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High-scoring Viqueens claim honors

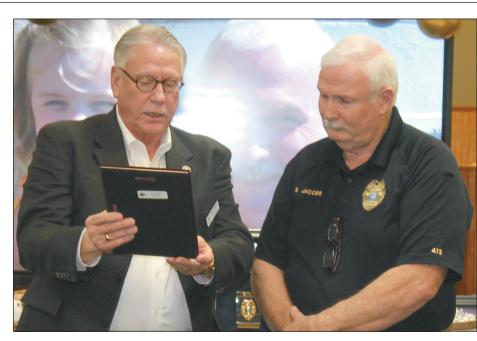


The Community Viqueen student section erupts and celebrates with 2,000-point signs to honor MJ Simmons' benchmark. Simmons and the Viqueens defeated East Nashville 70-52 Wednesday night to claim their second straight Region 4-AA championship. See more coverage in Sports, Page 1C.

DETECTIVE HONORED

Det. Sgt. Sam Jacobs, right, receives a proclamation from Mayor Randy **Carroll honoring his** 21-year career in law enforcement, all served with the Shelbyville **Police Department.** Jacobs, who didn't start in law enforcement until reaching his mid-40s, retired Friday.

T-G Photo by David Melson



Shoma **Park** sign to return

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By DAVID MELSON dmelson@t-g.com

A new sign is going up at the entrance to Shoma Park subdivision in northeastern Shelbyville, but some city officials are concerned about setting a precedent.

"Does that mean that any subdivision can ask for a sign?" council member Bobby Turnbow said at a study session Tuesday

The sign will be placed near the location of the subdivision's original sign, placed in the 1970s. Two signs, which had been placed in the median, have been demolished in auto accidents over the years, Public Works Director Buck Vallad said.

Several large, longestablished subdivisions in Shelbyville have signs placed by developers at their entrances. Idle Acres and Brookhaven were mentioned at the meeting.

The city could be liable for subdivision signs built in the right-of-way, City Attorney Ginger Shofner

Area residents requested the new Idle Acres sign, Vallad said. Cost is estimated at approximately \$6,700 by Tennessee Sign Co., but Vallad said that could come down if city crews make the sign.

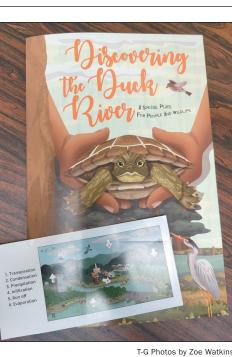
More burial sites

Ground penetrating has detected approximately 300 more potential burial plots at Willow Mount Cemetery, Vallad said.

The area, in the western side near mausoleums in the newer area of the historic cemetery, was previously thought to have

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Members of the Duck River Watershed Education Committee, back row, delivered booklets and bookmarks to Bedford's third and fourth graders. Pictured in the front row are students from East Side Elementary.

Preserving the Duck for the future

By ZOË WATKINS zwatkins@t-g.com

Members from the Duck River Watershed Education Committee delivered reading material to third and fourth graders to help them learn more about conserving the

Duck River. Fourth graders across Bedford County received a book entitled

"Discovering the Duck River," while third graders received water cycle bookmarks. These materials are part of

Committee to educate students for the future, according to member Doug Murphy.

an initiative by the Duck River

"We drink water out of the Duck River, and that's the most important thing. So, we need to

teach people to take care of it and how valuable it is," he said. Some 300,000 people depend on the Duck River watershed, which stretches through Humphreys,

Hickman, Maury, Marshall,

Bedford, and Coffee counties. The

Normandy Reservoir, a 17-mile lake behind the dam, provides water for people in Manchester, Tullahoma, and areas around them.

Starting in the community of Hoo Doo in Coffee County, it is

the only river in Tennessee that remains entirely within the state. It ends in Humphreys County where it meets the Tennessee River. Murphy said many people only see the Duck River as "muddy and

green," but in fact, it is one of the

most biologically diverse rivers

in the world. It has more than 650 freshwater species (more than any other inland river in North America), including varieties of fish, mussels, snails, crayfish, frogs and turtles, insects, and algae. "It's a very unique river, which

is why we need to take care of it,"

The nonprofit has been working with school systems for about 20 years. Around 1999, they started

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DEATH NOTICES

Sara Waggoner

February 26, 2023

Mrs. Sara Waggoner, age 81, of College Grove, died Sunday, February 26, 2023 in Nashville. She was the mother of Tracey (Joe) Bennett of Unionville.

Graveside services were conducted Thursday, March 2 at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Franklin.

OBITUARIES

Joe 'Tim' Dunn Sr.

March 1, 2023

Mr. Joe "Tim" Dunn, Sr., age 80, of the Wheel community, passed away March 1, 2023, at his home, under the loving care and comfort of his family and Caris Healthcare.

2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Reverend Kenneth Neill will officiate, with burial to follow in the

Funeral services will be

Wheel Cemetery. The family will receive visitors 4-8 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2023, at the funeral home.

He was born December 3, 1942, in the Wheel community, to the late T. A. and Demmie Taylor Dunn. He was retired from Inter-City Products in Lewisburg. He loved "Big Orange" football, racing, and was well known for his spectacular garden that raised up until this last year. Above all, he loved his wife, children, and his precious grandchildren. A man of great faith, he held membership in Eastview Baptist Church before failing health prevented him from being able to attend.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Tammy Lowayne Dunn, in 2005; a great grandchild, Vinnie Montalvo; sisters, Lila Mae Oakley, Elizabeth Prince, and Carolyn Thronberry.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Alice West Dunn; three sons, Timmy Dunn, and his wife, Moana, John Dunn, and his wife Kim, and Kenny Dunn, and his wife Trish; twelve grandchildren, Brandy Dunn, Jessica Dunn, Ashlee Dunn, who he considered a daughter and helped raise for eighteen years, Preston Dunn, Elijah Dunn, Peyton Dunn, Deacon Dunn, Cecilia Dunn, Theo Dunn, Remy Dunn, Rosalee Dunn, and Layne Bradford; a brother, Billy Dunn, of Wilmington, Illinois; four sistersin-law and one brother-in-law; several nieces and nephews.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Russell Albert 'Al' Knotts

January 8, 2023 Russell Albert Knotts, 70, Titusville, Florida, formerly of Shelbyville, passed away on Sunday, January 2023

at Cape Canaveral Hospital after an extended He was born November

15,1952 in Shreveport, Louisiana to the late Quinton Carl Knotts and JoAnn McLerran. He was raised by his maternal grandparents, whom he loved and adored, the late Russell McLerran, Sr. and Mary McLerran in Olney, Ilinois.

He is survived by his two daughters: Ashleigh Knotts of Huntsville, Alabama and

Mackenzie Knotts of Murfreesboro. Eight brothers: Wayne (Bridgett) Knotts, Patrick (Dusty) Knotts, Christopher (Jacklyn) Knotts, and Jeffrey (Amber) Knotts, all of Texas; Rory (Fran) Knotts of Tennessee; and Kyle (Devon) Knotts of Alabama; Carleton (Vicki) Knotts, Kurt Knotts, and stepmother Martha Knotts, all of Florida; and 22 nieces and nephews.

He started his career as a supervisor in manufacturing in Illinois and continued in Fremont, Ohio and Fulton, Missouri before moving to Tennessee where he worked as a supervisor for Goodman before retiring and joining O'Reilly Auto Parts as a delivery specialist. He recently transferred with O'Reilly Auto Parts to Titusville.

Al loved family, attending car shows, 70s rock, going to church, and most importantly - being a dad. He attended every softball/soccer game and piano/violin recital when they were children and loved hearing about their travels all over the world as adults. He was always ready to lend a helping hand and crack a joke to make you smile - his presence will be greatly missed.

A memorial service was held at Gateway Community Church in Titusville on Saturday, January 14, 2023. Here is the link to the service: https://fb.watch/i2DgcWWPh/?mibextid=v7YzmG

George Taylor 'Buddy' Thompson Jr.

February 25, 2023 George Taylor "Buddy" Thompson, Jr., of Unionville,

Tennessee passed away on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the age of 82 surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his father George Taylor

Thompson Sr., mother Georgia Cornelia Thompson née Martin, sister Maryann Thompson, and son Jeffrey Taylor

He is survived by his daughter Sherry (Thomas Sr.) Hampton, son Todd (Elaine) Thompson, 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

He will be deeply missed and forever in our hearts. In the words of Papa..."love ya, bye."

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OBITUARIES

Mary Jane Barber Smith

February 28, 2023

Mary Jane Barber Smith, 84, of Shelbyville died Tuesday, February 28, 2023 surrounded by her family.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, 2023 at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Rev. Bobby McGee officiating. Burial will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 12 noon.

She is survived by her sons, John Lee (Sara Beth Lewis) Smith of Unionville,

Christopher Lee (Cristy) Smith of Cookeville; three grandchildren, Ameria Smith, Lanica Smith, Ansley Wycoff; two great-grandchildren, Kelsey Alyssa Atkins and Christopher Lee Smith Jr. Mary Jane was preceded in death by her parents, John

Luster and Clara Edrie Moore Barber; her husband, Carl Avery Smith; daughter, Margaret Cecelia Smith Crow; brother, Johnny Gale Barber and sister, Etta Virginia Mary Jane was born in Unionville, Tennessee. She

graduated from Community High School in 1958. Mary Jane enjoyed 44 loving years of marriage with Carl Avery Smith. She was baptized at North Fork Baptist Church and was a member of Edgemont Baptist Church since 1985. She dedicated her life to serving the Lord and those she loved. The family would like to extend our deepest thank you to all of the caregivers at Celebration Way for loving

Katherine Margaret Bronn Strobel

Katherine Margaret Bronn Strobel, July 22, 1930-February 14, 2023, died peacefully at home in Bell Buckle, Tennessee. She was born and raised in Natchez, Mississippi, the eldest child of Leroy William Bronn and Nannie Mae Kelly Bronn and sister to Ann Bronn Rayne. She is survived by daughters Amy Strobel, Jane Strobel, Mary Ann Strobel, grandchildren Benjamin Strobel, Samuel Bartlett, Helen Bartlett, Jason Bartlett and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, nephews and Katherine Strobel graduated from Delta State College

and she earned a Ph.D. in Dance and Related Arts at Texas Woman's University. As a Ph.D. candidate she thoroughly enjoyed interviewing and filming the traditional dancers and musicians of the Cumberland Plateau and created an important archive of their art form. She taught dance at Louisiana State University and Middle Tennessee State University for almost thirty years and was elected Professor Emerita at MTSU after her retirement in 1996.

In 1975 she and her late husband, Eugene Strobel, and family moved to Bell Buckle, Tennessee where they renovated the town's former railroad hotel, built in the 1880s, for their home. Katherine and Eugene Strobel, former mayor of Bell Buckle, were instrumental in the revitalization and growth of Bell Buckle in the 1970s and early 80s. She worked tirelessly alongside her husband when he was mayor and was humorously referred to as,

In her almost 50 years in Bell Buckle she was active on many town boards and committees, including the Planning Commission, Park Board and Arts Council. Katherine, her husband and other townspeople created the first, "Country Fair." Her hard work and commitment was pivotal in preserving and shaping the uniqueness of Bell Buckle.

Katherine regularly volunteered at the Good Samaritan Association of Bedford County, taught free children's and adult dance classes, held membership in the Shelbyville Garden Club, the Dames Club of MTSU, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Murfreesboro. As avid gardeners, she and her husband created beautiful areas of bloom and color in their yard for every season. They donated and planted many trees and shrubs in downtown Bell Buckle as well. Katherine loved traveling, cooking and spending time with her family, friends, pets and especially her grandchildren.

The family will host a memorial event for her in the spring. If interested, donations may be made to: Room in the Inn, PO Box 25309, Nashville, TN 37202, www. roomintheinn.org; MTSU ARTS Discretionary Fund, MTSU Box 97, Murfreesboro, TN 37132, www.mtsu.edu/ mtsuarts; Good Samaritan Association of Bedford County, PO Box 1308, Shelbyville TN 37162 or a charity of your

Santos under investigation by House Ethics panel

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Ethics Committee announced Thursday it is launching an investigation into embattled Republican Rep. George Santos, the New York congressman whose lies and embellishments about his resume and personal life have drawn deep scrutiny. The investigation appears to be far reaching. It seeks to

determine whether Santos "may have engaged in unlawful activity with respect to his 2022 congressional campaign' among other actions, the committee said in a statement. The panel will also investigate whether Santos "failed to

properly disclose required information on statements filed with the House, violated federal conflict of interest laws in connection with his role in a firm providing fiduciary services, and/or engaged in sexual misconduct towards an individual seeking employment in his congressional office," the statement said. Santos had already removed himself from his

committee assignments but otherwise has refused calls from Republicans in New York to step down from office. On Twitter, his office said that he is "fully cooperating" with the Ethics probe and would not comment further. Ethics committee members David Joyce, R-Ohio, and Susan Wild, D-Pa., will lead the probe, with two

other lawmakers from each party. The panel had voted unanimously to establish a subcommittee to investigate "The Committee notes that the mere fact of establishing an Investigative Subcommittee does not itself indicate that

any violation has occurred," Thursday's statement said. The committee could take an array of actions, from a letter of reprimand to recommending censure and a fine.

It can also recommend expulsion, the sternest form of punishment the House can impose, an action it has used only five times in more than two centuries and never when it comes to conduct that took place before a member was sworn into office. At least two-thirds of the House must

vote for expulsion for it to occur.

Sign

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rock too thick to penetrate.

Appointment

William Christie was appointed as the council's representative on the Shelby ville-Bedford Partnership.

The position has been held for several years by Henry Feldhaus. Mayor Randy Carroll, who chose Christie, did not specify a reason for the change.

More firefighters

An upcoming application for a \$1.3 million three-year grant from the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency was discussed.

Shelbyville Department hopes to use the funds to hire six additional firefighters. The grant will provide approximately \$68,000 to \$79,500 for funding each firefighter during the period, with the city picking up all costs afterwards.

ARP funds

City Treasurer Kay Parker explained how the council can designate approximately \$6.5 million in unused American Rescue Plan funds for such items as

police and fire protection and public works, freeing money already budgeted for those departments. Those funds could be redesignated, as an example given to the council, for much-needed flume pumps or other needs.

Feldhaus thanked Parker for extensively documenting the process, including archiving emails, to ensure legality.

Industrial road

The city of Shelbyville's share of a state grant for the access road to 231 North Industrial Park was discussed. Council member Marilyn Ewing suggested asking other firms and agencies using the road to help with costs, and Shofner mentioned the possibility of utilities working with the city on costs.

Tourism sponsorship Carroll urged city

Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association and \$3,500 to Southern Saddlebreds. Both groups will be holding events this year at Cooper Steel Arena. The CMSA wants to

donations of \$7,500 to the

move its events permanently from Murfreesboro to Shelbyville, Carroll said.

Both donations will be made from hotel-motel tax funds.

Future

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with river clean-up days and also put together Duck River Education Day. Fifth graders get to visit and explore the Duck River, which is something they still do today.

Anyone interested

further supporting the Duck Rover can also order the River Life license plate to support conservation, preservation and educational initiatives. They can be ordered https://business. shelby ville-bedford.com/ river-life.

The deadline to register

Trump can be sued for Jan. 6 riot harm, **Justice Dept. says**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Former President Donald Trump can be sued by injured Capitol Police officers and Democratic lawmakers over the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, the Justice Department said Thursday in a federal court case testing Trump's legal vulnerability and the limits of executive power.

Although a president enjoys broad legal latitude to communicate to the public on matters of concern, the department wrote that "no part of a President's official responsibilities includes the incitement of imminent private violence. By definition, such conduct plainly falls outside the President's constitutional and statutory duties.'

The brief was filed by lawyers of the Justice Department's Civil Division and has no bearing on a separate criminal investigation by a department special counsel into whether Trump can be criminally charged over efforts to undo President Joe Biden's victory in the 2020 presidential election ahead of the Capitol riot. In fact, the lawyers note that they are not taking a position with respect to potential criminal liability for Trump or anyone else.

The Justice Department lawyers also wrote that they take no view on a lower court judge's conclusion that those who sued Trump have "plausibly" alleged that his speech caused the riot. Nevertheless, the department wrote that that an appeals court should reject Trump's claim of absolutely immunity.

An email seeking comment was sent to an attorney for Trump on Thursday. Trump's lawyers have argued he was acting within his official rights and had no intention to spark violence when he called on thousands of supporters to "march to the Capitol" and "fight like hell" before the riot erupted.

The case is among many legal woes facing Trump as he mounts another bid for the White House in 2024. A prosecutor in Georgia has been investigating whether

Trump and his allies broke the law as they tried to overturn his election defeat in that state. Trump is also under federal criminal investigation over top secret documents found at In the separate investigation into Trump and his allies'

efforts to overturn the election results, special counsel Jack Smith has subpoenaed former Vice President Mike Pence, who has said he will fight the subpoena. Besides investigating Trump, special counsel, Jack

Smith, has subpoenaed former Vice President Mike Pence about his actions and what he might have witnessed in relation to the Capitol riot. Pence says he will fight the

Trump is appealing a decision by a federal judge in Washington, who last year rejected efforts by the former president to toss out the conspiracy civil lawsuits filed by lawmakers and two Capitol police officers. U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta ruled that Trump's words during a rally before the violent storming of the U.S. Capitol were likely "words of incitement not protected by the First

Amendment." The lawsuits, filed by Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Calif., officers James Blassingame and Sidney Hemby, and later joined by other House Democrats, argue that Trump and others made "false and incendiary allegations of fraud and theft, and in direct response to the Defendant's express calls for violence at the rally, a violent mob attacked the

U.S. Capitol."

The legacy of Tennessee's state parks

Tennessee State Library & Archives is excited to announce a new lunchtime speaker series as part of The Legacy of Tennessee State Parks exhibit, exploring the history behind one of the best park systems in

"Our state parks have a rich history of conservation and recreation in communities across the state," said Secretary of State Tre Hargett. "I encourage anyone interested in Tennessee history and preservation of our parks system to join us for these free speaker series events.'

The first Lunchtime Speaker Series event, Early Conservation Efforts in Tennessee led by Tennessee State Parks Cultural Resource Manager Hobart Akin, will take place Thursday, March 16, from Noon to 1 p.m.

other remain-The ing speaker series events will take place on March 24, April 1 and April 14. Topics for these events include recreating the 1859 Port Royal General Store through records found at the Library & Archives, Tennessee State Parks Folklife Project and archaeology in Tennessee State Parks.

A noted expert will lead each Lunchtime Speaker Series talk, including Akin, Doctoral Candidate in Residence Amanda McCrary Smith, Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Park Manager Bob Fulcher and Archaeologist Aaron Dieter-Wolf.

"We look forward to welcoming previous and new guests to the Library & Archives for this speaker series," said Jamie Ritter, Tennessee State Librarian and Archivist. "The lineup is full of interesting topics and extremely knowledgeable speakers."

This Lunchtime Speaker Series events will be in-person and livestreamed on the Library & Archives' Facebook page. In-person attendees are encouraged to bring their own lunch. This series is free to the public. Seating is limited. To make a reservation to attend the Early Conservation Efforts in Tennessee talk on March 16, visit bit.ly/TSLASS1.

After each presentation, in-person attendees are invited to view the Library & Archives' Legacy of Tennessee State Parks exhibit, which is open now until May 13, in the Lobby.

The Library & Archives is located at 1001 Rep. John Lewis Way North on Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park. Parking is available for guests in the Library & Archives garage on Jackson Street/ Junior Gilliam Way.

To attend The Legacy of Tennessee State Parks Lunchtime Speaker Series, reserve your spot for the March 16 talk at bit.ly/ TSLASS1.

To learn more about the Library & Archives or schedule a research visit, call 615-741-2764, email ask@tsla.libanswers.com or visit sos.tn.gov/tsla/ plan-your-visit.

Tennessee Serves provides baby items for Lake County

Partners with Mother To Mother to support low-income families

TIPTONVILLE — Tennessee First Lady Maria Lee's initiative, Tennessee Serves, partnered with Mother To Mother to host a distribution event for families in need in Lake County.

Parents in attendance from the federally-designated distressed county and surrounding area received essential baby items such as car seats, formula, diapers wipes, new clothing, baby toys and other baby supplies needed to help their children thrive.

"Mothers in vulnerable communities across the state can often be burdened by the costs associated with the necessities that are required to support and care for their children," said First Lady Maria Lee. "We're proud to play a role in strengthening Tennessee families by equipping them today with the tools and supplies needed to raise strong and healthy children."

The Tennessee Serves team, Mother To Mother staff and volunteers provided items to more than 70 families at the distribu-

"Our rural outreach program allows us to provide essential health and safety items to families in areas where access is limited," said Janie Busbee, executive director and founder of Mother To Mother. "Social and financial barriers deprive families of the basic necessities needed to thrive. Our team works to remove some of those barriers by taking resources directly to the community and distributing them, free of charge."

Since Tennessee Serves launched in 2019, the First Lady's initiative has partnered with Mother To Mother to provide baby necessities to families in distressed counties across the state and donated items to benefit the nonprofit's distribution events. This is the first Mother To Mother event to have been fully sponsored by Tennessee Serves.



