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Veteran, family receive new home

T-G STAFF REPORT

An Army veteran from Shelbyville and his family received a mortgage-free home in a ceremony Wednesday.

Sgt. Xanthin Luptak received the gift as a donation from U.S. Bank through its Housing Opportunities after Military Engagement (H.O.M.E.) program, in conjunction with Freedom Alliance's Heroes to Homeowners program.

Since 2013, U.S. Bank has donated 22 homes valued at \$4.8 million to deserving military families.

Luptak secured his mother's permission to enlist in the Indiana National Guard at age 17. The following year, he moved to active duty and was stationed at Hawaii's Schofield Barracks where he used the island environment to train in jungle warfare. In 2007, at a pivotal time in the war, he served a 15-month deployment to Iraq.

Using his skills as a combat engineer, Luptak performed dangerous route clearing missions in which he and his team removed hidden bombs in order to create safer passage for U.S. troops.

In 2010, while stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado, Luptak met Jessica and they would later marry and start a family. During that time, he received a temporary assignment at the

U.S. Military Academy at West Point where he trained cadets on route clearance operations.

Luptak also trained Afghan police on these same procedures while in Afghanistan in 2011. During his deployments, he survived repeated engagement with enemy forces but was severely wounded.



Sgt. Xanthin Luptak and his daughter prepare to enter their new home.

Bedford County Government photos



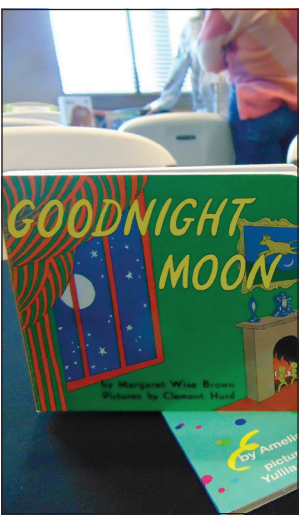
The Luptak family receives a ceremonial key to the residence.

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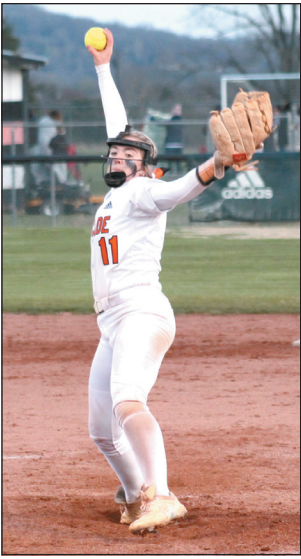
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County talks juvenile detention, beer sales

By **ZOË WATKINS**
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The Bedford County Standing Committees met in their regular meetings Tuesday to discuss a variety of topics.

The issue of what to do with juvenile detention was a talking point and brought up several concerns financially for the county.

"Back in 2020 we had an initial meeting and a special committee that was formed, and we discussed whether or not we wanted to continue to house juveniles here in the county or not," said Commissioner Julie Sanders, who also chairs the Courthouse and Property Committee. "There's a

lot of different factors that go into that."

Sanders said they are hoping to get solid financial numbers to the committee in the upcoming weeks to help make a decision. For example, Sanders said they have already had an architect draw up a sample to give them an idea for how much a facility would cost.

The issue is, however, that the county is going to have to spend money either way.

Whether the county chooses to house the juveniles or not, they will still need to employ staff, a director, and other program expenses, such as transportation. Essentially, the county will still be

responsible for those kids though they may be housed in another county's facility.

"The county has got to make a decision if we're going to be in the business of housing or not," said Mayor Chad Graham. "The facility is poor and continue to degrade...It's really went past its lifespan, the physical facility."

Graham suggested the county look at the "long game" versus the "short game."

"The short game, I don't think there's any way we can lay it out that makes it look appealing to you. But the long game and the upside...is about should we hold these children ourselves or sell out

and have somebody do it."

This is especially a crucial decision as the children who get "caught up in that system" tend to fall behind in education as the department is understaffed. "So when they finally do show back up in the school system, they're even further behind," said Graham.

They plan to hold a meeting at 6 p.m. April 11—after the Homeless Task Force meeting at 5 p.m.—in the Bedford County Courthouse's second floor to discuss the hard figures and what actions to take next.

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DEATH NOTICES

Elaine Morgan ‘Granny’ Brown

March 17, 2023

Elaine Morgan “Granny” Brown, age 77, of Chapel Hill, died Friday evening, March 17, 2023 at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 20, 2023 at Lawrence Funeral Home, Chapel Hill, with Rev. Sam Bullington officiating. Interment followed at Simpson Cemetery in Rover.

OBITUARIES

Lena Marie Tomerlin

March 18, 2023

Lena Marie Tomerlin, age 95, of Ardmore, Tennessee passed away on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital.

Born September 3, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Robert Ambers Reyer and the late Annie Eckstein Reyer.

Mrs. Tomerlin has lived around the Ardmore area her whole life and was a member of the Ardmore First Baptist Church. She was a proud lifelong resident of Ardmore and a member of Woodmen of the World.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Merlin Eugene Tomerlin, sisters Louise Shannon and Mary Lou Gilliam, and brothers Henry Reyer and R.D. Reyer.

She is survived by one son, Stephen (Nan) Tomerlin, several nieces and nephews, as well as many close friends and colleagues.

A visitation will be held for Mrs. Tomerlin at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM with a Chapel Service scheduled to follow beginning at 11:00 a.m. Bro. Rick Shannon will be officiating the service.

Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home is assisting the family with services.

Mayme Jean Young Collins

March 22, 2023

Mrs. Mayme Jean Young Collins, age 86, of Shelbyville, passed away peacefully March 22, 2023, at her home, under the loving care and comfort of her family and Hospice Compassus.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Reverend Doug Dezotell will officiate, with burial to follow in Hazel Cemetery in Bell Buckle.

The family will receive visitors 12 noon until service time Sunday at the funeral home.

She was born August 4, 1936, in Manchester, to the late William Everette and Alma Cribbs Young. She was retired from National Pen Company, and a lifelong and faithful member of Cannon Methodist Church.

Survivors include her children, Pamela Rowan, and her husband Roy, Chad Collins, and his wife Dana, and Steven Collins, and his wife Sylvia; grandchildren, Lyle Collins, and his wife Lauren, Blake Yoes, and his wife Jackie, and Johnathon Yoes; great grandchildren, Lexi Collins and Juliana Yoes; a niece and nephew, Patti and David Sasnett.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Carl Claxton

March 22, 2023

Carl Claxton 69 of Shelbyville died March 22, 2023.

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 12 noon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred Eugene Claxton Sr. and Kathleen Neely Claxton; a grandson, Bentley Claxton; sister, Anita Claxton and brothers, Eugene Claxton Jr. and Richard Anthony Claxton.

He is survived by his children, Larry Anthony (Tamara) Claxton of Shelbyville, Niki (Travis) Wilson of Houston, Texas; sisters, Mary Ann Sanders of Shelbyville, Juanita Wisdom of Lenoir City; grandchildren, Elijah Claxton and Benjamin Claxton.



ABOVE: The Luptak family's new home.



LEFT: Bedford County Veterans Service Officer Mike Ruess and County Commissioner Sylvia Pinson.

Bedford County Government photos

Veteran

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While overseas, Luptak was exposed to dangerous toxins from burn pits and when he was examined prior to surgery for his combat injuries, he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Luptak underwent

chemotherapy and is in remission. He was medically discharged in 2017.

The new home, on Durum Street off Cloverdale Road in a recently-developed subdivision, was constructed by Ole South Builders.

Freedom Alliance is a charitable organization providing help and support to wounded troops and

military families. They have awarded more than \$20 million in college scholarships to children of heroes killed or disabled in military service and spent millions more helping injured veterans and their families with outdoor recreational therapy trips, Heroes Retreats, care packages for deployed troops, mortgage-free homes, all-terrain

wheelchairs and much more.

Learn more about Freedom Alliance at FreedomAlliance.org or facebook.com/FreedomAlliance.

U.S. Bank, Freedom Alliance and Ole South say they're committed to honoring service members for their dedication and personal sacrifice.

County

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Beer permit change

Tracy Strassner, co-owner of Sunchaser Market—as well as representatives from Halls Mill Market and Bedford Market—asked after the Rules and Legislative Committee meeting how they might be able to sell beer in the county.

“Being a small business now is really hard,” said Strassner. Strassner said it’s hard for businesses to get started around the county and cited how many small stores have changed hands

or closed.

“Halls Mill has changed hands. Unionville Grocery, they’re not there...Bedford Market has changed hands. Valley View in Normandy has changed hands. Everyone is really struggling to make it work. And even, too, Wheel still doesn’t have a market. Rover doesn’t have a market,” said Strassner.

Protecting these rural villages by allowing them to be competitive is one way to keep “rural, rural,” according to Strassner.

How can they compete at the same level? Allow them to sell packaged beer, some say.

Bedford County has a

rule forbidding the sale, storage or manufacture of beer within 2,000 feet of a church, school, or other place of public gathering as well as within 300 feet of a residential dwelling (if the owner objects to the issuance of a beer permit).

The law was passed by the General Assembly back in the mid-1930s when rural counties were decades away from the ability to pass and enforce their own zoning resolutions. It became an official ruling on July 9, 1984, pursuant to TCA 57-5-105(b)(1.)

Shelbyville City, on the other hand, is independent of the distance rule. “Cities and counties have different

rules and regulations. The city has adopted a zero-boundary line. The county is 2,000 feet,” said Commissioner Greg Vick.

Commissioners Vick and Anita Epperson asked the small business owners to put a petition together, with some 400 signatures, to present before the commission board. Strassner hinted that they already have a petition.

“In order for this to go forward, the county commission has to have a discussion on changing the distance requirements on selling beer...This is government; it takes a process,” said Vick.

Rioter charged in Pelosi laptop theft sentenced to prison

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Pennsylvania woman linked to a far-right extremist movement was sentenced on Thursday to three years in prison for storming the U.S. Capitol, where she invaded then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office with other rioters.

Riley June Williams, 23, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, was charged but not convicted of helping steal a laptop from Pelosi's office suite during the riot on Jan. 6, 2021.

A federal jury convicted Williams in November of six charges, including a felony count of civil disorder, after a two-week trial. But it deadlocked on two other counts, including “aiding and abetting” the laptop's theft.

Jurors also deadlocked on a charge of obstructing an official proceeding, the Jan. 6 joint session of Congress for certifying President Joe Biden's 2020 electoral victory. Then-Vice President Mike Pence and members of Congress evacuated

the House and Senate chambers when rioters attacked the Capitol.

Prosecutors had asked U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson to sentence Williams to seven years and three months in prison.

“Everywhere she went, Williams acted as an accelerant, exacerbating the mayhem. Where others turned back, she pushed forward,” prosecutors wrote in a court filing.

Defense lawyers requested a term of imprisonment of one year and one day for Williams, who was 22 in January 2021.

“In some respects, she is starkly different from the average January 6th defendant — particularly given her youth and that she is a female,” they wrote. “In other ways she is similar to many of other January 6th defendants with no prior criminal record, that were caught up with the mob that day, acting on impulse and without thought to the consequences of their actions.”

Jackson also sentenced Williams to three years of

supervised release after her prison term and ordered her to pay \$2,000 in restitution, according to the U.S. attorney's office for the District of Columbia.

Williams is an ardent supporter of the white nationalist “Groyper” movement led by internet personality Nick Fuentes, according to prosecutors. They said Williams was “obsessed” with Fuentes and fixated on baseless claims — amplified by Fuentes — that the 2020 presidential election was stolen from Donald Trump.

Williams' attorneys argued that her political beliefs shouldn't be a factor in her sentencing. They said the First Amendment protects her interest in Fuentes and his “Groyper Army” of followers.

Fuentes has used his online platform to spew antisemitic and white supremacist rhetoric. In November, former President Trump dined at his Mar-a-Lago club with Fuentes and the rapper formerly known as Kanye West, who is now known as Ye.

Other Fuentes followers have been charged with Jan. 6-related crimes, including former UCLA student Christian Secor, who waved a flag associated with Fuentes' movement when he entered the Capitol. Secor was sentenced last year to three years and six months in prison.

Williams wore a green “I'm with Groyper” T-shirt when she traveled to Washington, D.C., with her father and his friends on Jan. 6. They attended Trump's “Stop the Steal” rally before heading to the Capitol. Williams entered the building through the Senate Wing Door two minutes after other rioters breached the entrance.

Williams used men wearing helmets and body armor like a “human battering ram,” pushing them forward to break through police lines inside the Capitol, prosecutors said. Entering Pelosi's main conference room, she stole a gavel and encouraged another rioter to take a laptop from atop a table, according to prosecutors.

“As the other rioter later

manipulated the laptop and its cords, Williams filmed the theft that she had just commanded and encouraged, and further instructed the rioter, ‘Dude, put on gloves!’” prosecutors wrote.

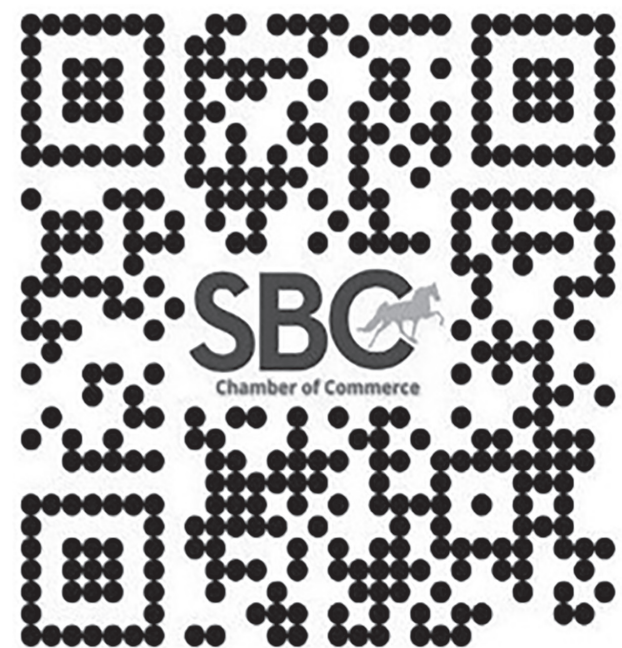
Williams then went to the Rotunda, where she shouted insults at police and urged other rioters to join her in pushing against officers.

Williams spent roughly 90 minutes in the Capitol. After leaving, she climbed on the roof of a parked police car.

Williams destroyed evidence before her arrest, deleting her social media accounts, resetting her iPhone and using software to wipe her computer, according to prosecutors.

Williams bragged online that she stole Pelosi's gavel, laptop and hard drives and that she “gave the electronic devices, or attempted to give them, to unspecified Russian individuals,” prosecutors said in a June 2022 court filing.

“To date, neither the laptop nor the gavel has been recovered,” they added.



Scan this QR code to register by April 15.

Color Dash coming May 6

Registration is open

The Shelbyville Bedford Chamber of Commerce is holding a Color Dash on Saturday, May 6, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Historic Shelbyville Square.

Runners will start at 10:30 a.m. and will run the course twice down to River Bottom Park, running 4.5 miles. Walkers will start at 10:45. Runners and walkers

will receive a Color Dash t-shirt and decal.

The cost is \$30 for adult and \$15 for child. The registration deadline is April 15. To register, visit shelbyvilleletn.com or scan the QR code. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, call 931-205-2730 or email bedfordchamber@sbcchamber.com.

Funds raised for this event will go towards the Chamber of Commerce.



Benjamin Dorman

FirstBank promotes Lincoln County native to Market President

TULLAHOMA — Nashville based FirstBank has promoted Benjamin Dorman from Senior Relationship Manager to Market President in the Lincoln County office. In his new role, Dorman will develop and steward new consumer and commercial relationships and further FirstBank's position in the market as a financial services and community leader.

"Ben has an unwavering commitment to local banking, and the personal ties he has to the community make him the ideal leader for this role," said Troy Martin, South Central Regional President. "Since joining FirstBank, Ben has been pivotal in expanding our footprint in Lincoln County, and I am confident he will continue to support and invest in this growing market."

"As Market President, I am focused on meeting the unique needs of our clients, exceeding their expectations, and sharing with them the benefits of FirstBank's commitment to community banking," said Dorman. "I hope to continue building longstanding relationships throughout

the Fayetteville community and be a resource people can trust."

A native of Lincoln County, Dorman has over 13 years of banking experience under his belt. Dorman is an active member of the community and is involved in First Baptist Church Tullahoma. In his free time, Dorman enjoys coaching youth soccer, playing music, and spending time with his wife and two sons.

About FirstBank

FirstBank, a wholly owned subsidiary of FB Financial Corporation (NYSE: FBK), has approximately \$12.8 billion in total assets, ranking it in the top 3% of all U.S. commercial banks. Since 1906, local banking has remained at the forefront of FirstBank's approach to serving businesses, families, and individuals within the communities it calls home. FirstBank is headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, and has 82 full-service branches across Tennessee, South Central Kentucky, Alabama and North Georgia along with mortgage offices throughout the Southeast.

DAR chapter talks education

By **ZOE WATKINS**
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The Shelby Chapter of DAR hosted Bedford County Schools Superintendent Tammy Garrett at their regular monthly meeting.

Garrett gave the group an update on the school system as well as any impact from recent legislation regarding third grade retention.

Speaking among many former and retired teachers, this sparked discussion and topics of concern.

The Tennessee General Assembly passed two pieces of legislation during their "1st Extraordinary Session of 2021"— the Tennessee Literacy Success Act and the Tennessee Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act. The goal of these pieces was to help ensure Tennessee students could "recover from the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and close gaps in students' learning."

However, this basically comes down to testing third graders on their reading comprehension. If students do not meet the expectations of this one test, they are held back, required to attend summer school, or must receive tutoring in the fourth grade.

Garrett explained this would be a burden on the school system resources as well as on the students themselves.

One cause of concern with this third-grade retention test is that the teachers cannot look at the test. Instead, the school system is required to hire an outside vendor.

Garrett said she asked during one of the study sessions for this new legislation which school system had the highest proficiency level in the state. Garrett said she was told Williamson County had the highest at 35% proficiency rate in third grade.

"It is very concerning," said Garrett. "And here is my concern as an educator: if I am teaching a course and I give a test that everybody made 30%...I better be looking at my test and my instruction."

According to Garrett, these standards created by educators were not meant to define proficiency.

Such legislation is especially concerning for a system like Bedford County's which has, according to Garrett, a higher percentage of English Language Learners than the Memphis City School System.

Garrett said they asked legislators to amend the law to include only those who are "below" and not the "approaching" or above proficiency. However, she said it is unlikely any further changes will be made to the legislation.

"When you're grading in the classroom, you're not necessarily grading for all the standards for all year. You may just be grading for a portion of that. And



Tina Corley, right, accepts a community service award from her former French teacher and Shelby DAR Treasurer Maureen Garrett.

T-G Photo by Zoe Watkins



Bedford County Schools Superintendent Tammy Garrett with Regent Betty H. Brown.

Submitted photo

it's hard to get people to see that sometimes," said Garrett.

School systems currently have a retention policy in which the teacher, the principal, the parent and student decide if they should be retained or not. "So, we want some of that local ability to make that decision for the child," said Garrett.

Looking at Bedford, Garrett defined two main goals of the school system and those are to get all students out of portables and to achieve proficiency that is above or at the state's level.

In the upcoming year, the school system will be adopting a new math program, switching from Pearson to Savvas. The goal with this switch was to put a math textbook in the hand of every student.

Garrett expressed her surprise when she found out not every student was able to take a textbook home to study due to a lack in resources.

Plus, like many counties across Tennessee, Bedford is facing a difficulty retain-

ing teachers. According to Garrett, the county actually has 80 fewer teachers than surrounding counties. "So, my goal is to create a culture in which people want to be here and that educators have a vice and are respected in what they do," said Garrett.

Garrett admitted it is hard to compete with the "Williamson Counties of the world." For example, Maury County puts close to \$42 million more into the school systems than they have to.

"Those resources make a difference," said Garrett. "But I think teachers will work in a culture that they feel supported in...especially if the principal and the superintendent support them in discipline."

DAR award

The chapter also awarded Tina Corley from the Adopt-a-Teacher campaign. The goal of this campaign is to help supply teachers with plenty of resources.

Teachers become a member of the Facebook page (at Bedford County, TN - Adopt a Teacher), cre-

ate an Amazon wish list for their classroom needs and share that wish list to their page. That wish list is then shared by other teachers from the page to the teacher's personal Facebook page. In most instances, the sharing continues to occur thereafter.

