Street; light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released, no bond

- Timothy Ray Arbogast, Jr., 35, Church Street; shoplifting; released, no bond

- Jessica Dean Barrett, 28, McMinnville; failure to appear; no bond

- Brittany Burdine, 37, Landers Street; disorderly conduct, simple domestic assault, resisting arrest by officer; no bond

- Michael Wayne Butterworth, 23, Nunnally; violation of probation; \$4,500 bond

- David Alexander Chicoj, 23, Fairway

Green; light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance

- Cassie Jo Cook, 22, Anthony Lane; possession of schedule 6 drug; released, \$5,000 bond

- Maria De Jesus Cruz, 32, Murfreesboro; financial responsibility, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, violation of vehicle light law; released on recognizance

- Isaiah Thomas Curry, 20, Shelbyville Mills Road; aggravated assault; released, \$4,500 bond

- Jamie Lee Flora, 46, Moody Street; trespassing; released, \$1,500 bond

- Ana Elizabeth Gaspar, 37, Green Lane; driver to exercise due care, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance

- Kendra Rae Gluc, 35, Church Street; theft involving merchandise (shoplifting); released on recognizance

- Mardoguo Jeremias Gomez, 31, Greenwood Avenue; driving on a suspended license, speeding; released in recognizance

- Mario Amica Gomez Sales, 21, Fairfield Pike; financial responsibility, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, open container law, reckless/careless driving; \$2,000 bond

- Thomas Edgar Habel, 46, Warner's Bridge Road; DUI, driving on a suspended license; released, \$4,500 bond

- Bernando Hernandez Albino, 46, Crossville; no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released, \$500 bond

- Bartolome Juan Francisco, 28, Mooreland Drive; DUI, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; \$3,000 bond

- Aubrey Ladd, 21, White Street; public intoxi-

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Shelbyville Police Department photo
Officer Brandi Merlo is marking 3 years of service with the Shelbyville Police Department. Merlo is assigned to the A-day shift patrol division.

ation, resisting arrest by officer; \$4,500 bond

- Stephen Henry Lovett, 42, South Wood Lane; violation of probation; \$2,500 bond

- Donald Keith Loyd Jr., 32, Old Pencil Mill Road; violation of probation; released, \$2,500 bond

- Gary Thomas Lynn, 34, Ligon Drive; violation of probation (two counts); \$5,500 bond

- Carl Gary Marable, 63, Smyrna; violation of probation; released, \$2,500 bond

- Alyssa Marie Nelson, 19, Mullinswood Road; possession of schedule 6 drug; released on recognizance

- Amanda Christina Owens-Murphy, 45, Division Stree, Normandy; attachment; released, \$500 bond

- Santiago Colula Rodriguez, 26, Cedar River Road; DUI, light law, no driver's license/exhib-

ited on demand; released, \$3,000 bond

- Brandon Salamanca, 24, Nashville; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, traffic control device (stop sign); released, \$1,000 bond

- Jose Hugo Santiago Robles, 25, Shepard Street; capias (two counts), failure to appear; no bond

- Anthony Gabriel Shurlow, 27, La Vergne; failure to appear, violation of probation; \$2,500 bond

- Shawn Thomas Taylor, 50, Bethany Lane; DUI, failure to maintain lane; released, \$3,000 bond

- James Lee West, 55, Orchard Drive; simple domestic assault; released, \$4,500 bond

- Jennifer Kathleen Zambrano, 33, Barksdale Lane; driving on a suspended license, light law; released on recognizance

Biden's State of the Union to tout policy wins on economy

By ZEKE MILLER
 and SEUNG MIN KIM
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden will use his second State of the Union address on Tuesday to remind Americans of how their lives have been improved over his first two years in office, as he tries to confront pessimism in the country and navigate the tricky politics of a newly divided Washington.

Rather than laying out major new policy proposals, Biden was expected to devote much of his speech to highlighting his efforts over the past two years to create jobs, fight inflation and improve the nation's infrastructure. The speech comes as Biden is honing his pitch to voters ahead of his expected announcement in the next few months that he will seek another term in office despite voter frustrations about the direction of the nation.

"Next week, I'll be reporting on the state of the Union," Biden said Friday after a stronger-than-expected jobs report that saw the unemployment rate drop to the lowest level in more than 53 years. "But today, I'm happy to report that the state of the Union and the state of our economy is strong."

Biden's remarks from the House chamber will take place in a sharply different context from a year

ago. Republicans now control the chamber, rendering it unlikely that any significant legislation reaches Biden's desk. The newly empowered GOP is itching to undo many of Biden's achievements and raising the specter of persistent investigations — including into the recent discoveries of classified documents from his time as vice president at his home and former office.

"Jobs are up, wages are up, inflation is down, and COVID no longer controls our lives," Biden told the Democratic National Committee on Friday. "But now, the extreme MAGA Republicans in the House of Representatives have made it clear they intend to put it all at risk. They intend to destroy it."

The president, meanwhile, is shifting his focus from legislating to implementing the massive infrastructure and climate bills passed in the last Congress — and to trying to make sure Americans credit him for the improvements.

"These things don't sell themselves," Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said Sunday on NBC. "And it's one of the reasons I'm really looking forward to that State of the Union address. I will say that there have been so many accomplishments under this administration. It can be difficult to list them in a distilled way."

While large-scale bipartisan-

ship remains unlikely, Biden was set to reissue his 2022 appeal for Congress to get behind his "unity agenda" of actions to address the opioid epidemic, mental health, veterans' health and cancer.

Biden will also call on lawmakers to responsibly raise the debt limit and keep the government funded. The president has remained opposed to negotiating to avoid default, while Republicans are pushing for unspecified deep spending cuts to reduce the deficit.

Biden, according to two administration officials who requested anonymity to preview the speech, was also expected to discuss his decision to shoot down a suspected Chinese surveillance balloon Saturday, as part of a broader section on countering China's more assertive economic and military actions around the world.

His address last year came just days after Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine and many in the West doubted Kyiv's ability to avoid a swift routing. Now the war is on the cusp of entering its second year, and under Biden the U.S. and allies have sent tens of billions of dollars in military and economic assistance to bolster Ukraine's defenses. Now the president must make the case — both at home and abroad — for sustaining that coalition as the war drags on.

Meanwhile, inflation, which rose precipitously last year in part because of soaring energy prices from the war, has begun to ease.

Still, only a quarter of U.S. adults say things in the country are headed in the right direction, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research; about three-quarters say things are on the wrong track.

Similarly, views of the national economy remain deeply negative, with 24% calling the national economy good and 76% calling it poor. Forty-one percent of Democrats and 8% of Republicans call the economy good. The figures are similar to when Biden delivered his State of the Union address last year, but an adjustment from Biden's first year in office when Americans were more optimistic; about half said they thought the country was headed in the right direction when the president took office.

At the same time, 57% say their personal financial situation is good. That's unchanged since December but has eroded slightly since earlier last year. No less than 62% of Americans had called their personal financial situation good in AP-NORC polls conducted from late 2019 through spring of 2022.

Two years after Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol by pro-Trump

rioters, a protective fence was reinstalled Sunday around the Capitol ahead of Biden's address.

After the speech, Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, and his Cabinet plan to hold over 30 events in two days to drive the message home to the American people in their communities. Biden will visit Wisconsin to discuss job creation on Wednesday and on Thursday will be in Tampa, Florida to talk about his efforts to lower prescription drug costs and protect Social Security and Medicare.

"During the State of the Union, President Biden will outline how the past two years has seen historic job growth, falling inflation, higher wages, and record investments coming back to America," the White House said. "The economic travel blitz showcases how the president's vision is creating jobs, rebuilding our infrastructure, lowering costs for families, tackling climate change, investing in our future and delivering for families too often left behind."

The travel follows Biden's stops last week in Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia focused on rail and water infrastructure projects funded by the 2021 bipartisan infrastructure law.

Lone Star Rodeo snapshots



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Haley Mitchell fires a shot for the Viqueens. Mitchell had five treys and led Community in scoring with 25 points.

Viqueens rain 3s on Lady Rockets in win

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The Forrest Lady Rockets used a strategy of stopping the inside game of the Community Viqueens, but the Viqueens could not be stopped from the outside as Community connected on 12 treys en route to a 69-42 win over the Lady Rockets in a District 7-AA basketball game Friday night.

The win clinched first place for the Viqueens in the regular season district standings.

Community (19-5, 5-0) wasted little time getting the upper hand in the opening quarter. Zoey Dixon connected on a three-pointer just 17 seconds into the game as the Viqueens scored the first 10 points of the contest.

Macyn Kirby kept Forrest (8-14, 3-2) close with all 10 Lady Rocket points, but the Viqueens stayed hot with five treys, including three by Haley Mitchell as Community took a 21-10 lead to the second quarter.

The shots kept coming for the Viqueens in the quarter.

Anna Haskins nailed two three-pointers and Mitchell had five points as Community added four more treys.

The Lady Rockets managed nine points, but Forrest could not stop the Viqueen momentum late as Community scored the last eight points to take a 41-19 lead into the intermission.

“We came out and shot the ball well and that really helps your defense and

helps your offense obviously,” Coach Cody Pierce of the Viqueens said.

“When you shoot well, it helps everything out,” Pierce added.

Kinslee Inlow led the Lady Rockets with five points in the third quarter, but the Viqueens kept up the pressure.

Mitchell had five points as the Viqueens added three more treys and took a 56-28 lead to the final quarter.

Inlow added five points for Forrest in the fourth quarter as the Lady Rockets had their best offensive output with 14 points.

Mitchell led the Viqueens with six points as Community closed with the district win.

Coach Hal Murrell of the Lady Rockets discussed the strategy of stopping the Viqueen offense.

“They only hit four 3s the first time we played them,” Murrell said.

“They are so physical that we have a hard time guarding them in man-to-man,” Murrell added. “So we felt like we needed to go zone.”

“We are going to have to hope at that point in time that they start cooling off a little bit at the arc. Unfortunately, they didn’t,” Murrell said.

Mitchell had five treys and led three Viqueens in double figures with 25 points. Haskins and M.J. Simmons each added 11 points.

Kirby had 14 points and Inlow netted 10 to lead the Lady Rockets.

The Viqueens were 11-of-16 at the free throw line while Forrest was 3-of-5.

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Lady Feet win caps unbeaten district slate

By **WILL CARTER**
Sports Writer

MURFREESBORO — The Webb Lady Feet controlled the game from the tip to the final buzzer as they dominated the paint in their 55-44 District II-A win on the road against the Middle Tennessee Christian School Lady Cougars.

