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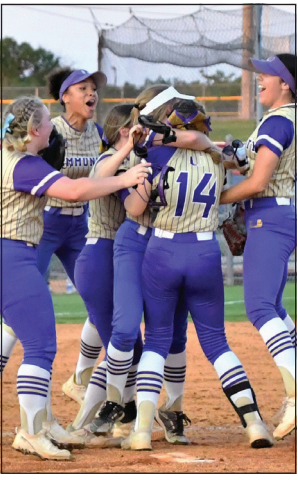
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## Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital earns 'A' safety grade

Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital (VBH) was awarded an "A" Hospital Safety Grade by The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit upholding the standard of patient safety in hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers.

This national distinction recognizes VBH's work to protect patients from preventable harm and errors.

This is VBH's second consecutive "A" grade. The hospital also received an "A" grade in fall 2022. "To earn the highest safety grade twice in a row speaks to the dedication of our hospital clinicians and staff to take the best care of our patients and prioritize their safety above all else," said Bill Rich, president of VBH.

The Leapfrog Group assigns a letter grade to all general hospitals across the country based on more than 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as systems that hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

"We find with these newest Hospital Safety Grades that patient safety has suffered major setbacks nationally during the pandemic. But that's not the case at this hospital, which has earned straight 'A' grades back-to-back," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "That is an extraordinary accomplishment, particularly now,

and shows a relentless determination to put patients first no matter what the circumstances."

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harm to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent, and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

"Vanderbilt Health has made tremendous investments in Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital — of resources and applying best practices — and is proud of the clear benefits it's generating for patients and for the health of the community at large," said Travis Capers, president of Vanderbilt regional community hospitals.

To see the VBH's full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter, Facebook and via its newsletter.

As part of the Vanderbilt Health community of hospitals and clinics, VBH is the only provider of inpatient medical services in Bedford County. The facility provides a range of inpatient and outpatient medical and surgical services. To learn more about VBH and its services visit [vanderbiltbedfordhospital.com](http://vanderbiltbedfordhospital.com) or visit us on Facebook.



## Overdoses reported at the jail

By **ZOE WATKINS**  
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Two possible drug overdoses were reported at the Bedford County Jail last week.

Commissioner Eric Maddox brought up the issue during Tuesday's Law Enforcement Committee Meeting. According to Sheriff Austin Swing, though not connecting the two incidents, this came after a "major fentanyl bust" occurred in the county two or three weeks ago.

He said prisoners have ways of hiding drugs—or "evidence"—in their

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From left, Mason Shavers, Bubba Shavers, Johnny Reed, and Patricia Shavers.

## Good Scout Award presented to Shavers

The late Duran Shavers was given the 2023 Good Scout Award from The Middle Tennessee Council Boy Scouts of America in recognition of his nearly 60 years of service to the organization.

Receiving the award was his wife

of 53 years, Patricia Shavers, and his son and grandson, Bubba and Mason Shavers. Duran passed away on November 1 of last year.

While with the Boy Scouts, Duran served as a Scout Leader and Eagle Scout and also received the Good

Shepherd Award.

He was a 1966 graduate of Shelbyville Central High School and attended Middle Tennessee State University. He worked as a Revenue Enforcement Officer for the State of

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## Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership evaluates progress, needs

By **MARK MCGEE**  
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Part one of a series on the Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership.

The Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership isn't going away.

At the regular meeting of the Shelbyville City Council a week ago members voted 4-2 not to fund a \$100,000 request from the partnership. The city had been providing funding for the past three years. The status of a \$100,000

funding by the Bedford County Board of Commissioners has not been determined.

No matter what happens the partnership plans to continue its work. And the message the partnership directors want to emphasize is the work of the group has a positive effect on everyone in the community.

"We need to get our message out there," board member Christy Womack, co-owner of Dabora, Inc., said. "That is the most

important thing. We're interested in the betterment of Shelbyville and Bedford County citizens. That is ultimately who we are trying to serve. I don't think we have done a good enough job of getting the message out of what we have done and how what we do benefits the everyday citizens of Bedford County and Shelbyville.

"Yes, we have made a lot of progress and we plan to continue to make that progress. We are not happy with the city. We still have

the support of the county, and we have a nice partnership between the private and public sectors. We think that can work very, very well."

Shane Hooper, president/CEO of the partnership, stresses the work of the partnership has a ripple effect through all levels of city and county.

"The thing that drives me is not one piece of our community,"

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## DEATH NOTICES

### James 'Chopper' Edwin Collier May 15, 2023

James "Chopper" Edwin Collier, age 71, of Shelbyville, passed away May 15, 2023, at his home, under the loving care and comfort of his family and Aveanna Hospice.

The family received visitors from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel.

A graveside service was held at Willow Mount Cemetery at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 18, 2023. Reverend Andrew Keffer officiated.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel assisted the family with the arrangements.

### Thomas Joseph 'Tommy Joe' Simpson

May 16, 2023

Thomas Joseph "Tommy Joe" Simpson, age 67, of Shelbyville, passed away on May 16, 2023.

Funeral services will be held at noon Monday, May 22, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Reverend Gary Brown will be the eulogist.

The family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

## OBITUARIES

### Gwendolyn Evans Cole

May 13, 2023

Gwendolyn Evans Cole, age 88, passed peacefully at her home on Saturday, May 13, 2023, after an extended illness.

Born December 8, 1934, in Atlanta, G.A., Gwen was the daughter of the late Hazel M. Wallace, and Walter C. Evans. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Bill, son Ray, and grandson Ryan.

Mrs. Cole was a homemaker who loved animals. She enjoyed farming and took great pride in her Angus cattle.

Survivors include children, Margie (Buddy) Wallace, Billy (Melanie) Cole, and Miles Cole; grandchildren, Rachel (Randy) Cunningham, Hudson (Nicole) Cole, Elizabeth (Chris) England, Wilson Cole, William, Crystal, Andy, and Mason Cole; and great-grandchildren, Sara Beth, Leah Grace, Rileigh Bre, Kennedy, Madilyn, Emma Claire, Evelyn, Liam, Peyton, and Magnus.

The family will gather at a later date for a private memorial.

Donations may be made to the Shelbyville-Bedford County Humane Association @ [www.shelbyvillebedfordhumane.org](http://www.shelbyvillebedfordhumane.org) or by mail: P.O. Box 391, Shelbyville, TN 37162.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

### Katie Esther Ellis

May 14, 2023

Katie Esther Ellis, age 102, passed away Sunday, Mother's Day, May 14, 2023, under the loving care and comfort of her family, Hospice Compassus, and the professional and caring staff of The Waters of Shelbyville.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Friday, May 19, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Burial followed at Willow Mount Cemetery. The family received visitors prior to service.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel assisted the family with the arrangements.