READ ACROSS AMERICA



East Side Elementary's Library Media Specialist Amanda Robinson was looking festive Thursday morning to mark the annual Read Across America Week. The week commemorates Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2 and sets to inspire and encourage young students to read. Students at East Side on this day were dressed in pajamas and cozied up to read

Finance committee talks trash, archives, and SROs

T-G STAFF REPORT

The Bedford County Financial Management Committee met in a regular meeting Tuesday to discuss several monthly financial reports.

Solid waste

According to a report from Diane Forbes, there were eight million tons of trash that went into Class 1 Landfills (municipal landfills) in 2021. This type of information is sent to the governor's office for the general assembly to pass new legislation for recycling and to help regulate solid waste.

Last year, all 95 counties passed their 25% reduction quotas, according to Forbes.

For the month of January, they had \$6,317.96 in recycling revenue and \$34,753.48 in landfill disposal expense.

In the county, Forbes said they are working to get crews out on the roads as fast as possible to pick up trash. But the problem, of course, is people continue to throw trash after an area

is picked up. "We are getting a few more inmates out, so we are picking up roads as fast as we can. I know it's a continuing problem. As fast as we go down on the roads, two days later someone has come out and thrown garbage out again. So, we are desperately looking to catch anybody out there..." she

Archives

According to county archivist Carol Roberts, the archives had 26 visitors and reference requests in January. This has been their highest month to date of both visits and research requests to the archives.

Roberts explained they continue to have requests related to historic and endangered cemeteries. For example, this month they helped with identifying and improving the listings of Jones and Beechwood Cemeteries.

The archives also had an interesting request from Belgium. Roberts said there are memorial projects that each citizen volunteers takes a U.S. soldier's grave and brings flowers and honors to it. As a result, they often look for family to connect with in the states. One such soldier was born and lived in Bedford County.

Roberts said they are searching for the veteran's descendants for the Belgium Cemetery project. The Times-Gazette will also have more information about this in a later edition.

Monthly reports

Finance director Robert Daniel said the county's percent of revenue collected is 58% while they have expended 53% of their budget. "So, it's pretty much balanced and that's typically what's going on," he said.

For property tax collections, they have collected \$3.5 million more than the same time last year. However, they are down \$78,000 in prior year property tax collections compared to last year. Sales tax is \$895,000 more this year than last year.

Juvenile Detention is projecting a loss of \$252,000 for the remainder of the year.

This has been an ongoing issue that the county is still looking at. The facility, the only occupant of a portion of the former sheriff's office on Lane Parkway, derives most of its income from jail fees, most paid by other counties who send teens to periods of varying lengths.

The Center also increased its rates charged to other counties from \$132 to \$145 per day last June. For comparison, the Rutherford County Juvenile Detention Center charges \$175, which is one of the highest in the State, at the time of the rate change.

SROs

The committee also talked of adding more School Resource Officers to the Bedford County School System.

Assistant superintendent Tim Harwell spoke on behalf of the school system saying they would like to add nine more SROs to the system. There are seven schools, mostly elementary schools, that do not have one. The two extra SROs would serve as a substitute and a floater, according to

Harwell argued this is a crucial decision as schools across the country continue to face interior and exterior assaults.

"We're dealing more and more with mental health issues not only with our students...but also with our parents," said Harwell. "It's troubling some of the behavior we're seeing out of our parents and some of the things they've threatened to do."

He added that some of the misbehaviors seen in middle school students are now being seen in elementary students. For example, more elementary students are being caught vaping in the bathroom.

Harwell said law presence in the schools would send a message to the parents that they take student security seriously and that they want their students to view law enforcement posi-

However, like everything else, this costs money. It

would cost about \$126,000 for each SRO for the first year (this includes benefits, training, equipment). For nine SROs, the county is looking at an expense of \$1,134,000.

Commissioner Tony Smith said, "Now, I don't see no way under the sun our sheriff's department budget can handle this. And to be quite honest, I don't see how in the hell the finance department is going to handle it either."

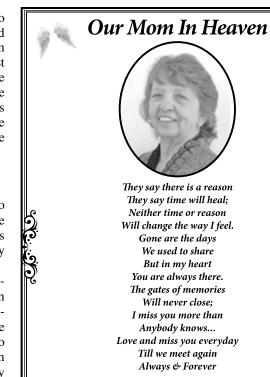


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Thank you Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital-Conan Carter, NP & office staff, Hospice Compassus, Feldhaus Memorial Chapel, James & Crystal, Tracy & Treydin. Thank you to everyone for the flowers, cards & food. We appreciate all of the love and support during this time.

With Love, Christy, Vicky & Patty

Take notice when buying gift cards

ear Heloise: Gift cards are great to receive, but watch out -- some of these gift cards, if not used within a year of the purchased date, the bank will start deducting a fee from the balance each month until it gets used. Check the gift card's fine print on the back of the card. I learned the hard way, as I won a gift card for \$200 that was good until July 2023.

When I called the bank to verify the amount, I was told there was only \$28 left, due to a \$2 service fee that was being deducted each month starting after the first year. The supervisor said there was nothing he could do, but that I better use it before Feb. 22 or another \$2 will be deducted. Before you send a gift card to someone, check the fine print on the back.

P.S. I tried to cash out the card at a bank branch, and they refused to do that either. Lesson learned! -- Mary, Chino Hills, California

Mary, thanks for the heads-up. Readers, when you receive a gift card, be sure to read the fine print. Many gift cards do, indeed, charge service fees for activation, shipping and inactivity. -- Heloise

OTHER USES FOR **COFFEE FILTERS**

Dear Readers: Be aware that coffee filters can be used for more than just coffee makers. In fact, they have a variety of uses around your house. For example, you

- -- Place between nonstick frying pans to protect the finish.
- -- Contain foods that might drip or spill, such
- -- Put them in a plant pot before you fill it with soil so that the soil doesn't come out of the drainage hole.
- Layer in between china plates to prevent scratching.
- -- Clean mirrors or dry windows with them. Heloise

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Dear Readers: When your child's favorite stuffed animal gets a bit dirty, try this to give it a quick clean. Sprinkle

Hints from Heloise

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baking soda on its "fur" and let it remain on until it sets. Then, just brush it off, and the fur will be refreshed. Also, the top layer of grime should be gone.

My pamphlet "Heloise's Baking Soda Hints and Recipes" provides even more hints about how baking soda can be used for cleaning and deodorizing. If you haven't gotten your hands on this pamphlet yet, just send \$5 along with a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX, 78279-5001.

FYI: If your books smell a tad musty, sprinkle a small amount of baking soda throughout the dry pages. Let sit for a day, and then brush out the soda. That smell should be gone. However, do not apply to antique or damp books. -- Heloise

PET PAL

Dear Heloise: Here's a picture of an opossum grabbing a late-night snack on our table in our garage. I like opossums, too. So cute! -- Walt Lind, Nassau Bay, Texas

Readers, to see Walt's opossum and our other Pet Pals, go to Heloise. com and click on "Pet of the Week."

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

-- Heloise

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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SATURDAY

Chili Cook-Off

The Bell Buckle Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, March 4 at 6 p.m. at the Fire Department at 113 Main St. Judging begins at 5 p.m., so entries must be in before then. Proceeds will go to support the local Fire Department.

Car show

The Golden Eagles Classic Car Show is scheduled Saturday, March 4, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Shelbyville Central High School. Food trucks will be present.

SUNDAY

Gospel singing

The Morrison Sisters from Calhoun, Georgia will perform Southern gospel music at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at Faith Baptist Church, 608 Neely Ave.

MONDAY

Bag Day

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

VFW meeting

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

TUESDAY

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.

MARCH 10

Mediterranean Diet class

UT/TSU Extension is offering a four-week class exploring the foods and principles of the healthy Mediterranean Diet through lecture, cooking demonstrations, tastings and more. It will be held on March 10, 17, 24 and 30 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Extension office. Cost is \$20 for the series

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at 6 p.m. Monday, March

Take Charge of Your

program, helps people with

diabetes learn to manage

their disease and improve

their health. Some of the

stress management, foot

care, etc. The program is

offered free of charge and

APRIL 1

Shelbyville-Bedford

Book signing

County Public Library

presentation and book

signing with Dr. Lona Bailey

of Manchester at 10 a.m.

Community Room. Bailey's

newest book, "The Voice of

Villainy," covers the life and

work of actress Betty Lou

Gerson from Chattanooga,

original Cruella de Vil from

Disney's One Hundred and

One Dalmatians. The event

ages. For more information

First Community Bank

will host a free Easter egg

hunt at 1 p.m. Saturday,

April 1 at its main office,

APRIL 2

207 Elm St.

Fundraiser

The Shelbyville

Community Soup Kitchen

a.m. to 2 p.m. at 336 S.

Cannon Blvd. A portion of

with Gateway Church, who

space, facilitates clothing,

and distributes additional

available. Reservations

are appreciated but not

APRIL 8

provides them storage

food. To-go orders

required.

the proceeds will be shared

will be hosting a fundraiser

on Sunday, April 2, from 11

is free to attend for all

Easter egg hunt

call 931-684-7323.

the voice behind the

Saturday, April 1, in the

will host an author

topics covered include

nutrition, controlling

blood sugar, exercise,

Diabetes, a six-week

and you must pre-register by going to bedford. tennessee.edu or stopping by the Extension Office, 2105 Midland Road, for a registration form. Call 931-684-5971 for more information.

MARCH 11

VFW breakfast

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5019, and its Auxiliary will host their second Saturday fundraiser breakfast March 11 from 7-9:30 a.m. at the VFW Post, 1320 E. Depot St. Home cooked food including sausage and pork loin are on the menu. Carry-outs are available. For more information call Alex at 615-513-7959.

Blankenship United Methodist Church, 3602 Midland Road, will host a spaghetti supper Saturday, March 11, from 5-7 p.m. Proceeds will benefit homeless services and the church,

MARCH 12

Laity Club

Bedford County Laity Club will meet Sunday, March 12 at Mount Lebanon Church.

MARCH 13

Bedford County Arts Council's monthly meeting will be Monday, March 13 at The Fly Arts Center. A potluck dinner at 6 p.m. will be followed by a program at 6:30 p.m. All current members and those wanting to learn more about the council are invited.

Neil Simon's "Biloxi Blues" will be presented at The Fly Arts Center March 17, 18 and 24 at 6:30 and 9 p.m.

MARCH 20

Meeting

will be taught by UT/TSU Extension and the Health Department on Mondays

at 10 a.m. from March 20 through April 24 at the Extension office, 2105 Midland Road. You must pre-register by calling 931-684-5971.

Spaghetti supper

Arts Council

MARCH 17

Biloxi Blues

The Bedford County Democratic Party will meet

Paper-postcard show The 19th Shelbyville

20 at El Mexico, 724 N. Memorabilia Show will be Main St. held from 9 a.m,-3 p.m. at The Fly Arts Center. Diabetes program

APRIL 22

Regional Postcard & Paper

Barbecue cookoff

Shelbyville Moose Lodge #2197 will hold its 14th annual barbecue cookoff Saturday, April 22. For more information call the lodge, 931-684-9137.

ONGOING

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

Celebrate Recovery

for monthly prenatal

educational visits.

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.

Potatoes are the star of this Irish dish

St. Patrick's Day is a time to pay homage to Ireland's patron saint and celebrate Irish culture and cuisine. Even though corned beef and cabbage is ubiquitous on this holiday, that meal really isn't the most authentic Irish cuisine. There are plenty of other foods to dress the St. Patrick's table if a person wants to dabble in Irish cooking.

Many cultures have a variation on the potato pancake, and the Irish are no different. Boxty is a traditional Irish potato pancake. Individuals who want to include boxty in their celebrations can try this recipe, courtesy of Chef Pádraic Óg Gallagher of Gallagher's Boxty House in

Irish Boxty Makes about 10

300 grams (approx.

101/2 ounces) raw potatoes, peeled 300 grams (approx.

101/2 ounces) cooked potatoes, mashed 300 grams (approx.

101/2 ounces) flour

grams (approx.

21/2 teaspoons) salt 850 ml (approx. 31/2

cups) milk

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toes into a muslin cloth and squeeze as much liquid as possible into a bowl. Let liquid stand for 20 minutes. 2. Gently pour off the

1. Grate the raw pota-

liquid and keep the starch that settled in the bottom of the bowl. 3. Add grated potatoes to mashed potatoes and

flour. Add starch and salt

to mix. 4. Slowly add 3/4 of the milk to form a batter of pouring consistency. Depending on the potato, you may not need to use all the milk. If the batter is too

heavy, add more milk.

Leave batter resting for 30 minutes.

6. Drop a ladle full onto an oiled nonstick pan over medium heat and cook on the first side for 2 minutes (this depends on how heavy the batter is and how much you use). Check color (it should be a nice golden color) on the bottom. Adjust heat if necessary.

7. Turn and cook on the other side for 2 to 3 minutes

8. Boxty pancakes are best left overnight in a fridge and reheated in a pan in good butter.

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will be Pastor Tyler

Shoemaker's message at

10 a.m. at Calvary Baptist

Church. The service will

message at 10 a.m. Sunday

at Edgemont Baptist

Church will be "Followers

Obey" from Matthew

28:16-20. The service will

be livestreamed. Joseph

Habedank will perform

in concert at the church

Friday, March 17. No tickets

will be required to attend.

from Calhoun, Georgia will

perform Southern gospel

music at 6 p.m. Sunday at

Discovery" from Ephesians

5:15-17 will be Bro. Bobby

McGee's message at Grace

Christian (Disciples

Pastor Dan Asche's

series on "Transformed by

Jesus" will continue at First

Christian Church at 10

a.m. Sunday. This week's

message will be "From

Immorality to Purity" from

The sermon series "The

Fight" by Lance Bennett

continues at Fairlane

Church of Christ. Sunday's

message will be "What is

Freedom?" from Galatians

5:13-15. The service will be

livestreamed and broadcast

on WLIJ (98.7 FM/1580

Harden's lesson will be

"Committed to God"

from Mark 12:41-44 at 10

a.m. Sunday at Southside

Church of Christ. Bible

study will be held at 6

p.m. Sunday and 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday. Sunday morn-

ing and Wednesday evening

services are livestreamed at

cofcsouthside.com.

Guest speaker Austin

AM/wlijradio.com).

Church of Christ

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John chapter 8.

The Morrison Sisters

Pastor Jimmy West's

be livestreamed.

Transformed"

How Jimmy Carter integrated faith into his political work events to tgnews@t-g.com.

By LORI AMBER ROESSNER

University of Tennessee From The Conversation via AP

"I am a farmer, an engineer, a businessman, a planner, a scientist, a governor, and a Christian," Jimmy Carter said while introducing himself to national political reporters when he announced his campaign to be the 39th president of the United States in December

As journalists and historians consider Carter's legacy, this prelude to Carter's campaign offers insight into how he wanted to be known and how he might like to be remembered.

After studying Carter's presidential campaign, presidency and post-presidency for years, which included examining more than 25,000 archival documents, media sources, oral histories and interviews, I wrote "Jimmy Carter and the Birth of the Marathon Media Campaign." Along the way, I had the opportunity to interview former President Carter in October 2014, when we discussed his life, his presidency and his legacy.

Based upon this experience, one observation is certain - Carter was a man of faith committed to a vision of the nation that aligned with his views of Jesus' teachings.

A campaign cloaked in a message of love and

In the fall of 1975, after his initial announcement failed to elicit much national attention for his candidacy, the still relatively unknown Georgia governor published the campaign biography, "Why Not the

story of his wholesome childhood on his family's peanut farm in Archery, Georgia, and of achieving his childhood dream through his appointment to the Naval Academy in 1943. He wrote of his dedication to his

Within the book, he told the

family as a loyal son, husband and father and his duty-bound career transition to manage his familyowned peanut farm, warehouse and store after his father Earl Carter's premature death from pancreatic cancer in 1953. He also shared his lifelong commitment to community and public service.

Moreover, he offered himself as

a public servant who could bridge the chasm between the American people and the government that had emerged after the revelations of presidential corruption amid Vietnam and Watergate.

"Our government can and must represent the best and the highest ideals of those of us who voluntarily submit to its authority. In our third century, we must meet these simple, but crucial standards," he wrote in the campaign biography.

Though Carter cloaked his campaign in Jesus' teachings about love and justice, most national reporters did not give Carter's faith much attention until he became the Democratic Party's front-runner in advance of the North Carolina primary in 1976.

'Lust in my heart'

When national reporters finally turned their attention to his faith, the evangelical politician acknowledged that he had "spent more time on my knees in the four years I was governor ... than I did in all the rest

Carter continued to share his understanding of the gospel with journalists and their audiences in a plain-spoken manner, even though it was not always advantageous to his political fortunes. For instance, after continued probes about his faith that summer from Playboy Magazine correspondent Robert Scheer, Carter launched into a sermon on pride, lust and lying that would haunt him later.

"I try not to commit a deliberate sin. I recognize that I'm going to do it anyhow, because I'm human and I'm tempted ... I've looked on a lot of women with lust," Carter, believing he was off the record, said in attempting to clarify his religious views. "I've committed adultery in my heart many times."

Carter referred to Matthew 5:28, the biblical passage in which Jesus shares this interpretation of the Seventh Commandment, with the words: "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

Uninterrupted, Carter continued his salty explanation of the verse: "Christ says don't consider yourself better than someone else because one guy screws a whole bunch of women while the other guy is loyal to his wife."

"We have heard Jesus' words all our lives ever since we were 3, 4 years old, and we knew what it meant," Carter later explained to me. "But, obviously, the general public, when I said, 'lust in my heart,' that was a top headline, it looked like I was – like I spent my time trying to seduce other women. Rosa(lynn) knew that wasn't true."

Though Carter's comments were "on solid theological ground," according to many people of faith, up-and-coming leaders of the religious right, such as televangelist Jerry Falwell, castigated Carter. And, in the end, many folks agreed with well-regarded columnist Mary McGrory - the interview "should have been an off-the-record conversation with God, not one taped by

Crisis of confidence

Despite the erosion of support among the emerging religious right after the Playboy gaffe, Carter remained steadfast in his commitment to his Christian values and a faith-inspired vision for the nation that advanced human rights at home and abroad. He called it a "new beginning."

Carter beseeched his American brethren to chart a new course during his inaugural address in January 1977: "Our commitment to human rights must be absolute, our laws fair, our natural beauty preserved; the powerful must not persecute the weak, and human dignity must be enhanced."

Carter had achieved what Time magazine hailed as one of the most astonishing "political miracles" in the nation's history because of his rapid ascension from a virtual unknown politician to the presidency. But many citizens, suffering from an emerging crisis of confidence in the American dream and faith in its institutions and leaders, had already begun to tune out Carter's political sermons about the looming energy crisis, stagflation and international con-

Moreover, in the coming years, they would become indignant toward the man who had condemned the corruption of his predecessors and promised to never tell a lie on the campaign trail, yet remained loyal to one of his oldest advisers, the Office of Management and Budget Director

Bert Lance, who was accused of unethical banking practices.

Long-lasting commitment to public service

of failing to live up to his campaign promises from the vantage point of many American citizens amid domestic crises and foreign

Amid news coverage of these events and his dwindling public support, Carter lost his reelection campaign, and his administration was hailed by many journalists, political insiders and average Americans alike as a "failed presi-

Nevertheless, Carter remained committed to his religious convictions. "I have spoken many times of love, but love must be aggressively translated into simple justice," he invoked his audience when he accepted the Democratic nomination in July 1976.

For the remainder of his life, he attempted to model the translation of Jesus' love into action through his life of public service. His post-presidential commitments involved The Carter Center's initiatives of fighting disease and seeking international peace and his private efforts of building homes for Habitat for Humanity and teaching Sunday school.

In the end, Carter will leave this world with only one acknowledged regret: "I wish I'd sent one more helicopter to get the hostages and we would have rescued them and I would have been re-elected," he said referring to the April 1980 military rescue attempt of the 53 U.S. hostages held by Iranian revo-

from his presidential farewell address, which remain true today, are worth remembering:

for all Americans, an end to discrimination against minorities and women, a job for all those able to work, and freedom from injustice and religious intolerance."

Baptist

In the end, Carter stood accused

In Carter's final days, his words

"The battle for human rights at home and abroad – is far from over. ... If we are to serve as a beacon for human rights, we must continue to perfect here at home the rights and values which we espouse around the world: A decent education for our children, adequate medical care

Methodist

Blankenship United Methodist Church, 3602 Midland Road, will host a spaghetti supper Saturday, March 11, from 5-7 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Bedford County homeless services and the church,

Pastor Zimmerman's message at First United Methodist Church will be "Greatest Story Ever Half Told" from John 3:1-17 and 1 John 3:16. The 10 a.m. service will be livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLIJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM/wlijradio.com).

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church's service for this Sunday, 2nd Sunday in Lent, will be held at 10 a.m. led by Pastor Jim Moran. All services are streamed live on Facebook.