“We just did what we do,” Lady Feet head coach Matthew Shewmake said.

“We took the matchups that they gave us and just finished. There were a couple girls in foul trouble, but we settled in and made shots.”

Webb (23-4, 14-0) got off to a hot start early in the first quarter after Angelica Velez knocked down a three-pointer to kickstart an 8-0 over the opening three minutes of the contest.

Velez’s basket was the lone long ball on the night for the Lady Feet.

The Lady Cougars (20-8, 12-2) stopped the run with a Jailyn Banks three-pointer, and later cut their deficit to five again after Anna-Clay Shirley knocked down three free throws with less than a minute left in the first frame.

Velez knocked down a midrange jump shot to close out the quarter for a 14-7 Webb advantage.

Much like in the opening quarter, the Lady Feet opened the second on a 6-0 run over the first two minutes to take a 20-7 lead before Banks hit a layup for MTCS to stop it.

While Aalyah Del Rosario controlled the paint with seven points in the opening frame for Webb, it was Rhema Collins in the second who exploded for 12 points to jolt the Lady Feet to a 32-18 halftime lead.

Collins scored a team-high 18 points on the night with Del Rosario close behind with 14.

“They use their size, strength and their skill to their advantage,” Shewmake said. “They battle through contact and have been doing that for the two years they’ve been here. It’s unbelievable how resilient they are and continue

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T-G Photo by Will Carter

Aalyah Del Rosario fights through contact for a layup and a free throw against the Lady Cougars Friday night. She finished with 14 points.



Feet lock down 1st place district finish

By **WILL CARTER**
Sports Writer

MURFREESBORO — After jumping out to a large first quarter lead, the Webb Feet fended off the Middle Tennessee Christian School Cougars comeback efforts throughout the rest of the game for a 74-62 victory and the regular season championship in Division II-A Middle District 3.

After a midseason slump, Webb (15-10, 11-3) finished the season on a five-game win streak as they head into the district tournament as the top seed.

“One thing I told the guys is that we wanted to close out the regular season with a win and secure the regular season championship,” Feet head coach Micah Williams said.

“We just need to keep this momentum

going throughout the tournament. The guys have been battle tested all year, and I think that’s showing with their growth and maturity in closing games out like tonight.”

After trading baskets in the early minutes of the first quarter, the Feet hit another gear on their way to a 9-2 run over a two-minute span to take a 13-6 lead midway through the frame.

MTCS (4-20, 3-11) couldn’t slow the pace of Webb’s 30-11 lead from that point on, and the Feet went on an 11-2 run to close out the opening quarter with a 24-8 lead.

All five starters contributed in the first frame with Arnett Hayes’ seven leading the way.

It was a slower second quarter as both sides couldn’t find much success on the offensive side of the floor.

Hayes led the way for the Feet again with six of their 10 points.

Stephen Olowoniya slams down an emphatic dunk in the first quarter against the Cougars.

T-G Photo by Will Carter

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Zoey Dixon is fouled while driving to the basket. Dixon had six points for Community.

Viqueens

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“Everybody on the court’s a threat to score and we’re willing to stay patient and take whatever they give us,” Pierce said.

The Viqueens took care of the basketball the entire game.

“I think we had one or two, maybe three turnovers,” Pierce said. “Really good job of taking care of the basketball.”

“Coming up soon, you’ve got to take care of the basketball to give

yourself a chance to win every game,” Pierce added.

“I thought Macyn Kirby did a great job with people hanging all over her,” Murrell said. “She still finds a way to get eight rebounds.”

“Kinslee Inlow got in foul trouble with two fouls in the first two minutes of the game,” Murrell added. “We struggle to score right now outside of those two.”

“If we can get ourselves back to the championship game like we did last year, you only have to beat them one time and hopefully we understand now how

much better we’re going to have to play to beat them,” Murrell said.

Community travels to Central Magnet and Forrest visits Fayetteville Tuesday night for non-district games.

Both contests begin at 6 p.m.

Community 21 20 15 13 — 69
 Forrest 10 9 9 14 — 42
 Community: Haley Mitchell 25, M.J. Simmons 11, Zoey Dixon 6, Addison Brothers 6, Shelby Cawthon 2, Anna Haskins 11, Stevie Dickenson 3, Kathryn Sego 3, Raegan Haley 2, Jacey Collier, Izzy Martinez, Jayla Mangrum, Annie Prince.
 Forrest: Macyn Kirby 14, Kinslee Inlow 10, Carli Warner 8, Megan Mealer 2, Kaylin Pope, Josie Brown 6, Adi Howes 2, Samantha Hopkins, Sadie Smith, Anna Rabun, Sienna Borba.
 3-Point goals: Community (12): Mitchell 5, Haskins 3, Dixon 2, Brothers 2; Forrest (5): Inlow 2, Brown 2, Kirby.
 Halftime score: Community 41, Forrest 19.



Arnett Hayes rises up and knocks down a jump shot for the Feet on Friday night. He scored a team-high 24 points.

Feet

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For MTCS, it was a two-man show in the first half as Andrew Adams and Devin Hill accounted for all 19 of their points through 16 minutes with Adams totaling 15.

Webb held a 34-19 advantage at the break.

With more of a balanced attack coming out of the locker room, four Cougars contributed to their highest scoring quarter of 22 points, but the Feet found their footing again for a 23-point effort to extend their lead heading into the final eight minutes.

Hayes added seven more in the quarter and

finished with a team-high 24 points on the night with only one three-pointer, but it’s his ability to create for everyone on the offensive end that Williams likes the most.

“Arnett is a very talented player, and I trust him to get in the paint a lot,” Williams said.

“We’ve talked all year about his ability to not only get shots for himself, but to get other guys open shots as well. He probably had seven or eight assists of that every night.”

In the final frame, the Cougars battled throughout the first three minutes to cut their deficit to single digits for the first time since the first quarter,

but the lead was too much and the Feet closed out the game going 9-of-10 from the free throw line for a double-digit win.

“We just needed to put together a string of stops, and I think the guys did that,” Williams said.

“Offensively, we were able to get in the paint and get quality shots. It was important for us to have quality possessions and not force things tonight.”

Webb 24 10 23 17 — 74
 MTCS 8 11 22 21 — 62
 Webb: Arnett Hayes 24, Stephen Olowoniji 14, Eli Brown 12, Hector Larsson 10, Taveon Comage 6, Noah Brown 4, Justin Burrows 2, Julian Whitsey 2.
 MTCS: Andrew Adams 29, Caleb Mills 14, Devin Hill 11, Ryan Dodson 5, Max Oxley 3.
 3-Point goals: Webb (3): E Brown 2, Hayes; MTCS (8): Adams 4, Dodson, Hill, Mills, Oxley.
 Halftime score: Webb 34, MTCS 19.



Rhema Collins gets fouled on a mid range jump shot in the fourth quarter against the Lady Cougars. She totaled 18 points on the night.

Lady Feet

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to battle every night.”

The Lady Feet continued their trend of opening quarters on a scoring run by taking a 40-21 lead with a 8-3 run over the first three minutes, but the Lady Cougars didn’t stop fighting.

MTCS scored 13 points over the final four and a half minutes of the third frame and held Webb to only four over that same span to cut their deficit to 10 heading into the final frame.

Banks accounted for eight of the Lady Cougars’ 16 points in the quarter.

Webb held their double-digit lead up until the

six minute and 10 second mark when Ashley Rucker hit a layup for MTCS to cut the lead to single digits for the first time since early in the second quarter.

Eight points was the closest the Lady Cougars cut it to for the rest of the game as the Lady Feet utilized their matchups in the paint with Del Rosario and Collins to close out the road win.

Those matchups came in handy throughout the contest as Webb couldn’t find their range from deep like they’re accustomed to.

“We kept shooting it, and I just kept thinking they were going in because they usually do,” Shewmake said. “We normally shoot close to 35%, but they weren’t going

down tonight. Fortunately, we weren’t just throwing it up, and they worked it inside for some easy twos. We have a McDonald’s All-American in the middle, and another that should be up for Miss Basketball at the four, so they had a hard matchup with that.”

The Lady Feet sit atop D-II A Middle District 3 and remain idle as they wait for their opponent in the district semifinal Friday, February 23 at Columbia Academy.

Webb 14 18 12 11 — 55
 MTCS 7 11 16 10 — 44
 Webb: Rhema Collins 18, Angelica Velez 15, Aayah Del Rosario 14, Bree Robinson 4, Arora Almon-Sanchez 2, Tatianna Stovall 2.
 MTCS: Jailyn Banks 20, Anna-Clay Shirley 9, Riley Smith 7, Autumn Davis 4, Ashley Rucker 3, Lindsey Wisniewski 1.
 3-Point goals: Webb (1): Velez.; MTCS (3): Shirley 2, Banks.
 Halftime score: Webb 32, MTCS 18.

Clanton goes for 20; 9 straight for Champs

T-G STAFF REPORT

COALMONT — With Friday night’s 61-53 win over Grundy County, all signs are pointing towards everything clicking at the right time for the Cascade Champions.

The win marked the ninth-straight for Cascade and the 11th in the last 13 games.

Cascade burst out of the gates on Friday night and posted a 21-point effort in the first quarter, with senior Lucas Clanton doing most of the heavy lifting in the opening quarter.

He knocked down 12 of his team-high 20 points in the quarter, while Grundy County struggled to match pace.

The Yellow Jackets spread 12 points among four players, with Sam Parson, who led all scorers with 25 points, knocking down four in the opening quarter.

Cascade continued its excellent point production

in the second period and added 19 more, but spread the wealth among five players, with Clanton and fellow senior Thomas Gentry adding five more apiece, including a three-pointer.

Senior Jayden Gulick also hit his second trey of the game in the second quarter as well.

By halftime, Cascade built a 40-26 lead over Grundy County and not much changed in the second half.

The Champs piled on 16 more in the third, with senior point guard added six more, while Grundy County was held to single digits and settled for nine points in the quarter.

With the lead well in hand for the Champs, it was Grundy County, led by Parson, who orchestrated an 18-point quarter to close the game.

Parson proved effective at drawing fouls and getting to the line, where

he shot a perfect, 5-of-5 in the quarter.

He scored 11 of his game-high 25 points in the final quarter.

As a team, Grundy County connected on 11-of-15 free throw attempts.

While Cascade didn’t spend as much time at the charity stripe, the Champs proved effective, going 7-for-10 on the night.