### Jeanne Rogers Blessing

May 15, 2023

Mrs. Jeanne Rogers Blessing, age 70, of Shelbyville, passed away May 15, 2023, under the loving care and comfort of her family, Hospice Compassus, and the professional and caring staff of The Waters of Shelbyville.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 19, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Reverend Mike Lovvorn officiated, with burial following in Willow Mount Cemetery.

The family received visitors from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

She was born December 30, 1952, in Shelbyville, to the late Dr. Benjamin Carl and May Louise Williams Rogers. A graduate of Shelbyville Central High School, class of 1970, she earned a Master's Degree from Middle Tennessee State University. She taught fifth grade at Community Elementary School in Unionville for 24 years. She held church membership at Fair Haven Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, David Michael Rogers.

Survivors include her husband of 25 years, Charles Blessing; children, Kimberly (J.D.) May, Laura (Kenny) Leftrick, both of Shelbyville, Amy (Dustin) Sharp, of Smyrna, Emily (Edgar) Lindo, of White House, Tiffany Blessing and Tony Blessing, both of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Kaitlynn (Cody) Dunn, Leigha May (Cruz Morales), Ta'Liyah Sharp, and Darwin Reed; brothers and sister, Ben "Tinker" Rogers, of Florida, Sharon Womble, of Georgia, and Dr. Gaylon Rogers, of Alabama.

Jeanne would be honored with memorials made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or New Destiny Dog Rescue.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

### Kelci Jane Haman

May 16, 2023

The sunset for Kelci Jane Haman was on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in which she was called to her eternal heavenly home. Her 32 years of life began with her sunrise on January 27, 1991, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Jennifer L. (Kuhn) and the late David W. Haman.

She is preceded in death by her father David W. Haman, Grandparents Donald and Catherine (Ogle) Haman, Marion (Pud), and Mary Jane (Brooks-Kuhn) Smith.

Kelci graduated from Community High School, Unionville, Tenn. in 2009. She continued her education at MTSU, Murfreesboro, Tenn., obtaining her degree and majoring in Science, and minoring in Psychology and

## OBITUARIES

Spanish. In 2019 Kelci received the title of "Mother" through the foster system for three beautiful children, in whom she was in the process of adopting.

She took pride in her church, family, and work. She was an active member of First Baptist Church, Shelbyville. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading, puzzles, diamond paintings and most of all being a mother and all it entailed.

She is survived by: her three beautiful children; her mother, Jennifer Haman of Unionville; brother, Eric Haman of Unionville; grandparents, Orla and Carol Kuhn, Bluffton, Ind., along with many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. today, May 20, 2023, at First Baptist Church of Shelbyville with Pastor Jeff Rasnick officiating. Kelcie will be laid to rest at Pressgrove Cemetery (Unionville), beside her daddy.

Visitation will be held prior to funeral services beginning at 11 a.m. today, at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to: Homes for Hope (P.O. Box 2239 Shelbyville, TN 37162), First Choice Pregnancy Counseling Center (1102 Madison St. Shelbyville, TN 37160), or to First Baptist Church (304 Depot St. Shelbyville, TN 37160).

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

### Wendell Franklin Butler

May 15, 2023

Wendell Franklin Butler, 92, of Shelbyville died May 15, 2023. Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. today, May 20, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with Eric Limbo officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

He was born March 10, 1931, in Birmingham, Alabama; owner of Shelbyville Carpet Company for 45 years; salesman for Raymond's Beauty Supply of Nashville for 25 years; a member of Fairlane Church of Christ and a Veteran of the U.S. Army. Wendell was a wonderful, loving, caring dad, husband, and granddaddy. He loved his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Monroe Butler and Annie Jane Comstock Butler; his wife, Martha Jane Foster Butler; great-granddaughter, Everly Lane Presley; brothers, William "Bill" (Martha) Butler, David (Olivia) Butler and sister, Margaret (Herschel) Ring.

He is survived by his daughter, Tracey (Ronnie) Presley; grandchildren, Michael Presley, Danielle Presley; great-grandchildren, Freya Lane Presley and Phoebe Lane Presley.

### Patricia Gayle Griffy

May 16, 2023

Patricia Gayle Griffy, age 56, of Fayetteville, a native of Wartrace, passed away Tuesday, May 16, 2023, under the loving care and comfort of her family, her caregivers, and Caris Healthcare.

Graveside services will be today, May 20, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Hollywood Cemetery in Wartrace.

The family received visitors 5-7 p.m. Friday at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel.

She was born September 10, 1966, in Shelbyville, to the late John Ellis Griffy, Sr. and Frances Inez Keele Griffy. Although born with a lot of challenges, she enjoyed life.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister-in-law and caregiver, Sandy Griffy.

Survivors include her brothers, John Griffy, Wayne Griffy, and his wife Debbie, and Rory Griffy, and his wife Joyce; nieces and nephews, Tim Griffy, Brain Griffy, Shelby Atwood, Jerrilyn Griffy-Jacobs, Jason McGee, Matt Griffy, Braden Chuck Griffy, Chris Griffy, Cindy Griffy, Aimee Burnett, and Bucky Griffy; numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Patty would be honored with memorials to the Special Olympics.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

## Needs

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Hooper said. "We can bring all the stakeholders to the table so we can all be better. It is not one piece of the community.

"We have to make sure we take care of our older people. It is also important we take care of our children and our school system. It is important to take care of younger professionals and give them an outlet they need and take care of young adults. We have to take care of regular working adults. We need to take care of those with lower incomes and middle incomes. The middle class is what drives the economy."

Hooper stresses it is not an either-or situation when it comes to doing what is right for everyone in the city and county.

"We have to make sure everybody sees the need," Hooper said. "Everybody benefits from what this organization brings to

the table. We have to stay focused. We have to do things that take care of everybody. We don't have the luxury of leaving people behind. We will never leave people behind.

Womack emphasizes economic development is what drives a community in all areas.

"Economic development benefits all areas of the county," Womack said. "Shane has done a really good job of educating me on this and how that impacts citizens.

"Where does that flow through? It flows from everything. Economic development has to drive that bus. The guy whose kid is getting training on how to get a job knows what we do. The people working at National Pen who lost their jobs saw what we could do by pooling all of the resources from the state to get them jobs and most of them are in higher-paying jobs now. But we want everyone to know what we do."

## Montana governor bans TikTok; but can the state enforce the law?

NEW YORK (AP) — Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte on Wednesday signed into law a first-of-its-kind bill that makes it illegal for TikTok to operate in the state, setting up a potential legal fight with the company amid a litany of questions over whether the state can even enforce the law.

