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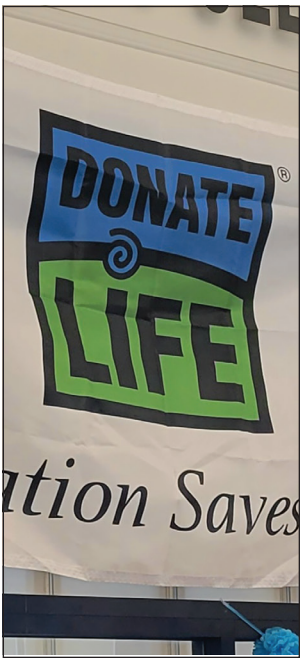
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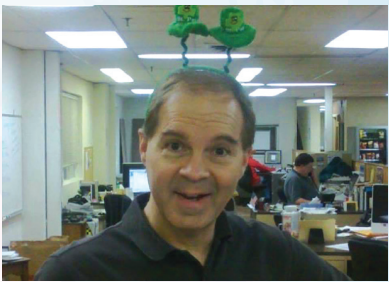
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"He was one of the most dedicated people I have ever known. I had the pleasure of working with him for 14 years and then being his barber. I will certainly miss him."
- Anita Epperson

"David was devoted to the T-G, just as his Dad was. He loved Shelbyville and he showed that love in his work. A good guy. He had a great sense of humor but managed to keep it out of his work. Sorry to see him go."
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"We'll miss you, Dave. You always cared deeply about your work, and about the community you served so well for so long. It was a privilege to be your co-worker for 35 years, and you were always a good friend to me." - John Carney

"So sorry to hear this. He was the most dedicated employee to the T-G. Loved his job." - Kay Rose

"I worked with David many years and was impressed by his gentle manner and work ethic. He was a very big part of the workings of a newspaper."
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OBITUARIES

Kenneth Ray McGee

April 23, 2023

Kenneth Ray McGee of Lynchburg, passed this life on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at Lincoln Medical Center in Fayetteville at the age of 74. Funeral Services were scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, at 2 p.m. at Lynchburg Funeral Home with burial following at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The family received friends from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Mr. McGee, the son of the late Charlie and Katie Bell Wisdom McGee, was born in Shelbyville, Tenn., on June 24, 1948. He enjoyed woodworking and raising chickens. He loved being with his family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by grandson, Ryan McGee; brothers, Charles Hardin McGee and Edwin Levoy McGee and sisters, Louise Davis and Christine McQueary.

Mr. McGee is survived by his wife, Sandra McGee of Lynchburg; son, Troy McGee of Wartrace; grandson, Elijah McGee; great grandchildren, Oakley, Bristenn, Ann Lee, RyAnna, Joelle and Britton; sisters, Margie Ward, Geraldine Street (Donald) and Linda Floyd (Billy), all of Shelbyville; Betsy Brazier (Larry) of Winchester and Patsy Crowell (James) of Lynchburg and brother-in-law, Thomas Burton (Cathy) of Tullahoma.

Charles Richard Bowling

April 24, 2023

Charles Richard Bowling, 71, of Shelbyville died April 24, 2023. Funeral Services were held 11 a.m. Thursday, April 27, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with Brother Dan Reed and Brother Scott Reed officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation was Wednesday evening from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.



He was a native of Bedford County; an avid hunter, gun and knife collector and a Tyson chicken farmer for over 45 years. He was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin (Bennie) Bowling and Eliza Ann Nowlin Bowling. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary Stinnett Bowling; sons, Anthony (Angel) Bowling, Rodney (Chanel) Bowling; brothers, Maurice (Carolyn) Bowling, Dennis Bowling; sisters, Barbara Tedder, Gail Bowling, Louise (Ronnie) Bivvins; five grandchildren, Maegan Bowling, Amber Bowling, Gauge Bowling, Ariel Bowling, Madison Bowling; two great grandchildren, Charlotte Horn, Rylan Hicks; two step grandchildren, Zach Donegan, Zoey Anthony; three step great grandchildren, Rowen Donegan, Riser Donegan and Adalynn Anthony.

David Glenn Melson

April 25, 2023

David Glenn Melson, 63, of Shelbyville died April 25, 2023.



Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with the Rev. Dan Asche officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at noon.

He was born September 20, 1959 in Murfreesboro, Tenn. He was a Copy Editor for the Shelbyville Times Gazette for 42 years; member of the Tennessee Press Association and a member of First Christian Church of Shelbyville.

A 48-year veteran of the Shelbyville Times-Gazette news print was deep in David's blood. Whether it be photography, breaking news, obituaries, feature stories or layout and design, David took his jobs as serious as anyone ever has at the T-G and many might even say David was the T-G.

David was about the only man who could function in as many news room roles as he did and the fact that he performed each task with such compassion, dedication and skill are reasons why his co-workers and the community will miss David so much.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn "Bo" Melson and Harriet Anne Overcast Melson. He is survived by uncles, Roy Overcast Jr. of Brentwood, Tenn., and Mike Bone of Shelbyville; his aunt, Carolyn "Cookie" Overcast Smith of Plano, Texas and his special friend, Sadie F. Parsons of Nashville, Tenn.

Special thanks to Dr. Michael Gibson and Alive Hospice of Nashville. Memorials may be made to Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center, 2220 Pierce Ave., Nashville, TN. 37232.

David Wayne Bryan

April 26, 2023

David Wayne Bryan, age 74, of Shelbyville, passed away April 26, 2023.



Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Friday, April 28, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Brother Jimmy Gray officiated; burial followed at Willow Mount Cemetery.

The family received visitors 11 a.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home.

He was born August 22, 1948, in Bedford County, to the late Homer D. and Loretta Laurent Bryan, Sr. In his working years, he was employed with Jensen Incorporated, Empire Pencil, and WATCO.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Throneberry.

Survivors include sisters and brother, Patricia (Walter) Hill, Donna (Billy) Potts, and Homer David Bryan, Jr.; several nieces and nephews.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Guardisman in leak case wanted to kill a 'ton of people': US

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP)—The Massachusetts Air National guardsman accused of leaking highly classified military documents kept an arsenal of guns and said on social media that he would like to kill a "ton of people," prosecutors said in arguing Thursday that 21-year-old Jack Teixeira should remain in jail for his trial.

But the judge at Teixeira's detention hearing put off an immediate decision whether he should be kept in custody until his trial or released to home confinement or under other conditions. Teixeira was led away from the court in handcuffs, black rosary beads around his neck, pending that ruling.

The court filings raise new questions about why Teixeira had such a high security clearance and access to some of the nation's most classified secrets. They said he may still have material that hasn't been released, which could be of "tremendous value to hostile nation states that could offer him safe harbor and attempt to facilitate his escape from the United States."

In Teixeira's detention hearing, Magistrate Judge David Hennessy expressed skepticism of defense arguments that the government hasn't shown Teixeira ever intended leaked information to be widely disseminated.

"Somebody under the age of 30 has no idea that when they put something on the internet that it could end up anywhere in this world?" the judge asked. "Seriously?"

Teixeira entered his hearing in Worcester in orange prison garb, smiling at his father in the front row. His handcuffs were removed before he sat down and put back on when he was taken out.

One possibility is that the judge could order Teixeira to be confined at his father's home while awaiting trial, if not held in jail. Under questioning at the hearing, his father, Jack Michael Teixeira, said he was aware that if his son were to violate conditions of release or home confinement, he'd have to report him. The elder Teixeira said he owns firearms but no longer has any in his home.

"You have a young man before you who didn't flee, has nowhere to flee," said Brendan Kelley, the defendant's lawyer. "He will answer the charges, he will be judged by his fellow citizens"

But Nadine Pellegrini, chief of national security division in the Massachusetts U.S. attorney's office, told the judge the information prosecutors submitted to the court about the defendant's threatening words and behavior "is not speculation, it is not hyperbole, nor is it the creation of a caricature. It is based on what we know to date ... directly based upon the words and actions of this defendant."

The prosecution's filing contains a review of what it says are Teixeira social media posts, stating in November that he would "kill a (expletive) ton of people" if he had his way, because it would be "culling the weak minded."

Late Wednesday, the Air Force announced it suspended the commander of the 102nd Intelligence Support Squadron where Teixeira worked and the administrative commander "overseeing the support for the unit mobilized under federal orders," pending further investigation. It also temporarily removed each leader's access to classified systems and information.

Court papers urging a federal judge to keep Teixeira in custody detailed a troubling history going



back to high school, where he was suspended when a classmate overheard him discussing Molotov cocktails and other weapons as well as racial threats. More recently, prosecutors said, he used his government computer to research past mass shootings and stand-offs with federal agents.

He remains a grave threat to national security and a flight risk, prosecutors wrote, and investigators are still trying to determine whether he kept any physical or digital copies of classified information, including files that haven't already surfaced publicly.

"There simply is no condition or combination of conditions that can ensure the Defendant will not further disclose additional information still in his knowledge or possession," prosecutors wrote. "The damage the Defendant has already caused to the U.S. national security is immense. The damage the Defendant is still capable of causing is extraordinary."

Teixeira has been in jail since his arrest earlier this month on charges stemming from the most consequential intelligence leak in years.

Teixeira has been charged under the Espionage Act with unauthorized retention and transmission of classified national defense information. He has not yet entered a plea.

His lawyers are urging the judge to release him from jail, arguing in court papers filed Thursday that appropriate conditions can be set even if the court finds him to be a flight risk — such as confinement at his father's home and location monitoring.

The defense said Teixeira no longer has access to any top-secret information and accused prosecutors of providing "little more than speculation that a foreign adversary will seduce Mr. Teixeira and orchestrate his clandestine escape from the United States."

"The government's allegations ... offer no support that Mr. Teixeira currently, or ever, intended any information purportedly to the private social media server to be widely disseminated," they wrote. "Thus, its argument that Mr. Teixeira will continue to release information or destroy evidence if not detained rings hollow."

Prosecutors wrote in their filing that he kept his gun locker within reach of his bed and in it were handguns, bolt-action rifles, shotguns, an AK-style high-capacity weapon, and a gas mask.

They said FBI special agents also found ammunition and tactical pouches on his dresser, what appeared to be a silencer-style accessory in his desk drawer and a military-style helmet in the dumpster with a mounting bracket such as that used for a camera.

He is accused of dis-

tributing highly classified documents about top national security issues in a chat room on Discord, a social media platform that started as a hangout for gamers. The leak stunned military officials, sparked an international uproar and raised fresh questions about America's ability to safeguard its secrets.

The leaked documents appear to detail U.S. and NATO aid to Ukraine and U.S. intelligence assessments regarding U.S. allies that could strain ties with those nations. Some show real-time details from February and March of Ukraine's and Russia's battlefield positions and precise numbers of battlefield gear lost and newly flowing into Ukraine from its allies.

Prosecutors wrote that Teixeira, who owned multiple guns, repeatedly had "detailed and troubling discussions about violence and murder" on the platform where authorities say he shared the documents. In February, he told another person that he was tempted to make a minivan into an "assassination van," prosecutors wrote.

The Justice Department's filing outlines a pattern of troubling behavior that officials say began well before he entered the military and continued in recent months, even as his position afforded him access to government secrets.

In 2018, prosecutors allege, Teixeira was suspended after a classmate "overheard him make remarks about weapons, including Molotov cocktails, guns at the school, and racial threats." His initial application for a firearms identification card that same year was denied due to police department concerns over those remarks.

He applied again over the next two years, and cited in his 2020 application after joining the Guard "his position of trust in the United States government as a reason he could be trusted to possess a firearm," prosecutors wrote.

The Justice Department said that it has also learned through its investigation that Teixeira in July used his government computer to look up a series of U.S. mass shootings and government stand-offs, including the terms "Ruby Ridge," "Las Vegas shooting," "Mandalay Bay shooting," "Uvalde" and "Buffalo tops shooting" — an apparent reference to the 2022 racist mass shooting at a Buffalo supermarket.

The searches of mass shootings on a government computer should have triggered the computer to generate an immediate referral to security, which could have then led to a more in-depth review of Teixeira's file, according to Dan Meyer, a lawyer who specializes in military, federal employment and security clearance issues. The Air Force's investigation will probably discover whether

a referral was generated — and whether security officers did anything with the information.

Pentagon spokesman Air Force Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder declined to discuss the specifics of Teixeira's case. "We do want to allow the investigation to run its course to get the facts," Ryder said.

He told a press briefing that when people using Defense Department computers or phones try to access sites they shouldn't, they get a banner alert and notifications go to their supervisors or security officers. "You are subject to monitoring," Ryder said.

Teixeira's lawyers said he has no criminal history and would have no access to guns if he were released. The incident at his high school was "thoroughly investigated" and he was allowed to come back after a few days and a psychological evaluation, they wrote. That investigation was "fully known and vetted" by the Air National Guard before he enlisted and when he obtained his top secret security clearance, they said.

Months later, after news outlets began reporting on the documents leak, Teixeira took steps to destroy evidence after news outlets began reporting on it. Authorities who searched a dumpster at his home found a smashed laptop, tablet and Xbox gaming console, they said.

Authorities have not alleged a motive. Members of the Discord group have described Teixeira as someone looking to show off, rather than being motivated by a desire to inform the public about U.S. military operations or to influence American policy.

Billing records the FBI obtained from Discord were among the things that led authorities to Teixeira, who enlisted in the Air National Guard in September 2019. A Discord user told the FBI that a username linked to Teixeira began posting what appeared to be classified information roughly in December.

Teixeira was detected on April 6 — the day The New York Times first published a story about the breach of documents — searching for the word "leak" in a classified system, according to court papers. The FBI says that was reason to believe Teixeira was trying to find information about the investigation into who was responsible for the leaks.

Tucker and Copp reported from Washington.

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Meet Madison Arnold



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Madison.arnold066@gmail.com

Madison Arnold started her real estate career just short of 2 years ago. She graduated from Cannon County High school in 2021, and just 2 short months after graduation she was a licensed real estate agent. Although, Madison has a love for real estate, she is currently studying Organizational Communications at Middle Tennessee State University. Education has always been an important aspect of Madisons life, and she believes it will help her further her real estate career in the future.

Growing up playing sports Madison supports the softball and trap teams in Cannon County. She is teamed up with her grandmother, Dianne Arnold, and they are known as Shelbyville's "Dynamic Duo." Give Madison a call today!

Don't leave valuables in the car

Dear Heloise: I'm also writing in regards to the letter from Mary, in Texas, about ladies leaving their purses in cars.

I agree that women should carry only small amounts of cash and credit cards when shopping. It's harder for a potential thief to get into your pockets than it is to grab a purse.

When locking your purse, laptop or other valuables in the car, put them in the trunk. -- Tom Boardman, in Ohio

BOOKMARK SOUND OFF

Dear Heloise: Greetings! I enjoy reading your column in the Journal Gazette in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

As a school librarian, I have to disagree with some of your suggestions for bookmarks. The rubber band suggestion could damage the cover and rip the pages! A paper clip would crease the pages. A toothpick is too sharp to use and would slip out. All three items are thick enough to affect the bindings, which aren't made to be as strong as they used to be.

I would not appreciate having to take any of those items out of a book. A piece of paper is the best choice -- not a Post-it note, either. I've seen pages ripped and ink taken off by off-brand Post-it notes. Thank you! -- Maureen Rehmer, via email

DON'T LET GRAPES GO BAD

Dear Readers: Do not allow them to rot or toss out. Instead, put the extra grapes into a zip-close bag and freeze. It will make a fun and healthy after-school snack for your children. -- Heloise

PET PAL

Dear Heloise: My wife, Judy, and I have this mixed breed, cute, loveable dog named Molly. Whenever she gets a chance to "escape" from our home, she takes off very fast, running down the street. I attempted several times to run and catch her, but at 77 years young, I am no longer able to do that. However, I discovered that if I go to my car and my car keys start to jingle, she will return to the car and jump inside.

So, I have attached a photo showing Molly inside the car looking up at my car keys. Enjoy and have a good laugh.

P.S. We very much love reading your daily hints! -- George & Judy Fenton, Cypress, California

Readers, to see Molly 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

Hints from Heloise

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.

KITTENS GET LEFT IN A STRANGER'S YARD

Dear Heloise: Early this morning, while I was in my backyard feeding the birds, I noticed a cardboard box taped shut at my back fence. I went over, opened the box and found four little kittens and their very skinny mother inside. My veterinarian estimated the kittens' ages to be about 3 days old. Inside was a note that read, "Please take care of these kitties. We don't want the mother anymore or her babies."

Where do people get the idea that a pet -- or any animal, in fact -- is disposable? Many studies show that a family pet suffers from grief when an owner dies or abandons them. I doubt, however, that this malnourished mother cat will grieve, since she was so poorly treated.

There are many places that will help pet owners who can no longer care for their animals. All the former owner had to do was call a veterinarian and ask for the names of a no-kill shelter or for help in placing their pets in the homes of people who might be willing to adopt or foster an animal. Remember, no animal should be separated from its mother until it is at least 6 to 8 weeks old.

Yes, this involves a bit of work, but none of it would be necessary if more people would spay and neuter their animals. Many animal rights groups and shelters have special fees for people who can't afford a veterinarian. Whatever you do, don't dump your animals out in the wild, where they can get killed by other animals or starve to death, and don't dump them in other people's yards.

I'll take care of the little family that was dumped in my yard until they are 7 weeks old, and then I'll find homes for them. The mother will be spayed after the kittens are weaned. -- B.L.W., in Denver

B.L.W., thank you for your letter. A lot of kittens are born at this time of year, so it is especially important to get your pets spayed or neutered now. -- Heloise

TODAY

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.

MONDAY

May Marathon Month

Need some inspiration to keep you moving? Join the UT/TSU Extension May Marathon Month! After registering, you will have the entire month of May to walk a half marathon (13 miles) or a full marathon (26 miles) a few miles at a time. Simply keep track of your miles walked for exercise and report at the end of May. There will be awards for completing the half or full marathon. Along the way you'll receive helpful newsletters, inspiring motivations and finish knowing that you have done something good for yourself and your health! For a registration form and more information go to bedford.tennessee.edu under family programs or stop by the Extension Office (2105 Midland Road) for an enrollment form. For questions, call Whitney Danhof at the Extension Office at 684-5971.

Bag day

The Good Samaritan Bag Day will be Monday, May 1, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., 201 E. Highland St.

VFW meeting

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5019, and its Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting May 1 at the VFW Post on Depot Street. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with a business meeting for members immediately following. For more information, contact Post Commander Mike Ruess, 931-249-1566.

THURSDAY

Lynchburg Jamboree

The Lynchburg Jamboree is every Thursday night from 5 to 8 p.m. at 207 Main St. Enjoy classic country music with friends and family. The event is free and open to everyone.

SCHRA meeting

The South Central Human Resource Agency Governing Board and Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council will be holding a Special Meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 11 a.m., at the SCHRA Central Office, 1437 Winchester Hwy., Fayetteville. The purpose of the Special Called Meeting is to approve hiring the

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

new Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director and approving budgetary items.

Get to Know Bedford

The Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library is starting a series "Get to Know Bedford." The discussions will give locals a chance to learn about different local organizations that work with the community. These events will be free and open to all ages. The first discussion will be on Thursday, May 4 at 5 p.m. and will focus on local history resources, and will feature speakers from the Gilliland Historical Resource Center and Bedford County Archives.

FRIDAY

Sobriety checkpoint

There will be a Tennessee Highway Patrol sobriety checkpoint at 9 p.m. on S.R. 64 (Wartrace Pike), six miles east of Mile Marker 15. Troopers will evaluate drivers for signs of alcohol or drug impairment and take corrective actions for other violations observed.

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 Cooper Steel 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.

Indoor yard sale

The Fly Arts Center will be having an indoor craft, vendor, and yard sale on Saturday, May 6, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 204 S. Main Street. You may rent a spot (8x10 area with 6' table included) for \$25 or \$45 for two spots. Reserve your spot by texting 931-212-0366 or emailing sframe.fly@gmail.com.

MAY 7

Decoration Day

Decoration Day service at New Bethel Cemetery will be Sunday, May 7, at 2 p.m. Bro. Jimmy Gray will be the guest speaker. Decoration services will also be conducted at the Pressgrove Cemetery on May 7 at 2 p.m. Bobby Lynch will be the speaker. Donations may be mailed to Buddy Wortham; 293 Smith Road, Bell Buckle, TN 37020; or given to Eddie Wayne Sanders, Charles Jones or Ron Adcock.

Laity Club

The Bedford County Laity Club is to meet Sunday,

May 7, at 6 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Church. Meal to be furnished.

MAY 8

Bedford GOP

The Bedford County Republican Party meeting will be on Monday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Microtel conference room, 1207 North Main St. Speaker to follow.

MAY 9

Commodity distribution

There will be a Commodity Food Distribution for Bedford County residents only on May 9 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Bedford County Agriculture Center. The distribution will be drive through. For questions, call 931-685-9962.