Where Cascade made its living was from the perimeter, where the Champs cashed in on six treys, with Clanton knocking down three.

Cascade got a quick turnaround and faced Grundy County again on Monday night.

Cascade 21 19 16 5 — 61
 Grundy Co. 12 14 9 18 — 53
 Cascade: Lucas Clanton 20, Jackson Davis 12, Saebyn Burris 9, Isaac McElroy 8, Jayden Gulick 7, Thomas Gentry 5.
 Grundy Co.: Sam Parson 25, Jarond Huntly 9, Alex Parson 6, Jr. Crisp 5, Dylan Sanders 3, Aiten Lusk 3, Isaac Campell 2.
 3-Point goals: Cascade (6): Clanton 3, Gulick, Gentry; Grundy Co. (4): Huntly, S. Parson, Sanders, Lusk.
 Halftime score: Cascade 40, Grundy Co. 26.

Eagles struggle in road loss

T-G STAFF REPORT

WINCHESTER — Shelbyville Central just couldn’t find an answer for Franklin County’s Kai Baker and Sam Vincent.

The Rebel duo combined for 30 points and dealt the Eagles a 58-31 defeat on Friday night.

Shelbyville saw production from four

different players, but struggled to consistently score in the frame, only mustering up seven points in the opening quarter.

Not much changed in the second as Franklin County carried a 34-14 lead into the half.

That same narrative continued to play out through the remainder of regulation as the Rebels held the Eagles in check, only allowing them to score single digits in each

quarter.

Terrence Johnson and Rocky Chandler each scored eight to lead the Eagles, while Joe Harris added seven.

Shelbyville 7 7 8 9 — 31
 Franklin Co. 18 16 12 12 — 58
 Shelbyville: Terrence Johnson 8, Rocky Chandler 8, Joe Harris 7, Zyon Bonner 2, Marquis Wilson 2, Tae’Shawn Shelton 2, Kyler Trice 2.
 Franklin Co.: Sam Vincen 15, Kai Baker 15, Keandre Johnson 8, Kenyan Fuqua 7, Kaleb Rigsby 3.
 3-Point goals: Shelbyville (4): Johnson 2, Harris 2; Franklin Co. (2): Fuqua, Rigsby.
 Halftime score: Franklin Co. 34, Shelbyville 14.



Cole Crockett puts up a jumper for the Vikings. Crockett had 12 points for Community.

T-G Photos by Rickey Clardy

Fast start propels Rockets past Vikes

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

CHAPEL HILL —The Forrest Rockets started the game with 14 unanswered points and withstood a late comeback attempt by the Community Vikings as the Rockets took a 61-51 victory in a District 7-AA basketball game Friday night.

Forrest (3-19, 2-3) used the hot hand of Bray McCown to gain the advantage in the opening quarter. McCown connected on three treys as the Rockets used four three-pointers to take a 14-0 lead with 3:13 left.

Community (1-22, 0-5) responded with the last seven points of the quarter as the Rockets took a 14-7 lead to the second quarter.

The offensive woes continued for the Vikings in the quarter as Community could only manage seven points while the Rockets increased their lead.

Ben Villazon led the way with nine points as six Forrest players netted points. The Rockets scored the final seven points and took a 33-14 lead into halftime.

“We came out strong and Bray McCown had a great night shooting the ball early and took a charge for us,” Coach Shane Chapman of the Rockets said. “Kind of set the tone for us early and our guys were able to hold on to it.”

“We spent the last couple of days putting in an offense to attack the basket inside against their zone and our first eight shots were 3s,” Coach Robbie Davis of the Vikings said. “This was not the game plan.”

“Mentally, we froze and completely didn’t execute what was asked of them,” Davis added.

Landon Lovvorn scored six points as the Vikings started to heat up in the third quarter. Mason Harper scored eight points for Forrest as Community outscored the Rockets 17-14 and cut the Forrest lead to 47-31 heading to the fourth quarter.

Lovvorn, Cole Crockett, and Jacob Flannagan each scored six points as the Vikings made a move in the quarter.

Community was able to cut the Rocket lead to 10, but the Vikings could not get closer. Davin Porter led Forrest with six points as the Rockets took the district win.

Harper and Porter each scored 13 points to lead three Rockets in double figures. Villazon added 11 points.

Lovvorn netted 15 points to lead three Vikings in double figures. Crockett scored 12 points while Flannagan added 10.

“At half, we went back over everything we talked about all week and outscored them in the second half, but it was too little, too late,” Davis said.

“The kids played hard all night long,” Chapman said. “We had some little dry spells and we started trading buckets back and forth.”

“I was okay with a 15-point lead to trade buckets with them,” Chapman added. “They went into a zone and 24 (Crockett) sparked a comeback.”

“We were able to have enough in the tank to finish,” Chapman added.

Forrest connected on nine treys while the Vikings had three. The Rockets were 6-of-9 at the free throw line while Community was 4-of-4.

“The guys moved the ball well,” Chapman said. “Still too many turnovers, but we can build on that.”

“The mental side of the game is just not happening and we continue to miss shots that are just head scratchers game after game,” Davis said.

“You don’t expect a high school team to miss as many layups and point blank shots as we do,” Davis added. “It’s been like that all season long game after game and that won’t win any games on any level.”

Community travels to Central Magnet and Forrest visits Fayetteville for non-district games Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m.

Community 7 7 17 20 — 51
Forrest 14 19 14 14 — 61
Community: Landon Lovvorn 15, Jacob Flannagan 10, Ramone Hernandez 7, Jason Cullum 4, Moe Berman, Cole Crockett 12, Corey Paterick 3,



Corey Paterick drills a three-pointer for the Vikings.

Noah Watson, Emery Smith, Austin Stickler, Jaxon Williams.
Forrest: Mason Harper 13, Davin Porter 13, Bray McCown 9, Jimmy Bond 6, Ryan Meglis, Ben Villazon 11, Josh Rumley 6, Eli Bell 3.
3-Point goals: Community (3): Lovvorn, Hernandez, Paterick; Forrest (9): Harper 3, McCown 3, Porter 2, Villazon.
Halftime score: Forrest 33, Community 14.

Alcohol steps up in Super Bowl ads

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox says it has sold out all of its Super Bowl LVII ad space as of the end of January. The big game between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles takes place on Sunday.

The Super Bowl is advertising’s biggest stage, with advertisers jockeying to get their products in front of the more than 100 million people that watch each year. Mark Evans, executive vice president of ad sales for Fox Sports, said a few ads went for more than \$7 million for a 30-second spot. Most sold between \$6 million and \$7 million.

Anheuser-Busch remains the biggest advertiser with three minutes of national airtime. The beverage giant gave up its deal to be the exclusive advertiser this year, so Heineken, Diageo, Remy Martin and Molson Coors are also in the game. Other big categories advertising include packaged food like Doritos and M&Ms, movie studios and streaming services, automakers and tech companies, Evans said. Out this year: crypto companies.

Last year’s Super Bowl was dubbed the “Crypto Bowl” because four cryptocurrency companies — FTX, Coinbase, Crypto.com and eToro — ran splashy commercials. But in November, FTX filed for bankruptcy and its founder was charged in a scheme to defraud investors.

This year, two crypto advertisers had commercials “booked and done” and two others were “on the one-year line,” Evans said. But once FTX news broke, those deals weren’t completed.

Now, “There’s zero representation in that category on the day at all,” he said.

Braves get their way in Fried dealing

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Pitcher Max Fried lost to the Atlanta Braves in salary arbitration on Saturday, and will make \$13.5 million in the upcoming season instead of his \$15 million request.

Mark Burstein, Fredric Horowitz and Jeanne Vonnhoff issued their decision a day after hearing arguments.

Despite the defeat, Fried matched the \$13.5 million Gerrit Cole won in 2019 as the highest decided by an arbitration panel.

Fried won a \$6.85 million salary last year in arbitration instead of the team’s \$6.6 million proposal.

He followed former Atlanta teammate Dansby Swanson in going to a hearing in consecutive years. Swanson, a shortstop, lost in 2021 and won last year, then signed a \$177 million, seven-year contract with the Chicago Cubs.

The last player to win hearings in consecutive years was pitcher Trevor Bauer against Cleveland in 2018 and 2019.

Fried, a 29-year-old left-hander, went 14-7 for the second straight season and lowered his ERA to 2.48 from 3.04 in 2021. Fried was a first-time All-Star last season, was second to Miami’s Sandy Alcantara in Cy Young Award voting and was third in the National League in ERA behind Alcantara and Julio Urías of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

In 2021, Fried pitched six shutout innings in World Series Game 6 as the Braves won their first title since 1995.

Texas prep QBs stand tall on Super Bowl stage

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**
AP Pro Football Writer

DALLAS — Texas high school quarterback guru Todd Dodge got what he wanted when Kansas City’s Patrick Mahomes and Jalen Hurts of Philadelphia won their conference championship games.

“I really like Joe Burrow,” Dodge said with a chuckle in reference to Cincinnati’s star quarterback, “but I’m not going to root for Joe Burrow over Patrick Mahomes, that Texas quarterback.”

The Mahomes-Hurts matchup is the first showdown between a pair of Texas high school QBs and the latest milestone for a football-crazy state once known much more for Earl Campbell and Eric

Dickerson than whoever was handing off to those future Pro Football Hall of Fame running backs.

Dodge, a recently retired high school coach who won seven state championships, played a big role in the start of the transformation around 1980. He was the quarterback for what he considered the father of the passing game in Texas.

Ronnie Thompson, a high school coach in Port Arthur about 100 miles from Houston, was throwing before it was cool in the Lone Star State, which made Dodge a high-profile recruit for the Texas Longhorns.

While Dodge’s career in Austin was disappointing, his legacy of

training quarterbacks in his home state is unmistakable. One of the keys was identifying QBs — plenty of them — as early as seventh grade, with the goal of always having two capable of flourishing on the varsity.

Before the likes of Dodge, Art Briles and the late Sonny Detmer came along, the focus was usually on finding the best running back and building from there.

“Jalen Hurts 40 years ago would have been the next great tailback in the Southwest Conference,” said Dodge, who still runs a quarterback training program in retirement. “Somewhere along the way, his dad put the ball in his hands and he started throwing it.”

Indeed, coach Averion Hurts at Channelview just outside Houston put his son at QB. Jalen Hurts went from college star at Alabama and Oklahoma to Philadelphia back-up behind Carson Wentz to NFL MVP candidate in a matter of six years.