The new rules in Montana will have more far-reaching effects than TikTok bans already in place on government-issued devices in nearly half the states and the U.S. federal government. There are 200,000 TikTok users in Montana as well as 6,000 businesses that use the video-sharing platform, according to company spokesperson Jamal Brown.

Here's what you need to know:

### WHY IS MONTANA BANNING TIKTOK?

Proponents of the law in Montana claim the Chinese government could harvest U.S. user data from TikTok and use the platform to push pro-Beijing misinformation or messages to the public.

That mirrors arguments made by a bipartisan group of lawmakers in the U.S. Senate, as well as the heads of the FBI and the CIA, all of whom have said TikTok could pose a national security threat because its Beijing-based parent company ByteDance operates under Chinese law.

Critics have pointed to China's 2017 national intelligence law that compels companies to cooperate with the country's governments for state intelligence work. Another Chinese law, implemented in 2014, has similar mandates.

TikTok says it has never been asked to hand over its data, and it wouldn't do so if asked.

### HOW DOES MONTANA PLAN TO BAN TIKTOK?

The law will prohibit downloads of TikTok in the state and fine any "entity" — an app store or TikTok — \$10,000 per day for each time someone accesses TikTok, "is offered the ability" to access it, or downloads it.

That means Apple and Google, which operate app stores on Apple and Android devices, would be liable for any violations. Penalties would not apply to users.

The statewide ban won't take effect until January 2024. It would be void if the social media platform is sold to a company that is not based in "any country designated as a foreign adversary" by the federal government.

The governor indicated he wants to expand the bill to other social media apps in order to address some of the bill's "technical and legal concerns." But the legislature adjourned before sending him the bill, which meant he couldn't offer his amendments.

Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen has pointed to technology used to restrict online sports gambling apps as a way to curtail TikTok from operating in the state. Those violations can be reported by anyone. And once the state verifies a breach has taken place, it sends a cease-and-desist letter to the company involved, said Tyler Nerison, a spokesperson for Knudsen's office. He said different companies use different methods for compliance and it's up to them "to not allow their apps to work in Montana and other states where they are not legal."

### SO, COULD THE TIKTOK BAN WORK?

Cybersecurity experts say that, other than avoiding the fine, there's nothing incentivizing the companies involved to comply and it will be extremely difficult — if not impossible — to adequately enforce the law.

For one, the U.S. doesn't have anything equivalent to the type of control countries like China have on what their citizens access on the web. Compounding that, internet service providers are out of the picture.

Before the Montana law passed, lawmakers rewrote portions of the bill to let them off the hook after a lobbyist for AT&T said during a February hearing the legislation was "not workable" to put into effect.

### COULD TECH COMPANIES BLOCK IT?

Apple and Google have not spoken out against the law. But a representative for TechNet, the trade group that counts the two tech giants as its members, has said app stores don't have the ability to "geofence" apps in different states and it would be impossible to prevent TikTok from being downloaded in Montana. The group has also said the responsibility should be on an app to determine where it can operate, not an app store.

Telecoms analyst Roger Entner, of Recon Analytics, says he believes the app stores could have the capability to enforce the law, but it would be cumbersome to implement and full of loopholes. Apple and Google's address-linked billing could be bypassed with prepaid cards and IP geolocation easily masked by using a VPN service, which can alter IP addresses and allows users to evade content restrictions, said mobile security expert Will Strafach, the founder of Guardian, which makes a privacy protection app for Apple devices.

Oded Vanunu, head of products vulnerability research at the cybersecurity firm Check Point, agreed it would be difficult for app stores to isolate a single state from downloading an app. He suggested it would be more feasible for TikTok to comply since it controls the software and can "adjust the settings based on the geographical location or IP addresses" of users.

## OD

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"body cavities," and that the drugs were possibly swallowed. Swing said he talked to the state corrections to get K-9s to search

the jail thoroughly, but that is "a process."

The internal investigation was still ongoing as of Thursday and Swing said he didn't want to say too much since it was ongoing.

The Times-Gazette will continue to monitor this situation.

## Shavers

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Tennessee, having retired after 38 years of service. He was a member of Fair Haven Baptist Church serving as a Deacon and Sunday school teacher, and was a 48-year member of the Optimist Club where he served in many positions from sec-

retary to president. He was an elementary substitute teacher for eight years with the Bedford County School System. In his free time, he was known to be an avid fisherman, and hunter and he enjoyed driving his Jeep.

A banquet was held at First United Methodist Church on Thursday for the awards ceremony.



## Reeves secures \$40M in budget to support local initiatives

NASHVILLE — State Senator Shane Reeves (R-Murfreesboro) secured nearly \$40 million in state funding to support initiatives in Senate District 14. The appropriated funds are part of a \$56.2 billion budget passed by the General Assembly in April. Republican priorities in the budget included efforts to strengthen families, bolster school safety, improve education, create new opportunities for economic development and modernize transportation.

"I am glad that these state funds are being directly invested in our communities to support economic and community development and improve health services for citizens," said Sen. Reeves. "I am honored to serve Bedford, Cannon, Moore and Rutherford counties in the Tennessee Senate and represent the priorities and values of our district."

The state appropriations going to Senate District 14, include:

- \$5 million to Shelbyville Municipal Airport for the installation of a sewer line
- \$2 million to MTSU for scholarships

for medical students who chose to learn and work in rural areas

•\$100,000 to the Community Clinic of Shelbyville and Bedford County for providing medical services to vulnerable people

•\$33 million for providing stability funds to nursing homes

•Senator Reeves' other legislative accomplishments session include:

•Passing legislation to enhance sentencing to combat drug trafficking of illicit drugs

•Securing \$250k in funding for Special Olympics to provide health screenings

•Securing funding to better train health professionals in Tennessee

•Securing funding to attract prospective medical professionals to Tennessee



Reeves

### The Budget

"I was happy to support this year's budget which makes a major investment in school security to protect our students and staff from outside threats," added Reeves. "Additionally, I am glad the historic tax cuts included in the budget for families and small businesses will allow Tennesseans to keep more of their hard-earned money and help offset the rising costs of inflation."

Notably, the budget provides \$407 million in tax cuts, the largest in Tennessee's history. These cuts aim to lower the tax burden on businesses, boost Tennessee's economic competitiveness, promote entrepreneurship and small businesses. It provides targeted relief to families with a three-month-long tax break on groceries from Aug. 1-Oct. 31.

The slate of budget and legislative priorities included significant investments in school safety with \$223 million to provide a school resource officer for every public school and a Homeland Security agent for every county. These funds will also provide

safety grants for private schools.