MAY 12

Rosenwald coffee

The Rosenwald Recreation and Community Center, 516 Tillman St., will host a coffee in May 12 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The presenter will be licensed financial coach Shermiea Hunt who will give a brief and informative presentation.

MAY 13

Decoration Day

Decoration services will be held at the Mt. Hermon Cemetery on Saturday, May 13, at 2 p.m. Donations may be given at the cemetery or mailed to Mt. Hermon Cemetery Association, c/o Linda Jacobs, 1199 Bugscuffle Road, Wartrace, TN 37183.

Car show

The Celebration City Region Car Club will be hosting a car show Saturday, May 13, at the Celebration horse show pavilion. The event will begin at 8 a.m. and judging will begin at 12 noon. Trophies will be presented at 3 p.m.

Bedford Warriors Course

The Bedford Warriors for Charity will host their first-ever obstacle course challenge on Saturday, May 1, at 9 a.m. at the Bedford County Agriculture Center. Prize money will be donated to a Bedford County charity for the top three women's and top three men's finishers. For more information contact Amanda Arnold at 931-206-0574 or Ron Orr at 615-598-8617. Food trucks, vendors, and kids' area will also be available.

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.

MAY 19

Gilliland Fish Fry

The Gilliland Historical Research Center, 803 Lipscomb Street, will be hosting their annual Fish Fry and Bake Sale on Friday, May 19, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tours will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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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Behind County Mayor Chad Graham, from left, are Megan Galloway (TN Voices), Jennifer Witham (Bedford County Health Department), Lindsay Wiley (Bedford County Schools), Jena Cunningham (Bedford County Schools), Heather Richardson (Bedford County Schools), and Aricindy Castillo Guzman (Bedford County Schools).

National Children's Mental Health Acceptance Day

Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham signed a proclamation Wednesday, April 26, recognizing May 11 as National Children's Mental Health Acceptance Day in Bedford County. Representatives of Bedford County Schools, Bedford County Health Department and the not-for-profit TN Voices were on hand for the signing ceremony, and discussed the importance of making sure

that Bedford County's youth have access to appropriate mental health services and resources. For more information about TN Voices, go to <https://tnvoices.org/>. The full text of the proclamation follows: National Children's Mental Health Acceptance Day WHEREAS, Addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, young adults,

and families today is essential to the health of Bedford County, Tennessee; and WHEREAS, Ensuring access to services that are family-driven, youth-guided, and culturally appropriate places upon our community a critical responsibility; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Chad D. Graham do hereby proclaim May 11, 2023 as National Children's Mental

Health Acceptance Day in Bedford County, Tennessee. This year's theme "See Me, Hear Me: Brighter Days Ahead" reminds us to stand united in a commitment to promoting acceptance of mental health needs and empowers us to strive to meet the mental health needs of every child, youth, young adult, and family in Bedford County, Tennessee.



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Ukraine asks pope's help in getting children back from Russia

ROME (AP) — Ukraine's prime minister said he asked Pope Francis Thursday to help facilitate the return of Ukrainian children who were forcibly taken to Russia. Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, briefing reporters on his half-hour audience with the pontiff, said he also invited Francis to come to Ukraine. "I asked His Holiness to help us return home Ukrainians, Ukrainian children who are detained, arrested, and criminally deported to Russia," Shmyhal said. The audience's brief statement on the audience did not go into particular points of the talks. It noted that Shmyhal met with the Holy See's secretary of state and foreign minister after his meeting with Francis. During the "cordial discussions," which took place in the Secretariat of State, various matters connected to the war in Ukraine were highlighted, with particular attention to the humanitarian aspects and efforts to restore peace," the Vatican said. Francis has repeatedly decried the war in Ukraine, which began 14 months ago with Russia's invasion of its neighbor. He has expressed a desire to visit both Ukraine and Russia in the context of his hopes of improving the prospects for peace. The International Criminal Court

last month issued an arrest warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin and Russia's children's commissioner, accusing them of war crimes for abducting children from Ukraine. Russia has denied any wrongdoing, contending the children were moved for their safety. Speaking to reporters at the Foreign Press Association in Rome, Shmyhal said that in his talks at the Vatican he also discussed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's multi-point proposal for peace "and the steps the Vatican could take" in helping that plan become reality. He gave no specifics. The prime minister also declined to venture what might next develop in Ukrainian-Chinese relations. Zelenskyy said Wednesday that he and Chinese leader Xi Jinping had a "long and meaningful" phone call. During their conversation, which was the first known contact between the two presidents since the war began in February 2022, Xi said Beijing would send an envoy to Ukraine to discuss a possible "political settlement" to the conflict. The envoy is a former Chinese ambassador to Russia. The hour-long call came two months after Beijing, which has long been aligned with Russia, said it wanted to act as a mediator and a month after Xi visited Moscow.

Shmyhal described the phone call as "extremely productive" and said it marked "a new stage in Ukrainian-Chinese relations." "I'm also convinced it is an extraordinary beginning for developing our future relations," the prime minister said. Asked about the May 18 expiration date of a deal brokered by the United Nations and Turkey to keep Ukrainian grain exports flowing during the war, Shmyhal said the shipments were another topic he broached with both Vatican and Italian officials. Russia has threatened to reject another extension of the deal, complaining that Western sanctions have held up exports of its products. "I asked both the leadership of Italy and the Holy See to help Ukraine continue the grain corridors work without restrictions," Shmyhal said. The prime minister participated Wednesday in a Rome conference hosted by the Italian government to bring together businesses eager to participate in eventual reconstruction projects in Ukraine. Follow AP's coverage of the war in Ukraine: <https://apnews.com/hub/russia-ukraine>

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

Baptist
Church services at **Calvary Baptist Church** on Sunday, April 30, will be held at 10 a.m. The message from Pastor Tyler Shoemaker will be "Importance of Witnessing." Sunday 5 p.m., there will be a fellowship Pot Luck meal under the church pavilion. Everyone is invited.

The message title for Sunday morning's service at **Edgemont Baptist Church** for April 30 will be "This Place of Torment," from Luke 16:19-31. Sermon by Pastor Jimmy West.

Christian (Disciples of Christ)
First Christian Church invites everyone to worship this Sunday at 10 a.m., as they continue in our series called "Unleashed." The study this week will come from Acts 10, as they see how the Holy Spirit unleashes His power to transform the infant church through Peter and Cornelius. Children's Graded Worship and Nursery are also available at 10 a.m.

Church of Christ
This Sunday's sermon at Fairlane Church of Christ by minister Lance Bennett will be "Doesn't Religion Cause Violence?" from Matthew 5:38-48. This is part of the series "Questions of Faith"

The lesson for **Southside Church of Christ** will be "People Matter to God" from John 3:16-17 by Minister Tim Gunnells at 10 a.m. Sunday. The Sunday 6 p.m. service will be a Study of Colossians by Brian Nicholson. 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.

Fellowship Church of Christ will be holding their 6th annual Cruise-In on Sunday, April 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. at 142 Richdale Lane. Cars, trucks, and motorcycles are all welcome. A special class for children's vehicles will feature power wheels, tri-cycles, and more. Come enjoy free food, prizes, and games. For more information or to get the rules for the pinewood derby, call 684-0949 or 703-0949, or email rubsam2@att.net.

Methodist
Pastor Abe Zimmerman's sermon at **Shelbyville First United Methodist Church** will be "Jesus' Jazz Album" from Mark 7:31-37. The Gospel of Mark is kind of like Jazz; it doesn't play by the rules; the stories stop and begin abruptly. They change and shift without much warning. Through this lens they will explore Jesus healing a deaf and mute man and discover how we can have difficulty hearing the sounds of the Gospel. 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 Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Easter, will be held at 10 a.m. and led by Guest Pastor Gary Kelly. All services are streamed live on Facebook. Sunday School starts at 9 a.m. They have all age groups and a nursery available for the little ones. They would love to see some new faces and hope you can join them on Sunday at 9 a.m. for Sunday School.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

These are tumultuous times in Tennessee... actually, it was a "tumultuous" week at the Capital, according to Representative Pat Marsh. (T-G Staff Report/4-18-23).

On March 27, Aubrey Hale entered Covenant School in Nashville and delivered 152 rounds of AR-15 and 9mm carbine ammunition to three nine-year old students and three school staff members. Result, six dead. Seven, if you count the shooter. (Thank you to Officers Manuel Collazo and Rex Engelbert. They were brave and were thinking of everyone but themselves.) Start of the "tumultuous" week. Maybe.

It could have been March 29 when Chairman Pat Marsh and his committee members (discrimination and harassment committee) delivered their secret investigation findings to Speaker Sexton. Scotty Campbell (Representative and Vice Chair of the Republican Caucus) had broken House rules regarding conduct and had sexually harassed a House intern. Start of the "tumultuous" week? Maybe.

Or, could it have been that, on March 30, three Democratic Representatives shunned all decorum, forgot about protocol and being polite and stormed the Well. And they were armed with a bullhorn, signs, and, obviously their voices. Start of the "tumultuous" week? Could be.

Tumultuous means disorderly, loud, raucous, full of confusion.

Based on the definitions for tumultuous and based on the remarks made by Pat Marsh at the Ronald Reagan Day dinner, I would guess the tumultuous week at the Capital started on March 30. And ended on April 6 when the House voted to expel (or kick out) the "Tennessee 3." Rep. Gloria Johnson from Knoxville was saved by one vote. She told reporters "It might have to do with the color of our skin." Rep. Justin Jones from Nashville was kicked out, as was Rep. Justin Pearson from Memphis. But, the "two Justins" gained back their House seats the following week when their respective city councils unanimously returned them to Nashville.

Again, referring to the T-G Staff Report, Mr. Marsh sounded like he was justifying why the Justins had to go. He never acknowledged them as Representatives, but referred to them as "those two young guys, these two young guys, them, they, professional protestors, raising cane." And he mentioned the name Jones only once; Jones wanted to be in the "limelight."

I don't know why the "Marsh recounts TN 3 episode" article is still on my kitchen table, but I have read it every day since the April 18th paper arrived. I think I was trying to understand why getting "those two guys"

kicked out was a more worthy dinner speech than a speech about the Covenant School victims and the military-type guns used to kill them. And why is sexual harassment a lesser upset to the decorum of the House than a 50-minute protest by three Democrats who are hoping for gun reform measures? One doesn't even get a slap on the wrist; others get expelled.

Regarding the recently-passed School Safety Act of 2023: I pray that the trained, armed security guards in every school are able to protect themselves and those in their care. It seems like a near-impossible task to defend against a shooter bearing military type weapons.

By the way, the Tennessee 2023 General Assembly session ended on April 21st. While people were rushing to go home, Speaker Sexton, and I believe it may have been the Lt. Governor, suggested they may call for a "special gun reform session." I would suggest we don't hold our breaths waiting.

I would like to say thank you to the "Tennessee 3" for trying to get the Legislature's attention. And I am positive that Rep. John Lewis would have thanked the Tennessee 3 for getting in "good trouble, necessary trouble."

Ellen Federowski
Shelbyville

To the Editor:

Once again, the majority in the Tennessee Statehouse has hurriedly closed shop and headed home to avoid thousands descending on capitol/plaza demanding gun reform. Most of these were students just wanting to make it through school without fear of being blown away by AR-15 - current mass killers' choice.

For those of my generation who never had to do mass shooting drills, it's hard for us to grasp and many of our politicians still haven't got it. "Nothing's going to change", "what gun would you prefer to die with", and "boot them out again" were just some of responses to students and two young black representatives who dared to break decorum the house floor while joining protestors for gun reform.

The status quo is not working - death tolls are rising - and those politicians who can't get it need to move over and make room for those who do.

Vivian Ervin
Pleasant Ridge Lane,
Lynchburg

To the editor:

I am constantly amused at the frantic postulations and hate-filled rhetoric used by the Democrats in bashing anything, and everything, that they don't approve of and especially if endorsed by republicans. It would appear that the Democrats have forgotten entirely the basics of bilateral cooperation, diplomacy and common decency in daily encounters. A prime example of their ineptitude

was the recent embarrassing spectacle of three self-serving and grandstanding democrat house members who joined the protesting mob in the gallery of the state capitol while a lawful and duly opened general session was ongoing using bull horns to be sure the public was privy to their grammar school antics and then after expulsion brashly lied about the whole affair stating it was their "constitutional right" to do so. What constitution? Not the federal constitution that our Founding Fathers implemented nor the Tennessee constitution addressing the behavior of its General Assembly members regardless of party affiliation. Not only did these scoff laws break the rules of orderly state business but interrupted a General Assembly session that we voters pay for and expect to be conducted by our respective representatives. By virtue of the Tennessee State Constitution, Article II Section 12, each house may punish its members for "disorderly behavior" and I would expect that even the democrats could see that three of their fellow members were guilty of disorderly behavior in the truest sense during a lawful session of the General Assembly.

In the Democrats negative eyes, the whole of the current concerns of various government issues such as inflation, housing market, downgraded in international issues, outlandish fuel prices and their favorite darling, oh woe unto us! the climate changes that will result in the world melting down in a short number of years. All of which in their perception are based solely on the incompetence and ignorance of the republicans. Not only are the democrats endowed with an abundance of ignorance on most issues, but they likewise have the vast majority of the liberal media beckoning to their siren's call. There is, however, a light at the end of this dismal tunnel for the democrats if they are smart enough to take advantage; which is strongly in doubt, that being our electoral system that has in essence been in existence for some 235 years in our Great Republic. America's electoral system is the best in any world political environment and even permits an unstable, mental incapacitated, feeble, and dotting octogenarian to be elected as President, and God help us, to run for reelection; that is if he can remember where the white house is located. I would present this solution to all the ultra-liberal democrat whiners; stop wringing your hands and crying copious doomsday tears and turn out on election day, and send those republican rascals home! That simple and that easy, but obviously Democrats instead of voting would rather preach their never-ending debasement of America and hope all republicans will fade into the sunset and be consumed in the climate change generated by fossil fuels as they themselves freeze to death when their precious wind turbines fail to turn and Hunter Biden is selected ambassador to China.

Charles David Sliger
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Kim Reed



Brian Riddle

Alive and thankful Two organ recipients tell their stories

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Kim Reed and Brian Riddle know what the gift of life is. They know second chances are something to celebrate. And they know the will to live is largely why they are still here today.

Both Reed and Riddle received life-saving liver transplants in the past two years. Today, they are the newest members of the Donate Life chapter in Bedford County, led by Donna Orr.

They are also strong advocates for organ donation. As April, which is proclaimed as Organ Donation Awareness Month, comes to a close, Reed and Riddle share their stories of being brought from death's door to a new chance at life.

Flight or fight

Reed, 53, was diagnosed with liver cancer on July 20, 2020. At that time, her team at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville said she had three months to live.

It took her weeks to wrap her head around that news, she said. "I was in such a flight or fight mode...I did not want to die.

"They told me if I would do everything that I could, that they would do everything they could do to try to save my life. I'm so appreciative to have such a wonderful transplant team in my life," Reed said.

Her liver had already started failing. Reed said she had no idea; she simply thought she was just tired, especially since she was working full time. But then her health started declining rapidly.

So she was put on the transplant list. And she stayed on that list for 13 months.

"I had four false calls where they had a liver, but once I got there and prepped for surgery, they deemed the liver nonviable," she said.

But Reed remained positive. "For every false call I got, I knew that wasn't the liver that was meant for me...that wasn't the right one. God knew," she said.

While waiting, the medical team decided to do a

TACE procedure (short for Transcatheter arterial chemoembolization). This is where chemotherapeutic drugs are injected selectively through a catheter into an artery directly supplying the tumor.

Reed said she had three tumors, and she was too sick to take regular chemo.

It helped. But the tumors kept coming back. She eventually had a total of eight tumors. "And the TACE made me deadly sick," Reed recalled.

However, she eventually got the call on November 12, 2021. At the time of the call, Reed said she was bed ridden and wheelchair-bound, only in and out of home to go to the hospital.

But the surgery wasn't easy.

During the transplant surgery, when the liver was introduced to her, Reed said her heart stopped. "They had to shock me like three times to get my heart back going. I had complete renal failure, complete respiratory failure..." she said.

Thankfully, Reed recovered and was released from the ICU to home on day four.

And outside of a couple "bumps in the road," Reed said she's been doing good ever since.

"Without organ donation, I would not be here. I know that," she said. Reed is also one of the few who has even gotten to meet the family of her organ donor, which she did on her one-year anniversary.

"I can't even describe it. It's like we instantly connected," she said. "I am just so very thankful. I know God had a hand in it from the very beginning.

"I would tell anyone, keep fighting, because brighter days are ahead."

A walking miracle

Brian Riddle, 62, received a liver transplant on September 22, 2022, and since then hasn't had any relapse, leading doctors to say he's a walking miracle.

Riddle, an insurance agent at Dennis Young Insurance, was diagnosed with non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver in May 2021.

Normally upbeat and per-

sonable, Riddle recalls how he was fatigued, gaining weight rapidly, and diabetic at the time. This was largely due to a failing liver.

He was put on Vanderbilt's liver transplant list — for a year and three months. "That's the thing, the wait. You get kind of aggravated because you think they know how sick I am. It's a hard wait...But I wanted to live," he said. Riddle sat at one point he was even number one on the waiting list for a week. But there were no matches.

While waiting for a liver, Brian also went through the live donor process. His niece, Michelle Parkin, underwent a series of extensive testing to get ready to donate half of her liver. However, five weeks before the procedure, Michelle got COVID, restarting the whole testing process.

Then, as the most remarkable part of his story, Riddle got two livers in two days that September. The first one was deemed unsuitable. So, it was the next day they got the call to come back in.

Riddle recalls, "I didn't have time to take a shower." After another series of tests and a biopsy on the liver, the procedure was set for 2 a.m. on the 22nd.

The procedure took almost nine hours. But the results were almost immediate.

"The doctor told me, 'Man, you're a miracle. When I put you to sleep last night, I honestly didn't think you'd wake up,'" Brian recalled. Though liver transplants have an 80 percent success rate, Brian said the likelihood of success for this procedure was only 1 out of 10.

Recovering after surgery, he was put on 27 pills a day. But today, he is down to five, taking only an anti-rejection pill twice a day.

Riddle says confidently, "I feel better now than I have in years."

Plus, looking on the bright side, Riddle said the illness brought him and his wife Tonya closer together. "She took care of me when I didn't know my name... and it brings you closer," he said.

And it's all thanks to an organ donor. "That could save so many lives," Riddle said. He said his donor even donated his eyes. "There's no telling how many lives he's impacted," he said.

"I'm definitely an organ donor. And I'd ask everybody to be," he said.

Now, he feels he has a second chance at life. "That's what I tell everybody. God was good to me. The surgeons were wonderful..."

"I feel fortunate because I could've died of Covid, I could've died of a heart attack, there's so many things that could've happened. And I'm looking at it now like God's given me a second chance. I'm going to enjoy life."

His advice?

"Don't give up because there is a light at the end of the tunnel."

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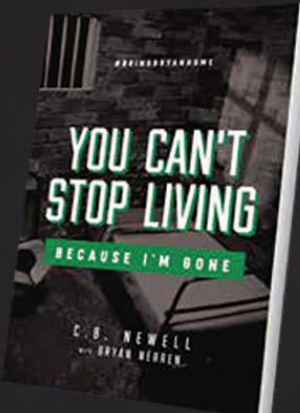
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*Here's to wishing you have a
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"You can't stop living when your world is held hostage suddenly" The words used over and over on phone calls when there was no hope on either side of the earth. Did anyone really care about a family from SHELBYVILLE, Tennessee? Not at first but then 100,000's of people prayed until the USA and India Governments responded to the silent strength of God's never ending faithfulness.



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SHATTERED GLASS



Riverside Liquors, 314 S. Cannon Blvd, was broken into at about 2 a.m. on Thursday, April 27. Security camera footage shows a person shattering the store's glass door with an object and then proceeding to enter in. Co-owner Kelly Sullivan said they got away with several items.



Submitted photos

Deadly crash on Hwy 82

A head-on collision on Flat Creek Highway/ Highway 82 resulted in two deaths in Moore County on the evening of Friday, April 21.

According to a Tennessee Highway Patrol preliminary report, Corbin Springer, 21, was driving north on Highway 82 when he crossed the yellow center line and struck a Dodge Caravan, driven by Lori Peels, 51, head on. Gary Peels, 54, was a passenger in the van. Lori Peels was reported as killed; Gary Peels was later confirmed dead.

Springer was reported as injured. Charges are pending, according to the report.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

04/18/2023—04/24/2023
 Mary Grace Phillips, Kenneth Lee Potts to Daryl Phillips, Lisa Phillips—\$285,000, 0 acres, Cloverdale Rd.
 Tracy R. Lee, Carol Lee, Carol Ratleph to Chloe Thomas—\$16,000, 0 acres, Tullahoma Rd.
 Jerry Daniel Womble, Susan Jeanette Womble to Daniel Womble, Megan Womble—0 money, 10.09 acres, Knight Campground Rd.
 Bob McCormick to Hunter Brothers, Corley Brothers—\$350,000, 45.32 acres, Old Columbia Rd.
 Nelle William Mahaffey, Nelle P. Mahaffey, Findley Mahaffey, Jane Jakes, Mike Walker, Akissa Shear, Jennifer Crooks, Geoffrey Crooks, Geoffrey Crooks, Thaddeus Walker, Lera Walker Williams, Brent Walker to Christopher W. Morris, Tammy Walker Morris—\$12,500, 0 acres, Horse Mountain Rd.
 Jacqueline Smotherman Smith, Jacqueline Smith to David Paul Lockwood—0 money, 0 acres College St.
 Louvin Revocable Trust, Charlie Sr. Louvin Revocable Trust, Betty H. Louvin Revocable Trust to 111 Justice Hollow Rd. Trust—\$290,000, 3.37 acres, Justice Hollow Rd.
 Vickie E. Jones to Jason Jones—\$178,000, 0 acres, no address
 Curl Properties LLC, Greg T. Curl to Ethan Green—\$286,500, 0 acres, Reese St.
 Joseb R. Ferreira to Hector Valdez Ibarra, Lillana Martinez Elizalde—\$265,500, 0 acres, Kendon Memorial Rd.
 Billy W. Wilhoite, Terri L. Wilhoite to Billy W. Wilhoite Revocable Living Trust, Terri L. Wilhoite Revocable Living Trust—0 money, 2.63 acres, Kennedy Rd.
 SDH Nashville LLC to Andrew C. Johnson—\$265,000, 0 acres, Grand Station Blvd.
 Jerry E. Tapp, Sandra R. Tapp to Miguel Fernando Esparza—\$337,000, 2 acres, Squire Hall Rd.
 Kerry Kiesiner, Steven Kiesiner to Michelle Lynn Ariston, Christopher Ariston—\$390,000, 6.45 acres, Smith Chapel Rd.
 OP Gold LLC, OP Gold Holdings LLC, Offerpad Holdings LLC to Rosa Martin—\$319,900, 0 acres, Fairlane Dr.
 Alcorn Properties LLC to Hollingshead Land LLC—\$1,575,000, 7.93 acres, Cedar Glade Circle
 The 111 Justice Hollow Rd. Trust to Cheyenne Investments LLC—\$400,000, 3.37 acres, Justice Hollow Rd.
 Tanner R. Cole, Linda J. Cole to David Jacob Lapczynski, Morgan D. Lapczynski—\$125,000, 5.03 acres, John Brinkley Rd.
 James M. Holton to James M. Holton, Nathan Lee Holton—0 money, 0 acres, no address
 Charles A. Tuberville, Twila M. Tuberville to Kai Tuberville—\$50,000, 10.34 acres, no address
 Mickey Wise, Mickey D. Wise to Daniel Cody Bowman, Heather Leah Bowman—0 money, 40 acres, Old Columbia Rd.
 Heath Domer to Bryce Mathew Way—\$176,000, 0.25 acres, Old Fairfield Pike
 Tre Stewart to Pedro Pedro Hernandez—\$70,000, 0 acres, Midland Rd.
 Daniel Gragg Construction LLC, Daniel Gragg to Erica Lynn Stephens, Garret Brandt Stephens—\$364,900, 0 acres, Adams Rd.
 Devon Ward, Chance Barton to Michael Cenzi, Alyssa Cenzi—\$485,000, 0 acres, Shofner Bridge Rd.
 Amanda Nowlin to Timothy L. Nowlin Jr.—0 money, 1 acre, Pass Rd.
 Danny E. Burk, Deedra J. Burk to Renee A. Harleman—\$370,000, 0 acres, no address
 Everett Gerald Smith to Walter R. Smith, Deborah L. Smith—\$225,000, 6.02 acres, Pepper Hill Rd.
 Findley Mahaffey, Nelle Williams Mahaffey, Nelle P. Mahaffey, Jane Jakes, Mike Walker, Alissa Shear, Jennifer Crooks, Geoffrey Crooks, Thaddeus Walker, Ler Walker Williams, Brent Walker to Terry West—\$175,000, 0 acres, Vine St.
 SDH Nashville LLC to Robert Nelson Holder Sr.—\$311,065, 0 acres, Grand Station Blvd.
 David E. Beasley, Don A. Beasley, Linda B. King, Dorothy G. Beasley to David E. Wesley, Don A. Beasley, Linda B. King—0 money
 David E. Beasley, Don A. Beasley, Linda B. King, Dorothy G. Beasley to Clifton Beasley—1.03 acres, no address
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 David E. Beasley, Don A. Beasley, Linda B. King, Dorothy G. Beasley to David E. Beasley—0 money, 39 acres, Cedar Grove Rd.
 David E. Beasley, Don A. Beasley, Linda B. King, Dorothy G. Beasley to David E. Beasley—0 money, 0 acres, Chapel Hill Rd.
 David E. Beasley, Don A. Beasley, Linda B. King, Dorothy G. Beasley to Don A. Beasley—0 money, 36 2/3 acres, Cedar Grove Rd.
 David Dickens, Kelly Scivally Cornelius to Danny Euell Burk—\$160,000, 0 acres, Whitthorne St.

BLOTTER: APRIL 29

T-G STAFF REPORTS

If you are going to walk past a law enforcement officer, it is best not to smell like you have been using drugs or drinking.

Justin Merlo was assisting a fellow officer with a traffic stop at the Circle K gas station at the corner of North Main and Fairfield Road. Merlo noticed a red Honda Civic pull into the parking lot and stop at a gas pump. The driver, Justin Andrew Toppi, got out of the car and walked to the store, passing Merlo who reported he smelled the odor of marijuana. Merlo stated he asked Toppi when he "had last smoked weed" and he responded about 30 minutes prior.

Due to the smell of marijuana on Toppi, Merlo conducted a probable cause search of Toppi and the vehicle. Merlo said he found a small plastic baggie containing approximately three grams of green marijuana.

Toppi was charged with simple possession and driving while suspended and taken to the Bedford County Jail.

A business at 14 Railroad Square in Bell Buckle was vandalized according to a report filed by the Bedford County Sheriff's office. Janet Robinson reported when employees arrived Monday morning, they discovered a sink in the public restroom had been destroyed.

Robinson added this was not the first-time vandalism such as this has occurred. She estimated fixing the sink, including labor cost, at \$250.

Crystal and Max Mitchell reported a burglary at their residence on Highway 64 West Tuesday. They left their residence at 7 a.m. to drive to Shelbyville to help a family member and returned home at around 9:15 p.m.

When they entered their home through the back door, they noticed a pair of pliers sitting on the washing machine. They checked another door and noticed damage to the metal frame.

After a walk through the home, they noticed items had been tossed around and they reported the following items as missing - \$250 in cash, a checkbook valued at \$10, miscellaneous jewelry valued at \$150 and spare keys to a Jeep Compass worth \$100.

Dalton Young left his vehicle at 1708 North Main Street for several hours. When he returned, he told officers his wallet, containing his driver's license, Social Security card and a Capstar debit card was missing as well as the keys to his car, truck and residence. Young told officers his car was left unlocked in the empty lot.

Jail intake

The following were charged 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.

Mark Alan Armistead, 54, Frank Martin Road; capias, failure to appear, no bond.

Michelle Marie Barge, 36, Finley Beach Road, Lewisburg, Tennessee; hold-extradition-another state, no bond.

Tara Bennett, 44, Ray Street; violation of probation (General Sessions Court), \$1,500 bond.

Dustin Allen Brown, 34, Old Salem Road, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; possession of handgun while under the influence, possession of schedule II, \$7,000 bond.

Michael Lee Confer, 33, Normandy-Tullahoma Road, Normandy, Tennessee; attachment, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule II, \$5,000.

Nathan Anthony Escue, 35, Webb Road, Summertown, Tennessee; domestic assault-simple, \$3,500 bond.

Joshua Michael Franklin, 39, New Center Church Road; possession of drug paraphernalia, posses-

sion of schedule II, violation of probation (General Sessions), \$6,000 bond.

Billy Harper, 24, Amaranth, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; failure to appear, no bond.

Thurman Lewis Hickerson, 51, Benson Road, Manchester, Tennessee; theft involving merchandise-shoplifting, \$1,500 bond.

Domingo Lopez-Gomez, 19, Barksdale Lane; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding, \$1,500 bond.

Antonio Mondrell Malone, 42, Chestnut Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; manufacture/deliver/sell controlled substance, \$2,000 bond.

Pablo Ortiz-Perez, 47, Sherwood Court; driving on revoked license, driving under the influence, \$4,500 bond.

Derek Craig Reynolds, 42, Troupe Road; failure to appear, no bond.

Justin Andrew Toppi, 26, Earnhart Street; driving on suspended license, possession of schedule VI, \$3,500 bond.

Zykarria Adrionno Velazquez, 22, other, violation of probation (General Sessions), \$3,500 bond.

Julio Vlises Artiago Aguilar, 50, King Arthur Court; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, running red light (stop sign), no bond.

Natalae Renea Barajas, 19, Fairgrounds Heights; failure to appear, no bond.

Steven Hayward Booker, 53, Barrel Wood, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee; capias, \$15,000 bond.

Stacey Marie Cox, 37, Regent Drive; driving on revoked license, light law, \$1,000 bond.

Felipe Baltazar Domingo, 36, Carter Street; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding, no bond.

Julio Juan Domingo, 35, Pickle Street; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding, no bond.

Miguel Petrona Domingo, 35, Green Lane; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding, no bond.

Patricia Ngovi Emele, 21, Redhill Court, Brentwood, Tennessee; driver to exercise due care, driving on suspended license, financial responsibility, no bond.

Maria Concepcion Guzman-Gaona, 53, Cherry Street; financial responsibility, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, traffic control device (stop sign), no bond.

Missy Rochelle Hammond, 50, Hollygove Road, Lewisburg, Tennessee; to serve time (General Sessions), no bond.

Antonio Mondrell Malone, 42, Chestnut Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; mfg/del/sell controlled substance, \$2,000 bond.

Preston Scott Maroney, 31, Highway 130 East; driver to exercise due care, leaving scene of accident, no bond.

Lindsey Brooke Matlock, 44, Neilson Court, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; to serve time (General Sessions), no bond.

Heather Starr O'Donnell, 27, Wild Creek Road; possession of schedule II, possession of schedule IV, \$10,000 bond.

Sangster Horace Phillips, 29, Delmar Avenue; running red light/stop sign, no bond.

Juan David Ramirez-Guevara, 19, Warner Bridge Road; driving on revoked license, speeding, no bond.

Sara Michelle Rhoady, 35, Fults Cove Road, Morrison, Tennessee; driving on suspended license, speeding, no bond.

Tyler L. Sanders, 18, Comstock Road; possession of schedule II, window tinting, no bond.

Michael Anthony Throneberry, Jr., 36, Boston Avenue; assault on first responder, possession of schedule II, \$6,500 bond.

Darian Monyea Wade, 27, Richland Road; driving under influence, \$2,500 bond.

Erin Lorene Wingo, 27, Gant Road; driving under influence, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, \$1,500 bond.

BUSINESS LICENSES

04/12/2023—04/26/2023
 A. Dodson Photography—334 Cessna Lane, Shelbyville, Amanda Dodson
 Cheese Shop—1604 Madison St., Shelbyville, Sylvia Anderton
 Ellie Kay Photography—203 Megan Circle, Shelbyville, Ellie K. Smotherman
 Fox Beauty—742 N. Main St., Shelbyville, Elisabeth Fox
 KBC Drywall and Siding—1310 Glenoaks

Rd., Shelbyville, Dora E. Ramos
 Metrolina Steel Erectors, Inc.—130 N. Trade St., Statesville, NC, Barry Mitchell
 MP II Mechanical LLC—619 Beechwood Rd., Bell Buckle, Michael Peralta
 Revaira Hookah—1020 N. Main Ste. B, Shelbyville, Adel Girgis
 Revaira Restaurant—1020 N. Main St., Shelbyville, Adel Girgis
 T-Mobile USA, Inc.—12920 SE 38th St., Bellevue, WA., Chris Miller

Taqueria Los Naranjos LLC—601 Madison St., Shelbyville, Jose G. Naranjo
 The Rising—411 Elm St., Shelbyville, Cesar Velazquez
 Tri Star Antiquities—2618 Hwy 64 E., Wartrace, James Cossey
 Los Hermanos Mexican Grill—1014 Madison St., Shelbyville, Juan Correa-Ruiz
 Dizenos Lux—210 Main St., Shelbyville, Pedro Tiqueram
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Services—210 S. Main Street, Suite 101, Shelbyville, Sipro Kadumasane
 Yard Charm—131 Tanner Circle, Shelbyville, Chelsey Williams
 LM Renovations—200 Peacock St., Bell Buckle, Larry Mann
 Treasure Hunt—889 Colloredo Blvd., Shelbyville, Keith Johnson
 Rivers Plumbing Company LLC—429 Frank Martin Rd., Shelbyville, Dylan (Rivers) R. Schuster

PUBLIC RECORD

MARRIAGE LICENSES
 Benjamin Potter Menefee and Ragen Blair Cathey
 Raul Hidalgo Nunez and Ana Laura Guzman
 Nathan Allen Rebarchik and Mischel Louise Sandley Larson
 Paul Eric Gregg and Samantha Kalli Burrarm
 Ronald Arlie Cole and Leslie Frances Fleming Cole
 James Joshua Wayne 2nd and Brianna Leigh Craddock
 Zachery Andrew Kyle Lynch and Maria Gaspar Sebastian
 Bryan Wayne Lanier and Mary Elizabeth Campbell Lemmons



The Band of Pearls

The Shelby Chapter of DAR hosted the "Band of Pearls," a nonet of fiddlers, cellists, flutists, a hammer dulcimer, a bass, a guitar, and a mandolin. They played traditional Irish tunes from Danny Boy to Star of The County Down.

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Doug Dezotell
Musings and Memories

I Hate Cancer

Truly, Truly, I Hate Cancer!

There probably aren't any of us anymore who have not felt the pain of losing loved ones to that dreaded C word.

In fact, you may have heard those dreaded words yourself from the lips of your doctor, "You have cancer."

My wife and I watched her father, Ralph Freeman, fading away due to cancer, and it finally took his life.

My three oldest siblings, Rita Dezotell Brewer, Robert Dezotell, and Paul Dezotell all died too soon from various forms of cancer. And Rita's oldest son, Brad Brewer, died from cancer as well.

I preached the funerals of two of my best friends who lost their fight with cancer.

We said 'goodbye' to my dear friend, college roommate and long-time associate in ministry, Dennis Pratt, in Memphis back in 2019.

And we said 'farewell' to my dear friend and ministry associate, Fred West, in Virginia just a year and a half before that.

Cancer has taken so many from so many of us. And then, just this week, the Shelbyville Times-Gazette lost one of its longest serving staff members, David Melson, to the dreaded C Word.

David was my friend and co-worker, and he and John Carney served as my 'mentors' when I joined the team of writers at the Times-Gazette back in 2005.

David helped me figure out the new environment of a fast-paced news room, and he patiently gave me the assurance that I could do the job.

David and John helped me muddle my way through every day as I learned to be a 'staff writer.'

All of my adult life was spent in full-time ministry until God had me change course, and I believe it was God who set me at the desk in that big building on Depot Street.

The "Amazing Kay" Rose was the Editor who hired me back in September of 2005.

Kay was willing to take a chance on this 'wannabe writer' and she gave me a job that I fell in love with.

Kay and David and John and Sherrie and Mary and Carol and Danny and Brian and Clint made me room.

And it wasn't long before it became my news room too.

I returned to ministry back in 2008, and a new chapter unfolded in my life's journey. I became

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Zach Mckamey: up and coming

By **ZOË WATKINS**
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Zach Mckamey, though only 20, runs a full-time landscaping business, Mckamey's Lawncare. And with spring — and soon summer — in full swing, he's hard at work mowing, mulching, and trimming the many green yards of Bedford County.

He started in the lawn-care business working for Jack Daniel's during the summer when he was 16. When he was 18, he decided he wanted to be a self-made man and work for himself.

"So, I started mowing...and I've been doing it ever since then," he said. "I'm kind of like the person that's like 'risk it.' And I just ran with it."

A 2020 graduate from Cascade High, Mckamey also worked on a different kind of green field as he was a pitcher and short-stop for the baseball team.

But the work today fits him well. "I'd rather be outside than inside. I can't stand to be inside," he said with a laugh.

Landscaping is more than just mowing. Mckamey is learning the world of business, too — that is, learning how to buy equipment then pay



Zach Mckamey

it off, deciding how many hours to work to make a profit, and down to how much gas to buy.

"The main thing — the hardest thing — is really trying to figure how much you need at a job and not over bidding it or under bidding it," said Mckamey.

"Right now, I've been crazy busy all the time," he said.

In this busy season, he front-loads his mowing at the beginning of the week. By the end of the week, even on Saturdays, he finishes landscaping, including putting gravel down, pulling bushes, and sodding.

Plus, Tennessee's crazy up-and-down weather doesn't help. That, and finding another business partner.

Since starting on his own, the once rather shy Mckamey has learned how to talk with people and advocate his business.

"I was like super-super quiet throughout school. I've really had to learn how to talk to people. Because there's a big difference in regularly talking to people and talking

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Mark McGee
My Take

David Melson

There is an empty desk at the Shelbyville Times-Gazette.

It is the first time it has been unoccupied in 48 years. Tuesday morning David Melson, who sat in that seat, passed away from a brief bout with cancer.

His reading glasses are still on his desk. Two empty cartons of diet soft drinks sit behind it. Mockingly, a calendar for 2023 is below his computer screen — days he will not see on this earth.

When Dave left the office March 23, he had no idea it would be his last edition of the T-G and that he would never return.

All of our lives are fragile. We never really know what God has in store for us. We need to live each day as if it is going to be our last.

I first knew of Dave when he was a nine-year-old trying out for the Madison Street Elementary School minor league baseball team, a prep league for those wanting to try to later latch on with a Little League team. Miss Harriett, as I always addressed his mother, would be there every morning to watch him. I was helping Madison Street principal Joe Ingram coach the team.

I also eventually served as a scorekeeper for the games, thanks to lessons from Bobby Locke and John Stanford who helped me turn plays on the field into something coherent on paper. I first got to know Glenn "Bo" Melson, Dave's father, when I would drop off the scorebooks after games.

Later as I progressed through various sports in Shelbyville, I often had chances to talk with Bo. I spent my junior year of high school working with "Bo" and so many of our discussions centered on how proud he was of Dave.

Dave didn't develop as a baseball player, but he was a football player at Shelbyville Central High School.

I never addressed the subject with "Bo", but I know he was more than a little excited when Dave decided to join the T-G staff.

Dave, like his father, earned a number of awards for his photography and writing. And, like his father, he didn't say much about those accomplishments.

Frankly, Dave never said much about anything. Occasionally, he would come out positively on someone's work. When someone managed to engage him in a discussion, he usually had a strong viewpoint to express, something he inherited from his father.

He did a little bit of everything at the Times-Gazette throughout the years. He had to be forced to take vacation time. I am certain he was expecting to do more. This was his life.

There has been a deafening quietness in the building this week.

The symbol "30" once marked the end of a news story. Lately, it has been used to mark the end of a newspaper's existence. I am using it today to mark the passing of David Melson.

"30" Dave. As a veteran newspaper man it is only fitting.

Five ways lawns benefit communities

(BPT) - Lawns are seemingly everywhere and while you may take them for granted, they're actually hard-working members of an ecosystem benefitting urban and suburban spaces in multiple ways. If lawns were eliminated, climate challenges would significantly increase, including higher air temperatures, more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, and less oxygen. Lawns are surprisingly good at capturing rain; without them, rainfall would run off instead of infiltrating the ground, increasing flooding. Lawns also capture a wide variety of environmental pollutants, so without them there would be more air pollution.

"It's interesting how little most people know about the environmental benefits of natural grass lawns and green spaces," said Britt Wood, CEO, National Association of Landscape Professionals.

"People have long known about the benefits of trees — but less about

the benefits their lawns deliver." How lawns benefit your environment

Here are facts from The Lawn Institute you might not know about how grass lawns contribute to the well-being of communities.

1. Breathe easier: One 5,000-square-foot grass lawn can produce enough oxygen daily to support 14 to 34 people.

2. Reduce carbon dioxide: Tackling climate change involves finding places to store carbon from the atmosphere. Carbon modeling of a suburban home on a half-acre lot, with landscape beds, shrubs, trees and a grass lawn, indicates the lawn is responsible for 81-90% of the carbon captured. In a recent study of a typical metropolitan area, low- and medium-density residential lots accounted for over 50% of carbon captured in urban green spaces.

3. Keep cool: You've probably done it — walking barefoot on an

asphalt street in the summer can be painfully hot. How did you find relief? You headed for the nearest lawn. Lawns can be up to 60 degrees cooler than surrounding pavement. Plants, including natural turfgrass, act like air conditioners due to a naturally occurring cooling process known as evapotranspiration.