"That's how we've grown our group so successfully," according to Corley. "While awards are icing on the cake, that's not why I do this! I always accept the award with an incredibly grateful heart..." she said in a recent Facebook post.

The 4th annual campaign will kick off June 10 and last about 40 days.

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Organizing makes mornings easy

Dear Heloise: I just read the article in your column about how to organize your closet. As the mom of a young child, I needed to be very organized. On Sunday afternoons, I would take out my ironing board and go through my closet to select five outfits for the week. If anything needed pressing, I did it then. I chose which jewelry I wanted to wear with the individual outfits, put them into individual sandwich bags and hung them on the hanger with the outfit they went with. I then checked my nylons for runs and put my shoes under the outfits for the week. It took maybe 20 minutes to accomplish this for the week and saved me so much time every single morning.

I also used to make my son's lunches and had five lunch bags ready with a napkin, a small bag of chips and an individual dessert. I made all five sandwiches, froze them and put one in the refrigerator every night. Nightly, my son and I gathered all his school work and books and put them into his backpack. He would then pick out what he wanted to wear to school the next day. It literally took minutes to organize.

Our mornings were happy, with no arguments or last-minute drama. Organization made it much easier to be a working mom. -- Deborah Dougherty, Rockwall, Texas

AIRING OUT CLOTHING

Dear Readers: If some of the clothes in your closets have a stale smell, you can freshen them by hanging them outside for a while. But don't put them in direct sunlight, because the strong sun may fade some fabrics, such as silk. -- Heloise

FRESHEN UP PET'S BEDDING

Dear Readers: To

Hints from Heloise

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keep your cat or dog's bedding smelling good between washings, sprinkle a bit of baking soda over the bedding. Let it sit for a bit, and then brush off any remaining baking soda before your pet decides to make themselves comfortable.

Besides deodorizing, baking soda is also good for cleaning. My six-page pamphlet "Heloise's Baking Soda Hints and Recipes" has more information about baking soda's uses. You can get this informative pamphlet by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. -- Heloise

PET PAL

Dear Heloise:

Chillin' is a chinchilla. He conned me into buying him. I named him Chillin' because I felt we could nurture and chill with each other. He turned out to be an escape artist, planning for moments when he could exit his cage. Nevertheless, he's my baby. -- Cathy White, via email

Readers, to see Chillin' 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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TODAY

Biloxi Blues

Neil Simon's "Biloxi Blues" will be presented at The Fly Arts Center Saturday, March 25, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available online at <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/tix/5464>

Democratic convention

Bedford County Democratic Party will hold a reorganization convention to elect new leaders Saturday, March 25 at Shelbyville Recreation Center. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the convention at 10. All registered Democrats are invited.

Author presentation

Marty Ray Gordon will be doing a presentation and signing Saturday, March 25 at 10 a.m. at Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library on his new autobiographical children's book, "Sharing the Harvest with Granddaddy Tenpenny," a real-life account of his childhood living with his grandfather Ray Tenpenny, his dog Queenie, and two mules named Mike and Spike.

APRIL 1

Underwater Egg Hunt

Shelbyville Parks & Recreation's Underwater Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 1 at Shelbyville Recreation Center for ages 3-13. Starting time vary by age from 9-10:30 a.m. A mandatory \$4 preregistration fee includes free all-day swimming. Register at the Rec Center or its website.

Book signing

Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library will host an author presentation and book signing with Dr. Lona Bailey of Manchester at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1, in the Community Room. Bailey's newest book, "The Voice of Villainy," covers the life and work of actress Betty Lou Gerson from Chattanooga, 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. For more information call 931-684-7323.

SCHS '57 reunion

Shelbyville Central High School's Class of 1957 will meet at the back parking lot of King's Museum (the old SCHS) on Saturday, April 1, at 9:30 a.m. They will tour the museum and then meet at Legends, 1609 N. Main St., at 11:30 a.m. for their reunion. Guests are welcome.

Easter egg hunt

First Community Bank will host a free Easter egg hunt at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at its main office, 207 Elm St.

Flat Creek meeting

Flat Creek Community Center's monthly potluck will be held Saturday, April 1 at 6 p.m. at the center, 115 New Herman Road. Al Simmons, president of Bedford County Historical Society, will discuss the history of Flat Creek.

APRIL 2

Soup Kitchen fundraiser

The Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen will be hosting a fundraiser on Sunday, April 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 336 S. Cannon Blvd. A portion of the proceeds will be shared with Gateway Church, who provides them storage space, facilitates clothing, and distributes additional food. To-go orders available. Reservations are appreciated but not required.

APRIL 5

Card making class

The Senior Citizens Center will be offering a card making class every Wednesday, beginning April 5, at 10 a.m. Call Nellie at 684-0019 to sign up.

APRIL 8

Paper-postcard show

The 19th Shelbyville Regional Postcard & Paper Memorabilia Show will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at The Fly Arts Center. A dinner, speakers and a silent and live auction are scheduled.

Easter egg hunt

Blankenship United

Methodist Church, 3602 Midland Road, will host an Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. Children through fifth grade are invited. Refreshments will follow.

APRIL 15

Benefit for Hope

The Youth Leadership Bedford Class of 2022-23 will host Benefit for Hope, to help minimize the stigma surrounding mental health, from 4:30-8 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at Shelbyville Central High School. Tickets are \$20 and include dinner, speakers and a silent and live auction. Tickets are available at the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce website. For more information email ylb.benefitforhope@gmail.com.

APRIL 21

SNAP talk

Bonnie Walker with SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program), will be at the Senior Center on Friday, April 21 at 9 a.m. to discuss the program and to call BINGO. Call Nellie at 684-0019 if you would like to attend.

APRIL 22

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.

Glow in the Park 5K

The eighth annual Glow in the Park 5K will be Saturday, April 22 at 8 p.m. at H.V. Griffin Park. Fee is \$25 in advance, \$30 day of race. Register before April 1 at Shelbyville Recreation Center or its website to be guaranteed a free t-shirt.

APRIL 25

Book sale

Friends of the Library Book Sale will be Tuesday, April 25-Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. until an hour before closing each day. Used hardcover books are \$1 each, paperbacks are 50 cents each, and DVDs and audiobooks \$1 each. To volunteer, call 931-684-7323.

APRIL 29

Fern sale

Boston and Kimberly ferns will be on sale from 8-11 a.m. Saturday, April 29 at the Wartrace well house. Proceeds will go to the Wartrace gym. For more information or to place an order see Friends of Wartrace Gym on Facebook or call Beverly Saylor, 931-205-4702 or Claudia Curl, 931-703-4605.

ONGOING

Meals on Wheels

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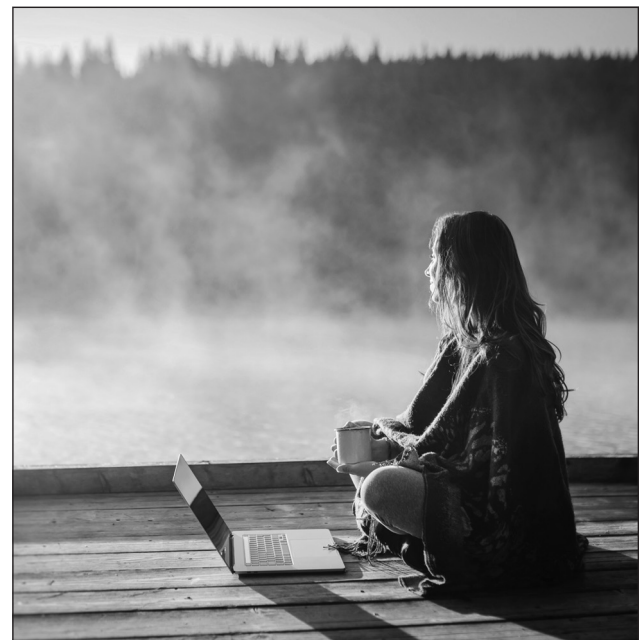
Celebrate Recovery

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

Did you know?

The beverages individuals drink could affect their skin cancer risk. According to World Cancer Research Fund International, drinking coffee could reduce a woman's risk for malignant melanoma and might decrease both men's and women's risk for basal

cell carcinoma. Though WCRFI notes the exact biological mechanisms linking coffee consumption to malignant melanoma and basal cell carcinoma are uncertain, drinking coffee exposes people to various biologically active compounds. According to the



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WCRFI, some of those compounds have been studied in animal and in vitro studies and been found to boast antioxidant and anti-tumorigenic (anti-tumor) properties. But it's not all

good news regarding beverages and skin cancer risk. The WCRFI also notes that consuming alcohol could increase the risk of malignant melanoma and basal cell carcinoma.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Shelbyville Housing Authority will hold a Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 29TH, 2023 at the Tate Street Community Center at 12:00 noon, in Shelbyville, Tn.

By: Jenni Feldhaus
Chairman

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Baptist

“God’s Will (Part 11)” will be Pastor Tyler Shoemaker’s message at 10 a.m. Sunday at **Calvary Baptist Church**. The service will be livestreamed.

Pastor Jimmy West’s message at 10 a.m. Sunday at **Edgemont Baptist Church** will be “Followers Obey” from Matthew 7:24-29. The service will be livestreamed.

“Crucified for You” from Hebrews 12:2 will be the message at 6 p.m. on Good Friday. An Easter egg hunt is scheduled from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at the church. The Praise Choir will present “What a Savior” at 10 a.m. Easter Sunday; the message will be “He Has Risen” from Mark 16:1-8.

“Obeying God’s Will Is A Must For His Servant” from Jonah 1:1-3 will be Pastor Bobby McGee’s message Sunday at **Grace Baptist Church**.

New Bethel Baptist Church will have a Easter Sunrise service at 7 a.m. A breakfast will follow. The regular 10 a.m. service will be held.

Christian (Disciples of Christ)

Pastor Dan Asche’s sermon at **First Christian Church** (home of children’s T-Ball) at 10 a.m. Sunday will be from Matthew 16 talking about Jesus, the Son of God, part of a series leading up to Easter.

Church of Christ

The sermon series “The Fight” by Lance Bennett continues at **Fairlane Church of Christ**. Sunday’s sermon will be “What in the World?” from John 17:14-18. Services are livestreamed and broadcast on WLJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM/wlijradio.com). Iglesia de Cristo-Fairlane continues the “Fruits of the Spirit” sermon series by Luis Olivo with “Joy” from Galatians 5:22-23 and John 15:11.

Guest speaker Wayne Lankford’s lesson will be “Salvation by Grace or Obedience” from Ephesians 2:8,9 at 10 a.m. Sunday at **Southside Church of Christ**. Brian Nicholson will lead a study of Colossians at 6 p.m. Sunday. David Sanders will lead Restoration Thought & History at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services are livestreamed at cofcsouthside.com.

Methodist

Blankenship United Methodist Church will hold a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary. An Easter egg hunt will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8 in the main sanctuary. An Easter sunrise service will start at 6 a.m. in the pavilion behind the church, followed by breakfast. An traditional Easter service and an Easter cantata performed by the choir will begin at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Pastor Abe Zimmerman’s message at **First United Methodist Church** on Sunday, March 26 will be “See You in Paradise” from Luke 23:32-43. The 10 a.m. service will be livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM/wlijradio.com).

Non-Denominational

Sunday will be Pastor Stephanie Singleton’s anniversary at **Whosoever Will Pentecostal Church**. Morning service is scheduled at 11 a.m., with Elder James Crutchfield and evening service at 3 p.m., with Elder Jason Scales. Lunch will be served between services.

Presbyterian

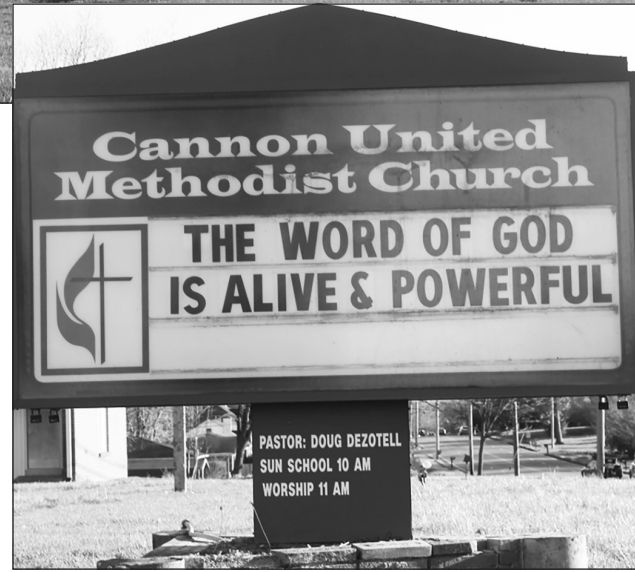
First Presbyterian Church’s service for the fifth Sunday in Lent will be led by Pastor Jim Moran. All services are streamed live on Facebook.



WELCOME

Cannon United Methodist Church, 1001 S. Cannon Blvd., welcomes worshippers each Sunday morning.

T-G Photo by David Melson



Sotheby’s hopes for record sale of ancient Hebrew Bible

By **ILAN BEN ZION**
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — One of the oldest surviving biblical manuscripts, a nearly complete 1,100-year-old Hebrew Bible, could soon be yours — for a cool \$30 million.

The Codex Sassoon, a leather-bound, handwritten parchment tome containing almost the entirety of the Hebrew Bible, is set to go on the block at Sotheby’s in New York in May. Its anticipated sale speaks to the still bullish market for art, antiquities and ancient manuscripts even in a worldwide bear economy.

Sotheby’s is drumming up interest in hopes of enticing institutions and collectors to bite. It has put the price tag at an eye-watering \$30 million to \$50 million.

On Wednesday, Tel Aviv’s ANU Museum of the Jewish People opened a week-long exhibition of the manuscript, part of a whirlwind worldwide tour of the artifact in the United Kingdom, Israel and the United States before its expected sale, on Wednesday.

“There are three ancient Hebrew Bibles from this period,” said Yosef Ofer, a professor of Bible studies at Israel’s Bar Ilan University: the Codex Sassoon and Aleppo Codex from the 10th century, and the Leningrad Codex, from the early 11th century.

Only the Dead Sea Scrolls and a handful of fragmentary early medieval texts are older, and

“an entire Hebrew Bible is relatively rare,” he said.

Starting a few centuries before the Codex Sassoon’s creation, Jewish scholars known as Masoretes started codifying oral traditions of how to properly spell, pronounce, punctuate and chant the words of Judaism’s holiest book. Unlike Torah scrolls, where the Hebrew letters are devoid of vowels and punctuation, these manuscripts contained extensive annotation instructing readers how to recite the words correctly.

Precisely where and when the Codex Sassoon was made remains uncertain. Sharon Liberman Mintz, a senior Judaica specialist at Sotheby’s, said that radiocarbon dating of the parchment gave an estimated date of 880 to 960. The codex’s writing style suggests its creator was an unspecified early 10th-century scribe in Egypt or the Levant.

“It’s like the emergence of the biblical text as we know it today,” Mintz said. “It’s so foundational not only for Judaism, but also for world culture.”

Though it’s certainly ancient and rare, scholars say the Codex Sassoon doesn’t match the pedigree and quality of its contemporary — the Aleppo Codex.

“Any Masoretic scholar in their right mind would take the Aleppo Codex over the Sassoon Codex, without any regret or hesitation,” said Kim Phillips, a Bible expert at the Cambridge University

Library. He said the scribal quality was “surprisingly sloppy” compared to its counterpart.

The Aleppo Codex, dated to around 930, has been considered the gold standard of the Masoretic Bibles for around 1,000 years. The Codex Sassoon’s margins contain an annotation from a later scholar who says he checked its text against the Aleppo Codex — referring to the Arabic title a-Taj, “the Crown.”

“The Aleppo Codex is more precise than the Sassoon Codex, there’s no doubt,” Ofer said. “But because it’s missing (a third of its pages), in those parts that are absent, there is great significance to this manuscript.” The Codex Sassoon’s 792 pages make up around 92% of the Hebrew Bible.

These venerable manuscripts were protected and treasured by Syrian Jewish communities for centuries until the 20th century. How the Sassoon Codex survived the ages is an epic in its own right.

A note on the manuscript attest to its owners in centuries past: A man named Khalaf ben Abraham gave it to Isaac ben Ezekiel al-Attar, who gave it to his sons Ezekiel and Maimon.

It later migrated east to the town of Makisin in what’s today northeast Syria, where it was dedicated to a synagogue in the 13th century. Sometime in the following decades, the synagogue was destroyed and the codex entrusted to

Salama ibn Abi al-Fakhr until the synagogue was rebuilt.

It never was rebuilt, but the book survived.

Its whereabouts for the next 500 years remain uncertain until it resurfaced in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1929, and was bought by a legendary collector of Jewish manuscripts whose name it still bears.

David Solomon Sassoon was a Bombay-born son of an Iraqi Jewish business magnate who filled his London home with a massive collection of Jewish manuscripts.

“His capacity was astounding, both in terms of number but also in terms of what he was able to find,” said Raquel Ukeles, head of collections at Israel’s National Library.

Sassoon roved across Europe, the Middle East and North Africa buying up old books, and by his death in 1942, he had amassed over 1,200 manuscripts.

Sassoon’s estate was broken up after he died and the codex was sold by Sotheby’s in Zurich in 1978 to the British Rail Pension Fund, which had started investing in art several years earlier, for around \$320,000.

The pension fund flipped the Codex Sassoon 11 years later for 10 times its hammer price. Jacqui Safra, a banker and art col-

lector, bought it in 1989 for \$3.19 million and is now putting it up for auction.

If the target price is realized, the Codex Sassoon could not only eclipse the most expensive Jewish document ever sold — the 2021 sale of the Luzzatto Machzor, a 14th-century prayerbook, for \$8.3 million. It also could break the record for the priciest historical document ever sold at public auction. That honor is currently held by a 1787 copy of the U.S. Constitution sold in 2021 for \$43 million.

Yoel Finkelman, a former curator of Judaica at Israel’s National Library, said that prices for Judaica manuscripts have skyrocketed in recent years, but Sotheby’s proposed range is “a different league.”

Few institutions, and only a small handful of ultrawealthy collectors, could afford such a price tag. There is precedent, however, of museums joining forces to buy prized manuscripts or philanthropists donating their purchases to libraries and other bodies.

Ukeles said that the National Library managed to purchase seven of Sassoon’s manuscripts when his collection was auctioned off in the 1970s, “but this one got away. And so for us, this is an opportunity to bring this great treasure home.”

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Kay Parker
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Skeptical US lawmakers grill TikTok CEO over safety

By **HALELUYA HADERO**
and **FARNOUSH AMIRI**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. lawmakers grilled the CEO of TikTok over data security and harmful content Thursday, responding skeptically during a tense committee hearing to his assurances that the hugely popular video-sharing app prioritizes user safety and should not be banned.

Shou Zi Chew's testimony came at a crucial time for the company, which has acquired 150 million American users but is under increasing pressure from U.S. officials. TikTok and its parent company ByteDance have been swept up in a wider geopolitical battle between Beijing and Washington over trade and technology.

In a rare bipartisan effort to reign in the power of a major social media platform, Republican and Democratic lawmakers pressed Chew on a host of topics, ranging from TikTok's content moderation practices, how the company plans to secure American data from Beijing, and its spying on journalists.

"Mr. Chew, you are here because the American people need the truth about the threat TikTok poses to our national and personal security," Committee Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers, a Republican, said in her opening statement. "TikTok has repeatedly chosen a path for more control, more surveillance and more manipulation."

Chew, a 40-year-old Singapore native, told the House Committee on Energy and Commerce that TikTok prioritizes the safety of its young users and denied allegations that it's a national security risk. He reiterated the company's plan to protect U.S. user data by storing all such information on servers maintained and owned by the software giant Oracle.

"Let me state this unequivocally: ByteDance is not an agent of China or any other country," Chew said.

On Wednesday, the company sent dozens of popular TikTokers to Capitol Hill to lobby lawmakers to preserve the platform. It has also been putting up ads all over Washington that promise to secure users' data and privacy, and create a safe platform for its young users.

TikTok has been dogged by claims that its Chinese ownership means user data could end up in the hands of the Chinese government or that it could be used to promote narratives favorable to the country's Communist leaders.

In 2019, the Guardian reported that TikTok was instructing its moderators to censor videos that mention Tiananmen Square and other images unfavorable to the Chinese government. The platform says it has since changed its moderation practices.

ByteDance admitted in December that it fired four employees last summer who accessed data on two journalists, as well as other people connected to them, while attempting to track down the source of a leaked report about the company.