Lawmakers this session made key investments in transportation and infrastructure by providing \$3.3 billion to alleviate urban traffic congestion and improve rural roads to support economic growth and development.

It also makes a \$250 million deposit in the state's Rainy-Day Fund, which serves as the state's savings account to help withstand economic downturns, bringing the fund to a historic balance of more than \$2 billion.

Tennessee Republicans remain committed to keeping taxes low. Tennessee is the second-lowest taxed state in the nation and collects zero income tax. Tennessee holds the highest bond rating issued by all three of the nation's credit rating agencies, which reflects extreme confidence in the Volunteer State's preparedness in meeting financial commitments in tough economic times.

## Gov. Lee, First Lady celebrate 4th year of Tennessee Serves

NASHVILLE — Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and First Lady Maria Lee celebrated the fourth anniversary of the First Lady's initiative, Tennessee Serves, by hosting foster families at the Tennessee Residence.

To date, Tennessee Serves has touched the lives of more than 52,000 Tennesseans across Tennessee, with a significant focus on residents of the state's 10 federally designated distressed counties.

"As we celebrate four years of Tennessee Serves, Bill and I are grateful for the opportunity to honor and thank foster families from across our state who've opened their homes to children in need, living lives marked by selflessness and humility," said

First Lady Maria Lee. "We set out in 2019 to transform our state through service, and we've been inspired by the generosity Tennesseans have shown coming alongside us in this mission, especially as we serve our state's distressed counties. Thank you to every person who has partnered with us; you have brought immeasurable hope to communities across Tennessee."

Tennessee Serves partnered with Youth Villages, a foster and adoptive nonprofit founded in Memphis, to honor more than 50 families who currently foster higher level placements, which include teenagers, sibling sets and children with physical or developmental disabilities.

During the event, families enjoyed a cookout, a

bounce house, face painting, balloon art, games and more. Also in attendance were New York Times Best-Selling author and adoptive mother Lauren Akins, Department of Children's Services Commissioner Margie Quin, representatives from TN Fosters Hope, leaders from the faith community and additional foster and adoption nonprofits.

### Key Tennessee Serves Highlights

- 195 total service projects
- 65 service projects in distressed counties
- Mobilized 3,480 volunteers at Tennessee Serves projects across the state
- Distributed nearly 6,000 meals to foster fami-

lies in each grand division

•Distributed more than 219,000 meals to Tennesseans facing food insecurity

•Supplied 7,204 backpacks to elementary students in distressed counties

•Provided new shoes to all 923 students in the Perry County school system

•Partnered with more than 150 nonprofits and service organizations

•Supported state parks, foster and adoptive families, active military and veterans, seniors and back to school efforts each year

•\$200,265.00 economic impact of volunteers at Tennessee Serves project

### Distressed Counties

Tennessee Serves places

an emphasis on serving the state's distressed counties, federally designated distinctions based on a county's three-year unemployment rate, per capita market income and poverty rate.

The most impactful projects in distressed counties have included:

Packing 25,000 meals for families experiencing food insecurity in Clay County,

Distributing diapers, formula, clothing, car seats and other baby necessities to low-income mothers in Lake County,

Delivering 4,700 new coats to elementary students in Scott and Morgan Counties, and

Providing more than 191,000 meals to all the state's distressed counties.

Since Governor Lee took office in 2019, the number of distressed counties has decreased from 15 to 10.

### Tennessee Kids Serve Summer Challenge

Each summer, First Lady Maria Lee encourages rising kindergarten through sixth grade students to devote a portion of their summer to service through the Tennessee Kids Serve Summer Challenge.

Since launching the challenge in 2019, 1,100 kids representing more than 30 counties across the state have participated, serving a total of 4,511 hours in their communities.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR: MAY 18

### Dear Editor:

As an attorney hoping to contribute to the public interest, I read the letter of Mr. Bo Gill, Chairman of the Bedford County Republican Party, to Representative Pat Marsh which you published in your paper May 16, 2023, repeating his contention "Red Flag Laws" are not an "appropriate solution" to gun violence because they are "prone to abuse" and pose "potential infringements on our constitutional rights" whereas "allocating resources to mental health support, early intervention programs and improved access to quality mental healthcare" promote public safety and prevent violence better. He urges Mr. Marsh to "reject any red-flag legislation that may encroach upon our rights."

But an ordinary "Red Flag Law" is no such unlawful encroachment because my previous letter (Times-Gazette, May 16, 2023, page 3A) showed it is constitutional; this letter shows it involves adaptation of existing, even long-standing, Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure (Rules 64 and 65.03.) Under these Rules properly adapted, a judge, after reviewing statements sworn to

in one or more affidavits, may (or may not) issue a writ of attachment to seize firearm(s) under a restraining order instructing the defendant(s) to appear at a later date to show cause why such seizure was improper. How many pre-judgment writs of attachment have ever been issued for property (a firearm is property) since Tennessee became a State in 1796? Thousands.

The complaint (the set of allegations which is the basis for the restraining order) would set forth how the situation qualifies under the detailed definitions of "mental illness" "substantial emotional disturbance" "developmental disability" and "intellectual disability" contained in Section 33-1-101, T. C. A. (except "serious emotional disturbance" must be amended to include an adult as well as a child.) A local District Attorney or, perhaps, members of the defendant's own family (or those most likely concerned by the threat of imminent harm posed by the situation) would file it with the court.

This is done in most cases without defendant's knowledge. Why?

It is the initial detection of a mental illness, sub-

stantial emotional disturbance or developmental or intellectual disability that involves the most danger to everyone because that detection is often the result of elaborate denial or concealment and because, when revealed or disclosed finally, the discovered mentality is often accompanied by a whole range of raw emotions, such as shock, surprise, shame, guilt, fear and embarrassment, or the deeper sequestration and concealment of the firearms subject to that discovery.

But Representative Lamberth of Portland, Republican Majority Leader, says to the media that, where firearms are involved, he is adamantly opposed to any ex parte procedure (the procedure I have just described before a judge which happens without defendants' knowledge.)

Lamberth's stance seems contrary to the "unwavering support for mental health initiatives" which Mr. Gill in his letter praises Mr. Marsh has in pursuing remedies for gun violence. For if Mr. Lamberth truly supported these mental health initiatives unwaveringly, he could see how such a useful tool the ex parte procedure

of an ordinary "Red Flag Law" is in dealing with an exploding mental health crisis in the real world.

Besides, under every version of a "Red Flag Law," defendant does get a chance to appear and to contest the seizure of his firearm at the very next hearing. Further, the criminal penalties which Tennessee Code Annotated already provides (Part 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 33) for aggressive plaintiffs abusing the rights of "mental health service

recipients" (the defendant here) can easily apply to all I have just described here. (And be made to by the Legislature if it has the will to do so.)