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Saddleback Church doubles down on support for female pastors

and PETER SMITH Associated Press

The woman pastor at the center of the Southern Baptist Convention's decision to oust Saddleback Church the California megachurch founded by pastor and best-selling author Rick Warren — says she will continue to serve as a ministry leader despite her longstanding ties to the nation's largest Protestant

Saddleback has yet to say if it will appeal its expulsion. But at least one other church — a Kentucky congregation ousted the same day for having a woman pastor — plans to do so, guaranteeing Southern Baptists will weigh the issue at their annual meeting in June in New

Stacie Wood, teaching pastor at Saddleback and wife of lead pastor Andy Wood, wrote an Instagram post about her church's ousting. She credited her Southern Baptist upbringing for shaping her faith, but stood firm on heeding her calling despite being "at the center of the discussion."

"I'm serving Jesus under the authority and in alignment with my spiritual leaders," Wood wrote. "We believe that women can be gifted and empowered as teachers and as

husband congregation during weekend services about his plan to release a video explaining the church's position on women pastors. Wood told The Associated Press last year that the Bible "teaches that men and women were given spiritual gifts by

"My wife has the spiritual gift of teaching and she is really good. People often tell me she's better than

me when it comes to preaching," he

The SBC's statement of faith says that women should not be pastors. The SBC is not a hierarchy and can't tell a member congregation what to do, but it can deem a church to be "not in friendly cooperation with the Convention," the verbal formulation for ouster.

On Feb. 21, the convention's Executive Committee voted to expel Saddleback, the SBC's second largest congregation, alluding to Stacie Wood "functioning in the office of pastor." It was one of five congregations kicked out for the same issue.

One of them, Fern Creek Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, plans to appeal, said the Rev. Linda Barnes Popham, who has served as Fern Creek's pastor since 1993.

She said the congregation wants to continue working with the SBC, regularly uses its religiouseducation curriculum and supports its missionaries and other causes. At the same time, it believes the larger body of Southern Baptists - not just the Executive Committee should decide whether to maintain fellowship with churches with women pastors.

"We feel like the average Southern Baptist would have no problem with this," she said. "The other reason is to be a change agent for women in the Southern Baptist Convention — for all those young girls, for all those young people God is calling into ministry.

The other three churches also said they planned to continue with women's leadership but did not indicate they would appeal.

An elder for New Faith Mission Ministry of Griffin, Georgia, said it is nondenominational and never had an affiliation with the SBC, though

the convention says its records showed one.

Pastor Minnie R. Washington of St. Timothy's Christian Baptist in Baltimore said her church has had "no interaction" with the SBC and said it was an honor to be named alongside the other ousted churches.

"Is it possible that the Executive Committee of SBC believes it can tell God who to call to lead His people?" she said via email.

Pastor Linda Smith of Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi, a former Southern Baptist missionary, said her church doesn't expect to appeal. "We're going to press on and do what God calls us to do," focusing on ministry in a needy neighborhood, she said.

Saddleback did not respond to requests for comment regarding a possible appeal. In an email, Andy Wood told the

a belief statement about women as "God intends for both men and women to exercise their spiritual gifts of shepherding and teaching the church." He also asked them

not to speak publicly against the

congregation he would soon release

denomination's decision. "Though we are disappointed by their decision, we are not offended. We love and have valued our relationship with the SBC and its faithful churches. We will engage and respond through the proper channels at the appropriate time,' the email stated.

The Saddleback controversy began in 2021, when Warren ordained three women as pastors, prompting discussions within the SBC about possibly expelling the megachurch. Warren, who retired last year after more than 42 years at Saddleback, made an emotional speech in June 2022 at the Southern Baptists' annual convention in Anaheim, saying: "We have to decide if we will treat each other as

allies or adversaries." The denomination's statement of faith was revised in 2000 to state: "While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture."

But opinions have varied on whether this is a litmus test for a church's alignment with the SBC. The SBC's constitution allows for the expulsion of churches whose "faith and practice" don't align with it, though it doesn't specifically name women pastors as cause for

In her Feb. 23 post, Stacie Wood called herself "a Southern Baptist girl born and bred" and expressed gratitude for how those roots shaped her faith. She remains impressed with the SBC's passion for Bible study and missions.

But, in her adult years in ministry, she said, "denominational affiliations haven't felt like a central component to what we've been called to do" including the time when the Woods started and ran Echo Church, a nondenominational church in the San Francisco Bay "We partnered with Southern

Baptists who helped us get started, but we've also been delighted to partner with many different church leaders from a variety of denominations to advance the Gospel," she said. She has received an outpouring

of support. Her husband, replying to her

in the Kingdom!'

Instagram post, said he was proud of her: "I'm grateful that I get to be part of a generation of leaders who propel sons and daughters forward

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AG IN THE CLASSROOM



Bedford County Farm Bureau Women's Chair Connie Crafton, presents Julie Hill with a certificate and check as Bedford County's Ag in the Classroom teacher nominee. Hill is a 5th grade teacher at Eastside School.

Greece train crash search moves 'centimeter by centimeter'

By COSTAS KANTOURIS and DEREK GATOPOULOS

Associated Press

THESSALONIKI, Greece -Emergency crews cut through the mangled remains of a passenger train on Thursday, progressing "centimeter by centimeter" in their search for the dead from a head-on collision in northern Greece that killed at least 46 people. Rail workers went on strike to protest years of underfunding that they say has left the country's train system in a dangerous state.

The passenger train and a freight train slammed into each other late Tuesday, crumpling carriages into twisted steel knots and forcing people to smash windows to escape. It was the country's deadliest crash ever, and more than 50 people remained hospitalized, most in the central Greek city of Larissa. Six of them were in intensive care.

Fire Service spokesman Yiannis Artopios said the grim recovery effort was proceeding "centimeter by centimeter."

"We can see that there are more (bodies) people there. Unfortunately they are in a very bad condition because of the collision," Artopios told state television.

The cause of the crash is still not clear. The Larissa station manager arrested after the collision was charged Wednesday with multiple counts of manslaughter and causing serious physical harm through negligence, as a judicial inquiry tries to establish why the two trains were traveling in opposite directions on the same track.

Railway workers' associations,

meanwhile, called strikes, halting national rail services and the subway in Athens. They are protesting working conditions and what they described as a dangerous failure to modernize the Greek rail system due to a lack of public investment during the deep financial crisis that spanned most of the previous decade and brought Greece to the brink of bankruptcy.

"Unfortunately, longstanding demands for full-time staff hirings, better training and above all, implementation of up-to-date security systems have always ended up in the wastepaper basket," Greece's federation of railway employees said in a statement announcing Thursday's

Minister Transport Kostas Karamanlis resigned following the crash, his replacement tasked with setting up an independent inquiry looking into the causes of the crash. "Responsibility will be assigned,"

Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said in a televised address late Wednesday after visiting the collision

"We will work so that the words 'never again' ... will not remain an empty pledge," he said. "That I promise you."

Supporters of the strike plan to protest in central Athens later Thursday.

More than 300 people were on board the passenger train, many of them students returning from a holiday weekend and annual Carnival celebrations around Greece.

Andreas Alikaniotis, a 20-year-old survivor of the crash, described how he and fellow students escaped from a jackknifed train car as fire approached, smashing windows and throwing luggage onto the ground outside to use as a makeshift landing pad. "It was a steep drop, into a ditch,"

Alikaniotis, who suffered a knee injury, told reporters from his hospital bed in Larissa. 'The lights went out. ... The smoke

was suffocating inside the rail car but also outside," Alikaniotis said.

He said he was "one of the few around who had not been seriously injured."

"Me and my friends helped people get out."

Relatives of the victims and stillmissing passengers lashed out at government officials and Italianowned private rail operator Hellenic

Dimitris Bournazis, whose father and 15-year-old brother remain unaccounted for, said phone calls to the rail company have been fruitless.

"I've been trying since yesterday afternoon to communicate with the company to find out what seat my father was in," he said. "Nobody has called me back."

He's lost hope of seeing either of his loved ones alive again.

"I've lost my brother, my father. That can't change, I know it," he said. "But the point is for us not to mourn victims like that again. They bought 50 tickets to death."

Bournazis said responsibility for the crash should go far beyond the stationmaster.

"We can't dump all the blame on one person for making one mistake," he said.

Experts eye meaning of intense interest in Murdaugh trial

By JAMES POLLARD

Associated Press/Report for America WALTERBORO, S.C. — As Alex Murdaugh's murder trial moves toward its conclusion, the intense public attention on the case has only

Investigations stemming from the June 7, 2021, shooting deaths of Murdaugh's wife and son revealed that the prominent South Carolina lawyer stole millions of dollars from largely poor clients' settlements and staged an attempt on his life to secure his surviving son a \$12 million life insurance payout, according to authorities.

In the process, true crime enthusiasts, concerned onlookers and many others found the latest subject of their fascination in the yearslong unraveling of a mystery that jurors must weigh. Experts say the small town saga's

transformation into an international point of intrigue highlights insights into the human psyche: People are drawn to events that inform their perceptions of threat. And amid the commotion of the trial, some legal

observers have found an important opportunity for education. Coltan Scrivner, a researcher at the Recreational Fear Lab at Aarhus University in Denmark, said a human

desire to avoid getting duped has

developed into a natural curiosity about signs of danger. Those cues, he said, are especially strong when the schemes involve the rich and powerful like the Murdaugh family. 'We put it in our rolodex of possible

simulations of what could happen in a bad situation," Scrivner said. Amanda Vicary, a psychology

professor at Illinois Wesleyan University, said the obsession with true crime is largely driven by women interested in its self-protective lessons. Many followers might subconsciously ask themselves what they need to look for in their own lives, she said.

Plus, the Murdaugh case's many aspects — mystery, forensics, family, finances — appeal to a variety of interests. "Most popular true crime stories

might only have one or two of those elements," Vicaray said. "It has a little something for everything going on Stephanie Truesdale, an upstate

South Carolina teacher whose crocheted dolls of prominent figures in the case went viral on social media, said the combination of a wealthy family's fall from grace and the many unexpected developments piqued her

attention from the start. She said she's

been particularly interested to see how

the state's legal system treats "one of

Although the dolls garnered praise, some other displays of public interest in the case have been less wellreceived. Several trespassers were found last weekend taking selfies outside the feed room where Paul Murdaugh died, according to defense attorney Dick Harpootlian. He described it as the "most distasteful thing" he had ever seen. "If people are really paying

attention, they could really learn a lot from what's going on right now, instead of just the more gruesome aspect of things," Truesdale said. Sarah Ford, the legal director for

the South Carolina Victim Assistance Network, said she has found that people want to better understand legal processes in connection to the case. She and former state lawmaker Mandy Powers Norrell began hosting Twitter spaces to answer questions about the daily proceedings. Ford said they recently drew 600 people for an hourlong YouTube Live conversation.

For Ford, the trial has spurred conversations that can change common misconceptions about crime. People might be shocked that someone could be accused of killing their wife and

son, but the case has raised awareness

of issues such as the prevalence of

domestic violence, she said.

Officers' conduct probed in woman's death

By TRAVIS LOLLER **Associated Press**

NASHVILLE — Four Tennessee police officers are being investigated for their treatment of a woman whose pleas for help they repeatedly ignored as they accused her of faking illness after she was discharged from a hospital. The woman was pronounced dead a day later. The Knox County District Attorney's office

announced on Monday that it would not press criminal charges after an autopsy determined that 60-year-old Lisa Edwards died of a stroke and that "at no time did law enforcement interaction cause or contribute to Ms. Edwards' death." That has not stopped public outrage after the Knoxville Police Department released video showing

officers accusing Edwards of faking mobility and breathing problems and ignoring her repeated pleas for help. In the video released last week, officers struggle for about 25 minutes to move Edwards into a police van

and finally a cruiser after being called by Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center on Feb. 5. Edwards repeatedly asks for help but is rebuffed by officers and hospital security guards who become frustrated with her inability to step up into the van and

tell her she is faking her incapacity. Edwards tells them she can't breathe, she needs help sitting up, and that she's going to have a stroke. At one point, she tells them, "I'm gonna die."

First to arrive at the hospital is Sgt. Brandon Wardlaw. It is 8 a.m. and Edwards is in a hospital wheelchair in the corner of a parking garage. Security guards tell Wardlaw that she has been discharged from the medical center but won't leave the property and that they need the wheelchair back. Edwards appears somewhat disoriented, asking the officer, "Can you call the preacher for me?"

When he can't get Edwards to leave, Wardlaw decides to arrest her for trespassing and calls for a police van, but officers cannot get her inside it. They try several times to lift her but end up leaving her propped half-in, half-out of the van. Eventually she slumps to the ground, where they leave her lying for

Throughout her interaction with police, Edwards repeatedly tells the officers that she can't breathe and needs help sitting up. Her breathing is heavy and her words are slurred.

When a man walks into the parking garage, Edwards calls out to him, "Doctor! Doctor!"

She asks for her inhaler over and over again, but officers cannot locate it for several minutes. When they finally find it and give it to her, Wardlaw decides she isn't using it correctly and takes it away again.

Wardlaw, Officer Adam Barnett, and others repeatedly express their belief that Edwards is faking her mobility and breathing problems.

"You've been medically cleared ma'am. This is not going to work," Barnett tells her at one point. Later he complains that she is not using her legs "on purpose."

"Now you're starting to piss me off! Get up!" he

"This is all an act," Wardlaw says. "When you get out to jail, you'd better not pull this stunt, 'cause they don't play around out there.' There is an indication in the video that officers may

be aware Edwards could be in real distress. When they suggest putting her in the back of the van, the driver balks.

"She's saying she can't breathe. If she falls ... and dies, it's on me," says Transportation Officer Danny Dugan, who is not a sworn police officer.

Eventually they call Officer Timothy Distasio, deciding that his cruiser has a lower profile that will make it easier to get her inside. The officers push her in, and leave her lying on her back. At this point she is wheezing heavily. She asks repeatedly for officers to sit her up but they tell her she can sit herself up.

Video from inside the police car shows Edwards trying to pull herself upright repeatedly, but eventually she slumps out of sight. Several minutes later Distasio performs a traffic stop on another vehicle. When he opens the rear door, Edwards is unresponsive. He calls dispatch for an ambulance, telling them, "I don't know if she's faking it or what, but she's not answering me."

Edwards was pronounced dead at the Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center the following day.

Wardlaw, Barnett, Distasio and Dugan are on paid administrative leave, pending the outcome of the internal investigation into their conduct, according to Knoxville Police spokesman Scott Erland.

"A lot of us see these terrible videos, and then there are no repercussions for the officers because we are told that it looks terrible but actually is technically lawful and according to policy," said Alex Vitale, a professor of sociology at Brooklyn College who studies policing. "They never ask the bigger question of why were the police involved in the first place? Why are we using police to cover up the failures of our basic health care system?" Edwards had flown to Tennessee from Rhode Island

on Feb. 4, according to the autopsy report. On the flight, she started experiencing abdominal pain, and was taken to the Blount Memorial Hospital at about 7:45 p.m. There she was disruptive and uncooperative. Her behavior included throwing feces at a nurse. She was discharged in stable condition, but she

showed up at the Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center at about 1 a.m. on February 5. She was was discharged about six hours later, according to the

Edwards' daughter-in-law, August Boylan, told television station WATE-TV that Edwards had mobility problems stemming from a stroke in 2019. She also had multiple medical issues, according to the autopsy, including chronic obstructive pulmonary

Boylan said that her mother-in-law had moved to Rhode Island from Tennessee in 2018, but decided to move back.

"She was able to make her own decision as far as you know wanting to move back to Tennessee. She had a plan in place. She was discharged from a nursing home that had her helped arrange her flight to fly back to Tennessee. She was going to be living with a friend in Tennessee," Boylan told the station.

Drugs found on accused shoplifter: Police

By DAVID MELSON dmelson@t-g.com

Methamphetamine, heroin and fentanyl were found in the possession of a man who allegedly attempted to shoplift motor oil Tuesday from Dollar General Market, North Main Street, Shelbyville police said.

Steven Jeffrey Riva, 47, of North Cannon Boulevard was charged with failure to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia, shoplifting, and two counts of simple possession. He was held on \$7,000 bond.

•Marijuana was found in a vehicle during a traffic stop Tuesday morning on Madison Street, a Bedford County deputy's report

Gharri Meontae Brown, 18, of Madison Street was initially stopped due to very dark window tint. Deputy Tylar Prosser allegedly found approximately 100 grams of marijuana and approximately 50 grams of an unknown pink powder during a vehicle search.

Brown was charged with possession of a schedule 6 drug for resale and possession of drug paraphernalia. He posted \$6,000 bond.

•Another window-tinted traffic stop ended with a woman who recently moved to Shelbyville from California being cited for possession of marijuana. Officer Ramon Castillo

found two marijuana joints during a search of Dashae R. Johnson's vehicle. The traffic stop occurred on Fairfield Pike.

•A bag containing 2.7 grams of marijuana, a grinder and rolling papers was found in a truck stopped Wednesday for a traffic violation, police

Colton Baltimore was cited for simple possession, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to use due care for allegedly turning across a median, attracting the attention of Officer Andrew Koehler.

Thefts

A man who allegedly told police he was "looking for a cell phone" was found behind a tree near Sonic Drive-In, North Main Street, with some of an employee's belongings Wednesday morning.

The employee had been told by a customer that a man was taking items from her vehicle.

Ricardo Sanchez Jr., 41, of Brawley, California, told police he'd been "up for a few days" after using crystal methamphetamine. He was charged with theft from a motor vehicle and held on \$7,500 bond.

Also reported to area authorities:

•A check was stolen Monday from a home in the 500 block of Warners Bridge Road, the Bedford County Sheriff's Office was told. Entry was gained by

removing a doorknob between 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., a report said. •A purse was stolen from

the area near the merry-goround in H.V. Griffin Park's playground between 7:30-7:50 p.m. Monday.

Jail intake

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

Edward •Jason Anderson, 41, Milton; violation of probation; released, \$1,500 bomd

•Jakeem Raesean Arnold, 24, Conquest Court, Unionville; driving on suspended license, speeding; released recognizance

•April Rose Ashley, 27, Manchester; shoplifting; released on recognizance

•Gharri Meontae Brown, 18, Madison Street; possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule 6 drug; released, \$6,000 bond

•Roy Nelson Burns, 75, Lewisburg; DUI, possession of handgun while under the influence; released, \$7,000

•Nathan Dwight Bush, 35, Harrison Road; driving on suspended license, running red light/stop sign; released on recognizance •Jaime R. Caratachea,

30, Old Pencil Mill Road; driving on revoked license, registration law; held, \$5,000 bond Matthew •Jerome

Carney, 29, Nashville; failure to appear; released, \$2,500 bond •Luis Mario Carranco, 23, Fayetteville; driving on

suspended license, seat belt law; released on recogni-•Tyler Joseph Corley,

24, Winchester; failure to appear; held, \$2,500 bond •Diobigildo Cornejo, 31, White Drive; no driv-

er's license/exhibited on demand, speeding; released on recognizance Michelle Daugherty, 30, Courtland

Drive; violation of probation; released, \$2,500 bond •Raymundo Farias, 39, Railroad Road; driving on

revoked license, window tinting; released, \$1,500 bond •Isidro Ramah Garcia, 23, Fay Creek Road; finan-

cial responsibility, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding; released on recognizance Gaspar •Fernando

Sebastian, 19, Bridlewood Drive; criminal impersonation, drinking age law, violation of probation; held, \$6,500 bond

 Carlos Godinez Simon, 33, Tanner Circle; financial responsibility, forgery, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, registration law; held, \$6,000 bond

•Edbin Vobany Godinez Godinez, 24, Bridlewod Drive; due care, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance

•Heberto Emiljo Godinez, 27, Dunnaway Street; no driver's license/ exhibited on demand, speeding; released on recognizance

•Jessica Jade Henderson, 30, Old Columbia Road; aggravated domestic assault, resisting arrest,

POLICE ANNIVERSARY



Sheri Rhodes is marking 14 years of service with the

Shelbyville Police Department. Rhodes is assigned to the administrative division, where she oversees property and evidence and Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation.

violation of order of protection; held, \$4,000 bond •Ezequiel

Sanchez Hernandez, 26, Murfreesboro; public intoxication, reckless endangerment; held, no bond •Silvia Colorado

Hernandez, 57, Shelbyville Mills Road; no driver's license/exhibited demand, running red light/ stop sign; released on recognizance James

•Jeremy Hollingsworth, Lynchburg; violation of probation; released on recognizance

 Dacota Kane Hunt, 26, Estill Springs; violation of probation; released on recognizance

 Logan Cody Jones, 21, Woodbury; failure to appear; released on recognizance

•Roxanne Reynolds Jones, 47. Hinkle Hill Road, Bell Buckle; violation of probation (two counts); released on recognizance

•Christopher Ryan Judkins, 32, Corder Lane; driving on revoked license, texting while operating an motor vehicle; released on recognizance

•Denver Lee Kelly, 33, Lewisburg; simple possession, speeding; released on recognizance

•Brian Keith Lightfoot II, 26, White House; violation of probation; held, \$1,500 bond

•Mario Alexander Majano Ramos, 21, King Arthur Court; violation of probation; released, \$1,000

Epifanio Maldonado Hernandez, Murfreesboro; driving on revoked license, DUI, open container, reckless endangerment; held, \$11,000

•Guillermo Mendoza, 33, no address available; public intoxication; held, \$1,000 bond

Jaynan Miro, 39, Highway 41A North; possession of drug paraphernalia, simple possession; released on recognizance Claudia Morales

Murfreesboro; public intoxication, reckless endangerment; held, \$3,500 bond Gregorio Morales

Gallardo Jr., 19, Ligon

Drive; possession

Velazquez,

22,

drug paraphernalia; held, \$15,000 bolnd •Javier Munoz Contreras, 19, Manchester; child restraint law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding; released

on recognizance •Kerry Yavagious Ransom, 22, Bates Street; domestic assault; released on recognizance

•Steven Jeffrey Riva, 47, North Cannon Boulevard; failure to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia, shoplifting, simple possession (two counts); held, \$7,000 bond

•Ricardo Sanchez Jr., 41, Brawley, California; auto burglary (theft from vehicle); held, \$7,500 bond

•Michael Ray Stone, 50, Fayetteville; driving on revoked license, DUI, failure to appear, financial responsibility, improper passing, registration law; held, \$10,000 bond

•Jessica Velazquez, 30, Tillman Street; driving on suspended license, light law, possession of drug paraphernalia, simple possession, registration law; released on recognizance

•Janisha Warren, 29, Hazel Green, Alabama; driving on suspended license, speeding; released on recognizance

•Justin Wayne White, 28, Virgil Crowell Road; driving on revoked license; held, \$5,000 bond

•Joe Melvin Williams Jr., 53, Hannah's Gap Road; driving on revoked license, financial responsibility, seat belt law, registration law; released, \$7,500 bond •Laquan Antonio

Williams Jr., 19, Barksdale Lane; failure to appear; held, no bond •Wesley Adam Williams,

32, Midland Road; violation of probation; held for extradition

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

02/21/2023-02/27/23 Russell D. Grammar, Rosalvn C. Grammer to Kenneth Jonas Parker—\$70,000, 1.79

acres, no address Jacqueline S. Smith, David Paul Lockwood to Be The Bush Ministries-\$800,000, 28.04 acres, College St.

Michael D. Birdsall, Jessica M. Birdsall to Flying Bird Ranch LLC—0 money, 17.38 acres, Normandy St. Regina Lynne Flippin

Haywood, Regina Haywood to Casey Ray Haywood—0 money, 7.4 acres, Fairfield Reliance Group LLC,

Semadar Nebi to John Oliver Hart III—\$249,000. 1 acre, Gregory Mill Rd. Equity Trust Co., Janet Ira Easterday to

Eddy Burns, Jerrilyn Jacobs-4435,000, 7.64 acres, Hopkins Bridge Rd. Randall Douglas

Boleyjack, Kelly Donita Boleyjack to Tammy Bailey-\$225,000, 8.91 acres. Swann Lane Tori Martin Cliff, David

S. Martin to Megan Lindsey Living Trust—\$299,900, 0 acres, Wisteria Circle, Patrick R. Arras,

Jessica R. Arras to Stephen Monroe, Christi M. Monroe—\$285,000, 0 acres, Vine St. South, Blake C. Yoes, Jacquelyn

B. Yoes to Emmanuel Real Estate LLC—\$440,000, 0 acres, Cannon Blvd. Armando Alvarado

to John Milroy Habermehl, Victoria Habermehl—\$750,000, 19.49 acres, Coop Rd. Tammy Lane, Dorothy

Helen Benson, Helen Benson to Tammy Lane, William Michael Benson, Larry Tyler Miller—0 money, 25 acres, no address Agrin H. Nejad, Khidir H. Nejad to Tre Stewart—\$98,500, 0 acres, Northside Park Dr. Straight Creek Farm

LLC. Elisabeth E. Southern to William B. Southern, Elisabeth E. Southern—0 money, 42.68 acres, Straight Creek Rd. Virginia Gail Nichols to

Virginia Gail Nichols, Joe Ray Nichols Jr.—0 money, 2.94 acres, Hwy 64 Allen Greulich, Elsie

Greulich to John Irvin, Roxanne Irvin-\$520,000, 0 acres, no address Joseph Hafner to Mary

Margaret Cooper, Jonathan Evans—\$425,000, 0 acres, Brown Lane Sam B. Kite Jr.,

Kenneth B. Lawrence to Allen Greulich, Elsie Greulich-\$389,900, 0 acres, Kingree Rd. Naqunia Brannon to Lotte Gower-0 money, 0

acres, no address Zafrullah Khan, Biljana to Amerikhan LLC-

\$44,120, 0 acres, no Valerie Ray Avent,

Olivia J. Ray, Olivia Ray to Kertrina Ray Brame-0 money, 0 acres, Mead Dr. Valerie Ray Avent, Olivia

J. Ray, Olivia Jane Ray to Valerie Ray Avent, Charles Avent Jr., Mary Elizabeth Avent—0 money, 0 acres, no address Mary L. Knox, William

C. Knox to Mary L. Knox, William C. Knox, Elisabeth A. Thomas, Dwjaun A. Henderson, Latisha Hardic—0 money, 0 acres, Cessna Lane

Marinosci Law Group P C, Ronnie L. Luker to PennyMac Loan Services LLC—\$18,647.34, 0 acres, Cayenne Rd.

Michael S. Winkle, Julie

M. Winkle to Jacob Walker, Carly Malynn Shrum-

\$299,900, 0 acres, Deer Point Rd.

Ridgewood Development LLC to Global Homes Inc.—0 money, 0 acres, no

Global Homes Inc. to Brad D. Gaither—\$297,900, 0 acres, no address Rebecca Flippo Landers, Martha Ann Carpenter to

John Cody King, Johnathan Chace Warren—\$160,000, O acres, Wartrace Hwy George Moody Revocable Living Trust to Dipakkumar Patel, Bhumika Patel—0 money, 29.31

acres, Edd Joyce Rd. Joyce Hancock, Laurie Davis to Najm Shami, Hind Kadhim—\$470,000, 0 acres, Mullins Mill Rd.

Joshua L. Crosslin to Rockford Lodge LLC, Nicholas T. Hill—0 money, 0 acres, Hwy 41A Samuel Luker, Berlyn

Cheris Trostle to Shinna

Hawkins—\$265,000, 0 acres, Longview Rd. Pamela J. Schwenn to Danny Dunivan, Melissa Duncan-\$150,000, 5.15

acres, Hwy 64

Jarek Biegas to Ricky Lee Bonifant Jr., Matthew Bonifant—\$20,000, 12 acres, Halls Mill Rd. Ricky Lee Bonifant Jr.,

Matthew Bonifant to Ricky Lee Bonifant Jr., Matthew Bonifant—\$20,000, 12 acres, Halls Mill Rd. Susan Sharrock Quick to Susan Sharrock Quick,

Cody R. Sharrock-0

money, 0 acres, no address Austin C. Lamb, Jennifer M. Lamb to DarronL. Carpenter—\$325,000, 0

acres, Cook Lane Amanda Walls, Amanda Siebers, Dustin Tyler Seibers to Lori E. Pavey, Laurence E. Pavey II—\$765,000, 0 acres, Unionville Chapel Hill

Mary M. Cooper, Johnathan Evans to David Paskwietz, Patricia Paskwietz-\$370,000, 0 acres, Green Hills Dr.

David Paskwietz, Patricia Paskwietz to Paskwietz Family Trust, David E. Paskwietz Family Trust, Patricia W. Paskwietz Family Trust—0 money, 0

acres, Green Hills Dr. Billy Wilhoite, Terri Wilhoite to Terri L. And Billy W. Wilhoite Revocable Living Trust, Billy W. Wilhoite Revocable Living Trust, Terri L. Wilhoite Revocable Living Trust money, O acres, Amos

Joshua Douglas Moore, Herschel Douglas Moore, James Benjamin Moore, Sherry Rose Moore to Dustin Tyler Siebers, Amanda Seibers-\$299,000, 0

Smith Rd.

acres, Midland Rd. PennyMac Loan Services LLC to Jose Alberto Herrara Carranza—\$90,000, 0 acres, Warner Bridge Rd.

Angela L. Clark to Tina Janelle Cantrall—\$235,000, 0 acres, Jamie Court Shawna Kay Calkins to

Michael Quinn Sneed-\$200,000, 0 acres, no address Jennifer E. Shuev

to Justin Michael Brewer-\$235,000, 0 acres, Briar Patch Dr. Larry Randolph Sanders

to Brian Strohm, Andreia Constance Smith—\$7,000, 0.74 acres, Tullahoma Normandy Rd.

MUSICAL – A musical is visiting his sister, Mrs. street open for travel.

BEDFORD COUNTY YESTERYEARS

MARCH 1903 REAL ESTATE – G. B. and Sarah Moon to E. J. Edwards, 34 acres in 4th District.

REUNION – In "Blue

Stocking Hollow" a reunion was held by the Dryden family. Thomas Dryden, Sr., the father, moved from Virginia to this State about the year 1820 and settled in the same valley near the old Dryden homestead to which he moved in 1830 where he raised six sons and two daughters.

ESTATE REAL Moses Woodfin and others 4th District.

to J. T. Lynn, 230 acres in RICHMOND - Mr. Polk Curtis spent two or three days at Mr. R. A. Dysart

near Bedford last week.

will be given on Monday evening under the auspices of the Mary L. Cannon Society of the Presbyterian Church, directed by Mary Dale Figures, violinist of Nashville. **ESTATE** REAL Standard Oil Company to

W. C. Cooper, lot in 4th **NOTE** – Mr. H S. Cunningham of this county,

has obtained a patent on a "combined wagon body and hay rack.' **MARCH 1928 NORMANDY** – The N & C Depot force has been

reduced, Mr. G. F. Ford being assigned to Hooker, **BELL BUCKLE** – Mr. Bailey Marks of Shelbyville Will Jacobs. HALEY - Mrs. J. C.

Dillingham and children of Stevenson, Alabama, were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Hooser. SHELBYVILLE **MILLS** – Mr. and Mrs.

Rufus Segroves and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pilkington SHIPMAN CREEK – Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Troxler and children, Mr. and Mrs.

Cecil Troxler, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Leming and children spent Sunday with Mrs. J D. Troxler. **NOTICE** – No parking on Depot Street between the Public Square and the Opera

House, in order to keep the

FOR SALE - Two Good Farms. 100 acres and 400

acres – on or near highways. Stock and grain. See C. L. Shoffner. NEW RESIDENCE Mrs. A. F. Mullins is

building a handsome new residence on Walnut Street. Col. Morgan Haney has the FOR SALE - Pork Chops, well-trimmed, good

and lean, only 20 cents per pound at J. B. Marsh's Meat Market. **MARCH 1953 REAL ESTATE** – J. T. Darnell and wife to W. J.

Montgomery, property in 18th District. HICKORY HILL Miss Martha Creek is now

HIMESVILLE Dwight and Barbara Hasty

Philpot.

Company.

of Nashville are spending a few days with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Euless

Mrs. Clarence Cortner and Pete visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parks Sunday. SHELBYVILLE

WARTRACE - Mr. and

The home of Mr. and Mrs.

Charles Beesley on Cannon Boulevard was practically destroyed by fire early this morning while the family was away.

NOTICE – Construction on Shelbyville's new elementary school probably will begin the latter part of next month. The old building on the school property, working at Edgemont Drug located on the Fayetteville



this week.

RAUS - Mrs. Claude and Winston Roberts

Roberts were in Fayetteville on Friday evening, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stephens. ATTENTION Something New - Old Place

- Same Old Man. This is to say that the C. & M. Trading Post is operating under C. H. Hardison at 503 North Spring Street. Former location of Swap Shop.



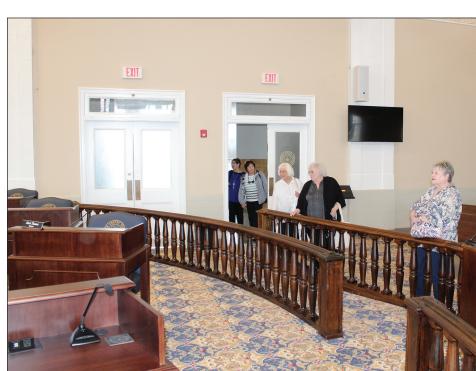


Retired teachers get history lesson

Bedford County Retired Teachers Association toured the renovated Bedford County Courthouse for its March meeting. Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham greeted the group and welcomed them to the courthouse, and County Archivist Carol Roberts conducted the tour.

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My Take

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A time to celebrate

his is the first weekend of March **■** 2023, so get out your calendars, grab a pencil, and get ready to make some notes.

Now March is usually known for the Start of Spring (Hallelujah!).

Monday, March 20th through Tuesday, March 21st, is known as the Vernal Equinox.

The Vernal Equinox is when Spring starts in the Northern Hemisphere and Autumn starts in the Southern Hemisphere. It's one of those science things. Spring is one of my

favorite times of the year. My other favorites are Summer, Autumn, and Winter.

When Spring is over I guess I'm ready for Summer, and when it gets toooooo hot, I can't wait until Autumn. And before long I'm ready for Winter. And then I can't wait for

And so goes my year with my favorite seasons. But, March is also known as Adopt a Rescued Guinea Pig Month; and Berries and Cherries Month (every day for me), Dolphin Awareness Month, and Expanding Girls' Awareness Month.

I have three granddaughters, two of them live here with Lynn and me, and their mother also lives here too; so Expanding Girls' Awareness Month is every month here in our lovely

Every month is also "Help us Lord!" month.

March is also National Celery Month (I like mine covered in peanut butter or Cheese Whiz), and International Ideas Month.

If you have any good ideas, please share them with me! And March is also

National Frozen Food Month (we celebrate that every month in the Dezotell household).

It's Mad For Plaid Month, American Red Cross Month, Listening Awareness Month, Irish-American Heritage Month, National Deaf History Month, National Music In Our Schools Month, and Women's History Month (inspiring and trailblazing women need to be hailed and acknowledged; such as my wonderful Mother, who raised my four siblings and me in a wonderful church, and set us on a good course for life).

This past week had some special days too. March 1st was World Compliment Day, World Seagrass Day, and National Peanut Butter Lover's Day, which I celebrate just about every day, Creamy or Crunchy.

March 1st was also Share A Smile Day, and ➤ See **Doug**, Page **3B**

Billie Crowell: celebrating 94 years



T-G Photos by Zoe Watkins

Her parents moved

Billie was the second

to Shelbyville after a

family member, Uncle

Ben Reeves who was big

in the gasoline business,

suggested they start a

service station in the city.

Around 1930, her dad

opened up Bill's Gas and

Oil on North Main at the

eldest.

Billie Crowell next to her piano.

By ZOË WATKINS zwatkins@t-g.com

Many have taken piano lessons from her; many have heard her play organ on Sunday mornings. Many in the community know her, and many in the community love her.

Her name is Billie Crowell and she'll be turning 94 on March 23.

And over those 94 years, she has met many people in the community, touching them not only with her music but also her infectious laugh and smile. To say the least, she's seen a lot over the years and says today, "I've got so many stories, I don't even know where to begin."

Gas stations, The Depression, and courthouse fire

Billie was born in Murfreesboro in 1929 to Mary Helen Smartt with two t's! — and Willie Dickens "Bill" Hayes. "So, you know why I'm Billie," she said.

There was also Mary Jane, June Helen, W.D. "Buddy" Jr., and Phyllis.

Interestingly enough, Billie recalled that one of her earliest memories was when the Courthouse burned in December 1934 after a riot broke out.

"They had the fire truck...While it was burning, they had all these tubes, and I remember playing on them," she said. "Why do I remember that?" she asked with a laugh.

Billie said that though she grew up poor, her family did fine. The lived in a simple white frame house, located where New Covenant Bookstore now stands, that had big hearths and got heat from coal. All this, of course, matches the atmosphere of the Great Depression.

"Everybody was scraping for food, places to live, getting kids to school," she said.

Billie went to East Side Elementary where she soared through the first three grades — with the help of her older sister Mary Jane.

Not only was she excelling in school at a young age, but it was

also around this time that she began taking piano lessons at the age of nine something that would impact her for the rest of her life.

"In between, I was so drawn to music, that's all I wanted to do," she said. Somehow, in some kind of a deal, her dad got an old, broken-down piano.

"And, oh man, Mary Jane and I took off on it. We loved it," Billie said.

'Most talented,' Coke, and singers 'n swing

Her talent was easily recognized in high school as she was voted "most talented" when she was a senior graduating in 1946 from Shelbyville Central High School.

She also caught the attention of a young man named Zedric Elmer Crowell. He was a football player and an all-around active student.

His nickname was "Coke," coming from his notorious act of shaking up a bottle of coke then spraying people with it when he was just six or seven years old.

"I don't know where he

➤ See Crowell, Page 3B



With a smile, Billie plays Amazing Grace.

Dattodils in bloom

affodils are our first glimmer of hope that spring is near. The bright yellow perennials bloom at the end of winter and are typically the first color we see after a long streak of winter dullness. And according to the Farmer's Almanac, daffodils, unlike tulips, are deer- and rodent-resistant bulbs (they simply don't like the taste of bulbs in the Narcissus family). So, if you're wanting to plant a few more, look for large bulbs that have not dried out—these do the best. Daffodils also grow best in full sun though they can grow in partial shade, such as in woodland areas. They tend to rot if too wet, so place them in well-drained areas. After daffodils bloom in the spring, allow them to grow until they die off. This is because they need time after blooming to store energy in the bulbs for next year's bloom. To remove the dead plants, either snip them off at the base, or twist the leaves while pulling lightly. It's best to plant them in the fall but it doesn't hurt to add a little early color to your yard or front door. They'll pop up next year for another bright surprise that tells us warm weather is ahead. Daffodils also symbolize "regard for someone," so sending a few is a sweet message. To end, here are the words of William Shakespeare from his play *The* Winter's Tale (c. 1610), "Daffodils/ That come before the swallow dares, and take/The winds of March with beauty."



T-G Photos by Zoe Watkins

Dale

t is always refreshing when someone you have always considered to be an icon is a genuinely nice person.

Murphy

I was reminded of that this past week when I attended a dinner in Manchester in which former Atlanta Braves star Dale Murphy was the guest speaker. Due to some connections I was lucky enough to be able to spend a little more than an hour with "Murph" before he went to the event. Sometimes former players become grumpy after their playing days are over, but Murphy is still the same nice guy he has always been.

During my time as a sportswriter with the now defunct Nashville Banner I was sometimes assigned to go to Braves games. Back in the day when clubhouse restrictions weren't so rigid players could spend some pregame time in conversations with reporters.

Murphy was always a congenial interview. But the thing I remember about him the most was one afternoon before a game he was sitting in front of his locker autographing what looked like a stack of 50 photos featuring him with kids at an event.

"Who else but Dale Murphy would do this?," observed the man who was making the request to have the photos signed.

Who else indeed. No matter how many honors he received Murphy was and still is a humble person.

Murphy was the National League Most Valuable Player in 1982 and '83. He was a seventime All-Star in 1980 and from 1982-87.

The Braves have retired his No. 3 jersey number. He is also a member of the Braves Hall of Fame as well as the Oregon Hall of Fame, his native state; the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame. He has a charity which provides baseball equipment for children in need throughout the world.

One hall of fame has eluded him. He retired with 398 home runs, 1,266 runs batted in, 2,111 hits and a .265 batting average. The Baseball Writers Association of America has yet to vote to enshrine him in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. He will not be eligible for consideration again for three more years.

He closed out his career with the Philadelphia Phillies and the Colorado Rockies, ending an 18-year Major League career that extended from 1976-93 in which he was a

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FCE CLUBS MEET

Liberty FCE report

Liberty FCE met on Feb. 20. Judy Smith called the meeting to order. Debbie Parker read the call to order. Bonnye Catron gave the devotion. Roll was answered with eight members present. Farm Bureau will be feed in April. The menu will be planned next month. Share Fair will be in June. Each unit is to decorate a table. Achievement night will be held March 21 at the extension office. Whitney Danhof gave the educational program, "Iris Folded Hearts." She brought the material and every member made a valentine. Dorris Turntine had a baby quilt as her club demonstration and Lynn Wilhelm had a picture of her granddaughter when she was in the homecoming court. Judy Smith read the adjournment. The next meeting will be March 20.

Four Corners FCE report

Four Corners FCE met on Feb. 27 at the Extension Office with 10 members present and one guest. Tammy Brown called the meeting to order. Devotion was given by Connie smith, and Louise Armstrong read the call to order entitled "Snowman's Valentine." Armstrong gave the treasurer's report and Vavial Jamison the sunshine report. Club donations were recorded. The program was given by Extension Agent Whitney Danhof on iris paper folding. Everyone had a great time making their own beautiful heart card using this technique. Achievement night will be March 21, at the Extension Office. The theme of the night is "pearls of FCE." They are predicting a great night of music, food and fun. Our next meeting will be March 27 at the Extension Office.



Junior Archivist summer camp will bring history alive

NASHVILLE - Tennessee State Library & Archives will bring history alive for 8 to 12-year-olds during Historians in Training: Junior Archivist Summer Camp on June 12 - 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We are excited to host another year of summer camp at our beautiful Tennessee State Library & Archives building," said Secretary of State Tre Hargett. "Our team has worked hard to put together a great week filled with activities that will appeal to any student interested in or wanting to learn more about Tennessee history and preservation."