For its part, TikTok has been trying to distance itself from its Chinese origins, saying that 60% percent of its parent company ByteDance is owned by global institutional investors such as Carlyle Group. ByteDance was founded by Chinese entrepreneurs in Beijing in 2012. Responding to a Wall Street Journal report, China said it would oppose any U.S. attempts to force ByteDance to sell the app.

Chew pushed back against the idea that TikTok's ownership was an issue in itself.

"Trust is about actions we take," Chew said. "Ownership is not at the core of addressing these concerns."

In one of the most dramatic moments, Republican Rep. Kat Cammack displayed a TikTok video that showed a shooting gun and a caption that included the House committee holding the hearing, with the exact date before it was formally announced.

"You expect us to believe that you are capable of maintaining the data security, privacy and security of 150 million Americans where you can't even protect the people in this room," Cammack said to Chew.

Lawmakers sought to paint a picture of TikTok as a Chinese-influenced company interested in gaining profit at the cost of Americans' mental and physical health. Committee members showed a host of TikTok videos that encouraged users to harm themselves and commit suicide. Many questioned why the platform's Chinese counterpart, Douyin, does not have the same controversial and potentially dangerous content as the American product.

Chew responded that it depends on the laws of the country where the app is operating. He said the company has about 40,000 moderators that track harmful content as well as an algorithm that flags material.

"I don't think I can sit here and say that we are perfect in doing this," Chew said. "We do work very hard."

A U.S. ban on an app would be unprecedented and it's unclear how the government would enforce it.

Experts say officials could try to force Apple and Google to remove TikTok from their app stores. The U.S. could also block access to TikTok's infrastructure and data, seize its domain names or force internet service providers like Comcast and Verizon to filter TikTok data traffic, said Ahmed Ghappour, a criminal law and computer security expert who teaches at Boston University School of Law.

But a tech savvy user could still get around restrictions by using a virtual private network to make it appear the user is in another country where it's not blocked, he said.

To avoid a ban, TikTok has been trying to sell officials on a \$1.5 billion plan called Project Texas, which routes all U.S. user data to domestic servers owned and maintained by Oracle. Under the project, access to U.S. data is managed by U.S. employees through a separate entity called TikTok U.S. Data Security, which employs 1,500 people, is run independently of ByteDance and would be monitored by outside observers.

As of October, all new U.S. user data was being stored inside the country. The company started deleting all historic U.S. user data from non-Oracle servers this month, in a process expected to be completed later this year, Chew said.

Generally, researchers have said TikTok behaves like other social media companies when it comes to data collection. In an analysis released in 2021, the University of Toronto's nonprofit Citizen Lab found TikTok and Facebook collect similar amounts of user data.

To block such tracking, Congress, the White House, U.S. armed forces and more than half of U.S. states have banned the use of the app from official devices.

Russia's security chief blasts West, dangles nuclear threats

By **VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV**
Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — A top Russian security official warned Thursday about the rising threat of a nuclear war and blasted a German minister for threatening Russian President Vladimir Putin with arrest, saying that such action would amount to a declaration of war and trigger a Russian strike on Germany.

Dmitry Medvedev, the deputy secretary of Russia's Security Council chaired by Putin, said in video remarks to reporters that Russia's relations with the West have hit an all-time bottom.

Asked whether the threat of a nuclear conflict has eased, Medvedev responded: "No, it hasn't decreased, it has grown. Every day when they provide Ukraine with foreign weapons brings the nuclear apocalypse closer."

He has issued a barrage of such strongly-worded statements in the past, blasting the U.S. and its NATO allies for what he described as their efforts to break up and destroy Russia. It's been a drastic metamorphosis for the gentle-looking politician, who once was hailed by the West as a liberal hope.

In Thursday's comments, the 57-year-old Medvedev denounced the International Criminal Court's decision to issue an arrest warrant for Putin on charges of alleged involvement in abductions of thousands of children from Ukraine as legally null and void. He noted that the move added to a "colossal negative potential" in the already bitterly strained ties between Russia and the West.

"Our relations with the West are already worse than they have ever been in history," he said.

Medvedev specifically blasted German Justice Minister Marco Buschmann, who said last week that Putin would be arrested on the ICC's warrant if he visits Germany.

"Let's imagine ... the leader of a nuclear power visits the territory of Germany and is arrested," Medvedev

said, adding that it would amount to a declaration of war against Russia. "In this case, our assets will fly to hit the Bundestag, the chancellor's office and so on."

He noted that Russia's nuclear forces have provided a strong deterrent amid the fighting in Ukraine, adding that "we would have been torn to pieces without them."

Medvedev also challenged Ukraine's sovereignty in comments that could reflect Moscow's plans to extend its gains.

"Honestly speaking, Ukraine is part of Russia," he said. "But due to geopolitical reasons and the course of history we had tolerated that we were living in separate quarters and had been forced to acknowledge those invented borders for a long time."

The soft-spoken and mild-mannered Medvedev, who served as Russia's president from 2008 to 2012 when term limits forced Putin to shift into the prime minister's post, was widely seen by Western officials as more liberal than his mentor. Many in the West expected Medvedev to win a second term and further soften the Kremlin's policies, but he stepped down to allow Putin to reclaim the presidency in what Kremlin critics denounced as a cynical manipulation.

Since Putin sent troops into Ukraine more than a year ago, Medvedev, a law faculty graduate, has emerged as one of the most hawkish Russian officials, regularly issuing blustery remarks that combine Latin mottos and legal expressions with four-letter words, and sound much tougher than those issued by old-time Kremlin hard-liners. Observers have interpreted Medvedev's rhetoric as an apparent attempt to curry favor with Putin.

Medvedev launched more anti-Western diatribes Thursday, declaring that "it's useless to have talks" with the West and speaking with contempt about Western politicians, alleging a "catastrophic drop in competence and elementary literacy of European

Union leaders."

"I have no illusions that we could communicate with them again any time soon," he said. "It makes no sense to negotiate with certain countries and blocs — they only understand the language of force."

Medvedev, who heads a Security Council panel coordinating weapons production, derided Western statements alleging that Russia is running out of weapons and charged Russian weapons industries have increased output.

He said that Russia will produce 1,500 battle tanks this year alone and boost production of other weapons to meet the army's needs. His claims couldn't be independently verified.

"The most important thing now is to make it all in necessary volumes, and we are launching new factories to do that," Medvedev said.

He said that the Russian military already has good intelligence drones and loitering munitions, but acknowledged that it has yet to deploy long-range strike drones.

Medvedev drew parallels with World War II, when the Soviet Union managed to drastically ramp up weapons production. He noted that while checking historic archives, he found Soviet leader Josef Stalin's telegrams urging arms factories directors to boost output under the threat of reprisals.

In a video fragment from his meeting with top factory managers posted Thursday, Medvedev read one of those telegrams, in which Stalin demanded a tank factory to meet the production plans and warned: "If you breach your duty before the Motherland, I will destroy you as criminals who forget their honor and interests of the Motherland."

Added Medvedev: "I want you to hear me and remember the Generalissimo's words. As you understand, the results were quite impressive, and if there were none you understand what happened."

No red carpet? French unrest impacts King Charles III's trip

By **THOMAS ADAMSON**
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Unrest in France is tarnishing the sheen of King Charles III's first overseas trip as monarch, with striking workers literally refusing to roll out a red carpet amid pension reform protests and calls for the visit to be canceled altogether.

The British king is scheduled to undertake the trip beginning Sunday on behalf of Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's government, which hoped a glamorous royal tour would underscore efforts to rebuild Anglo-French ties that were frayed by the U.K.'s decision to leave the European Union.

But anger over French President Emmanuel Macron's resolve to increase the retirement age by two years are clouding what was meant to be a show of bonhomie and friendship. Instead, Charles' visit is being seen as an unnecessary display of hereditary privilege.

"It's very bad timing. Normally the French would welcome a British king. But in this moment, people protesting are on high alert for any sign of privilege and wealth," Paris-based writer Stephen Clarke, the author of "Elizabeth II, Queen of Laughs," said.

With piles of uncollected garbage lining the French capital's once-pristine boulevards, observers say the optics could not be worse — for both Charles and his host Macron.

French labor union CGT announced this week that its members at Mobilier National, the institution in charge of providing red carpets, flags and furniture for public buildings, would snub a Sunday reception for the king upon his arrival in Paris.

"We ask our administration to inform the services concerned that we will not provide furnishings, red carpets or flags," a CGT statement read.

The Elysee Palace, the French president's official residence, said that instead non-striking workers would set up the necessary accouterments for the trip.

Months in the making, Charles'

March 26-29 posh itinerary with Queen Consort Camilla includes a visit to the Musee d'Orsay, a wreath-laying ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe and a lavish dinner at the former royal residence, the Versailles Palace.

"They're planning on going to Versailles. It does not look good. This seems very 1789," author Clarke said. The lavish Versailles, once the dazzling center of royal Europe and a focal point of the French Revolution, is an enduring symbol of social inequalities and excess.

Macron is facing a public backlash for pushing through a bill raising the retirement age to 64 without a parliamentary vote. Some opponents accuse the president of being out-of-touch, and Charles has not been spared from similar criticism as protests continued this week.

"Unbelievable! We are going to have Emmanuel Macron, the Republican monarch, welcoming King Charles III in Versailles... while the people in the street are demonstrating," Sandrine Rousseau, a lawmaker from France's Green Party, told French channel BFM TV. "Of course" the king should cancel his visit, she added.

To limit the potential for disruptions to the royal dinner, security is expected to be very tight around Versailles. In 2020, demonstrators clashed with police on its regal cobblestones amid a previous pension reform bill.

The unrest and demands for Charles stay away are certain to cause disquiet in London. When he was on a walkabout in York, England, in November, someone in a crowd of angry protesters threw eggs in his direction.

The French have maintained a love-hate relationship with kings ever since they guillotined King Louis XVI in 1793. Queens have typically fared better since then. Queen Elizabeth II, Charles' mother, was a hugely popular figure in France, the European country she visited the most before her death last year.

Elizabeth, who spoke fluent French, made five state visits to France, in 1957, 1972, 1992, 2004 and

2014, as well as unofficial and private visits. Her son now wears the crown but remains in her shadow.

"The problem with Charles is that he is not the queen. She was very loved here," Paris resident Geraldine Duberret, 62, said. "Charles does not have such a good reputation here. He seems a bit spoiled."

The celebrity press in France recently focused on unconfirmed rumors that the king would travel with excessive numbers of servants, comparing him to his late mother, who famously insisted her staff to turn light bulbs off in Buckingham Palace to save on electricity.

"This visit was a chance for Charles to relaunch himself in the eyes of the French," Clarke said. "It could have been like a blank canvas, but he will likely not be able to have the impact he would have wished."

Charles does command some respect in France for his environmental activism. The king and queen consort plan to tour areas of France's Bordeaux region that last year were ravaged by wildfires widely blamed on global warming.

The couple's time in southwest France also gives them a chance to see vineyards and to taste the region's famous wines, including a planned stop at Bordeaux's Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte, a vineyard and winemaker.

Regional officials are effusive about receiving the British royals, a stark contrast to the reception Charles and Camilla could prepare for in Paris.

"It's very touching that Charles plans to come to Bordeaux. We have a very strong relationship — and historic — with the U.K. The region stayed English for three centuries. It's in our DNA," said Cecile Ha of the Bordeaux Wine Council.

Ha said winemakers in Bordeaux were "on the same page" as King Charles.

"In Paris, they do politics. But, here in Bordeaux, we like Charles because we share the same strong commitments to sustainability."



NEW DETECTIVE

Samuel Campbell has been promoted to Shelbyville Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division. Campbell has been with the department since 2018 and served as a patrolman on B-nights. From left are Det. Sgt. Cody Swift, Campbell and Det. Lt. Charles Merlo.

Shelbyville Police Department photo

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 Doris Brent Walker to Doris Brent Walker—0 money, 8.37 acres, Horse Mountain Rd.
 Dakota Gentry, Chris Gentry to Gary Boyce Construction LLC—\$140,000, 0 acres, no address
 Keith Adams, Scott Sutton to Phyllis Louise Kopp, Donna Marie Bloomquist—\$333,000, 0 acres, Woodmont Dr.
 Phyllis Kopp to Ashlynn Upton Swan—\$500,000, 0 acres, Ridgewood Dr.
 Kevin L. Fulton, Stephanie Fulton to Cameron Michael Brooks, Serena Mae Brooks—\$299,900, 0 acres, River Ranch Rd.
 Dennie Warren Maxwell Jr., Sylvia Easley, Sylvia

Braston, Dennis W. Maxwell Jr. to Ridgetop Properties LLC—\$25,000, 0.24 acres, Woodbury St.
 Martha Young to Eric L. Young, Martha Young—0 money, 1.63 acres, Stokes Cemetery Rd.
 Ronnie Campbell to Vielka Davis, Rafael Antonio Bush—\$15,000, 0 acres, no address
 Daniel Warren to Michael Owen—\$90,000, 0.5 acres, Joe Hart Rd.
 Robinson Home Buyers LLC to Garrett Stoughton—\$260,000, 0 acres, Phillip Rd.
 Greg Curl to David Bradford—0 money, 0 acres, no address
 Gary Boyce Construction LLC to Kimberly D. Nelson—\$274,900, 0 acres, Coney Island Rd.
 Alvin Clanton, Sue Clanton to Mike Clanton, Nicole Clanton—0 money, 5.06 acres, Hart Rd.
 Eddie Stacy to Miguel A. Juarez Maturano—\$53,000, 0 acres, Unionville Deason Rd.
 Janie Demonbreum,

James L. Graves, Tammy K. Graves to Kelby Lee Demonbreum, Janey Lynn Demonbreum—0 money, 0 acres, no address
 Linda R. Blackwelder to Benjamin James Shemwell, Barretta Layne Edwards—\$152,000, 6.62 acres, Normandy Rd.
 Buford Brown, Brian B. Brown, Chad Alan Brown, Amy Denise Sadler, Craig Sadler to Richard E. Lucas—\$232,000, 0 acres, no address
 Lisa Haymon, Charmaine Y. Sayles to Pedro Pedro Hernandez—\$155,000, 0.29 acres, Lipscomb St.
 Javier Reyes, Amy Gunn Reyes, Chuck Gunn to Javier Reyes, Amy Gunn Reyes—0 money, 1.1 acres, no address
 Javier Reyes, Amy Gunn Reyes, Chuck Gunn to Javier Reyes, Amy Gunn Reyes—0 money, 0 acres, Warner Bridge Rd.
 Running With Scissors LLC to Roman Barrera Ruiz, Marisol Moreno Perez—\$94,000, 0 acres, Gregory Mill Rd.

PUBLIC RECORD

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Stanley Vincent Reynolds and Judith Ann Ghea Pauli
 Juan Miguel Soto and Haylee Marie Davis
 Pedro Humberto Licea Mogana and Isabel Rios Bautista
 Victor Ikhuemosa Aziegbe and Audra Lynn Porter

CITY COURT 03/20/2023

Speeding—Patricia Abrajay Abrajay Fernandez, Macey Edward Agee, Sierra Tavani Alvin, Ariel D. Bohanan, Zachery Bowman, Mary Caitlin Brady, Emily Dawn Brewer, Shamichi Colette Bryson, Kayla A. Burris, Matthew D. Carey, Hector Cervantes Zarate, David C. Connors, Ciara M. Crutcher, Aranza Maria Davila Pantaleon, Hayden T. Dowell, Tyler Jartieze Edmonson, Rafat M. Essa, Mickey Ray Glover, James Gresham, Suzi Groce, Nickalas Deva Jesch, Breanna Johnson, Connor Landers, Floyd Lapointe, Joseph Moses Lee, John Robert Leonard, Morgan McCormick, Franklin Dee McCullough II, Joseph Moses Lee, John Robert Leonard, Reenae Deann Miller, Regina L. Mullins, Deron H. H. Perry, Karina Rivera Pina, Lesley N. Poole, Wesley R. Price, Jessica Ashley Reed, Brandi Shore, Michael K. Shrum, Richard Albert Stuper, Malachi Humphrey Telin, Alvin Totty, Pieter Van Vuuren, Andrew Greydon Vester, Kaylie Danielle Washburn, Vinetta Wesley, Daniel C. White, Dalyn Wilkerson, Danielle Nicole Winquist—all \$125, Isaiah L. Bowen, Nicole Lynn Hargrove, Steven Earl Hasty, Donna B. Hurst, Amber Brooke Lee, Laura M. Warden, Mary Elizabeth Ware, Ayanna V. White, April Leeann Woods—all \$20, Jennie M. Campbell, Alicia Marie Gonzalez, Gabreil A. Joslyn, Charles D. Mitchell, Harley Blade Penn, Kara Swain, Henry Lewis Wells—all \$185, Parker R. Davis, Megan Ramos, John W. Sieburg, Suzanne Leigh Sutton, Russell Thompson—all \$130, Cassidy Nicole Feisel, Kyle Moore, Erin

E. Wilson—all \$155, Seth Walden \$190
Light Way Violation—Macey Edward Agee, Hector Cervantes Zarate, Felicia Nichole Coleman, Parker R. Davis, Jacob Michael Patch, Jacob Pugh, Caleb Wallace, Marcus Montreal Wilson, Roberto Zambrano—all \$10, Taylor Michelle Cox, Luis Andrew Hernandez, Alejandro Leos—all \$115
Seatbelt Law—Macey Edward Agee, Jimmie Edward Kepler, Donald Ray Worthington—all \$55, Chad Richard Dubbs, Tyler Jartieze Edmonson, Kevin Lee Fountain, Kevin Martin Lee Gilliam, Andrew Guinn—all \$30
Registration Violation—Wilfred Lee Alcorn Jr., Kesha Bain, April Barnes, Tamara Shea Belinc, Tamara Shea Belinc, Travis Dorsett, Lyla J. Fann, Brittany Grenfell, Joseph B. Hill, Christian Mark Kincaid, Javier Luna Rosales, Haley K. Overholt, Mechelle Lee Shelton, Matthew Tyler Steelman—all 115, Cassandra K. Bobbit, Kaylie Jean Claxton, Tyler Jartieze Edmonson, Luis Andres Hernandez, Alejandro Leos, Josue J. Lozano-Suarez, William Joseph Metcalf, Daniel P. Mogen, Ronaldo Navarro, Jacob Pugh, Caleb Wallace—all \$10
Traffic Control Device (Stop Sign)—Jal'Lain Anderson, Michael Baker, Cassandra K. Bobbit, Alyssa Coots, Alexis Fulton, Anthony Christopher Hampton, James Jordan, Destiny Known, Jimmie Edward Kepler, Josue J. Lazano-Suarez, Jovanni F. Sanchez Francisco, Matthew Ralph Tiller, Colton Watts—all \$125, Brian T. Walker \$20
Failure To Maintain Lane Of Traffic—Andrew Anthony Andreasen \$25
Financial Responsibility (Insurance)—Andrew Anthony Andreasen, Isaiah L. Bowen, Mary Caitlin Brady, Matthew D. Carey, Kaylie Jean Clayton, Felicia Nichole Coleman, Chad Richard Dubbs, Tyler Jartieze Edmonson, Nicole Lynn Hargrove, Steven Earl Hasty, Jimmie Edward Kepler, Amber

Brooke Lee, Kristen Lea Jones, Anastasia Marshon Love, Anastasia M. Love, William Joseph Metcalf, Daniel P. Mongeon, Gabriel Alexander Mooningham, Ronaldo Navarro, Jacob Pugh, Brian T. Walker, Caleb Wallace, Laura M. Warden, Mary Elizabeth Ware, Ayanna V. White, Marcus Montreal Wilson, April Leeann Woods, Roberto Zambrano—all \$130, Cassandra K. Bobbit, Rebecca M. Bush, Alejandro Leos, Jovanni F. Sanchez Francisco, Dalyn Wilkerson—all \$25
Failure To Yield Right Of Way—Joel Anthony, Deborah Jordan Oberchain—both \$190, Shantoria Kareese Scott \$130
Driver To Exercise Due Care—Radu Maruis Avram, Riker Reid—both \$130
Dog Running At Large—Ashlei Virginia Beech, Jasmine Denise Johnson, Jere M. Johnson—all \$155
Traffic Control Device (Red Light)—Jonathan David Bland \$125, Marc Wilson Donegan \$185
Violation Window Tint Law—Ariel D. Bohanan, Alejandro Leos, Andrew Greyson Lester—all \$10, Angela D. Gordon \$115
Animal At Large—Angela R. Boller \$155
Child Restraint Law—Rebecca M. Bush \$155
Following Too Close—Rebecca M. Bush, Gabriel Alexander Mooningham—both \$25, Donna B. Hurst \$130
Speeding In School Zone—Robert Jackson Childress, Debra Lee Eichler, Alexander V. Graham, Effie Moore, Logan Scott, Payne S. Smith, Freida Stone—all \$125, David Jeffrey Schuler \$190
Distracted Driving (Hands Free)—Nicholas Chisler, Brian Keith Milstead, Teri L. Morton, Kasey Nichole Vowell—all \$60
Failure To Follow Posted Truck Route—Adrian Creanga \$155
Animal Not Having Vaccinations—Jasmine Denise Johnson \$50
Other—Michael Edward McKenna \$75

BUSINESS LICENSES

03/15/2023—03/22/2023

Redhill Farm TN LLC—1054 Red Hill Rd., Normandy, Heather Sinese Gyro's Lawn Care—1605 Valley Rd., Shelbyville, Kyro Quinto
 White Fox Expedite Service LLC—560 Shipman Creek Rd., Wartrace, Donald White

Mares Construction, LLC—199 Staley Rd., Unionville, Alfredo Mares Alvarez
 Carp's Lawn Care—380 Mankin Rd., Bell Buckle, Austin Carpenter
 Sovereign Concrete—420 C. Frank Martin Rd., Shelbyville, Jesus Olvera
 Matthew Henry DBA Duck River Landscaping—370

Red Hill Rd., Normandy, Matthew Henry
 Trade Bee LLC—130 Candle Wood Est., Shelbyville, Brian Duval
 Ground Up Builders—610 West Burton St., Murfreesboro, Derek Veselich
 Smartstyle—1800 N.Martin St., Shelbyville, Prashant Nagrath

Several items reported stolen this week

By DAVID MELSON
 dmelson@t-g.com

•Two end tables were stolen from a Jennifer Circle home between 7-9 a.m. Thursday, March 16, police were told Monday.
 No signs of forced entry were found. The victim said the home is always locked.
 •Two Chevrolet wheel rims and tires were taken from the front yard of a Coney Island Road home Monday.
 •A saw, power tool battery and hat flashlight were stolen overnight Monday from a pickup at a Maplewood Drive home.

Stone damaged

A gravestone at Willow Mount Cemetery was knocked over by a woman in a gray Ram pickup Saturday, March 18, security video shown to police revealed.
 The woman returned with four men Sunday, replaced the stone on its base and attempted to hide the damage, police said.
 No charges have been filed but the woman has been identified.

Jail intake

The following were charged since Thursday by the Shelbyville Police Department, Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee Highway Patrol or 17th Judicial District Drug Task Force. They are only charged; guilt or innocence will be determined by the courts.
 •Juan Larios Alonzo, 27, King Arthur Court; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, violation of probation; released on recognizance
 •Toney Darnell Anderson, 31, Earnhart Street; driving on suspended license; released on recognizance
 •Silvestre Basurto Prudente, 31, Shelbyville Mills Road; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, running red light/stop sign; released on recognizance
 •Kenneth Bond, 42, Railroad Avenue; assault, DUI; released, \$5,000 bond
 •Chad Michael Wallace Brown, 48, Railroad Avenue; violation of probation; released on recognizance
 •Juan Antonio Bruzela, 20, South Cannon Boulevard; official misconduct; released, \$7,500 bond

•Ronnie Lee Campbell Jr., 40, West Lane Street; violation check law/worthless checks; released, \$1,000 bond
 •Matthew Ray Clanton, 27, Ledgeview Drive; domestic violence, violation of order of protection (two counts); held, \$11,000 bond
 •Bryce Clark, 20, Ledgeview Drive; driving on suspended license, registration law; released on recognizance
 •Robert Paul Cross, 73, South Cannon Boulevard; DUI; released on recognizance
 •Eugene Arnold Cummings Jr., 67, Winchester; violation of probation; held, \$2,500 bond
 •Emanuel Diego Lucas, 19, Bird Street; driving on revoked license, window tinting; held, \$2,000 bond
 •Anden Ayo Ekadi, 29, Nashville; speeding; released on recognizance
 •Adam Wayne Faulk, 34, Neeley Avenue; bench warrant, failure to appear; held, no bond
 •Enrique Garcia Hernandez, 35, Antioch; light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance
 •Lynn Renee Hickman, 56, Manchester; failure to appear; held, no bond
 •Nicole Trameca Hill, 39, Cedar Glade Circle; shoplifting; released on recognizance
 •Jimmy D. Kugler, 46, Midland Road; disorderly conduct; held, \$3,500 bond
 •Caleb Amara Lane, 33, Tullahoma; failure to appear; released on recognizance
 •Maricela Linares Ochoa, 46, Mount Road; light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance
 •Abraham Martinez, 29, Carter Street; financial responsibility, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance
 •Ester Puac Mendez, 29, Manchester; light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance
 •Jose Oscar Mendoza Rosas, 45, Amos Smith Road; light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance
 •Jacob A. Mundy, 27, Peacock Lane; driving on suspended license, speeding; released on recognizance
 •Brandon Lee Munsey,

30, Rock Street; violation of probation; held, \$5,500 bond
 •Joshua Michael Navarette, 26, Walnut Street; driving on suspended license, financial responsibility, light law; released on recognizance
 •Chakie Desiree Nelson, 39, Ashwood Drive; DUI, financial responsibility, reckless endangerment, implied consent, registration law; released, \$7,000 bond
 •Carlos Ramos Ordonez, 18, Sherwood Court; driving on suspended license, financial responsibility, speeding; released on recognizance
 •Frank Poxtan Ortiz, 28, Ledgeview Drive; harassment; released on recognizance
 •Israel Gomez Ortiz, 18, King Arthur Court; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, no prof of insurance, speeding; held, \$500 bond
 •Abirne Ortize Batz, 25, Sherwood Court; driving on revoked license, violation of probation, window tinting; released, \$4,000 bond
 •Erika Iveth Perez Gomez, 23, Cottonwood Drive; no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance
 •Sabrina Elizabeth Rhodes, 27, County Line Road; violation of probation; released, \$2,500 bond
 •Joe Hollis Saine Jr., 56, Manchester; violation of probation; released, \$4,500 bond
 •Lasheika Monae Sales, 30, Barksdale Lane; driving on revoked license, light law; released on recognizance
 •Michelle Lilleyann Nicole Scharp, 26, no fixed address, Shelbyville; shoplifting; released on recognizance
 •Erica Denise Smith, 33, Shelbyville Mills Road; driving on revoked license; released on recognizance
 •Kailey Nicole Stewart, 28, Highway 41A South; failure to appear; released on recognizance
 •Brandy Renea Sutton, 30, Ledbetter Road; simple possession, window tinting; released on recognizance
 •Heather Lynn Thomas, 29, Morton Street; due care, driving on suspended license, speeding, window tinting; released on recognizance
 •Tasha Leasha Trice, 42, Cobb Street; driving on revoked license, running red light/stop sign; released, \$1,000 bond

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COUNTY NEWS



Members of the Shelbyville Rotary Club heard an update from county mayor Chad Graham, left. Darin Hasty, right, is the club president.

HABITAT NEWS



Pam Birtcil, executive director of Bedford Builds Habitat for Humanity, updated members of the Shelbyville Rotary Club on the progress being made with the addition of a new home. At right is Darin Hasty, club president.

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EDUCATION TO RADIO



Members of the Shelbyville Rotary Club heard about Neal Gordon's beliefs on education he developed during his many years as a high school teacher and soccer coach as well as his new job as general manager for Bowman Media which includes The Duck (93.9 FM), The Rooster (101.5 FM) and Whiskey Country (95.9 and 105.1). From left are Mark McGee, program facilitator, Gordon, and club president Darin Hasty.

DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT FACADE GRANT PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE



Shelbyville Downtown Improvement Grant Map Blue Line- Facade Improvement Area

The City of Shelbyville is pleased to announce the Downtown Improvement Facade Grant Program is now open for eligible applicants. Buildings must be located within the Shelbyville Downtown District. Grant applications are available at City Hall and in the Buildings & Codes Department. A facade grant orientation meeting will be held on March 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Shelbyville Recreation Center, 220 Tulip Tree Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160. All building owner and business owners within the Downtown District are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The location of the meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. Special accommodations may be provided to persons with disabilities by contacting the City Manager's office at 931-684-2691.

Randy Carroll, Mayor

Denver high school shooting suspect dead, coroner confirms

By COLLEEN SLEVIN and JESSE BEDAYN Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — A body found in the Colorado woods near an abandoned car was that of a 17-year-old student accused of wounding two administrators in a shooting at his Denver high school, a coroner's office said.

Park County Sheriff Tom McGraw said the body was discovered Wednesday not far from the student's car in a remote mountain area about 50 miles (80 kilometers) southwest of Denver, near the small town of Bailey, in Park County. The town had been ordered to shelter in place while while officers from a number of agencies including the FBI combed the forest.

Earlier in the day, Denver police identified the suspect as Austin Lyle. The Park County coroner's office confirmed in a Facebook post that the body was that of Lyle's. Cause of death wasn't released, pending the completion of an autopsy.

The shooting occurred at East High School in Denver, not far from downtown, while two administrators searched Lyle for weapons, a daily requirement because of the boy's behavioral issues, authorities said. Lyle fled after the shooting.

It occurred at a school shaken by frequent lockdowns and violence, including

the recent killing outside the school of a classmate that prompted East High School students to march on the Colorado Capitol earlier this month. Parents who converged on the 2,500-student campus on Wednesday voiced frustration that officials had not done enough to protect their children.

"I am sick of it," said Jesse Haase, who planned to talk with her daughter about taking her out of classes for the rest of the school year.

Amid the flurry of criticism over lax security, Denver school officials said after the shooting that they would once again put armed officers into the city's public high schools.

There were no school resource officers on campus at the time of Wednesday's shooting, said Denver Police Chief Ron Thomas.

The shooting happened just before 10 a.m. in an office area as Lyle was undergoing a search as part of a "safety plan" that required him to be patted down daily, officials said.

The gun used in the shooting was not immediately recovered, Thomas said.

One of the wounded administrators was released from the hospital Wednesday afternoon and the second was in serious condition, said Heather Burke, a spokesperson for Denver Health hospital.

Spring System Tune-Up Time!



Doug Dezotell
Musings and Memories

Feathers, feathers, feathers!

An inspiring online-post caught my attention awhile back, and I want to share a portion with you. The post was entitled, "The Power of Psalm 91," and it was written by Amelia Monroe Carlson. With all that is going on in our world today, and here at home in the US and right here in Middle Tennessee, I believe that we can all draw comfort, encouragement, and hope from this beautiful ancient song of promise, protection, and provision. Here are some of Amelia's thoughts:

"Recently, while I was going through a stressful time, a friend sent a text simply reading 'Psalm 91.' I knew what the message was, but honestly, it was late at night and I was in bed so the motivation of reading at that moment was not there. However, I followed her advice and hit the Bible app on my phone and pulled up Psalm 91. After re-reading the Psalm, and re-reading it again, I knew why she had directed me there and I had made the decision to read Psalm 91 each night before going to bed, because of the power it held. It also reminded me of the car accident I had several years ago where my car flipped and landed on the hood, yet the passenger's side came to rest on a tree stump which created a pocket of protection for the driver's side.

"After crawling out with no injuries (not even a cut) and waiting on the side of the road with my mother and little brother for the police to finish the paperwork, my little brother pointed at the Bible which had been thrown out of the car during the wreck and went to get it for me. After he handed the Bible to me I noticed a piece of glass from the crushed windshield had lodged itself in the middle of the pages...marking Psalm 91 with a cut from the glass. I knew the message. God's angels had protected me and ensured that pocket was created. Now Psalm 91 reminds me nightly that no matter the situation, I have God's love and unflinching protection around me. If you are looking for something which has the power to touch your life and change your attitude in times of distress, trouble, anxiety and despair, or if you just want an additional boost of encouragement and hope, make a

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Members of the Imagination Library Board. From left, Ivan Jones, Sydney Cooper, Shelby Taylor, Kaitlyn Rowland, Ashley Rowland, Laura Pewitt.

Local Imagination Library thanks sponsors at reception

T-G STAFF REPORT
The Bedford County Imagination Library hosted a "Sponsor Appreciation Reception" for their Friends of Dolly Campaign on Tuesday at the Public Library.

Guests enjoyed light refreshments and a photo op with "Dolly." The goal of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is to "inspire a love of reading." Through this program, sponsors want to ensure all children have books at home, regardless of the environment in which they live.

Imagination Library partners with local communities—like Bedford County—to provide a specially-selected, high-quality book each month to participating children from birth to age five. These books are personalized with each child's name and mailed directly to their home to create a gifting experience that makes books exciting and encourages families to spend time enjoying

books together. All of this is available to all children at no cost to the family.

However, in order to make this work, the Dolly Foundation partners with that state to donate half of what the county needs. "So, in Bedford County, we need \$60,000 — which the Dolly Foundation and the state provide half of. It's up to our fundraising efforts to come up with the other \$30,000. It's a lot, so we just thank you all for donating," said Laura Pewitt, who sits on the board.

"We actually have a really high enrollment for the Imagination Library here in Bedford County, which is great that we're able to do that," said board member Ashley Rowland. "It wouldn't be possible without the support of people in this room."

Dolly Parton was inspired by her father—who couldn't read—to create the Imagination Library. Her goal was to inspire the children in her

home county of Sevier County. However, the program has since expanded worldwide, providing a book a month to well over 1 million children.

Some of the local "Friends of Dolly" sponsors include: the Shelbyville Optimist Club, Cooper Steel, Brent and Laura Pewitt, Mike and Christy Coffey, Talk of the Town Children's Boutique, Jody and Sara Jo Lambert, Ivan Jones, National Pen, Co-Op,

Mark and Donna Thomas, First United Methodist Women, Bedford County Education Association, and Chris Marasco, M.D.

Individuals or businesses can make donations to the Imagination Library by mailing to their P.O. Box 2498 Shelbyville, or through Venmo @BedfordCo-ImaginationLibrary.

In Dolly's words, "The first step is always the hardest, but you'll never know unless you try."



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From child-labor law to child-labor photos

By **Bill Carey**

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

Tennessee passed a child-labor law in 1901. Prohibiting mines and factories from employing children under the age of 14, the law was dependent upon the courts for enforcement, since the state had no labor department.

A few months after it went into effect, a Nashville reporter visited factories and asked managers about the new law.

The consensus among the employers was that the ban had hurt families more than it hurt the factories. "The real hardship falls on the people, and not on us, and we have no trouble in filling their places," said Leonard Parks of the Nashville Woolen Mills, which had discharged about 10 children because of the child-labor law.

Joel Carter of the J.W. Carter & Co. shoe factory



Lewis Wickes Hine took this photo of children employed at the Brookside Mills in Knoxville in 1910.

said he had also laid off a handful of children, which he said might eventually result in them getting in trouble. "If the children are not at work, they are loafing, and it is always the idle child that gets into mischief."

Carter said the new law "deprives indigent and disabled parents of all or a large portion of their support," making poor families even poorer.

The Tennessee Manufacturing Company said it had dismissed about one-fifth of its employees because of the new law. Its manager, who asked that his name not be used, said it wasn't fair that the law didn't apply to agriculture or small businesses. "A butcher or a store-keeper can take a child and work him to death and yet are not affected by this law, when in truth the work

done in a cotton mill is no harder than that of a cash-boy in a big store."

Factory managers also pointed out children, or their parents, could lie about their age to skirt the law — which made enforcement of the law problematic.

The managers' response reminds us that many of the institutions we take for granted today

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Mark McGee
My Take

Spring break

Spring break. Give me a break. Back in my college days spring break meant an all-night ride to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. We were on the quarter system, so we finished finals on Thursday, grabbed some dinner in the school cafeteria and hit the road with eight people in two cars.

Back then the only concerns anyone had about spring break were whether someone drank too much, got sunburned at the beach, stayed out too late or fell in love with a girl they would never see again.

The eight of us shared one hotel room with two beds and a couch. Often, we would wake up to find other people sleeping in the room as well.

It was an idyllic time — a break from ending one quarter and having some fun before the next quarter of school began.

My how all that has changed.

Fort Lauderdale and spring break were featured in a number of movies. But many years ago the citizens of Fort Lauderdale decided spring break was too much for the city to deal with and went to work making the beach area very unfriendly to college kids. I have visited since all those changes were made and the area has little resemblance to what it once was. Even the Holiday Inn, the unofficial spring break headquarters across the road from the beach, was torn down.

Miami and Panama City grew in popularity as a result. Texas as its share of revelers and Cancun, Mexico also attracts a large number of college students.

But instead of fun in the sun and dancing into the early morning hours spring break has become dangerous. Problems have been escalating through the years during spring break, but it appears violence is as much a part of the experience as taking a dip in the ocean.

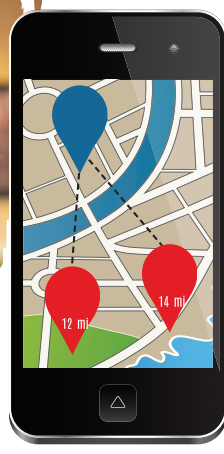
Two shootings, resulting in two deaths and two victims wounded in Miami Beach, prompted the city to call for a curfew from midnight to 6 a.m. which was soon suspended. Ironically, one of the killers charged is from Fort Lauderdale.

"The volume of people in our city and the unruly nature of too many and the presence of guns has created a peril that cannot go unchecked," Miami Beach mayor Dan Gelber said.

Peril and spring break are two words that should not be in the same sentence.

Also in Miami men and women are fighting on the beach for no apparent reasons.

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Butler's Creek FCE meets

Butler's Creek FCE met at the Extension Office at 6 p.m. on March 13. President Vicky Falkner opened the meeting with a poem entitled "Spaghetti." Twelve members and two guests, Kathy Howard and Dawn Elliot, answered the roll call by naming their favorite noodle dish. Susie Henderson read an Irish blessing as the devotional. February minutes were read and approved. The treasury and Sunshine reports were also given.

Whitney Danhof presented a program about the importance of talking to your physician about the cost of medical care.

Donations of bingo prizes were collected for The Waters nursing home as the club's community service project.

The Butler's Creek FCE's April community service will be donations of canned and non-perishable foods to Good Samaritan.

Upcoming events

The yearly Achievement program will be held March 21 at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office.

April 4 is the next county-wide meeting at 4 p.m. held at the Extension Office. They will hold their regular monthly meeting just after the county-wide meeting.

Demonstrations

Susie Henderson showed her macrame key chain made from a pattern from a former FCE program. Louise Moore showed an embroidered bowling towel that she is making for the local bowling teams to have when they complete in the state competition later this month. Debbie Crosslin was given a printed panel of a former Tennessee stamp that she quilted into a lap quilt. Gloria Crick had two quilts to show. One was a Rail Fence pattern in summertime shades of pinks and green. The other is a quilt of valor made in the Quick Trip Around the World pattern.



Barbara and Gloria.

Submitted photos



Gloria Crick's quilt of valor made in the Quick Trip Around the World pattern.



Debbie Crosslin quilted a former Tennessee stamp into a lap quilt.



RIGHT: Crick's Rail Fence pattern in summertime shades of pinks and green.



Pat Bingham and Shirley McGee.



Iris Folded Valentines Cards by Linda Rucker.

Submitted photos

Shelbyville FCE meets

The Shelbyville FCE Club met on March 7, 2023 at the Extension Office with eight members present, as well as Extension Agent Whitney Danhof.

In the absence of President Babs Chicoine, Vice-President Bonnie Saunders called the meeting to order with the poem, "Spaghetti," as well as an important tip on how to cook pasta correctly. Bonnie also led the devotion, reminding members to listen to God by using several meaningful scripture passages. She closed with the poem "I'm Busy, Lord" and a prayer.

Members responded to the roll call by answering the question "Which noodle dish would you rather have?" with a variety of answers. Secretary Linda Rucker read the minutes from the club's February 7 meeting. Bonnie Saunders reported on the club finances of \$16.60. Sunshine co-chair Shirley McGee updated members on several members/friends of the club.

The club's other business included reminders of upcoming programs in the next few months, such as the Achievement Program, County-wide Meeting,

Leadership Retreat Camp, Share Fair, and the Food Waste Awareness Food Drive.

Extension Agent Whitney Danhof then presented an informative lesson entitled "Time to Talk – a Patient Guide to Cost of Care Conversations." The discussion included how and why to have such a conversation with your health care provider. It also provided tips and questions to ask when being proactive in one's treatment plan. Members were given booklets to organize and maintain health care information, as well as a list of organizations that can provide help in navigating care.

Club member demonstrations included embroidered Holly Hobbie pictures by Shirley McGee and Iris Folded Valentine cards by Linda Rucker.

Vice-President Bonnie Saunders then adjourned the meeting with a quote from Julia Child – "No one is born a great cook; one learns by doing." The next club meeting will be April 4 at 3 pm, prior to the county-wide meeting at the Extension Office.



Whitney Danhof and Shelbyville FCE members.



Sydney Cooper and Shelby Taylor



Some members representing the United Methodist Women. From left, Andy and Edna Lee Borders, Rheaetta Wilson, Ardis Rittenberry, and Laura Pewitt.



From left, Angie Jackson, Ashley Rowland, Brent Pewitt.



Board members Ivan Jones, Laura Pewitt, and Ashley Rowland.



From left, Ivan Jones, Shelli Hord, Janolyn King, and Kaitlyn Rowland.

Child-Labor

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— such as public schools, YMCAs and day care centers — didn't exist as options in 1901. At the time, less than a third of Tennessee's school-age children actually went to school. Because of this, the Nashville Chamber of Commerce proposed in July 1901 that

school attendance be made mandatory. "While their parents are at work they are left to run about the streets and alleys at will, and may constantly be found indulging in other vicious pastimes. With an education law making it compulsory for children to attend school up to a certain age . . . this evil will be eradicated."

The General Assembly passed a mandatory school law about five years

later, but its enforcement was as imperfect as that of the child-labor law. Of course, the same was true for other states — all of which had some version of a child-labor law and school-attendance law by that time as well. That's why the National Child Labor Committee (NCLC) was formed in 1904. To prove that child-labor laws weren't being enforced, the NCLC sent a photographer

named Lewis Wicks Hines to factories all over the country.

Hine took photos of child laborers at cigar factories in Indiana, apparel plants in North Carolina and coal mines in West Virginia. He also visited Tennessee, capturing images of children employed at the Cleveland Hosiery Mill, Knoxville's Brookside Mills, and other locations. "The boy is Harvey Curtis,

12 years old, turns stockings," Hine noted, when he took a photo of some children outside Nashville's May Hosiery Mill. "Made \$1.41 this week, out of which he paid sixty cents carfare."

Hines also took a photo of Leo, an eight-year-old boy who worked at the Elk Cotton Mills in Fayetteville. "No, I don't help my sister or mother, just myself," Leo told the photographer.

By World War I, many Americans thought the federal government should do something about the child-labor problem. After the Nineteenth Amendment passed, giving women the right to vote, there began talk of a Twentieth Amendment that would address the matter of child labor.

To be continued in the next column.

Doug

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commitment to yourself to read Psalm 91 for 30 nights in a row before going to bed. See what the Lord does with it."

Thank you, Amelia Monroe Carlson, for your inspirational reminder of God's promises, protection, and provision.

Years ago a dear friend of mine in Tucson, Arizona, Dimple Lewers (and yes, her real name is Dimple) told me of an experience she had after

attending a Bible study in the downtown area of the city.

The sun was setting in the west when she parked on a side street down from the church: but as she was leaving it was really dark outside.

The women's group had studied Psalm 91 that night, and Dimple was greatly encouraged at the Old Testament songwriter's inspirational words.

Dimple was rehearsing Psalm 91 in her mind as she was walking to her car, when she heard footsteps behind her.

She looked over her

shoulder and saw the dark figure of a large man following her.

Dimple quickened her steps, and looked over her shoulder again. He was still following there.

Dimple started praying, and the only words she could think of from Psalm 91 was 'feathers.'

So she started shouting "Feathers...feathers...feathers...feathers!" at the top of her lungs. (Psalm 91:4 says, "He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge...")

Dimple got to her car and quickly unlocked the doors and jumped in, locking the doors behind her. She glanced back at the sidewalk and the shadowy figure was running in the opposite direction.

She drove home safely that night, thanking God for "His Feathers."

The past several years so many people have been worrying about COVID 19, and have been taking drastic steps to stay disease free.

People are worried about the stock market and their retirement funds, and the dreaded words 'recession' or even worse... 'depression.'

People are worried about the possibility of another world war with Russia raising it's ugly head and invading Ukraine.

I keep telling folks that we need to Put Faith Over Fear!

And to you my friend...I want to encourage you to please, please, please put your trust in the Most High, the Almighty, in the LORD Jesus Christ.

We can all find safety and security by abiding in the Presence of God.

Psalm 91 says: "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. 4 He shall cover you with

His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. 5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,

Nor of the arrow that flies by day, 6 nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.

8 Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place,

10 No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; 11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. 12 In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. 13 You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

14 "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. 15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; and I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."

It is my prayer that you will put your trust in the Lord God during these trying times. And maybe follow Amelia's suggestion and read Psalm 91 every day or every night.

And remember Dimple's prayer, "Feathers...feathers...feathers..."

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Mark

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In Cancun armed security roams the beaches to guard against the type of violence Mexico is becoming known for.

Life in the United States is changing in so

many ways and seldom for the better. There have always been incidences of people injured or killed during spring breaks in the past, but usually those have been accidents. When spring break becomes as dangerous as it now appears it is time for a wake-up call for us all.

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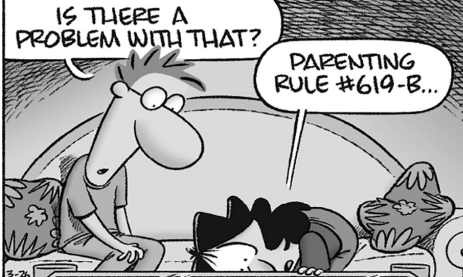


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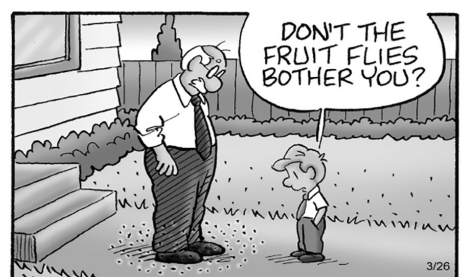
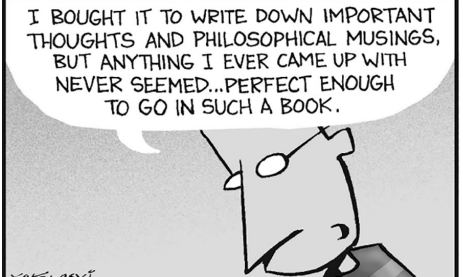
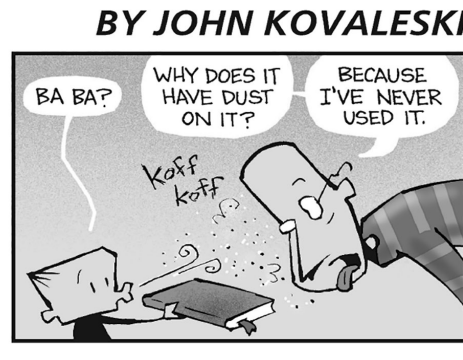
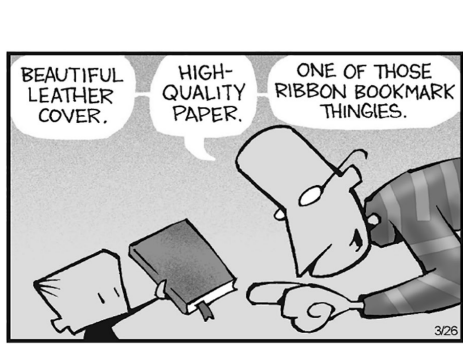
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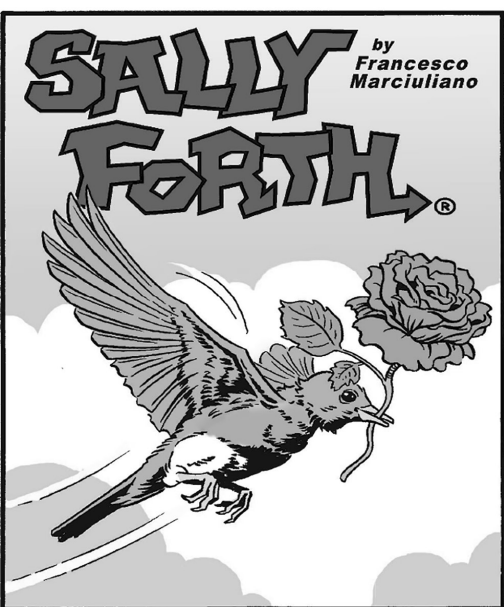


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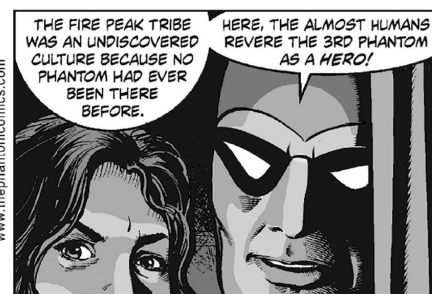


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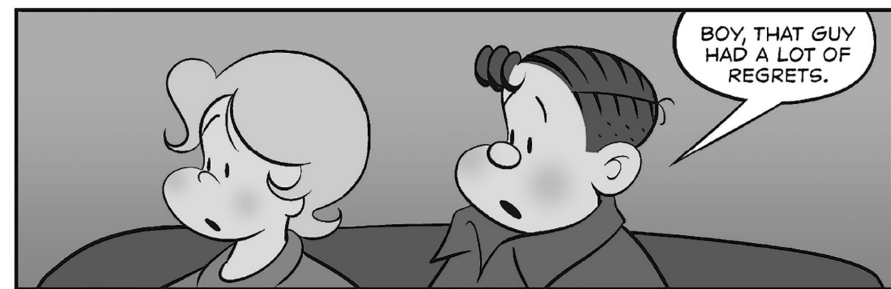




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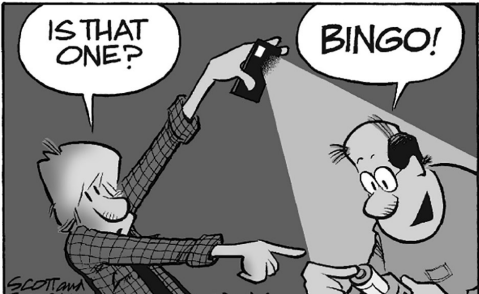


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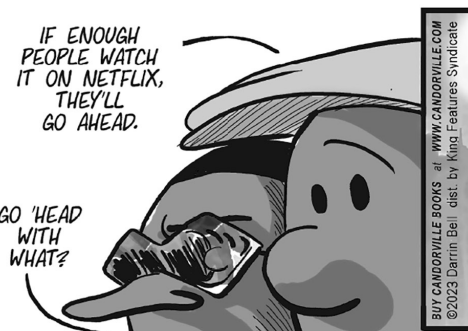


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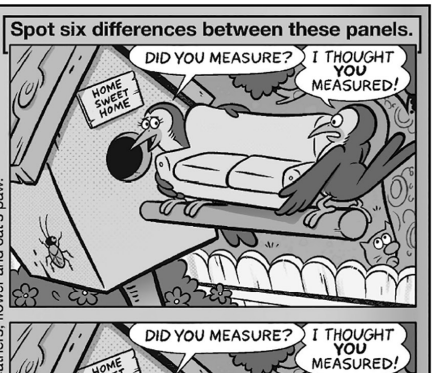
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Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

What you need to know about screenings

By Karyn Jones, FNP-BC

Karyn Jones is a nurse practitioner at Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care Madison Street in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Colorectal cancer is one of the most common cancers in America. In 2023, it is estimated that there will be more than 2.2 million new cases and over 1 million new deaths from the disease.

With March being Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, there is no better time for us to help educate others about the disease and shed light on why screenings, which many people avoid, are essential.

Screenings can find precancerous polyps—abnormal growths in the colon or rectum—so they can be removed before they turn into cancer. Screenings are important because when

found early, colorectal cancer is highly treatable.

Here is some of the most important information about screening for colorectal cancer.

When to Screen

For someone at an average risk of colorectal cancer, the American Cancer Society recommends having a colonoscopy once every five to 10 years beginning at age 45. Someone at a higher risk of developing colorectal cancer may need to be tested earlier or more often.

An individual has a higher risk of colon cancer if they have a family history, inflammatory bowel disease such as Crohn's or ulcerative colitis, an inherited syndrome that increases cancer risk and Type 2 diabetes.

Some colorectal risk factors can be controlled such as obesity, smoking, physical inactivity, heavy alcohol use and high red meat consumption.



Karyn Jones, FNP-BC

How To Screen

This is the part most people dread thinking about, but it can potentially save your life. There are several forms of screening, all with varying preparation and frequency of testing. The testing forms include:

Stool-based screening: A test given to patients to collect a stool sample that will identify

the presence of small amounts of blood. These should be completed yearly, and a positive test result needs to be followed up with a colonoscopy.

FIT-DNA testing: A home stool test that is delivered and returned in the mail. This test examines the stool for any DNA associated with colon cancer. Again, a positive result requires a colonoscopy. It is important to note that stool-based tests are only appropriate for patients who are low risk.

Flexible Sigmoidoscopy: A thin, lighted tube is inserted into the rectum to view the lower part of the colon. This is recommended to be completed every five to 10 years. It is for low- or average-risk individuals. Less prep is required than a colonoscopy.

Colonoscopy: Anyone of appropriate screening age should do this test. If a patient has any inherited risk or family history

or symptoms, a colonoscopy is the best form of testing. This test requires additional prep and usually requires sedation. A colonoscope is inserted through the rectum into the colon, and if polyps are found, they can usually be excised during the exam. If normal, this test is repeated every five to 10 years, depending on risk factors.

Virtual Colonoscopy (or computed tomography colonography): This test uses a series of images to create a picture of the colon with the goal of identifying abnormal lesions or polyps. Like a colonoscopy, it requires prep. If abnormalities are found, further colonoscopy is needed. It can be repeated every five years if normal.

An informed patient is an empowered patient. This Colorectal Cancer Awareness month, talk to your doctor about your risk factors and whether early screening is right for you.

ATHLETIC TRAINER AWARDED



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Everett Boutwell, a past employee of Elite Physical Therapy and Balance Center in Shelbyville, was chosen as Tennessee High School Athletic Trainer of the Year. Everett's love for sports and service was a "winning combination" for earning the honor. He received a B.S. in Athletic Training from Wingate University and worked for Elite Physical Therapy in Shelbyville from 2013 to 2016. Today, Boutwell is the full time Athletic Trainer at Smyrna High School.

MTSU's athletic training degree 'leveling up' to a graduate program

MURFREESBORO — Kristi Phillips, coordinator of the university's new Master of Athletic Training program launching this summer, spoke on this month's "Out of the Blue" episode about the program's transition to an advanced degree in keeping with nationwide trends of peer health care professions requiring a graduate-level degree.

"Everything (like occupational and physical therapy) is trending in the direction of master's and doctoral degrees," Phillips said. "Athletic training is also trying to keep up with those professions."

Phillips is featured in one of three segments on the March 2023 edition of the university's monthly TV magazine, and her segment is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5oUftWfp8Ss>.

Phillips said the typical routes students take to this advanced degree are

an exercise science major or a pre-athletic training degree that includes anatomy and physiology courses. To qualify, they need to meet GPA requirements, complete athletic trainer observation hours and earn certain health certifications.

"It's two years," Phillips said about the program, which will be offered year-round. "It's 72 credit hours (because) we're moving from three years undergrad, trying to condense that information into two years.... Sixty of those hours will be athletic-training specific, and then six hours will be kind of health based (along with another six elective hours.)"

The required clinical experiences, offering students many opportunities for hands-on learning, typically start on campus, Phillips said.

"They get to assist with MTSU sports," she said. "(Then) we like to send

them out into the community after we've kind of groomed them, and they have an idea about what it is an athletic trainer is and does. Then, they'll go in the secondary school setting, or they may go out to other universities or clinics in the area. They're really getting to experience a day in the life of an athletic trainer in various settings ... getting a wide variety of experience with a lot of different demographic populations."

Phillips clarified that athletic trainers are allied medical health professions — part of the network of doctors, nurses, physical therapists, dietitians, psychologists and others involved in keeping people well — and work with the active population to prevent, assess, treat and rehabilitate injuries. They are not personal trainers or strength and conditioning coaches.

"The graduate degree

is going to be demanding," she said. "We want to make sure that we're (attracting) students that have a very clear idea of what they want to do, and, therefore, are going to stay with the major."

"Out of the Blue" is MTSU's monthly TV magazine show hosted by Andrew Oppmann and available anytime on the university's YouTube channel, the True Blue TV channel, Roku, Apple TV and Amazon Fire TV. It also airs on Murfreesboro cable Channel 9 daily at 6 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; NewsChannel5+ at 3:30 p.m. Sundays and on other cable outlets in Middle Tennessee, so check local listings.

It is also available as a podcast on iTunes and Google Play.

Find previous episodes of "Out of the Blue" at <https://mtsunews.com/out-of-the-blue/>.

Brighten Your Brunch Spread

FAMILY FEATURES

A staple of warm weekend days, brunch combines the best flavors of the first two meals of the day. Every great brunch spread complements its savory items with something sweet, something refreshing and a signature beverage, and there's one ingredient that can help cover all of those bases — 100% orange juice.

An option like Florida Orange Juice is not only delicious but delivers a powerful combination of vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients that have associated health benefits. One of nature's nutrient dense foods, one 8-ounce glass of orange juice provides 100% of the recommended daily value of vitamin C and is also a good source of potassium, folate and thiamin, making it a great substitute for sugar-sweetened beverages and simple addition to brunch staples like this Orange Oatmeal.

When combined with a healthy lifestyle, 100% orange juice may also help support a healthy immune system. Orange juice contains beneficial plant compounds, flavonoids and colorful carotenoids to aid in fighting inflammation and cell communication. It is also rich in vitamin C, which helps strengthen immune systems by protecting cells and promoting the production and function of immune cells. Vitamin D, which can be found in fortified juices, also plays an important role in regulating immune response and helps immune cells fight off bacteria and viruses that get into the body.

Since 100% orange juice is naturally almost 90% water, it can help support hydration as it includes several electrolytes like potassium, magnesium and, in fortified juices, calcium, to aid in fluid balance. Combining Florida Orange Juice, watermelon juice and grapefruit juice, this Citrus Watermelonade is a bright, seasonal thirst quencher that is the perfect addition to your drink selection at brunch.

"Maintaining overall wellness and hydration is important as we ease into the warmer months of the year and more time is spent outdoors," said Dr. Rosa Walsh, director of scientific research at the Florida Department of Citrus.

"Florida Orange Juice includes many essential vitamins and minerals that aid in hydration, and it is a great complement to water in helping to provide nourishment before, during or after any activity."

For more information and sweet, nutritious brunch recipes, visit FloridaJuice.com.



Citrus Watermelonade

Orange Oatmeal

- 1 cup Florida Orange Juice
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 cup quick-cooking steel-cut oats
- 1 Florida Orange, peeled and diced
- 1 tablespoon agave nectar or honey
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

In medium saucepan over high heat, bring orange juice and water to boil.

Add oats to boiling liquids.

Return to boil then reduce to medium heat and cook, uncovered, 5 minutes, stirring frequently.

Mix in diced orange, agave nectar, cinnamon and salt. Remove pan from heat; let stand 1 minute before serving.



Orange Oatmeal

Citrus Watermelonade

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups hot water
- 6 cups watermelon, seeded, rind removed and cut into 1-inch pieces, divided
- 2 cups Florida Orange Juice
- 1 cup Florida Grapefruit Juice
- 3/4 cup lemon juice
- 3/4 cup lime juice
- 2 cups Florida Oranges, cut into 1-inch pieces, peeled
- 1/2 cup mint leaves
- ice, for serving
- Florida Orange Slices, for garnish (optional)

watermelon chunks, for garnish (optional)

In small saucepan over low heat, combine hot water and sugar; heat until sugar is dissolved. Refrigerate until chilled.

In blender, puree 4 cups watermelon until smooth.

In large pitcher, stir watermelon juice, chilled sugar syrup, orange juice, grapefruit juice, lemon juice and lime juice until combined.

Add remaining watermelon pieces, orange pieces and mint leaves; refrigerate 2-3 hours until well chilled.

Serve over ice in glasses. Garnish with orange slices and watermelon chunks, if desired.

Pretty, yellow arrangements for spring



Submitted photos

All arrangements prepared by Town and Country Garden Club are shown. To the far left are baby bottles filled with change for donations to First Choice Pregnancy Center.

The Town and Country Garden met at Riverbend Country Club on Wednesday, March 15. The program “Landscaping for Tennessee” was presented by Kelsey Curvin from Stone-Root Landscaping. The members received lots of valuable information and gardening tips about different types of plants, trees and shrubs. Caring for and pruning crepe myrtles, hydrangeas, boxwoods and roses were discussed in detail.

The arrangements for members to bring to this month’s meeting were “yellow mixed flowers in crystal containers.” Winners in each category were (1)

Large: Blue - Charlene Nelson ; Red - Becky Nichols ; (2) Medium: Blue - Becky Nichols ; Red - Charmagne Farrar and (3) Small: Blue - Ann Farrar and (4) Miniature: Blue - Naomi Luna ; Red - Charlene Judd.

The monthly plant specimen was Daffodil. Winners were Blue - Naomi Luna, and Red - Becky Nichols. Linda Anderton received Blue in the “What Have You” category. Judges were Kim Allison and Nina Lambert. Members brought baby bottles filled with change to be donated to First Choice Pregnancy Center.



Kelsey Curvin with Stone-Root Landscaping.



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Susan “Susie” Sarich

‘The Power of the Purse’ to benefit The Women’s Fund

NASHVILLE — One of Middle Tennessee’s most significant celebrations of women’s philanthropy plans to champion female entrepreneurs at its prime fundraising event.

The Power of the Purse®, the 26th annual luncheon benefiting The Women’s Fund at The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, is set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at the Music City Center’s Davidson Ballroom. Tickets are available at www.thewomensfund.com

Dictionaries define the word entrepreneur as “one who organizes, manages, and assumes the risks of a business or enterprise.” That certainly fits the description of this year’s guest speaker.

Susan “Susie” Sarich has a great story to tell about founding and leading the SusieCakes bakery phenomenon, which grew from a Los Angeles neighborhood favorite to 26 stores nationwide thanks in part to a sizable celebrity following — Selena Gomez, the Kardashians, Jessica Simpson, Demi Lovato and Nashville native Reese Witherspoon among them.

Her company has its sights set on further national expansion — Nashville is at or near the top of the list — and SusieCakes recently launched nationwide shipping of its made-from-scratch-baked goods, which include cakes, cupcakes and cookies.

Sarich’s philanthropic efforts include SusieCakes donating hundreds of thousands of end-of-day products to local food banks, veteran’s groups, homeless shelters and women’s domestic-abuse safe houses. Additionally, her company often donates proceeds to numerous organizations, including the American Red Cross and as well as

international causes, such as support for Ukraine.

“At SusieCakes, it’s crucial for us to ensure we are giving back to the community that supported us to become the brand we are today,” Sarich said.

Guests will want to arrive early to bid on the array of colorful and choice purses contributed to the silent auction for The Power of the Purse® luncheon — affectionately known as POP to its many insiders.

The Women’s Fund was established in 1994 by a committee of brave community leaders who wanted to invest in long-term solutions for transforming the lives of women and girls and thus improve the well-being of our entire community. Humbly beginning with eight \$500 grants, The Women’s Fund grantmaking capacity has grown every year has granted more than \$2.5 million to 160 area nonprofits in Middle Tennessee.

About The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee

The Community Foundation exists to help promote giving in the 40 counties of Middle Tennessee and beyond. It does this by accepting gifts of any size from anyone at any time and by empowering individuals, families, companies, nonprofits, and communities to respond to needs and opportunities that matter. The Community Foundation works with people who, whether or not they have great wealth, want to craft solutions that reflect the intentions and goals of their charitable endeavors. For more information, call 615-321-4939 or visit www.cfmt.org.

RAUS COMMUNITY CLUB



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Bedford County Schools Superintendent Tammy Garrett spoke to members of the Raus Community Club recently. She gave updates on the building programs and her vision as the county moves to “being out of the portable business.” It was Irish night at the club with lots of Shepard’s pie, corned beef & cabbage, and Dublin Stew.

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Members of the local Embroidery Guild of America stitched bookmarks to present to over 80 second grade students at Learning Way Elementary School. The week was chosen by guild for this give away because it was "Read Across America" week, March 2 through 6. Students in the second grade are beginning to read chapter books, and it is hoped that the new bookmarks would help encourage their reading.

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Shelbyville Central's Dejah Lineberger picked up the win in the circle in the Eaglettes' win over Central Magnet on Tuesday night.

Eaglettes take non-district win over CMS

By **GARY JOHNSON**
Sports Writer

Shelbyville Central's Golden Eaglettes claimed a 6-1 win over visiting Central Magnet in a non-district matchup on Tuesday evening.

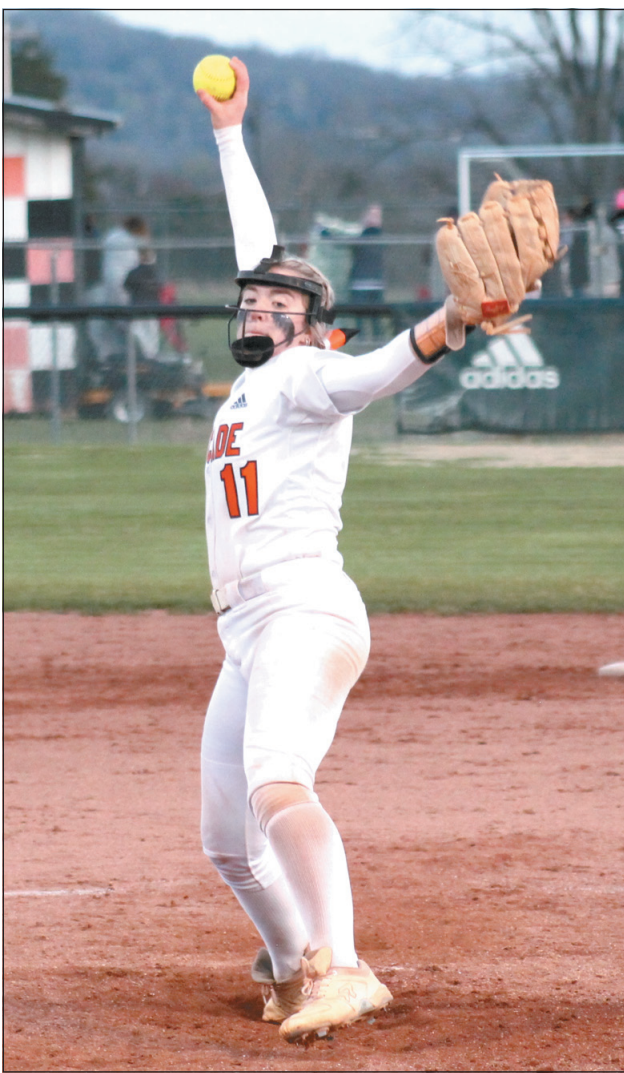
Arana Floyd belted a two-run double in district matchup on Tuesday evening.

All the scoring was in the first inning. Ariana Floyd belted a

two-run double that hit the bottom of the left field fence while Sammie Brown collected a pair of singles for the Eaglettes.

Carlisle's two singles were tops for Central Magnet.

Central Magnet 100 000 0 — 1 6 3
Shelbyville Central 600 000 x — 6 8 1
Central Magnet: Phillips 2-for-4, Weber 1-for-4, Goetzinger 1-for-3, Carlisle 2-for-3.
Shelbyville Central: Alyvia Smith 1-for-3, Alyssa Smith 1-for-3, Kaydence Rippey 1-for-3, Damonya Lyons 1-for-3, Sammie Harris 2-for-3, Lilly Brown 1-for-3, Ariana Floyd 1-for-3.
WP Dejah Lineberger



T-G Photo by Will Carter

Brianna Horn tossed all four innings for the Lady Champions on Tuesday night, fanning seven batters while giving up only three hits in the win.

Cascade crushes Franklin County

By **WILL CARTER**
Sports Writer

BELL BUCKLE — For the second-straight night the Cascade Lady Champions walked off their home diamond with a run-rule victory as they defeated Grundy County 14-6 on Monday night, and followed it up with a 17-3 win over the Franklin County Lady Rebels on Tuesday night, and once

again it was an impressive third inning at the plate that catapulted Cascade.

It was a one-run game in the Lady Champions' (3-1) favor entering the bottom of the third inning, but that changed quickly as they pushed 12 runs across on only three hits to take a 16-3 lead over the Lady Rebels (1-3) before the half inning was over.

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Warren County grabs early lead from Eagles

T-G STAFF REPORT
SHELBYVILLE

Warren County grabbed an early lead against Shelbyville Central on Tuesday night and never gave up control of the scoreboard in a 5-2 win over the Eagles.

Warren County doubled to lead off the game and later scored the first run of the game on a RBI fielder's choice.

Starting pitcher Palmer Williams settled in after the Pioneers scored in the first inning and sat Warren County down in order in the second and third innings.

It wasn't until the Eagles committed an error in the fourth frame that the Pioneers were able to pad their lead.

Following the error and a double, the Pioneers got back-to-back-to-back RBIs on a double, a single and a ground out, stretching their lead to 4-0 over Shelbyville.

Edwards helped his own cause in the fourth inning with a line drive single to center field, which scored Nick Johnson.

But with a runner on third, Marquis Wilson struck out and the Eagles were unable to push another run across the plate in the inning.



T-G Photo by Gary Johnson

Shelbyville Central's Nick Johnson safely dive back to first base after a pickoff attempt in the Eagles' matchup against Warren County on Tuesday night.

Carston Williams drove in a second Shelbyville run in the fifth inning on a RBI single, which scored Caden Thomas.

Jaquai Beverly and Kyler Trice led the Eagles at the plate with both connecting on singles.

Edwards went 3 1/3

innings on the mound, striking out four, but giving up four runs on three hits, only two of which were earned.

Williams worked the final 3 2/3 innings in relief and gave up just one unearned run on four hits, while striking out five.

The Eagles returned to their home diamond on Friday night, hosting the Forrest Rockets, however, results were unavailable by press time.

Warren Co. 100 300 1 — 5 7 2
Shelbyville 000 110 0 — 2 7 2
Shelbyville: Carston Williams 1-for-2, Jacquai Beverly 2-for-2, Cate Molder 1-for-3, Kyler Trice 2-for-3, Nick Hopper 1-for-2.
WP: Snapp
LP: Edwards

Eagles out-hit Pioneers, come up short

T-G STAFF REPORT
MCMINNVILLE

Despite out-hitting Warren County, 9-6, on Monday night, the Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles fell short of knocking off the Pioneers in a 7-4 final score.

Warren County struck first with a solo home run in the bottom of the first, but the Eagles plated three runs in the top of the second frame, with some two-out magic.

Marquis Wilson helped his own cause and singled home the first Eagle run of the night when he smacked a line drive to center field, scoring

Kyler Trice.

Jakob Formosa and William Bobo both scored when Caden Thomas hit a fly ball and safely reached via error, allowing the two runs to cross the plate, but was thrown out advancing to third base.

Having snatched the 3-1 lead, Warren County drove in five runs in the bottom of the third on two RBI singles and a two RBI double to center.

The Eagles added a fourth run when Trice was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and Warren County tacked on an extra insurance run in

the bottom of the fifth.

Bobo, Trice, and Carston Williams all recorded two base hits on Monday to lead the Eagles at the plate.

Wilson got the start on the mound for the Eagles and pitched four innings, giving up six runs on six hits, while striking out four.

Bobo worked the final two innings in relief and gave up just one unearned run while striking out four.

Shelbyville 030 010 0 — 4 9 2
Warren Co. 105 010 x — 7 6 2
Shelbyville: William Bobo 2-for-4, Carston Williams 2-for-3, Nick Johnson 1-for-3, Kyler Trice 2-for-3, Nick Hopper 1-for-3, Marquis Wilson 1-for-4.
WP: Molton
LP: Wilson

Craig's bat, Sheffield's arm land Champions 1st win

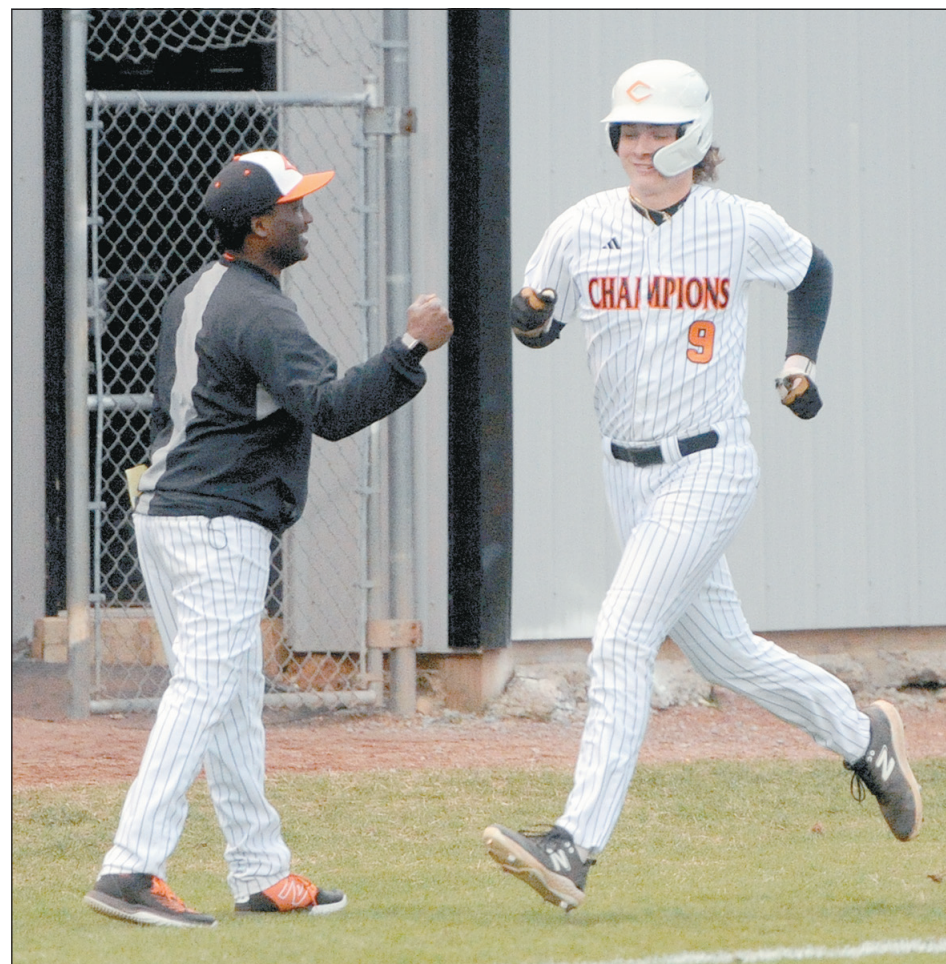
By **CHRIS SIERS**
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BELL BUCKLE — The combination of Jaxon Sheffield on the mound and Walker Craig's bat was more than enough for the Cascade Champions to snap a three-game skid to start the 2023 season with the convincing 11-1 win over Cornersville on Tuesday night.

"We kind of front-loaded the schedule with some 3A teams. I knew it may take a while before we got our first win. Getting the first one under the belt—we can breathe at little bit. But like I told the boys, that's just one. We've got 28 more to go, so we have to keep working," Champion coach Travis Sheffield said.

Sheffield pitched all five innings for the Champions and gave up just one run on four hits, while striking out nine batters.

"He needed a good bounce back. He struggled against Marshall County early and gave up multiple runs. In baseball, if you walk guys, they're more than likely going to score. He needed a good game. We focused throughout the week of just throwing



T-G Photo by Chris Siers

Walker Craig catches a fist bump from coach Travis Sheffield after mashing his first home run of the night on Tuesday against Cornersville.

strikes," Sheffield said.

With Sheffield keeping the Bulldog batters whiffing at the plate, Walker Craig supplied the bulk

of the offense for the Champions with his five RBI, two-home run night.

After Cornersville scored on a RBI double in

the top of the first, Chance Brown and Noah McGeary drew back-to-back walks to set the table for a four-run
► See **Champs**, Page 2C



Starting pitcher Jaxon Sheffield delivers a first-inning strike. He pitched all five innings for the Champs and gave up just one run on four hits, while striking out nine batters.



Walker Craig crushes a pitch for a two-run homer in the bottom of the first inning.

T-G Photos by Chris Siers

Champs

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run first frame for the Champs. Sheffield helped his own cause and drove in the first run of the game when he smacked a double to center field.

When Craig, the clean up batter stepped to the plate, he mashed a hit over

the center-left field fence to plate two more runs for Cascade.

Courtesy baserunner Tyler Rodgers also scored in the inning on a passed ball.

With a 4-1 lead, Sheffield settled in on the mound and sat down the Bulldogs in order in the second frame.

Cascade got another run across the plate in the second inning when McGeary hammered a double to right,

bumping the Champion lead to 5-1.

Following a scoreless third inning, Cascade's biggest inning of the night came in the fourth.

Brayden Dennison singled to lead off the inning and Brown safely reached via error.

McGeary drove in his second run of the night on a single to right and after Sheffield drew a walk,

Craig stepped to the plate and crushed his second homer of the night, this time plating three more runs to give the Champs a 10-1 advantage.

Sheffield drove in the final run of the night in the bottom of the fifth inning on a single to right, scoring Brown.

That RBI single was enough to reach the 10-run rule limit and give the

Champs their first win of the 2023 season.

In total, Cascade shelled the Bulldog pitching staff to the tune of 11 hits.

Four Champion batters recorded multi-hit nights, with Brown, McGeary and Craig each connecting on two hits, while Sheffield went 3-for-3 on the night.

"Walker has been swinging the bat well. He's capable of leaving the yard

on any pitch, offspeed or fastball. He's worked hard on his swing over the past couple of months," Sheffield said.

McGeary went 2-for-3 and drove in three runs, while Craig went 2-for-2 with five RBIs.

Cornersville 100 00 — 1 4 1
 Cascade 410 51 — 11 11 0
 Cascade: Chance Brown 2-for-3, Noah McGeary 2-for-3, Jaxon Sheffield 3-for-3, Walker Craig 2-for-2, Logan Pulley 1-for-3, Brayden Dennison 1-for-3.
 WP: Sheffield
 LP: Schillig

Errors costly for Champs at Lincoln County

T-G STAFF REPORT

FAYETTEVILLE — For the better part of three innings on Monday night, the Cascade Champions found themselves in a pitcher's duel at Lincoln County.

The Falcons' bats eventually came alive and Lincoln County was able to take advantage of

three Champion errors as the home team dealt the Champs a 9-1, non-district loss.

Walker Craig was in cruise control through the first two innings and gave up just a single walk, which came in the second inning.

Lincoln County got on the board first when a runner stole home following

a walk. Still, the Champion righty was able to dodge trouble and minimized the damage to a single run.

The big blow for Cascade came in the six-run, fourth inning by Lincoln County.

A leadoff triple set the table for the monster inning for the Falcons.

An error and back-to-back walks allowed Lincoln County to plate its second run.

But two more errors and a balk by reliever Logan Green allowed Lincoln County to balloon its lead to seven runs by the end of the inning.

The hosts got two more runs on the board in the

fifth inning.

Cascade eventually got on the board in the top of the seventh inning when Craig drew a lead off walk and eventually scored when Brice Comstock ground out to second base.

Craig went 3 2/3 innings on the bump for the Champs and was tagged for seven runs, only one of

which was earned.

He struck out seven and gave up just four hits.

At the plate, Jaxon Sheffield, Noah McGeary and Brayden Dennison all singled.

Cascade 000 000 1 — 1 3 3
 Lincoln Co. 001 620 x — 9 6 0
 Cascade: Jaxon Sheffield 1-for-3, Noah McGeary 1-for-3, Brayden Dennison 1-for-3.
 WP: Harwell
 LP: Craig

Big 3rd scores Cascade victory in 7-AA opener

By WILL CARTER
 Sports Writer

BELL BUCKLE — After giving up two runs in the first inning, the Cascade Lady Champions battled back and then some in the third inning as they scored nine runs on five hits to take an 11-3 lead, which turned into an eventual 14-6 victory in their District 7-AA opener against the Grundy County Lady 'Jackets.

"The big thing is that it was a district game, so it's a big win," Lady Champions head coach Willie Carter said.

"We're young and we have a lot of improving to do because we have another district game at the end of the week, with a couple games in between."

The Lady Champions (2-1, 1-0) got their first hit of the night in the second inning with a leadoff double from starting pitcher Brianna Horn, and she later gave Cascade their first run of the night when she stole third and advanced home on a Lady 'Jackets (0-2,

0-1) wild pitch soon after. Claire Perry plated Caitlin Fannin on a ground out in the next at-bat to tie the game at 2-2.

Grundy County answered back with one run behind a pair of singles and a stolen base to regain the lead in the top of the third before Cascade's bats got hot.

The game was tied back up at 3-3 in the bottom of the third without the Lady Champions needing a hit as two batters walked, one was hit-by-pitch, and one reached on an error to open the half inning.

That sequence was followed by consecutive two-RBI singles and a two-run homer from Hannah Vandiver to give the Lady Champions a 9-3 lead, and Kyndal Bolden extended their lead two at-bats later with a two-RBI single of her own.

"My girls have a tough time adjusting to different styles of pitching, but they figured it out at the plate in that inning to take a big lead," Carter said.



Brianna Horn pushes off the mound for a strike in the fourth inning against Grundy County. She totaled 11 strikeouts in the win.

T-G Photo by Will Carter

single and two-RBI double. Bolden totaled a team-high four RBIs on the night with a sacrifice fly earlier in the bottom of the second inning, and finished 2-for-2 at the dish.

The Lady Champions made quick work of Franklin County to open the game as starting pitcher

Brianna Horn fanned the first batter she faced, and forced consecutive ground outs to close out the half inning after giving up a single.

After consecutive batters were hit by pitch in the bottom of the first inning, Christina Bilbro put the first run on the board for

either team on a fielder's choice ground out.

Two at-bats later Bolden scored from third base on a wild pitch to increase Cascade's lead to 2-0 before the end of the inning.

Franklin County answered back with a lone run in the top of the second on a passed ball, but the

Lady Champions responded with two more runs in the bottom half on back-to-back sacrifice flies from Ella Thompson and Bolden to give them a 4-1 advantage.

With a two-RBI single in the top of the third, the Lady Rebels closed the gap to 4-3 before the Lady

Champions' went on their third inning tear.

Cascade added one more run in the bottom of the fourth from a Hannah Vandiver RBI single to ice it.

Franklin Co. 012 00 — 3 3 3
 Cascade 22(12) 1x — 17 5 3
 Cascade: Kyndal Bolden 2-for-2, Hannah Vandiver 2-for-3, 1-for-2.
 WP: Brianna Horn.

Lady Champs

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In the big inning, nine total Lady Champion batters were walked with three runs being walked in, and Kyndal Bolden plated three runs of her own with a RBI



T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy

James Beech of the Vikings doffs his helmet after driving in the winning run on a walk-off double in the bottom of the seventh.

Vikes bounce back to beat Raiders

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — The Community Vikings came back from a 3-0 deficit and scored the winning run with two down in the bottom of the seventh to defeat the Richland Raiders 4-3 in a baseball contest Monday night.

The Raiders scored two runs in the third and an unearned run in the fourth to take a 3-0 lead mid-

way through the game, but Community (1-4) fought back.

After a leadoff double in the bottom of the fourth from Blaine Paschal and a walk to Drew Harris, Jaxson Roberts came through with a double to score Paschal and cut the Raider lead to 3-1.

The Vikings used a two-out rally to tie the game in the bottom of the fifth.

With one out, Corey

Paterick singled and Mason Russell was hit by a pitch. After a fly out, Harris came through with a double, scoring two and knotting the game at 3-3.

The Vikings used their defense in the top of the sixth to prevent Richland from taking the lead.

A Raider single to the outfield looked to score the go-ahead run, but Roberts gunned down the runner from his position in right

field to keep the score tied. The score remained tied until the bottom of the seventh when the Vikings erupted after the first batters were retired.

Paschal reached base on a single and Harris walked, setting the stage for James Beech.

With the temperatures hovering in the mid-30s and a good crowd still on hand, Beech sent the fans home with a screaming

double over the third base bag which scored Paschal and gave the Vikings the exciting win.

Paschal and Harris each had two hits to lead the Viking 8-hit attack.

Paschal started on the mound for the Vikings with Paterick relieving in the fifth.

Richland	002	100	0—3	7	1
Community	000	120	1—4	8	1
Community:	Drew Harris	2-for-2,	Blaine Paschal	2-for-4,	Mason Russell
	1-for-3,	James Beech	1-for-3,	Jaxson Roberts	1-for-3,
	Corey Paterick	1-for-4.			

Central, Rockvale netters split

T-G STAFF REPORT
SHELBYVILLE

There was plenty of quality tennis played on Monday afternoon between Shelbyville Central and Rockvale.

The Eaglettes edged out Rockvale for a 4-3 win and despite a lop-sided team score, the Eagles put up a fight in several individual matches but fell to the Rockets, 6-1.

For the Eaglettes, it was a strong showing in the singles matches.

Addie Berry, Alyssa Fanning and Ryann Samons all claimed 8-4 singles wins over their respective opponents.

In doubles, the duo of Samons and Fanning took a convincing 8-2 victory in the No. 2 doubles seed.

On the boys' side of the match, Shelbyville managed just a single win—an 8-5 doubles win from Jackson Benson and Henry Stone.

In singles, Benson was edged in a marathon battle in the No. 3 seed, 9-7, and Brayden Blackwell came up just short in an 8-6 final score.

Girls Shelbyville 4, Rockvale 3

- Singles**
1. Jill Morris (R) def. Caitlyn Burdick (S), 8-1.
 2. Addie Berry (S) def. Madison Joy (R), 8-4.
 3. Alyssa Fanning (S) def. Mallory Vaughn (R), 8-4.
 4. Ryann Samons (S) def. Sophie Wells (R), 8-4.
 5. Lucila Gutierrez (R) def. Evelyn Basurto (S), 8-3.

- Doubles**
1. Morris/Vaughn (R) def. Burdick/Berry (S), 8-2.
 2. Samons/Fanning (S) def. Joy/Wells (R), 8-2.

Boys Rockvale 6, Shelbyville 1

- Singles**
1. Cameron Rizvi (R) def. Henry Stone (S), 8-2.
 2. Britton Call (R) def. Justin Spence (S), 8-3.
 3. Jose Zambrano (R) def. Jackson Benson (S), 9-7.
 4. Daxton Holder (R) def. Hoyt Wessner (S), 8-2.
 5. Ali Melhem (R) def. Brayden Blackwell (S), 8-6.

- Doubles**
1. Rizvi/Call (R) def. Spence/Blackwell (S), 8-3.
 2. Benson/Stone (S) def. Zambrano/Holder (R), 8-5.

Falcons take 2 from SC

T-G STAFF REPORT
SHELBYVILLE

It was a tough afternoon on the courts for the Shelbyville Central tennis teams on Tuesday afternoon.

Both Lincoln County teams picked up wins over Shelbyville, with the Lady Falcons beating the Eaglettes, 6-1 and the Falcons taking a clean, 7-0 sweep, over the Eagles.

Caitlyn Burdick gave a hard-fought effort in the No. 1 singles seed, but came up short of knocking off Sarah Beth Brandon in a 9-7 final score.

Alyssa Fanning delivered the lone Eaglette win on the day with an 8-2 win over Maggie Franklin at the No. 3 spot.

In doubles, Burdick and doubles partner Addie Berry fell, 8-3, while Alyssa Fanning and Ryann Samons were defeated by an 8-2 final score.

Henry Stone had the closest match of the afternoon for the Eagles, but was defeated in the No. 1 singles spot, 8-4.

The Shelbyville teams were back scheduled to be back on the court on Friday afternoon, hosting Tullahoma at H.V. Griffin Park.

Girls Lincoln Co. 6, Shelbyville 1

- Singles**
1. Sarah Beth Brandon (LC) def. Caitlyn Burdick (S), 9-7.
 2. Allie Grace Newton (LC) def. Addie Berry (S), 8-2.
 3. Alyssa Fanning (S) def. Maggie Franklin (LC), 8-2.
 4. Olivia Swindall (LC) def. Ryann Samons (S), 8-1.
 5. Kate Pierce (LC) def. Evelyn Basurto (S), 8-1.

- Doubles**
1. Brandon/Newton (LC) def. Burdick/Berry (S), 8-3.
 2. Swindall/Franklin (LC) def. Fanning/Samons (S), 8-2.

Boys Lincoln Co. 7, Shelbyville 0

- Singles**
1. Coleman Bain (LC) def. Henry Stone (S), 8-4.
 2. Carter Monks (LC) def. Justin Spence (S), 8-0.
 3. Jackson Porter (LC) def. Jackson Benson (S), 8-1.
 4. Clay Owen (LC) def. Hoyt Wessner (S), 8-0.
 5. Jackson Taylor (LC) def. Brayden Blackwell (S), 8-1.

- Doubles**
1. Bain/Monks (LC) def. Spence/Blackwell (S), 8-0.
 2. Porter/Taylor (LC) def. Stone/Benson (S), 8-2.

CHALLENGING DEFENSE

Ivan Draine navigates through the Rockets' defense in their matchup on Monday night in Forrest's 3-0 victory over Cascade.

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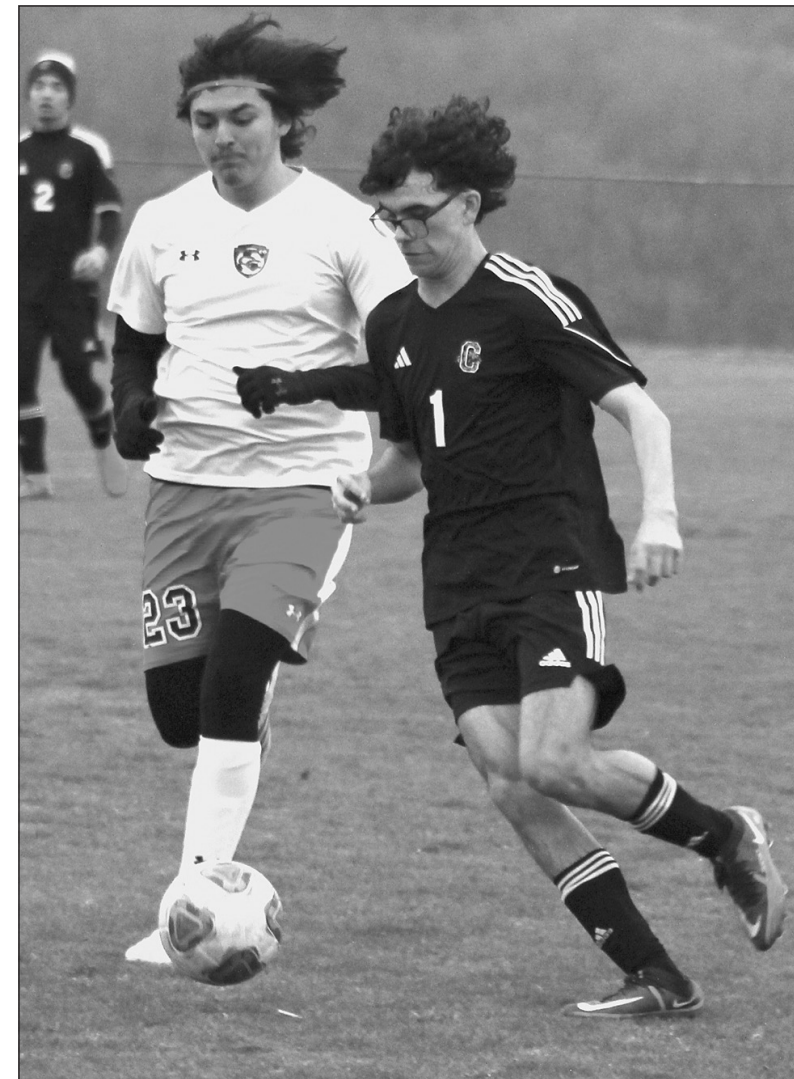
Champs tie Coffee Co.

T-G STAFF REPORT
BELL BUCKLE

The Cascade Champions battled with the Coffee County Central Red Raiders throughout their Tuesday night match, but neither squad could net a goal as they ended in a 0-0 draw. Champion keeper Nick Harris preserved the scoreless draw with eight saves throughout the contest.

Cascade moved to (1-1-1, 1-1) on the season and was back in action at home on Thursday against Lincoln County, however results were unavailable by press time.

Cooper Wood is pressured down the sideline before sending the ball inside to a teammate.



T-G Photo by Will Carter

Wainwright heads to injured list

By **PAT GRAHAM**
AP Sports Writer

Adam Wainwright was in line for his seventh opening day start. Instead, the veteran St. Louis Cardinals right-hander will begin what's slated to be his final season on the injured list with a groin injury.

Cardinals manager Oliver Marmol told reporters Thursday before St. Louis' spring training game against the New York Yankees that Wainwright could miss several weeks.

The 41-year-old apparently strained his groin in a workout before Team USA game to Japan 3-2 in the championship game of the World Baseball Classic on Tuesday. Wainwright went 2-0 with a 2.25 ERA over eight innings to help the U.S. reach the final.

"We'll continue to evaluate over the next few days but no timetable at the moment," Marmol said, according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "There is a spot in the rotation now open, and we're going to have to sit down and make sure that we're not missing anything that goes into that."

Wainwright has gone 195-117 with a 3.38 ERA over 17 seasons with the Cardinals. He's a three-time All-Star who's posted two 20-win seasons, along with winning two Gold Gloves.



T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy

Andrew Montalvo of the Vikings and Imar Pineda (7) of the Tigers battle for the ball.

Vikings, Tigers battle to 2-2 draw

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — The Community Vikings and Marshall County Tigers each had leads, but neither team could maintain its lead as the Vikings and Tigers battled to a 2-2 tie in their soccer contest Monday night.

Both teams had scoring opportunities, but neither could find the back of the net until the 29th minute when Trent Wakham of the Tigers went over the outstretched arms of the Viking goalie to give Marshall County a 1-0 lead.

Community (2-0-1) scored its first goal and the final goal of the first half in the 37th minute as Randy Anica connected with a nifty header in front of the goal on a corner kick from Ramon Hernandez to tie the game at 1-1.

The Vikings controlled possession and peppered the goal for the first five minutes of the second half, but could not score until the 66th minute when Anica and Hernandez teamed up again, this time with Hernandez scoring on a cross from Anica to give Community a 2-1 lead.

The Tigers scored in the 71st minute as Imar Pineda slid the ball past the goalie from the side to tie the game at 2-2.

Marshall Co. Community	1 1 — 2
	1 1 — 2
First Half	
MC — Trent Wakham goal (29th minute).	
C — Randy Anica goal from Ramon Hernandez (37th minute).	
Second Half	
C — Hernandez goal from Anica (66th minute).	
MC — Imar Pineda goal (71st minute).	

Viqueens edged by defending state champs

T-G STAFF REPORT

EAGLEVILLE — The Community Viqueens had the defending Class 1A state champions on the ropes on Tuesday night, but a three-run seventh inning saved Eagleville against

the Purple and Gold in the Lady Eagles' 5-4 win.

Leading 4-2 entering the seventh inning, Eagleville scored the game-winner on a RBI fielder's choice to escape the Viqueens.

Community out-hit the Lady Eagles, 7-6 in the contest, with Abby Murrill and Carlie Blanton each recording two hits.

Taylor Wessner and Anna Haskins each pitched 3 1/3 innings, with Wessner surrendering two runs on four hits, while Haskins gave up one run on two hits.

Community	001 120 0 — 4 7 2
Eagleville	011 000 3 — 5 6 2
Community:	Abby Murrill 2-for-4, Alaina Tate 1-for-3, Carlie Blanton 2-for-4, Chloe West 1-for-4, Anna Haskins 1-for-3.
WP:	Linton
LP:	Haskins

Eagles fall at state soccer powerhouse CPA

T-G STAFF REPORT

NASHVILLE — Shelbyville Central's Golden Eagle soccer team fought a tough battle in a 3-1 loss at CPA on Tuesday night.

"They (CPA) are in one of the toughest physical and mental private school divisions of soccer in the state," Shelbyville Central coach Chris Fritz said.

"They play fast transitions into attack using air balls." CPA scored early through an end line dribble to go up 1-0.

Yahi Cervantes put the Eagles on the board with a low shot to the corner from distance.

CPA added two more goals in the second half. "We've got to clean up our passing and settle down into our game to be where we want at the end of the season," Fritz said.

Soundtrack of this year's March Madness begins with 'CLANK!'

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
AP Basketball Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Folks across the country watching the first-round of the NCAA Tournament last week thought it rightfully funny when they saw a couple of stadium workers scurry up a ladder and place a construction level across the rim.

Turns out Iowa State players, puzzled by their shots clanking off the iron during pregame warmups, were right: It wasn't perfectly horizontal.

The NCAA acknowledged later that "a minor adjustment" was made before the game, and the Cyclones were quick to say afterward that it had no bearing on their 59-41 loss to Pittsburgh. But whether the rim was physically off-center, or caused Iowa State to be mentally off-base, the result was unmistakable: The Cyclones trailed 22-2 to start the game, finished 23.3% from the floor and, perhaps most jaw-droppingly, were an abysmal 2 of 21 from 3-point range.

"It just wasn't going in," Cyclones sharpshooter Gabe Kalscheur said. "Sometimes that happens." From the 3-point line, it's happening more than ever.

Teams shot 31.2% from beyond the arc during the opening weekend, the worst percentage since the NCAA added the line for the 1987 tournament. And of the 16 teams that advanced to the second week, half of them shot worse than 30% last weekend; only UConn was over the 40% mark heading into its game Thursday night against Arkansas.

Waller's journey wasn't easy

By **ROB MAADDI**
AP Pro Football Writer

Darren Waller had just returned from his honeymoon with Las Vegas Aces star Kelsey Plum when the Raiders traded him across the country to the New York Giants.

Welcome to married life as a professional athlete. "It's been a lot of processing, a little bit of anxiety. I'm a human being and it's a lot of change, a lot of new chapters," Waller said on the AP Pro Football Podcast. "But just seeing how supportive my wife is about this new opportunity, we'll make it work on the marriage front for sure. Then meeting everybody with the Giants organization and just seeing how they do things and the excitement they had to have me there, I think it's going to be a great opportunity. So I'm excited."

A Pro Bowl tight end in 2020, the 30-year-old Waller has missed 14 games because of injuries over the past two seasons. He had 107 catches for 1,196 yards and nine touchdowns in 2020 after a breakout season in 2019 when he had 90 receptions for 1,145 yards and three TDs.

The Giants are counting on Waller to produce the way he did when he was healthy to give quarterback Daniel Jones a primary option.

"Daniel actually came by the facility the day I was up there just to meet me, and I thought that was pretty cool of him doing that," Waller said. "He seems like a good guy, great head on his shoulders. He already hit me up about trying to get some work in before we report on April 17 for the offseason program. So I'm excited to get to know him. I feel like our personalities are kind of similar in a way, a little bit introverted, but once you kind of get close to people, your personality comes out more. So I'm excited to work with him."

Waller's journey to NFL stardom has been complicated. He was a wide receiver at Georgia Tech and was selected by the Ravens in the sixth round of the 2015 NFL draft.

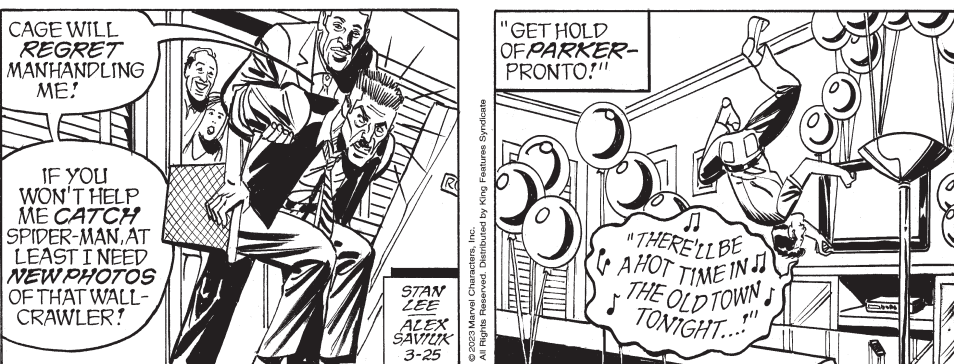
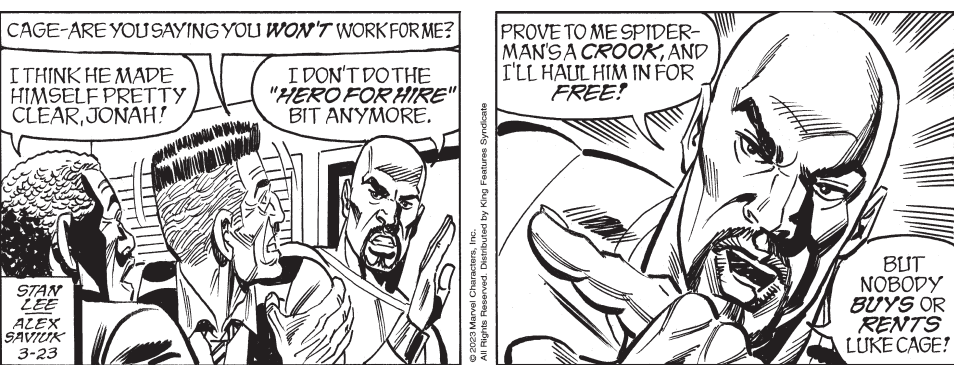
Waller spent most of his rookie season on injured reserve, was suspended four games in 2016 and received a full suspension for 2017 for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy. He fought hard to overcome his addiction and thrived in Jon Gruden's offense after the Raiders signed him off Baltimore's practice squad in 2018.