Where and how are there any violations of an American's or a Tennessean's rights in what I have just written? Thanks for reading.

Sincerely,  
 William Prentice Cooper  
 Prospect Hill  
 Nashville, Tennessee

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**2023-2024 Pre-K Registration**  
 Monday, May 22nd, 2023  
 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 At  
**The Bedford County Board of Education**

Please have these documents with you at registration

- Certified copy of your child's birth certificate (must be four (4) by August 15, 2023)
- Income verification (Pay stub, or SNAP case number (not card #.))
- Physical & immunization record

The Pre-kindergarten Program is for students who qualify as low income determined by the federal government guidelines. All interested parents may sign up. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from school. The program hours are from 7:45 AM - 1:15 PM, Monday through Friday. These classes follow the regular school calendar. There is an attendance requirement. You will be contacted on the status of your child's enrollment in the Pre-K program after your child has been screened. Parents will have to verify proof of income.

We will continue to accept applications at the Bedford County Board of Education Central Office Building through the 2023-2024 school year. Once all the openings are filled your child's name will go on a waiting list.



# Answering unknown numbers issues

**Dear Heloise:** I have read the many letters advising on what to do to avoid telemarketer calls -- specifically about blocking or ignoring unknown numbers. Also, I read the hint from a doctor's office about making sure they are listed in your known numbers.

But here's another cautionary word: If you are listed as a contact for a friend or relative who has a medical alert system, those systems do not show that the call is coming from a medical alert system. My mother had one, and she listed a neighbor and a nearby cousin as her first contacts. I was listed third because I lived an hour away.

When she fell one day, she told the alert operator that she did not need an ambulance; she just needed help to get up. I received the call, because the first two contacts did not answer. I told the operator that I would leave right away, but to call an ambulance, so mom would not be on the floor for an hour.

Fortunately, when I arrived, the ambulance had come and gone, and she was in a chair and doing OK. It turned out that both the neighbor and cousin had been home and heard the phone, but did not recognize the number. So, they didn't answer. I only answered because I had made a call to an agency that morning and thought they might be calling back. There was no ID on the number at all.

It is my understanding that these calls can come from various numbers so you cannot put them in as recognized numbers. You'll just have to answer the phone. -- K.M., via email

## RIPPED OFF? FILE A COMPLAINT

**Dear Heloise:** Just read the hint about getting ripped off by a plumber. Poor John. He should have refused to pay anything other than an hourly rate. He should contact the Better Business Bureau and file a complaint. If the state of Washington licenses plumbers, file a complaint there as well. And don't forget to use Yelp or other rating services. If the plumber is an employee, contact the business owner.

This situation hints at elder abuse, but we don't have enough facts. It should not go without resolution. John has at least \$1,400 coming back. -- M.F.

## Hints from Heloise

Heloise



## DESTROYING BOOKS

**Dear Heloise:** Today's suggestion to destroy books is a terrible idea! Donate books to libraries, hospitals, senior citizen homes, a neighborhood book swap or a book fair. Don't cut them up. There's enough concern over banning books, so please don't encourage cutting them up. -- Cathy N., Dallas

## CLEANING OVEN RACKS

**Dear Heloise:** I have been reading hints in your column for cleaning oven racks or storing them outside the oven to keep them clean. My method is to put a rimmed cookie sheet under any dish that might spill over.

If I think it will get really juicy, I put a piece of foil on top of the cookie sheet under the dish. Then, I don't have to clean the dirty cookie sheet either. With this method, I never have to clean my oven racks. -- Jacque G., Jewett, Texas

## PET PAL

**Dear Heloise:** Mustachio showed up in the neighborhood in Bluffton, Ohio, one summer. She has a lovable personality and made a great addition to our family. -- Linda Garrett, via email

Readers, to see Mustachio 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

## DESTINATION WEDDING CAUSES UPSET

**Dear Heloise:** My niece decided to have a destination wedding in Hawaii in late July. We all live in Ohio, so naturally, Hawaii is a long way off for everyone in her family. She sent out 112 invitations, and only seven people responded that they would be attending. Of the seven who said they'd go, two have backed out already.

Yes, my niece is very disappointed, but I think destination weddings are absurd. If the bride and groom want to get mar-

## TODAY

### Decoration Day

•New Hope at Talley Station Cemetery's decoration is set for the third Saturday, May 20. Board members will be at the cemetery from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations can also be made at or mailed to First National Bank, 1190 N Ellington Pkwy, Lewisburg, TN 37091.

•Decoration at Mount Olivet cemetery will be 2:30 p.m. today.

## SUNDAY

### Decoration Days

•Decoration at Rosebank Cemetery will be May 21 at 2 p.m. at the Flat Creek Community Center. For any questions, call Betty Housch at 931-580-5610.

•Decoration Day at New Herman Cemetery will be Sunday, May 21, at 2 p.m. Donations may be made Sunday or mailed to Frances McGee, 114 Goose Creek Rd., Shelbyville, TN 37160.

•The decoration service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, at Burns Chapel Cemetery on Burns Road. Donations will be accepted for cemetery upkeep, and donations may be mailed to: Wallace Cartwright, 301 Brown Lane, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

•The Unionville Cemetery decoration will be on May 21 at 2 p.m. Any donations can be sent to: Peggy Orrell, 416 Riverbend Country Club Rd., Shelbyville, TN 37160.

•Decoration day at Houston Whitworth Cemetery will be May 21st. There will be a short service at 2 p.m. Donations may be given at the cemetery or mailed to: Charles Armstrong, 435 Old Nashville Dirt Rd., Shelbyville, TN 37160.

### Women's program

A "Women's Day Program" will be held at Thompson Grove Missionary Baptist Church on May 21 at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served after the service.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Food bank

Fellowship Church at Rover will be having an open food bank on Sunday starting at noon. All are welcome.

## MAY 22

### Town Hall Meeting

A Town Hall Meeting for District 4 will be held at 6:30 p.m. at The Liberty School Cafeteria and will be hosted by District 4 commissioners Diane Neeley and Anita Epperson. Attendees are invited to come and share their ideas about current issues in the county. For more information, call or text 931-607-8053.

## JUNE 1

### SCHRA meeting

The South Central Human Resource Agency Governing Board will meet on Thursday, June 1, at 11 a.m. at SCHRA Central Office, 1437 Winchester Hwy., Fayetteville. The SCHRA Budget/Audit/Appropriations, Property, and Personnel Committees will meet prior to the Governing Board Meeting at 10 a.m.