During the week-long adventure, campers will explore historical topics and people while learning how archivists care for and protect historical documents for the future. As junior archivists and historians, campers will learn how history is preserved through hands-on activities, games and field trips to other local historical sites.

The full-day summer camp, presented by the Library & Archives Education Outreach team, will take place at the Library & Archives, located on the northeast corner of Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park at 1001 Rep. John Lewis Way N., in Nashville. The cost to attend is \$125 per camper, with an additional charge of \$10 for before or after care, respectively.

The Library & Archives, a division of the Department of State, collects and preserves books, journals, maps, photographs, records and other documents of historical and reference value focusing on Tennessee and Tennesseans. The Library & Archives is home to many irreplaceable historical documents, including Tennessee's three

The Historians in Training: Junior Archivist Summer Camp is funded in part by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

To register for the Historians in Training: Junior Archivist Summer Camp, visit sos.tn.gov/tsla/summer-

GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS



Emma Collard



Julia Anderson



Abigail Murrill

The Shelby Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution hosted their Good Citizen Awards at First Christian Church Sunday. This award recognizes and rewards high school seniors who "possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities." These students are selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrate these qualities to an outstanding degree. Awards were presented to Emma Collard from Cascade High School, Julia Anderson from Shelbyville Central High School, and Abigail Murrill from Community High.

Are you reading enough comic strips?

'm heartbroken that cartoonist Scott Adams recently self-destructed - but hold the presses! This big, beautiful world still has plenty of comic strips to tickle our funny bones.

Don't believe me? I crunched the numbers and realized that on a good day, I read some 138 comic strips and panels!

(On a GREAT day, I place some 138 comic strips and panels in a folder marked "Tomorrow," put on my wife's favorite mood music, go pantsless like Ziggy and...well, this being a family newspaper, never mind. Mary Worth's ticker couldn't handle the

details.) My obsession has grown with time and technology,

but my interest in the funnies goes way back. I have a photograph of myself at less than 2 years old, "reading" the Sunday comics. I couldn't get enough of Donald Duck, Henry, Li'l Abner, Maggie and Jiggs and the rest.

Back then, I never dreamed I would someday have the comics-reading opportunities I enjoy now. (No, I probably dreamed about Henry, Abner, Maggie and Jiggs going DUCK HUNTING. Hey, my father could have canceled the subscription if my nightmares messed with his sleep THAT

much.) Of course, it requires some furious speed reading to achieve my daily goal

of slapstick and wry observation; but I don't think I sacrifice anything in comprehension. Andy Capp DID get ordained as a minister, didn't he? And Prince Valiant is rocking that shaved head, right?

Comic strips have given me a different take on social rejection. I now say, "I don't have to stay where I'm not wanted...unless it's at Mr. Wilson's house." I'm such a menace.

"The Family Circus" has rewired my brain to the extent that I'm terrified of traffic stops. If asked if I knew that I ran a stop sign, I would probably burst out with "Ida Know" and "Not Me." I'm glad I don't drink, because a

field sobriety test would

doubtless have me leaving little dotted lines all over

the neighborhood. Comic strips and religious observance sometimes clash. When the preacher encourages me to think about Something Bigger Than Myself, my first thought is, "What? My

appetite for lasagna?" A good comics page balances heartwarming "legacy" comic strips with "edgy" new entries. (Ever get the idea that newspaper syndicate salesmen are trapped in Bill Murray's "Groundhog Day"? Every morning they find the same word on their Word of the

pattern of quantity over

Day calendar!) Forgive me if I've locked myself into a

quality. Some of the legacy strips are three generations removed from their creator and stopped being funny in the Harry S Truman administration. ("The punchline stops here.")

And some of the hipster strips take such a longwinded, meandering, navel-gazing route that you can well imagine the cartoonist begging, "Please, I need to intrude upon the Sudoku puzzle and maybe take just a smidge of the sports page..."

I hope I'm reaching kindred spirits here. We could all use an extra smile or two each day. And while serialized adventure strips are way past their heyday, we can still use heroes to



inspire us.

Granted, we can never quite live up to the heroic standards of the stalwart comic strip doctors, judges and super-heroes. Take for instance, The Phantom. "The Ghost Who Walks" has only inspired me to be the Ghostly Pale Guy Who Sits On His Butt Reading 138 Comic Strips and

•Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at tyreetyrades@aol.com and visits to his Facebook fan page "Tyree's Tyrades."



Recognize anyone? The woman on the left is Peri Gilpin, the actress who played Roz Doyle on the popular sitcom Fraser.



Billie Crowell looks through her senior yearbook from 1946.

Crowell

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got this in his head," Billie said with a laugh.

Looking through an old black-and-white yearbook from 1946, Billie points out all of her classmates and teachers. "I can always find myself by my hair," she said, looking at her large, dark curls. Her dark curls and pretty smile can be found in many of the school's group photos, like cheerleading, basketball, and student council.

Billie's talent also caught the ear of a local performer — Chief of Police Ralph Brantley, who had a band and would give piano performances at the school. With Brantley, Billie played singers 'n swing music at clubs and event halls in Tullahoma and Manchester, songs like "It Had to be You," a tune she can still play today with

a jolly swing. She said her parents didn't mind at the time; they were "nice clubs" and she earned \$20 every Saturday night (about \$250 in today's money).

To college, children, and teaching

After graduating high school, Billie went to Middle Tennessee State University to study music and psychology.

However, she had to drop out after she and Coke "got too close." Shortly after, they married and started children together, Jackie, Nancy, and David.

Even while being a mom, Billie got her degree by taking a few hours of classes every few weeks, along with close friend and neighbor Iris Whitney.

While settling Bedford, Billie began teaching piano for the Bedford County School System with three other teachers. She got paid 10 cents a mile but enjoyed teaching the young prodigies.

In the days before recorded music was readily available, Billie also played piano for Nancy June Brandon's dance classes in Shelbyville.

When asked what she enjoys the most about piano, Billie replied, "Fur Elise?" as it's always been the classics, in addition to the hymns, that she's enjoyed.

Most notably, Billie's music took her to church. She was raised in the First Baptist Church where she first began playing piano for the Sunday crowds.

She said she played the very first organ that was installed at First Baptist Church. However, since she was a little too short and couldn't reach the pedals on the floor, Billie played the keys while the man who installed the organ played the pedals for her.

She then played at First United Methodist, since Coke was Methodist, before playing at First Christian for a family. They had three a long time. She eventually



Her senior yearbook picture.

moved on to play at First Presbyterian Church where she still serves as organist.

All the while, Coke, who Billie said "couldn't carry a tune but would sing louder than anybody else," worked as an engineer at AEDC and still attended church with her. However, he passed away in 2009 from esophageal cancer.

Billie said living on her own has been difficult, but her kids, who live nearby, have been "so good." Not to mention the many friends and students in the community who get to visit with her.

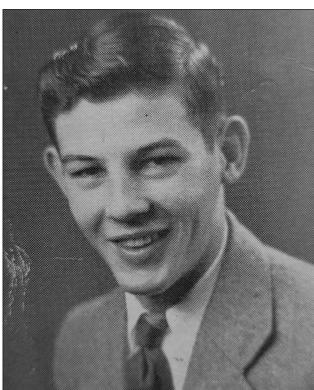
That's what matters, friendship," Billie said. "I wouldn't want to live anywhere else."

Today

Today, in the comfort of her home, Billie still plays Amazing Grace on her Kawai piano. On Tuesdays she gives lesson and on Sundays plays the organ at First Presbyterian. This is even after a long bout with Covid last fall that caused her to be unable to give lessons or perform for a couple months.

But through it all, she knows Jesus has always been with her. It's never too late. In fact, her dad was baptized at the age of 75.

It's advice she hopes to pass on to the younger generation.





Even turning 94, Billie Crowell still plays the piano daily.

"I know, as I've gotten I had to have back then and older and older and older, I known He was right there trust the Lord more — but with me," she said.

Doug

(Continued from Page 1) National Pig Day. I guess you could have shared a smile with a pig on that

March 2nd began Read Across America Week, with March 2nd being the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, affectionately

known as Dr, Seuss. He taught us to "Think and wonder, wonder and think." And "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn,

the more places you'll go.' And Dr. Seuss also said, "Why fit in when you were born to stand out?"

And, "You are you! Now, isn't that pleasant?" And the good Dr. said, 'Only you can control your

future.' And "Congratulations! Today is your day!"

Then the Seuss-meister said, "So, open your mouth! For every voice counts!"

I hope you are standing out! Let your voice count, for you were born to be And then today of

course is March 4th, which is the day that this column appears in the Times-Gazette; and it is National Grammar Day, and National Hug a G.I. Day. And today is also National Pound Cake Day, National

Snack Day, and then of course World Obesity Day. Tomorrow, Sunday, March 5th is National

Cheese Doodle Day. And I hope you will attend a good Bible Believing, Gospel Preaching, Jesus Loving church somewhere tomorrow.

And then on Monday, March 6th, it is a very special day indeed!

Not only is it the birthday of Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni, better known as just "Michelangelo," who was born in a small village in Tuscany back in 1475; but it is also the birthday of another great artist: the late water-colorist, my big brother Robert Andrew Dezotell, whom we all called "Bob."

March 6th! What a day! On my brother Bob's 12th birthday, back in 1954, instead of throwing a big birthday party for Bob, my parents were really busy in the maternity ward of Deaconess Hospital in Grand Forks, North Dakota, where my Sweet Mama gave birth to her last baby boy.

Bob's parents, Fred and Alpha Dezotell, named their last child, Douglas Michael Dezotell.

That's Me! I was my big brother Bob's 12th surprise birthday present. I'll stop right there with

the Special Days. I mean, what's more special than I pray that you will make every day special.

Happy March 2023! •Doug Dezotell is the pastor of Cannon United

Methodist Church, and a columnist for the Times-Gazette. He is a husband, a father, a grandfather, and your friend. He can be contacted at dougmdezotell@gmail. com, or at 931-607-5191. You can find Doug in the pulpit on Sundays at 11 a.m. at Cannon UMC, 1001 S. Cannon Blvd., in

Shelbyville, Tennessee.

MTSU Star Party features 'Inhabiting Other Worlds'

MURFREESBORO — Middle Tennessee State University Department of Physics and Astronomy instructor Greggory "Gregg" McPherson continues the spring Friday Star Party with an out-of-

this-world presentation. McPherson presented the topic "Inhabiting Other Worlds" starting at p.m. 6:30 Friday, March 3, in Wiser-Patten Science Hall Room 102.



All Star Parties are free and open to the public and MTSU community. The format is a 30- to 45-minute lecture followed by a telescope viewing by the MTSU Observatory, weather permitting.

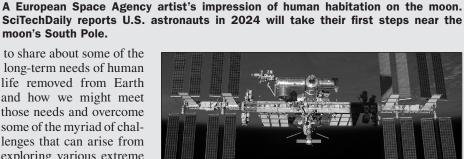
"With NASA's Artemis missions on the horizon looking to 'establish the first long-term presence on the Moon' and some companies looking ahead to other long-term space endeavors, I was struck by how the dreams of old science fiction are barreling toward becoming a reality," McPherson said. "In this talk, I wanted



long-term needs of human life removed from Earth and how we might meet those needs and overcome some of the myriad of challenges that can arise from exploring various extreme environments found in our solar system and, time permitting, maybe beyond," he added.

moon's South Pole.

Following the talk, Quinn Wilson, president of the MTSU Astronomy Club, invited a guest, Chuck Schlemm, NASA Joint Propulsion Laboratory Solar System Ambassador, who brough an exhibit on human spacecraft and NASA missions to be displayed, McPherson said.



This undated photo shows the International Space Station, where NASA regularly studies the long-term effects of living outside of much of the Earth's protec-

Friday Star Party schedule also will include: • April 7 — Topic to

The spring semester

be announced, led by lecturer Irina Perevalova. • May 5 — "The Power of Stars in Our Homes,"

led by lecturer Neda

of life. One statement rang

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For more informa-

Mark

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catcher, first baseman and outfielder.

Off the field he and Nancy, his wife of 40 years, have raised eight

as a speaker and also is involved in the restaurant business with Murph's having opened near the Braves stadium.

career and his philosophy

children. He is in demand

"We are all members of a team whether we are athletes or not," Murphy He left his audience said. "We are part of a with memories of his team with our families, in

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listening.

true for everyone who was to work to be good teammates." For Murphy that was

not idle talk. He was, and still is, one of the best people you would want on your team.

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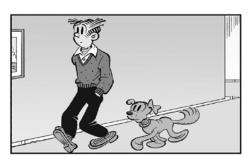


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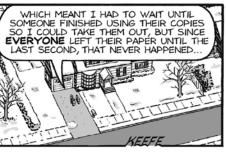


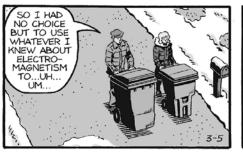




















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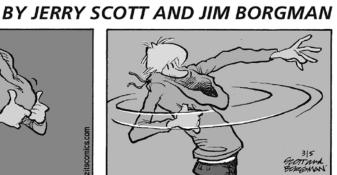
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I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO AGK: "WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THERAPY?"





SLYLOCK FOX

Last night's storm exposed buried pirate treasure on a California beach. The elephant claims the treasure belongs to him because he found it at 9:00 AM, before Shady arrived. Shady Shrew insists he found it first, just as the sun rose over the ocean horizon. Why doesn't Slylock Fox believe Shady?

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BY DARRIN BELL





BY BOB WEBER JR.



"THAT REMINDS ME OF ALL THOSE CLOWNS

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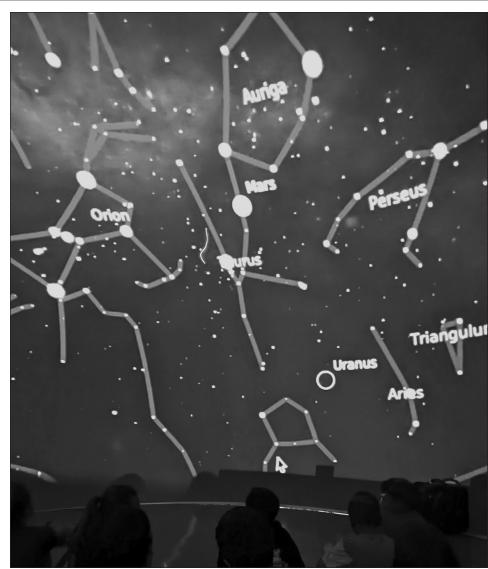
YOUR DRAWING Today's terrific artist is Hannah, age 10





"THAT ONE ALWAYS HOLDS LEROY'S ATTENTION."





Into the night sky

ascade Elementary School students recently experienced the night sky through a different perspective. Billy & Jan Hix brought an impressive planetarium to take students on an exploration of stars, constellations, galaxies & more. Bedford County Schools would like to thank Billy Hix for taking their students on an immersive experience of the night sky and encouraging them to learn.

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Gone and Forgotten: Memphis' Ford Assembly Plant (1912-1958)

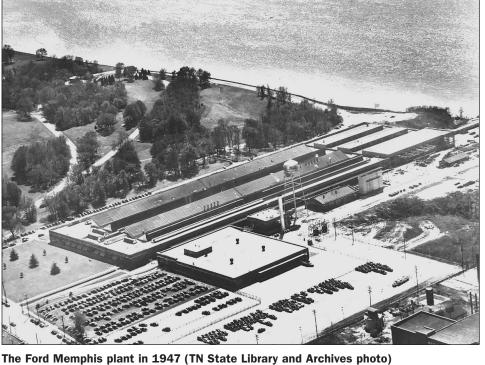
By Bill Carey Bill Carey is the founder of Tennessee History for Kids, a nonprofit organization that helps teachers cover social

read an article the other day that said Tennessee "got into the car manufacturing business in 1983, with the arrival ofx the Nissan This reminded me of

something I've written and said many times: The most forgotten factory in Tennessee history is Memphis' Ford assembly plant. From 1914 until 1958,

Ford was one of the highest paying manufacturers in the state. Like assembly plants today, the plant didn't make car parts, but it put together parts and tires that had been made elsewhere and delivered to Memphis, mainly by rail After leaving its

original Union Avenue building in 1924 for a much larger plant two miles south of downtown Memphis, Ford grew to have more than 1,200 employees by the late 1920s. Some of them bought small houses in



the neighborhood that was developed near the factory, a subdivision which was, and still is, known as Fordhurst. (However, a detailed story by Memphis Heritage Inc. maintains that Fordhurst was not successful because most of the Ford employees chose to buy homes elsewhere.) Back then, Ford made only one car, that being the Model T. Memphis 250,000-square-foot plant made more than 350 Model T's per day in the 1920s. It

continued to make cars in

the 1930s as the company released new models such as the DeLuxe Touring Sedan and the DeLuxe During World War II,

Coupe. new car production was brought to a halt because rubber was in short supply. Ford shifted its Memphis plant to make Pratt and Whitney aircraft engine parts and, like many Tennessee factories, hired a lot of women to work the lines. Then,

after the war, the plant

foot expansion and was

underwent a 75,000 square

again by 1946. Memphis' Ford plant

producing cars and trucks

continued to thrive through most of the 1950s. It was a high-profile, union employer, whose employees gave tours to visitors and school groups and contributed to local fund drives. Then, in 1956, Ford began investing \$250 million in a sedan known as the Edsel. Marketed as the "car of the future," the Edsel was one of the

most colossal failures in

In May 1958, Ford

American business history.

Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture has articles about Nissan,

announced it would close the Memphis plant and lay off the approximately 1,400 employees there. The company claimed the move was being taken in the name of corporate efficiency, but the United Auto Workers blamed it on the Edsel. "After nearly half century of blood, sweat and tears, all of it from the boys on the line, the final payoff comes June 6, when 'Mr. Ford' says 'Shut her down... lock the

"The cold hard truth of the matter is that this shutdown is the price we have to pay for somebody's \$250 million blunder." On June 6, the

doors," said an ad bought

by the Local 903, U.A.W.

1,573,709th and last Ford vehicle ever made in Memphis rolled off the assembly line. A few days later,

many of the former Ford employees had a rather subdued picnic, paid for out of union dues. A lot of

the laid-off workers said they had found new jobs; some said that they had "irons in the fire"; a few talked about moving. Today these workers, and their factory, are a blind spot in the world of Tennessee history. The

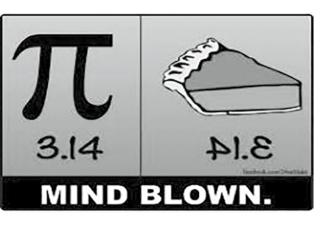
Saturn and about the short-

lived (and tiny) Marathon Car Factory in Nashville, but none on the Memphis

Ford plant. Part of the problem is that the state government officials involved in Nissan's recruitment in the late 1970s - most notably Governor Lamar Alexander and former Nissan executive Marvin Runyon - didn't seem to know the Ford plant ever existed. In 1999, I researched the Nissan recruitment for the book Fortunes, Fiddles and Fried Chicken: A Nashville Business History. At that time, both Alexander and Runyon told me there they didn't think there had been an automobile assembly plant in Tennessee before Nissan. I don't think they knew about the Memphis Ford factory, and it didn't matter to them, because by the late 1970s, Tennessee had no car industry. But I do want us to

remember Memphis' Ford plant - If nothing else, because people in East and Middle Tennessee like to disparage and disregard West Tennessee. It also makes me sad to think of 1,500 people losing their jobs and the last Ford rolling off the assembly line in 1958.

Wartrace celebrates Pi Day



ant to boost your fun 3.14 times? Are you a well-rounded Pi enthusiast? If you answered yes to either question, the Town of Wartrace is here for you to celebrate Pi Day, 3.14 (also known as March 14).

The Parks & Recreation Committee is accepting orders for pies until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7. Available award-winning pies include chess pie, coconut pie, and chocolate pie for \$12 and pecan pie for \$17.

"The Parks & Recreation Committee and other volunteers have graciously agreed to bake these pies to help support some of our programs and activities," said Committee Chairman Tammy Leverette. "If you have a sweet tooth, you can help support this sweet cause. The more pies we sell, the more activities we can host for our

Activities from the proceeds from the third annual Pi Day pie sales include the July 4 Celebration, Trunk or Treat, free movie nights, and other special events. With the gymnasium now reopened, the Parks & Recreation Committee is exploring more opportunities for residents and visitors to experience the best of Wartrace. Payment and pickup for the pies is Friday, March 10

at Town Hall, but this year customers may also pick them up on Saturday, March 11 during Movie Night. Shrek will be shown at the gymnasium at no charge (concessions available); doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the movie Mayor Brian Ross joked, "Yogi Berra once said, 'Cut

my pie into four pieces, I don't think I could eat eight'. But I could eat all eight pieces from these award-winning pies, made by some of the most talented bakers in our

community. I hope you order today to both support your circumference and our parks and recreation programs." Pies may be ordered by phone or email: Town Hall at

931-389-6144 and wartraceparksandrec@gmail.com.



ROTARY SPEAKER



Beth Davis of Shelbyville Bedford Partnership presented the program at a recent Shelbyville Rotary Club meeting, From left, program chairperson Kelly North, Davis, and club president Darin Hasty.

AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING ON APRIL 1



The Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library is proud to present an Author Presentation & Book Signing with Manchester local Dr. Lona Bailey! Dr. Bailey's newest book, "The Voice of Villainy," covers the life and work of actress Betty Lou Gerson, a Chattanooga local most famously known as the voice behind the original Cruella de Vil from Disney's One Hundred and One Dalmatians. The event is free to attend for all ages and will be Saturday, April 1, at 10 a.m. in the Library's Community room. For more information, please call us at (931) 684-7323. Be sure to check our Facebook page for any event

Nearest & Jack to host inaugural 'spirits on the rise' summit

SHELBYVILLE and LYNCHBURG - The Nearest & Jack Advancement Initiative (NJAI), the first-of-its-kind incubator for diversifying the current and future leaders in the whiskey industry, announces its first-ever 'Spirits on the

The two-day event, taking place on April 17 and 18, aims to combat the imbalance set upon BIPOC businessmen and businesswomen in spirits and will bring together spirits industry entrepreneurs from historically underrepresented communities as they work to advance their businesses.

Throughout the summit, attendees

will have unprecedented access to industry experts from NJAI founders Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey and Jack Daniel's Tennessee Whiskey, as well as leaders from companies like Hyatt Hotels, Breakthru Beverage, ReserveBar, and Republic National Distributing Company to learn more about investment and finance, distribution, route to market, networking, and community. The event will allow the NJAI to expand its impact beyond its existing programs – the Leadership Acceleration Program, the Business Incubation Program, and the Nearest Green School of Distilling - to

"When we launched the Nearest & Jack Advancement Initiative in 2020, our goal was to advance diversity within the American whiskey industry and we're thrilled to see the first group of graduates come through the program,"

further assist founders as they enter and

progress in the spirits industry.

said Jamie Butler, Jack Daniel's Global Brand Director. "The 'Spirits on the Rise' Summit expands upon the key tenants of this initiative and gives us the opportunity to increase the amount of BIPOC entrepreneurs we are able to support and educate in a multitude of areas.'

The NJAI is inspired by the historic and storied relationship between two pioneers of Tennessee Whiskey, Nearest Green and Jack Daniel, and sees to it that the future of the spirits industry is diverse and dynamic. Since its founding, the NJAI has presented professional opportunities to BIPOC-owned spirits ventures by committing millions of dollars towards providing access to the education and resources needed to be successful in a predominantly white-owned and led spirits industry.

"Over the past three years, the Nearest & Jack Advancement Initiative has worked on three tenets: helping to support up and coming BIPOC-owned brands, ensuring that we see more visible leaders of colors in every sector of our industry, and ensuring that we have attainable education around distillation and the spirits business," said Katharine Jerkens, Chief Business Officer of Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey. "The 'Spirits on the Rise' Summit is an opportunity to bring together entrepreneurs and key leaders in the industry to network and educate so

that we can continue our mission of building a more diverse and inclusive industry." The impact of the initiative's work can

be seen through the first three graduates

of their incubator programming: Du Nord

Social Spirits, the inaugural graduate of the Business Incubation Program, along with Tracie Franklin and Byron Copeland, the first two individuals to complete the Leadership Acceleration Program.

"This event is a testament to how far we've come in a short amount of time, and I couldn't be more excited to see the new faces of our industry at the Summit," said Chris Montana, Founder of Du Nord Social Spirits. "Du Nord's involvement in the NJAI has allowed us to improve our business model, grow significantly, and compete nationally. I cannot overstate how critical this program has been to us as a business and to me personally." The current schedule of programming

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Distillery •5:00 p.m.: Welcome remarks, cock-

tails, and dinner

•Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at Jack Daniel Distillery

•9:00 a.m.: The Right Investment Partner in Each Stage of Business, moder-

ated by Fawn Weaver, CEO and Founder of Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey

•10:00 a.m.: Understanding the Financials in an Early-Stage Spirits Brand, moderated by Loni Gray, Global

Brand Manager for Jack Daniel's

•1:30 p.m.: Tours of the Jack Daniel

•3:00 p.m.: Route to Market: Building

your Brand's Distribution, moderated

by Katharine Jerkens, Chief Business Officer for Uncle Nearest Premium

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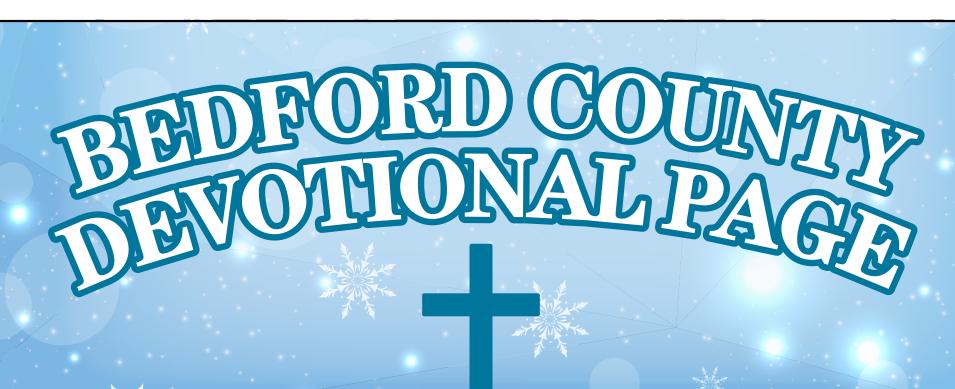
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BACK TO BACK

Viqueens down E. Nashville for 2nd straight region title

By CHRIS SIERS

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UNIONVILLE Entering Wednesday night's Region 4-AA championship, Viqueen coach Cody Pierce and Community knew that East Nashville was coming for payback after the Viqueens' 53-41 win over the Lady Eagles a

Knowing the target on their back, the Viqueens (25-6) entered Wednesday night's region title rematch with a clear focus in a game that had plenty on the line.

Community came out firing from the perimeter early and relied on a game-high, 26-point effort by senior M.J. Simmons as Community claimed a dominant 70-52 win over East Nashville (23-8) to repeat as Region 4-AA 'Queens.

"The girls just came out ready to play and executed. They have all year, but they got up for this game tonight. Just have to give credit to all the girls. They work their tail off every day and it showed tonight how hard they really work," Pierce said.

From the opening tipoff, it was clear Community was out to make a statement, as the Purple and Gold had no interest in giving East Nashville an inch of momentum at evening the score from last year's region title.

Senior Haley Mitchell drilled a corner 3-pointer, just 35 seconds in to the game, and the Viqueens held a lead they never gave

It was an all-out assault from the perimeter in the first frame as Community launched five treys as part of a 25-point opening frame.

Of the five made threepointers, Mitchell hit two and Anna Haskins added two more off the bench.

That perimeter barrage was complemented by the inside assault by Simmons, who effectively attacked the paint and worked her way to the line, where she cashed in on a perfect 6-of-6 attempts in the first quar-

While all pistons were firing away for the Viqueens on the offensive front, defensively, the Purple and Gold gave the Lady Eagles fits.

After Simmons drew a foul on a shot with 2:48 left in the quarter, East Nashville was assessed a technical foul on the same play, which Simmons was able to convert into four points for Community.

East Nashville's Jaslynn Walter led the way for the Lady Eagles with six points

in the opening quarter, yet Community still held a commanding 25-12 lead after the first period.

While Community held a double-digit lead after the first quarter, East's Kenya Fairs sparked a 19-point effort by the Lady Eagles that cut the Viqueen lead to six points by halftime.

We had some turnovers. We gave them seven points off turnovers and and gave them four to six off offensive rebounds," Pierce said.

Those turnovers and points off put-backs allowed the Lady Eagles to cut the Viqueens' lead in half.

While East was battling early-game foul trouble, Community entered the third quarter and was able to get right back to its bread and butter as Mitchell drilled a three-pointer to push the Viqueen lead back to eight points barely 35 seconds into the half.

The biggest moment of the quarter came at the 5:48 mark of the third period when Simmons scored off the block, marking her 2,000th career point with the Viqueens—a mark previously only achieved by former Viqueen Sarah Pierce.

Simmons' 2,000th point sucked the wind out of the Lady Eagles' sails and ignited the Viqueen faithful to the point East could never recover.

Community stretched its lead back to double figures

by the end of the quarter and held East to single digits in the fourth frame to win its second-straight region title.

Defensively, it was another stellar effort by the Purple and Gold that held its 16th-straight opponent to 52 points or less. East's Kenya Fairs and

region final.

one shot," Pierce said.

East managed just four points over the final 6:43 of regulation on Wednesday, while Community stretched

The Viqueens utilized a complementary offense, with Simmons dominating inside, while Mitchell highlighted the perimeter

it. When everyone on the

Jaslynn Walters combined for 31 points, but were mostly held in check, particularly in the second half, in Wednesday night's "There's a couple players

on their team that are going to get their points, but our goal is to make every shot as tough as possible and make sure we leave them to

Mission accomplished.

its lead to the biggest margin of the night by the end of regulation.

"Everybody on the court is a threat and that makes it tough for teams having to guard us because we have such an inside game with M.J. and then the rest of them do a great job of knocking down three's and every now and then, attack



T-G Photos by Chris Siers

Viqueen senior M.J. Simmons gets a big hug from coach Cody Pierce after exiting the floor in Wednesday night's Region 4-AA title game.

court can score, you're going to be hard to defend," Pierce said.

Mitchell hit a gamehigh five three-pointers and scored 19 points, but it was

Simmons who led all scorers with 26 points.

"It felt like she hit 2,000 tonight by herself. She has a lot of good teammates around her. She's a tough player. Everything runs through her, but it helps when everybody else can score as well," Pierce said.

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M.J. Simmons overpowers the East Nashville defense and scores her 2,000th career point for the Viqueens in the third quarter.



Viqueen senior Haley Mitchell drives past the East Nashville defense and scores for Community. She scored 19 points for the Purple and Gold.



After the final buzzer sounded, the Community Viqueens rush to celebrate their second-straight region title with the student section.



For their efforts in the Region 4-AA tournament, Zoey Dixon (middle) and Haley Michell ight) were named to the All-Region 4-AA team, while M.J. Simmons (left) v tournament MVP.

Viqueens

(Continued from Page 1C) second-straight region title is a sign of success and determination, led by the senior class that's bought into Pierce's vision for the program.

So far, the results speak

for themselves.

"These seniors have been committed since they were freshmen and last year, we got a lot better. They have built a program. The seniors have built exactly what I want and have bought into everything," Pierce said.

While Wednesday night's win secured the second-straight region title for Community, it also keeps the Viqueens at home in the Class 2A state sectional round on Saturday night.

"It's awesome and they knew what was at stake tonight. We've been here the last two games. We play well here. We can practice here and just feel at home for the next couple of days and come play on Saturday," Pierce said.

Community will get one more home game for its senior class on Saturday night in the state sectional, with a trip to the Murphy Center on the line for the first time in seven years.

Smith County will travel to Unionville after falling to York Institute, 57-20, in the Region 3-AA championship on Wednesday night.

"They (Smith Co.) are a well-coached team. Coach (Matt) Ferrell is a good coach. He's going to have a good game plan. We're going to have to come out and execute. They know how to defend as well. It may be a defensive battle for a bit," Pierce said.

Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. Saturday in Unionville.

E. Nashville 12 19 13 8 — 52
Community 25 12 20 13 — 70
E. Nashville: Kenya Fairs 18, Jaslynn
Walter 13, Jayla horton 10, Santiea Harvell
5, Cleo Johnson 4, Trinity McGee 2.
Community: M.J. Simmons 26, Haley
Mitchell 19, Anna Haskins 9, Zoey Dixon
7, Addison Brothers 4, Shelby Cawthon 4, Jayla Mangrum Jayla Mangrum. 3-Point goals: Community (10): Mitchell 5, Haskins 3, Dixon, Brothers; E. Nashville (4): Johnson, Harvell, Walter, Fairs.

Halftime score: Community 37, E. Nashville 31.



Zoey Dixon pulls up for a shot over East Nashville's Jayla Horton and scores in the third

Alabama rallies past Auburn to win SEC title

By JOHN ZENOR

AP Sports Writer

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama got to cut down the nets and celebrate a Southeastern Conference title, but only after staging a big comeback and forcing overtime. Not to mention every-

thing else swirling around the program.

Jahvon Quinerly scored 24 points, Brandon Miller made the clinching free throws with six seconds left and No. 2 Alabama rallied from a 17-point deficit before beating archrival Auburn 90-85 in overtime Wednesday night.

The Crimson Tide (26-4, 16-1 Southeastern Conference) clinched outright their second regularseason SEC championship

in three years but continued to live on the edge over a troubling eight days that included courtroom revelations in a capital murder

"Listen, I just couldn't be more proud of this group," coach Nate Oats said. "Obviously, it's a heartbreaking situation. That's never lost on us, but the kids have worked really hard. Winning the SEC is not an easy thing to do. I mean, look at the teams in this

league. It's a great league." Miller rebounded teammate Jaden Bradley's missed dunk and drew a foul, mak-

ing both free throws. Noah Clowney had blocked K.D. Johnson's layup attempt on the other end.

The Tigers (19-11, 9-8),

who had three key players

foul out, couldn't close it out after leading almost the entire way in regulation. They were up 17 with under 11 minutes left.

"They're a very, very worthy champion," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said of Alabama. "But we came here to win a basketball game." Alabama won its fourth

straight but the past three have gone down to the wire since courtroom revelations tied freshmen Miller and Bradley to the scene of a murder. Neither has been charged or accused of a crime, but then-teammate Darius Miles and another

man are facing capital murder charges. Police said Miles texted

Miller asking him to bring

the gun.

Quinerly tied his season scoring high after coming off the bench and had six assists. Miller, Clowney and Mark Sears all had 17 points for Alabama.

Miller committed six turnovers but made 10 of 11 free throws. He then was among players high-fiving fans during the celebration, with cameras following his every move.

Bradley scored all six of

his points in overtime, going 3 of 4 on free throws over the final minute. Johnson was 4 of 5 on

3-pointers and led Auburn with 21 points, despite

shooting just 7 of 12 at the free throw line. Allen Flanigan scored 17 points and Jaylin Williams

15 before both fouled out in

overtime. Johni Broome had

already picked up his fifth foul with 10 points, and then Dylan Cardwell limped off after hurting his right ankle in overtime. "Just incredibly outnum-

bered at the end," Pearl said. At the end of this night,

the Tide were celebrating the SEC title and cutting down the nets after a big rally.

"We talked about at the under-8 timeout, we needed to play harder," Oats said. "I said, 'We're not losing this game because we didn't play hard enough to win.' Our guys came out and played

harder." Miller dropped his patdown routine from the pregame introductions, instead

settling for a shoulder bump

with a teammate. After

Saturday's game against

Arkansas, Oats apologized for not halting the patdowns in light of the murder trial and promised they wouldn't continue.

A melee near Auburn's basket led to technical fouls on Quinerly and Auburn's Wendell Green Jr. with 7:31 left. The Tide's Rylan Griffen and starting center Charles Bediako were ejected for leaving the bench. "We're at Alabama. They

play football over there at the football stadium," Pearl said. "We threw the ball, a couple of defensive backs climbed on (Broome's) back and the ball went out of bounds. There was some sort of scuffle. Our bench stayed on the bench, and they had some guys come off, I guess."



T-G Photos by Will Carter

Tucker McGee and his teammates look on as his three-point attempt sinks through the net. McGee dropped a game-high 22 points off the bench for Cascade.

TUCK TIME

McGee sparks Champs to Region 4-AA final

By WILL CARTER Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — Madness and magical moments in basketball are usually reserved for the month of March, but Tucker McGee's 22-point performance off the bench for the Cascade Champions in their 73-54 victory in the Region 4-AA semifinals on Tuesday night was remarkable.

able.

After Whites Creek (14-14) cut Cascade's doubledigit lead to five points late in the third quarter, McGee slid into the corner and knocked down a three-pointer as time expired to give the Champions (27-5) a 46-38 lead going into the

fourth quarter.

A few minutes later he added to his magical night by going on a 9-2 solo run over a minute and a half span that sent shockwaves across the gym and extended their lead to 21 points.

McGee played limited varsity minutes for the Champions before the regular season ended, but has seen those minutes increase over the last few postseason games with his quality play.

"He's been a good player all season, but has had to play junior varsity because we have a lot of numbers on this team," Champions head coach Chris Lawson

"A lot of credit to him for working hard for this moment. He's had an opportunity these last three or four games and he's steadily produced over that span. All season we've had somebody step up and make plays when we needed them to and tonight it was Tucker McGee."

Despite being heavily pressured by the Cobras' defense from the opening tip, the Champions were able to navigate their way



Lucas Clanton rises up and knocks down a mid range jump shot against Whites Creek. He notched 12 points on the night.

to the painted area for the majority of their baskets which led to an 8-2 run at the end of the half for a 31-15 advantage.

Isaac McElroy led the way with 10 first half points while Lucas Clanton and McGee added eight and six respectively.

"We knew they were going to pressure us, run through guys, and try to trap us," Lawson said.

"We worked on getting the ball to the middle and then turning and finding the open man. I thought our guys did a great job of that. Time after time we were able to get the ball up the floor for layups with ease because they put all of their pressure on the other side of

the court."

Cascade held onto their double-digit lead until the three minute and 35 second mark of the third quarter when Tyrone Robertson got to the rim for the Cobras to make it 37-28.

It was the first time Whites Creek was within single-digits of the lead since the minute and 50 second mark of the first quarter.

quarter.

After the two traded baskets over the next few possessions, the Cobras hit a layup and an old-fashioned

three-point play to make it a 43-38 game before McGee hit his buzzer-beating shot to close the third frame.

Cascade got hot again to open the fourth quarter with a 6-0 run before McGee went on his 9-2 tear, and it was all but over for the final four minutes.

Robertson knocked down three consecutive three-pointers in a minute span after McGee's run, but the Champions answered again and cruised to the finish line

again and cruised to the finish line.

"It's a different style than we've seen most of the season, but our guys know

what to expect and how to

play," Lawson said. "Other than a few times, we did a good job of handling and taking care of the basketball."

The Champions stamped their ticket to the Region 4-AA Championship with the win, and will face the Pearl Cohn Firebirds in a rematch of last season's region semifinals.

Pearl Cohn upset East Nashville in this year's semifinals to hand them their first loss of the season, but Lawson and the Champions are no stranger to a challenge.

"Everybody you play at this point of the season is a good team," he said. "Our

mindset is on winning a region championship. We're going to put a gameplan in, play hard, and do the abso-

lute best we can to do that."

Due to the TimesGazette production
deadlines, results from
Thursday night's Region
4-AA championship game
were unavailable by press
time. Check t-g.com/sports

for results from Thursday.

Cascade 17 14 15 27 — 73

Whites Creek 6 9 23 16 — 54

Cascade: Tucker McGee 22, Isaac McElroy
21, Lucas Clanton 12, Jayden Gulick 9,
Saebyn Burris 4, Jackson Davis 2, Thomas
Gentry 2, Eli Elliot 1.

Whites Creek: Tyrone Robertson 21,
Kemontae Daly 13, Kevin Wiggins 11,
Malachi Benton 5, Eric Bryson 3, Darron

3-point goals: Whites Creek (6): Robertson 5, Daly; Cascade (3): McGee 2, Gulick. Halftime score: Cascade 31, Whites Creek 15.

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Vols' point guard suffers knee injury

KNOXVILLE (AP) — Tennessee point guard Zakai Zeigler will miss the rest of the season with a knee injury.

The 12th-ranked Volunteers announced Wednesday that Zeigler tore his left ACL in Tuesday night's win over Arkansas. Zeigler is leading the Southeastern Conference in assists, averaging 5.4 per game.

He's also tied for second on the team in scoring, averaging 10.7 points, while leading the team and ranking in the SEC's top 5 in steals. Zeigler is one of 10 semifinalists for the Naismith Defensive Player of the Year Award.

Zeigler is one of just seven Tennessee players who have averaged 10-plus points and at least five assists per game in a season. He had five double-doubles with points and assists this season to tie the program's career record set by Rodney Woods from 1972-75.

Trotz returns to Nashville, replaces Poile

By CHIP CIRILLO **Associated Press**

Barry Trotz became the Nashville Predators' first coach back in 1997. Now he will become

the team's second general manager on July 1.

Sunday, Poile announced his plans to retire as GM on June 30 after 26 years with the Predators. Trotz and Poile were

reunited at Bridgestone Arena on Monday as Trotz was introduced as his replacement. Poile, 73, will remain as an adviser.

The two men have known each other for 41 years, dating back to Poile's time as the Washington Capitals' GM.

"It was my first training camp with the Capitals (in 1982) and Barry was an undrafted player," Poile said of their first meeting.

Trotz was cut, but Washington hired him as a scout before he went into coaching.

He is the NHL's third winningest coach with 914 victories, including stints with Washington where he won a Stanley Cup in 2018 and the New York Islanders from 2018-22.

Poile said Trotz, 60, down several coaching jobs during the offseason and Poile told Trotz this would be his last season as GM.

I'd "Around, say, Christmastime, he kind of said I'm not gonna coach anymore and he said could I talk to you about being a candidate for the GM position," Poile said. "And from that time it went pretty fast with he and I talking and ownership getting involved, and probably by mid-January we probably had that done."

Trotz is confident he can make the transition from coach to general manager.

"I thought long and hard about this," Trotz said. "How coaches, how managers operate --- you've got to work together and I've always tried to do that with David. He's mentored

Nashville made three trades over the weekend, but Trotz plans to reset rather than rebuild. "We are resetting, we

are collecting assets," Trotz said. "There are some good players. There could be six first-round picks in Milwaukee (Nashville's AHL affiliate) next year, so there are people coming."

Trotz is keeping an open mind about Predators coach John Hynes, who is 121-86-16 in his fourth year in

The Predators are six points out of the second wild-card spot after falling in the first round of the playoffs the past three seasons. "I've been in coaching

for a long time so I know when a team is wellcoached," Trotz said. "John is a really good coach. The biggest thing for me is from now until the end of the season, I'm just gonna evaluate."

Nashville will host the NHL Draft for the second time in June.

We haven't been able to get that franchise-changing center iceman," Trotz said. "We haven't been that poor to get that and there's some luck. There are some guys that changed franchises that got drafted later."

Trotz will get a chance to help shape the Predators' future at the draft with his input, but cautioned that it requires patience.

"It's not like football," Trotz said. "Football, guys are coming out of college. They're either 22, 23, 24, 25, and they're men. We're drafting 18-year-olds."

Trotz said it takes six years for a lot of draft prospects to make an impact.

Poile exits as the NHL's winningest GM with 1,519 victories in 39 years, but Nashville has won only one playoff series since making the Stanley Cup Finals in

"I've got two loves in my life: my family and hockey," Poile said. "I'm so lucky."

Defensive players again rising to top of NFL's draft class

AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS Anderson Jr. believes he's the best defensive player in this year's NFL

Heck, he might even be this year's top overall pick.

And the former Alabama star insists he's willing to do whatever he must to earn both accolades even working out at this week's NFL annual scouting combine in Indianapolis. Still, Anderson recognizes this

tially special journey, hearing commissioner Roger Goodell calling his name first on April 27. "It's about what you've got in here and that's what's carried me through life," Anderson said Wednesday, tap-

ping his heart. "It would mean a lot.

It would mean all the hard work is

week's big stage only adds a new

chapter to what could be a poten-

paying off." The reward would be sizable — a lucrative contract, the prestige of being selected first overall. Travon Walker and Anderson could become the first defensive players selected No. 1 overall in consecutive years since Russell Maryland and Steve

Anderson also realizes this is not

Emtman in 1991 and 1992.

The Chicago Bears have the first overall pick, but have acknowledged they would be willing to trade the selection to a quarterback-needy team for the right price — and if they can find a trade partner. Then Anderson would need to impress another decision-maker that he's the Even if the Bears stand pat,

though, the competition just to be

the first defensive player selected this year promises to be fierce.

Anderson's biggest challenger was expected to be the athletic 300pound defensive tackle Jalen Carter.

The two have faced off before on the field. Alabama won the national title

in 2020 then beat Georgia in the 2021 SEC title game. Georgia beat Alabama for the 2021 national title in Indy before Georgia repeated as champs this past season.

The two schools have combined for the past three national championships with Carter winning two and Anderson one. But Carter, who announced ear-

lier this week he was opting out of the on-field drills, is now charged with reckless driving and racing in conjunction with a January crash that killed Georgia offensive lineman Devin Willock and a recruiting staff

Carter did not speak to reporters in Indy, as scheduled Wednesday, and instead issued a statement on "It is my intention to return to

Athens (Georgia) to answer the misdemeanor charges against me and to make certain that the complete and accurate truth is presented," he wrote. "There is no question in my mind that when all of the facts are known that I will be fully exonerated of any criminal wrongdoing." Still, the charges could make gen-

eral managers and coaches reconsider Carter's evaluation and press him for answers as the draft process But beyond Carter, there is plenty

of other defensive talent, too. Tyree Wilson of Texas Tech and Will McDonald IV of Iowa State appear to be the top defensive ends. Wilson has been climbing fast on some draft boards, something Anderson also has noticed as the two did combine prep work together following Wilson's foot surgery in November.

"I think I'm real close to 100 percent," said Wilson, who intends to work out at his pro day. "I just started running. After the combine, I'm going to take it to the next level and start opening up."

Cornerbacks Christian Gonzalez of Oregon and Devon Witherspoon of Illinois also could be top-10 picks.

But working out with the linebackers, instead of what draft analysts believe are stronger, deeper position groups such as defensive line and cornerbacks, could help the 6-foot-4, 243-pound Anderson prove he's the most dominant defender in

"Being at Alabama made me very versatile," he said. "I was dropping into coverage, pass rushing. I can do a lot of things.'

Still, Anderson also must prove he's more valuable than the four quarterbacks projected to go in the first round — C.J. Stroud of Ohio State, Will Levis of Kentucky, Anthony Richardson of Florida and Bryce Young, the 2021 Heisman Trophy winner and Anderson's former teammate at Alabama.

Even Anderson said he would be hard-pressed to pass on Young.

"If I'm in the position to take him, I'd take him," Anderson said.

Can he outperform them all? He's going to give it a shot.

"Every day is a business day, there are no days off," Anderson said. "Practice is going to get you prepared for a game and practice is harder than

Quicker games get mixed reception

By ALANIS THAMES AP Sports Writer

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — It took 2 hours, 19 minutes for the Miami Marlins to beat the Houston Astros 4-3 in a spring training game Monday — a game so fast that Ryan Murphy, a lifelong Houston fan, found himself lingering in the ballpark for a while afterward.

"I'm a baseball fan," said Murphy, wearing 2022 Astros World Series gear, "so if I stay here for four hours, for two hours, it doesn't matter to me." Faced with criticism

of dwindling cultural relevance and a laggardly product compared to other major sports, Major League Baseball introduced a set of new rules this year to speed up games and attract younger fans.

The bases are bigger to improve player safety and may also encourage more aggressive baserunning. Pitchers can only disengage from the pitching rubber twice per plate appearance. And there's a new pitch clock that gives players 30 seconds to resume play between batters. Between pitches, pitchers have 15 seconds with nobody on and 20 seconds if there is a baserunner.

Less than a week into the spring training exhibi-

tion schedule, MLB seems to be getting what it wants, shaving about 20 minutes off the average length of games compared to last spring.

Players have been mostly pleased with the rollout.

"The game feels more exciting," Washington Nationals left-hander Patrick Corbin said. "Even some of the high-scoring games are under three

Fans seeing the newlook sport for the first time this week have had mixed reviews. Some, like Murphy, are indifferent to the changes.

"It's irrelevant to us as fans, honestly," said Murphy, who traveled from Utah to West Palm Beach for Houston's exhibition season. "Players might think something different of it, but for us it's all the same.

"How would I know the bases are bigger, honestly? I mean, we see a pitch clock out here, and we know it's there, but it doesn't matter to me."

Some fans like the idea of being in and out of a game in under three hours, which is about how long an average nine-inning baseball game lasted in 2022. Others feel a nostalgic

pull to how the sport has always been. "I'm not a big fan of

the pitch count," said Mark

Mezzatesta, who traveled to Florida from Queens in New York. "I feel like that's rushing the game. I feel it was fine the way it was. Pitchers do take a while. And batters do take a while, too. Fifteen seconds with nobody on base and 20 seconds with somebody on base is too short." Barbara Schiffman of

Roseland, New Jersey, said she's OK with some of the rules but "they should never let a game end on either the pitch clock or the batter clock." She was referring to

recent game between Atlanta and Boston that ended in a tie after Braves prospect Cal Conley was assessed an automatic strike for a pitch clock vio-

Conley originally thought he'd won the game with a two-out, basesloaded walk but instead was given an at-bat-ending strike after the umpire said he wasn't set in the box as the clock wound under 8 seconds.

"When you get to that point in the game," Schiffman said, "you've got to let the game play out without the clock. That would be my only con-

She also had a complaint about new limits on pitcher disengagements from the rubber. Pitchers can only attempt to pick

MLB sets up local media group

off a runner twice - if they try a third pickoff and are unsuccessful, the runner gets to advance a base.

'That doesn't really work as far as keeping the runner from stealing, especially with the bigger base," Schiffman said. "Those two things don't really go together."

Mary Theresa Fosko of Perkasie, Pennsylvania, said she liked the new rules but added, "The only tough thing is that the pitchers don't get time

That's a trade-off that pitchers have grappled with early in the spring.

"The game does go quick, especially when they're swinging a lot," said Corbin, who started for Washington in Wednesday's 5-3 loss to the Cardinals. "I've always worked kind of quick. I think it'd be a little bit tougher on guys that may be out of the 'pen or guys that aren't used to working that fast. But that's why we have this in spring training and hopefully get used

Fosko's brother, Frank, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, said that even a 12-7 game between the Cardinals and New York Mets that he and Mary watched in Jupiter, Florida, moved along more quickly than the 2:59 game time might have suggested.

Kentucky women beat Florida in game marred by scuffle GREENVILLE,

(AP) — Robyn Benton scored 20 points, Adebola Adeyeye had 11 points and 17 rebounds and No. 14 Kentucky beat 11th-seeded Florida 72-57 on Wednesday in an SEC Tournament game marred by a scuffle. Kentucky (11-18)

ing streak to advance to play No. 6 Alabama on Thursday. The game had a 22-minute delay for an official

snapped a seven-game los-

review following an altercation between Florida forward Tatyana Wyche and Kentucky forward Ajae Petty with 5:26 remaining in the second quarter. Wyche threw the ball in the direction of Petty and then chased after her down the court. No punches appeared to be thrown, but several players left the bench area leading to eight ejections four from each team. "Well, obviously that's

not how we want to represent ourselves as Florida women's basketball and in the competitive spirit," Florida coach Kelly Rae Finley said. "So first and foremost, I apologize for that because that is not representative of the SEC,

University of Florida, or

When the game finally

how we compete."

reached halftime, the score was 22-21. The short-handed teams adjusted at the break, combining for 41 points in the third quarter with Kentucky leading

NEW YORK (AP) — MLB game distribution in Major League Baseball added three executives to its new local media department as it prepares for a possible takeover of broadcasts for 17 teams amid the financial deterioration

SportsNet regional sports Doug Johnson was hired as senior vice president and executive producer of local media, Greg Pennell as senior vice president of local media and Kendall Burgess as vice president of local media technical oper-

ations, the commissioner's office said Wednesday. "These new hires are an important step in our preparation to address the

changing landscape of

of the Bally and AT&T

light of the increasing challenges and pressure facing regional sports networks," MLB chief revenue officer Noah Garden said in a Diamond Sports Group,

the subsidiary of Sinclair Broadcast Group that operates networks under the name Bally Sports, has the rights to 14 major league teams and skipped about \$140 million in interest payments due Feb. 15. Diamond said as of Sept. 30 it had debt of \$8.674 billion. The company has nearly \$1 billion in rights payments, mostly to baseball teams, due in the first

quarter this year, and a

bankruptcy filing is pos-

Diamond owns rights to the broadcasts for the Arizona Diamondbacks, Atlanta Braves, Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Guardians, Detroit Tigers, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Angels, Miami Marlins, Milwaukee Brewers, Minnesota Twins, St. Louis Cardinals, San Diego Padres, Tampa Bay Rays and Texas Rangers. Warner Bros. Dis-

covery's AT&T SportsNet networks told the Colorado Rockies, Houston Astros and Pittsburgh Pirates last week that the companies do not have the money to make scheduled rights fee payments. The networks told the teams they have until March 31 to reclaim their

broadcast rights and if there

would file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Billy Chambers, who

are not deals, the networks

had been Sinclair's chief financial offer, started work on Feb. 1 with MLB in a new position as executive vice president for local media. The new hires will report to Chambers. The 55-year-old

Johnson, a 27-time Emmy Award winner, has been with AT&T SportsNet Pittsburgh and will be responsible for MLB's locally produced games. Pennell, 51, oversaw Bally Sports Regional Networks' day-to-day financial operations. Burgess, 46, was vice president of technical operations for Bally Sports.

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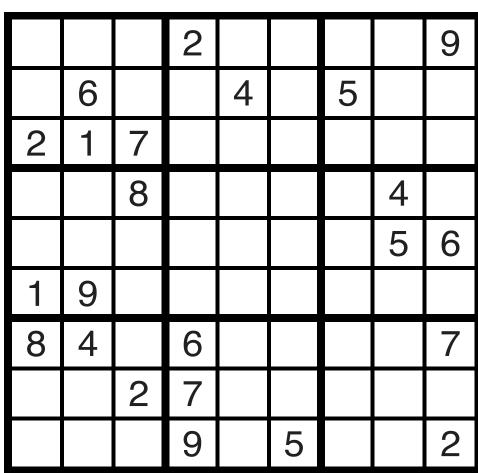




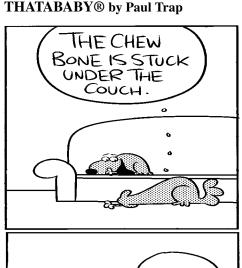


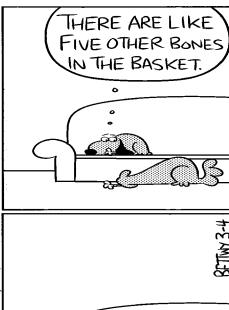


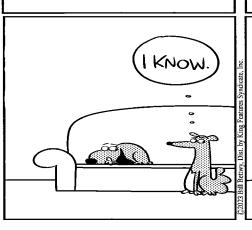
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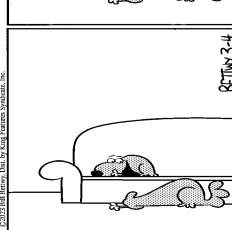


Level: Intermediate









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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer! Solve the code to discover words related to employees.

> Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = C)

16 **19 13** A. 7

Clue: Employee

4 4 26 В.

Clue: Place to do business

26 25 3 6 20

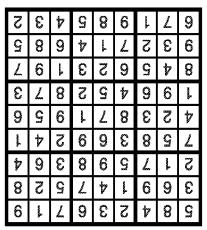
Clue: Office desk configuration

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Clue: Supervisor

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



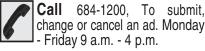
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(Feb. 18 & 25, Mar. 4,

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Bedford County Board

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Meeting

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Lay It Up Thrift Store End of Winter Sale 206 Madison St. \$1 Shirts/Blouses \$3 Jeans \$2 Tenny Shoes Now Through March 4th Always Giving Back to the Community!

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PT/FT Seasonal Delivery Drivers Wholesale Perennial Nursery Drivers need an 'F' en-

dorsement on license.

Must be able to pass a

DOT physical and a drug test Great driving record is a

must. Hours are straight time. Job requires lifting and bending. Apply in person: 3830 Nashville Highway Lewisburg, TN 37091

Call for hours 931-364-2850 rachel@cliffordsnursery. com

GARAGE SALES

Moving Sale Friday & Saturday March 10 & 11 7AM - ? Rain or Shine 103 Audubon Rd. Off of St. Brittain St.

BARGAINS

2 Xbox Controllers Marble Print & Money Print \$10 Each Avon Deep Recovery Creme New in Plastic, \$25 Avon Eye Lift Dual Eye System, \$15 3 Outdoor Citronella \$7 for All 7 Ft. Lavender Wisteria Silk Tree, In Box Planter

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S **FORECLOSURE**

Sale at public auction will be on April 11, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. local time at the usual and customary location at the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Ryan B. Miller for the ben-Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Iberiabank. a Division of First Horizon Bank, dated October 14, 2020, of record in Book TD979 Page 572 in the Register of Deeds Office for Bedford County, Tennessee. ("Deed of Trust"). conducted by James E. Albertelli, P.A. d/b/a ALAW, a Florida corporation duly authorized to conduct business in Tennessee, having County, Tennessee. Default in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of the entire indebtedness

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Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:00pm Central Office 500 Madison St. Shelbyville, TN 37160 BOOK D360, PAGE 435 (Feb. 28 & Mar. 4, 2023) IN THE REGISTER'S

AMBRIE SPARKS STAGGS VS. **REBECCA LAMAS-**TUS VS.

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Public Notice

STAGGS and **ZACK COOPER** In the Juvenile **Tennessee** Civil Action No.

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com (Mar. 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2023)

NOTICE TO Estate of Laswell

Notice is hereby given that on February 10 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate

of **Barbara Joanne Laswell** who died

Executrix Curt M. Cobb, Attorney

NOTICE TO

Notice is hereby given that on February 9 of 2023,

PUBLIC NOTICE

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) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. Date: 2/9/2023 Debra Joyce Yancy Carney

Michael K. Yancy, Co-Executors Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master R. Clay Parker,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Janice Dale Walpole

Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on February 23 of 2023, died 11/23/2022 were by the Bedford County County, Tennessee. All matured or unmatured. against the estate are the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an (60) days from the date months from the dece-

dent's date of death. Date: 2/23/2023 William E. Walpole, Administrator Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master John T. Bobo. Bobo, Hunt & White Attorney (March 4 & 11, 2023)

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rary position with an hourly Beer Board will meet

PUBLIC NOTICE Shelbyville Recreation

Center, 220 Tulip Tree Road. The following matters are up for consideration: 1. Call to order 2 Roll Call 3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes A. Regular meeting of January 11, 2023 5. New Business: A. Consideration of an application to sell beer (on premises) by Dattixay Thammavongsa, Mia House Asian Cuisine, 1057 Madison Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

B. Consideration of an application to sell beer (off premises) by Satish Kumar Patel, Super Cheap Cigarettes & Beer, 315 Lane Parkway, Shelbyville, TN 37160

6. Old Business: None 7. Other Business: 8. Reports from Staff Adjourn

Brett Fisher, Chairman (Mar. 4, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE The Ethics Committee

of the Bedford County Board of Commissioners will meet at 6:30 p.m. on March 14, 2023 to approve minutes from the committee's organizational meeting in February. Meeting will be held in the 1st Floor Duck River Room of the Historic Courthouse, located at 1 Public Square, Shelbyville. (Mar. 4, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE Joint Shelbyville-Bedford

County Homeless Task Force will meet at 5:15 p.m. on March 14, 2023 at the Historic Courthouse, located at 1 Public Square, Shelbvville in the 2nd Floor Community Room. **AGENDA** Call To Order Prayer

Roll Call Minutes Approval Summary of Previous Meeting Public Comments Discussion 1. Violent offenders 2. Drugs in City/County 3. Impact on the Community 4. Law Enforcement/Resources Available Next Steps

City of Shelbyville Mayor & City Council Regular Meeting Agenda March 9, 2023 Regular Meeting: March 9, 2023

Other Business

New Business

Adjourn

Time: 6:00 PM Place: Shelbyville Recreation Center, Meeting Room B, 220 Tulip Tree Road I. Call to Order - Police

Officer II. Invocation III. Pledge of Allegiance IV. Roll Call V. Adopt the Agenda VI. Consent Agenda – All

items in this portion of the Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Council and may be approved by one motion; However, a Councilmember may request that an item be removed for separate consideration A. Approval of City Council Minutes of the following: a. Study Session of January 31, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE b. Regular Meeting of

February 9, 2023

B. Accept all Monthly

Reports (February) C. Accept Treasurer's Report (January) D. Approval of Accounts Payable (February) E. Approval to set the July City Council Study Session meeting for Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 6:00 PM. F. Approval to set the October City Council

Study Session meeting for Monday, October 30, 2023, at 6:00 PM. G. Consideration of a Motion to approve a payment of \$3.500.00 to the Southern Saddlebred Association to assist with the Southern Saddlebred Spring Fling scheduled for April 17-22, 2023. This

will be paid from the Hotel

Motel Funds appropriated

for Tourism. H. Consideration of a Motion to approve a payment of \$7,500.00 to the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association to assist with the Cowbov Mounted Shooters scheduled for

March 31st through April 8th, 2023. This will be paid from the Hotel/Motel Funds appropriated for Tourism. VII. Public Hearings: Ordinances - Second /

Final Reading An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee to Approve the Rezoning of 1.10 (+/-) Acres Owned by Ben Livingston, Located

on the West Side of Sevier Street and Referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 78I, Group B, Parcels 7.11, 7.12 and 8.00 From General Commercial (C-2) Zoning District to Medium-High Residential Density

Repealing Any Ordinance or Potion of Ordinance in Conflict Therewith. An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee to Approve the Rezoning of 10.01 (+/-) Acres Owned by Tejinder & Baljinder Judie. Located on the Side of the Future Extension of Calsonic Way and Refer-

(R-3A) Zoning District, and

enced on Bedford County Tax Map 069, Parcel 058.06 From the Low-Density Residential District (R-2) Zoning District to the Light Industrial (I-1) Zoning District, and Repealing any Ordinance or Portion of Ordinance in Conflict

An Ordinance to Adopt a Reapportionment/Redistricting Plan and Map For the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Therewith.

An Ordinance to Amend the Adopted Budget Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Various Funds For the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the Period Ending June 30, 2023. An Ordinance (As

Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Establishing the Municipal Property Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at \$1.48 on Each \$100 of Assessed Valuation of Property and Providing for an Effective Date of July 1. 2023. Resolutions - Second /

Final Reading A Resolution of the Shelbyville City Council to Repeal All Previous Ordinances and Resolutions

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1 Wood, 2 White with Clear

Set of 2: Headboards, Dressers w/ Great Condition, All for

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has been declared due Party entitled to enforce the debt: Lakeview Loan

Other Interested Parties: The hereinafter described real property located in bidder subject to all unpaid encumbrances of record: SUBDIVISION, SECTION II, A PLAT OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN DEED OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY

RYAN B. MILLER FROM RIED MAN AND JOSH SIMMONS, A MARRIED AND RECORDED 10/15/2020 IN INSTRU-MENT NO. 20008029.

37160, but such address

is not part of the legal

OFFICE OF BEDFORD **TO: ZACK COOPER** COUNTY, TENNESSEE. Street Address: The street address of the property is believed to be 201 Woodmont Dr., Shelbyville, TN

Court for Bedford County, Shelbyville, 2013-JV-27

Petition, which was sworn cause, that the residence of the Respondent, Zack Cooper, is unknown and upon diligent inquiry; he is hereby required to appear and answer or otherwise defend against the Petition of Ambrie Sparks Staggs, Counter-Petitioner, whose attorney is Pat M. Fraley, Avenue South, Favetteville, Tennessee 37334, within thirty (30) days after the Notice; otherwise, default judgement may be entered against him for the relief demanded in the Petition. It is further ordered that Times-Gazette for four (4)

Pat M. Fraley, #2585 Attorney at Law P.O. Box 18 111 Main Avenue South Fayetteville, TN 37334 (931) 433-6138 maudean@patmfraleylaw.

CREDITORS Barbara Joanne

Deceased

1/19/2023 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) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. Date: 2/10/2023

Dorine Hensel, Clerk & Master Megan K. Trott, (February 25 & March 4,

CREDITORS Estate of Peggy Ann Yancy Deceased

2023)

Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Peggy Ann Yancy who died 5/23/2020 were issued to the undersigned by the **Bedford County Chancery** Court of Bedford County,

Attorney (February 25 & March 4, 2023)

Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Janice Dale Walpole who issued to the undersigned Chancery Court of Bedford persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication 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 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) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12)

Public Notice notice

is seeking applicants for the position of part-time/ temporary Custodian for the Shelbyville Recreation Center. A valid Tennessee Driver's License is required. Must be 18 years old to apply. This is a part-time/tempo-

rate of \$14.00 an hour.

Application and complete

job description may be

PUBLIC NOTICE

picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City website: www.shelbyvilletn. org. Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring St. or emailed to stacey.claxton@ shelbyvilletn.org and will be accepted until position has been filled.

The City of Shelbyville

is an equal opportunity

employer and a drug free

workplace. Successful

Applicants will be required to pass a physical, drug screen, and background check. Stacey Claxton, Human Resources Generalist (Feb. 28, Mar. 4 & 7, 2023)

Notice of Substantial Completion Notice is hereby given that Ward Construction Company has substantially completed the 2020 Wartrace and 2020 Bedford County CDBG Water Line Extension Project according the terms of their contract with the Town

of Wartrace. Any persons, firm, or corporation having any unpaid claims against said contractor for labor, material, or supplies in connection with said work is hereby notified to present the same in the manner and within the time required by law. All claims must be received in writing to the undersigned no later

than March 17, 2023 for

consideration.

Brian Ross, Mayor Town of Wartrace P.O. Box 158 Wartrace, TN 37183 (Mar. 4, 2023)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Town of Wartrace and Bedford County will hold a public meeting on Friday, March 17, 2023, 2:00 p.m. in the Wartrace Town Hall. This meeting is being held to discuss Wartrace's and Bedford County's recently completed 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a water line extension in the Union Ridge vicinity. All residents or entities with comments regarding this project are

encouraged to attend this meeting or mail comments to Wartrace Town Hall, P.O. Box 158, Wartrace, TN 37183. The Town of Wartrace does not discriminate. The location of the meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. Special accommodations may be provided to persons with disabilities by

contacting the Town Hall at

(931) 389-6144.

Brian Ross

Wartrace Mayor

Chad Graham

Bedford County Mayor

(Mar. 4, 2023)

Notice to owner and/or lien holder of abandoned or unclaimed vehicles. Take note that the following vehicles will be sold on March 14th, 2023 at 10AM at: Newton Nissan South, 2801 Hwv 231 N. Shelbyville, TN 37160 to satisfy towing and storage charges if not claimed within 10 days of this

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Public Notice The City of Shelbyville

in regular session on

Wednesday, March 8,

2023, at 6:00 PM, at the

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pertaining to Planning and Community Development Fee Schedule, and to Adopt An Updated Planning and Community Development Fee Schedule. Consideration of a motion to allow City Attorney to read caption only on Ordinances and Resolutions.

OLD BUSINESS: VIII. Ordinances-Second & Final Reading:

Ordinances - Second / Final Reading A. An Ordinance of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee to Approve the Rezoning of 1.10

(+/-) Acres Owned by Ben Livingston, Located on the West Side of Sevier Street and Referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 78I, Group B, Parcels 7.11, 7.12 and 8.00 From General Commercial (C-2) Zoning District to Medium-High Residential Density (R-3A) Zoning District, and

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

Conflict Therewith. C. An Ordinance to Adopt a Reapportionment/Redistricting Plan and Map For the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee.

D. An Ordinance to Amend the Adopted Budget Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Various Funds, For the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the Period Ending June 30, 2023.

E. An Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Establishing the Municipal Property Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at \$1.48 on Each \$100 of Assessed Valuation of Property and Providing for an Effective Date of July

1, 2023. IX. Resolutions - Second / Final Reading

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

NEW BUSINESS X. Ordinances-First Reading: NONE

XI. Resolutions: A. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Shelbyville Authorizing and Directing the City Attorney to File the 2021 Tax Bills for the Collection of All Delinquent

Taxes for that Year. B. A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Shelbyville, Tennessee Authorizing An Application for Sidewalk Replacement/ Construction Through The Tennessee "Small Cities" Community Development

Block Grant Program. C. A Resolution of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Authorizing a Grant Application to the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA Grant Program Di-

rectorate, and Assistance to Firefighters Safer Grant (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency

Response) D. A Resolution of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Designating that Specific FY23 General Fund Operating Expenditures be Funded by the City of Shelbyville's American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds in the Amount of

\$6,557,664.22. E. A Resolution Authorizing An Official Delegation to the 2023 Rural Development Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, for March 22-23, 2023, Providing for the Attendance and Expenditures of that Delegation, Consisting of the Mayor, City Manager and City Councilmembers.

XII. Business Items: A. Consideration of a motion to establish the position of City Director of Information Technology (IT Director) and authorize ad-

vertising for this position. B. Consideration of a motion to authorize the City Treasurer to pay the remaining estimated Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition costs on the

PUBLIC NOTICE

State Industrial Access (SIA) Road Grant in the amount of \$290,844.92 from State Road Projects Fund Balance to Ten-

nessee Department of

Transportation (TDOT). This payment is in addition to the City's initial payment of \$170,500.00 for a total payment of \$461,344.94 for the local 50% share of the ROW costs for this project. The total estimated ROW cost is \$922,689.83 with the State being responsible for 50%. The 231 N. Business Park Oversight Committee has approved this expense and recommended it should

be a shared expense. City Staff will negotiate with all interested parties to have a portion of the City's total cost reimbursed to City funds.

C. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase and installation of a subdivision sign at the intersection of Shoma Drive and Blue-Ribbon Parkway.

D. Consideration of a motion concerning the local option sales tax. XIII. Appointments:

A. Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership – One Councilmember Representative (2-Year Term) (Mayor Appointment - Council Ratify)

XIV. Announcements

XV. Adjourn:

Mayor Randy Carroll

Bedford County Board of Commissioners Commissioner **Board Meeting** Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Bedford County Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Courtroom

Public Hearing (to be held prior to the meeting). Call to Order: Chairman, Mayor Chad D. Graham Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance Open Meeting: Sheriff Austin Swing Roll Call: County Clerk Donna Thomas Minutes Approval: 1. Approval of Special Called Commission Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2023 - Placed on the agenda with a favorable recommendation by Rules & Legislative Commit-

tee. 2. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2023 - Placed on the agenda without a recommendation by Rules & Legislative

Committee. Elections & Confirmations: 3. Elect Notaries for April 2023 - Placed on the agenda by Rules & Legis-

lative Committee. Presentations: None. Resolutions: 4. Resolution 23-16

- Detailed Resolution Related to New Elementary School. Placed on the agenda by the Financial Management Committee. Additional Items by Standing Committees:

Rules and Legislative Committee: None. Law Enforcement Committee: None. Courthouse and Property Committee: None.

Financial Management Committee:

5. Audit Committee Report For Information Only. RingCentral Multi-Year Contract for Fax Services 7. Surplus Property - BOE Other Business:

Announcements Adjourn /s/ Chad D. Graham Chad D. Graham, Bedford County Mayor

Accommodations Persons with a disability who wish to request accommodation to participate in the meeting should notify Suzanne Alexander at least one (1) business day prior to the meeting at

(931) 684-7944 or email your request to Suzanne. Alexander@bedfordcountytn.gov to discuss

accommodations. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet your need. (Mar. 4, 2023)



BRING ON DESSERT WITH BETTER-FOR-YOU SWEETS

FAMILY FEATURES

healthier eating holds a prominent spot on your list of goals, you may feel it's necessary to eliminate some of your sweetest favorites. However, committing to a nutritionally friendly way of life doesn't have to leave desserts by the wayside.

Instead, rethinking nighttime treats with better-for-you ingredients like California Prunes as a quick substitution can make healthier eating easy. As a versatile ingredient that can replace added sugar, fats and eggs in all kinds of recipes, prunes can also add nutrients important for bone and gut health. Plus, the copper in prunes inhibits bone breakdown, while boron plays a role

in calcium metabolism and polyphenols can help decrease bone breakdown through their antioxidant power. As a fruit that's high in vitamin K, which helps improve calcium balance and promotes bone mineralization, prunes are also a 'good gut food," meaning a single serving (roughly 4-6 prunes) can help support

They're easy to use in recipes that can become favorites in your household such as these Chocolate Energy Balls. Enjoyed as an easy, on-the-go snack, they're a perfect way to refuel for an adventure, recharge after a workout or to simply savor as a healthy snack.
Chocolate lovers rejoice: This rich, delicious, gluten-free, grain-free Chocolate

Covered Prune Fudge Cake is naturally sweetened using prunes instead of added sugar. If brownies are more your style, prunes can also take the place of eggs in these Vegan Brownies for a family-friendly treat that won't wreck your eating plan. To find more better-for-you desserts, visit californiaprunes.org.

Vegan Brownies

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 25 minutes Servings: 9

1/2 cup hot water

Prune Puree:

16 ounces pitted California prunes

nonstick cooking spray
6 ounces unsweetened chocolate

1/2 cup California extra-virgin olive oil

2 cups light brown sugar 10 ounces California prune puree 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour 1 tablespoon baking powder

1/4 cup cocoa powder

2 teaspoons vanilla extract flaky sea salt, for garnish

To make prune puree: In blender, combine prunes and water. Pulse to combine then blend until smooth, pourable consistency forms, scraping sides, if necessary.

Store puree in airtight container in fridge up to 4 weeks.

To make brownies: Preheat oven to 350 F. Line 9-by-9-inch baking pan with parchment paper then lightly grease with nonstick cooking spray. Using double boiler, melt chocolate and olive oil. Whisk in sugar and prune puree; mix until dissolved.

Into large bowl, sift flour, baking powder and cocoa powder. Gently fold in

chocolate and prune mixture then add vanilla.

Spread batter in prepared pan, sprinkle with flaky sea salt and bake 20-25 minutes, or until top starts to look dry and brownies are just beginning to pull away from sides of pan.

Cool in pan. Remove then cut brownies into 3-inch squares.





Chocolate Covered Prune Fudge Cake

Chocolate Covered Prune

Fudge Cake Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 55 minutes Yield: 1 cake (8 inches)

Coconut oil spray 14 tablespoons butter, chopped

2 teaspoons vanilla extract 3/4 cup cocoa powder

10 soft, pitted prunes, chopped small 1/3 cup maple syrup 6 eggs

1 cup almond meal Ganache:

1 cup full-fat coconut milk 1 1/3 cups dark chocolate morsels

1/2 cup coconut sugar

To make cake: Preheat oven to 300 F. Lightly spray bottom and sides of 8-inch springform pan with coconut oil spray. Place round piece of parchment paper in bottom of pan and lightly spray with coconut oil spray.

In small saucepan over low heat, place butter and vanilla. Use sieve to sift cocoa into saucepan. Stir with spatula until completely smooth. Remove from heat and

In bowl of food processor fitted with "S' blade, place prunes and syrup. Top with cooled butter mixture then process until smooth. Transfer to large mixing bowl, scraping all chocolate mixture from food

processor with spatula. In bowl of stand mixer fitted with whisk attachment, whip eggs and coconut sugar on high speed 7 minutes, or until tripled

Add one-third of egg mixture to bowl with chocolate mixture. Using spatula, gently fold together until completely combined. Add almond meal and remaining egg mixture to bowl and gently fold to combine.

Pour batter into prepared pan and bake 55 minutes, or until set. Once cooked through, transfer cake to cooling rack and cool completely in pan.

To make ganache: In top of double boiler, melt coconut milk and dark chocolate until completely smooth. Pour prepared ganache over cake. Serve immediately for molten fudge effect or allow to completely set.

Chocolate Energy Balls Recipe courtesy of Meg van der Kruik on behalf of California Prunes

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 30 minutes Yield: 24 pieces Prune Puree:

1/2 cup hot water

16 ounces pitted California prunes

1 cup old-fashioned or gluten-free oats 2/3 cup toasted, unsweetened shredded coconut 1/2 cup creamy natural nut butter (peanut or almond)

1/2 cup pecan meal

1/2 cup prune puree 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

To make prune puree: In blender, combine prunes and water. Pulse to combine then blend until smooth, pourable consistency forms, scraping sides, if necessary. Store puree in airtight container in fridge up to 4 weeks.

To make energy balls: In mixing bowl, stir oats, coconut, nut butter, pecan meal, prune puree, cocoa powder and vanilla until completely combined.

Cover and chill in refrigerator 30 minutes. Once chilled, use small cookie scoop or

measuring spoon to measure equal-sized amounts of mixture then form into balls by applying gentle pressure to dough using palms. Do not roll as balls will break apart.



Chocolate Energy Balls

Produce shopping on a budget

(Family Features)

Cooking meals that bring your loved ones joy is often objective No. 1 but creating those flavorful favorites on an appropriate budget is an important aspect of well-rounded, familyfriendly recipes. A few simple steps, like developing good grocery shopping habits, can put smiles on hungry faces without leaving a dent in your finances.

Make a List (and Stick to It) When buying fresh produce, remember

some items have a shorter shelf life. Limiting purchases to items on your list can help lower grocery spending while alleviating food **Buy Local**

Transportation cost is one of the biggest

factors in the price of produce, meaning buying local, when possible, can help reduce your total at checkout. Stock Up on Seasonal Produce

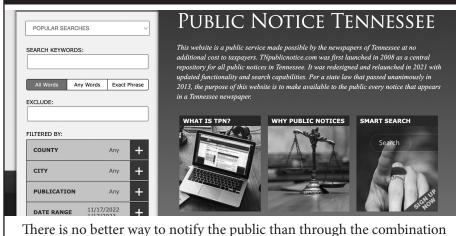
Although you can generally find any produce item at any time of year, this isn't

always an affordable practice. Knowing when your favorite fruits and veggies are in-season can save you money and allow you to use the freshest ingredients in family breakfasts like Protein-Packed Sausage Breakfast Muffins and Savory English Muffins.

Know Your Produce Department The front or feature table of the produce

department often offers the best deals. Don't forget to look at the end caps on each produce aisle, which sometimes display seasonal

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Chemistry professor earns \$800K in grants



Mike Zhang, Middle Tennessee State University assistant professor and researcher, is currently working on three concurrent chemistry research projects with funding totaling almost \$800,000 and poses for a photo in the Science Building Atrium on Friday, Feb. 24, 2023.

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— For Mengliang
"Mike" Zhang, MTSU
assistant professor in the
Department of Chemistry and
rising research star on campus,
successful research is all about
collaboration.

"Michael Jordan said, 'Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships," Zhang said. "Similarly, research and education in science benefit immensely from collaborations and support."

Since joining the MTSU faculty in 2017 and taking on projects as a lead researcher, Zhang said he has received that support and camaraderie from the university's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and his colleagues.

It's helped Zhang secure multiple federal grants — nearly \$800,000 worth, in fact — and delve into his research specialties, too. He's the lead researcher on three concurrent projects from the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, National Science Foundation and U.S. Department of Agriculture, and he's also part of a fourth project with Greg Van Patten, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, that's received

U.S. Department of Energy.

"I would not have come this far without the ORSP's support,"
Zhang said. "Collaboration with faculty members in my department and beyond has been critical to the development of my

\$600,000 in funding from the

ment and beyond has been critical to the development of my research projects."

Using his background as an analytical chemist and over 15

years of experience in mass spectrometry — an analytical technique used to measure the mass-to-charge ratio of ions — Zhang's projects include:

 Analyzing toxins in wildfire smoke to help develop better safety protocols for firefighters.

 Investigating the chemical profiles of different food compounds to provide better dietary recommendations.

• Acquiring more specialized equipment for MTSU.

Zhang grew up in the Jilin province of China and completed years of study and research at Jilin University. He moved halfway across the world to Murfreesboro and an MTSU faculty position because he saw his background as a good fit for the chemistry department.

"I thought my experience could synergize with the existing strengths at MTSU and saw a range of collaborative opportunities with the faculty members in the department and beyond," Zhang said. "Thankfully, both have been true."

'Focus on the science'

Zhang said the Office

of Research and Sponsored Programs works hard to grow the research and experience of junior faculty members like him. "They provided startup funds

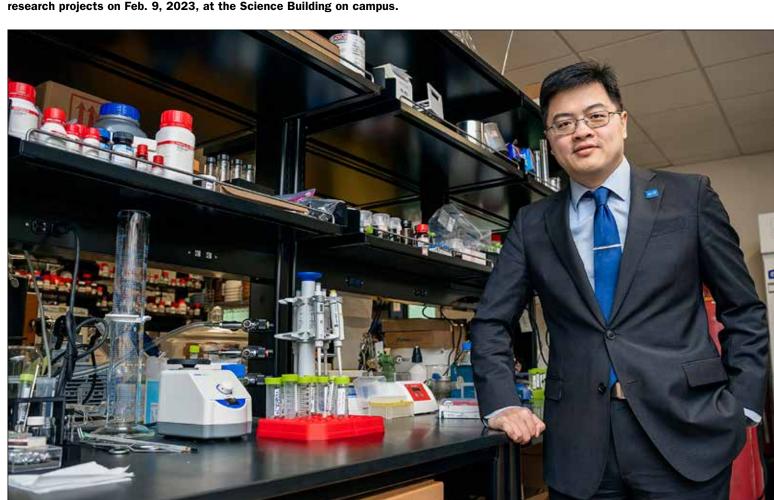
to set up my lab," he said. "They organized workshops to help faculty write grant proposals, find collaborators, set career goals and navigate grant opportunities from different agencies. These are all critical factors for the success of the research proposals.

"The staff are patient, knowl-



MTSU file photo by Andy Heidt

Mike Zhang, Middle Tennessee State University assistant professor and researcher, works in his lab on one of his three concurrent chemistry research projects on Feb. 9, 2023, at the Science Building on campus.



Mike Zhang, Middle Tennessee State University assistant professor and researcher, poses for a photo in his lab on Friday, Feb. 24, 2023, in

edgeable and trustworthy, making my job much easier, so I only

need to focus on the science."

Zhang also highlighted
the office's support of student
researchers, both graduate and
undergraduate, with resources
like the Undergraduate Research
Center and research grant opportunities like the Undergraduate
Research Experience and
Creative Activity grant.

Shruthi Perna, a student in

MTSU's Molecular Biosciences Ph.D. Program, works as a graduate research assistant in Zhang's lab on his National

the Science Building where he works on one of his three concurrent chemistry research projects.

Institute of Justice project.

"Dr. Zhang has supported me in every way possible with the project," said Perna, who said she hopes to lead her own research lab one day. "He constantly guided me in the design of experiments and in the scientific writing process. My

efficiency in conducting experiments and problem-solving skills have significantly improved

under his guidance."
Originally from Warangul,
India, Perna said she knew she
wanted to pursue research in
graduate school and that MTSU
could provide her with the
knowledge, skills and experience
needed to achieve her career

"The research skills which

I am learning at MTSU will act as a foundation for my future endeavors," she said. "The MTSU faculty is diverse and involved in cutting-edge research."

To learn more about the opportunities at the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at MTSU, visit the website at https://www.mtsu.edu/research.



Mike Zhang, Middle Tennessee State University assistant professor and researcher, works on one of his three concurrent chemistry research projects in his lab at the Science Building on campus on Feb. 9, 2023.