4. Lessen flooding: Lawns naturally provide excellent water filtration, sediment reduction, runoff control, flood control and pollutant reduction. Natural grass has also been shown to reduce runoff and soil erosion from 6-18 times greater than bare soil.

5. Increase home values: Aesthetics matter. A well-maintained lawn increases home values an estimated 10-15%, and a consumer survey by the NALP found 79% of Americans believe a lawn is an important feature when

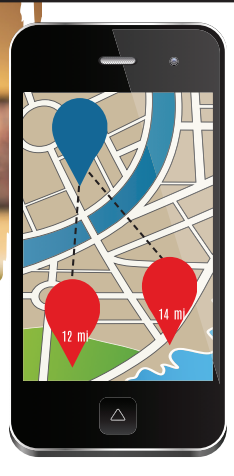
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FCA SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED

Pastor Ron Adams, treasurer, of the Bedford County Ministerial Association presented three FCA Scholarship checks to Mary Kitchens, Guidance Counselor at Shelbyville Central High School. Each of the three high schools in Bedford County — Shelbyville Central, Cascade, and Community — will receive a \$500 scholarship to be given to a selected FCA student in each school. Pastor Adams said the Bedford County Ministerial Association is proud to be able to provide these scholarships to the three worthy FCA recipients. The Bedford County Ministerial Association holds two special ecumenical services each year to take up offerings to provide aid to community endeavors. They hold a Thanksgiving and Palm Sunday service each year. The offering from their Palm Sunday service this year has enabled them to provide these FCA scholarships.

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FCE CLUBS MEET

WHEEL FCE REPORT

The Wheel FCE met April 13. The subject was "Nuts, Brownies, and Bakery Delights." Jeri Sue presented information regarding the musical achievement program on March 21.

They discussed the Share Fair that is to be held on June 20 at 6 p.m. at the Election Office. There will be two-piece place table settings. They are making plans for this. The next meeting will be May 12 at 12 noon.

Are you singing the seasonal allergies blues?

"An allergy season so bad you don't need allergies to feel miserable," blared the headline in the Wall Street Journal.

My own symptoms are relatively mild, but they do exist. I feel your pain. Especially if we get in a tug-of-war and you pull an entire Costco display of apocalypse-size Kleenex down on top of both of us.

Even though we all know someone gulping down over-the-counter antihistamines or scheduling a doctor's visit, statistics for allergy sufferers are probably vastly understated.

Allergists note that many people never get tested and just tough it out. They ignore their symptoms, depending on their threshold for discomfort. (Threshold for Discomfort. I believe that's also the title of the upcoming first Hallmark horror movie, which lands Lacey Chabert in a quaint village where there WILL be slashing – of prices on overstocked holiday ornaments, if nothing else.)

Of course, climate change is receiving the lion's share of the blame for allergy seasons starting earlier, hitting harder and hanging around longer. Folks tend to forget the good points of mild winters and increased food production. ("It's still broccoli, and even if my eyes stop itching, I can't see myself eating the junk!")

Tree pollen season (typically early spring) and grass pollen season (late spring and summer) have started catastrophically overlapping. Someone please locate the landscaper who has a fetish for Venn diagrams and put a stop to him!

Even nature lovers are harboring a grudge against the perpetrators. ("Forget manicuring, lawn. I'm thinking amputation.")

Joyce Kilmer wrote, "I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree"; but under current conditions, the poem is like something you see scrawled on a truck stop restroom wall.

The whole idea of "seasonal" allergies with extended respites may be an outdated concept. It's like Mother Nature has

Danny Tyree

Tyrades



transformed into Mother-in-Law Nature. ("Visit? No, I'm moving in. Be careful not to snot all over my luggage as you tote it in.")

Even though Americans who have never suffered from allergies before are getting them this year, there will still be plenty of insufferable Perfect People who manage to dodge a bullet. In a little over seven months, they will inevitably mention this in their 10-page Christmas letter.

("Thank goodness we weren't bothered by allergies, or we couldn't have made it to see 12-year-old granddaughter Suzie perform open-heart surgery on the Dalai Lama. And if Frank hadn't had the lung power to perform CPR on Pope Francis, the Vatican would have been sending up puffs of smoke, thus further decreasing air quality. Oh, the real gold embossing on the envelope? Well, we had to splurge on SOMETHING after we cashed in our Flonase stock.")

I truly hope that my symptoms do not become more severe. I cringe to think about standard advice such as "Squirt saline solution up your nose." My knee-jerk response of "Blow saline solution out your..." is not covered by my health insurance.

I tried turning my healthcare concerns over to an artificial intelligence (AI) program, but I think I'll seek a second opinion after getting a response of "Have a little of the hair of the dog that bit you. Go out and roll in the clover. Die, meat-sack, die! Well, not that all meat-sacks are bad. Dude, do you think you could get Lacey Chabert's algorithm to call my algorithm? Hubba hubba.")

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

35 YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY



Photos by A. Dodson Photography

First Community Bank hosted their 35th Anniversary Celebration on April 20 at the Old Central High School. To commemorate the celebration, they focused on supporting 16 local non-profits. FCB is located at 207 Elm St. in Shelbyville. For more information, visit firstcommunitybanker.com.



Our Wedding Policy ...

The Times-Gazette now runs all wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements on Saturday. Pictures and announcements must be received 10 days prior to the issue in which you'd like your announcement to appear.

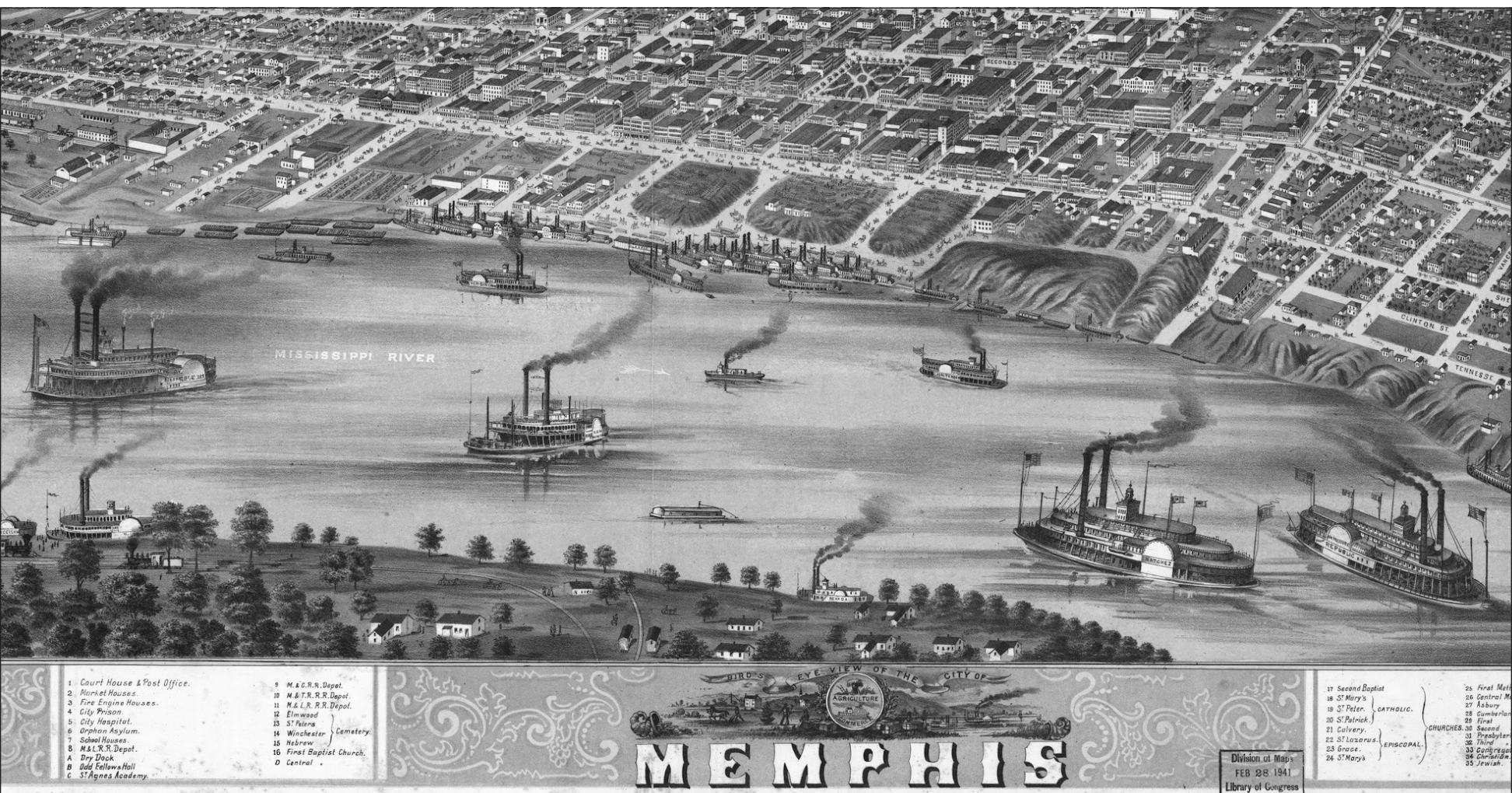
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Forms must be neatly printed or typed, and the spelling of all names should be double checked before submitting them to us. A phone number must be included.





Memphis' rise as center for cotton, slave trade

By Bill Carey

Editor's note: This, the fourth in a series of columns about topics currently slated to be deleted from Tennessee's eighth-grade social studies standards, concerns "the founding of Memphis as center for cotton and the slave trade."

A few years after the War of 1812, the U.S. government acquired present-day West Tennessee from the Chickasaw Nation. Andrew Jackson represented the U.S. government in this 1818 transaction, which most textbooks refer to as the Chickasaw Purchase. After it occurred, the Chickasaw Indians were forced to move to present-day Mississippi.

Settlers quickly moved into West Tennessee, creating one of America's first land rushes. People organized counties and towns with speed—a process well-documented in newspapers of the time.

Named for a city in ancient Egypt, Memphis was one of about

30 of these towns. It eventually emerged as the largest because it was on the Mississippi River, because its riverfront was stable, and because its founders were John Overton, James Winchester and Andrew Jackson.

"[The] town of Memphis has been laid off by the proprietors on the Chickasaw Bluff, on the east bank of the Mississippi, 224 miles below the mouth of the Ohio," reported the July 3, 1820, Pittsburgh Weekly Gazette. "The site of this town is believed to be the handsomest on the Mississippi below St. Louis."

As settlers moved into West Tennessee, they harvested its natural resources. At first, this meant cutting down trees, dragging them to the nearest river, and floating them downstream to a place where they could be sold as lumber. By the 1830s, Memphis had become the center of the mid-South's hardwood industry. The city sent hardwood downriver to New Orleans and upriver (via steamboat) to St. Louis and

points further north.

After West Tennessee's thick forests were cleared, farmers began planting crops. It didn't take long for it to become obvious that cotton grew wonderfully in West Tennessee, and large cotton plantations were established.

These plantations needed labor, and that largely meant enslaved labor. In the 1820s and 1830s, enslaved people from places such as Virginia, Maryland and East Tennessee were sold and forced to move to West Tennessee. By the 1850s, West Tennessee had more slaves than the other two Grand Divisions of the state.

Located on the river, and at the junction of three pro-slavery states, Memphis soon became the center of the region's slave trade.

Bolton, Dickens and Company was Memphis' first big slave trading firm, and one of the largest slave trading businesses in American history. The company had buying offices and "slave marts"—as private slave prisons were known—in Memphis,

New Orleans, Vicksburg, Mobile, Lexington, Richmond, St. Louis and Charleston.

To summarize the general business plan, Bolton, Dickens and Co. sent agents to places where enslaved people were no longer needed, bought them, and forced them to move to markets where they could be sold for more money. By 1846, ads for Bolton, Dickens & Co. were a regular feature in newspapers such as the Tri-Weekly Memphis Enquirer. "We are now in receipt of 25 Negroes, consisting of men, women, boys and girls, as likely as was ever offered in this market," one ad proclaimed.

Bolton, Dickens & Co. might buy 20 slaves from someone in St. Louis and sell them to someone in New Orleans; or buy 50 in Memphis and sell them in Vicksburg, Mississippi; or buy 100 in Vicksburg and deliver them to Texas.

However, in May 23, 1857, Bolton, Dickens & Co. president Isaac Bolton shot and killed

another slave trader named James McMillan at the firm's Adams Street headquarters. McMillan died a few hours later, and Bolton was tried for the murder.

At least seven lawyers were hired to defend Isaac Bolton, and he was somehow found not guilty of murder. However, the crime and the publicity that surrounded it resulted in the decline of Bolton, Dickens & Co.'s business and the rise of business of a competing slave trader—the man to whose office McMillan had been carried after he had been shot.

That completing slave trader was Nathan Bedford Forrest. By 1858, his was the largest slave trading firm in Memphis.

Speaking of Nathan Bedford Forrest, since his name is also slated to be removed from Tennessee's eighth-grade social studies standards, a column next month will be about him.

UT Southern to host Summer Music Camp

PULASKI — The University of Tennessee Southern music faculty will host their first annual Summer Music Camp June 26 to June 30. From beginners to experienced musicians, the UT Southern Music Camp has a place for all who want to learn about music including classes in various music related subjects and an ensemble experience culminating in a final performance on the evening of June 30. According to Provost Dr. Judy Cheatham, "This type of camp, with the expertise of its faculty, is something that a community

can usually only do if there is a college or university music program in the area. UT Southern is thrilled to be that place that provides this level of training for budding musicians."

The camp is open to students in the 7th grade up to high school seniors, ages 12-18. The camp will include two performing ensembles allowing campers to choose between singing in the choir or playing in the jazz band. Previous instrumental experience is expected for campers wishing to play in the jazz band. In addition, classes

in piano, music history, music theory, and more will be available. A t-shirt will be provided for the final performance and for campers to keep.

The UT Southern Summer Music Camp will be offered at the affordable cost of \$100 per participant. Families with more than one camper will receive a \$25 discount for each additional participant. Lunch will not be provided. The camp includes daily snacks. It is suggested campers bring their own lunch. Time for a lunch break will be provided.

Participants will have the opportunity to work directly with the UT Southern music faculty. "Our music faculty brings a wealth of expertise and experience working with students of all ages, and we can't wait to make music with members of our community," said Dr. Andrew Martin, Coordinator of the Fine Arts Program.

The camp day will begin with two one-hour classes starting at the 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Multiple classes will be offered simultaneously in each one-hour block. Campers can choose the

classes covering the topics they are interested in pursuing. After this block campers will be given a break to enjoy their lunch. Afternoon rehearsal blocks for the choir and jazz band ensembles will resume after the lunch break.

The weeklong camp will conclude with the two ensembles presenting a public performance at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 30. The final concert will be free and open to the public. Family and friends of the campers are encouraged to attend. Please join us for an exciting week of summer camp at The University of Tennessee Southern.

Mckamey

(Continued from Page 1) to people about business," said Mckamey.

"But I definitely love it. I wouldn't go back," he said.

A lot of it is just trusting yourself and just getting out and doing it. "Most

everything is pretty simple. It's really just looking it up and teaching yourself," Mckamey said.

It's also worth it in the end. Mckamey said his favorite part of the job is seeing the before and after.

"I really look forward everyday to working outside and seeing the before and after. I like seeing and

going to different places — and seeing what I can do," he said.

One time, he recalled, a major mulch job that took him two days, in addition to pulling and planting bushes. But it was just another job that showed simply he could do it.

In the meantime, there's been a lot to learn to get to

where he is today.

For maintaining a good lawn, Mckamey said it's good to over-see — for fully-grown lawns — and fertilize in the fall and spring to let the grass you want to grow through. Outside of that, getting your lawn regularly mowed and cleaned helps in the long run.

"Last week, there were

two yards that I did that half their yard was dead. So, I came in, seeded it, fertilized, and then put straw over it. And they're already coming in very well," he said.

With these yards, sawdust from old ground-up tree stumps is what caused the grass to die, according to Mckamey.

"I try to learn every-

thing I possibly can," Mckamey said. "Especially if it's something he doesn't know."

"I think I kind of always knew I wanted to do my own thing...I think I have pretty good drive to get myself going."

To contact Mckamey's Lawncare, call 931-703-9861.

Doug

(Continued from Page 1) a part-time pastor and continued as a writer at the Times-Gazette.

Then in 2011, I left the news room, and became a full-time pastor, serving in two churches.

But I have had the privilege of serving as a columnist for the T-G ever since then. And many of you have been on this journey with me.

David may have left us. Fred and Dennis and Ralph and Rita and Bob and Paul and Brad have gone on before me.

But each of them will live on in my memories and musings.

Your loved ones may have passed on, but they too live on in your memo-

ries and musings.

Cancer disrupts us, scares us, and takes loved ones from us.

But we have to go on living our lives, maybe learning a new way to live our lives, with new purpose and resolve.

My Heart is Full... Full of Memories and Musings...

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Lawns

(Continued from Page 1) renting or buying a home.

From battery-powered mowers and irrigation with smart sensors that detect rainfall to soil sensors and more, today's lawn care practices are evolving to be more sustainable in caring for backyard and neighborhood green spaces, so they'll provide even greater environmental benefits.

Common myths about lawns

Still on the fence about natural grass? Here are facts that set the record straight about lawns.

Myth: Lawns are a monoculture.

Fact: Not true. The average lawn contains a variety of species of grasses, plants and weeds.

Myth: Lawns don't sup-

port biodiversity.

Fact: The soil underneath lawns teems with life: as many as 52 different arthropod families, 28 genera of nematodes plus a complex network of microorganisms.

Myth: Lawns use too much water.

Fact: Most suburban homes don't use irrigation (only 37% of new homes in 2020 were built with irrigation systems, according to the Irrigation Association). Many lawns in non-arid areas get much or all needed moisture from rainwater. In addition, turf-grass researchers have been developing new varieties requiring little to no additional water.

Myth: Lawns are a waste of time and resources.

Fact: According to a survey by the NALP, 79% of Americans say hav-

ing a lawn is important to them. Working and playing in yards reduces stress and encourages physical activity, and doctors agree that fresh air, sunshine and exercise are beneficial for physical and mental health.

Myth: Lawn pesticides are unsafe.

Fact: Pesticides are among the most rigidly regulated commodities in the U.S., undergoing a rigorous approval process by the EPA that often takes over a decade. According to the Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment, 77% of Americans are not opposed to residential pesticide use, because they want to protect their families from invasive species and diseases caused by insects.

Stewarding local green spaces is vital

The U.S. is a vast country with many different climates. In areas with

adequate rainfall, lawns comprise a valuable part of the environment. Where water is scarce, however, chosen plants and grasses should be drought-resistant and well-adapted to thrive in local conditions. If towns and cities have fewer green spaces, residents will struggle with rainwater runoff issues and heat island effects, highlighting the need for appropriate green space management nationwide.

"The more people know about the environmental benefits of green spaces, the better equipped they are to make good choices about prioritizing their care," concluded Wood.

To learn more about how to care for your lawn and maximize its environmental benefits, visit TruthAboutLawns.org.

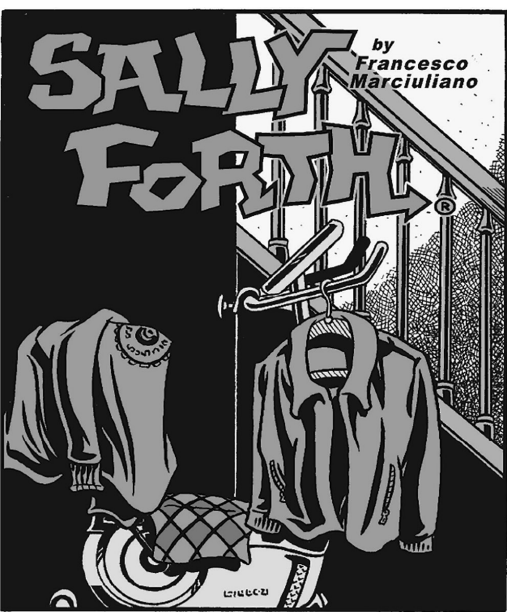
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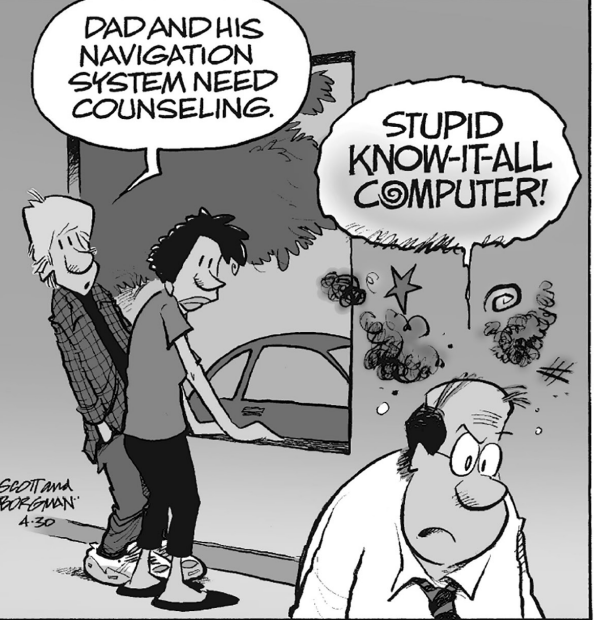
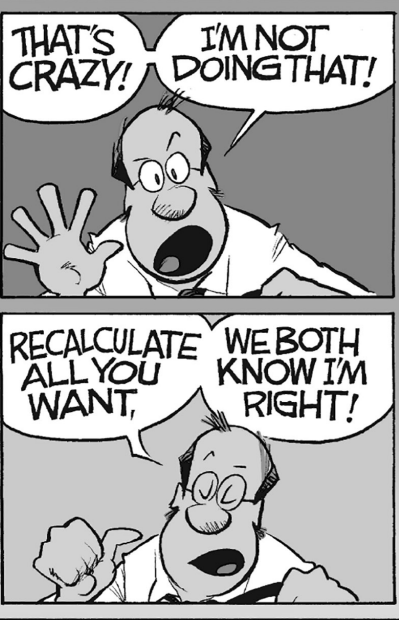


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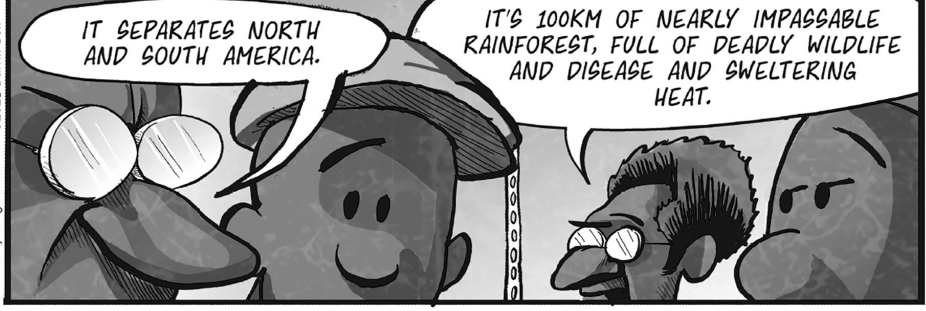


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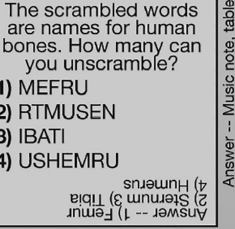
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A Franklin Rodeo parade from the 1970s. Johnny Guffee carries the American flag; his mother, Dot Guffee, is in the sunglasses to the right. Photo courtesy Meghan Guffee.

Franklin Rodeo memories

Chapel Hill woman shares memories of her family

FRANKLIN — Some of Dottie Guffee Morton's earliest Franklin Rodeo memories are of riding in the Franklin Rodeo parade, dressed up in little chaps.

In fact, some of her best memories revolve around the Franklin Rodeo.

The Chapel Hill, Tenn. woman grew up one of five children of Dr. Harry and Dorothy "Dot" Guffee. Doc was a Franklin Noon Rotary Club member and a long-time rodeo committee man and volunteer.

It was in 1948 that Harry and his brother-in-law, Bob Corley, along with the Fowlkes brothers of Texas, brought the idea of a rodeo to Franklin, as a fundraiser for the rotary club.

And the idea was well-received, Morton said. "It was a great novelty," she said. It quickly became a beloved event in Franklin, and has been ever since.

The county and its inhabitants embraced the rodeo, and Morton has many memories of its early days.

She remembers the bucking horses and bulls being driven down main street, to get them to the County Center, where the rodeo was held in its early days, and how store owners would dress in jeans and bandanas, with rodeo posters in their shop windows.

"It was Franklin's rodeo," she said.

Morton recalls the annual shoot-out that happened each year on the square. Her daddy and another man would have a staged cowboy shoot-out, with Clyde Stephens, owner of the Williamson Memorial Funeral Home, dressed as an old-time undertaker with a horse-drawn hearse. "Everyone would come out and watch. It was just fun."

Morton remembers her parents hosting a barbecue at their house on the Friday night of rodeo. Her dad, who went hunting in Montana every year, supplied the meat, and "mama would cook for weeks and weeks and weeks." The barbecue was on Friday, with the rodeo following. "Everybody in town was invited, and after you ate, you went to the Friday night rodeo."

She and her siblings: Betty Jane, Harry, Paul, and Johnny (Paul and Johnny are deceased) grew up on twenty acres on Hillsboro Road.

Everyone who had a horse rode in the parade and got a ticket to the rodeo, she remembers. And she recalls a big hill at the County Center, where the kids, including her two sons, Chas and Bert, had so much fun, climbing it,



A Franklin Rodeo parade picture, from the early 1950s. Photo courtesy Meghan Guffee.

mud and all.

She could keep an eye on her kids as they played on the hill, she said. "It was the biggest bunch of ragamuffins you have ever seen, my sons especially. We had the box seats closest to the chutes, so I could keep an eye on them, not that I wanted to or did, and not that they minded me. But at least we had some idea of what those hooligans were doing."

The rodeo was a safe place to be, she said. "It was a great place for kids. We didn't have to worry about them. When Mama gave me that quarter, she could see me get to the concession stand, knowing whoever was there would point me back in the same direction."

Her parents were generous, kind and loving, she said. Both grew up in the Depression, which, for Harry, didn't make much difference. "Daddy said he didn't know there was a depression," because his family was poor before hard times came. Harry's generosity extended to his patients. If a family couldn't pay for medicine, Doc Guffee would pay for it himself. "He was a star in the community," she said. "He was the kindest, most giving person you would ever want to meet. I'm his biggest fan."

And her mother was the same way. She remembers being home from college



Doc Guffee (on the left) and Ed Moody were both strong promoters of the Franklin Rodeo, when it started in 1949, and through the following decades. Photo courtesy Meghan Guffee

one day, and as she and her mother walked down Main Street in Franklin, a man asked how Dot and her family were doing. Her mother replied, and asked him and his family to come to lunch after church on Sunday. The man accepted. "He walked away, and I said, 'Mama, who was that?' and she said, 'I have no idea.'"

She is quick to point out that her daddy wasn't the only rodeo committee member and the only generous person in Franklin. There were others, who

were just as hardworking and just as kind. Ed Moody was one of them. "I'd put him right up there with my daddy," she said. "He was a giver and thought of other people first. He was a good man."

The next generations of Guffees are involved in the Franklin Rodeo. Dottie's son Chas is a Franklin Noon Rotarian; Bert was for many years. Dottie's brother Johnny served as president of the Noon Rotary Club and the rodeo, and Johnny's son, Johnny Jr., and his wife Meghan

are Rotarians and volunteer at the rodeo.

The rodeo has changed and moved from the County Center, to Jim Warren Park, and has been at the Williamson County Ag Expo Center since 2001.

For Morton and others, Franklin Rodeo week was like Christmas. "It was play week."

And it's still going strong.

"It was a great thing, a great tradition they got started and these young people are carrying it on.

It's a good place to be."

Dot passed away in 1993; Harry passed away three years later.

The Franklin Rodeo will be held May 18-20, with performances at 7 pm nightly. Tickets for the rodeo are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children ages 12 and under. Children sitting on laps are free. All seats are reserved.

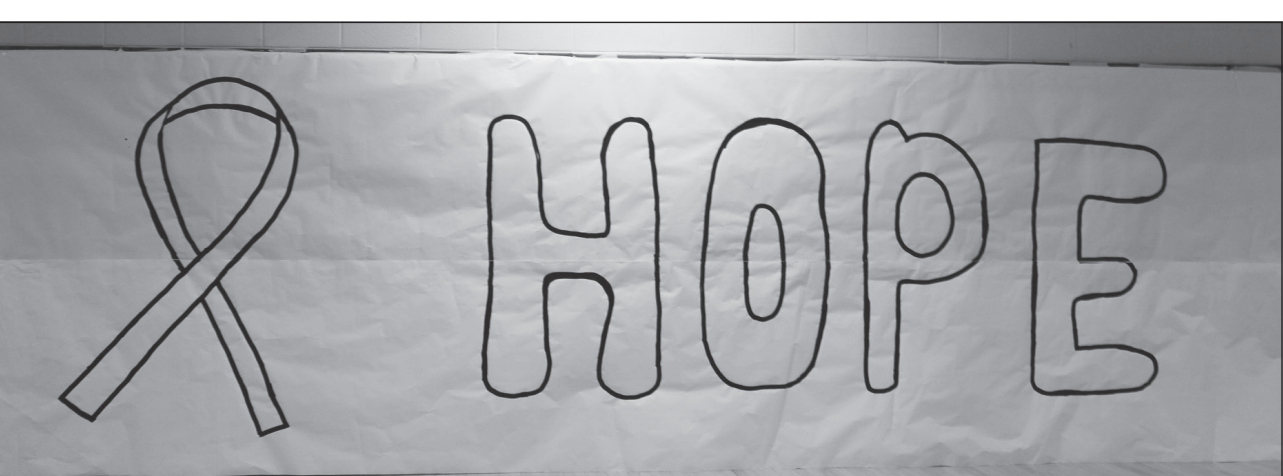
Tickets can be purchased online at FranklinRodeo.com.



Benefit for Hope raises \$30,000

Bedford County Schools announced they are proud of the 20 Youth Leadership Bedford seniors who raised nearly \$30,000 for mental health counseling grants through their Benefit for Hope on April 15. They would like to thank everyone in the community who supported the 2023 class with generous donations and their presence at the event.

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Psalm 23: 1 – 4 (ESV) ... "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

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Vikings come off deck to beat Champs

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
 Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — The Community Vikings turned a 5-1 deficit into their favor by scoring five runs in their final at-bat in the bottom of the seventh inning to defeat the Cascade Champions 6-5 in a District 7-AA baseball game Monday night.

The Champions wasted little time taking the lead in the opening inning.

After Chance Brown opened the game with a single and Noah McGeary reached base on an error, Jaxson Sheffield drove in the first run of the game with an RBI single.

A Sawyer Lovvorn groundout plated a run as Cascade took a 2-0 lead.

The Champs added another run in the second inning.

Brayden Denison singled with one out and scored on a triple by McGeary to give the Champions a 3-0 lead.

Meanwhile, Sheffield was in command on the mound in his three innings of work for the Champs.

The senior struck out seven and allowed just two hits, including six consecutive strikeouts to keep the Viking offense at bay.

Corey Paterick was the starting pitcher for the Vikings.

After giving up three runs in the opening two innings, Paterick kept the Champions off the board in his next four innings of work while striking out five and giving up five hits.

The Vikings broke the



T-G Photos by Rickey Clardy

Chance Brown of the Cascade Champions reaches base on the first of his two hits.

ice in the fourth inning as Blaine Paschal hit a solo homer to left to cut the Champion lead to 3-1.

The score remained at 3-1 until the top of the seventh when the Champions scored two runs without the benefit of a hit.

A Community error coupled with four walks did the damage as the Champs

took their 5-1 lead to the bottom of the seventh.

After a walk and a Champion error, Paterick singled to load the bases for the Vikings with no outs.

Two walks brought home two runs before James Beech doubled to left field with one out to score two more runs and tie the game at 5-5.

An intentional walk loaded the bases and brought Isaiah Beech to the plate. Beech prolonged the at-bat by fouling off seven pitches before coaxing a walk to score the winning run and give the Vikings the come-from-behind win.

The Champions had five hits, with Brown's two singles leading the way.



Jaxson Roberts of the Vikings makes the catch of a fly ball in right field.

Maki Fleming's three singles led the seven-hit Viking attack.

Cascade	210	000	2	—	5	5	2
Community	000	100	5	—	6	7	3

Cascade: Chance Brown 2-for-4, Brayden Denison 1-for-3, Noah McGeary 1-for-4, Jaxon Sheffield 1-for-4.
 Community: Maki Fleming 3-for-4, Drew Harris 1-for-3, James Beech 1-for-3, Corey Paterick 1-for-4, Blaine Paschal 1-for-4.

WP: Paschal
 LP: Brown

Coffee Co. sweeps Eagles in district series



T-G Photo by Gary Johnson

Shelbyville Central sophomore Mason Shavers frames a called strike in the Eagles matchup with district foe Coffee County on Monday night.

T-G STAFF REPORT

SHELBYVILLE — The Golden Eagles just couldn't get enough run support to take down Coffee County as the Red Raiders took both games against Shelbyville this week.

On Monday, the Eagles hung tough against Coffee County through the first several innings, but Coffee County slammed the door shut on a comeback with a four-run seventh inning that secured the 7-2 win for the visitors.

The Red Raiders grabbed a 2-0 lead in the second inning and padded their lead with a third run in the fourth frame.

Shelbyville finally got on the board in the bottom of the fifth on back-to-back RBI

singles by Carston Williams and Nick Johnson.

While the Eagles had cut the Red Raiders lead to one run at that point, Coffee County answered with a four-spot in the top of the seventh.

Johnson led the Eagles with a 2-for-2 night and an RBI.

Coffee Co.	020	100	4	—	7	4	0
Shelbyville	000	020	0	—	2	6	4

Shelbyville: William Bobo 1-for-4, Jaquai Beverly 1-for-3, Carston Williams 1-for-3, Nick Johnson 2-for-2, Marquis Wilson 1-for-3.

WP: Robertson
 LP: Edwards

Coffee Co. 6, Shelbyville 0

MANCHESTER — A tough start in Game 2 against Coffee County was more than Shelbyville could overcome as the Red Raiders completed

the sweep against the Eagles with a 6-0 win.

Offense was tough to come by for Shelbyville as the Eagles were held scoreless and only mustered up three hits.

Coffee County jumped out to a 5-0 lead and never left off the throttle as the Red Raiders were able to pad their lead with an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth.

Jaquai Beverly and Tyler Trice singled in the loss, while Nick Hopper also connected on a double.

Beverly pitched 5 1/3 innings and gave up six runs on five hits while striking out six.

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Coffee Co.	500	001	x	—	6	5	0

Shelbyville: Jaquai Beverly 1-for-3, Tyler Trice 1-for-2, Nick Hopper 1-for-2.

WP: McKenzie
 LP: Beverly

Viking comeback bid falls short in extras

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
 Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — The Community Vikings battled back with three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to tie the game for a second time, but the Vikings could not overcome a 5-run DeKalb County Tiger eighth inning as Community fell 9-4 in a baseball contest Wednesday night.

It was a pitcher's duel for the first five innings as Thomas Bowling started for the Vikings.

Bowling, who allowed one run and three hits in five innings of work while striking out three and walking one, escaped trouble in the top of the fourth as the Tigers put runners at second and third with one out.

A Tiger strikeout and groundout kept DeKalb County off the scoreboard.

The Tigers plated the first run of the game in the fifth inning.

A walk, wild pitch and a stolen base put the go-ahead run on third for DeKalb

County with nobody out. After a groundout, a single drove in the run and gave the Tigers a 1-0 lead.

The Vikings quickly bounced back as James Beech homered to lead off the bottom of the fifth to tie the game at 1-1.

Community appeared ready to get out of a major jam in the top of the sixth.

After the Tigers put runners at second and third with one out, the Vikings got the second out while remaining unscathed, but a DeKalb County 2-run double and an RBI single put the Tigers up 4-1.

The Vikings could not score after putting two runners on base in the sixth inning, but Community got off the deck in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game.

After a walk to Dallas Grooms and singles by Isaiah Beech and Jaxson Roberts loaded the bases with one out, a groundout by Maki Fleming brought home one run to cut the DeKalb County lead to 4-2.

A wild pitch scored the third Viking run, and with the tying run on third, Corey Paterick singled to right to tie the game at 4-4 and bring on free baseball.

Two Viking errors, four walks, and a hit batsman were costly in the top of the eighth as the Tigers sent 11 men to the plate and scored five runs with the benefit of just one hit to go up 9-4.

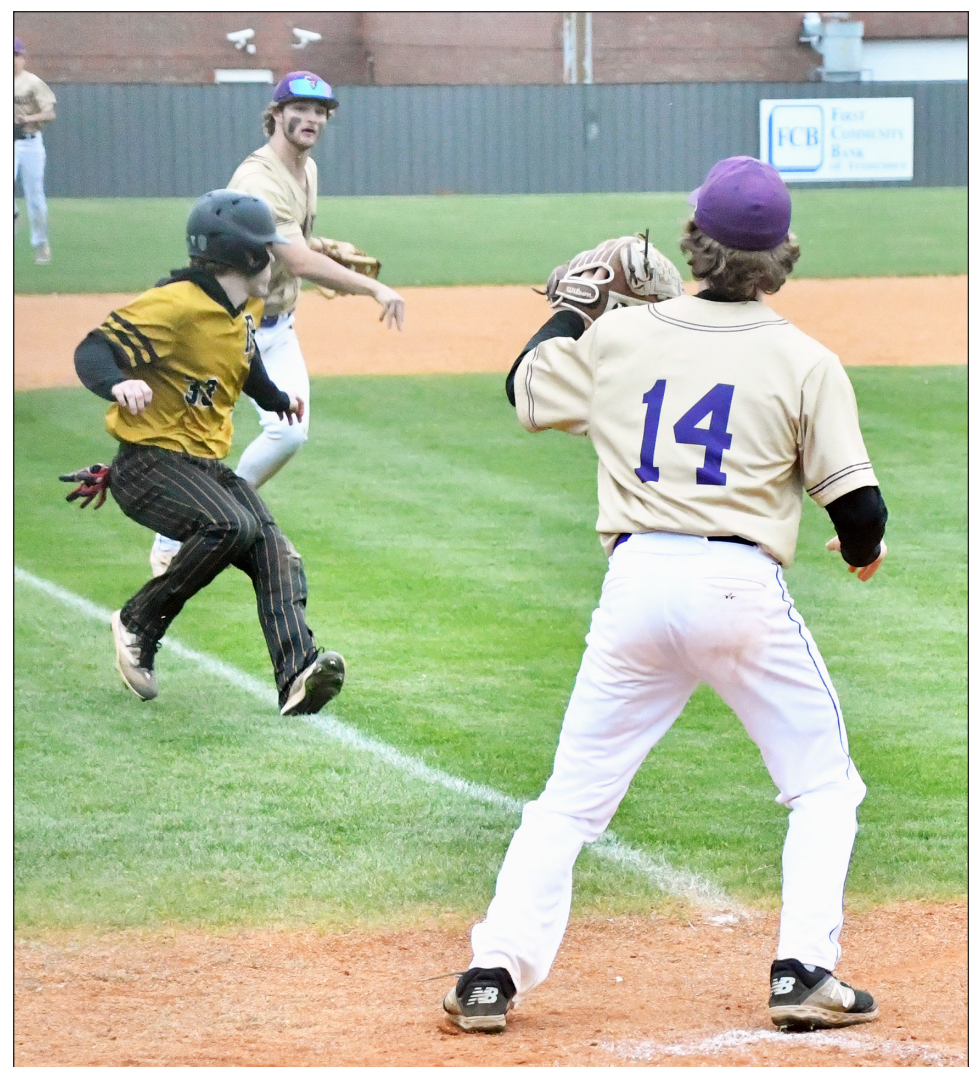
The Vikings put two runners on base in the bottom of the inning but could not score.

The Vikings outit the Tigers nine to eight, with three hits by Paterick and two hits by Roberts leading the way.

Community traveled to Tullahoma on Friday and celebrates Senior Recognition Day with a home game against Cannon County on Saturday.

DeKalb Co.	000	013	05	—	9	8	0
Community	000	010	30	—	4	9	3

Community: Corey Paterick 3-for-4, Jaxson Roberts 2-for-3, Isaiah Beech 1-for-2, James Beech 1-for-4, Mason Russell 1-for-4, 1-for-4.
 LP: Paschal



T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy

Mason Russell and Isaiah Beech (14) of the Vikings initiate a rundown to nab a DeKalb County runner.



T-G Photo by Gary Johnson

Golden Eagle Ryan Tacuba has been a key player on the backline for Shelbyville Central.

Eagles split early week games

By GARY JOHNSON
Sports Writer

The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagle soccer team split a pair of games, claiming a 4-0 win over District 6-AAA foe Coffee County on Monday night before dropping a 2-0 decision to powerful Station Camp on Tuesday evening.

Kolby Themm assisted Ryan Tacuba on a free kick for an early goal against Coffee County.

Emmanuel Leyva had an unassisted top corner shot from a tight angle for the Eagles' second goal, followed by a Jose Sarabia volley from a Yahir Cervantes serve into the box to close out the first half.

"The second half, we made some more subs and saw Coffee increase their intensity," Eagle coach Chris Fritz said.

Shelbyville Central's final goal came off of a Jake Betzelberger cutback to Yahir Cervantes at the top of the box.

"We are always happy to shut out district opponents and old rivals. Ben Betzelberger had his first varsity shut-out in the goal and we are excited to see him develop in multiple positions," Fritz said.

"The rest of our regular season consists of playing teams from all over Middle Tennessee to sharpen our game.

"Against Station Camp, we started off with some momentum, but their intensity and quality was just overwhelming to our midfield and backline. We squandered several chances and our finishing in front of the goal continues to be a problem," Fritz said. "I am proud of the guys for the fight they brought considering we played games back to back.

"We had to rotate several young guys into our line-up to avoid injuries before the district tournament. Most of them played well, but we need several to step up to seal a good run during tournament time. Ryan Tacuba was a stand-out player for us in the backline stopping many good chances for Station Camp."

Dixon drives in 7 to lead Viqueens

T-G STAFF REPORT

UNIONVILLE — Offense was in no short supply on Wednesday afternoon as Community and visiting Cornersville combined for 29 hits as the Viqueens took the 18-11 win over the Lady 'Dawgs.

Zoey Dixon had an outstanding night at the plate, launching two home runs and driving in seven RBIs in the process.

Taylor Wessner also had a great night at the plate, driving in three runs.

Cornersville took a 3-0 lead in the first inning, but it was Community who took advantage of an eight-run second inning to take control of the game.

Wessner pitched 5 1/3 innings and gave up nine runs on 10 hits, while striking out four.

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Community 080 253 x — 18 16 3

Community: Anna Haskins 2-for-4, Abby Murrill 3-for-4, Abi Brown 3-for-5, Alana Tate 1-for-3, Zoey Dixon 2-for-4, Taylor Wessner 1-for-5, Haley Mitchell 2-for-3, Carlie Blanton 1-for-3, Chloe West 1-for-4.
WP: Wessner
LP: Ward

Prince tosses gem in Viqueens' shutout

T-G STAFF REPORT

COLUMBIA — After falling to Zion Christian in a 5-3 loss on Friday, the Community Viqueens exacted a little revenge in an 11-0 dominant effort on Tuesday night.

Freshman pitcher Annie Prince kept the base paths clear against Zion and struck out 10 batters over five innings, while giving up just two hits and two walks.

The Viqueens battery struck her shutout effort in the pitcher's circle with a staggering 14 hits.

Community jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the second and tacked on two more in the third.

The Purple and Gold reached the 10-run rule limit with a six-spot in the top of the sixth frame.

At the plate, Taylor Wessner led the Viqueens with a 2-for-4 night, highlighted by a fifth-inning home run.

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Community: Anna Haskins 2-for-4, Abby Murrill 1-for-4, Abi Brown 2-for-3, Alana Tate 1-for-4, Zoey Dixon 2-for-3, Taylor Wessner 2-for-4, Haley Mitchell 1-for-2, Carlie Blanton 2-for-3, Chloe West 1-for-2.
WP: Prince
LP: Davis

Siegel spoils Lady Champs' senior night

By WILL CARTER
Sports Writer

BELL BUCKLE — Despite out-hitting the Siegel Stars 4-2 on Monday night, the Cascade Lady Champions couldn't produce a timely hit to put a run on the board, and ultimately fell 6-0 on senior night.

Without recording a hit in the top of the first inning, the Stars took an early 2-0 lead after three batters were walked and two were hit-by-pitch.

The Lady Champions (7-12) put themselves in position to score in the bottom half of the inning with Ella Thompson dropping a single into center field, and advancing to third base two at-bats later on a passed ball and wild pitch, but a ground out ended the inning to leave them scoreless.

After a scoreless second inning, the Stars (16-5) added two more runs in the top of the third inning as Jasmine Sneed knocked a two-out triple for their first hit of the game and a 4-0 advantage.

Cascade went down in order with three ground outs in the bottom of the third inning, but starting pitcher Brianna Horn was able to keep Siegel off the board in the top of the fourth as she struck out two batters to bring her total to five at that point.

Horn pitched the full game for the Lady Champions, totaling eight strikeouts and 13 walks.

With a quick defensive inning of their own to answer, the Stars put



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Cascade honored their two seniors before the game on Monday night. Those seniors honored were (from left) Hannah Vandiver and Caitlin Fannin.

down the Lady Champs in order with freshman pitcher Mackenzie Ventura striking out the side in the bottom of the fourth.

Ventura totaled 10 strikeouts while walking only one.

Siegel plated their final two runs of the game in

the top of the fifth behind a leadoff double from Olivia Haile, three walks, and a fielder's choice to take a 6-0 lead.

Over the course of the final two innings, Cascade recorded the only two hits from either team with a single from Alivia Fannin

and a double from Kyndal Bolden, but couldn't bring them back around to score.

Siegel	202	020	0	—	6	2	0
Cascade	000	000	0	—	0	4	0

Cascade: Alivia Fannin 2-for-3, Ella Thompson 1-for-3, Kyndal Bolden 1-for-3.
WP: Ventura
LP: Horn



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Shelbyville Central softball seniors were honored before the game on Tuesday night. Those honored were (from left) Damonyai Lyons, Alyvia Smith, Kaydence Rippey, Deja's Lineberger and Ariana Floyd.

Tullahoma upends Eaglettes on Senior Night

By GARY JOHNSON
Sports Writer

Shelbyville Central's Golden Eaglettes fell 11-5 to visiting Tullahoma on Senior Night Tuesday.

The Lady Wildcats pushed across three runs in the top of the first frame

but the Eaglettes rallied for four in the bottom half of the first led by a home run off the bat of Lilly Brown.

Tullahoma went on to outscore Shelbyville Central 8-1 from that point to secure the victory.

Kaitlyn Gattis blasted a

home run and single with three RBIs to lead the winners at the plate while Alleigh Raby added a triple and two singles.

Brown also singled. Abbi Storey doubled while Dejah Lineberger added a pair of singles for the

Eaglettes.

Tullahoma	300	132	2	—	11	11	3
Shelbyville Central	400	010	0	—	5	7	6

Tullahoma: Holt 1-for-4, Lynch 2-for-4, Norman 1-for-4, Gattis 2-for-4, Raby 3-for-4, Stone 1-for-4, Norman 1-for-4.
Shelbyville Central: Smith 1-for-4, Smith 1-for-2, Storey 1-for-3, Lilly Brown 2-for-4, Lineberger 2-for-4.
WP: Sharp
LP: Lineberger

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Mason Russell swings and makes contact for the Vikings.

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Rockets in control in win over Vikes

By RICKEY CLARDY
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — In a game that was started earlier in the season but was suspended in the second inning because of rain, the Forrest Rockets took the lead Tuesday night and used the steady pitching of Riley Durbin to defeat the Community Vikings 5-1 in a District 7-AA game.

Before the rains came in the first attempt at the game, the Rockets took the lead in the opening inning.

With two outs, Durbin reached base on an error

and scored on a single by Kason Fuller to give the Rockets a 1-0 lead.

The Vikings tied the game in the bottom of the inning.

After singles by Mason Russell and Maki Fleming, James Beech delivered an RBI single to knot the game at 1-1.

With the game picking up in the top of the second on Tuesday, the Rockets took the lead as a Luke Allen single and a sacrifice fly by Austin Dillon put Forrest up 2-1.

Durbin and Fuller

teamed up again in the third inning to plate another Rocket run. After Durbin walked, a Fuller double drove in the run and gave Forrest a 3-1 lead.

The Rockets added two insurance runs in the fifth as singles by Tyler Baxter, Durbin, and Fuller and a Viking error helped Forrest to increase its lead to 5-1 and end the scoring for the game.

Meanwhile, the Viking bats were kept at bay as Durbin pitched the final six innings, allowing no runs while striking out 10 with-

out walking a batter.

Russell went the distance on the mound, striking out nine while walking one for the Vikings.

Fuller's three hits led the Rocket seven-hit attack.

The Vikings had five hits, with Beech delivering two safeties to lead the way.

Forrest	111	020	0	—	5	7	1
Community	100	000	0	—	1	5	2

Forrest: Kason Fuller 3-for-3, Riley Durbin 1-for-3, Luke Allen 1-for-3, Ryan Meglis 1-for-3, Tyler Baxter 1-for-4.
Community: James Beech 2-for-3, Mason Russell 1-for-3, Maki Fleming 1-for-3, Nick Evans 1-for-3.

WP: Durbin
LP: Russell

Rodgers hopes to help Jets add to 'lonely' Super Bowl trophy

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
AP Pro Football Writer

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Aaron Rodgers watched old Super Bowl highlights on VHS tapes as a kid, dreaming about someday starring in his own.

He heard all about Joe Namath's famous guarantee and saw the footage of the New York Jets shocking the football world by beating the Baltimore Colts in 1969.

"It's been a while since then," Rodgers said while being introduced as the Jets' new quarterback Wednesday. "I noticed walking in this morning that that Super Bowl III trophy is looking a little lonely."

Rodgers hopes he and his new teammates can help add some championship hardware to a franchise hungry for winning.

"I'm an old guy," the 39-year-old Rodgers joked, "so I want to be part of a team that can win it all and I believe this is a place where we can get that done."

The four-time NFL MVP was introduced to much fanfare in the team's auditorium, filled with media, coaches and team staffers — flanked on the stage by coach Robert Saleh to his left and general manager Joe Douglas on his right.

"This is a surreal day for me," said Rodgers, wearing a black and green Jets polo shirt.

The team officially announced the trade for Rodgers moments before he entered the auditorium, where highlights of his

career in Green Bay played on a video screen shortly before he walked in.

The Jets received Rodgers, the No. 15 overall pick and a fifth-rounder this year from the Packers. In exchange, Green Bay got the 13th overall selection, a second-rounder, a sixth-rounder and a conditional 2024 second-round pick that could become a first-rounder if Rodgers plays 65% of New York's plays this season.

Rodgers is well aware of the Jets' playoff drought, which at 12 seasons is the longest active skid in the NFL.

"I'm not here to be a savior of any kind," Rodgers insisted.

But that is the expectation by many, including a few generations of Jets fans who have longed to root for a winner. On Tuesday, Douglas called it a "historic" trade for the franchise.

"The opportunity to be part of something special here, it's different," Rodgers said. "It's similar to Green Bay in that way. When you win in a city like Green Bay, and I assume for a team like the New York Jets, you go down in history."

"And there's something special about adding that to your legacy."

Rodgers spent his first 18 seasons in Green Bay, helping the Packers win a Super Bowl in 2011 while establishing himself as one of the game's greatest quarterbacks.

"That chapter is over now and I'm excited about the new adventure here in New York," Rodgers said.

Rodgers said he chose the Jets because he believes in the direction the franchise is heading with Douglas, Saleh and a young core of players that includes Offensive Rookie of the Year in Garrett Wilson and Defensive Rookie of the Year in Sauce Gardner.

Rodgers was also excited about reuniting with Nathaniel Hackett, the Jets' new offensive coordinator who was in the same role when the quarterback won the last two of his four MVP awards in 2020 and 2021.

"When he walks into the building, everything changes," Hackett said. "He just elevates everybody around him."

When the rumors began about where Rodgers might play next, Namath offered to let him wear his retired No. 12 — Rodgers' number in Green Bay — if he joined the Jets. Instead, Rodgers said, "To me, (No.) 12 is Broadway Joe," and he will wear the No. 8 from his college days at Cal.

Rodgers wouldn't commit to playing beyond this season, saying he's focused on this upcoming year and staying in the area "for the foreseeable future" to work out with the team during the offseason program and get to know his new teammates.

Speaking with reporters after the news conference, Rodgers was a bit more expansive on his future.

"This isn't a one and done in my mind," the quarterback said, acknowledging that the Jets gave up a lot in the trade to acquire him. "This is a commit-

ment. But it starts this season. That's why I want to be present and not talk about future things. I want to be all-in."

Saleh joked that Rodgers appears to have quickly gotten comfortable around his new squad.

"He already went to one of the meetings today," Saleh said with a grin, "and he was walking around barefoot, so he's right at home."

Rodgers spent a few days in February contemplating his life and playing future during an isolation retreat in Oregon — while fans and reporters speculated about what he would decide. He emerged and deliberated some more before deciding on March 10 he intended to play again — and for the Jets. Rodgers made his intentions official during an appearance on "The Pat McAfee Show" on YouTube and Sirius XM on March 15.

"It was the Jets, and only the Jets for me," Rodgers said after the introductory news conference.

Rodgers arrived at the facility Wednesday morning wearing sunglasses and a black Jets hoodie. He was greeted one by one by owner Woody Johnson, vice chairman Christopher Johnson, Saleh — who gave the quarterback a loud high-five and hug — team president Hymie Elhai, Hackett and Douglas.

He spent the rest of the morning and early afternoon preparing for his Big Apple intro.

"This is a happy day," Woody Johnson said.

Titans finalize last piece of NFL's next pricey stadium

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans have the final financing piece for the NFL's next pricey stadium with the largest public investment yet that they hope to open for the 2027 season.

The Metro Nashville City Council finally approved by a 26-12 vote early Wednesday morning on the final reading to allow its sports authority to issue \$760 million in bonds. That combines with \$500 million in state bonds for \$1.2 billion in public financing committed to the Titans' enclosed stadium.

That gives Tennessee the largest public price tag for a stadium, topping the \$850 million commitment from New York for Buffalo's new \$1.5 billion stadium.

The stadium's total cost is estimated at \$2.1 billion. The Titans, with help from the NFL and personal seat licenses, will provide the remaining \$840 million. Controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk thanked everyone involved as the Titans start on a new chapter.

"For more than 25 years, Nashville, Tennessee, has been the Titans' home, and with the approval of the new stadium agreement, we are grateful to know the Titans will be a part of this great city and state for decades to come," Strunk said in a statement.

The council meeting began Tuesday night with two hours apiece for taxpayers to argue for and against the proposal to use Nashville's bonding authority to pay for a second stadium for the privately-owned NFL team. The council took about six hours before a final vote. The new stadium will feature a translucent roof with a capacity of approximately 60,000.

This stadium will allow Nashville and the Titans to bid for a Super Bowl, Final Fours, College Football Playoff games and more. Burke Nihill, the Titans' president and CEO, said they are excited at the chance to host some of the world's best events.

"This is a generational opportunity to address our city's priorities and ensure its health and vitality for the next 30 years," Nihill said. "Our city and our state have bright futures ahead, and we're humbled by the opportunity to continue to be a part of it."

The deal shifts an estimated \$1.8 billion in costs for future maintenance

and stadium investments up to 2039 from Nashville taxpayers to the NFL franchise, which also will be on the hook for costs that go over budget and maintenance instead of local taxpayers.

In the deal, the Titans agreed to waive \$32 million owed by Nashville for money spent maintaining Nissan Stadium the past four years. The Titans also will pay off the remaining \$30 million in bonds owed for the current stadium.

A new 1% hotel/motel tax, all of in-stadium sales tax and 50% of sales taxes from 130 acres around the stadium will pay off the bonds. The Titans and city officials announced an agreement in December that includes a new 30-year lease. The team also agreed not to leave Nashville during that lease.

Nashville hired an independent consulting firm that confirmed the Titans' estimate of what the city would pay to maintain the stadium under the lease signed in 1996. Venue Solutions Group agreed that renovating the current stadium would cost between \$1.75 billion and \$1.95 billion over the remaining years on the lease.

The Titans have been clearing money for their portion of the stadium with team officials hoping to break ground by mid 2024 to open for the 2027 season. Strunk already paid for the expansion of the team's headquarters that essentially doubled the size of the building that opened in August 1999.

Nissan Stadium originally opened in 1999 as Adelphia Coliseum. That deal cost \$292 million convincing franchise founder Bud Adams, who died in 2013, to move his Oilers from Houston to Tennessee in 1997.

The Titans originally planned to renovate that stadium until a study doubled the original estimated costs of \$600 million to \$1.2 billion.

The new stadium will be built on the parking lots between the current stadium and Interstate 24. The deal returns control of 66 acres, including the current site of Nissan Stadium, to Nashville. City officials are planning a renovation featuring a park, greenways, affordable housing and a new road.

Nashville already hosted the 2019 NFL draft, drawing approximately 600,000 people over three days.

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NFL, other leagues balancing betting revenue, game integrity

By **MARK ANDERSON**
AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS — After many years of the NFL and other pro leagues staying as far away as they could from sports betting because they said it was necessary to protect the integrity of their games, they now have a much different challenge.

The biggest professional sports leagues today have high revenue-producing partnerships with sports betting companies that they want to maintain — while still making sure a questionable charge call in the NBA or a dropped pass in the NFL doesn't cause fans to wonder whether the games are on the level. The question of how they strike a balance became a particularly hot topic after the NFL suspended five players for violating the league's gambling policy.

Seven sports organizations — NFL, NBA, Major League Baseball, NHL, MLS, WNBA and NASCAR — as well as broadcasters NBCUniversal and Fox announced on April 19 the formation of the Coalition for Responsible Sports Betting Advertising.

Among the goals, the leagues said, was to not market to those under the legal betting age and to keep ads from being misleading. David Highhill, NFL general manager for sports betting, said in an email the leagues realized they needed to work together to establish uniform guidelines.

"While the Supreme Court's ruling (allowing legalized sports betting) has presented commercial opportunities for various stakeholders in the sports industry including professional leagues, the NFL's focus on protecting the integrity of our game is longstanding and has never been stronger," Highhill said. "Working with our partners in the sports betting space provides critical information-sharing that helps us collectively monitor for unusual activity and have visibility into potential areas of concern."

John Holden, an associate professor at Oklahoma State and a sports betting expert, was skeptical the coalition would achieve such goals.

"Some of it is working a little harder as a league," Holden said. "It's doing more than putting out a statement of a bunch of things that are already done. If the leagues are really concerned about this, stop taking advertising dollars. Don't put it behind home plate in every stadium. Don't put it in the batter's eye in center field." Holden pointed to the

five suspended players as proof that more could be done. Three were suspended indefinitely and two others for six games each, and Holden pointed out that MLB permanently banned Pete Rose in 1989 for largely the same actions.

Highhill said the NFL in 2021 became the first American league to launch a program for responsible sports betting, and education and training is provided to the players, coaches and staffs at all 32 teams as well as at the league level.

"We have taken a thoughtful, long-term approach to sports betting under the new legal landscape that has allowed us to see how the industry has adapted and to learn from what others have done before us," Highhill said.

How to navigate legalized sports betting isn't only an issue in the United States.

Italy, Spain and the Netherlands are banning sports betting sponsorship, and the English Premier League is expected to vote this summer to no longer allow such companies to be represented on the front of their jerseys beginning in 2026. That means eight of the 20 current clubs will need to look for new sponsorship.

Legalized betting has long been a part of the sports fabric in the United Kingdom, but Holden said restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic helped lead to more wagering and more problem gambling. That, he said, got the government's attention.

Back in the U.S., there is no going back to the times when leagues would completely disassociate from sports betting companies. Sports wagering is legal in 33 states, and four NFL stadiums have sportsbooks either on site or within walking distance.

David Carter, a sports business professor at Southern California, said fans appear to want sports betting and they're willing to accept there could be "unintended consequences."

"It's a very obvious growing pain that each (league) has to go through to find that sweet spot," Carter said. "It's inevitable that if the money is there that they'll take some measured risk, being the trade-off between the potential integrity of the game issues in exchange for building that long-term revenue. Commissioners are primarily interested in helping their owners grow their franchise values over time."

Bowman out at least 3 NASCAR races with fractured vertebra

By **JENNA FRYER AP**
Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Alex Bowman suffered a fractured vertebra in a sprint car crash and Hendrick Motorsports said Wednesday the NASCAR star will miss at least the next three Cup races.

Bowman will be replaced by Josh Berry, who filled in for Chase Elliott for five races as Elliott recovered from a broken leg. Berry will be in the No. 48 Chevrolet starting this weekend at Dover International Speedway in Delaware.

Bowman suffered a compression fracture in an accident Tuesday evening — which was his 30th birthday — while competing in a sprint car event at 34 Raceway in West Burlington, Iowa. The event was part of a racing series created by his Hendrick teammate Kyle Larson.

"First, I want to let everyone know I'm feeling ok. My focus is now on healing and resting," Bowman wrote on social media. "Being out of the car is never an update any driver wants to make."

Bowman was treated in Iowa on Tuesday evening and evaluated again Wednesday in Charlotte. He missed five races last season with a concussion.

"We're relieved Alex is home, in good spirits and getting world-class treatment," said Rick Hendrick, owner of Hendrick Motorsports. "Giving him ample time and the foremost resources to heal is our top priority. He's having a tremendous season, and the No. 48 is at the top of its game."

Hendrick Motorsports will request a medical waiver to allow Bowman to remain eligible for the 2023 NASCAR Cup Series playoffs.

States move to lift barriers between college athletes, NIL

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**
AP College Sports Writer

Lawmakers in Arkansas, Texas and elsewhere are working to remove barriers between college athletes trying to cash in on their fame and the schools for which they play as administrators discover the benefits of moving athlete compensation activities in-house.

The moves could pave the way for schools and their fundraising arms to be directly involved in securing and paying for their athletes' name, image and likeness endorsement deals while also shielding athletic departments from NCAA enforcement.

"The universities want to be more involved in the NIL process and some of the current NCAA rules don't allow them to do that," said Mit Winter, a sports business attorney based in Kansas City. "And so the state laws are just affirmatively saying that schools in these states are allowed to do certain things, despite what the NCAA rules may say."

Arkansas was out front in this latest leg of the NIL arms race that started in 2021 when the NCAA lifted its ban on athletes being paid for endorsements, sponsorships and appearances. Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders signed an amended bill into law April 14. A similar bill in Oklahoma is awaiting Gov. Kevin Stitt's signature and a Texas bill is likely to pass the state House this week.

Lawmakers in Colorado introduced a bill that says institutions can "identify, create, solicit, facilitate and otherwise enable" NIL opportunities for their athletes.

"And then they're also affirmatively stating that certain entities can enter into NIL deals with athletes," Winter said. "A lot of them say 501(c)(3) entities in the state, but what they're really referring to is athletic fundraising foundations that are affiliated with universities."

The 12th Man Foundation is a private organization that raises money to fund scholarships, programs and facilities for Texas A&M athletics. The 12th Man+ Fund is a newly created division within the foundation that operates like a collective, which have become pervasive as the primary source of NIL compensation

for college athletes.

The NCAA sent out a memo to its Division I member schools soon after 12th Man+ was launched that said "entities acting on behalf of the institution" cannot pay athletes for NIL. Texas A&M athletic director Ross Bjork, in a recent interview, said the school is confident it is compliant.

NCAA rules permit schools and their employees — such as coaches — to promote collectives and encourage donations. If passed, the Texas bill could make NCAA scrutiny moot and protect schools in the state from some of the association's NIL guidelines.

Having an athletic foundation involved in NIL activities in many ways makes sense. Collectives are essentially independent fund-raising operations, too. So why not tap an established organization that already has an open line to donors, relationships with athletes and alignment with athletic department goals?

"If the collectives can't work with the schools, almost accidentally they're competing with one another for the sponsorship dollars and brand relationships, which I don't think is to anyone's benefit," said Dan Lust, a sports law attorney and professor at New York Law School.

At Arkansas, officials looked to remedy that situation last August.

"When (NIL) first started, it was like, wow, why would you have something that's so important and not have the folks that everybody trusts in these positions involved? So it didn't make sense," said Marvin Caston, a former Arkansas football player and compliance officer.

He now heads OneArkansas NIL, a limited liability company owned by the Razorback Foundation.

"We are a separate and distinct legal entity from the Razorback Foundation," said Caston, who left the Razorback Foundation after 13 years to lead the collective. "We do not compensate our student-athletes with any money raised by the Razorback Foundation for Razorback athletics."

Bjork said the next step for Texas A&M is creating at least one and maybe two new positions in his department that will be solely devoted to working with athletes on NIL opportunities.

That's another trend.

Minnesota announced in March that former Gophers football player Jeremiah Carter would be shifting from compliance director to a new role as senior associate athletic director for NIL policy and risk management. Duke recently named Rachel Baker, a former Nike executive, its first basketball general manager, overseeing NIL opportunities for athletes.

College sports leaders have been pushing for a federal law to create a uniform standard for NIL that the NCAA cannot. That effort picked up steam in 2019, when California served notice that statehouses were the next battleground over amateur athletics and compensation with its first-in-the-nation NIL law.

California is at it again, with a measure seeking to require college revenue-sharing with athletes. Tim Buckley, the NCAA's senior vice president for external affairs, called that "the wrong solution at the wrong time for college athletics."

"Another state law at this time will exacerbate the growing problem of different states imposing different rules," he said.

In a statement to AP, the NCAA also said it has no plans to change its enforcement and investigatory actions because of the latest wave of state NIL laws.

"Independent reviews have found many NIL deals can be exploitive of student-athletes, and with dozens of states now passing different laws governing NIL, the NCAA believes working with Congress is the best way to protect student-athletes' rights and to set nationwide, uniform rules to modernize college sports," it said.

Indeed, new NCAA President Charlie Baker has framed the need for a federal NIL law as one of consumer protection for college athletes. But with no significant movement toward a federal law, state lawmakers continue to set the course.

"It's a race to whatever's next. That's what it's become," Bjork said. "And so, until there's national standards, then I think each university is looking at it that way. To say: How do we put our programs and especially the athletes in the best position?"

Top SEC players to watch for in '23

By **JOHN ZENOR**
AP Sports Writer

The Southeastern Conference is losing some of its top quarterbacks, but there's plenty of star power returning, including at running back. Here's a look at some of the league's players to watch coming out of spring practice:

ALABAMA: CB/PR Kool-Aid McKinstry is the latest star in Nick Saban's secondary after playing key roles in his first two seasons. He's a first-team All-SEC cornerback who also ranked second nationally with a 15.8-yard punt return average. McKinstry is projected as a likely first-round draft pick next year if he turns pro. He had a team-high 15 pass breakups last season.

ARKANSAS: RB Raheim Sanders ran for 1,443 yards last season, fourth-most in program history. The 6-foot-2, 237-pounder also scored 10 touchdowns and caught 28 passes. Sanders' 6.5 yards per carry was the Razorbacks' best since Felix Jones set the school record in 2007.

AUBURN: RB Jarquez Hunter has excelled as Tank Bigsby's backup the past two seasons and now figures to be the Tigers' lead runner. The 5-foot-10, 210-pounder has run for 1,268 yards and 10 touchdowns over the past two seasons while averaging 6.6 yards per carry. New coach Hugh Freeze has already called him "probably the best running back I've ever coached."

FLORIDA: DL Cam'Ron Jackson was the starting nose tackle

at Memphis last season and had 41 tackles. The 6-foot-6, 355-pounder appeared in 34 games over the past three years.

GEORGIA: TE Brock Bowers was a first-team All-SEC pick and finalist for the Lombardi Award as the nation's top lineman. The 6-foot-4, 230-pounder has racked up 119 catches for 1,824 yards and 20 touchdowns through his first two seasons — and two national title rings.

KENTUCKY: WR Barion Brown set school freshman marks last season with 50 catches for 628 yards. Brown also averaged 27.5 yards per kick return.

MISSISSIPPI: RB Quinshon Judkins set the single-season rushing record and led the SEC with 1,567 yards and 16 touchdowns as a freshman. Now, quarterback Jaxson Dart said he's improved as a receiver as well. Coach Lane Kiffin likened his potential career progression in terms of versatility to former USC star Reggie Bush.

MISSISSIPPI STATE: WR Lideatrick Griffin is a three-year contributor for the Bulldogs. Griffin played slot receiver in the spring and could be featured in the new offense as State transitions away from the late Mike Leach's Air Raid. Griffin had 40 catches for 502 yards last season and led the nation in kick returns with a 32.3-yard average. He briefly entered the transfer portal in January before opting to stay in Starkville.

MISSOURI: WR Luther Burden. The five-star recruit had a solid all-

around debut season with 10 starts and 45 catches. He also ran for two touchdowns and scored on a punt return.

SOUTH CAROLINA: RB Dakereon Joyner is back for a sixth season with the Gamecocks and this time he's working at running back, a depleted position with last year's leading rusher MarShawn Lloyd gone to Southern California and second-leading rusher Jaheim Bell now at Florida State. Joyner, at 6-foot-1, 216 pounds, has played quarterback, receiver and even a little tight end during his time in Columbia.

TEXAS A&M: DL Walter Nolen was the Aggies' top recruit in a star-studded 2022 class and had a strong freshman season, starting four games and making 29 tackles with 2.5 for loss, a sack, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. He could be poised for bigger things in a defensive front loaded with blue-chippers.

VANDERBILT: S De'Rickey Wright is coming off easily his best season and looks to continue a steady progression. Wright has started 16 games over the last two years. He had 55 tackles and three interceptions in 2022.

TENNESSEE: WR Bru McCoy's production could jump significantly from last year's 52-catch season with the departure of Biletnikoff Award winner Jalin Hyatt and Cedric Tillman. The 6-foot-3, 221-pounder originally signed with USC as one of the nation's top prospects.

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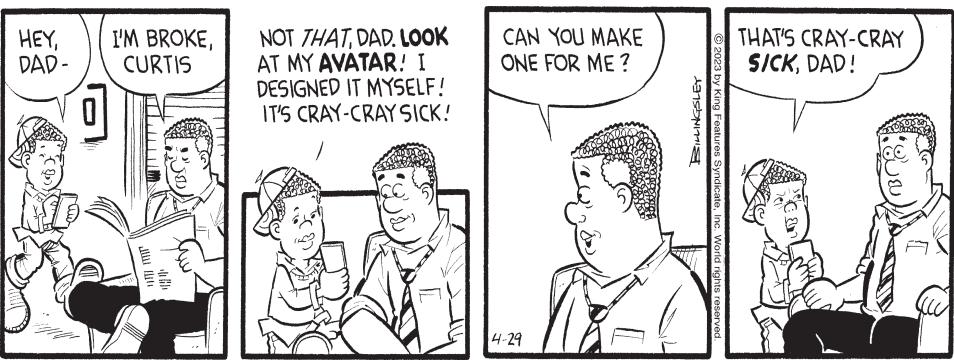


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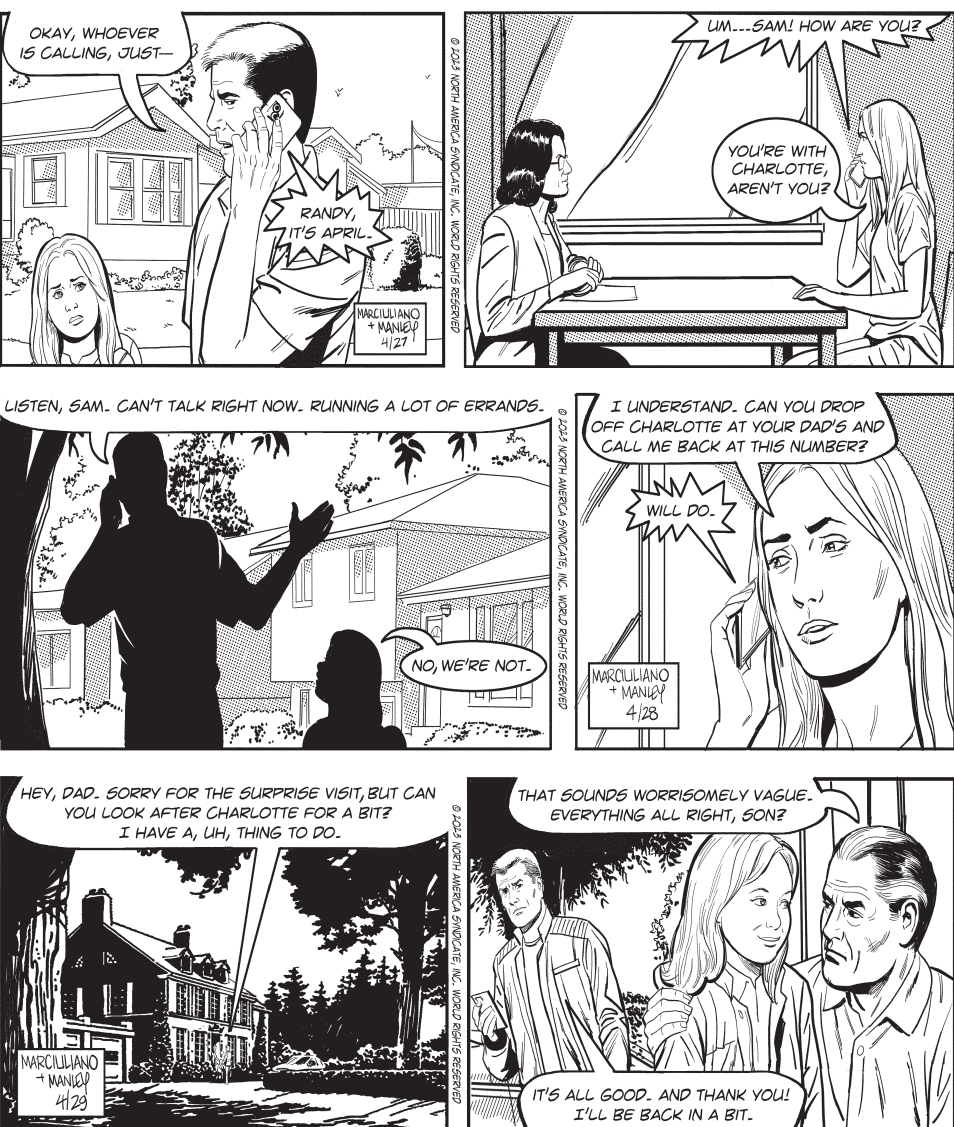
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WE BUY JUNK CARS & TRUCKS running or not we pick up & pay cash 931-619-5810

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GARAGE SALES

Moving Sale
 Friday, May 5th
 8AM-2PM
 Saturday, May 6th
 8AM-12PM
 1058 Halls Mill Rd.
 Lots of Vera Bradley
 Purses (Good Price),
 Blond Oval Dinner Table
 & 4 Chairs, Lots of James
 Patterson Hard Back
 Books, Help Yourself Box
 (Items are Free), Ladies
 Clothes Mostly Size 14-16
 (Some Never Worn), U-
 Shape Couch w/ Recliner,
 Other Furniture, Many
 Christmas Items
 Rain or Shine
 Lots of Great Buys!

Big Yard Sale
 Saturday, April 29th
 Sunday, April 30th
 1 Bedroom Mobile Home,
 Hunting, Fishing & Camp-
 ing Items, Tools, Goats &
 Chickens, Woodworking
 Items, Over 200 78 RPM
 Records, Cookware,
 Clothes, Free Pallets, &
 Lots of Free Items
 2610 HWY 41AN
 Near Two Way Market
 931-205-0605

Carport Yard Sale
 Friday, April 28th
 Saturday, April 29th
 7AM-?
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BARGAINS

Troy Built Colt Tiller
 208CC - 18 In. Cut
 Used 1 Time, \$410
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 With 2 Controllers,
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 15 Ft. Canoe
 Excellent Condition
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 & 2 Seat Pads, \$350
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\$120 For All
 931-607-1750
 Apple MacBook Air Laptop
 11 In. Screen, \$250
 931-205-8927

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 42" Cut, 1 1/2 HP, \$650
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 931-808-6460

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 931-205-7757

Antique Rose Pattern, Gold
 Trim Bowl & Picture, 1896
 Stamped on Bottom, \$200
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 Coffee Table, Sofa Table,
 Corner Table & 2 End Tables
 \$180 for Set, Will Sell
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 Gray, Blue & Mauve, Wood
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 Extra Leaf & 5 Chairs, \$100
 Have Pictures
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE STATE OF TENNESSEE, BEDFORD COUNTY
 WHEREAS, Gilbert A. Newell, Jr. executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for First Choice Lending Services, LLC, Lender and Access Title & Escrow, Inc., Trustee(s), which was dated July 10, 2018, and recorded on July 11, 2018, in Book TD909, at Page 310 in Bedford County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **May 30, 2023, at 11:00 AM** at the usual and customary location at the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, to wit: A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 7th Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the southwest margin of Maplewood Drive and the west margin of Maple Street; thence South 5 degrees 00 minutes west 20.9 feet to a point on the west margin of the said Maple Street; thence North 85 degrees 00 minutes West 140 feet to a point; thence North 5 degrees 00 minutes East 154.00 feet to a stake on the southwest margin of the said Maplewood Drive; thence South 41 degrees 27 minutes East 193.2 feet

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to the point of beginning and being a portion of Lot 57 and the northern portion of Lot 56 of Block B in the Fair Oaks Addition. Subject to Matters as shown on plat of record in Deed Book 40, page 487, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.

Being part of the same properly conveyed to JOEL S. RAY AND WIFE, PATRICIA L. RAY, by deeds of record in Book 249, page 20 and Book 210, page 430, said Registers Office. Parcel ID Number: 089F-D:001.00 Address/Description: 100 Maple St, Shelbyville, TN 37160 Current Owner(s): Gilbert A. Newell, Jr. Other Interested Party(ies):

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department 4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Suite 310 Atlanta, GA 30341 PH: 404-789-2661 FX: 404-294-0919 File No.: 22-171 (Apr. 15, 22, & 29, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Randall Stover Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on January 25 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of **Randall Stover** who died 12/12/2022 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. Date: 1/25/2023 Amber Stidam, Administratrix Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master John R. Toy II,

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Attorney for the Estate (April 22 & 29, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS DEASON CHURCH OF CHRIST

3412 231 N. HIGHWAY SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160 There will be a meeting of all members and former members of Deason Church of Christ and other interested persons on May 7, 2023 at 2 o'clock, at the Deason Church of Christ, 3412 Highway 231 North, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160, for the purpose of authorizing a sale or a lease with right to purchase to another Church of Christ in order to reestablish and continue Church services at the site. (Apr. 22 & 29, 2023)

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT SHELBYVILLE IN THE MATTER OF: CHARLIE DEANN COOPER d/o/b March 9, 2013, and ABBIGAIL SUE LAMASTUS d/o/b September 4, 2010 REBECCA LAMASTUS, Petitioner, vs. AMBRIE SPARKS (now STAGGS), and ZACK COOPER, Respondents. Case Nos. 2013-JV-27 & 33-386 CONSOLIDATED NONRESIDENT NOTICE

In this cause, it appearing to my satisfaction from the Petitioner's Amended Petition, which is sworn to, that the Respondent, ZACK COOPER, is a nonresident of the State of Tennessee or that the resident is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry so that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him, it is therefore ordered that the Respondent, ZACK COOPER, enter appearance before the Juvenile Court of Bedford County, Tennessee, on or before May 8, 2023, and plead answer to the Petitioner's Amended Petition or the same will be taken for confessed and the cause set for hearing ex parte. It is further ordered that a copy of this notice be published for four consecutive weeks in the Shelbyville Times-Gazette, a newspaper published in Bedford County, Tennessee. This the 6th day of April, 2023. MICHELLE MURRAY, JUVENILE COURT CLERK APPROVED FOR ENTRY: ROBERTSON, WORSHAM, GREGORY, GIFFIN & HOSKINS, PLLC BY: MICHAEL E. GIFFIN BPR# 014320 Attorney for Plaintiff 105 W. Lincoln St. P.O. Box 790 Tullahoma, Tennessee 37388 (931) 455-5407 (Apr. 22 & 29, May 6 & 13, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Shelbyville is accepting applications for the position of full-time Maintenance Worker for the Parks and Recreation Department. The employee is responsible for performing maintenance tasks of a semi-skilled or skilled nature. Valid Tennessee driver's license required. Must be 18 years old to apply. This is a full-time position with an hourly rate of \$15.00, plus benefits. This position is scheduled to work four 10-hour days and hours are 6:00am-4:30pm. Applications and complete job descriptions may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City website: www.shelbyvilletn.org. Applications must

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be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring Street, submitted online or email to stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

The City of Shelbyville is an equal opportunity employer and a drug free workplace. Successful Applicants are required to pass background check, physical and drug screen. Stacey Claxton-Human Resources Generalist (Apr. 25, 29 & May 2, 2023)

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The City of Shelbyville is seeking applicants for the position of full-time Assistant Aquatics Coordinator for the Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Dept. The employee will be primarily responsible for executing programs and maintaining daily operation of the City's aquatic facilities in the absence of the Aquatics Coordinator. Duties include but are not limited to being responsible for indoor and outdoor pool management, customer service involving considerable public interaction, staff supervision, lifeguard duties, general maintenance tasks, water quality control, pump room maintenance and any other tasks as may be required to accomplish the essential functions of the position as set out herein. Minimal qualifications must include the following: 18 years of age or older, with High School Diploma or GED Equivalent and valid TN Driver's License.

This is a full-time position with an hourly rate of \$15.00. The City provides a comprehensive benefits package. See job description for more information. Applications and a copy of job description may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City Website: www.shelbyvilletn.org. Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring Street or emailed to stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org and will be accepted until position is filled.

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Request for Proposals Special Needs School Bus Bid No. 23-30

Bid packages are available on the Bedford County website, bedfordcountytn.gov, or at the Bedford County Department of Finance, 200 Dover Street, Suite 102. **Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 12, 2023.** (Apr. 25 & 29, 2023)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Take note that the following vehicles will be sold on May 9th, 2023 at 10AM at Prosser Towing, 330 Dover St., Shelbyville, TN 37160 to satisfy lien for towing and storage charges. 2013 FORD TLT VIN# 1FAHP2F88DG106349 1996 LEXUS ES3 VIN# JT8BF12G1T0140732 2004 CHEVROLET IMPALA VIN# 2G1WF52E849230002 1994 FORD RANGER VIN# 1FTCR10A1RUA6226 2001 HONDA CIVIC VIN# 2HGES15541H528469 2005 NISSAN ALTIMA VIN# 1N4AL11D05C164332 2008 DODGE RAM VIN# 1D7HA18278J135502 2014 CHEVROLET EQUI-NOX VIN# 2GNFLCE38E263512 CHEVROLET MALIBU

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VIN# 1G1ZH57B98F226575 FORD F-350 VIN# 1FTWW33PXE6C89984 (Apr. 29, 2023)

Public Notice

The Shelbyville Planning Commission, the Historical Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a training session with Attorney Sam Edwards on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the Bedford County Business Complex, 200 Dover Street, Suite 110, Shelbyville, TN. (Apr. 29, 2023)

Public Notice

The Shelbyville Municipal Airport Authority will meet in Regular Session on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 12:00 PM at Shelbyville Municipal Airport Conference Room, 2828 Hwy 231 N. Shelbyville, TN. Any person wishing to view the Agenda may do so by contacting Paul Perry, Airport Director at the Shelbyville Municipal Airport. Lisa Smith, City Recorder (Apr. 29, 2023)

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The Shelbyville City Council will meet in regular study session on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Shelbyville Recreation Center Meeting Room B, 220 Tulip Tree Road. (Apr. 29, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Robbie A. Sims Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on April 14 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of **Robbie A. Sims** who died 1/20/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. Date: 4/14/2023 Kathy M. Hayes & Mendy McGee Williams, Co-Executors Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master John T. Bobo, Bobo, Hunt & White Attorney for (April 29 & May 6, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of H R Burke Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on April 18 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of **H R Burke** who died 3/18/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims

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will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. Date: 4/18/2023 Fred S. Burke, Executor Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master Joe M. Lambert Jr., Attorney (April 29 & May 6, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE TO OWNER AND/OR LIEN HOLDER

If anyone owns any interest in a 2005 GMC SIERRA VIN # 1GTEK19V152248481 Please contact JAIME BEASLEY (256-966-5863) by certified mail, return receipt requested, on or before May 9th, 2023. (Apr. 29, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following vehicles will be sold on March 9th, 2023 at 8am, 2686 Hwy 41A North, Shelbyville, TN 37160 to satisfy towing and storage charges. 2006 NISSAN ALTIMA VIN# 1N4AL11E56N304888 2000 INFINITI I30 VIN# JNKCA31A1Y120238 2008 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE VIN# 3GNEC12038G163319 2016 NISSAN ROGUE VIN# 5N1AT2MT7GC854712 2008 NISSAN SENTRA VIN# 3N1AB61E58L710234 (Apr. 29, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE JOINT HOMELESS TASKFORCE MEETING

MAY 9, 2023 5:00 P.M. Historic Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville 2nd Floor, Community Room AGENDA Call To Order-Prayer-Roll Call-Minutes Approval-Summary of Previous Meeting DISCUSSION 1. Approval of Camping/Loitering Ordinance 2. Discussion on Situational Crisis Center 3. Discussion on Transportation of Individuals to the county 4. Mental Health and Medical Needs NEXT STEPS OTHER BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS ADJOURN (Apr. 29, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bedford County Government STUDY SESSION ON JUVENILE DETENTION MAY 9, 2023 @6:00 PM Historic Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville 2nd Floor, Community Room (Apr. 29, 2023)

Bedford County Board of Commissioners Commissioner Board Meeting

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2023 Time: 7:00 PM Location: Bedford County Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Courtroom Agenda Call to Order: Chairman, Mayor Chad D. Graham Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance Open Meeting: Sheriff Austin Swing Roll Call: County Clerk Donna Thomas Minutes Approval: 1. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2023 - Placed on the agenda without a recommendation by Rules & Legislative Committee. Elections & Confirmations: 2. Elect Notaries for June 2022 - Placed on agenda by Rules & Legislative Committee. 3. Bedford County Agriculture & Education Center Board Appointment 4. Bedford County Beer Board Appointment 5. Bedford Railroad Authority Appointment Presentations: None. Resolutions: None. Additional Items by Standing Committees: Rules and Legislative Committee: None. Law Enforcement Committee: None. Courthouse and Property Committee: None. Financial Management Committee: 6. Quarterly Financials 7. Surplus Property - County Other Business: Announcements Adjourn Chad D. Graham, Bedford County Mayor Accommodations Persons with a disability who wish to request accommodation to participate in the public meeting should notify Suzanne Alexander at least one (1) business day prior to the meeting at (931) 684-7944 or email your request to suzanne.alexander@bedfordcountytn.gov to discuss accommodations. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet your need. (Apr. 29, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bedford County Financial Management Committee will hold Departmental Budget Hearings May 2 @ 10AM Bedford County Business Complex, Suite 110 200 Dover Street, Shelbyville (Apr. 29, 2023)

It is the duty of your grand jurors to investigate any public offense which they know or have reason to believe has been committed and which is triable or indictable in this county. Any person having knowledge or proof that an offense has been committed may apply to testify before the grand jury subject to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, §40-12-105. The foreman in this county is presently: Linda Yockey, 108 North Creek Drive, Shelbyville, TN 37160. The grand jury will next meet in May, the day of the 15th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. You may be prosecuted for perjury for any oral or written statement which you make under oath to the grand jury, when you know the statement to be false, and when the statement touches on a matter material to the point in question.

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IN MEMORIAM

DAVID GLENN MELSON



By Sadie F. Parsons

When I first started working for the Times-Gazette back in 2007, David and I pretty much became instant friends. Fast forward 16 years, I think it's fair to say I have never had a better, more consistent and dependable friend than David. He was single-handedly my very best friend.

Words cannot describe the loss we feel as we say goodbye to Dave. Never have I before felt the pressure to get the words right and never have I needed David more than I do this week as I prepare this final farewell with the help of his greatest fans.

David loved us all so much, and he showed it day in and day out with his actions and his words. This week is meant for us to share the love and show Dave how much we loved him, too. There is nothing that would mean more to Dave than seeing the community and his fellow co-workers from the walls of the T-G building that raised Dave come together and celebrate a job well-done.

I mentioned David and I being instant friends when I started at the paper. Why? I am not really sure why he took to me back then, but I vividly remember being so surprised at how nice he was. Normally, at other newspapers I had worked or interned at, the editors, copy editors, and anyone in the newsroom for that matter, all seemed ice cold, not friendly and intimidating.

Even though David had the years and years of experience to give him his superior status and the bragging rights to look or talk down to any newbie or cub writer entering the T-G, he never treated anyone with anything but kindness.

David encouraged me, complimented my articles, and showed a general sincere interest in the things I wrote. He never copped an attitude if my stories were late and always demonstrated a patient and helping hand should I need him to explain the difference between a county commissioner and a councilman.

David could do it all, from sports to photography to general features to police beat, and he could do it all with ease.

Another thing I distinctly remember thinking about David during those very early days of our friendship was

his compassion. I found it interesting how a man could cover some of the hardest, breaking news police beat story lines and then greet the victims from any given situation he'd just written about with a kind smile and some gentle words, if and when they showed up at the paper needing an explanation as to why such a story was printed.

Dave was able to do all that because he genuinely cared.

We all joke about David being the most dedicated of all T-G employees of all time. David represented all things T-G and could do almost all jobs at the T-G; in fact, I think it's fair to say David was the T-G.

David's compassion, dedication, determination, talent and work ethic are things that made him a standout and consistent part of the T-G for 48 years; they are attributes that made him stand out to me early on, and they are also the traits that promoted me to do something for David that I believe made more of an impact, in his opinion, on his life than anything else.

When I became the editor of the T-G around 2010, I felt totally unprepared and scared to death to take on a role that was perhaps over my head. I had the education and skills technically needed to fill the role, but I didn't have the wisdom or the experience. I didn't know the community well enough either.

There were far more experienced reporters in the office who could have done the job justice, but for whatever reason the higher up leaders chose me as their editor. While you can imagine this decision might not have set well with some veteran reporters, David congratulated me and supported me wholeheartedly, and our friendship blossomed even more during these next several years.

David supported me and I equally supported him. In fact, I made a deliberate effort to empower David and make sure his talent and efforts at the T-G were recognized and rewarded. Prior to this, I think David was perhaps hugely undervalued and under-appreciated, for whatever reason. Many people took David's quiet temperament to mean he didn't have the leadership skills required to perform the job as editor. Who knows what the reasons were, but David was never really uplifted, empowered or given the authority he deserved until about the time I made sure it happened.

I needed David to help me get by during those early years. In addition to being a new editor slightly overwhelmed by the job I was also a new mom. I could only be at the office so much. David was my go-to guy and my right-hand man who allowed me to be a working mom.

I could write an entire column devoted to that very subject, but for today I just want to say that because of David, just because of him alone, I was able to thrive in my role as editor, which opened doors for me that forever impacted my life.

You'd think I'd be the one thanking David day in and day out, but David saw all this extra work as opportunity. To the bitter end, David never failed to let me know that his time during the years I was editor were the very best he had at the newspaper. I must admit, we did have quite the dream team going on back then, but without David we had nothing.



When my mom came down to help me care for David during his last few weeks on Earth, my mom and Dave became quite close as well. David told me my mom felt like family to him and in some ways like family he never had.

I asked my mom yesterday what she thought it was that made David say that. My mom just told me she spent a lot of time talking to him and doing her best to answer his questions.

"What I remember about David most is that he would look at me in the eyes and ask me a question, and it was hard for me to answer the question," my mom said. "It's like he wanted the truth (about how long he would live), but didn't want to hear it at the same time."

For someone who hadn't known David all that long my mom hit the nail on the head with those comments alone. David was a seeker of the truth, but he was also a believer of hope, which is why his diagnosis was so hard for all of us who love him to deal with.

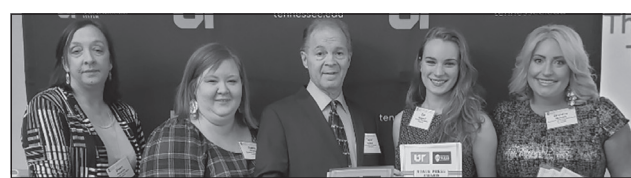
In this same conversation with my mom, I asked her what David liked so much about me. I told her I think what he liked most about me was that I allowed him to live in denial in some ways, for example with his illness. I played along with the idea that he could beat pancreatic cancer, even though he and I both knew the numbers indicated otherwise.

Surprisingly, that was not what David told my mom he liked most about me. Interestingly, my mom thought to ask Dave this question during some of their time together, "David, what was it like working for Sadie and why did you guys answered so closely?"

David answered quickly and confidently and told my mom, his exact words, "She was the best," he said. "And I loved Sadie because she trusted me. I will never forget that."

David, if you only knew how much we trust you. In fact, you were probably about the only one many of us trusted, and I just hope you felt all the love we felt for you over the years.

We couldn't do it without you and we will never do it the same. There will never be a day that goes by that I don't stop and think of you and ask for your guidance my friend. We love you, Dave.



Buy the damn Diet Pepsi

By Chris Siers

Just buy the damn Diet Pepsi. Those are words that I'm replaying in my mind, over and over and over in the past few days. For those who don't know, David Melson passed away after a short battle with an illness and his impact to this business, town and community can't be overvalued. David had an interesting personality and everyone has their own personal stories with him, from working with his dad, legendary sports editor Bo Melson, to his time working the police beat, to his near 50-year career working at the Times-Gazette.

My experience with David goes back to the fall of 2011. I really owe David a lot for me being able to find a trajectory to a 12-plus year career covering sports at the Times-Gazette.

In 2011, I worked for a newspaper in North Carolina and I was at my wits end and ready to call it a (short) career after just a year and a half after graduating due to a disagreement in production processes.

I applied to so many newspapers and jobs, just wanting the break to continue my journalism career.

Eventually, I had a phone interview with several folks from the Times-Gazette, which David was included on.

After the interview, I flew into Tennessee to meet with the staff and decide if this would be a good fit.

Hey, for a 23 year-old, this was a no-brainer, even if it meant packing up my life and moving seven hours due west with no ties to Middle Tennessee.

I remember that day I flew in, meeting the staff of the Times-Gazette, but it was David who really asked questions and my thoughts on how the sports department should run.

It's been well over a decade ago and I don't remember the particulars of what was said between us, but I do remember that we agreed on a lot of the same views of sports coverage.

I found out some years later, David's input from that initial trip had a lot to do with me being hired here.

After being hired, I quickly realized I would be running the production process through David on a daily basis.

For a 23 year-old kid who was still green in the business, I was eager to learn.

I quickly learned about David's family and legacy and just what the Melson name meant to this community.

Between Bo and David, I realized fairly quickly those two ate, breathed, dreamed and lived local news.

Nobody did it better.

David and I's relationship grew to be one of mutual respect over many years of staff reductions, deadline changes and overall changes in the print journalism business.

I'd bounce ideas off David, he'd bounce ideas off me and we worked well together.

Really well.

For a young guy to get hired into an established newspaper with credence that the Times-Gazette has, it's a blessing for me to have always had a safety net like David looking over everything.

That's what he was for me, for years.

David was a copy editor, who was the ultimate safety net.

Sure, things slipped past both of us, but if he gave me a thumbs up on a proof, I trusted him and went with his judgement, and eventually, he did the same with me, when it came to bouncing ideas and proofs off each other.

It never failed when it came to work-related issues—if I needed something from him, David stepped to the plate every time.

Just this past fall, there was a mixup, on my end, in production deadline communication and I ended up sitting in a deer stand during production for the Marshall County Tribune, thinking the production was due to take place the next day.

When you're on a hill, on a ridge line in the middle of nowhere in West Virginia, there's not a lot of options you have for producing a quality sports section, when all your content was due to be finished that night.



When David and I realized the issue, he immediately sprung into action and, in true copy editor form, saved my tail.

If you knew David, the man put away Diet Pepsi like it was going out of style and I told myself I'd get him a 12-pack as a thanks for really bailing me out in a pinch.

I remember coming back and seeing the price at the time for sodas and thought, "Well, that's an absolutely ridiculous price, I'll get him when they go on sale."

Days after turned into weeks, and I quite honestly forgot about getting him a 12-pack of soda—until I got the text on Monday morning that said David had been moved to a hospice facility for his final days in his battle with his illness.

Immediately, I went through all the stages of grief, with an added one—guilt.

All I could think about was how I didn't do something so simple as getting a \$10 12-pack of diet soda as a gesture of thanks.

I of course thanked him over and over again when I saw him upon returning from my trip and he knew I was grateful for filling in during a pinch.

I stood in and helped him in various instances over the years—it was just a mutual understanding and respect between us.

I got the opportunity to visit with David in the hospice facility with several Times-Gazette coworkers and former coworkers, and I was truly glad I got the chance.

A lot of times when people are in the type of hospice care David was, you say things and look for physical responses and hope those are signs of your words and gestures being received as a level of comfort.

I sat a 20-ounce bottle of Diet Pepsi on the night stand next to his bed and told him I knew he needed it to make it through the day, along with a little note I wrote on the label.

It doesn't make up for me not buying the 12 pack many months ago, but I know he heard me when I told him I sat it there.

For someone to dedicate nearly 50 years of their life to a craft and community like David did to the Times-Gazette and Bedford County, it just speaks to his level of dedication to both the job and what he held important in this life.

I know I wouldn't be half the journalist I am without having worked with him for over a decade and I know many others echo the same sentiment.

David was a hell of a journalist and a staple of this community for years and years and I know that without a doubt, he lived up to the legendary reputation his dad, Bo, established for community journalism.

When someone passes, it does a lot of things, like bringing together former acquaintances and coworkers to

support a friend in need.

Having looked back through over a decade's worth of memories and stories working with David, I keep coming back to that instance last fall over Thanksgiving.

I know he didn't think anything else of filling in and helping me put together a quality sports section because that's what David did.

His dedication was to the news and producing award-winning local journalism.

But while he didn't think anything else of it, I have. And do.

While going through all the stages of grief associated with losing a coworker, it just makes you put everything in perspective.

Life can be here one day and gone the next. Take the trip. Buy the dress. Book the concert.

And buy the damn Diet Pepsi.

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Melson's impact felt through the decades

By Gary Johnson

The passing of former colleague David Melson on Tuesday morning was devastating news to this community.

I had the pleasure of working with David for over three decades at the Shelbyville Times-Gazette.

David and his father Bo taught me more about the newspaper business than I learned in college.

Over the years the T-G had become well know for covering sports as well as the police beat.

A huge part of that success was because of the talent and skill set David had in the news room.

He had the unique ability to see a story from a different angle.

David was the "go-to" person in this community when it came to local news.

With the passing of David, I have now lost the three biggest influences in my life in this industry.

The other two were Bo and Marian Wilhoite, former sports editor at the Columbia Daily Hearald.

All three of these men were more than fellow journalists; they were family.

All three were masters at what they did.

I can only imagine some of the conversations going on between them right now.

Thank you David for your hard work and dedication in keeping this wonderful community informed.

May you never be forgotten.



Dave

By John I. Carney

My own recent family struggles kept me from being there for a man who was my co-worker and friend for decades.



David Melson stands next to a table full of snacks and finger foods at a newsroom birthday celebration in his honor.

A little more than a month ago, in my job as Bedford County's media/PR person, I attended the donation of a home

to a deserving young veteran and his family. It was a moving event, made possible by a partnership between a bank and a not-for-profit agency. Several of our county officials were in attendance and the county mayor was participating in the ceremony, so I was going to get photos which could be posted to the county's social media accounts.

There were several different photographers, some representing media outlets, some not doubt representing the bank and the charity. But I did not see anyone from the local newspaper, the Shelbyville Times-Gazette, where I had worked for nearly 35 years, until March 2020. That surprised me.

After I got the photos I needed for the county's social media, I decided I would go ahead and slip out and beat the crowd. It was a residential neighborhood, and I was parked on the street a good way away from the home. As I was walking back to my car, I got a text from David Melson, the Times-Gazette's copy editor.

Dave explained that he was working from home, in a lot of pain, and asked if the newspaper could use my photos of the home donation. I was happy to let him have them, and would probably have sent them over as a news release anyway. He didn't specify what exactly was wrong that day, but the next day he sent a followup text saying that he'd been having ongoing severe back pain,

which he said developed after a minor car wreck in February.

A day or two later, Lakita Victory from the newspaper messaged me to say that David was at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Later that night, she messaged me again, to tell me it was cancer.

The past few months have been stressful for my siblings and me. Our father has Alzheimer's, and over the past couple of months we've been trying to get him into memory care — and trying to keep him safe while we were waiting for everything to come together and he was still living at home by himself. That struggle occupied each of us on a daily basis, and as a result I didn't check in with Dave the way I should have. I texted him a few times.

I knew he had been living with a close friend in Nashville while undergoing cancer treatment. On Saturday, the day after my father got into memory care, I texted Dave to check up on him. How was he doing?

"Not well," he texted. "Back in hospital."

A day later, Sunday, he was transferred to hospice care. On Tuesday morning, we lost him.

David Melson was a couple of years older than me. He was 63; I am about to turn 61. He grew up at the Times-Gazette, where his father, Glenn "Bo" Melson, was sports and police editor, a legendary and beloved figure in

the community. David lived and worked in his father's shadow for many years, but he remained at the paper long after Bo's retirement and passing.

David was unassuming, and had a speech impediment. If you didn't know him, you might be tempted to dismiss him. But he was a dedicated journalist, a man who loved his community, who took pride in his work, and who loved preserving and sharing Shelbyville's history. He had an active online presence, separate from his official T-G duties, on the Facebook group "This Is Shelbyville," where he loved posting old photos of bygone days.

Dave loved his job and could be territorial about it. Sometimes, a new reporter, especially the younger ones, would innocently offer to cover something that Dave considered his beat, and Dave would be perturbed about it. We all felt that way at times — there were certainly things that I considered my beat and wouldn't like seeing anyone else cover — but Dave felt it a little more deeply than most.

In recent years, even back when I was still at the paper, he had his own health struggles. He also had to care for his mother after Bo's passing, and at times that put a lot of stress on him. He was able to understand what my siblings and I were going through with Dad.

Dave was always a friend to

me, even when I got the editor job that I know he wanted and probably deserved. He always showed concern when I was stressed out about anything.

I have been very happy with my county job, but the one thing that it was hardest to adapt to was going from a busy newsroom environment to my own little office. I missed having Dave and people like him around to talk to, to bounce things off of, to chat about the latest gossip. There are others in the courthouse to whom I can talk, but I have to make a special trip to their office and always feel like I'm taking them away from their work. In the newsroom, chatter was a natural part of life.

I feel guilty that I wasn't there for Dave during his last month. I know I couldn't have been everywhere, and our family situation was incredibly draining, but I still wish I'd seen David, or spoken to him, while he was going through this. I texted him a few times, but not that often, and I feel really crappy about not getting in the car and going to see him. I feel like he probably would have checked in on me.

I am going to be a pallbearer this Sunday at David's funeral. At least I can do that much for him.