## JUNE 3

### Bee a Blessing

Cowpuncher's Cowboy Church will be hosting its 3rd annual women's ministry "Bee a Blessing" conference on Saturday, June 3, at 1624 Hwy 41A from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be guest speakers, musical guest Delnora, food, and door prizes. Tickets are \$20. Checks can be mailed to Cowpuncher's Women Ministry, 416 Squire Jones Road, Bell Buckle, TN 37020. For more information, call Tymna Lee 931-292-5699.

## JUNE 9

### Canning college

The UT/TSU Extension Office will be holding canning colleges on Friday, June 9 or Saturday, June 10 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on the Shelbyville Square. You

must pre-register for one day or the other by calling the Extension Office at 931-684-5971. The cost is \$15.00 and space is limited to 12 participants. This is a hands-on class that teaches the current recommendations for water bath and pressure canning. Call the Extension Office at 684-5971 for questions or go to bedford.tennessee.edu to see the flyer.

## JUNE 10

### Summer Swing

Summer Swing 2023's program "Dance, Dance, Dance" will be held at The Fly Arts Center, 204 S. Main Street. Tickets are \$12 at the door and the event will feature The Duck River Review. BYOB and set-ups and concessions available.

## JUNE 16

### Dining with Diabetes

A three session Dining with Diabetes class will be offered at the UT/TSU Extension Office on Fridays, June 16, 23 and 30 at 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Cost is \$15 for all three sessions. If you or someone you care for has diabetes or you just want more information on planning meals and cooking for people with diabetes, this class will cover the general recommendations and techniques for meal planning and preparation for people with diabetes. The sessions include demonstrations and sampling of recipes, information on healthy eating and a cookbook. Must call the Extension Office at 684-5971 to sign up or for questions.

## JUNE 17

### Juneteenth Celebration

The 2023 Juneteenth Celebration will take place on Saturday, June 17, at the Courthouse Square, starting at 9:15 a.m. Sponsored by the Gilliland Resource Center and the Rosenwald Community Center, the event will have a parade, local vendors, kids' activities, music and dancing, and a program by keynote

speaker Pastor Jason Scales. Guests are asked to bring their lawn chairs. For more information, visit bcjuneteenth.com. For vendor applications, contact Calvin Cannon at 931-639-3643.

## 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.

# A fresh sunny day snack

(Culinary.net) It's time to kick off summer with a bang. With exciting summer events like baseball, sunbathing and barbecues filling social calendars, comes a whole new array of fresh, sunny day snacks just waiting to be devoured.

If you're in the mood for something sweet with a hint of spice, try this Citrus, Mango and Pineapple Salsa. It features fresh, fruity flavors from the pineapple, mango, lemon and lime plus a surprising bite of jalapeno. It's the perfect balance of sweet and zesty.

This light, warm weather appetizer is perfect for pool parties or dining al fresco. A fresh twist on traditional salsa, this recipe will have people lining up for a second scoop to help beat the heat.

Enjoy it with tortilla chips or as a topping on your favorite tacos to add a little sweetness to a traditionally savory meal.

For more fresh sum-



Citrus, Mango and Pineapple Salsa

mer time recipes, visit Culinary.net.

### Citrus, Mango and Pineapple Salsa

Recipe adapted from becomingness.com

- 1 1/4 cup fresh pineapple, diced
- 1 1/4 cup fresh mango, diced
- 2 tomatoes

- 1/2 red onion, diced
- 1 jalapeno, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon coriander
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- sea salt, to taste
- fresh cracked pepper, to taste
- tortilla chips, for serving

In large bowl, combine pineapple, mango, tomato, onion, jalapeno, coriander, lime juice, lemon juice and salt and pepper, to taste. With rubber spatula, mix all ingredients together.

Taste and season with additional salt and pepper, if desired.

Serve with tortilla chips.

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## CRAFT FAIR



Blankenship Methodist Church, 3602 Midland Road, invites the community to a “Made with Love Craft Fair” and kids’ zone on June 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 30 local vendors will be on-site with their wonderful items “made with love.” There will also be a kids’ zone (kids’ crafts to do, petting zoo, face painting, and other fun stuff) while mom and dad are shopping themselves. The local girl scout troop will be helping with the kids’ zone. There is no cost to attend the event.

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

#### Baptist

Pastor Jimmy West’s message for Sunday morning’s service on May 14 at **Edgemont Baptist Church** will be “Letting the Lord Build Your House,” from Psalm 127. They will also have a Baby Dedication.

Church services at **Calvary Baptist Church** will be held Sunday, May 21, at 10 a.m. The message will be presented by Pastor Tyler Shoemaker and is titled “Communication and Conviction,” from Romans 10:17.

There will also be a Baby Dedication service and recognition of current graduates. Sunday School will begin at 9 a.m. Worship service will be live streamed.

The message for **Grace Baptist Church** will be “The Holy Spirit Is The Christian’s Strength” from Eph. 4:4-6 and 1Cor. 2:9-12.

#### Church of Christ

This Sunday at **Fairlane Church of Christ**, they will resume with the “Questions of Faith” series. The sermon title is “Is the Church Homophobic?” The scripture is 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

The **Southside Church of Christ** lesson will be “The One Thing Needed” from Luke 10:38-42 by Minister Tim Gunnells, at 10 a.m. Sunday. There will be no Sunday 6 p.m. service. David Sanders will be teaching “Restoration Thought and History” at the Wednesday 6:30 p.m. service. Sunday morning is livestreamed at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening services are livestreamed 6:30 p.m. at [cofcsouthside.com](http://cofcsouthside.com).

#### Methodist

Pastor Abe Zimmerman’s sermon at **Shelbyville First United Methodist Church** will be “If My People: A Call to Prayer” from Acts 1:14-26. On Ascension Sunday, they see what happens to the Apostles after Jesus returns to heaven. There have been times when God’s people came together and prayed, and then God showed up and responded in amazing ways. This week they see that God gives them wisdom when God’s people pray. Join them for worship service at 10 a.m. as they take a closer look at prayer. The service is also livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLIJ 1580 AM.

#### First Christian

Everyone is invited to worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. as they continue in our series called “Unleashed.” This week they will be talking about the Making of a Leader - from Acts 11 & 12. Children’s Graded Worship and Nursery are also available at 10 a.m. T Ball Sign up is open until Thursday, May 25. Cost is \$40.00

#### Presbyterian

**First Presbyterian Church**’s service for this Sunday, the 7th Sunday of Easter, will be held Sunday at 10 am led by Pastor Jim Moran. All services are streamed live on Facebook. Sunday School starts at 9 am. 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 am for Sunday School and 10 am for their worship service.