Mahomes had the throwing pedigree as the son of former major league pitcher Pat Mahomes, and his strong arm was evident long before he became the starter at Whitehouse in East Texas.

The Chiefs traded up to get Mahomes 10th overall in 2017, declared him the starter in the offseason a year later and watched him become MVP that year and a Super Bowl winner the next.

Cheeseman repeats as Gatorade state player of year



Submitted photo

Abby Faith Cheeseman was named the Tennessee State Gatorade Player of the Year for the second-straight year.

For the second consecutive year, Abby Faith Cheeseman, a sophomore at The Webb School, was named 2022-2023 Gatorade Tennessee Girls Cross Country Player of the Year. In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade made the announcement Jan. 23.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Cheeseman as Tennessee's best high school girls cross country player. She is now a finalist for the Gatorade National Girls Cross Country Player of the Year award also to be announced this month.

The state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, Cheeseman won the Division 2A state meet for the third consecutive season with a time of 17:12.53, leading the Feet to a second-place finish as a team. Cheeseman also won the Frank Horton "Night" Classic and the Jesse Owens Classic in Alabama. She took seventh at the Champs Sports South Regional in North Carolina, before improving by more than a minute from her 2021 race at nationals to finish fourth at the Champs Sports National Championships.

Cheeseman was one of only three sophomores to be recognized as an Alla Webb Scholar, the highest academic honor society at her school, and leads middle school Bible study meetings.

"Abby Faith Cheeseman ran 17:13.4, which is the fastest time ever by a Tennessee prep girl at Balboa Park in San Diego at the Champs Sports National Championships," said Erik Boal, an editor for DyeStat.com. "She also won her third straight state title, clocking the second-fastest girls time in history on the state meet course in the process."

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track and field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade's Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade's social impact partners, supporting Gatorade's ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

NFC rallies past AFC in Pro Bowl

By MARK ANDERSON
AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS — For Kirk Cousins, it wasn't quite the NFL-record 33-point comeback against the Indianapolis Colts to win the NFC North.

However, Cousins was the quarterback for the third and final flag football game at the Pro Bowl on Sunday for a reason.

NFC coach Eli Manning wanted Cousins in that spot to decide the overall winner, and the Minnesota Vikings QB responded by throwing three touchdowns passes to rally the NFC to a 35-33 victory over the AFC in the Pro Bowl Games and end that conference's five-game losing streak.

Cousins completed 15 of 19 passes for 150 yards in the NFL's reformatted all-star contest, which gave the NFC the victory.

"It's hard to wait around that long to play, but I appreciate Eli letting me be the third guy and fun to go in there and be the closer," Cousins said.

Based on the earlier flag games and skills competitions, the AFC took a 21-15 lead into the final flag game.

The Pro Bowl changed its format this season, eliminating the traditional game and replacing it with three flag games played on a 50-yard field and a series of skills competitions.

Each of the first two flag games was worth six points and each skills event was three. The total points were accumulated to form the score entering the final flag game.

"I thought it was awesome," San Francisco 49ers running back Christian McCaffrey said. "Guys had fun. It got intense there at the end."

Las Vegas Raiders wide receiver Davante Adams noticed the NFC took the game more seriously than expected, such as sending Cowboys safety KaVontae Turpin at the quarterback.

"Hopefully, next year the NFC will actually play some man and not sit back in Cover-2 the whole time and blitz one of the fastest men in the league," Adams

said. "Interesting technique by them, but it was still a good time."

Brotherly competition

Brothers Eli and Peyton Manning each have two Super Bowl rings, but Eli has this Pro Bowl victory over his older sibling.

"I am the greatest coach of the Mannings," Eli said tongue-in-cheek on the NFL's Twitter account. "I am so much better at coaching than Peyton, it's unbelievable."

He wasn't the only brother to earn bragging rights. Dallas Cowboys cornerback Trevon Diggs intercepted a pass off a trick play from Buffalo Bills wide receiver Stefon Diggs.

Myles Garrett injured

The Cleveland Browns, however, announced defensive end Myles Garrett dislocated a toe Sunday, but X-rays were negative.

Garrett played with a sprained shoulder this season from a car accident in September, but still had a team-record 16 sacks.

Injuries were something the NFL hoped to avoid by switching to this new format.

Though tackling wasn't allowed, Los Angeles Rams cornerback Jalen Ramsey leveled Miami Dolphins wide receiver Tyreek Hill at the goal line.

Playground football

Cousins said he hopes youngsters watching the Pro Bowl will want to participate in flag football and help that version of the sport grow.

The change to a flag game took some getting used to, but Cousins said that also made it more fun.

"You're kind of drawing stuff up in the dirt," he said. "It's not as defined of a plan, so some of our guys were coming into the huddle saying, 'Hey, I think if we did this.' You try to listen to them and incorporate it. So it was fun, but also a little hectic."

Harvick to join Fox as analyst

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

LOS ANGELES — Kevin Harvick won't spend a single day in retirement when his NASCAR driving days are over: Fox said Sunday it has hired Harvick for its broadcast booth next season.

Harvick announced last month that he will retire from NASCAR competition at the end of the 2023 season.

He will then transition into a broadcast role for Fox, which has used Harvick regularly as a guest analyst since 2015. He is scheduled to call four Xfinity Series and three Truck Series races this year for FS1, and next season he will join Mike Joy and Clint Bowyer for Fox's entire portion of the Cup schedule.

"I knew that this was something that I wanted to do because it gives you such a unique position to be able to talk about the sport and be able to use your knowledge and relationships to be able to give the fans and people a great perspective," Harvick told The Associated Press.

"This has really been a conversation that's been happening for several years, the timing just was never really right. Now it's all worked out and it's a great time to be able to transition and have a voice in the sport and remain a part of NASCAR racing on a weekly basis and talk about the things I love."

Harvick was the centerpiece of Fox's "Drivers Only" broadcasts that began in 2015. The network began using a combination of active drivers and crew chiefs to call lower-level races and Harvick, who has called more than 25 races for the network, was a natural fit from the very beginning.

He is so steady in the booth that many predicted Harvick would develop into a play-by-play announcer and lead a broadcast team. Harvick, who is beginning his 23rd Cup season, is the 2014 Cup champion and is tied for ninth on NASCAR's all-time wins list with 60 career victories.

Harvick has 13 consecutive playoff appearances.

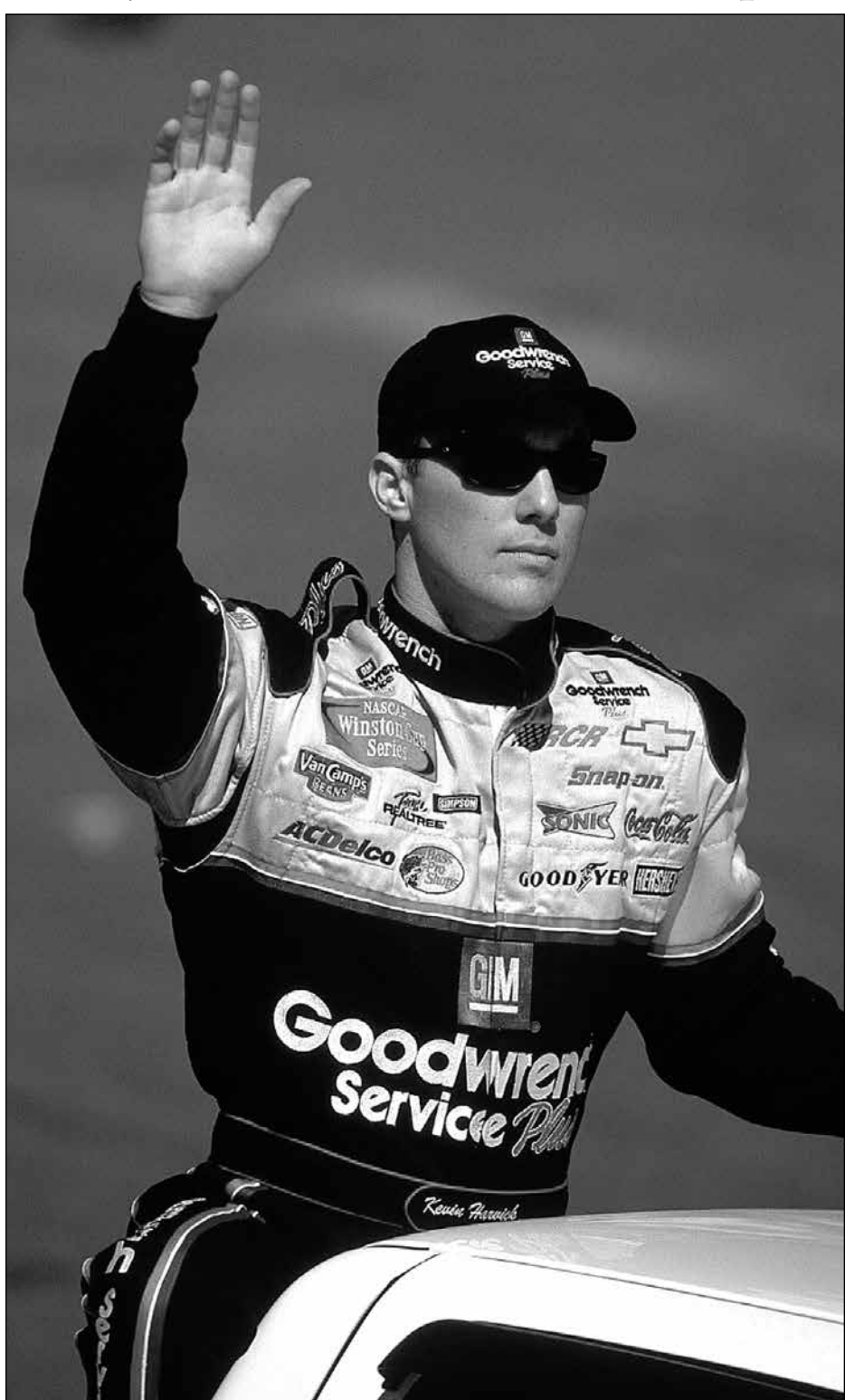


Photo by Robert Leberge / Allsport

Kevin Harvick has announced after he retires in 2023, he will join the Fox broadcast booth as an analyst in 2024.

"The credibility is off the charts. His longevity in NASCAR will only help him explain to the viewers the evolution the sport has taken," Fox Sports executive producer Brad Zager said. "For him, that next step of being in the booth is something that's almost been fait accompli since he first stepped into the booth with us."

Zager said the network had to do very little to prepare Harvick for the booth.

"We never want to try to convince somebody they should be a broadcaster, and with Harvick, we didn't have to," Zager said. "He is someone who has a passion for it already. We're very excited about everything that he brings, and we think he will be the perfect third man for Clint and Mike with his style, his personality and his credibility."

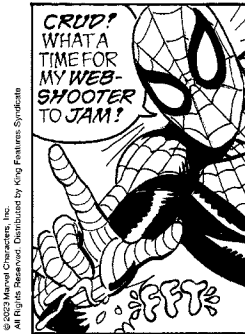
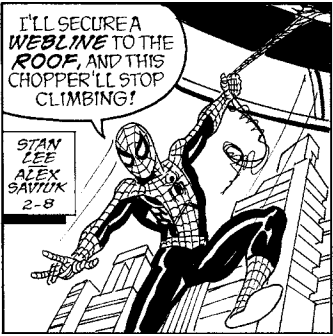
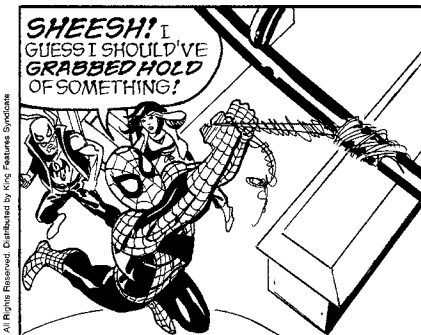
Fox primarily has been a two-man booth since Jeff Gordon stepped down at

the end of the 2021 season. The network used guests in place of Gordon but has been content waiting for the right person to fill the role full-time.

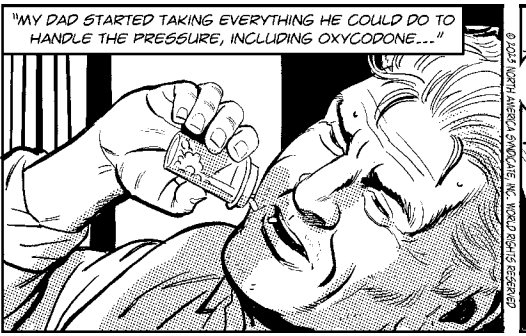
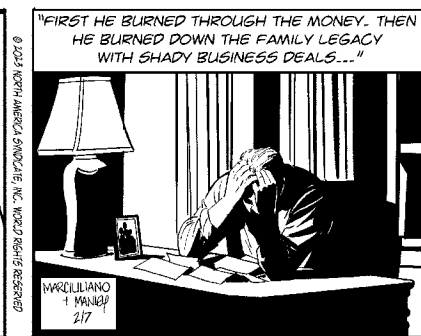
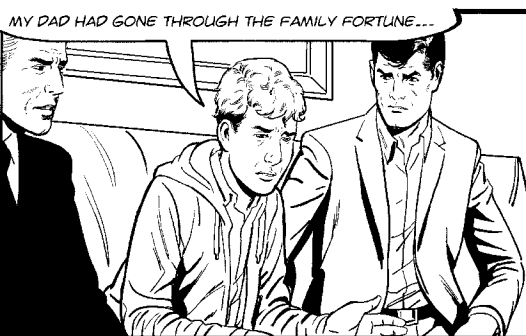
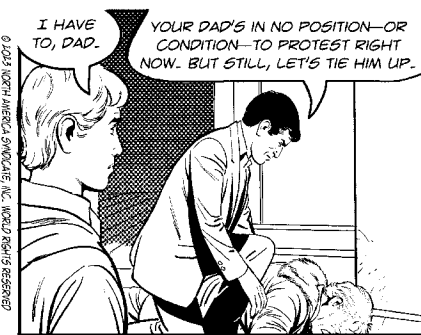
For Harvick, it will be his third different job as a co-worker with Bowyer.

The two were teammates at Richard Childress Racing early in their career, were reunited at Stewart-Haas Racing and in 2024 will be side-by-side as Fox analysts.

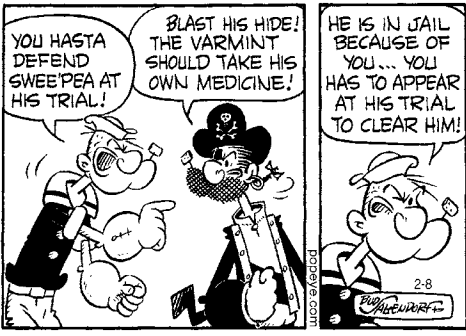
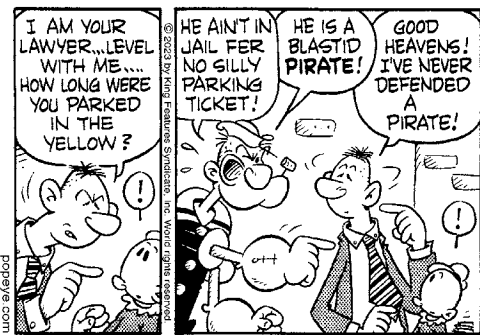
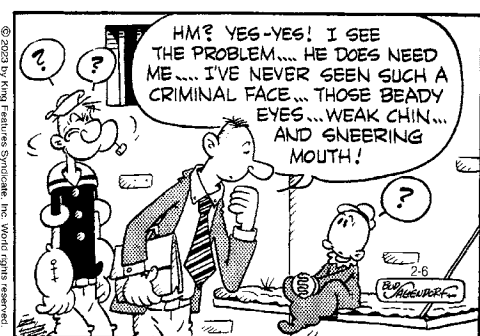
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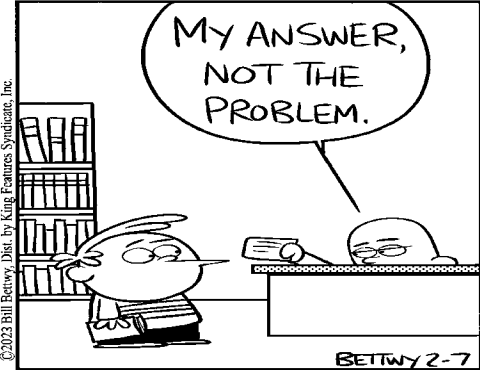
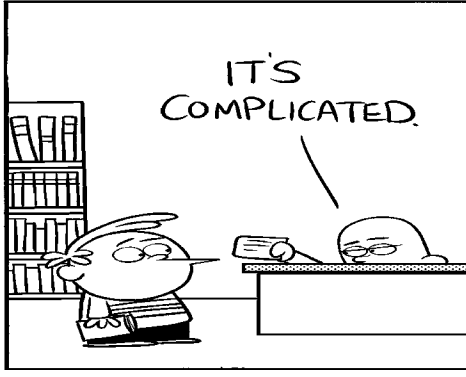
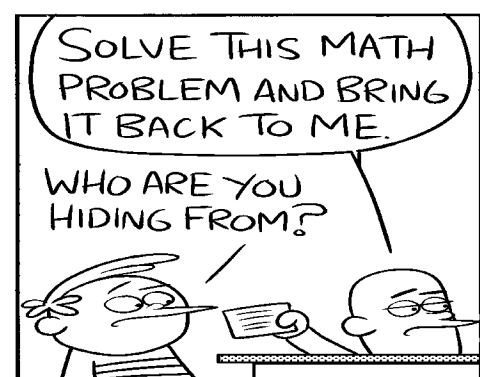
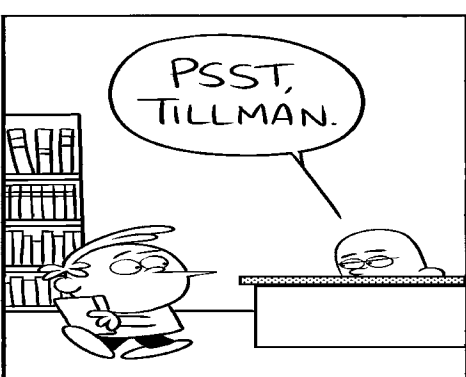
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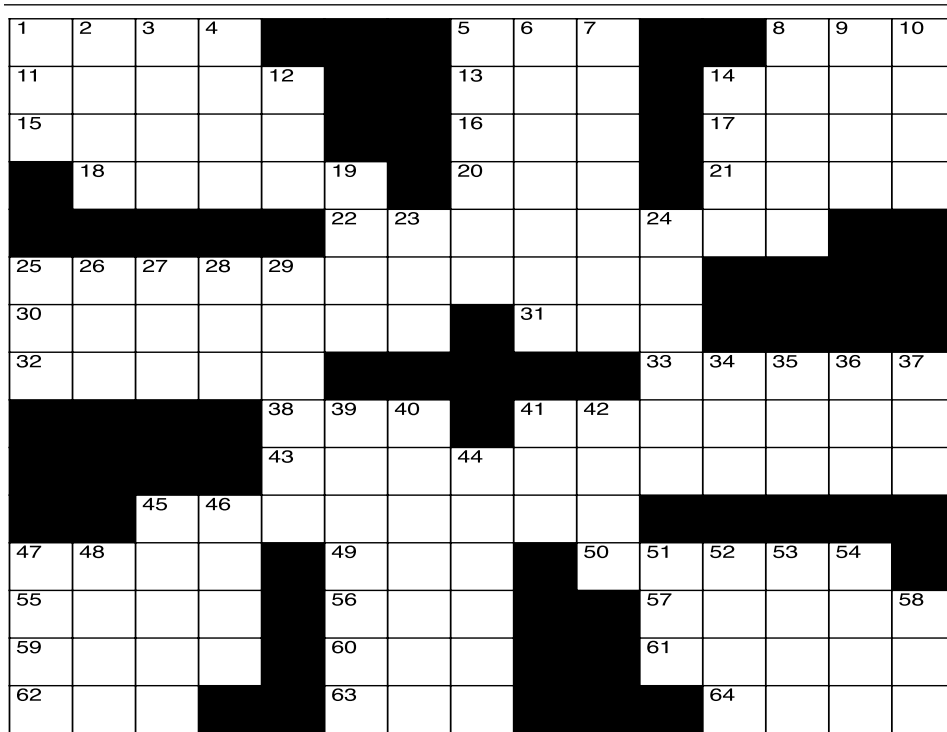
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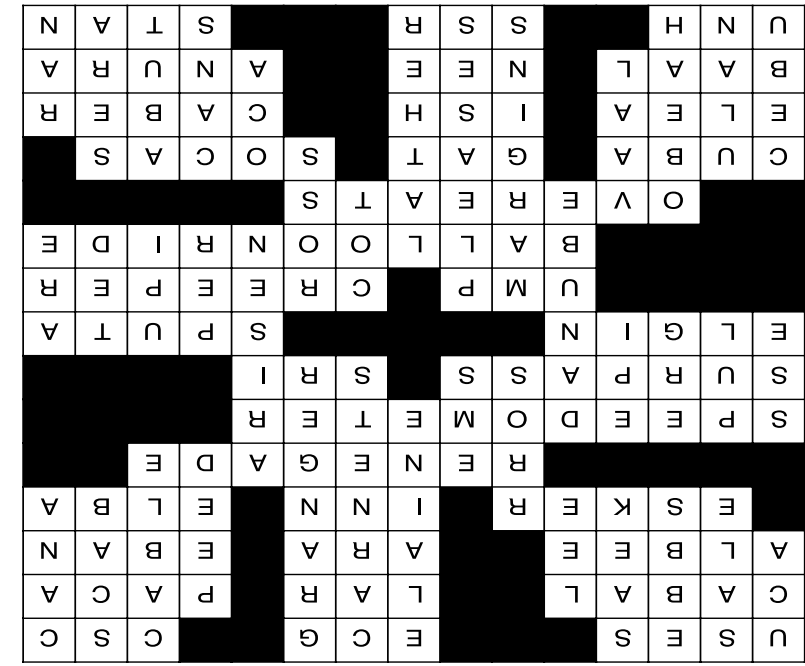
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- 1. Functions
5. Records electric currents associated with contractions of the heart
8. Trigonometric function (abbr.)
11. Secret political clique
13. Type of gibbon
14. Nocturnal S. American rodent
15. Famed American playwright
16. Mesopotamian goddess
17. Abba __, Israeli politician
18. Long ridge of gravel and sediment
20. A place to stay
21. Actor Idris
22. One who behaves in a rebellious way
25. A way to measure movement
30. Distinguish oneself
31. Type of drug (abbr.)
32. Basketball great Baylor
33. Masses of salivary matter
38. Calls balls and strikes
41. Plant that grows along the ground
43. A recreational activity in the air
45. Consumes too much
47. Island nation
49. Pistol
50. Mixtures of soul and calypso
55. Ancient Greek City
56. Similar
57. Roughly trimmed tree trunk used in a Scottish game
59. Semitic fertility god
60. Born of
61. Frogs, toads, tree toads
62. School in the northeast (abbr.)
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. " __ the Man" Musical, baseball player

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Fiddler crabs
2. Discount
3. Partner to "flows"
4. Ethnic group of Laos
5. Beloved "Seinfeld" character
6. Book of tickets
7. The last name of "Hermione"
8. Type of TV package
9. Helps to heal a cut
10. Town in Galilee
12. Actor Pocus
14. "Hocus Hocus 2" actor Ed
19. Bird-loving group (abbr.)
23. They respond when someone is sick
24. Emerged
25. Midway between south and southeast
26. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
27. Unit of work or energy
28. Indicates near
29. Famed river
34. For each
35. News organization
36. CNN's founder
37. They __
39. Areas off to the side
40. Satisfies
41. A spare bed
42. Legendary singer Diana
44. Frothy mass of bubbles
45. A kind of sorcery
46. River in South Africa
47. Philippine Island
48. County in China
51. S. American plant
52. Beverage containers
53. Edge
54. Protein-rich liquids
58. Moved quickly on foot

PUZZLE SOLUTION



ASTROGRAPH

- ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, it's important to focus on progress and not necessarily on money that can be made. See what you can learn along the path you choose.
TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
You have high hopes that your efforts will be well received this week, Taurus. Before you move full speed ahead, run your ideas by a trusted group of confidantes.
GEMINI - May 22/June 21
You don't learn by getting things right all of the time, Gemini. A few mistakes along the way provide an opportunity to grow and figure out new ways to do the job.
CANCER - June 22/July 22
Cancer, distractions seemingly abound this week and your head isn't in the game. While you can get away with a few oversights here and there, too many can be problematic.
LEO - July 23/Aug 23
Leo, someone in your life is looking for a pep talk and you are just the person to provide one. Listen to the problem at hand and offer this person some solid solutions.
VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you could be at a crossroads in your life. You are pondering many different scenarios, and now is the time to solidify plans for the next few weeks.
LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
If you made a career change recently, you may be discovering that the payoff isn't quite what you expected. Fulfillment is essential, so give some thought to new pursuits.
SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, it is not like you to feel adrift, but that could be the situation right now. Latch on to one activity or person that brings you joy. Focus on the positives in life.
SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, family members want to spend more time with you, so plan for the extra company. Have a few extra snacks on hand and make sure the house is orderly.
CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Your tendency to want to tackle things all on your own could have you push-

- ing others away, Capricorn. Accept others' willingness to pitch in.
AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, there has been a lot on your plate and many thoughts swimming through your mind. A quick getaway could be what is needed this month.
PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you have a few offers on the table, but could be having trouble narrowing down your preference. Bring in a third party to help.
FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
JANUARY 29
José Abreu, Athlete (36)
JANUARY 30
Christian Bale, Actor (49)
JANUARY 31
Justin Timberlake, Singer (42)
FEBRUARY 1
Harry Styles, Singer (29)
FEBRUARY 2
Gerard Piqué, Athlete (36)
FEBRUARY 3
Warwick Davis, Actor (53)
FEBRUARY 4
Natalie Imbruglia, Singer (48)

TUESDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

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THURSDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

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FRIDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 10, 2023

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SATURDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 11, 2023

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SUNDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

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MONDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 13, 2023

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TUESDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE

Default having been made in the terms, conditions, and payments provided in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 6, 2007, executed by Sylvester R. Pryor and Carolyn M. Pryor to Josh Nickerson as Trustee, for the benefit CitiFinancial Services, Inc., of record in Book TD676, Page 844, Instrument No. 07008960, in the Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee, conveying certain real property therein described, and Edward D. Russell of The SR Law Group, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee in Book TD1071, Page 548, Instrument No. 22009256, of record in the Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee;

WHEREAS, the said Deed of Trust was last assigned to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF BUNGALOW SERIES IV TRUST ("Holder"), c/o SN Servicing Corporation, its attorney in fact, the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable to Holder, Holder has requested foreclosure proceedings to be instituted; and as provided in said Deed of Trust, Edward D. Russell of The SR Law Group, will by virtue of the power and authority vested as Substitute Trustee, on **WEDNESDAY, February 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., at the front of the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, Tennessee**, sell to the highest bidder for cash, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, and dower, and all other exemptions which are expressly waived, and subject to any unpaid taxes, if any, the following described real estate lying and being in the Seventh (7th) Civil District of Bedford County, State of Tennessee, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

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Being the same fee simple property conveyed by Warranty Deed from Roger Dale Cooper and Glenda W. Cooper, husband and wife, to Sylvester R. Pryor and Carolyn M. Pryor, husband and wife, dated 03/11/1994, recorded on 03/14/1994 in Book 201, Page 866 in Bedford County Records, State of TN. Property address:

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This day, January 17, 2023, Edward D. Russell, Substitute Trustee The SR Law Group

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PO Box 128 Mt. Juliet, TN 37121 (615) 559-3190 russell@thesrlawgroup.com (Jan. 24 & 31, Feb. 7, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Brenda Gayle Gibson Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on January 12 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of **Brenda Gayle Gibson** who died 1/6/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. Date: 1/12/2023 John Hand, Executor Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master John T. Bobo, Bobo, Hunt & White, Attorney (January 31 & February 7, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Flora Frances Foster Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on January 11 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of **Flora Frances Foster** who died 12/19/2022 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. Date: 1/11/2023 Steven D. Foster, Executor Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master Tamra L. Smith, Attorney (January 31 & February 7, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of L D Mangrum Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on January 19 of 2023, Letters of Administration

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in respect of the estate of **L D Mangrum** who died 1/2/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. Date: 1/19/2023 Melissa Arnold & David Mangrum, Co-Executors Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master Jeff Yoes, Attorney (January 31 & February 7, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Jeffrey Eugene Vincent Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on January 11 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of **Jeffrey Eugene Vincent** who died 3/30/2022 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. Date: 1/11/2023 Ollie E. Vincent, Administrator Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master Richard L. Dugger, Attorney (January 31 & February 7, 2023)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated September 26, 2007, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded October 2, 2007, in Book No. TD673, at Page 852, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Rodney W Warren, conveying certain property therein described to Brandon G. Polito as Trustee for Wells Fargo Financial Tennessee 1, LLC; and

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the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, will, on February 27, 2023 on or about 3:15 PM, at the Main Entrance of the Bedford County Courthouse 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEING Lot No. 39 Orchard Acres, Section 2, as shown by plat of record in Plat Cabinet "B", Envelope 25, of the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which plat reference is hereby made for a more complete and accurate description of said lot. SUBJECT to any and all existing easements, setback lines and restrictive covenants of record in the said Register's Office.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 122 Peachtree Lane, Bell Buckle, TN 37020

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above referenced property: RODNEY W WARREN TENANTS OF LENDMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place W&A No. 143001 2 certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. In the event of inclement weather, the trustee hereby announces that the sale will be postponed and that notices of said postponement for inclement weather will be mailed to interested parties of record. W&A No. 143001 DATED February 2, 2023 WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C., Successor Trustee (Feb. 7, 14, & 21, 2023)

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The following vehicles will be sold at silent auction at Green's Towing and Recovery, 1713 Green Lane, Shelbyville, TN 37160 on February 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Liable for towing and storage. 2004 Honda Accord VIN# 1HGCM56344A022696

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The City of Shelbyville is accepting applications for the position of full-time Maintenance Worker for the Parks and Recreation Department. The employee is responsible for performing maintenance tasks of a semi-skilled or skilled nature. Valid Tennessee driver's license required. Must be 18 years old to apply. This is a full-time position with an hourly rate of \$15.00, plus benefits. This position is scheduled to work four 10-hour days and hours are 6:00am-4:30pm. Applications and complete job descriptions may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City website: www.shelbyville-tn.org. Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring Street, submitted online or email to stacey.claxton@shelbyville-tn.org. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. The City of Shelbyville is an equal opportunity employer and a drug free workplace. Successful Applicants are required to

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pass background check, physical and drug screen. Stacey Claxton-Human Resources Generalist (Feb. 7, 11, & 14, 2023)

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO: SERGIO CAZARES MOLINA Leticia MUTHENIA CANTERO, Plaintiff Vs. SERGIO CAZARES MOLINA, Defendant

Case No. 34303 In the Chancery Court of Bedford County at Shelbyville In this cause, it appearing from the complaint which is sworn to that the current residence of Sergio Cazares Molina, is unknown and cannot be ascertained despite diligent inquiry. He is hereby required to appear before the undersigned Clerk and Master and make defense to the complaint and serve a copy of his answer on plaintiff's solicitor, Brenda S. Bramlett, 885 Union Street, Suite B, P.O. Box 967, Shelbyville, TN, 37162, or otherwise judgement by default will be taken against him for the relief demanded in the complaint. It is further ordered that this notice be published for four consecutive weeks in the Shelbyville Times Gazette. This the 18th day of January, 2023. Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master Attorney for Plaintiff: Brenda S. Bramlett P.O. Box 967 Shelbyville, TN 37162 (January 31, & 21, February 7, 14, & 21, 2023)

NOAA report: Tennessee drought plan lacks triggers

By CAROLINE EGGERS WPLN-FM

NASHVILLE — Drought affects everything from water quality and public health to ecosystems and infrastructure. But when does a drought become severe enough to warrant water restrictions?

Tennessee state agencies do not have that answer, according to a new report funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the University of South Carolina.

The state last released an official "Drought Management Plan" in 2010. It outlines a general approach to monitoring, water management and agency coordination during drought, but it lacks the processes needed to determine the severity of a drought and how to respond at different levels of drought.

"It is not an operational plan as it does not specify monitoring indicators nor the threshold values that would trigger drought declaration levels and response actions," the report states.

Across the state, local water systems are required to have their own drought management plan that includes trigger points. The report warned about responsibilities being "siloed" to the water management sector, since other agencies, including the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Army Corps of Engineers, play important roles in regulating water movement and availability.

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency are the agencies in charge of drought preparation, and the governor has the ability to make an emergency declaration that would allow them to take action during droughts.

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Bickering balloons over Biden's actions, China's intentions

By **CHRIS MEGERIAN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican lawmakers on Sunday accused China of deliberately surveilling sensitive U.S. military sites with a suspected spy balloon and said the Biden administration had given Beijing an intelligence opening by not downing the balloon during its high-altitude drift through American airspace.

The balloon's presence in the sky above the United States before a military jet shot it down over the Atlantic Ocean with a missile Saturday further strained U.S.-China ties. America's top diplomat abruptly scrapped a trip to Beijing and China's defense ministry said in a statement after the balloon fell into the waters off the Carolina coast that it "reserves the right to take necessary measures to deal with similar situations."

"Clearly this was an attempt by China to gather information, to defeat our command and control of our sensitive missile defense and nuclear weapon sites," said the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Mike Turner, R-Ohio, among the members of Congress on the Sunday news shows. "And that certainly is an urgency that this administration does not recognize."

U.S. defense and military officials said the balloon entered the U.S. air defense zone north of the Aleutian Islands on Jan. 28 and moved largely over land across Alaska and then into Canadian airspace in the Northwest Territories on Monday. It crossed back into U.S. territory over northern Idaho on Tuesday, the day the White House said President Joe Biden was first briefed on it. "It defies belief to suggest there was nowhere" between Alaska and the Carolinas where the U.S. could have safely shot down the balloon, said Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said the full Senate will get a briefing next week on the balloon, including details about its surveillance capabilities, and that the administration is considering measures against the Chinese for "their brazen activities." He said the GOP criticism was political and premature, and that the U.S. had "sent a clear message to China that this is not acceptable."

Biden issued the shutdown order but had wanted it to happen earlier, on Wednesday. He was advised that the best time for the operation would be when it was over water, U.S. officials said. Military officials determined that bringing down the balloon over land from an altitude of 60,000 feet would pose an undue risk to people on the ground.

"The message they (the Chinese) were trying to send is what they believe internally, and that is that the United States is a once great superpower that's hollowed out, that's in decline," said Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee. "And the message they're trying to send the world is, 'Look, these guys can't even do anything about a balloon flying over U.S. airspace. How can you possibly count on them if something were to happen in the Indo-Pacific region?'"

By Wednesday the balloon was over Montana, home to Malmstrom Air Force Base, which has fields of nuclear missile silos.

The Chinese "didn't go and look at the Grand Canyon," Turner said. "They went and looked at our nuclear weapon sites and the missile defense sites throughout the country."

On Thursday the Pentagon publicly exposed the balloon, and after that, "China maneuvered the balloon to leave the U.S.," Schumer told reporters Sunday. A U.S. official who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity confirmed that the balloon changed course at that point.

That it could be maneuvered ran counter to China's contention that the balloon — claimed to be a civilian airship used mainly for meteorological research — had limited "self-steering" capabilities and had "deviated far from its planned course" because of winds.

"This was not an accident. This was deliberate. It was intelligence, you know?" said retired Adm. Mike Mullen, a former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman.

Asked whether elements of the Chinese military may have wanted to disrupt Secretary of State Antony Blinken's planned visit, Mullen responded: "Clearly, I think that's the case."

He said "this really damages a relationship between us and China" and "puts a big dent in moving forward in a constructive way, which we really need to do."

To Rep. Mike Gallagher, R-Wis., who leads a new House committee on China, the message conveyed by Beijing is "look what we can do to you and get away with. Your corporations, your career politicians, they will come crawling back."

The flight came to an end at about 2:39 p.m. EST Saturday, when an F-22 fighter jet fired a missile at the balloon, puncturing it while it was about 6 nautical miles off the coast near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, defense officials said.

The debris landed in 47 feet of water, shallower than officials had expected, and it spread out over roughly 7 miles. Officials estimated the recovery efforts would be completed in a short time, not weeks.

Defense officials who briefed reporters have said the U.S. was able to collect intelligence on the balloon as it flew over the country. They said the military concluded that the technology on the balloon didn't give the Chinese significant intelligence beyond what it could already obtain from satellites, though the U.S. took steps to mitigate what information it could gather as it moved along.

Turner was on NBC's "Meet the Press," Rubio was on ABC's "This Week" and CNN's "State of the Union," Mullen was on ABC and Gallagher appeared on Fox News Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures."

Art students awarded

The Bedford County School System would like to congratulate these talented art students for their recent awards at the 32nd Annual Middle Tennessee Scholastic Art Awards: Chakira Piper, from Community Middle School; Haylee Warrick, from Community High School; and Claire King (not pictured), from Shelbyville Central High School.



Chakira Piper from Community Middle School shows off her artwork.



Haylee Warrick, left, received a Silver Key for her digital art, "Past, Present, Future Triptych." Pictured right is Community High art teacher Brittney Johnson.

Submitted photos

Board clears path for mini-union vote at Nissan Smyrna plant

By **JONATHAN MATTISE**
Associated Press

NASHVILLE — Fewer than 100 employees out of the thousands who work at Nissan's auto assembly plant in Tennessee can hold a vote on whether to form a small union, the federal labor board has decided.

The ruling Thursday by the National Labor Relations Board overturns a June 2021 decision by one of its regional officials that has long blocked the vote. The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers sought to limit the push to about 86 tool and die technicians at Nissan's Smyrna plant, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) outside Nashville.

The union said it is discussing the ruling with the employees at the Nissan facility "to determine the best path forward."

The board's three Democrats, who now hold a majority under President Joe Biden, signed off on the decision. The last remaining GOP member did not join the majority's ruling.

The ruling offers a dash of hope for unions in their struggle to get a foothold in foreign-owned auto assembly plants in the traditionally anti-union South.

Previously, the regional official ruled against the smaller bloc vote after finding the few dozen workers share an "overwhelming community of interest" with the rest of the facility's production and maintenance workers. She found that the only appropriate unionized group would be one representing about 4,300 plantwide production and maintenance workers. The union did not want the larger vote

and didn't pursue it.

The board, under a newly installed Democratic majority, announced in December 2021 that it would review that decision.

The board reasoned this week that the group of workers qualifies for the carved-out vote as a "craft unit," saying those workers are "highly trained, highly paid employees working in a trade that the Board has frequently recognized as a craft."

Nissan had contended that the employees are not sufficiently distinct from other plant workers to be eligible for their own small unionized subgroup. The company has about 7,000 employees at the Smyrna facility.

"While we do not agree with the Board's position, our history reflects that we respect the right of employees to determine who should represent their interests in the workplace," Nissan spokesperson Lloryn Love-Carter said in a statement.

The union, meanwhile, said the decision "sets a strong precedent going forward that appropriately classifies standalone craft units."

"It is unfortunate that a broken and painstakingly long NLRB process has again allowed a company to put the brakes on workers obtaining a voice on the job without delay," Machinists union spokesperson DeLane Adams said in a statement.

Nissan does work with organized labor in the rest of the world, but votes to unionize broadly at the U.S. two plants have not been close. Workers in Smyrna rejected a plantwide union under the United Auto Workers in 2001 and 1989. The Japan-based

automaker's other U.S. assembly plant in Canton, Mississippi, rejected facility-wide representation by the UAW during a 2017 vote.

The margin was much closer in 2014 and 2019 votes at the Volkswagen plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where workers twice rejected a factory-wide union under the UAW.

The year after the 2014 vote failed, a group of 160 Chattanooga maintenance workers won a vote to form a smaller union, but Volkswagen refused to bargain. The German automaker had argued the bargaining unit needed to include production workers as well. The dust-up led to the 2019 factory-wide vote.

Unions also have run into opposition from Republican politicians when they attempt to organize at foreign automakers in the South, including in Tennessee.

Tennessee does have a big union presence at an American automaker: the General Motors plant in Spring Hill has thousands of production and skilled trades workers represented by UAW.

There is also an open question about whether workers will unionize at four sprawling new factories planned by Ford in Kentucky and Tennessee by 2025, with an aim of hiring nearly 11,000 workers. Three of the plants — two in Kentucky, one in Tennessee — will be built with Ford's South Korean corporate partner, SK Innovation, to produce electric vehicle batteries. A fourth, in Tennessee, will make electric F-Series pickup trucks.

Cubans respond with zeal to new U.S. migration policy

By **ANDREA RODRIGUEZ**
Associated Press

HAVANA — In barely a week, 25-year-old engineer Marcos Marzo went from riding his small electric motorcycle past the low buildings of Havana's Vedado district to traveling the mega-highways of Florida, amazed by the towering high-rises and giant supermarkets.

A close relative told Marzo on Jan. 21 that he had applied online to sponsor the young engineer's trip to Florida as required by the new parole program for Cuban migrants set up by the Biden administration. The next day the sponsorship had been confirmed and the day after that it was approved.

With his printed authorization in hand and a small blue suitcase, Marzo climbed aboard a plane to Hialeah last Friday, shaken by the speed of it all.

"It has been a very hard, that in seven days your life changes so drastically, it fills you with hope, but at the same time it fills you with dread," Marzo told The Associated Press before leaving for what he knew would be a personal watershed.

Overwhelmed by thousands of Cubans crowding its southern

border after making the dangerous trip through Central America and an increase in makeshift boats crossing the Florida Straits, the United States in early January approved a policy change that makes migrants request a permit, or parole,

online before arriving with the sponsorship of a relative or acquaintance in the U.S.

Cubans, who qualify for the program along with Nicaraguans, Haitians and Venezuelans, have responded with zeal, launching a search for

sponsors and long lines to obtain documents. The program's backers hope it will help would-be migrants avoid the risks of the route through Mexico -- plagued by traffickers -- and bring order to the migrant flow.

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Mahomes' magic or Hurts' heroics?

Super Bowl LVII poised to be one of the best

By **CHRIS SIERS**
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Since 2018, Patrick Mahomes has dazzled the NFL with some of the best quarterback play in NFL history.

He's built quite the resume in such a short time, including a NFL MVP, Super Bowl Champion and Super Bowl MVP.

In Super Bowl LVII, Mahomes will make his third appearance in the big game, hoping to hoist the Lombardi Trophy for a second time in three appearances.

But there's been a steady rise among quarterback talent across the NFL over the past few seasons and like Mahomes, Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts has found his footing with Philadelphia and has greatness within his grasp.

For the Chiefs, Andy Reid's squad finds itself as the last standing in what's been an absolute gauntlet among AFC competition.

From the emergence of Trevor Lawrence in Jacksonville over the last half of the season, to the gaudy numbers Justin Herbert has posted with the Chargers, to out-dueling Joe Burrow and the Cincinnati Bengals and Josh Allen in Buffalo, Kansas City is establishing itself as a true dynasty in the current era of the NFL.

Making matters even worse, the Chiefs



had to overcome several injuries in the AFC Championship against Cincinnati to even make the Super Bowl this season, including a high-ankle sprain to Mahomes.

Yet the Chiefs' signal caller delivered when the game was on the line, like he has done so many times before, and the put Kansas City in the Super Bowl for the third time in four seasons.

How did they get there?

Mahomes put up another year of MVP-caliber statistics, throwing for over 5,200 yards and completing 41 touchdown passes against just 12 interceptions.

He's also completed over 67% of his passes this season.

While the Chiefs have been a pass-priority offense this season, it's been tight end Travis Kelce who has been the top target for Mahomes.

He led the Chiefs

in receiving yards this season with 1,338 and had 12 touchdown catches in the regular season.

Running back Jerick McKinnon was another scoring option for Mahomes in the regular season, hauling in nine touchdown grabs.

On the ground, it was Isiah Pacheco who churned out 830 rushing yards and had five touchdowns.

With an injury to JuJu Smith-Schuster, who was acquired to help fill the void left by Tyreek Hill, it's been Marquez Valdes-Scantling who has been the downfield threat at receiver for the Chiefs.

All-in-all, it's been another stellar year with the combination of Reid on the sideline and Mahomes under center for Kansas City—nothing out of the ordinary or unexpected from the most consistent team in the NFL.

On the NFC side of things, it's Hurts and the Eagles who have been a bit of a surprise.

While Dallas garnered all the pre-season hype with the talent on the defen-

sive side of the ball and now veteran quarterback Dak Prescott and Zeke Elliott, it was Hurts and the Eagles who won the games that mattered to capture the top seed in the NFC and win their division.

After the Eagles won their first Super Bowl in 2018, the faith behind then-quarterback Carson Wentz faded due to injuries and the depletion of talent around him.

Eventually, that led to his trading to Indianapolis, leaving Hurts as the starter.

While not posting passing numbers nearly as gaudy as Mahomes, Hurts has found a winning recipe as the Eagles went 14-3 and made quick work of the Giants and '49ers in the playoffs.

In fact, it's been a combination of stellar defense and an opportunistic offense that has Hurts playing in his first Super Bowl.

The Eagles have allowed opposing teams to score over 30 just twice this season—in a win against Detroit and a loss to Dallas.

In the postseason, Philly has given up just

two touchdowns.

During the regular season, Hurts threw for just over 3,700 yards and completed 66.5% of his passes and had 22 touchdowns against six interceptions.

The difference for Philly has been the effectiveness in the ground attack. Miles Sanders rushed for over 1,200 yards in the regular season and scored 11 touchdowns.

Hurts added another wrinkle to the offense, tacking on 760 rushing yards and 13 rushing scores of his own—mirroring the game of former MVPs Lamar Jackson and Cam Newton.

But he's also been smart in distributing offense through the air as Philly had two receivers go north of 1,100 receiving yards this season.

A.J. Brown, who was acquired in a trade from Tennessee in the offseason, finished with 1,496 receiving yards and 11 touchdowns while DeVonta Smith had 1,196 yards and seven scores in the regular season.

Against New York and San Francisco in the postseason, it's been the clock control, ground game that's produced seven rushing touchdowns from the Eagles' offense.

Sanders, Hurts and Boston Scott have all found the end zone twice on rushing touchdowns, while Kenneth Gainwell has scored one.

Through the air, it's been Smith and tight end Dallas Goedert who have caught Hurts' two, post-season passing touchdowns.

But beyond the numbers, Super Bowl LVII garners so much intrigue and other storylines that make this an even more interesting matchup.

Reid, who has coached at Kansas City for a decade now, will face his former team in Philadelphia, where he spent 13 seasons as the head coach.

And while there's familiarity with Reid and his former franchise, there may be nobody more familiar with their opponents than Travis and Jason Kelce.

For the first time in NFL history, siblings will play against each other in the Super Bowl.

And yet perhaps the biggest storyline of all is the Super Bowl will feature two black starting quarterbacks for the first time ever.

No matter how you cut it, the game has intrigue from the X's and O's to the various surrounding storylines.

Who will come out on top?

Will Mahomes and the Chiefs have enough rest and time to get healthy after being battered and beaten down leading up to the AFC Championship?

Or will Hurts add more history by winning the first Super Bowl he's appeared in?

At the time betting odds opened, Vegas slated the Chiefs as 1.5 point favorites, which as anyone can tell, means the game is essentially a toss up.

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Mahomes, Hurts set for historic Super Bowl matchup

By **ROB MAADDI**

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

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

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

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

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

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

They all had to over-



come stereotypes to get to this point.

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

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

Philadelphia.

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

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

"My first year here, (people) probably didn't even want to draft me here," Hurts said Sunday. "It was probably



one of those things. But it always handles itself."

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

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

"I don't really know how to feel to be honest. You work really hard to put yourself in this position and I'm forever grateful," Hurts said. "Only God knows the things that each individual on this team has

been able to overcome for us to come together as a team and do something special as a group. That's what means the most. I always want to go out there and give my best regardless of what's going on because I don't want to let down the guy next to me. That makes us all go harder."

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

and two scores.

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

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

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

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

Only one QB can win the Super Bowl. Whether it's Hurts or Mahomes, it's another victory for the Black QBs who were overlooked throughout the years.

Kelces prepare for Super Bowl showdown

By **DAVE SKRETTA**

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 fan."

He'll leave that to mom and dad.

While her husband, Ed, has mostly kept private over the years,



AP Photo/Ed Zurga

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

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.

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 into the fold.

"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 at, either.

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 family."

Super Bowl facts

- The Lombardi Trophy weighs seven pounds, costs \$50,000 to make and is made by Tiffany & Co. each year.
- A 30-second commercial in 1967 cost about \$40,000 in the first Super Bowl.
- In 2022, a 30-second commercial cost around \$7 million.
- The first Super Bowl was between the Green Bay Packers and Kansas City Chiefs.
- The lowest winning score of a Super Bowl came in 2019, when the New England Patriots beat the Los Angeles Rams, 13-3.
- The highest scoring winner was the San Francisco '49ers in 1990, when they beat the Denver Broncos, 55-10.
- The New England Patriots and Pittsburgh Steelers are tied with the most franchise wins in a Super Bowl at six apiece.
- Tom Brady and Peyton Manning are the only two quarterbacks to have won a Super Bowl with two different franchises. Brady has wins with New England and Tampa Bay, while Manning has wins with Indianapolis and Denver.
- Since 1941, footballs featured in the Super Bowl have been made in Ada, Ohio, at the Wilson Football Factory.
- Following Thanksgiving, Super Bowl Sunday is the second-largest food consumption day in the U.S.
- An estimated 8 million pounds of guacamole is consumed on Super Bowl Sunday. Roughly 14,500 tons of chips are eaten with the guacamole.
- Tickets for Super Bowl I cost \$12. In Super Bowl LVII, the cheapest tickets are around \$4,000.
- Super Bowl XLIV became the most-watched event in history when it beat out the M*A*S*H finale.
- An estimated 1.25 billion chicken wings will be eaten on Super Bowl Sunday.
- No quarterback has won the Heisman Trophy, a national championship and a Super Bowl.
- Super Bowl LVIII will be held in Las Vegas.
- In 2013, during Super Bowl XLVII, a power outage left half of the Super Dome in darkness during a 34 minute delay.
- Kansas City head coach will face his former team, Philadelphia, becoming the fifth head coach to do so.
- Super Bowl LVII will be the first Super Bowl to feature two black starting quarterbacks with Patrick Mahomes and Jalen Hurts. They will also be the youngest quarterback matchup in Super Bowl history.
- Jalen Hurts and Patrick Mahomes both have ties to the Big XII conference, with Hurts having played for a year at Oklahoma and Mahomes playing for three years at Texas Tech.
- The Detroit Lions, Cleveland Browns, Houston Texans and Jacksonville Jaguars have never played in a Super Bowl.
- The New England Patriots and Denver Broncos are tied with the most Super Bowl losses at five.
- Tom Brady has won the most Super Bowls at seven.
- Miami has hosted the Super Bowl 11 times, with New Orleans being the runner-up at 10.
- The NFL has a policy against holding Super Bowls in stadiums that average less than 50 degrees Fahrenheit, unless it's an enclosed stadium.
- Brothers Travis and Jason Kelce will be the first brothers to play against each other in a Super Bowl. Travis plays for the Chiefs and Jason plays for the Eagles.