Throughout his career, Waller has dealt with plenty of criticism. Recently, former NFL general manager Michael Lombardi blasted Waller's work ethic. Lombardi's two sons, Mick and Matt, are assistants on Raiders coach Josh McDaniels' staff.

"This is about 'I'm getting ready to pay you \$11 million, we redid your contract and on the bye week, instead of rehabbing, you went home for four days and accrued the fines. On the bye week, you went home and just didn't talk to anybody. Just went home and left a message saying 'hey, fine me. I don't care. I'm going to Southern California,'" Lombardi said on his podcast.

Waller explained his absence from the facility to the AP. "That was when I proposed to Kelsey," Waller said. "I was going there and didn't really want to share with anyone. ... because you're mandated to get off Thursday through Sunday (during bye weeks). ... I wanted to keep it ultimately private."

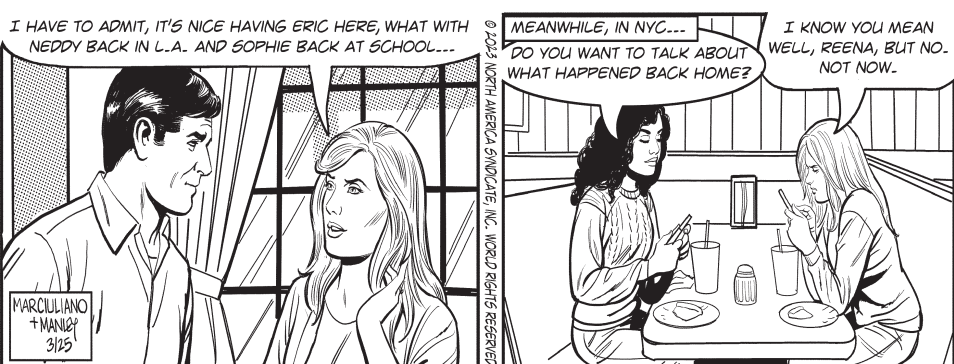
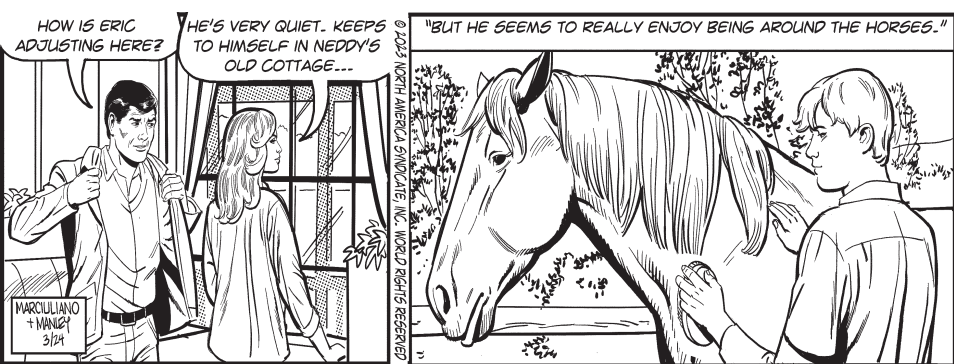
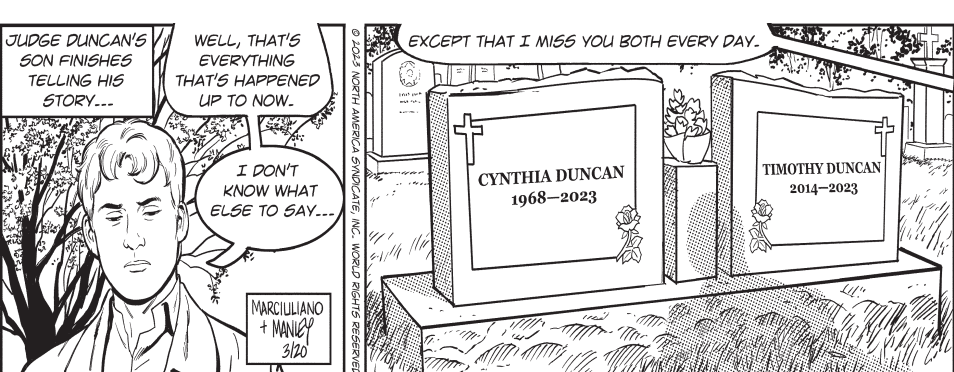
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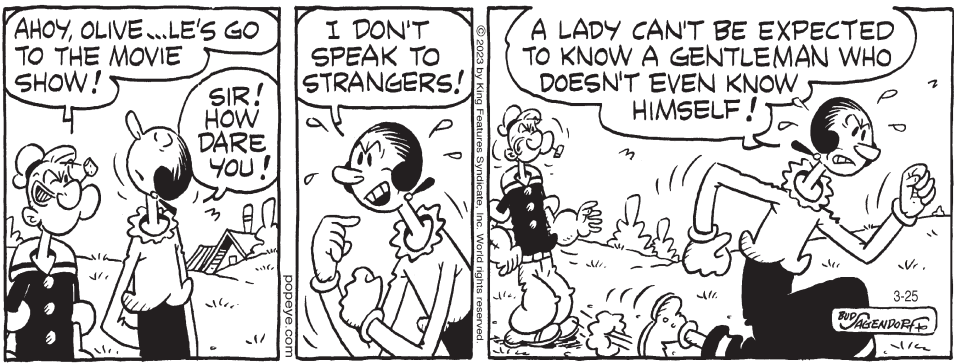
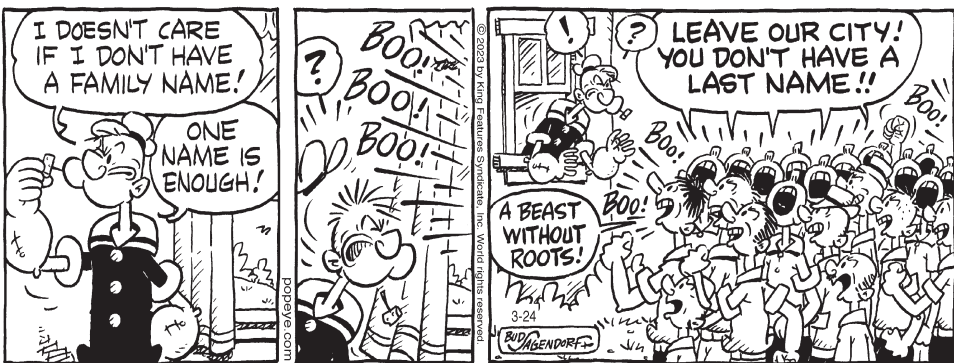
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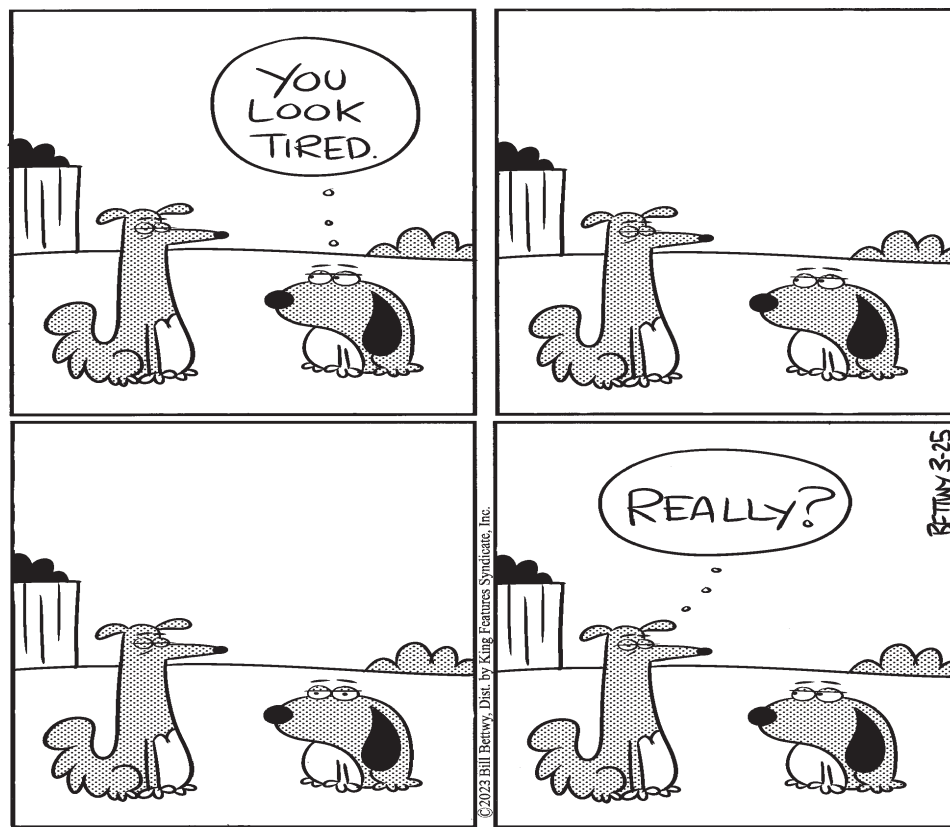


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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to umbrellas.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 16 = I)

A. 25 15 3 12 18 8 12
Clue: Keep from being damaged

B. 15 6 16 23 13
Clue: Falling water

C. 16 23 19 18 23 12 16 3 23
Clue: Newly introduced product

D. 17 7 16 18 9 4
Clue: Protective structure

Answers: A. protect B. rainy C. invention D. shield

Here's How It Works:
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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ANSWER:

A Full, Fresh Menu Fit for a Brunch Feast



Savory Cheese Balls

FAMILY FEATURES

Birthdays, holidays or just casual Saturdays are all perfect excuses to enjoy brunch with your favorite people. Bringing everyone together with quiches, pastries, appetizers, desserts and more offers an easy way to kick back and relax on a warm weekend morning.

These recipes for Easy Brunch Quiche, Savory Cheese Balls and Lemon Blueberry Trifle provide a full menu to feed your loved ones from start to finish, regardless of the occasion.

Find more brunch inspiration by visiting Culinary.net.

A Savory Way to Start the Celebration

Serving up exquisite flavor doesn't have to mean spending hours in the kitchen. You can bring the cheer and favorite tastes with simple appetizers that are equal measures delicious and visually appealing.

These Savory Cheese Balls are easy to make and perfect for get-togethers and brunch celebrations. Texture and color are the name of the game with this recipe, and the result is a beautiful array of red, gold and green, all on one plate.

To find more recipes fit for brunch, visit Culinary.net.

Savory Cheese Balls

Servings: 6-12

- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons caraway seeds
- 1 teaspoon poppy seeds
- 2 cloves garlic, minced, divided

- 1/4 cup parsley, chopped
- 2 teaspoons thyme leaves, chopped
- 1 teaspoon rosemary, chopped
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries, chopped
- 2 tablespoons pecans, chopped
- crackers (optional)
- fruit (optional)
- vegetables (optional)

Cut each cream cheese block into three squares. Roll each square into ball.

In small bowl, combine caraway seeds, poppy seeds and half the garlic. In second small bowl, combine parsley, thyme, rosemary and remaining garlic.

In third small bowl, combine cranberries and pecans.

Roll two cheese balls in seed mixture, two in herb mixture and two in cranberry mixture.

Cut each ball in half and serve with crackers, fruit or vegetables, if desired.

Finish Brunch with a Light, Layered Treat

After enjoying eggs, bacon, French toast and pancakes or any other brunch combination you crave, it's tough to top a fresh, fruity treat to round out the meal. Dish out a delicious dessert to cap off the morning and send guests out on a sweet note that's perfectly light and airy.

The zesty zip of lemon curd in this Lemon Blueberry Trifle brings out the sweetness of whipped cream made with Domino Golden Sugar, fresh blueberries and cubed pound cake for a vibrant, layered bite. Plus, it's a bright, beautiful centerpiece you can feel proud of as soon as guests try their first bite.

Find more dessert recipes fit for brunch and other favorite occasions at DominoSugar.com.

Lemon Blueberry Trifle

Prep time: 45 minutes

Servings: 8-10

Lemon Curd:

- 1 cup Domino Golden Sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 6 tablespoons water
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 6 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature, cut into 1/2-inch cubes

Whipped Cream:

- 2 cups heavy whipping cream, cold
- 2 tablespoons Domino Golden Sugar
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

Trifle:

- 1 cup blueberry jam
- 12 ounces fresh blueberries, plus additional for garnish, divided
- 1 pound cake, cubed
- lemon slices, for garnish
- mint, for garnish

To make lemon curd: In medium saucepan, stir sugar and cornstarch. Stir in lemon juice, lemon zest, water and salt. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Remove from heat and gradually stir in three egg yolks; mix well until combined. Stir in remaining egg yolks. Return to heat and cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.

Stir in butter; mix until incorporated. Cover with plastic wrap, touching surface of lemon curd to prevent curd forming skin. Refrigerate until completely cool.

To make whipped cream: In large bowl, beat cream, sugar and vanilla until soft peaks form. Do not overbeat.

To make trifle: Mix blueberry jam with 12 ounces fresh blueberries. Place one layer cubed pound cake in bottom of trifle dish. Top with layer of blueberries. Add dollops of lemon curd and whipped cream. Repeat layering ending with whipped cream.

Decorate trifle with lemon slices, fresh blueberries and mint.



Lemon Blueberry Trifle

Say Goodbye to Basic Brunch

The same old brunch menu can become tiresome and dull. Adding something new to the table with fresh ingredients and simple instructions can enhance your weekend spread and elevate brunch celebrations.

Try this Easy Brunch Quiche that is sure to have your senses swirling with every bite. This quiche is layered with many tastes and a variety of ingredients to give it crave-worthy flavor, from broccoli and bacon to mushrooms, eggs and melty cheese.

Visit Culinary.net to find more brunch recipes.

Easy Brunch Quiche

Serves: 12

- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen broccoli with cheese
- 12 slices bacon, chopped
- 1/2 cup green onions, sliced
- 1 cup mushrooms, sliced
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheese, divided

- 2 frozen deep dish pie shells (9 inches each)

Heat oven to 350 F.

In medium bowl, add broccoli and cheese contents from package. Microwave 5 minutes, or until cheese is saucy. Set aside.

In skillet, cook chopped bacon 4 minutes. Add green onions; cook 2 minutes. Add mushrooms; cook 4 minutes, or until bacon is completely cooked and mushrooms are tender. Drain onto paper towel over plate. Set aside.

In medium bowl, whisk eggs and milk until combined. Add broccoli and cheese mixture. Add 1 cup cheese. Stir to combine. Set aside.

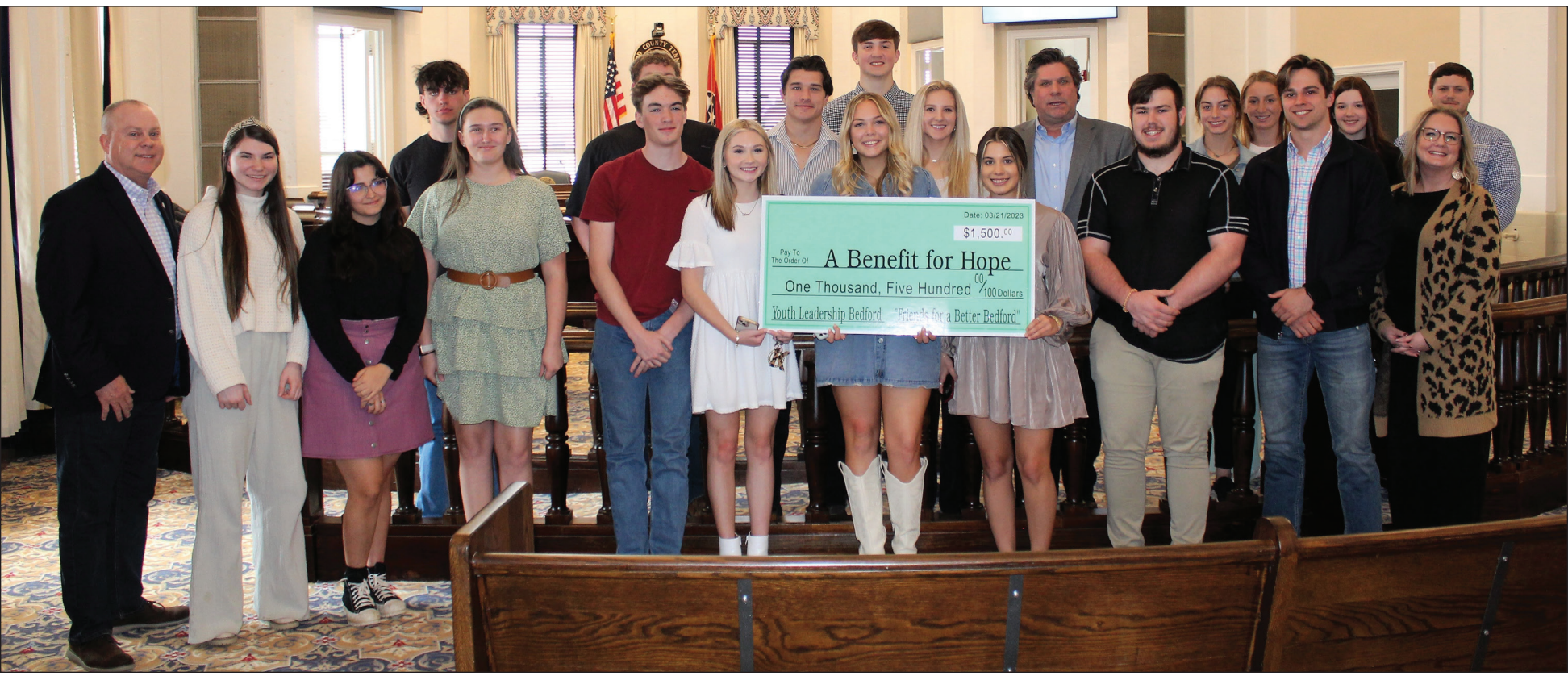
In pie shells, divide drained bacon mixture evenly. Divide broccoli mixture evenly and pour over bacon mixture. Sprinkle remaining cheese over both pies. Bake 40 minutes.

Cool at least 12 minutes before serving.

Note: To keep edges of crust from burning, place aluminum foil over pies for first 20 minutes of cook time. Remove after 20 minutes and allow to cook uncovered until completed.



Easy Brunch Quiche



Youth leadership talks mental health with Mayor

Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham announced a donation of \$1,500 by Friends For A Better Bedford to Youth Leadership Bedford's mental health initiative, Benefit For Hope. The fundraiser, to be held April 15 at Shelbyville Central High School, will raise money to provide scholarships for students who need counseling but are not in a financial position to afford it. It will include dinner, music, speakers, a live auction and a silent auction. The donation comes from private citizens and not private funds.

Youth Leadership class members and Graham discussed the importance of destigmatizing mental health and wellness, and making sure that those who need mental health resources



Scan this QR code to purchase a ticket. A paper-form of dinner tickets may be purchased from any YLB member. They must be purchased in advance. For questions, email ylb.benefitforhope@gmail.com.

are able to access them.

To purchase tickets for the benefit online, go to [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search "Benefit for Hope." The event is also seeking sponsorships as well as auction items. For more information, contact Jonathan Boyce, 931-684-3291 or Jonathan.Boyce@e-farmcredit.com.

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Leadership Bedford, which has both youth and adult programs, is a focused year-long program which educates potential leaders about various aspects of the community. The adult leadership class and the youth leadership class each select a project to work on during their year of study. The project is intended to benefit the community in some way. Speakers on Tuesday referred to the Benefit For Hope program as the most ambitious class project ever undertaken by a Youth Leadership Bedford class.



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