#### Fish fry

A community fish fry will be at **Shiloh Outreach Church** in Wheel on Saturday, serving from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

## Saving the farm: Heartland clergy train to prevent agriculture workers’ suicides

LAKE BENTON, Minn. (AP) — With traces of winter’s unusually heavy snow still lingering but a warm sun finally shining, farmers were out dawn to dusk in early May on their tractors, planting corn and soybeans across southwestern Minnesota fields many have owned for generations.

The threat of losing these beloved family farms has become a constant worry, affecting many farmers’ mental health and raising concerns of another uptick in suicides like during the 1980s farm crisis. Much of the stress stems from being dependent on factors largely outside their control, “À from the increasingly unpredictable weather to growing costs of equipment to global market swings that can wipe out profits.

“You’d be surprised how many people are suffering with depression. Farmers have been a group of people who keep problems to themselves, proud and private,” said Bob Worth, a third-generation crop farmer who with his son works 2,100 acres of rich, black soil near the hamlet of Lake Benton.

“The more you talk about this, the more you realize it can be fixed,” added Worth, who credits his wife with saving his life in the 1980s when he got so depressed that he wouldn’t budge from bed even for the harvest. At least three neighbors and fellow farmers killed themselves, Worth said.

Increasingly aware of agricultural workers’ struggles with mental health, states such as Minnesota and South Dakota, a few miles west of Worth’s farm, are offering suicide prevention training to clergy, “À who are a crucial, trusted presence in rural America.

In Pipestone, the bigger town down the dirt road from Worth’s farm, “À with 4,200 residents and a dozen churches, “À pastors from three Lutheran parishes are taking the four-week suicide prevention program for clergy that Minnesota’s departments of agriculture and health launched this spring.

“I want to learn to help. This could be anybody,” said the Rev. Robert Moeller, recalling his first realization of the scourge of suicide among farmers, when a customer in the feed business he worked at before being

ordained killed himself. Moeller plans to introduce suicide prevention in his 5th through 8th grade catechism class at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, and is eager to learn about supporting surviving family members and those who attempted suicide without the stigma and shame often attached to it.

**EDITOR’S NOTE** — This story includes discussion of suicide. The national suicide and crisis lifeline is available by calling or texting 988. There is also an online chat at [988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org).

While rising levels of stress and anxiety are affecting Americans from students to service members, the dynamics are different in the farmland, “À and so is the strength of the clergy’s role in rural communities, where churches are essential social gathering points.

“Every farm family I know has a relationship with a house of worship,” said Meg Moynihan, a dairy farmer in southern Minnesota who’s been developing the clergy-focused training programs as a senior advisor to the state’s agriculture department. “There’s a huge sense of pride.”

The evident satisfaction that farmers take in growing crops and raising livestock to feed the country — and beyond, as corn for example is also often sold to China, — makes the fear of being unable to keep going a key factor in mental health distress.

“It’s not losing a job or a place. There’s a sense of threat to one’s identity and generational legacy across time,” said Sean Brotherson, professor and extension family science specialist at North Dakota State University. “People treat the farm as a member of the family — and the longest-living member of the family.”

The question, he said, becomes who is going to be the one to decide it’s time to let the farm go.

With financing tapped out and feeling they might not be able to pay off more equity in their middle age, Keith and Theresia Gillie started talking about finding jobs away from his

homestead in northwestern Minnesota.

“I never realized that in the midst of us quitting farming, that was his identity,” said Gillie, who found her husband of more than 30 years dead on a gravel road. Six years later, she’s still farming wheat, soybean and sunflowers with two neighbors’ help, and has spoken out about Keith’s suicide to get more farmers to open up about their struggles.

Male agricultural workers’ suicide rates are more than two times higher than the national average, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. There are several issues that play a role, including increased isolation and exacerbated family tensions during the pandemic, the difficulty in rural communities to find in-person mental health counseling or to access broadband for tele-health, as well as the disruptions brought by climate change-driven unpredictable weather patterns, inflation and international trade disputes.


As the average age for

farmers inches toward 60, the pressure of passing on a life-defining legacy to new generations is a growing problem, said Monica McConkey, a rural mental health specialist contracted by Minnesota’s agriculture department to provide counseling at no cost.

Driving his tractor and planter, some \$750,000 in machinery, Todd Sanderson reflected on how farming has changed in the 42 seasons he’s been planting corn outside Flandreau, South Dakota. An eye to the sky is still foremost — Sanderson decided to get the seeds in the ground the first week of May even though frost still covered the tractor’s windshield in the morning, because later planting means meager yields.

The physical demands have diminished, with technology in his tractor resembling a cockpit more than an agrarian tool, but the uncertainty of making enough to keep the land only grows as the capital investments rise. Sanderson, 61, hopes a nephew will take over from him eventually.


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Rev. Andrew Lee Keffer



# 2022-23 Leadership Bedford Class graduates



Those in the adult graduating class include: Josh Tolar, Kimberly Finch, Trey Green, Brandy Arena, Toby Sneed, Liz Pitmon, Tiffany Swain, Zachary Zeis, Ashley Claxton, Kristy Watkins, Brianna Davidson, Nolan Barnes, Yolanda Flick.



Outgoing Leadership Bedford board members who have fulfilled their terms on the board are: Brett Fisher, Carol Garrette, and Jonathan Boyce, who served as the 2022-2023 LB board president. Not pictured is Jessica Matlock.



Submitted photos  
Those in the youth class are: Monserrat Garcia, Kara Swain, Sean O'Gorman, Allyssa McBay, Jasper House, Shelby Fortel, Broderick Bowen, Caleb Andrews, Cheslea Utz, Chloe West, Abigail Brown, Addison Brothers, Autumn Swanson, Daniel Craig, Emma Collard, Taylor Dowell, Abby Lamb, Connor Huie, Eli Elliott, Jacey Collier.



Sean O'Gorman, a graduating senior at Shelbyville Central High School and a Youth Leadership Bedford participant, received the \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Leadership Bedford. Sean is on the left; the scholarship was presented by Justin Gordon, LB board member.

## HELP WANTED

### MEDICATION TECHNICIANS/CAREGIVERS

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 Contact HR or fax letter of interest or resume to:  
**931-684-5666 office**  
**931-684-0330 fax**



Shane Hooper of the Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership was the guest speaker at the graduation celebration held at Bell Buckle Banquet Hall Event Center.



# Are you addicted to memes?

**M**eme: “A cultural item in the form of an image, video, phrase, etc., that is spread via the internet and often altered in a creative or humorous way,” explains dictionary.com.

Some people are mere passive consumers of memes. Others eschew newfangled social media altogether. (“If I can’t get my memes through Bazooka Joe comic strips, shortwave radio and smoke signals, I don’t need them! Do you like that contrarian position? Check yes or no on this piece of notebook paper and pass it back...”) Me? After having a dormant Twitter account for ages, I’m suddenly going full-blast brainstorming memes for my account (@TyreeDanny).

I started out exclusively creating memes to promote my self-published books (see Amazon), but now I’m branching out. Let’s face it: some photographs, topics and situations just beg to be parodied.

(Beg? Here’s a 19<sup>th</sup>-century woodcut of a one-legged urchin. If only I can come up with a pun

about TB and rickets, then hilarity will surely ensue!) I’m in hog heaven as I pore over public domain images (wildlife, sports, antique gadgets, etc.) for downloadable meme inspirations. And I adhere to the strict definition of “public domain,” not the current variation that liberal district attorneys favor. Those scamps have given us a culture celebrating public domain bodega Slim Jims, public domain Cartier watches, public domain preschoolers...

It gives me an exhilarating sense of accomplishment to put words in the mouths of personages such as Benjamin Franklin, Ulysses S. Grant and Sigmund Freud. Until I see a little kid using a plastic Godzilla in a Barbie dress to terrorize a Lego replica of the Plymouth Colony. Then I just want my blankie and a nap.

The other spontaneity-killer is when I get a guilt trip from the platitudes of the late radio host Bernard Meltzer. He’s the “measure twice, cut once” philosopher who encouraged asking yourself whether the things you were about

to utter were true, kind, necessary and helpful.

I mean, Meltzer was a buzzkill right out of the starting gate. No, it’s probably NOT true that Gene Wilder (1933-2016) in Willy Wonka garb made wry comments about the 2023 Kentucky Derby. There! Are you happy?

(And for that matter, most white cats sitting at a table with a plate of vegetables DON’T toss out snarky bon mots while being yelled at by a blonde woman. Come to think of it, do white cats, vegetables and blonde women still exist? I’ve been chained to this laptop cranking out memes for sooooooo long...)

Why stop at four guidelines for a public statement, anyway? Let’s go for broke the next time you feel compelled to blurt out something. Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary? Is it helpful? Is it bigger than a breadbox? Is it all that and a bag of chips? Is it any of Bernard Meltzer’s &^%\$# business???

The emotional highs may wax and wane, but I keep plugging away at my quest for “likes” and “retweets.”



**Danny Tyree**  
Tyrades

Pardon? Have I had anything go viral yet? Well, not exactly. I’ve had some memes that qualify as “muscle spasm” or “ingrown toenail” status, but viral still eludes me.

Someday I’ll be a legend. And once my portraits pass into public domain, some colonist on Mars will undoubtedly share a doctored photo of me confiding, “I don’t always haunt the halls of Twitter, but when I do...”

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**05/09/2023—05/15/2023**

Steven M. Davis, Vickie L. Davis to James E. Farrar Sr.—\$75,000, 0 acres, no address

Mark T. Barnes, Dana S. Barnes to William R. Barnes—0 money, 0 acres, Arnold Rd.

Angela M. Cloud to Jeremy W. Cloud—0 money, 0 acres, Philpot Rd.

Elbert Topps, Pamela Tops to Topps Family Trust, Elbert Topps, Pamela—0 money, 28.2 acres, Hwy 130 West

Mardin Erasmo Lopez, Hilda Ortega to Arturo M. Leon, Maria G. Leon—\$110,000, 12.09 acres, Hopkins Bridge Rd.

Curtice McCloy, Robert B. McCloy Jr., McCloy Family LLC, Robert McCloy to Donald White Construction LLC—\$225,000, 0 acres, Shadow Dr.

Jerry Aaron Haskins to Eddy V. Ortiz De Paz, Eddy V. Ortiz De Pas, Eddy V. Ortiz—\$320,000, 1.5 acres, Hwy. 82 E.

Maleah K. Qualls, Maleah K. Walls Claxton, Donnie Claxton, Maleah K. Claxton to Jose O’Nate, Rafael O’Nate, Arturo O’Nate, Regina O’Nate—\$388,500, 0.44 acres, no address

William Joseph Davis, Lyndsey Brooke Davis to Israel Garcia Basurto, Johnny Garcia Basurto—\$310,000, 0 acres, no address

Dana L. Otterback, Nicholas Otterback to Slam Dunk Properties LLC—\$189,900, 0 acres, Wood St.

Chance Toon, Alyssa Roland to Vicky Black—\$105,000, 0 acres, Evans St.

Shirley Hargrove, Kenneth Hargrove to Dayton J. Ward—\$30,000, 0 acres, Halls Mill Rd.

Sharon Denise Ogilvie, Frances Elaine Johnson, Jerry Leon Murray, Sarah Louise Bean to Richard Elmus Murray—0 money, 0 acres, no address

Kassundri Lynn Virgous to Richard Elmus Murray—0 money, 0

acres, no address

Jose Juan Zuniga, Maria Zuniga to Jerry E. Tapp, Sandra R. Tapp—\$170,000, 0 acres, no address

Brandy L. Cortes to Rene Reyes Cortes—0 money, 0.49 acres, Temple Ford Rd.

Christina Tucker to Bryan Douglas Campbell—\$280,000, 0.14 acres, Carter St.

Kevin York, Marvel Renee York to Richard A. Gilbert, Elizabeth C. Gilbert—\$525,000, 0 acres, Barton Dr.

Donald Bruce Living Trust to Cory Flippo—\$95,000, 0 acres, Honeybee Dr.

Jane Jacobson to Madison Clare Ball, Timothy Jacob Waldon Ball—0 money, 15.01 acres, no address

Patricia J. Smith to Dudley Braden Jones, Crystal Nowlin Jones—0 money, 0 acres. no address

Joshua B. Smith, Hannah E. Smith to William D. Clark, Jennifer

N. Clark—\$320,000, 0 acres, Haskins Chapel Rd.

Robert C. Edde to Edward F. Webster IV, Amy Marie Webster—\$250,000, 8.73 acres, Helton Rd.

Larry Batchelor, Sandra Batchelor to Batchelor Living Trust, Sandra W. Batchelor Living Trust, Larry W. Batchelor Living Trust—0 money, 0 acres, Gilmore Lane

Jeffrey Eugene Vincent, Ollie Eugene Vincent to Jason Lane Stacey, Jason Terriel Stacey—\$53,382.19, 0 acres, no address

Black Diamond Construction LLC to Ayanna Huey, Corey Huey—\$319,900, 0 acres, Horse Mountain Rd.

Ned W. Duncan, Heidi Duncan to Tammy E. