



## Sheriff, Chief talk school safety

By Mark McGee  
FOR THE T-G

The killing of three students and three adults at the Covenant School in Nashville have heightened the concerns of both Bedford County Sheriff Austin Swing and Shelbyville Police Chief Jan Phillips.

“Without a doubt this is something that made national news and is only about 50 miles away,” Swing said. “That really is a sobering thought. In our business it is always something that is in the back of your mind that this could happen at any place at any time.”

“I know I have thought over and over in my head how many people at that school got up Monday morning thinking that something like that was going to happen. No one could have expected it.”

The Sheriff’s department assigns school resource officers (SROs) at all public middle and high schools in the county. Shelbyville Central High School and Harris Middle School each

have two SROs. They are all armed.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee has announced a school safety plan proposal to place armed SROs at every public school in the state and provide funding for private schools to take similar actions. The plan, which would provide \$140 million for armed security, would have to pass the legislature before being implemented.

Bedford County commissioners are also considering a wheel tax to fund SROs.

“It’s a good thing,” Phillips said of the potential plans to add more SROs. “It is a shame we have to do this. It is sad.”

Seven of the elementary schools in the county – East Side, South Side, Eakin, Learning Way, Thomas, Cascade and Community - do not have SROs, but the Shelbyville Police Department makes daily stops at the elementary schools within the city limits. Swing also points out that Community’s elementary school

and middle school are together and the SRO covers both schools. Learning Way is across the street from Harris Middle School and those SROs would be close if needed in an emergency.

The Shelbyville Police Department helps to fill in the gaps.

“On a daily basis we usually hit every school inside the city limits that don’t have SROs,” Phillips said. “We also stop by the high school and middle school. Whenever they on patrol they will stop at a school and do a walk-through and check everything out at least once a day and let students and teachers see us.”

“We park our cars out in front of the school. We think that is a good deterrent.”

Phillips also makes an effort to personally make an appearance at various schools whenever his schedule allows.

“I try to hit one or two schools every once in a while, myself,” Phillips said. “It is good to let the

teachers and students see you.

“This is just not a reaction to what happened last week in Nashville. We have been doing this for years.”

Both also applauded the methods used in stopping the killing spree.

“They went after the shooter without waiting for any help,” Phillips said. “Going directly to the threat is the way we are trained as well.”

Swing’s SROs are also trained to react immediately to a shooting threat.

“Metro officers handled it as well as it could have been handled in that kind of situation,” Swing said. “They did it exactly the way it was supposed to be done. It was textbook.”

“You take the shooter out as soon as possible...no questions asked. That is the way our SROs are trained to do it. It makes a lot of difference that our officers are armed.”



## From the Bronx

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## Rich Cosner enters Shelbyville real estate market

Rich Cosner is one of the better-known real estate brokers in the nation today. His almost 40-year career in the real estate business has given him many friends and followers in the business.

Cosner just purchased the former Coldwell Banker Segroves-Neese real estate firm located on North Main Street in Shelbyville. The firm is now known as Coldwell Banker Southern Realty. He also owns other offices serving Lawrence County and Maury County in Southern Middle Tennessee. He said he wants to grow his Shelbyville firm to become the premier firm in the market, serving all price points in the area.

For those sales professionals interested in serving the Luxury Market, Cosner may be just what they need. He is an expert at marketing luxury property and has his agents involved in Coldwell Banker’s Global Luxury program. The Coldwell Banker real estate brand sells more million-dollar plus properties in the nation than any other real estate brand.

Most of Cosner’s real estate career was in Orange County, Calif., where he built his Prudential



Rich Cosner

California Realty firm into one of the largest firms in the nation. His 12-office firm was the number one

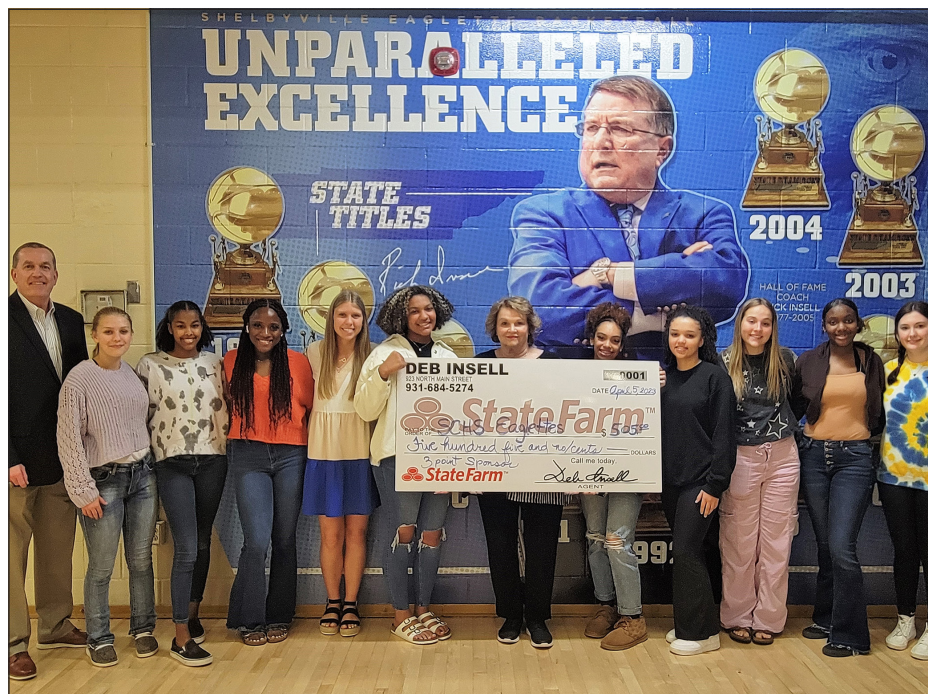
firm in virtually every community he operated in. He moved to Tennessee four years ago buying

his first office in Lawrenceburg.

Cosner will quickly tell you that he is successful because he helps his sales professionals become successful and grow their businesses. He works one on one with his people and in small groups and coaches them on the best way to develop their careers and businesses. His commitment to his people, to coach them one-on-one takes time but it shows how committed he is to their success. He works with his people to get them very involved with the people they know and how to give great service to that group of people.

What is highly unique to Rich Cosner is that does NOT compete with his salespeople. He does not take listings or sell homes. He teaches and coaches his agents to do more business themselves.

If you would be interested in knowing more about how Rich Cosner can help you grow your business, reach out to him on his private cell at 931-777-1100 or email him at [richcosner@icloud.com](mailto:richcosner@icloud.com) for a confidential conversation or meeting.



State Farm agent Deb Insell, center, with the SCHS girls’ basketball team on Wednesday.



Kyle Turnham, head girls’ basketball coach, with Insell.

T-G Photos by Zoe Watkins

## Donation made to SCHS Eaglettes

Local State Farm Insurance agent Deb Insell donated \$500 to the Shelbyville Central High School Eaglettes program Wednesday. This is a donation she has been doing for the last few years, saying it’s a good way

to help support the program as well as give the team members something to strive for in addition to winning. “Central High School has been the basis of my family since 1977...This is still home,” said Insell. Her office

can be found at 923 North Main Street. Deb is married to former Shelbyville Golden Eaglette coach Rick Insell. The Shelbyville Central High School’s gym was named in his honor at the beginning of the 2020-21 basketball

season. Since 1977, when he started on as coach, Insell compiled a 775-148 record at SCHS, including 10 state championships and two national titles, and has been named to multiple national and state halls of fame.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Evelyn Coffey**

**April 5, 2023**  
Mrs. Evelyn Coffey, 95, of Shelbyville, passed away Wednesday, April 5, 2023, under the loving care and comfort of her family and Alive Hospice. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. today, Saturday, April 8, 2023, at First Christian Church. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.



The family will receive visitors at 12 noon until service time Saturday at the church. She was born February 27, 1928, in Gastonia, N.C., to the late Carl "Cash" and Eva Kirkus Register. Along with her husband, she was owner of Bedford Calendar and Novelty Company. She held membership in Shelbyville Women's Club, Home Demonstration Club, and Christian Women's Fellowship. She was a longtime and faithful member of First Christian Church. She was dedicated to her family and her church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Ray Coffey; brothers, James Register, J. W. Register, Lt. Col. Robert F. Register, and Carl Register.

Survivors include two daughters, Rebecca Cortner, of Shelbyville, and Diana Spear, of Murfreesboro; grandchildren, Christian Cortner, Craig Cortner, Britney Spear-Tucker, and her husband, Logan, and Nicholas Spear; great grandchildren, Mia Grace Cortner, Hagan Cortner, Tatum Ryann Spear, Kellen Ray Spear, and James Easton Tucker.

Evelyn is to be honored with donations to First Christian Church, P. O. Box 466, Shelbyville, TN 37162.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

**Rachel Ann Dunagan**

**April 2, 2023**  
Rachel Ann Dunagan, 83, of Shelbyville, passed from this life Sunday, April 2, 2023, at The Heart Remembers after an extended illness.



Mrs. Rachel was born September 26, 1939, in Dickson, to the late Ward T. and Minta Sue Robertson Marsh. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by the love of her life, her beloved husband, Jerry Warner Dunagan.

She was a graduate of Dickson High School class of 1957. She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Shelbyville, and was also a member of the Shelbyville Women's Club and Epsilon Sigma Alpha.

Survivors include: daughters, Lisa Dunagan of Shelbyville, Tina (Randy) Prince of Normandy; grandchildren, Kimberly (Brent) Lanus, Rachel (Cody) Swift, Philip (Samantha) Prince; great-grandchild, Barrett & Mazie Hope Lanus, Jax Swift and Luke Prince; and sisters, Barbara (Sam) Bean of Franklin and Susan (David) Allsbrooks of Burns.

Per Mrs. Rachel's request a private graveside service was held Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Memorial donations can be made to the First Baptist Church by mail: 304 Depot St. Shelbyville, TN 37160.

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

**Paul J. Frankowski**

**April 1, 2023**  
Paul J. Frankowski, of Shelbyville, passed away on April 1, 2023 after a brief illness.



Born in 1938 in St. Louis, Mo., Paul was the second eldest of five. Growing up in St. Louis and frequenting Bull Shoals Lake in Arkansas were the source of many of his favorite stories. Paul graduated from Loras Academy in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1956, and in 1962 married Mary Ann Clemmons, and they had four children. He worked primarily in the automotive industry, and was a small business owner later in life. Paul was an avid reader and had a keen interest in current events and history, and was never at a loss for a wry comment on the state of things. His one-liners were classic, and his wit and penchant for joking around lines up with his passing on April 1. His greatest joy was his family, as he never missed a family event, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He was predeceased by his parents Paul R. and Marguerite, and sisters Margie and Judy. He leaves behind his children Paul G. (Tina), John (Tina), Amy and Debi (Charlie), brothers Fran (Barbara) and Gary (Sue), many nieces and nephews, ex-wife and friend Mary, and many dear friends.

A funeral mass will be held on April 15 at 12:30 p.m. at St. William Catholic Church in Shelbyville. The family requests that donations in honor of Paul be made to the Good Samaritan of Tullahoma.

**Donald Franklin Hoover**

**April 2, 2023**  
Donald Franklin Hoover passed away on April 2, 2023 in Cocoa Beach, Fla., at the age of 84. Don was born November 21, 1938 in Shelbyville. He was the first child of James and Cleo (Wheeler) Hoover.



A passion for science started at an early age and he was a 1960 graduate of Tennessee Technological University. This interest led to a career in the aerospace industry with involvement in the early development of missile systems. In addition, Don enjoyed construction and built numerous houses throughout Central Florida. Personal interests included music, fishing, and amateur radio. Don enjoyed playing the saxophone in high school and continued this interest playing with the Tennessee Tech Troubadours throughout Tennessee. While a long-time resident of Florida, Mr. Hoover enjoyed yearly visits to Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by parents James and Cleo (Wheeler) Hoover and his former wife Sharon (mother of his children, Steve and Vicki).

Don is survived by his wife Joan, son Steve (Katrina) of Franklin, daughter Vicki (Curtis) of Bradenton, Fla., and stepdaughter Cheryl Hooper of Oviedo Fla., granddaughters Eryn and Bailey, great granddaughter Emmy, and brother David.

A private memorial will be held with only close family members present. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**Gary Joe Keele**

**April 3, 2023**  
Gary Joe Keele, 72, of Wartrace died April 3, 2023. Funeral services will be held today, Saturday, April 8, at 12 p.m. at Hillcrest Funeral Home, with Rev. Jimmy Gray officiating. Burial will follow at Hollywood Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m.



He was a native of Bedford County; retired Machinist for Empire-Sanford Corp.; a Veteran of the U.S. Army; and member of the American Legion-Grand Isle, La.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James J. and Frances Pauline Griffy Keele; a son, Michael Joe Keele and brothers, LeRoy Keele and Buster Keele.

Gary is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mary Walker Keele; granddaughter, Brayden Gray; sisters, Carol (Dwight) Ferrell, Mary (David) Holton, Louise (Tom) Applegate and Sandy (Kenley) Grubbs.

**Carolyn Lynda Myatt**

**April 2, 2023**  
Carolyn Lynda Myatt, 77, passed from this life April 2, 2023 after a long battle with lung disease. She was born Carolyn Lynda Farris on November 18, 1945 in Garden City, Mich., to J.C. and Margaret Farris. Her childhood saw her move to Kentucky with her father and eventually as a teenager to Shelbyville to live with her beloved grandparents Glenn and Grace Cates. May of 1966 ushered her into a new life, that of a mother and what a great mother she was. She filled the role with flying colors as the "PTA mom", "den mother mom", "cookies for school mom", "school play costume design and seamstress mom" and any other mom title one could have conjured. Through all the wonders and even loss that motherhood brought, she was the best. Time marched on and kids grew to be parents which turned "mom" into Gram. Carolyn took to being a grandmother as expertly as she took to motherhood and all of her grandchildren were truly blessed by her love and care. We will all sorely miss her and will lean on sweet memories to heal our broken hearts.

Carolyn is survived by her husband Steve; son Mark Kincaid (Eve); stepson Grayl Myatt (Libby); stepdaughter Amanda Bracht (Todd); brothers Jackie Farris, Glynn Simmons and Robert Simmons; sisters Rebecca Kalnasy and Patti White; grandchildren Christian Kincaid, Courtney Clow (Cash), Nicole Polson (Brandon), Eva Bracht and the best medicine Gram had, great granddaughter Renee Clow.

She is preceded in death by parents J.C. Farris and Margaret Simmons; Grandparents Glenn and Grace Cates; sons Michael Alan Kincaid and James Calvin Kincaid; daughter Karen Elizabeth Kincaid; and brother Greg Simmons.

A celebration of life will be held today, Saturday, April 8, at Horse Mountain Church of Christ, 1320 Horse Mountain Rd. Shelbyville, visitation from noon to 2 p.m. and service at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to either St. Jude's Children Hospital (stjude.org) or the Wounded Warrior Project(support.woundedwarriorproject.org).

**Donald H. Pratt**

**April 3, 2023**  
Donald H. Pratt, age 85, of Prairie Village, Kansas passed away on Monday, April 3, 2023.



Don was born in Hays, Kas. to Donald and Ida Pratt on December 2, 1937. He grew up in Hays with his two brothers, Lawrence (deceased) and Steve. He developed a passion for airplanes much like his father. He first started flying airplanes at age 14 and was a crop-duster during summer breaks. He attended Wichita State University earning a civil engineering degree and bringing the national fraternity Beta Theta Tau to WSU and becoming its first chapter President. He spent three years in the United States Air Force as a Base Civil Engineer at Otis Air Force Base in Wareham, Mass., He was disappointed that he was unable to fly for the Air Force, as it was determined that he was green/gray color blind. After receiving an honorable discharge, he attended Harvard University and earned his MBA.

Upon graduation, he went to work with Butler Manufacturing. Don spent 36 years at Butler building an illustrious career. He started as an industrial engineer in Galesburg, Ill., and after several years was brought to the headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. Over the next three decades he became the President and then Chairman of the Board, growing the company both nationally and internationally. After his retirement he served as the Independent Chairman of the Board at American Century Investments for seven years and considered his time at American Century to be both fulfilling and rewarding.

While at Wichita State, Don met George-Ann Hinkle and they were married June 7, 1960. They were married for 61 years prior to her passing in 2021. He and George-Ann raised their family of two children, Jacqueline and Donald, in Kansas City. Don generously shared his knowledge and time in his community as well; serving on the Nelson Gallery Board of Trustees, and the Union National Bank Board in Wichita, Kan., He was a longtime member of Mission Hills Country Club and the River Club. In his retirement, Don and George-Ann adopted Shelbyville, Tenn., as their second home. While George-Ann pursued her equestrian passion with Tennessee Walking horses, Don became an active member of the community. He was very involved with St. William Catholic Church as well as the Riverbend Country Club. Don was an avid golfer and particularly enjoyed time spent on the course with his son, and life-long friends. He was particularly proud of his club tournament wins and the opportunity to play in several pro-am events with American Century.

Don was a thoughtful, wise and gracious man who was always willing to listen and provide guidance. Don is survived by two children, Jacqueline P. (Matthew) McGuire and Donald A. (Kathy) Pratt; two grandchildren, Kevin (Courtney) Crawford and Grant (Alivia) Crawford; and a great-granddaughter, Lilliana Lynn Crawford.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 11 at St. Ann Catholic Church Chapel, 7231 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66208. A Celebration of Life will be held 3-5 p.m., Thursday, May 11 at Mission Hills Country Club, 5400 Mission Dr., Mission Hills, KS.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Wayside Waifs.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mcgillemidtownchapel.com for the Pratt family.

**Rockets fired at Israel from Lebanon raise risk of conflict**

JERUSALEM (AP) — Militants in Lebanon fired a heavy barrage of rockets at Israel on Thursday, the Israeli military said, forcing people across Israel's northern frontier into bomb shelters, wounding at least two people and ratcheting up regional tensions a day after Israeli police raided Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site.

Israel's military said 34 rockets had been fired across the border, and that 25 were shot down by its Iron Dome aerial defense system. Another five rockets struck Israeli territory and the rest of the strikes were being investigated, security forces added.

The unusually large salvo of rockets raised fears of a wider conflagration, as Israel's bitter enemy, the Iran-backed militant group Hezbollah, holds sway over much of southern Lebanon. Over the past two days, tensions have skyrocketed at the sacred compound home to the Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem and along Israel's tense border with Gaza.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed an "aggressive response."

"We will strike our enemies and they will pay a price for every act of aggression," he said in a statement late Thursday, adding that Israelis remain united in the face of external threats despite their political differences.

In a briefing with reporters, Lt. Col. Richard Hecht, an Israeli military spokesman, said the army drew a clear connection between the rocket fire and the recent unrest in Jerusalem.

"It's a Palestinian-oriented event," he said, adding that either the Hamas or Islamic Jihad militant groups could be involved. But he said the army believed that Hezbollah and the Lebanese government were aware of what happened and also held responsibility. He declined to say how Israel might respond, saying there were "all sorts of scenarios."

Earlier on Thursday and late Wednesday night, Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip fired several rockets toward Israel in protest over the Israeli police storming into the Al-Aqsa Mosque in the heart of Jerusalem's Old City with tear gas and stun grenades. On Thursday, Hezbollah condemned Israel's storming of Al-Aqsa, calling it "a flagrant violation". The shrine — the third-holiest site in Islam — stands on a hilltop revered by Jews as the Temple Mount, the holiest site in Judaism.

No faction in Lebanon claimed responsibility for the salvo of rockets, which set off air raid sirens across the country's north. A Lebanese security official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to media, said the country's security forces believed the rockets were launched by a Lebanon-based Palestinian militant group, not by Hezbollah militants. The official said there were no casualties on the Lebanese side.

A spokesperson for Hezbollah did not respond to a request for comment. Both Israel and Hezbollah have avoided an all-out conflict since their 34-year war in 2006 ended with a draw.

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**Gerald Baker**

**MLS#2447833**



### 1972 Espy Road

Come check this one out, the buyer has found a new home. Ready to make a deal! Beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath custom, one owner, home on 5 acres. Hardwood floors in living, dining, and kitchen. Tile in downstairs bath and utility. Home has 3 large bedrooms downstairs, & 2 baths. 2 story foyer, and LR with 16 ft ceilings. Vaulted ceilings in the dining and front bedroom. With a large bonus room and office with a bath upstairs. Roof is only 2 years old!!! A 30x50 completely wired detached shop with 12ft tall by 10ft wide doors is also on the property. Backyard has an underground dog fence. Located just 13 minutes from I-24, and 30 minutes to Murfreesboro.

**Maddie Arnold**

**MLS#2437633**



### 2529 Hwy 41A S

This is an incredible property with offices, custom car/motorcycle shop and residence. You must see the video and 3D tour to believe the quality of details in this property. From top to bottom it will amaze you. The floors have hot water piping to heat the building fueled with Propane or Wood. Location is quick and easy to Shelbyville, Tullahoma, Murfreesboro or Nashville. With acres there is room for much more. Work your own hours, then retire to the back patio overlooking the Duck River.

**Bryan Nerren**

**MLS#2306490**



### 2639 Hwy 41 A South

Great Duck River property with long Hwy and river frontage. Easy access to the river and a graveled parking area near the river so launching kayaks or boats is very convenient. Property was used as a canoe rental business for several years. Is ready to go now for that purpose. Also would be ideal for a RV Park since it has such nice and level land and river access. Check county zoning if this is an interest of yours. There is a 4 bedroom 2 bath house with a good view of the river. Also a storage building for all your river toys. There are 2 entrances to the property from the highway.

**Wayne Neese**

**MLS#2469320**

## Meet Gerald Baker



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Education-BS Business Management-Tennessee Technological University

Retired military-22 years active service. Partner in General Contracting firm for eight years. Member, Sunday School Superintendent, and Trustee- First Church of the Nazarene.

Memberships- Shelbyville Lions Club, Gideons International.

Real Estate sales - 20 years, all with Coldwell Banker. Gerald is experienced in existing and new home sales, land sales, foreclosures, working with first time home buyers, contractors and veterans.

If you are thinking about listing, or are considering the purchase of your new home, please give Gerald a call. He would love to work with you.

# Try this easy way to get rid of stains

Dear Heloise: I was reading your column about getting rid of stains in pots, and I was thinking about the easy way I do it. Before you go to sleep, fill the pot with pure hot water to the top and leave it overnight. The next day, you will see that there are no stains. Good luck! -- Kamal Banki, via email

## Hints from Heloise

Heloise



decor. -- Linda Gomez Richter, San Antonio

## PET PAL

Dear Heloise: Here's a picture of my beautiful rescue cat, Jackie. She has six toes on every foot! -- Lindsey, via email

Readers, to see Jackie 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.

## BUYING FLIGHTS ON A BUDGET

Dear Heloise: I think we all know air travel is not as glamorous as it once was, but now, some airlines have begun charging for absolutely everything! Gone are the days when you could take a carry-on with you or ask for a pillow or blanket without being charged a fee.

Sometimes a cheaper flight is not necessarily a bargain. There are airlines that charge as much as \$57 to \$65 for a carry-on bag, and even charge for printing out a boarding pass. If you see a bargain price for a flight, be careful -- you might want to call the airlines and ask questions about any additional fees.

In addition, you can call a travel agent and enlist their help in finding a reasonable flight. Yes, there is a fee for using a travel agent, but they can still help you save money on a flight and avoid hidden fees. You may not get to fly out at the time you want or on the airline you prefer, but try to be a little flexible about the time of day or flying in at a different airport.

You can also check online for travel information at "JohnnyJet.com" or "airlinenumbers.com" (or some of the other travel sites) to help you research and decide which airline to use. -- Daniel H., Washington, D.C.

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## TODAY

### 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.

### Bell Buckle egg hunt

Bell Buckle Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, at 2 p.m. at Bell Buckle Park for children ages to 10 years.

### VFW Breakfast

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5019, and its Auxiliary will host their 2nd Saturday of the month FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST Saturday, April 8, from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the VFW Post, 1320 Depot Street. Home cooked food, including country ham and pork loin, will be available. Carry-outs are available. For more information call Alex at 615-513-7959. The food for this fundraiser has been donated by HUMANA.

## MONDAY

### Arts Council program

The Bedford County Arts Council will hold its Monthly Potluck and Program on April 10 beginning at 6 p.m. The featured artist for April and May will be Tony Teal. Guests are encouraged to bring a friend, bring a dish, and join the Bedford County Arts Council members as they welcome the former Shelbyville resident and talented artist. Exhibit starts at 6:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY

### Community meeting

A community meeting for District 3 residents led by Commissioner Troy Thompson will be held on Thursday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Middle School Theater.

## SATURDAY

### 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

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available at the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce website. For more information email ylb.benefitforhope@gmail.com.

### Lanier Family Fish Fry

The Lanier Family Reunion Committee is sponsoring its Annual Fish Fry and Auction on Saturday, April 15, at the Eagleville Community Center located at 317 Highway 99, Eagleville. The time is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy the occasion.

### Tractor pull

Bedford County FFA and Newton Motors Smoker Truck & Tractor Pull will be at the Bedford County Agricultural Center. It is a family event full of food trucks and pulling. Tickets are \$10 at the gate. Ages 8 and under are free. Gates open at 5 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. Visit their Facebook @ Bedford County FFA Alumni.

## APRIL 16

### Laity Club

The Bedford County Laity Club is to meet Sunday, April 16, at Normandy United Methodist Church. Meal to be furnished.

## APRIL 17

### Election Commission

The Bedford County Election Commission will meet on April 17 at 8:30 a.m. in the Election Commission Office. For more information go to www.bedfordcountyttn.gov/departments/elections/index.php

### Democratic meeting

The Bedford County Democratic Party will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 17, at the El Mexico Mexican Restaurant at 724 N. Main Street in Shelbyville.

## APRIL 18

### Community club

The Pleasant Grove/Rich Valley Community Club supper will be Tuesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. at Liberty Lions Clubhouse, U.S. 231 South. Pot luck, meats, and drinks furnished.

## APRIL 20

### Head Start Council

The South Central Human Resource Agency Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council will meet at 10:30 a.m. on April 20, 2023, at the South Central Human Resource Agency Central Office, in Fayetteville, Tennessee.

## 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

### Vaccination clinic

A Middle TN Spay and Neuter Clinic vaccination and microchip drive-up clinic will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, only, at 846 Union St. in the back parking lot. Rabies vaccinations will be \$10. Canine Distemper/Parvo, Feline Distemper, and Oral Bordetella shots will be \$15 each. Microchipping will be \$20. Dogs must be on leashes and cats must be in carriers. Please have cash and correct change.

### 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 27

### Junior's House meeting

Junior's House Child Advocacy Center is hosting a Bedford County Town Hall Meeting on April 27 at 6 p.m. at Edgemont Baptist Church, 150 Fairfield Drive. Guests will get an inside look into the organization.

## 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.

## MAY 6

### Paws for a Cause

The Middle TN Spay and Neuter Clinic will be hosting a Paws for a Cause 5k run and 1-mile run on May 6 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Calsonic Arena Pavilion.

Registration will be from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. Or you can pre-register at www.reg2run.com. This is a dog-friendly event; spectators are welcome (bring your own chair). Kids 10 and under are free with adult registration.

## MAY 13

### Fish fry

The First Choice Annual Fish Fry fundraiser will be Saturday, May 13, at Walnut Ridge Farm, 1198 Whiteside Hill Rd. in Wartrace. Food will be served from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Kids 10 and under eat free at the event. Tickets are \$15 in advance and can be purchased online at Eventbrite.com or by calling First Choice Pregnancy Center at 931-680-0066. Tickets will also be \$20 at the door. Curbside pick-up available. Call by noon May 12 to schedule pickup if purchasing more than five meals.

## ONGOING

### Meals on Wheels

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

### Soup kitchen

Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen serves meals from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 336 S. Cannon Blvd. (corner of South Cannon Boulevard and Pickle Street). Donations may be made to Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 2259, Shelbyville, TN 37162, and are tax deductible under its 501c3 non-profit designation.

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

### Head Start

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

### Celebrate Recovery

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

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## MTSU study outlines 'economic value' of proposed aerospace campus

**MURFREESBORO** — A proposed Middle Tennessee State University aerospace campus at the Shelbyville Municipal Airport in Bedford County would generate tens of millions of dollars in revenue and hundreds of jobs for that community over the next three years, according to a recently released economic impact study by the university's Business and Economic Research Center.

With more than \$60 million in state funds for the project already approved, MTSU is proposing to relocate its Aerospace Department to the Shelbyville airport to provide a state-of-the-art training experience for students in its exploding pilot training program that is outgrowing its allocated footprint at Murfreesboro Airport.

The report, completed March 28, evaluated the financial benefits that the project would bring to Shelbyville and Bedford County.

"In short, the center concluded that relocation will provide significant economic impact through employment, income, business revenue and state and local taxes," MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee said.

The results of the study show:

- Jobs during construction: The construction phase will be responsible, directly and indirectly, for 164 jobs and more than \$91 million in business revenue over three years. Land acquisition, site improvement and construction spending will total \$22.5 million over three years.
- Jobs during operation: The relocation of



Aerospace operations will be responsible, directly and indirectly for 257 jobs and nearly \$14 million in business revenue annually.

- Additional tax revenue: MTSU Aerospace Department's operation in Bedford County will generate annually nearly \$140,000 in property tax and \$536,989 in sales tax.

"Benefits cited in the report is the tip of iceberg: relocating a training program, which is in the top 10 in the nation, will rebrand the county as one of the major centers for aviation

training," said Murat Arik, director of the BERC, noting that the BERC has been conducting business and economic research for public and private clients since the early 1970s.

The airport relocation study also showed in the estimated three years required to prepare the airport site, begin construction and as MTSU would begin to ramp up operations, the activity would generate personal income of \$37.8 million (direct, indirect and induced).

"This research, in my

opinion, confirms the significant economic value of this project to Shelbyville, Bedford County, our university and the state of Tennessee," McPhee added. "It gives us a preview of the transformational impacts of this partnership and gives clarity to the vision of the state, city and county leaders who pursued this opportunity as a game changer for our region."

The MTSU Business and Economic Research Center is part of the Jennings A. Jones College of Business.

## MRT SPEAKER



Submitted photo

Darin Hasty, president of the Rotary Club, met with County Commissioner Sylvia Pinson about the Bedford County Jail Moral Reconation Therapy Program (MRT).

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Send church news and events to [tgnews@t-g.com](mailto:tgnews@t-g.com).

### Baptist

Bro. Tyler Shoemaker's message at **Calvary Baptist Church** on Sunday, April 9, at 10 a.m. will be "He Is Risen: Celebrate the Savior." It will be livestreamed.

The Easter egg hunt scheduled for Saturday at Edgemont Baptist Church has been rescheduled due to weather to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12. 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.

"He Has Risen! He Is Not Here" from Mark 16: 1 - 9 will be Pastor Bobby McGee's message Sunday at **Grace Baptist Church**. Live streaming will be on Facebook.

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

### Christian (Disciples of Christ)

**First Christian Church** invites everyone to celebrate with them this Resurrection Sunday at 10 a.m., the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. Children's graded worship and nursery will also available at 10 a.m.

### Church of Christ

**Fairlane Church of Christ's** Iglesia Church will be having a picnic and worship at the Recreational Center. Fairlane will have Easter Worship at 9 a.m. The sermon will be "Hope to Carry On" from 1 Corinthians 15: 11-20. Following their Bible Classes, at 11 a.m., they will have an Easter Egg Hunt and light refreshments served.

The lesson for **Southside Church of Christ** will be "Things Impacted by Jesus' Resurrection" from Mark 16:6-7. There will be no 6 p.m. service Sunday. David Sanders will be teaching "Restoration Thought and History" at the Wednesday 6:30 p.m. service. Sunday morning is livestreamed at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening services are livestreamed 6:30 p.m. at [cofcsouthside.com](http://cofcsouthside.com).

### Methodist

**Blankenship United Methodist Church** will hold an Easter egg hunt 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. A traditional Easter service and an Easter cantata performed by the choir will begin at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Pastor Abe Zimmerman's Easter sermon at **Shelbyville First United Methodist Church** will be "Believe Christ is Risen" from John 20:1-31. In this chapter, they have four resurrection stories to explore. Each story will show a different way to come to believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join them for worship service at 10 a.m. Service is also livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLIJ 1580 AM.

### Presbyterian

**First Presbyterian Church's** service for this Easter Sunday, "Resurrection of the Lord," will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. and led by Pastor Jim Moran. All services are streamed live on Facebook. Sunday School starts at 9:00 a.m. All age groups and a nursery will be available.

## Celebration of Easter Mass

Celebrations of Easter Sunday Mass are known for their joyous nature regardless of where Christians happen to be. But few, if any, celebrations of Mass can match the scope of the celebration in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City. The COVID-19 pandemic forced the public celebration to be canceled in 2020 and 2021, but it returned in 2022. A sizable number of celebrants returned along with it, as estimates suggested around 50,000 people were on hand to celebrate Easter Sunday Mass on the plaza directly in front of St. Peter's Basilica on April 17, 2022. Pope Francis led the Mass, which was concelebrated with 280 priests, 25 bish-

ops and 23 cardinals. But the crowd attending Mass was just the beginning, as Pope Francis later delivered his Urbi et Orbi benediction, a papal address and apostolic blessing the pope delivers on solemn occasions, from the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica before an estimated crowd of 100,000.

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# From the Bronx to Bell Buckle

By **MARK MCGEE**  
For the T-G

**B**ELL BUCKLE — She still hasn't petted a cow, but she has risen from the gritty playgrounds of the Bronx and New York City to stardom at The Webb School in rural Bell Buckle.

With a stop at Trenton, New Jersey Catholic Academy, in between it has been a long, winding but successful road for Angelica Velez. She was looking for a place to transfer to after her sophomore season in Trenton, as the school was facing financial troubles and potential closure.

Former Webb basketball standout player Lashae Dwyer, who had played on AAU teams with Velez, and had great success with the Feet, was part of the impetus to Bell Buckle.

Joining Velez at Webb was Aurora Sanchez-Almon, a 6-4 forward, and Aalyah Del Rosario, a 6-6 forward, both teammates at Trenton.

"She has seen the world in a very real way," Webb girls basketball coach Matt Shewmake said. "It has made her tough."

"I had never seen Angelica play before she came here, but I knew about her. She was very highly recruited."

When he first saw her play in-person he was impressed with what he saw from the 5-7 point guard.

"She played the right way already," Shewmake said. "There was not a lot to fix or correct."

"Angelica was very coachable. She was terrific from the beginning."

## Honors galore

As the point guard for the past two years she helped the Feet to two consecutive Division II-A State Championships. The Feet have won the state title all three years Shewmake has been the head coach.

Velez, honored by the TSSAA as Division II-A Miss Basketball this year, has signed to play for Louisiana State University, the newly crowned NCAA women's basketball champion. Velez averaged 11.2 points per game, 9.8 assists per game and three rebounds per game this season.

"I was shocked to win," Velez said. "I never really look at winning awards."

Anyone who visits New York City is awestruck by the size of the buildings, the millions of people and the energy. For Velez her trip from the "Big Apple" to the Middle Tennessee countryside was an eye opener of a different sort.

"I was on the plane on my way here," Velez said. "I was looking outside my window and just saw grass. I was wondering how I was going to do it. Driving here from the airport I saw nothing but cows."

She admits it is "cool" to be from a big city like New York, she has embraced the rural life.

"I love the green grass and the air," Velez said. "Just being here gives me such a peace of mind. Coming here has changed my entire life. It just opened up my world."

"It was definitely a bit of an adjustment from living in the city and coming from two different schools. At first it was a big change which is true whenever something is new. But the people here just made it so much easier."

## Point guard perfection

Velez admits her first passion was football. She was the only girl on her team, playing quarterback on youth league teams in

the Bronx. Playing a position in football where distributing the ball is a key to success, the transition to being a basketball point guard was a natural move.

No one is perfect, but Shewmake can't find any holes in Velez's game and rates her as a key reason for Webb's success. Most scouts can't either.

Effective point guards are the centerpiece of successful basketball teams. On the high school level that is definitely true because the point guard handles the ball so much. Velez makes the right choices on the court distributing the ball to her teammates with ease as the result of her great vision on the court.

Velez can also shoot a jump shot from almost anywhere on the court, hitting 36 percent from beyond the 3-point arc this season.

"She is a leader," Shewmake said. "She is vocal. She is tough. She is a great ball handler. For a point guard I can't think of one who is a whole lot better."

"She is confident. She has a swagger about her that makes her the one everyone else wants to follow. She is a competitor and that is the most special thing about her. She really gets what it takes to win. She is kind of an extension of our coaching staff on the floor just for accountability for everybody on the floor and accountability for herself."

Velez has a simple, but effective approach to how she plays the game. Her stats are impressive, but she is more concerned with helping her teammates be the best they can be.

"The way I play the game is to make everyone around me better," Velez said.

She enjoys carrying the weight of responsibility being counted on as a leader can place on a person's shoulders.

"I don't think I am unbeatable," Velez said. "I am very humble, but I do know my value and my worth."

Growing up in the Bronx allowed her to become a better leader and a better person.

"I have this leadership ability that God has given me and it has just kept growing and growing," Velez said. "Like it or not, people will take my lead."

"When I was young, I didn't know how to deal with it, but I know now no one can lead a team like I can."

## Playground tough

Velez was 11 when she first had a basketball in her hand. She competed on the playgrounds with boys and not only honed her skills, but developed a competitive toughness in a city where basketball is king, and the games are nose-to-nose gritty.

"Playing in New York, no matter who I played against, I always made sure the boys played hard against me," Velez said. "They would try to beat me and I would say go ahead and try."

"I just had a hunger. Whenever you play basketball on a playground in the Bronx everyone is going to play hard. I might get hurt, but I didn't back down. I just learned so much about playing fundamental basketball."

Life on the playground courts was even more challenging for Velez because she had to prove herself to boys who weren't all that thrilled about facing her.

"I played on the boy's team in junior high," Velez said. "Competing with the boys made me step up. I didn't want to get 'beaten up on' so it made me tough."

Growing up Velez



Angelica Velez drives the ball across half-court and sets up the Lady Feet offense.



Velez settles in and knocks down a free throw in the fourth quarter.

always loved being outside. No one handed her a basketball. She just picked one up and started playing.

"My Dad would always want me to stay inside and watch television with him," Velez said. "All I wanted to do was to go play basketball."

"I used to go out around eight at night and not come back home until midnight playing basketball. I would sometimes go to the park at 5 a.m. and stay there all day. I love it. All I always wanted to do was go outside and play basketball."

## LSU bound

Velez was sporting a purple LSU hoodie on campus this week. She, and Del Rosario are part of the 2023 recruiting class ranked No. 1 in the country. Del Rosario was a McDonald's All-American this season.

The New York City playgrounds are filled with players who could star on college or even NBA teams, but the majority of them don't get the breaks they need to move on. Velez realizes what it means for her to become a college player and perhaps an WNBA star.

"If you are in the Bronx, you may not have the hope that you can make it this far," Velez said. "It is a different world growing up in New York and in the Bronx. It is really hard to get out of there."

"To get out of you have to have the right people around you to help you realize the possibilities. Just having good people around me was such a big thing for me."

Velez was in Dallas, Texas last week to watch her future team win the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship.

"Watching the games and looking around at the atmosphere and the possibility of me one day playing on that stage was so emotional," Velez said. "It was mind blowing."

"I'm definitely looking forward to playing at LSU. From my standpoint it is a blessing."

LSU coach Kim Mulkey is expecting Velez to be the point guard of the future for the Tigers. Shewmake has been impressed with how LSU has formed a relationship with Velez.

"They are always FaceTiming each other and group chatting and talking," Shewmake said. "They are so close as a team."

"They have followed our team and what we do. You can already see a very tight-knit family-like atmosphere there. Hopefully Angelica and Aayla will be able to take some of the values from here to LSU."

Six members of the Webb team have signed with schools from the "Power Five" conferences. In addition to Velez and Del Rosario, guard Bree Robinson will play for Michigan State, forward Lauren Rust has signed with Pitt, forward Rhema



Velez drives against the Trinity Christian defense and finishes a possession with a basket.

Collins is heading to Ole Miss and forward Aurora Sanchez-Almon has signed with Miami.

It has been a busy time for Velez, but before she leaves for college Shewmake has one more

thing he wants her to do. Shewmake said, "Before she leaves school I want her to pet a cow."



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 Claire Somervell Curtis to Claire Somervell Curtis, CSC Trust—0 money, 0 acres, Midland Rd.  
 Ridgetop Properties LLC to Jorge Leon—\$70,000, 0.24 acres, Woodbury St.  
 David L. Boyce to Dustin B. Boyce—0 money, 5.02 acres, Philpot Rd.  
 SDH Nashville LLC to Sutter Country Homes LLC—\$254,080, 0 acres, Townsend Circle  
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 SDH Nashville LLC to Jacob Kenyon, Skylar Kenyon—\$310,000, 0 acres, Grand Station Blvd.  
 Juan D. Orozco, Ethel Ann Marie Orozco to Jun D. Orozco, Ethel Ann Marie Orozco—0 money, 20.04 acres, Pepper Hill Rd.  
 Karen Joanne White, Delvin Crosby Samuels Sr., Delvin Crosby Samuels Jr., Delvin Crosby Samuels II to Terrence J. Breit, Charlene Breit, Breit Family Trust—\$340,000, 0 acres, no address  
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 Jeffrey W. Jordan, Lisa M. Jordan to Colin Bain, Mariah Bain—\$154,500, 0.4 acres, McKinley St.  
 SDH Nashville LLC to Victoria Morile Woodyard, Marshall Alan Woodyard—\$264,900, 0 acres, Grand Station Blvd.  
 Jean Goertzen, Joshua Goertzen to Cameron Michael Card, Rebecca Card—\$339,900, 0 acres, Halls Mills Rd.  
 Ryan John Weller, Brittany Laprie to David L. Brown, Jennifer R. Brown—\$414,900, 0 acres, El Bethel Rd.  
 Gerald F. Powers Jr. to Powers Family Trust—0 money, 0 acres, Cessna Lane  
 Adan Garcia, Elizabeth Cruz Bautista to Brandon Foster, Arianna Wilt—\$180,000, 0 acres, no address  
 Javier Reyes, Amy Gunn Reyes to Ryan Austin Mears—\$203,000, 1.39 acres, Gerald Boyce Rd.  
 Merle Evelyn Hale to Merle Evelyn Hale, Barry Gene Hale, Anita Sue Hale—0 money, 5 acres, Fishingford Pike.  
 Javier Reyes, Chuck Gunn to Ines Larrazabal Contreras, Juan bello Rosas—\$95,000, 0.32 acres, Midland Rd.  
 Shane Starnes, Doyle S. Starnes to Duane Robbins—\$220,000, 5.48 acres, Rippy Ridge Rd.  
 \$20.  
**Driver to Exerise Due Care**—Radu Maruis Avram, Landon L. Cassady, Carl David Mitchell Jr., Mercedes F. Quinonez-Silvestre, Abby Danielle Savage, Shelby Lynn Tyson—all \$130; James Kendrick Freeman \$190.  
**Speeding In School Zone**—Wesley G. Carter \$190; Kaushikkumar Kantil Chotaliya, Debra Lee Eichler, Evelyn Jean Navarrette—all \$125; Leona R. Hines, Bruce King—both \$130; Joshua Michael Willis \$330.  
**Violation Window Tint Law**—Cody Ray Dickerson \$125; Jonathan Goolsby \$115; Kevin Winsett \$10.  
**Seatbelt Law**—Tyler Jartieze Edmonson, Valeria Marie Gardner, Juliana Gonzales, Logan Hice, Dameron R. McCroskey, DeShaun Alexander, Anthony Wallace—all \$30; Leona R. Hines \$50, Kenny Ladelle Holton, Chad Avery Sanders Jr., Misty Dawn York—all \$55.  
**Distacted Driving (Hands Free)**—Alberto Garcia Macias, Tristen Patrick Pierrot, Broderick Montage Underwood—all \$60.  
**Child Restraint Law**—Tracie Renee Hill \$50; Kasey N. Mersinger, \$100.  
**Dog Running At Large**—Humberto Lopez \$155.  
**Failure To Yield Right Of Way**—Kandie N. Marlow, Randall Lee Vincent, Eunice Weir, Lawanda F. Williams—all \$130

**JAIL INTAKE: APRIL 8**

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.  
 •Brayan Anaya Diaz, 20, Riverview Drive; violation of probation; released on recognizance  
 •Christina Henson Guerrero, 53, Blue Ribbon Hotel; driving on a revoked license, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule 2 drug, violation of probation; \$11,000 bond  
 •Shane Marshall Heausler, 40, Dow Drive; simple domestic assault; \$2,500 bond  
 •Anthony (NMN) Johnson, 62, Scotland Heights; simple domestic assault; \$3,500 bond  
 •Jacob Aaron Mundy, 27, Peacock Lane; driving on a suspended license, speeding; released on recognizance  
 •Patricia Eileen Mutler, 60, Murfreesboro; DUI, failure to maintain lane, texting while operating a motor vehicle; released, \$1,000 bond  
 •Raul Perez-Perez, 46, Hobson Avenue; light law, no driver’s license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance  
 •Torie Harold Stratton, 36, Antioch; theft of property; \$100,000 bond  
 •Christopher Michael Sulls, 24, homeless; vandalism; released on recognizance  
 •Steven Russell Vincent, 53, Rattlesnake Lodge Road; driving on a suspended license, light law; released on recognizance  
 •Alexis Watkins, 33, Murfreesboro; driving on a suspended license, speeding; released on recognizance  
 \*No addresses were listed for the following:  
 •Mariano DeJesus Aguilar-Flores, 32, Fayetteville; financial responsibility, no driver’s license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance  
 •Carlos Bartolome-Franisco, 32, Shelbyville; light law, no driver’s license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance  
 •Lisa Michelle Carver, 50, Shelbyville; driving on a suspended license, failure to appear, financial responsibility, simple possession, window tinting; released, \$5,500 bond  
 •Kaylie Jean Claxton, 28, Shelbyville; possession of drug paraphernalia, simple possession; released, \$1,000 bond  
 •Sergio Joya Garcia, 25, Shelbyville; financial responsibility, no driver’s license/exhibited on demand, speeding, violation of registration law; released on recognizance  
 •Carlos Humberto Lima-Rodriguez, 37, Shelbyville; DUI; released, \$2,500 bond  
 •Abraham Lucas-Pablo, 26, Shelbyville; driver to exercise due care, financial responsibility, no driver’s license/exhibited on demand; released, \$1,000 bond  
 •Lindsey Brooke Matlock, 44, Murfreesboro; violation of probation; no bond  
 •Rony Rafael-Franisco, 24, Shelbyville; light law, no driver’s license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance  
 •Alex Ramiro Sanic-Pelico, 24, Shelbyville; DUI; released, \$1,000 bond  
 •Edward Mason Shugart, 25, no address listed; criminal impersonation (two counts); \$5,000 bond  
 •James Matthew Taylor, 40, Lewisburg; failure to appear; no bond  
 •Chris Ostranda Vestal, 41, Nashville; attachment; released, \$1,000 bond  
 •Adam Wyatt Whitworth, 36, Lynchburg; public intoxication; released, \$500 bond  
 •Cody Phillip-Lee Wright, 28, Shelbyville; possession of schedule 2 drug, violation of probation; \$6,000 bond

**PUBLIC RECORD**

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**  
 Skylar Anthony Page and Jessica Soto Vincente  
 Abel Angel Mirelez and Jeslyn Chadaye Harvey  
 Bert Clark Troxler and Cynthia Kay Parker Guffey  
 Michael Andrew Tracy and Maria Luisa Pina Olvera  
 Steven Thomas Campbell and Felicia Danielle Sanders  
 Brian Nevils Reed and Brenda Dale Thacker  
 Shrader  
 Justin Russell Handy and Wendy Ann Faulk  
 Jamie Edward Williams and Ashley Brooke West  
 Corey Wayne Miller and Diana Yunuen Zambrano Baez  
 Benjamin Neil Davis and Virginia Ann Ferrell Meeks  
 Alex Patton Moore and Ella Kate Brown  
 Rodney Wayne Warren and Angela Marie Campbell Broadway  
 Logan Tyler Wright and Kelsey Marie Dennis  
 Zachary Garlon Hall and Andrea Gayle Brantley Conkright  
 Anthony Seth McClung and Destiny Helen Marie Young  
**DIVORCE CASES GRANTED Bedford County Chancery Court MARCH, 2023**  
 Amy Marie Angus vs Harold Wayne Angus  
 Donna Christine Cantrell vs Dustim Jeffrie Cantrell  
 Eva Rebecca Carter vs Brent William Carter  
 Erin Lynn Ferguson vs Tyson Geoffrey Ferguson  
 Shane Alan Fogle vs Mary Colleen Fogle  
 Bethany Noelle Hamlett vs Jose Cruz  
 Lavern Astelley Haynes vs Mark Anthony Haynes  
 Lindsey Nicole Holden vs Paul Glenn Holden  
 Travis Butler Larkin vs Jennifer Marie Larkin  
 Michelle Marie Mills vs Brackin Tate Mills  
 Maria Yessenia Ibarra Montes vs Jose Alfredo Torres Morales  
 Gina Marie Neal vs David John Neal  
 Joseph Matthew Parker vs Charisse Evon Parker  
 Imogene Marie Price vs David Wayne Price  
 Travis Edgar Quillin vs Stephanie Quillen  
 Jessica Ashley Reed vs Joshua Matthew Reed  
 Jean H Sharp vs Terry W Sharp  
 Thomas Eugene Smith vs Brenda Jo Smith  
 Nina Gay Elisabeth Sobiek vs David Anthony Lewis Sobiek  
 Dwaine Lee Stocky vs Melinda Gail Godfrey Stocky  
 Deston Paul Szydlek vs Kaitlyn Elizabeth Szydlek  
 David Albert White Jr vs Carol Anne White  
 Daxton Tyler Williams vs Monica Kay Gann  
**CITY COURT 04/03/2023 Financial Responsibility (Insurance)**—Kanetha Nichelle Adams, Kieran DeJanira Davis, Ciara Diduch, Tyler Jartieze Edmonson, Elizabeth M. Faulk, Timothy D. Finchum, Kimberly Irene Ginther, Kenny Ladelle Holton, Katie M. King, Katie M. King, Tia Nashea Love, Cassandra L. Miller, Kenneth Harold Munson, Tuccara N. Nelson, Phyllis G. Riley Phelps, Chad Avery Sanders Jr., Brady O. Solis, DeShaun St. Clair, Broderick Montage Underwood, Anthony Wallace, Misty Dawn York—all \$130; Dustin W. Arnold, William E. Barnes, Joshua Ted Everett, Antonio Generazio, Jesus Lizeth Gonzalez-Ramos, Mercedes F. Quinonez-Silvestre, Michael Wayne Sanders, Keneia Senay Smith, Lawanda F. Williams, Divine S. Williamson—all \$25.  
**Traffic Control Device (Red Light)**—Omar Dale, John Leland Tune—both \$125; Stacey Alison Jefferson \$185; DeShaun St. Clair \$20.  
**Registration Violation**—Omar Adle, Kieran DeJanira Davis, Carlisle E. Dickie, Tyler Jartieze Edmonson, Elizabeth M. Faulk, Timothy D. Finchum, Alora B. Joseph, Austin Malachi West—all \$10, Jacques Black, Lyla J. Fann, Dustin L. Stacey—all \$115.  
**Light Law Violation**—Omar Adle, Ciara Diduch, Katie M. King, Tia Nashea Love, Tuccara N. Nelson, Phyllis G. Riley Phelps, Brady O. Solis, Lawanda F. Williams—all \$115; Carl David Mitchell Jr. \$115.  
**Speeding**—Leonardo Alamillo, William E. Barnes, Walfred U. Blanco Mazariegos, Byron Rashad Carter, Zachariah Jonathan Conner, Melody Cook, Ciara M. Crutcher, Joshua Ted Everett, Tripp Jameson Gardner, Antonio Generazio, Mickey Ray Glover, Jesus Lizeth Gonzalez-Ramos, James Gresham, Jady N. Harper, Tracie Renee Hill, Jennifer R. Holder, Alora B. Joseph, Margarita D. Laye, John Robert Leonard, Edgardo Jose Madrid, Daniel Bruce McCarl, Eduardo Mendoza Vazquez, Coreyanna Victoria Maria Mirelez, Renea Robertson, Nance, Rakesh Ramesh Patel, Patricia Pena, Travis J. Perkins, Karina Rivera Pina, Harshad Prajapati, Haley Morgan Reed, Pedro Rosales, Mildred Alene Smith, Tara J. Smith, Jacob Wilson Stevens, Baraque Talley, John Kenneth Teague, Kaylie Danielle Washburn, Divine S. Williamson, Donald M. Wilson, Kevin Winsett, Jonathan Clay Young—all \$125; Omar Mad Ahmad, Tiron R. McKenley, Harshad Prajapati, Megan Ramos, Sharynne Anne Schuchman, Stephanie Seay, John Paul Shearin, Willie Grant Snell, Emily Michelle Swing—all \$130; Dustin W. Arnold \$115; Chavigny Andre Beasley, Raven L. French, Johnny Garcia Basurto, Kasey N. Mersinger, Ashtyn Paige Moore, Pattii Theriot—all \$185; Kyle Moore, Samuel Lee Stallings—both \$155; Deshaun St. Clair \$25.  
**Traffic Control Device (Stop Sign)**—Carol Elaine Anderson, Janet Lynn Baker, Paul A. Boykin, Noah Franklin Burkin, Hamid Abdullah Dawood, Nathaniel R. Delaughter, Daniel Dominguez Ortiz, Leslie J. Gonzalez Lopez, Dinah Loughridge, Charlie The Rose, Michael Wayne Sanders, Keneia Senay Smith, Leobardo Solis Jr., Austin Malachi West—all \$125; Carlisle E. Dickie \$135; Elizabeth M. Faulk

**BUSINESS LICENSES**

**Business Listings—New Businesses 03/29/2023—04/05/2023**  
 Brinca Brinca Party Rentals: Party Rentals—101 Perry Acres Rd., Shelbyville, Crystal Estrada  
 C & B Concrete: Concrete Work—163 Highway 82 East, Bell Buckle, Billy R. Butcher  
 Conrad Construction Co., Inc.: General Contractor—2610 Winford Ave., Nashville, William Conrad  
 Cortes Construction LLC: Framing Houses—100 Ridgewood Lane, Shelbyville, Octavio Cortes Navarro  
 Crawford Services: Construction/Handyman—142 Jones Rd., Chapel Hill, Jason Crawford  
 Design & Style Studio: Retail Clothing And Home Goods—111 S. Main St., Shelbyville, Calvin A. Cannon  
 Firehouse Subs: Sub Sandwich Shop—1807 N. Main st., Unit 1, Shelbyville, Stacy Watson  
 Growing Your Nest Birth Services: Birth Doula And Administrative Duties—198 Old Lane Rd., Shelbyville, Kimberly Williams  
 James Excavation: Landscaping Service—2839 Hwy. 64 W., Lewisburg, Anthony James  
 Jenna’s Cleaning LLC: Cleaning Services—182 Cartwright Rd., Jennifer Anderson  
 JP’s Flooring And More: Installation Of Flooring & Repairs—223 Hensley Rd., Shelbyville, Jeffrey T. Pope  
 Little Baby Co.: Online Clothing—132 Cessna Lane, Shelbyville, Kassidy McClaran  
 Mobile Metal Welding: Welding Service—129 Patriot Circle, Miguel Saucedo  
 Reggae Roc Food Truck, LLC: Food Truck—402 Rose Lane, Shelbyville, Courtney Russell  
 Smart Patchwork & Sealing: Asphalt Work—2144 Hwy. 64 W., Shelbyville, Michael Smart  
 Speedy Gonzales Heating And Cooling: Heating And Cooling—321B Cliffside Ave. Shelbyville, Frank Navarrette  
 Via Mail: Online Ebay Sales—911 S. Brittain St., Shelbyville, Buddy Swan



## Bunnies, flowers, and Peeps

Easter in full swing at The Pomegranate

The Pomegranate Shoppe, 107 South Side Square, is known for its ever-changing store fronts. This weekend, the local shop has delightful and colorful Easter displays to represent the big holiday weekend. Known for its "eclectic blend of beautiful and unique gifts," it's a great place for any last-minute Easter basket shopping. Their hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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**He Is Risen!**

**T**omorrow morning in our Easter Sunday Service at Cannon United Methodist Church our worship will open with the Easter Hymn, "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today!"

This beautiful song was written and published in 1739 by the co-founder of the Methodist Movement, Rev. Charles Wesley.

Wesley wrote more than 6,500 hymns throughout his lifetime, and many of them have been published in hymn books that are used in various churches today.

Wesley's hymns are sung by Christians in so many different denominations because they are filled with the important doctrines of Christ that unite us all together.

In the Christmas Season the Christian churches around the world sing Wesley's hymn, "Hark The Herald Angels Sing, Glory To The Newborn King!"

His hymn, "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing, My Great Redeemer's Praise," has traditionally been the first song in Methodist hymnals throughout the world ever since 1780.

Wesley's hymns have found a place in the hearts of Christians for hundreds of years, again because they instruct us, and relate to us so much about the scriptural doctrines and theology of Christ that unite us, and inspire us to sing and offer praise to our Lord and Savior.

At Cannon UMC, where I serve as the pastor, we'll be singing these words of Wesley's at 10 a.m. tomorrow:

"Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

"Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

"Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

"Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

"Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!

Thou we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou,

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# One cap a day

## Knitting to help cancer patients

By **ZOË WATKINS**  
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Miriam Carrick likes to help out in her own way — by knitting caps for patients at Sarah Cannon Cancer Center.

With her talent, she said she's knitted 2,541 caps (most of which take her a day or more to make).

She got started one day while visiting the cancer center and carrying a dishrag in her hand which she was working on. One of the attendees noticed and gave Miriam one of their cap patterns. The rest is history.

"I felt like I'm doing something to help somebody. I'm sorry that there's that many people that need them," she said. "I'm just glad I can still knit."

**A forgotten skill**

Miriam learned to knit at the early age of eight, from her paternal grandmother. She holds up a small blue and white sock in a plastic bag — her very first knitting project. It's a testament to her coming from a "crafty family," most of whom could crochet, knit, or tat.

Miriam was raised on a farm on Normandy Road, where she helped shuck corn, drive the tractor, and plant tobacco in her bare feet. She said she was the "go-getter," always running back and forth from the shop to bring her



Miriam Carrick holds up one of the caps she makes for patients at the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center.

dad or grandfather a tool. And though farm work taught her a good work ethic, it didn't interest her. "I lived on a farm, and I knew it was hard work," she said.

Instead, it was Shirley Temple she wanted to see. Being the star of the screen at that time, Miriam recalls running out to the field to ask her dad if they could go to the movies to watch Miss Shirley dance on the big screen.

"If we get through in time," he would reply. So, Miriam would rush back inside and shell the corn, gather the eggs, and do everything she could

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**Small town**

**S**ometimes I complain about living in a small town.

My mother tells me I do it all too often.

Well, I was happy late last week to be in a small town.

My car's instrument panel still showed there was gas in my tank, but apparently it lied to me.

I was driving down Main Street when I realized I had an issue and pulled into a large parking lot. My car started again and I was headed toward a gas station. But once again my car stalled as I was ready to enter Main Street from a side road.

Someone saw my plight and offered to help me push the car back into the parking lot where my car first stalled. I found out an interesting feature about my car. When the engine shuts down you can't put the transmission into neutral.

A call to the Shelbyville Police Department was next as the front of my car was partially on Main Street. Officer Andrew LeRoy was first on the scene. Another police officer, Michael Taylor, was next to arrive.

Taylor studied the situation with my car and went so far to call up a video of his phone dealing with the model of my car.

Finally, we all decided I was out of gas. Officer Taylor volunteered to go and get me a can of gas to help me move out of the road. It turned out that was all the car needed.

After apologizing multiple times for my predicament to everyone helping me, I was able to continue my journey.

I felt like an idiot and some people may think this is proof of what they have always thought of me. Officer Taylor simply responded "this can happen to anybody" and told me to have a good rest of the day.

Our law enforcement officials take more than their share of criticism from the general public. I have always had great respect for members of the police and sheriff's departments as well as EMS. It was really brought home to me in high school when I sometimes worked the police beat for "Bo" Melson at the Times-Gazette.

Everyone who helped me was patient and concerned. That is part of being in a small town. We help each other out.

I thank all of our law enforcement, EMS, first responders and fire departments for their service to our city and county. They deserve our respect.

And in my case they deserve my gratitude. Thanks for being there when I needed you.

**REED FAMILY FARMS**

**John Reed of Reed Family Farms, in Bedford County, received the Tennessee Simmental Association's Commercial Producer of the Year Award for 2022 at the Association's annual meeting held last month in Lebanon. Pictured are Donna Reed Allen, Daniel Reed, Lynda Reed, John Reed, and Donald Jackson, who presented the award.**

Submitted photo

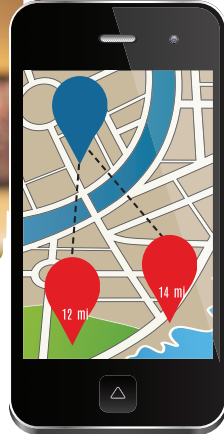


## The Easter Egg Hunt



The sun is shining  
Children are laughing and smiling  
The Easter Bunny hops away  
As all the Easter Eggs have been hidden for the day  
Adults have their cameras ready  
Kids dressed to their very best  
Baskets in arm  
The hunt has begun  
Happy Easter!

—S. Mae



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# Happy Birthday!

## Senior Center celebrates



The Shelbyville Senior's Center has a new Activity Coordinator, Nellie Smith. "And she is fantastic!" said director Sonia Miller. "Already seeing great things happening with her in this role." Watch for a later edition of the Times-Gazette for the full story. Pictured are snapshots from the birthday party that was held for those with birthdays in January, February and March.

Submitted photos



# Do you have one of those paranormal pillows?

Folks, "last one in is a rotten egg" applies to more than swimming pools.

If you share sleeping quarters with a spouse or Significant Other, I urge you to expedite the tooth-brushing process, throw on your PJs or nightie with breakneck speed and be the first person under the sheet.

Because the first one in bed apparently has dibs on The Paranormal Pillow.

I call it The Paranormal Pillow because it sounds classier than Memory Foam on Steroids. If one partner stays up late doing chores or checking social media, when they finally drag their weary carcass to bed, the pillow magically stimulates the early-to-bed

partner to remember all sorts of Questions That They Should Have Thought of Earlier.

"Did you remember to put out the cat? Did you remember to lower the thermostat? Did you remember to plug my phone into the charger? Did you remember to pay the Visa bill before midnight? Did you remember to leave the flag up on the mailbox at our weekend cottage?"

If you don't relish abruptly shifting your sleeping accommodations to the doghouse, you'd darned well better also remember the Alamo, the Maine and Pearl Harbor.

And at least try to remember the kind of September when life was

slow and oh, so mellow.

If you are unsure of any of your answers, don't expect to witness a sudden burst of volunteerism. It's up to the late arrival to double-check and triple-check everything. This is the philosophy preached by today's military thinktanks. ("I'm so nice and cozy in this foxhole. Since you're already up, would you be a dear and go scouting for enemy combatants?")

The deluxe model of The Paranormal Pillow is the gift that keeps on giving. The proud owner is suddenly "wired" with all sorts of additional urgent remembrances, none of which are as stimulating as traditional "pillow talk."

("Oh, I forgot to tell you that I ran into one of my

old classmates whom you never met. I will describe in detail the photos of all their grandchildren/muscle cars/gastrointestinal abnormalities.")

Alas, The Paranormal Pillow does not work equally well on all portions of the brain. ("Are you sure I snored last night? I don't remember any such thing. Now go get the coffee maker ready for tomorrow and maybe when you get back, we can... ZZZZZZZ...")

I wish we knew if The Paranormal Pillow could help dementia patients, but research has been thwarted for years. Policymakers with vested interests are terrified of patients having their memories restored. ("Hey, I suddenly remem-

ber each and every one of the lying politicians who promised they were going to fix Social Security and Medicare!")

Oh, here's the perfect outside-the-home use of The Paranormal Pillow! We could mandate them for witnesses testifying before congressional committees.

You know, the hacks who always stammer, "I don't recall. Not to my recollection. Doesn't ring a bell" about everything from clandestine meetings to "How did you get here today?"

The Paranormal Pillow would soon have these jokers babbling, "Oh, the bribe? Yeah, Ben Franklin's left eyebrow was slightly frayed on the 17th bill the 5-foot-9 guy with

**Danny Tyree**  
*Tyrades*



the slight North Dakota accent handed me at 9:14 that evening...."

Not that my musings would put you to sleep, but sweet dreams, everyone.

"Sweet dreams? Since you're still up anyway, could you alphabetize my Patsy Cline collection?"

\*Sigh\*

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

# Inflation fighter: use your leftovers



**Whitney Danhof**

Seasonal Eating

With economic times as they are, families need every penny of savings they can get. Managing leftovers can help save food dollars and reduce food waste. Knowing how to properly treat leftovers and how to transform leftovers can help you to use up foods safely and deliciously.

After cooking, foods should be placed in the refrigerator within two hours. While proper heating and reheating will kill foodborne bacteria, some foodborne bacteria produce poisons or toxins that are not destroyed by high cooking temperatures if the food is left out at room temperature for an extended period of time. An example is the foodborne bacteria *Staphylococcus*. This bacterium produces a toxin that can develop in cooked foods that sit out at room temperature for more than two hours.

Leftover cooked food may be stored in the refrigerator for up to three to four days. During this time, you can reheat the leftovers to 165 °F. to safely eat. Be sure to return any unused portion to the refrigerator within two hours after heating to remain safe.

After each reheating, leftovers will be safe in the fridge for an additional three to four days. However, because the quality decreases each time food is reheated, it is best to reheat only the amount needed. Cooked foods that cannot be used within four days should be frozen for longer, safe storage. Leftovers are safe in the freezer indefinitely,



**Ham Salad**

but they are at best quality for a few months.

While simply reheating, the original leftovers is one way to use them up, sometimes it's good to transform the leftovers into another dish. Leftover vegetables can be frozen together and when you have enough, make a pot of vegetable soup with beef broth and a can of tomatoes. Leftover cooked beans are great in Mexican dishes like tacos, burritos and quesadillas. Leftover

rice can be combined with cooked ground beef and canned tomatoes for stuffed pepper filling. Leftover meats like beef or pork roast can be chopped up and added to chili or leftover chicken can be shredded and added to soups or casseroles.

Baked ham is a spring favorite, and the ham salad below is a great way to transform the leftover ham. You can serve the salad in a hollowed-out tomato or on a lettuce leaf with carrot

and celery sticks or use it in a sandwich or spread on crackers.

So, make the most of your food dollars and use those leftovers. April 10-14 is Food Waste Awareness Week. The Extension office will be accepting food donations to go to Good Samaritan Food Pantry during business hours this week. Call the Extension Office for more information at 931-684-5971. For more information and recipes check out the Seasonal

Eating page at [bedford.tennessee.edu](http://bedford.tennessee.edu).

## Ham Salad

- 1 pound fully cooked boneless ham, cut into chunks
- 1/2 cup sweet pickle relish
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 teaspoon dill weed
- 1 teaspoon celery seeds
- 3/4 teaspoon prepared mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon horseradish
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

1/8 teaspoon black pepper

2-3 hard cooked eggs, peeled and chopped

Process ham, in batches, in a food processor until coarsely ground, stopping to scrape down sides as needed (or finely chop by hand). Place ground ham in a bowl. Stir in relish, mayonnaise, dill weed, celery seeds, mustard, horseradish, lemon juice and pepper. Fold in chopped eggs. Chill and serve.

## Knitting

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to get ready. But, as farm life would have it, her dad wouldn't be done until dark.

"And I'd cry and cry," she said.

She went to a one-room, school house where all eight grades were together. But before Miriam graduated from Wartrace High School, her family moved to Oklahoma City where her father took on a new job.

It was also in Oklahoma where Miriam met her first husband, David, at a Sunday School event for the Leap Year. After going each other's way for a while, they were finally

married when she was 19.

That was during the "war years" of the Second World War and a time when clothing was hand-sewn and socks knitted by hand. Miriam remembers cloth was scarce and expensive, so she would buy feed sacks — which were made of decent cloth — to make her husband's shorts.

It was the economical way to make clothing, especially since her husband made \$18.75 a week in those days.

Miriam and her family stayed in Oklahoma City until 1948, when they moved back to Bedford to the "old homeplace." However, the farm's main house was burned by vandals. Miriam could only remember that they "took everything but the kitchen

sink."

Always one with a knack for math, Miriam went on to work as the engineer's clerk for Model Sportswear — which made men's jackets — until she took on the responsibility to take care of her parents fulltime.

She and her second husband also opened Scotty's on the Shelbyville Historic Square; it was a "variety store" that sold everything from toothpaste to sewing thread. However, they closed the store after franchises, like Walmart, made buying toiletries faster and cheaper.

## Then and now

Looking back, losing many of these mom-and-pop stores is just one of the many ways Shelbyville and its people have changed



**Miriam Carrick makes caps with a variety of colors.**

over the years.

But as the world changes, Miriam continues to do her part — one cap at a time.

Like the days of her youth, using yarn collected through the years or in small bits, every stitch is done by hand. Every stitch means

something when a mother hands Miriam a ball of yarn for her to knit a cap for her son who's going through chemo. Or when Miriam makes sure to make a cap extra-long so a patient's ears can stay warm through the cold months. Many are reminded of their mothers



**Miriam Carrick's first knitting project, done when she was eight years old.**

or grandmothers when they see the brightly-colored patterns of Miriam's caps.

For now, she plans to continue knitting caps as long as she is able. "Because that's about all I get done," she said with a laugh.

## Doug

(Continued from Page 1)

Alleluia!

"King of glory, Soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!"

Thee to know, Thy pow'r to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!"

Throughout the year as we look to the clouds, and long for the Angel's Trumpet Sound announcing the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we may sing this Wesley Hymn, "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus."

"Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;

From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;

Dear desire of every nation, joy of every long-

ing heart.

"Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,

Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;

By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne."

Interestingly enough, Charles Wesley's favorite hymn was not one of his own, but was one that was written by Isaac Watts.

Wesley said that he would give up all his other hymns to write this ONE. It spoke that powerfully to him.

That hymn was "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Watts' lyrics are my testimony as well.

"When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And gair contempt on all my pride.

"Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God!

All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

"See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down!

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

"His dying crimson, like a robe, Spreads o'er His body on the tree;

Then I am dead to all the globe, And all the globe is dead to me.

"Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all."

That final phrase is so powerful, "Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all."

And it's what the Apostle Paul is speaking of in Romans 12:1, when he wrote: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the

mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service..."

Do you consider yourself to be holy? Do you consider yourself to be acceptable to God? Do you know you are washed in the blood of Jesus?

It's By His Blood That We Are Made Holy! And we need to see ourselves through the Lens of The Blood of Jesus.

Christians celebrate Easter Sunday, Resurrection Sunday, as a blessed reminder of Christ's death and resurrection.

He did it all for us! He became the Lamb of God, a Living Sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. And we need to live our lives as a Sacrifice for Him!

Wesley's hymn, "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," originally had 18 stanzas. That's a lot of verses to sing in a church

service.

But some of those verses that didn't make it into most hymnbooks include these, numbers 13-16:

"Look unto Him, ye nations, own your God, ye fallen race!

Look, and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!

"See all your sins on Jesus laid; the Lamb of God was slain,

His soul was once an offering made for every soul of man.

"Harlots and publicans and thieves, in holy triumph join!

Saved is the sinner that believes from crimes as great as mine.

"Murderers and all ye hellish crew, ye sons of lust and pride,

Believe the Savior died for you; for me the Savior died."

Christ died for all of sinners!

Back in 2017 I had the privilege of visiting the nation of Israel with my

wife.

I remember standing gazing up at the Hill of Golgotha, the Place of the Skull, on which Christ was crucified. I was so moved as I remembered just what Jesus did for sinners like me.

And then I walked across through the garden toward the Tomb, and I looked down at a crowd of people waiting in line to go in there.

But, I thought to myself, "He's not in there! He is Risen!"

He is risen indeed!

And I know that He is coming again!

"O for a thousand tongues to sing my Great Redeemer's Praise!"

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# SHELBYVILLE TIMES-GAZETTE

Mort Walker's  
**beetle bailey**

WHICH CAME FIRST?  
THE CHICKEN OR  
THE EGG?

HOW DO YOU  
WANT YOUR  
EGGS THIS  
MORNING?  
THERE ARE  
SO MANY  
CHOICES...

...OVER EASY...  
...BENEDICT...

... SOFT-  
BOILED...  
...OMELET...

...IN A BASKET...  
...SCRAMBLED...

I CAN'T DECIDE. JUST DO  
THEM WHATEVER WAY  
YOU WANT

GREG  
& MORT  
WALKER  
I DIDN'T KNOW  
EASTER EGGS  
WERE AN  
OPTION

Nash Ketchum's **Dennis the Menace**  
**SHELL GAME**

WHERE'S DENNIS  
OFF TO?

WHERE'S DENNIS  
OFF TO?

I SENT HIM OUTSIDE....

...ON AN EASTER  
EGG HUNT.

WE DIDN'T  
HIDE ANY  
EASTER EGGS.

OOPS.

**BLOWDIE**  
BY SEAN HUGHES & JOHN MARSHALL

HAPPY EASTER!!  
YIPE!

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE ELMO'S FACE  
WHEN HE SEES THE REAL  
BUNNY!  
WELL, YOU'VE  
GOT DAISY  
CONVINCED  
THAT YOU'RE  
THE REAL  
DEAL  
GRRR

HI, KIDS! HAPPY EASTER!!  
WHOA! HI,  
MR. EASTER  
BUNNY!  
WHERE'S MR. B.?  
AWESOME!

MR. B.'S TAKIN'  
A NAP...WANT  
SOME  
CARROT CAKE?  
WOW! THANKS,  
MR. BUNNY!  
COOL!  
WOW!  
CHOCOLATE  
MOUSSE!

I FOUND SOME  
CANNOLIS!  
PIZZA IN AN  
EASTER EGG  
HUNT?  
WHAT'S BETTER  
WITH  
CANNOLIS  
THAN  
EASTER  
PIZZA?

THANKS, MR. BUNNY!  
TELL MR. B.  
HAPPY EASTER!

HOW COME  
YOU DIDN'T  
LET ON IT  
WAS MR. B.?  
ARE YOU  
KIDDING? AND  
SPOIL ALL  
HIS FUN?

**The FAMILY CIRCUS**  
By Phil Keane

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GRAMPA, THAT GUY ON TV  
TALKS SO FAST I CAN'T  
UNDERSTAND ANYTHING  
HE'S SAYING. CAN YOU?  
OH, SURE I CAN!  
I'M A VERY FAST  
LISTENER.  
A FAST LISTENER?  
HOW DO YOU  
DO THAT?  
WELL, IT COMES FROM  
BEING MARRIED TO  
GRAMMA.  
I'VE LEARNED TO LISTEN TO HER  
SO FAST THAT I FINISH LISTEN-  
ING BEFORE SHE'S EVEN  
FINISHED TALKING.

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**Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott**

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**DADDY DAZE**

**BY JOHN KOVALESKI**

BA BA  
BA.  
YOU HAVE  
SOME  
QUESTIONS  
FOR ME.  
OKAY...

BA BA? YES, YOU ARE SMART.  
BA BA? YES, YOU ARE TALENTED.  
BA BA? YES, YOU ARE FUNNY.

DON'T FORGET MODEST.

WELL, IT COMES FROM  
BEING MARRIED TO  
GRAMMA.

BA BA  
BA?  
DID WE GET TO CHOOSE  
THAT YOU WOULD BE  
ALL OF THOSE THINGS?

IN OTHER WORDS,  
DID WE GET TO  
ORDER YOUR  
PERSONALITY TRAITS?

YEP. WE PULLED UP TO THE DRIVE-THRU  
AT BURGERS-N-BABIES AND SAID,  
"WE'LL HAVE AN ORDER OF INFANT  
WITH A SIDE OF ADORABLENESS..."

I'VE LEARNED TO LISTEN TO HER  
SO FAST THAT I FINISH LISTEN-  
ING BEFORE SHE'S EVEN  
FINISHED TALKING.

# SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

HUH. I STILL HAVE BOTH MY EARS. GO FIG.

I MISS OUR EASTER TRADITION.

YOU MEAN THE ONE WHERE I'D HIDE MY CHOCOLATE EASTER BUNNY ONLY FOR YOU TO FIND IT AND BITE OFF ITS EARS BEFORE I EVEN HAD A TASTE, AGAIN AND AGAIN, YEAR AFTER YEAR, AS YOU SLOWLY DROVE ME TO THE BRINK?

YEAH...

REALLY? ARE YOU SURE?

JUST REMEMBER, I GAVE IT TO YOU. SO NO POINTS ON YOUR END UNLESS YOUR WHOLE SPEECH WAS A REMARKABLY INSINCERE GAMBIT TO GET AN EAR, MEANING I COULD NEVER, EVER TRUST YOU AGAIN.

WOW, YOU'RE GOOD. AND IT WAS ABSOLUTELY SINCERE.

YOU AND YOUR FATHER HAVE SO MUCH IN COMMON. BUT THAT WAS OUR THING.

AND AS ODD AS IT WAS - OR MAYBE BECAUSE IT WAS THE ONE ODD THING WE HAD TOGETHER - I MISS IT VERY MUCH.

# The PHANTOM

by Lee Falk

THAT MUST BE HOW IT HAPPENED...

BEFORE THE GATES OF THE DOMAIN EXISTED, MY ANCESTOR WAS MYTHOLOGIZED HERE AS A TALISMAN.

A GUARDIAN!

HE WAS IMMORTALIZED BY THE PRIESTLY CULT THAT HAD CALLED INTO BEING EVERY UNDISCOVERED SPECIES DWELLING IN THE CHAMBER OF THE GODS.

NOW THAT WE'VE FIGURED THAT OUT, CAN I PERSUADE YOU TO ALLOW ME TO ESCORT YOU TO THE GATE?

DEVIL WILL LEAD YOU TO THE STONE LIONS... YOU COULD WAIT FOR ME THERE?

I THINK I'LL TAKE THE NIGHT AIR...

...HAVE A TALK WITH THAT HULKING FIGURE IN THE ALCOVE ACROSS THE STREET.

WE'RE GUESTS HERE! THAT'LL BE UP TO HIM, MRS. WALKER!

DARLING, ISN'T THAT...? PRETTY MUCH THE SAME OFFER YOU KEEP MAKING?

THE ONE YOU KEEP REFUSING, YES, THAT'S IT.

I DO TRY TO WORD IT A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY EACH TIME.

IF YOU WON'T LEAVE, I SUPPOSE YOU MIGHT AS WELL GET A LITTLE SLEEP FOR THE BOTH OF US.

I DO TRY TO WORD IT A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY EACH TIME.

WE'RE GUESTS HERE! THAT'LL BE UP TO HIM, MRS. WALKER!

# Hi and Lois

by Brian and Greg Walker

YES!

ANOTHER STORY IS TRUE!

THE EASTER BUNNY BROUGHT ME AN EASTER BASKET.

SANTA LEFT ME PRESENTS ON CHRISTMAS EVE...

AND I GOT LOTS OF HALLOWEEN TREATS.

NEXT UP IS THE TOOTH FAIRY.

I'LL HAVE TO LOSE A TOOTH BEFORE I CAN FIND OUT IF SHE'S REAL.

# ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

AWESOME EASTER BASKET, MOM!

YES, IT IS...

...BUT I HOPE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO WHAT YOU DID LAST YEAR.

HUH?

YOU DUMPED THE WHOLE BASKET OF CANDY INTO A BOWL AND ATE IT LIKE CEREAL!

HA! HA! HA! NO.

DON'T WORRY.

WHIRRRRRRR!

I'VE EVOLVED.

# THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"STOP COMPLAINING... YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ANY FOLLOWERS IF IT WEREN'T FOR INTERNET TROLLS."

"YES, I'M WATCHING POLO... IT'S LIKE GOLF, HOCKEY AND TRACK ALL ROLLED INTO ONE!"

"THAT SHIRT STILL FITS YOU AS LONG AS YOU DON'T BUTTON IT."

# CANDORVILLE

BY DARRIN BELL

IT'S BECAUSE MAMA DOESN'T WANT ANYONE ILLICITLY DOWNLOADING HER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, SWEETIE.

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# SLYLOCK FOX

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Slylock Fox was hired to find a precious diamond necklace that was dropped from a yacht. Cassandra Cat learned of Slylock's assignment and followed him. Without leaving the submersible, and with no mechanism to retrieve the necklace, how will Slylock prevent Cassandra from grabbing the jewelry before divers arrive to retrieve it?

Solution -- Slylock lowered the submersible until it rested inches above the necklace, preventing Cassandra from grabbing it.

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Finger, tape, barbed wire, teddy bear and learning.

"IS NOW A BAD TIME TO TELL YOU THAT I FORGOT TO SEND OUT THE INVITATIONS?"

### HOW TO DRAW an angry ape

Today's terrific artist is Ella, age 10

### YOUR DRAWING

The scrambled words are marine animals. How many can you unscramble?

- 1) LHIJSEYLF
- 2) ASLE
- 3) FORSDIWSH
- 4) EBSRLTO

Answer -- 1) Jellyfish, 2) Seal, 3) Swordfish, 4) Lobster.

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# 'S RUHTRA

"LORETTA IS VISITING HER MOTHER IN FLORIDA, SO TECHNICALLY, WE'RE BOTH ON VACATION."



MTSU photo by J. Intintoli

MTSU School of Nursing students Barbara Frizzell, far left, Insa Feldhusen, center, and Kaitlyn Becksted, far right, complete a crafting activity with members of the local Mindful Care adult day program.



MTSU School of Nursing students Barbara Frizzell, far left, Insa Feldhusen, center, and Kaitlyn Becksted, far right, guide members as part of a new partnership.



MTSU nursing students, from left, Kaitlyn Becksted, Barbara Frizzell and Insa Feldhusen pose for a photo with their nursing professor, Shelley Moore, far right.

# MTSU nursing students experience care for seniors

MURFREESBORO — As an MTSU professor in the School of Nursing with over four decades of experience in the field, Shelley Moore is always looking to expand hands-on learning opportunities for her students.

“Participating in hands-on activities is a hallmark characteristic of our nursing program, but most of the community agency experiences are more ‘clinical’ in nature, such as working alongside nurses in area hospitals,” Moore said.

Tom Tozer sits on the board of directors at local nonprofit Mindful Care, a program for adults and seniors with moderate cognitive decline hosted in a large church recreation room. The former director of MTSU’s Office of News and Media Relations connected with his True Blue colleagues and reached out to Moore about a possible partnership.

“When this opportunity arose for students to work outside the hospital setting, a less intense environment, I ran with it,” said Moore, adding it was the perfect fit for students in the Health and Gerontology course focused on aging and only six miles away from campus.

To launch the partnership to students this semester,

Moore offered the six volunteer hours at Mindful Care as one of three assignment options. Benefits for the students who chose it have been tremendous, she said.

“They become more empathetic for adults with cognition challenges, and they develop self-confidence in communication skills,” Moore said. “To hear every week how they are greatly enjoying their experience at Mindful Care is heart-warming. They appear to be having a lot of fun, and when I see them in action, I can see why! Smiles and laughter abound!”

Moore hopes interest in the assignment will continue to grow and that one day the course itself will become an Experiential Learning, or EXL, course that combines traditional classroom and real-world learning environments.

“My hopes are that every student who can possibly fit this into their schedule does so, and that Mindful Care’s space and time can accommodate all who opt for it ... and that more and more eligible people in the community learn of the wonderful fellowship, exercise and socialization that Mindful Care offers in a safe and caring environment and give it a try!”



From left, MTSU nursing students Barbara Frizzell, Kaitlyn Becksted and Insa Feldhusen demonstrate a crafting activity they will lead.

Cindi Thomas, Mindful Care director and MTSU alumna, refers to the program as “The Club” and enjoys the opportunities made available to students through the partnership.

“I enjoy giving the student a real experience with how dementia and cognitive loss affects their future patients and how to develop the skills to interact with them and be comfortable for them and their patients,” said Thomas, who has an extensive background in nursing and working with people with Alzheimer’s. “They (members) have enjoyed telling their life stories to them as well as developing relationships with them.”

A fulfilling experience

So far, eight junior nursing students have taken advantage of the Mindful Care partnership in two separate cohorts. Zina Adrovic, Natalie Andrews, Bethaney Eades and Tiahna Gallaher made up the first cohort who participated earlier in the semester, and Kaitlyn Becksted, Samuel Josil, Barbara Frizzell and Insa Feldhusen made up the second who finished their hours this month.

On their final day with the program, Frizzell, Becksted and Feldhusen arrived with a lesson plan and materials to lead the day’s “Club” members in a craft activity.

“I would definitely recommend other students participate in this experi-



Insa Feldhusen, left, MTSU nursing student, helps a member of the local Mindful Care adult day program with a craft.

ence, especially if they have no experience with dementia patients,” said Frizzell, a Knoxville, Tennessee, native. “The members at Mindful Care really just wanted to tell us their stories, and one of the most important things we did was listen to them.... It was a fun assignment to choose, and I wish we had more time to spend with them.”

Becksted, from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, said it is a great opportunity to spend time in and interact with the community.

“I got to experience the different levels of care based on the (participants’) level of cognitive function and got to learn about dif-

ferent activities that are beneficial for older adults, including low intensity arm workouts, singing along to music, trivia, watching movies, playing games and different crafts,” she said.

Adrovic, a member of the first cohort, chose the Mindful Care assignment because she loves geriatrics and had previously worked in a nursing home.

“I learned how to work with the perception of older adults and create learning activities for them,” said Adrovic, also originally from Knoxville, Tennessee.

To learn more about the opportunities at MTSU’s School of Nursing, visit the website at <https://www.mtsu.edu/nursing/>.

# Tech to offer B.S. in music with live audio concentration

By Megan Trotter

Starting this fall, Tennessee Tech University will offer a bachelor of science in music with a degree option that focuses on live audio. The new program is designed specifically to train audio engineers for future careers in the live performance industry — mixing sound for live events which might include concerts for touring musicians, theatrical productions and services for large houses of worship.

“We created the bachelor of science in music because we had students who wanted to be involved with music, but didn’t really fit the traditional models of someone wanting to be a K-12 educator or wanting to be a professional performing musician,” said Colin Hill, director of Tech’s School of Music. “This degree will allow students to prepare for careers in the commercial music industry.”

The idea to focus on live audio came from Eric Harris, DMA, Tech music professor, who has experience in mixing audio for a large theme park’s productions. He’d seen first-hand how great the need was for people with the knowledge and skills to run and maintain the complicated audio systems that make live events work.

“It turns out that there’s been a shift in the music industry,” Hill said. “Artists are not making the bulk of their money from selling albums anymore. They are making that revenue from the sale of tickets for live events, and in order to draw in larger audiences



Eric Harris, professor of music, demonstrates some of the technology used with live audio events to his class at Tennessee Tech.

the technology involved has gone off the rails. Lighting, audio, digital video, wireless and power distribution technologies have advanced to levels that were previously unimaginable. Industry research shows that for every one job there is in the recording studio industry, there’s nine jobs in live audio.” Tech’s new live audio program has been developed in close collaboration with other departments across campus, including electrical and computer engineering, mathematics, physics, computer science and chemistry. Hill and Harris

also reached out to industry professionals in Nashville, seeking guidance and feedback as the curriculum was being developed. “Dan Heins, regional vice president for Clair Global, the world’s largest tour audio company, has been incredibly kind and generous with his wisdom and advice as we built this new program,” Harris said.

“We’ve also met with the audio engineering team at Bridgestone Arena.” Students in the program will earn a minor in electrical and computer engineering. This minor was developed by the faculty of

the department of electrical and computer engineering. Students will take other advanced math and science classes, including calculus, acoustics and general chemistry — all while completing the courses required for a college music degree.

“Dr. Colin Hill’s work on behalf of this new degree has been amazing,” Harris said. “Rarely a week goes by in which we do not meet to discuss some aspect of this new program. He’s been an exceptional leader and collaborator.” According to Harris, this new program would not be

possible without the guidance and collaboration of Alan McKenzie, Ph.D., chair of the department of electrical and computer engineering; Michael Allen, Ph.D., interim chair of the department of mathematics; Steve Robinson, Ph.D., chair of the department of physics; Jeff Boles, Ph.D., chair of the department of chemistry; and Gerald Gannod, Ph.D., chair of the department of computer science.

“Provost Dr. Lori Bruce has been very supportive as well,” Harris said. “And most important was the interest of Dr. Jennifer

Shank, dean of the college of fine arts, in creating this new program. Without her vision, none of this would have been possible.”

“There has been this incredible collaborative energy and enthusiasm shown all across campus for this new program,” he added. “We’re so excited about this new opportunity and believe that Tech can become a national center for excellence in the training of professionals for the live audio industry.”



Illustrated American Magazine photo

Free miners at Coal Creek.

# Tennessee's Coal Creek War tested 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment

BY BILL CAREY

*Editor's note: This is second in a series of columns about topics currently slated to be deleted from Tennessee's eighth-grade social studies standards.*

Many people believe the Thirteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution outlaws slavery, but that's not exactly true. The Thirteenth Amendment bans slavery "except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted." A long series of nationally publicized events known as the Coal Creek War tested this concept.

The Anderson County town of Coal Creek was founded when the railroad first came in, around 1870. Like many towns on or near the Cumberland Plateau, it was a mining town where men walked underground in the morning, worked hard all day, and were paid based on how much coal they mined.

People often assume coal miners were paid poorly. Barry Thacker, who has studied the area extensively and who makes presentations to teachers about its history, claims otherwise. "In the 1890s, wages that coal miners were getting for two days' work

would buy an acre of land in the Coal Creek area," he says. "It was tough and dangerous work, but the miners were paid well, certainly by their standards of that era."

The use of inmates to mine coal near Coal Creek started in the mid-1870s, when the state operated a branch of the penitentiary there. However, in 1891, things went a step further. After a pay dispute, the Tennessee Coal Mining Company fired all its miners at Coal Creek and nearby Briceville and replaced them with inmates it leased from another company as part of a "convict lease" program.

In the summer of 1891, the Tennessee Coal Mining Company sent more than 100 convicts, escorted by armed prison guards, to Coal Creek. The convict miners tore down the company-owned homes of free miners and built a stockade in which they would be housed.

Free miners decided to fight for their jobs. The next day, about 300 armed miners surrounded the stockade. The guards surrendered without firing a shot. The convict miners and guards were marched to the Coal Creek train station and sent

to Knoxville. Miners also sent a telegram to Tennessee Governor John Buchanan, saying their action was "a necessary step in the defense of our families from starvation and our property from ruin."

Governor Buchanan responded by calling out the Tennessee National Guard and going to Briceville himself. The reception he got there from 600 miners, on July 16, 1891, will probably go down as the single most uncomfortable moment ever experienced by a Tennessee governor. "Gov. Buchanan said he had no speech to make, but also said that he did not make laws but executed them," The New York Times reported.

Under National Guard escort, the convict miners were sent back to Briceville. Again, the local coal miners took over the stockades, this time in both Briceville and Coal Creek, and sent the convicts back to Knoxville.

In early September, Buchanan called the Tennessee General Assembly into special session and asked them to repeal Tennessee's convict labor system. The legislature met, but did nothing of the kind.

In November 1891, miners took action yet again by capturing stockades in Briceville, Coal Creek and Oliver Springs. Instead of putting the 460 convicts on a train, they turned them loose. Miners then set fire to the stockades in Briceville and Oliver Springs.

The "war" was on. For the next few months, there were reports of company officials, prison guards and convicts being shot at by unknown snipers from nearby hills. There were also reports of the National Guard taking shots at local citizens and miners. In an attempt to placate the citizens of Coal Creek, the National Guard built a fortress called Fort Anderson overlooking the town.

These events were well publicized in national newspapers. Since more than half of the inmate miners in the middle of the controversy were African Americans who had been arrested and sent to East Tennessee from Memphis and Nashville, some newspapers pointed out that these black miners were no better off than slaves a generation earlier. "The leased convict is worse off than the old-time slave, because the slave owner always

had as much interest in keeping his slave in a workable condition and making him last as long as possible as he had in keeping his horses in that condition," one New York newspaper said.

State militia finally put down the rebellion and arrested several of the leaders of the free miners in August 1892. A few months later, after Governor Buchanan was replaced by Peter Turney, the new governor chose not to renew the state's contracts to lease convicts to private mining companies. Tennessee became the first state in the South to get rid of its convict lease program—one of the prison reforms that came out of the so-called Progressive Movement.

The state of Tennessee replaced the revenue lost from convict leasing by building Brushy Mountain State Prison and Coal Mine in Morgan County. Convicts mined coal there until the 1960s.

As for the town of Coal Creek, it still exists, but has changed its name twice in an attempt to improve its image and lure businesses—first to Lake City, and more recently to Rocky Top.

## FCE CLUBS MEET

### Bedford FCE report

The Bedford FCE County council met March 31 at 10 a.m. at the Extension Office. President Carolyn Jones called the meeting to order. Charlene Judd gave the devotion, and roll call was conducted by Lucile Sorrells. Minutes were distributed and approved. Treasurer's report was provided by Connie Smith. Checking balance is \$1795.89; savings balance \$303.14.

Mary Frances Gordon, first vice president, gave the dates for applications, nominations and entries. Creative writing entries

due June 1; 50 year member application due July 1; regional office nominations due June 15 and Kate Bagnall Book Scholarship due June 15.

Charlene Judd, second vice president gave the dates due for CVU (May 15) and Best of the Best Nominees (May 15).

### Old Business

Whitney said dues for Camp are due April 1.

### New Business

Share Fair June 20 at 6 p.m. The program will be Festive Table Settings, forms to be submitted by June 2.

Food Waste Awareness

Week Food Drive April 10-14 with all donations going to Good Samaritan. Members can bring their contribution to the County Wide Meeting on April 4 if desired.

### Extension Programs

May Marathon Month will be held as usual during the month of May. Members can choose to walk 13 or 26 miles.

Extension Explores will be in the summer. Information will be emailed out.

Canning College (June 9 or 10, from 9 a.m. to 1p.m.) will be held at First Methodist Church. There

will be a \$15 charge.

Dining with Diabetes (June 16, 23 and 30) 10 a.m. at the Extension Office. There will be \$15 charge.

### Announcements

County Council Meeting Friday, July 7, 10 a.m. at the Extension Office

County Wide Meeting Tuesday, April 4 at 4 p.m. Guests are welcome.

Share Fair Tuesday, June 20, 6 p.m. At the Extension Office

Bedford County Fair July 16 (entries) and July 17-22

President Carolyn Jones adjourned the meeting.

### Four Corners FCE report

Four Corners FCE met on March 27 at the Extension Office with nine members present. President Tammy Brown called the meeting to order and gave the devotion. Vavial Jamison read the call to order. Roll call and minutes were read by Connie Smith. Louise Armstrong gave treasurer's report and members voted to donate money to help send a 4-H member to camp.

Share Fair is scheduled for June. The theme is Table settings and each

club is responsible for a table. Armstrong, Sally McReynolds, and Ann McReynolds volunteered to oversee this project.

Announcements include a can food drive from April 10 to 14. This will be donated to Good Samaritan. We have a countywide meeting on April 4 with Jenni Feldhaus as the speaker.

Whitney Danhof, our Extension Agent, gave the program on "Patient's Guide to Cost of Care Conversations." It was very informative and we were also given resources to turn to for help.

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State Rep. Pat Marsh recently passed a resolution congratulating Webb School's Abby Cheeseman on her Class A Girls' Individual State Cross Country Championship. Pictured at left is Rep. Marsh presenting the proclamation to Cheeseman. At right, Cheeseman repeated as the Division II Class A state champion with a finish time of 17:12.53 last November.



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## Eagles' clutch hit stuns district-leading Coffee Co.

By **GARY JOHNSON**  
Sports Writer

SHELBYVILLE — Shelbyville Central's Golden Eagles took advantage of quality pitching and came up with a big hit at the right time to claim an impressive 1-0 win over District 6-4A leading Coffee County (8-3, 5-1) on Tuesday night at home.

"I'm not going to try and sugar coat it, this was a program-defining win. From where we were a year ago to where we are today is might and day," Shelbyville Central coach Chase Jones said.

"Our kids have believed and bought in to what it is to be part of this history-rich program. I could not be more proud of the hard work and dedication our players and coaches have put into this program."

Coffee County's Jacob Holder loaded the bases in the top of the seventh and with no outs, relief pitcher Carston Williams struck out a pair of batters.

Sophomore catcher Mason Shavers then retrieved a passed ball and tossed it to Williams, who placed the tag on a runner trying to steal home, for the third out.

"When they had bases loaded and nobody out in the top of the seventh, when I came out to talk to him (Williams) I wasn't sure if I was going to make a pitching change or not," Jones said.

"I took one look in his eyes and knew we were sticking with him and he went strike out, strike out, and he and Mason combined on a wild play at the plate."

In the bottom half of the seventh, the Eagles took advantage of a pair of infield errors with Jaquai Beverly getting the game-winning hit, scoring Marquis Williams from third.

Beverly got the start for the Eagles and pitched 5 1/3 innings, striking out eight with two walks and allowing only three hits.

Williams came in and fanned three with one walk and one hit.

Coffee County's Jacob Holder was impressive on the mound as



T-G Photo by Gary Johnson

**Shelbyville Central lead-off batter William Bobo safely dives back to first base after a pickoff attempt in the Golden Eagles win over district-leading Coffee County on Tuesday night.**

well, striking out 11 with four walks in a two-hit complete game effort.

"We have to tip our hat to Holder for Coffee County. He is as good as any pitcher in the state and he came with his A game tonight. But, we had two guys that packed there A game as well Jones said. Jaquai could not have pitched a better game. He has been battling shoulder issues all off-season and we could not extend him past an 85 pitch count. I was actually thinking 70 would be his max going into today. He was in absolute compete mode the entire night. Carston came completely locked in as well."

Caleb Molder had a hit as well

for the Eagles.

Cole Pippenger collected a double and single for the Red Raiders.

"This was a win earned by every player in the program, however, the reality is we are only almost to the halfway point of a season that is a tournament sport, Jones said." "We need to use this as fuel and our kids need to keep believing and improving. As big as this win is for our players and our program it won't mean very much if we don't build off it and aren't playing our very best baseball in May," Jones said. "We are going to enjoy tonight and get back to working on getting a little bit better tomorrow."

Shelbyville Central (6-9, 2-4)

began competing in the Mountain Valley Classic hosted by Sequatchie County, on Friday night.

Coffee Co. 000 000 0-0 4 2  
Shelbyville Central 000 000 1-1 2 1  
Coffee Co.: Cole Pippenger 2-for-3, Jacob Holder 1-for-2, Brendon Sheppard 1-for-2.  
Shelbyville Central: Jaquai Beverly 1-for-4, Caleb Molder 1-for-2.  
WP: Williams  
LP: Holder

### Coffee Co. 9, Shelbyville 1

MANCHESTER — Shelbyville Central dropped a 9-1 decision at Coffee County in a District 6 4-A contest on the road on Monday night.

Coffee County pitcher Aiden Roberson was in total control, giving up four hits while striking

out 14 and walking two in seven innings.

Roberson and Caleb Moran had a double and single each while Jacob Holder added a double for the winners.

Caden Thomas collected two hits for the Eagles.

Palmer Edwards got the start on the mound for Shelbyville Central (5-9, 1-4) with relief appearances by Brody Lovvorn, Michael Estrada and Caleb Molder.

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Coffee Co. 201 510 x-9 8 3  
Shelbyville Central: William Bobo 1-for-4, Tyler Trice 1-for-3, Jaquai Beverly 1-for-3, Caden Thomas 2-for-3.  
Coffee Co.: Moran 2-for-4, Robertson 2-for-4, McKenzie 1-for-4, Holder 1-for-3, Daugherty 1-for-2, Crosslin 1-for-3.  
WP: Robertson  
LP: Edwards

## Eagles take district win at Franklin Co.

T-G STAFF REPORT

WINCHESTER — Shelbyville Central (3-1-1, 1-0) claimed a 3-1 win over host Franklin County in a district soccer match on Tuesday night.

"Franklin County is well-coached and have some great speed on the outside areas," Golden Eagle coach Chris Fritz said.

Emmanuel Leyva scored on a well-placed through ball by Yahir Cervantes for Shelbyville Central.

The second goal came right before the end of the first half from a Ryan Tacuba header on a corner.

Franklin County's lone goal came off a handball in the box that resulted in a successful penalty kick.

Tacuba scored the Eagles third goal on a header from a corner.

"This wasn't our finest moment despite the win and we will have to improve on our composure and control of the games this season," Fritz said.

Shelbyville Central hosted Warren County on Thursday night at 7.

## Coffee County downs Eaglettes

By **GARY JOHNSON**  
Sports Writer

MANCHESTER — Coffee County rolled past Shelbyville Central's Golden Eaglettes 10-0 in five innings in a District 6-4A matchup on Tuesday evening.

Kaitlyn Davis claimed the win in the circle, fanning five batters with no walks while allowing three hits.

Katelyn Anderson took over and pitched the last two innings for the winners.

Davis homered and singled for Coffee County while Ella Arnold added three hits.

Abbi Storey, Lilly Brown, Kaydence Rippey and Ja'mya Anderson each had a hit for Shelbyville Central.

Sammy Brown was the starting pitcher for the Eaglettes with Dejah Lineberger taking over in relief.

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Shelbyville Central 000 00 — 0 4 1

Coffee Co.: Davis 2-for-3, Gannon 1-for-1, Arnold 3-for-3, Moran 1-for-2, cooper 2-for-3, Pruitt 2-for-3, Cox 1-for-2, Patton 1-for-1.  
Shelbyville Central: Abbi Storey 1-for-2, Lilly Brown 1-for-2, Kaydence Rippey 1-for-2, Ja'mya Anderson 1-for-2.  
WP: Davis  
LP: S. Brown

## Champs sweep Grundy Co. for key 7-AA wins

By **WILL CARTER**  
Sports Writer

BELL BUCKLE — The Cascade Champions put together a solid performance both in the field and at the plate with a 6-1 victory over the Grundy County Yellow Jackets on Monday night for their first District 7-AA win of the season.

Starting pitcher Walker Craig tossed 6 1/3 innings with 10 strikeouts on the night while also knocking a two-run homer in the bottom of the first inning.

After a couple of tough losses over the past couple of weeks, Cascade head coach Travis Sheffield was waiting for his squad to put together a well-rounded win.

"We've kind of been waiting for a more complete game like this," he said. "Grundy is a good team. I played with their coach at Motlow, so I knew they were going to be disciplined and well-coached. Only giving up one run is big, especially against those guys. They're aggressive and can really swing the bat."

The Champions (3-9, 1-2) opened the contest with a clean top of the first inning as Craig struck out the first batter he faced and forced the next two into ground outs.

They followed it up with three runs in the bottom of the inning behind an RBI single from Noah McGeary and Craig's two-run shot to take an early 3-0 lead.

Neither team produced more than a single each over the next two innings until the top of fourth



T-G Photo by Will Carter

**Champion starter Walker Craig struck out 10 batters while giving up only three hits in the district win over Grundy County on Monday night.**

inning when Grundy County scored their only run of the game on a sacrifice fly to make it 3-1.

Craig got out of the inning with a strikeout and added two more in the top of the fifth to bring his total to six at that point of the contest.

In the top of the sixth inning, Craig found himself in a bases-loaded jam after striking out two batters and giving up a walk, single, and a hit by pitch, but he hunkered down and fanned the final batter to get out of the inning.

"He's matured this season. We hit a bump in the road a couple games ago, but I gave him a chance to reflect on some things," Sheffield said.

"One game I let him kind of be a coach just to get a different perspective. We've had some trouble with giving up free bases, but I think he only gave up a couple in 6 1/3 innings, and everybody behind him played solid defense. He continues to grow maturity-wise, and I think if he can continue to handle that part of the game then he'll

be special."

The Champions carried the momentum from the end of the top half of the sixth into the bottom half as they added three insurance runs with a two-out rally to take a 6-1 lead into the final inning.

Chance Brown got the two-out rally going with an RBI single to score Jayden Hathcock from third base after he stole second and advanced to third on a wild pitch.

Another run scored in the next at-bat with Noah  
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# Champs

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McGeary knocking his second RBI single of the game to bring Brown all the way back around.

McGeary went 2-for-4 with two RBIs on the night to lead Cascade at the plate.

In the following at-bat, Jaxon Sheffield sent a moon-shot to Grundy County's center fielder who had some trouble reading the ball in the air, and dropped it to allow McGeary to score Cascade's final run of the game.

"We swung it well today, but we still need to operate and perform the little things," Sheffield said. "We haven't had many two out RBIs this year, so Chance's hit was huge in the sixth inning. It gave us some momentum to score two more runs after."

Craig faced and struck out one more batter in the top of the seventh inning before he was replaced by Logan Green to close out the game.

Green fanned the first batter he saw, and forced the next one into a ground ball to Sheffield, who made a great throw on the run to get the out and end the game.

The two teams will see each other again on Tuesday night as the Champions will travel up to Grundy County with an opportunity to sweep the season series, and improve to 2-2 in district play.

"If we can go out and throw strikes, then I think we'll be on the right side," Sheffield said. "I told Jaxon to just go out there tomorrow and throw it over the plate, and let the defense work behind you. Tonight was indicative of that with Walker — just throw the ball over the plate and let your guys behind you pick you up."

Grundy Co. 000 100 0 — 1 3 1  
Cascade 300 003 x — 6 8 1

Cascade: Noah McGeary 2-for-4, Conner Melson 1-for-2, Sawyer Loworn 1-for-2, Jayden Hathcock 1-for-2, Chance Brown 1-for-3, Walker Craig 1-for-3, Jaxon Sheffield 1-for-4.  
WP: Craig

## Cascade 6, Grundy Co. 2

COALMONT — After notching their first 7-AA win of the season on Monday night in front of a home crowd against Grundy County, Cascade followed up with a second win in as many days to complete the sweep of the Yellow Jackets with a 6-2 win.

Jaxon Sheffield pitched seven strong innings, giving up two runs on four hits, while fanning 11 batters.

Cascade had to rally from a two-run deficit after the Yellow Jackets scored a single run in the third and fourth innings.

But the Cascade battery picked Sheffield up in the fifth inning with four runs.

Chance Brown was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and Noah McGeary ground into a fielder's choice, scoring Sawyer Lovvorn for the second run of the inning.

Sheffield helped his own cause with a sac-fly to score Brayden Dennison before McGeary scored a fourth run on a Yellow Jacket error.

Cascade padded its lead with two more runs in the seventh.

Cascade 000 040 2 — 6 5 3  
Grundy Co. 001 100 0 — 2 4 3

Cascade: Walker Craig 1-for-3, Conner Melson 1-for-3, Sawyer Loworn 2-for-3, Brayden Dennison 1-for-2.  
WP: Sheffield

# Rockets' early lead holds in win over Community

By RICKEY CLARDY  
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — The Forrest Rockets scored four minutes into the game and maintained their lead the rest of the way as the Rockets defeated the Community Vikings 2-0 in a District 6-A soccer contest Tuesday night.

With the help of a strong wind blowing out of the south, the Rockets had the advantage with field position in the first half.

Forrest scored the lone goal in the half as Isaiah Haacke found the back of the net with an assist from Chris Davis to give the Rockets a 1-0 lead.

"The early goal allowed our players to settle in and execute the game plan that we practiced," Coach Jason Ellis of the Rockets said.

The rest of the half saw several scoring opportunities by both teams, but neither team could salvage a goal as the goalkeeping by Reily Anica of the Vikings and Josh Rumley of the Rockets took center stage.

Community (2-1-1, 0-1) saw an improvement in field position after the teams changed sides of the field in the second half, but the Vikings could not close the door on a couple of close chances in the 53rd and 63rd minutes as the Rockets held on to the lead.

The Rockets connected for an insurance goal in the 68th minute as Jamie McDaniel scored with an assist from Hugo Pessler to give Forrest a 2-0 lead and close out the scoring for



T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy

Ramon Hernandez (11) of the Vikings guides the ball up the field with Haiden Penrod (16) of the Rockets in pursuit.

the game.

It was a game of catch up for the Vikings and Coach Jesse Cooper after the early Forrest goal.

"Forrest also wanted it more and was the more aggressive team," Cooper

said.

"We coached our defense to be aggressive and hyperaware of the give-and-go's and the overlap passing that Community excels at," Ellis said.

The win put the Rockets

at 3-0 in the district race after wins against the other three teams in the first go-around.

"We are 3-0 for the first time in recent memory in the district," Ellis said. "I'm very proud of how

the team is playing and I'm excited for our future."

Forrest 1 1 — 2  
Community 0 0 — 0

First Half  
F — Isaiah Haacke goal from Chris Davis (4th minute).  
Second Half  
F — Jamie McDaniel goal from Hugo Pessler (68th minute).

# Forrest's consistent scoring downs Lady Champs

By WILL CARTER  
Sports Writer

BELL BUCKLE — In their first District 7-AA game of the season, the Forrest Lady Rockets applied constant pressure offensively by scoring a slew of runs across six frames while Ella Clinton kept the Cascade Lady Champions at bay by allowing only one run on one hit in their 9-1 win on Tuesday night.

Clinton struck out six batters in five full innings of work in the win before she was replaced by Emory Hall, who struck out one and didn't allow a hit over the final two innings.

Forrest (4-2, 1-0) opened the scoring in the top of the second inning with a pair of RBI single off the bats of Macyn Kirby and Maggie Daughrity to take a 2-0 lead, and Clinton followed it up by striking out three Lady Champions (6-7, 2-2) in the bottom half after walking the first batter she faced.

Kirby and Daughrity both went 3-for-4 at the plate with one and three RBIs respectively.

They added one run in the top of the third and fourth innings with a pair of sacrifice bunts from Jenna Goodman and Carli Warner respectively to extend their lead to 4-0.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Lady Champions starting pitcher Brianna Horn put one run on the board for her team with a solo home run over the left field fence to make it 4-1 heading to the fifth



T-G Photo by Will Carter

Cascade first baseman Caitlin Fannin snags a ball in foul territory for an out in the fourth inning against Forrest.

inning.

Horn pitched the full seven innings for Cascade, giving up 12 hits while striking out five Lady Rockets.

After giving up a single and a walk to open the top of the fifth inning, Cascade hunkered down

and secured two straight outs, but couldn't get out of the inning unscathed as Daughrity knocked a two RBI triple for a 6-1 game.

Outside of Horn's homer, Cascade couldn't find their rhythm at the plate throughout the game, and only had one base run-

ner over the final three innings.

The Lady Rockets added to their total with an RBI double from Briley Burnham in the top of the sixth, and an RBI single from Taylor Moreland in the seventh after Kirby scored on a bases-loaded

walk. Burnham went 3-for-3 at the plate with the one RBI.

Forrest 021 121 2 — 9 10 0  
Cascade 000 100 0 — 1 2 3

Forrest: Briley Burnham 3-for-3, Taylor Moreland 1-for-1, Macyn Kirby 3-for-4, Maggie Daughrity 3-for-4, Carli Warner 1-for-3, Sarah King 1-for-2.  
Cascade: Brianna Horn 1-for-2.

WP: Clinton  
LP: Horn

# Horn notches no-hitter in win over Grundy Co.

By WILL CARTER  
Sports Writer

COALMONT — For the fourth time this season, the Cascade Lady Champions (6-6, 2-1) dominated their opponent for a mercy rule victory as starting pitcher Brianna Horn tossed her second no-hitter of the season and Ella Thompson recorded four RBIs to lead them to a 10-0 victory over the Grundy County Lady Yellow Jackets for a series sweep.

Horn struck out nine batters on

the night and was two walks short of a perfect game.

After a pair of doubles from Kyndal Bolden and Christina Bilbro plated one run in the top of the first inning for a 1-0 Cascade lead, Horn struck out the side in the bottom half to keep their momentum rolling.

They followed it up with six runs in the top of the second to take a 7-0 lead early in the game.

Hannah Vandiver opened the inning with a single, and found

herself standing on third base after taking second on a passed ball, and a tricky bunt by Caitlin Fannin that forced a Grundy County error.

Two at-bats later, Alayna Cruse bunted into a fielder's choice that scored Vandiver for a 2-0 advantage.

Thompson knocked a bases-clearing triple to center field to increase their lead, and Bolden followed it up with a single to make it 5-0.

Both went 3-for-4 at the plate.

Cascade's final two runs of the inning came on a sacrifice fly by Horn that scored Bolden, and some good base running by Bilbro who scored on a passed ball.

Horn struck out four more batters over the next three innings, and had some help from her defense to keep the Lady 'Jackets hitless and off the scoreboard.

In the top of the fifth, Fannin and Thompson both notched an

RBI-single to make it 10-0 and gave Cascade an opportunity to close out the game in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Horn forced a ground out, and fanned the final two Lady 'Jackets to secure the win.

Cascade 160 03 — 10 9 0  
Grundy 000 00 — 0 0 6

Cascade: Ella Thompson 3-for-4, Kyndal Bolden 3-for-4, Hannah Vandiver 1-for-2, Christina Bilbro 1-for-3, Caitlin Fannin 1-for-3.

WP: Horn

# Iowa's Clark: Don't criticize LSU's Reese for gesture

NEW YORK (AP) — Iowa standout Caitlin Clark said there's no reason for LSU's Angel Reese to be criticized on social media for waving her hand in front of her face while staring down Clark during the women's NCAA championship game.

Clark, The Associated Press Player of the Year, made a similar gesture to no one in particular during Iowa's victory over Louisville in the Elite Eight.

"I don't think Angel should be criticized at all. No matter which way it goes, she should never be criticized for what she did. I'm just one that competes — and she competed," Clark said Tuesday on ESPN's "Outside the Lines," adding: "I think everybody knew there was going to be a little bit of trash talk in the entire tournament. It's not just me and Angel."

Reese, who was named the Final Four's Most Outstanding Player, waved her hand in front of her face as if to say "you can't see me" while staring down Clark in the final moments of LSU's 102-85 win on Sunday, then pointing toward a finger as if to indicate a ring was coming.

Social media was divided on Reese's gesture, with some saying it was just part of the game and others saying Reese lacked grace in victory. Reese, who also



After controversy stirred in Sunday night's national championship between LSU's Angel Reese and Iowa's Caitlyn Clark, Clark released a statement that said there should be no criticism and considers the issue closed.

made what appeared to be a "you're too small" gesture several times after scoring in a 79-72 semifinals victory over Virginia Tech, was unapologetic Sunday night.

"All year, I was criticized about who I was," said Reese, who is Black;

Clark is white. "I don't fit in a box that y'all want me to be in. I'm too hood. I'm too ghetto. But when other people do it, y'all say nothing. So this was for the girls that look like me, that's going to speak up on what they believe in. It's unapologetically you."

Clark was asked on ESPN whether there was a difference in how people think women's players should act compared with men's.

"I think men have always had trash talk ... and I think more and more people, as they turn on the

game, they're appreciating it for what it is," Clark said. "I'm just lucky enough that I get to play this game and have emotion and wear it on my sleeves — and so does everybody else. So, that should never be torn down, that should never be criticized because I believe

that's what makes this game so fun."

Clark was the first to post consecutive 40-point games in an NCAA Tournament. She also said on ESPN that LSU deserves the title — "they played so well" — and that she's a "big fan" of Reese.

## Braves will retire Jones' No. 25 in September

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Atlanta Braves will retire No. 25 in honor of Andrew Jones later this season.

The Braves announced Monday the outfielder will be honored in a special number retirement ceremony Sept. 9. The Braves will play the Pittsburgh Pirates after the ceremony.

During his 12 seasons with the Braves, Jones won 10 consecutive Gold Glove Awards. He was voted to the All-Star Team five times.

In 2005, Jones won the Silver Slugger Award, the NL Hank Aaron Award and the Major League Player of the Year.

Jones finished his Major League career with 1,933 hits, 1,289 RBIs and 434 home runs. He was inducted into the Braves Hall of Fame in 2016.

Jones is from Curacao, an island country in the Caribbean. It is part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands "It's a great honor get-

ting your number retired. You don't think about things like that while you're playing. You just play the game you love," Jones said in a statement released by the team. "I'm thankful to the Braves for giving me the opportunity to play the game I love. Being the first kid from Curaçao to have his jersey retired is also an honor. So many kids who grew up there watching me play and this will give them hope on what they can do in their careers."

Jones signed with the Braves in 1993 as an amateur free agent and made his Major League debut in August 1996. Two months later, at the age of 19, Jones became the youngest player to hit a home run in the World Series, when he posted a two-homer game in Game 1 of the 1996 Fall Classic against the New York Yankees.

The Braves have previously retired 10 numbers.

## Broncos part ways with Elway

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
AP Pro Football Writer

John Elway, who had a hand in all three of the Lombardi Trophies glistening in the Denver Broncos' trophy case, no longer has any formal ties to the team he defined for more than four decades.

Elway's contract as an outside consultant to George Paton, his hand-picked successor as general manager, expired last month and wasn't renewed.

"I'll still be around as a resource," Elway told KUSA-TV in Denver, the team's flagship station. "I've been with the Denver Broncos for so long that it was nice to have some sort of connection, which is what I wanted. I didn't want an obligation. I'm getting a little older, I want to be able to do some things I haven't done. I'm ready to have a flexible schedule. If there's something I can help them with I'd do that."

Elway told The Associated Press last year after transitioning into a consultant's role that he and his wife were building a home in Southern

California and were looking forward to spending more time with his children and grandchildren.

As Denver's quarterback from 1983-98, Elway led the Broncos to five Super Bowl appearances, including wins over Green Bay and Atlanta in the final two seasons of his Hall of Fame playing career.

He joined the Broncos front office in 2011 and spent a decade as Denver's general manager and executive vice president of football operations.

The Broncos won the AFC West his first five seasons in charge, reached the Super Bowl after the 2013 season and won the franchise's third championship two years later with a 24-10 win over heavily favored Carolina in Super Bowl 50.

Elway's final five years in charge weren't as successful as the Broncos churned through several coaches and quarterbacks following Peyton Manning's retirement a month after beating the Panthers.

Elway hired Paton as

GM in 2021 and remained on board as president of football operations. Last year he served as an outside consultant to Paton, still spending plenty of time at team headquarters but removed from the decision-making processes.

The Broncos' string of losing seasons now stands at six and they've missed the playoffs seven straight years, the longest drought for a Super Bowl winner ever.

Elway's biggest success was luring Manning to Denver for the second chapter of his storied career in 2012. That helped him land the stellar 2014 free agent class that featured wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders, defensive backs Aqib Talib and T.J. Ward and pass rusher DeMarcus Ware.

Sanders gave Manning another top target, Ware tutored Von Miller, who would win Super Bowl MVP honors a year later, and Talib and Ward formed half of the famed "No Fly Zone" secondary.

Denver's defense allowed the fewest passing yards in back-to-back

seasons and smothered Ben Roethlisberger, Tom Brady and 2015 MVP Cam Newton on their way to the team's third championship parade.

Just as Gary Kubiak was unable to talk Elway out of retiring in 1999, Elway was unable to persuade Kubiak to stay on as his head coach after the 2016 season and thus began a long stretch of mediocrity.

The Broncos are on their fourth head coach since Kubiak's departure and they have churned through eight different starting QBs since Manning's retirement. They recently hired Sean Payton, who will try to revive Russell Wilson's career.

Elway may be gone but his ties to the team endure.

"John Elway is the ultimate Bronco," first-year owner and CEO Greg Penner said at his introductory news conference last summer, extolling No. 7's championship pedigree as both a quarterback and an executive.

## Kansas coach Bill Self plans to keep coaching after health scare

By DAVE SKRETTA  
AP Basketball Writer

Bill Self said he's doing well after a health scare kept him from coaching Kansas in the Big 12 and NCAA tournaments last month, and he reiterated Wednesday that he has no plans to step away from the Jayhawks any time soon.

Self spoke to reporters for the first time since March 8, when he went to an emergency room after a final shootaround for the conference tournament. He was complaining of chest tightness and concerns about his balance, and the 60-year-old had two stents placed to help treat blocked arteries at the University of Kansas Health System.

"To be honest," Self said, "I haven't done a lot since the Big 12 Tournament. But I'm exercising almost daily. I don't know if you guys believe this: They told me

that I need to improve my diet and exercise more."

"But I feel fine," the Hall of Fame coach continued. "My energy level is probably back to where it was prior to the episode but not where it's getting ready to go, I believe. I think sometimes we don't realize we don't feel well until we actually feel well and know the difference. And I'm in the process of feeling well again, so I'm excited about that."

Longtime assistant Norm Roberts guided Jayhawks to the Big 12 title game, where they lost to Texas. They still received a No. 1 seed for the NCAA Tournament, thanks to their regular-season Big 12 championship and strong schedule, and easily beat Howard in the first round before losing a 72-71 nail-biter to eighth-seeded Arkansas in the second

round.

Self helped to run practices during both of the NCAA tourney games but decided against coaching on game day.

"I was never scared that I wasn't going to be OK. But it was a different feeling," he said. "I'm sure many have had it, but it was kind of like an out-of-body type experience that you really don't know what's going on. You have no control over what is going on. So it was something that I'd never experienced before, but it was never to the point where I felt like I was in danger."

Self did acknowledge that the health scare made him reevaluate his future in coaching.

"I think the last several weeks I've been able to reflect on a lot of things," he said. "The one thing I can tell you without ques-

tion: I missed my job. I love my job and I want to do my job for a long time. That's what is positive."

"Now," Self said, "for me to be effective doing that, I think I have to wake up a little bit and maybe do some things from a lifestyle standpoint, a personal habit standpoint, that I've been very, very, very inconsistent with my entire adult life. And I said that jokingly earlier, can you imagine a doctor telling you to lose weight, eat right and exercise? I've been told that a long time, but I'm taking that serious for the first time I probably have in my life."

The Jayhawks, who are holding their end-of-season banquet Thursday, are poised to look much different next season.

Star freshman Grady Dick has declared for the NBA draft, All-American

forward Jalen Wilson has likewise announced his intentions to go pro, and Kevin McCullar Jr. is expected to join them. The Jayhawks also have had forwards MJ Rice and Zach Clemence, big man Cam Martin and guards Joseph Yesufu and Bobby Pettiford Jr. enter the transfer portal.

The Jayhawks have four

high-level freshmen arriving next season, but Self acknowledged the need to work the portal.

"We've got work to do before we're a top-10 team, but I'm really hopeful within weeks everybody would say they should be ranked higher than a top-10 team," Self said. "I feel like we're in on some good kids."

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# MLB games drop 30 minutes with new rules

By **RONALD BLUM**  
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball's new rules are working as hoped through the first four days of the season.

The average game time has dropped by 30 minutes, stolen bases have doubled and batting average has increased by 16 percentage points compared to last year's opening weekend.

Games averaged 2 hours, 38 minutes through Sunday with the new pitch clock, down from 3:08 for the first four days of the 2022 season and a 3:04 final average.

In the first year of restrictions on defensive shifts, the .246 batting average for nine-inning games was up from .230 over the first four days last year, when many games were played in cold and wet weather. Left-handed batting average increased to .232 from .229 in last year's first four days and right-handed average went up to .254 from .230.

"We are extremely pleased with the early returns," Commissioner Rob Manfred said Monday. "Fan reaction has been positive to the brisker pace with more action. And players have made a great adjustment to the changes."

Larger bases have cut

the distance between bags by 4 1/2 inches, and stolen bases rose to an average of 1.4 per game from 0.6.

"I think it's in everybody's mind, like, whoa, I can run more. And the more you run and you're successful with it, the more you're going to run," Los Angeles Angels manager Phil Nevin said.

Success rate on steal attempts rose to 85% from 67.4%.

"If teams are going to be successful at it, then you're going to continue to see a high volume of teams pushing the envelope," New York Yankees manager Aaron Boone said.

MLB felt it was about time for drastic change after the average time of nine-inning games rose from 2:33 in 1981 to 2:46 in 2005 and a record 3:10 in 2021. With the introduction of the PitchCom electronic device to signal pitches, the average dropped to 3:04 for the full 2022 season.

Over objections from players, the 11-man competition committee adopted a pitch clock of 15 seconds with no runners on base and 20 seconds with runners. It also required two infielders to be on either side of second base and all infielders to be within the outer boundary of the infield when the pitcher is on the

rubber. Players supported increasing bases to 18-inch squares from 15-by-15, proposed as a safety measure.

These were the most significant rules changes since the pitcher's mound was lowered from 15 inches to 10 for the 1969 season and the American League adopted the designated hitter in 1973, a rule that was extended to the National League in 2022 following its temporary use during the 2020 pandemic-shortened season.

"There's a lot more action and a lot more appealing product for the fans," Milwaukee Brewers owner Mark Attanasio said.

The clock has had a noticeable impact, with Colorado-San Diego taking 2:03 on Sunday, Cleveland-Seattle 2:04 on Saturday and the New York Mets-Miami 2:09 on Friday.

"I don't think it's wrong to take a semi-victory lap right now," Mets manager Buck Showalter said, "but we'll see how it evolves."

There were 41 pitch-clock violations in the first 50 games, an average of 0.82. Of those, 29 were on pitchers, 11 on batters and one on a catcher.

San Francisco and Cleveland tied for the high with four violations each, and Colorado, Detroit, Houston, the Los Angeles

Dodgers, Milwaukee, Minnesota and Washington had none.

Sample size is small, with 50 games played of a scheduled 2,430, or just 2%. And early season offense tends to be depressed because of weather in the northwest and midwest — the ball travels better as temperature rises.

Stolen bases reached a live ball-era high of a 0.85 per game in 1987, when Vince Coleman swiped 109. No one has reached 70 since Jacoby Ellsbury in 2009, and the 0.46 average in 2021 was the lowest in a half-century before an uptick to 0.51 last year.

Shift restriction impact has been more modest. Batting average on balls in play has increased from .295 for all of last year to .310 for right-handed hitters, while lefty BABIP rose from .283 to .288.

Specific instances stand out, such as a tying single to the right of second by Milwaukee's Jesse Winker during a three-run eighth-inning rally in Saturday's 3-1 win at the Chicago Cubs.

"Man, if we were shifted there, probably a double play and we get out of that," Ross said.

# NASCAR, teams at 'significant impasse' over charters

By **JENNA FRYER**  
AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A top group of NASCAR team owners skipped a meeting with series officials Wednesday with the two sides at an impasse over permanent charters, a key plank in the business model of the stock car series.

Fearing the meeting would be "hijacked" by conversation solely on the charters -- multimillion-dollar guarantees of having a car in NASCAR's top Cup Series -- the team owner council told NASCAR it felt talks should be postponed.

NASCAR said it planned to hold the meeting anyway, but the teams did not attend, said Curtis Polk, a part owner of 23XI Racing and one of four members of a negotiating committee that is trying to hammer out a new business plan for the nation's top racing series.

"It was evident that if we got the whole group together, that was going to be the only topic that anyone wanted to talk about and that is generally not constructive," said Dave Alpern, president of Joe Gibbs Racing. Alpern, Polk, Jeff Gordon of Hendrick Motorsports and Steve Newmark of RFK Racing are the members of the council representing all teams.

The owners went public last October with their frustration over what they consider a broken business model in which racetracks and NASCAR make the bulk of the money and teams are forced to fund their organizations through outside sponsorship.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Alpern and Polk said significant progress has been made with NASCAR on many key issues but the two sides have reached a "significant impasse" on the charters.

NASCAR in 2016 adopted a charter system for 36 cars that is as close to a franchise model as possible in a sport that was founded by and independently owned by the France family. The charters give the teams something of value to hold — or sell — and protect their investment in the sport.

The charters are both renewable — the current ones expire at the end of the 2024 season — and revocable by NASCAR if a team fails to perform over a predetermined length of time. The race teams want the charters to become permanent, and NASCAR apparently is unwilling to even discuss the issue.

"It's the foundation that everything else is built upon. If they gave you the moon, but they're able to take it away from you periodically, what good is having the moon?" Polk told AP.

NASCAR has said it is willing to work with the teams on financial security, and reiterated that commitment Wednesday after no owners showed for the meeting.

"NASCAR is committed to open and productive dialogue on a regular basis with all industry stakeholders," NASCAR said in a statement. "We

remain committed to continuing discussions in the spirit of collaboration and with the shared goal of growing our sport for the benefit of all stakeholders."

The breakdown happened after the entire Race Team Alliance held a call Tuesday to discuss topics for the smaller meeting with NASCAR. The RTA is comprised of all 16 teams and teams can have as many representatives as they choose on those calls.

When it became apparent on the call with 50-plus participants that permanent charters was the only issue the RTA wanted addressed, the smaller negotiating committee advised NASCAR that its meeting should be delayed. The meetings with NASCAR are limited to one team owner and one executive from each of the 16 chartered teams.

Asked what happens next, Polk said "we're ready to meet. We want to make a deal." But he reiterated that talks must open on permanent charters.

Alpern and Polk declined to discuss specifics on how teams have gained traction with NASCAR during months of negotiations.

NASCAR has maintained that teams receive about 40% of industry-wide generated revenue.

The financial split from the \$8.2 billion media rights deal signed ahead of the 2015 season sends 65% to the tracks, 25% to the teams and 10% to NASCAR, according to the series. There are two major track operators, NASCAR and Speedway Motorsports; NASCAR owns the majority of the venues on the Cup Series schedule, including the crown jewel Daytona International Speedway, and the France family owns NASCAR.

Teams have argued they have become "full-time fundraisers" seeking sponsorship to keep their organizations afloat and the only possible place to make further financial cuts is through layoffs.

The teams revealed last October that sponsorship covers 60% to 80% of the budgets for all 16 chartered organizations. Because sponsorship is so vital, teams are desperate for financial relief elsewhere and have asked NASCAR for help to cover baseline costs.

NASCAR President Steve Phelps in February told AP that he was confident a resolution could be found.

"We have said publicly and we will continue to say publicly that we need to have financially healthy race teams," Phelps said then. "Financially healthy race teams will put a better product on the race track and that's great for the sport overall."

The current charter agreement expires at the same time that NASCAR's current television deals expire. NASCAR is in an exclusive negotiating window with both Fox Sports and NBC Sports on renewals. The exclusive period expires May 1, Phelps told AP, and NASCAR can explore television rights deals with outside partners after that date.

# LSU women's team honored with parade

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — LSU star forward Angel Reese sat in the back of an orange convertible Corvette, waving to thousands of fans lining the roadside — and also waving her hand in front of her face from time to time, repeating a gesture that caused a stir at the end of the national championship game.

The Tigers paraded across campus and into the Pete Maravich Assembly Center on Wednesday night for ceremonies to honor their first NCAA women's national championship, captured Sunday with a 102-85 victory over Iowa in Dallas.

"I'm trying not to cry," said coach Kim Mulkey, a Louisiana native who left behind the three-time national champion powerhouse she'd built at Baylor two years ago to take over at LSU.

"This is my home," she

said, noting that her mother was in the arena.

Reese was not among the players who spoke at the event. But she has been outspoken on several topics this week.

She was unapologetic when questioned about waving her hand in front of her face while staring down Caitlin Clark during the game. Clark, The Associated Press Player of the Year, made a similar gesture to no one in particular during Iowa's victory over Louisville in the Elite Eight.

Reese also has said she would not accept an apology from First Lady Jill Biden for suggesting that both LSU and runner-up Iowa be invited to the White House. President Joe Biden did not follow through on that idea, inviting only LSU and men's national champion Connecticut.

LSU star guard Alexis

Morris, an outgoing senior who aspires to play in the WNBA, was among the players who did address the crowd inside the arena.

"LSU, thank you. I appreciate your love, your unwavering support and for believing in us," she said. "I just want you all to know I love you with all my heart."

Mulkey, who won a national title as a player for Louisiana Tech, said it was her goal to win a national title with the flagship university of her home state. But she said she never put a timetable on that.

Holding up a page of notes from a preseason meeting with her players, Mulkey said, "Nowhere on here does it say, 'Win a national championship.'"

She said the goals she'd written down were to win 90% of nonconference games, finish in the top four of the SEC, win one game in the SEC Tournament and

remain ranked in the AP Top 25 throughout the season.

She also told the team, "If you will play defense and if you will rebound the ball, you may surprise yourself."

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards was among the speakers following the parade.

"Louisiana always had faith in you, but more importantly, you had faith in yourself and were smart enough not to listen to all the experts who said you didn't have a chance," Edwards told LSU's players.

As for Mulkey, Edwards said, "We all knew she could do it, but what she has done to elevate this program and all of women's sports is truly remarkable."

Baton Rouge Mayor Sharon Weston Broome presented Mulkey with a key to the city.

# Kansas bans transgender athletes from women's, girls' sports

By **JOHN HANNA**  
AP Political Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. — Kansas is banning transgender athletes from girls' and women's sports from kindergarten through college, the first of several possible new laws restricting the rights of transgender people pushed through by Republican legislators over the wishes of the Democratic governor.

The Legislature on Wednesday overrode Gov. Laura Kelly's third veto in three years of a bill to ban transgender athletes, and came a day after state lawmakers passed a broad bathroom bill. Nineteen other states have imposed restrictions on transgender athletes, most recently Wyoming.

The Kansas law takes effect July 1 and is among several hundred proposals that Republican lawmakers across the U.S. have pursued this year to push back on LGBTQ rights. Kansas lawmakers who back the ban are also pursuing proposals to end gender-affirming care for minors and restrict restroom use.

The measure approved by Kansas lawmakers Tuesday would prevent transgender people from using public restrooms, locker rooms and other facilities associated with their gender identities, and bars them from changing their name or gender on their driver's licenses. Kelly is expected to veto that.

"It's a scary time to be raising a trans child in Kansas," said Cat Poland, a lifelong Kansas resident and mother of three who coordinates a Gay-Straight Alliance at her 13-year-old trans son's school about 40 miles (65 kilometers) northwest of Wichita. "We may face the very real threat of having to move, and it's heartbreaking."

The ban demonstrates the clout of religious conservatives, reflected in the 2022 platform of the Kansas Republican Party — "We believe God created man and woman" — and echoes many Republicans' beliefs that their constituents don't like any cultural shift toward acceptance.

"I wish it was 1960, and, you know, little Johnny's a boy and Mary's a girl, and that's how it is, period," Republican state Rep. John Eplee, a 70-year-old doctor, said during a committee discussion of the bathroom bill.

LGBTQ-rights advocates say its part of a national campaign from right-wing traditionalists to erase transgender, non-binary, gender-queer and gender-fluid people from American society.

Alex Poland, an eighth-grade cross-country runner who hopes to play baseball next year, said legislators are pursuing "bills against children" who "haven't done anything to harm anyone."

Alex, who lobbied for trans rights with his mother at the Statehouse last week, said it's good for trans kids' mental health to play on teams associated with their gender identities, and that most other kids just don't care.

It's largely adults who "care so much about what the trans kids are doing," Alex said.

Kelly told reporters in the Kansas City area that she believes legislators eventually will regret voting for "this really awful bill."

"It breaks my heart and certainly is disappointing," Kelly said.

The first state law on transgender athletes, in Idaho in 2020, came after conservatives retrenched from the national backlash over a short-lived 2016 bathroom law in North Carolina.

In Kansas, conservatives' biggest obstacle has been Kelly, who narrowly won reelection last year after pitching herself as a political centrist.

Conservative Republicans in Kansas fell short of the two-thirds majorities in both legislative chambers needed to override Kelly's vetoes of the transgender athlete bills in 2021 and 2022. But this year, the House voted 84-40 to override her veto, exactly the two-thirds majority needed. The vote was 28-12 in the Senate, one more than a two-thirds majority.

Supporters of the ban could not have overridden Kelly's veto this year but for the only Democrat to side with them against the governor. Rep. Marvin Robinson, of Kansas City, told reporters that he had wanted to "meet in the middle" but found the debate "all or none out there." He said he prayed for guidance before the vote.

Two LGBTQ Democratic lawmakers from the Kansas City area were especially upset because they believed Republicans were gloating over the House vote.

Rep. Heather Meyer stood up, opened her jacket and displayed a "Protect Trans Youth" T-shirt before making a rude gesture as she left the chamber. Rep. Susan Ruiz yelled at GOP members, briefly cursing at them before being told she was out of order.

"We're tired of putting up with it, and I'm tired of putting up with it," she said later. "There needs to be some respect."

Across the U.S., supporters of such bans argue that they keep competition fair. Track and field last month barred transgender athletes from international competition, adopting the same rules that swimming did last year.



THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN ® by Stan Lee-Larry Lieber

Spider-Man comic strip panels with dialogue bubbles and action lines. Includes panels with 'GOTCHA! OOOOPH!', 'YOU SAVED THAT FOOL - WHEN I ORDERED YOU NOT TO?', 'NOW WHY DON'TCHA TELL ME NOT TO PUNCH YOU INTO NEXT THURSDAY!', 'GREETING', 'ARE YOU GOING TO HIT ME?', 'AFTER YOU TRIED TO MURDER THAT GUY? BELIEVE IT!', 'DON'T!', 'HAH! I HALTED YOU AGAIN!', 'IT'S BACK! MY POWER IS REALLY BACK!', 'THE CLOWN WHO NEARLY STRUCK ME WITH HIS CAR IS FLEEING.', 'BUT ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT I NOW HAVE TOTAL CONTROL -', '-OVER THE MOST POWERFUL BEING I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED!', 'WHY CAN'T I MOVE? WHY?'.

SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with pre-filled numbers. Row 1: 4, blank, blank, 8, blank, blank, blank, blank, 9. Row 2: 5, blank, blank, blank, blank, blank, blank, blank, 4. Row 3: blank, blank, 7, blank, blank, 6, blank, blank, blank. Row 4: blank, blank, blank, 1, 4, blank, 8, blank, blank. Row 5: 6, blank, blank, 3, 7, blank, blank, blank, blank. Row 6: blank, blank, blank, blank, blank, blank, 4, blank, 2. Row 7: 4, blank, blank, 7, blank, blank, blank, blank, blank. Row 8: blank, 9, blank, blank, 1, 5, blank, blank, blank. Row 9: blank, 7, blank, 6, blank, blank, 2, blank, 1.

Level: Advanced

CURTIS ® by Billingsley

Curtis comic strip panels. Dialogue: 'WHY DO YOU STILL GET NEWSPAPERS, DAD?', 'I LIKE THE FEEL OF A NEWSPAPER, BUT I GET A LOT OF INFO DIGITALLY TOO', 'REALLY? I NEVER SEE YOU DO THAT', 'WHAT DOES THAT MATTER?', 'IF I DON'T SEE YOU DO IT, THEN IT DIDN'T HAPPEN!', 'LET'S STOP HERE.', 'I DON'T FEEL LIKE COOKING EITHER.'.

THATABABY ® by Paul Trap

Thatababy comic strip panels. Dialogue: 'I DON'T KNOW, BUT I DON'T FEEL LIKE COOKING.', 'WHY DO YOU STILL GET NEWSPAPERS, DAD?', 'I LIKE THE FEEL OF A NEWSPAPER, BUT I GET A LOT OF INFO DIGITALLY TOO', 'REALLY? I NEVER SEE YOU DO THAT', 'WHAT DOES THAT MATTER?', 'IF I DON'T SEE YOU DO IT, THEN IT DIDN'T HAPPEN!', 'LET'S STOP HERE.', 'I DON'T FEEL LIKE COOKING EITHER.', 'DOES OUR CHECKING ACCOUNT NOT WANT TO COOK?'.

POPEYE ® by Bud Sagendorf

Popeye comic strip panels. Dialogue: 'YOU IS A WANTED MAN IN SIXTY-SEVEN COUNTRIES?', 'YEAH! I WAS A CRIMINAL!', 'OF COURSE I WAS FRAMED!', 'DOES I LOOK LIKE A SMUGGLER, DISTURBER OF THE PEACE, FIGHTER, BRIBER OR A BLASTID VAGRANT?', 'I WAS ALMOST INNOCENT!', 'PAPPY FERGOT OUR LAS' NAME ON ACCOUNT OF HE WAS A WANTED MANS!', 'GOOD HEAVENS!', 'HE DID IT TO PROTECT ME!', 'AT'S A LIST OF THE SIXTY-SEVEN COUNTRIES WHAT WANT TO ARREST ME SWEET OL' PAPPY!', 'IT AIN'T FUNNY TA HAVE A CRIMINAL FER A LOVIN' PAPPY!', 'YOUR FATHER IS NO CRIMINAL! HE IS A WANTED MAN!', 'SIXTY-SEVEN COUNTRIES CANT ALL BE WRONG!', 'THERE'S NO REASON TO HIDE YOUR LAST NAME! NONE OF THESE COUNTRIES EXIST TODAY!', 'PAPPY!'.

CRYPTO FUN puzzle. Includes a grid of symbols and the text: 'Determine the code to reveal the answer!'.

Solve the code to discover words related to diabetes. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 22 = E)

- A. 4 22 12 13 10 4 Clue: Well-being
B. 1 13 3 26 9 15 22 Clue: Sugar
C. 24 5 15 3 13 24 5 Clue: Regulates sugar in blood
D. 10 22 15 10 24 5 1 Clue: Monitoring

Answers: A. health B. glucose C. insulin D. testing

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!

9x9 grid for 'Here's How It Works' puzzle with numbers and blanks.

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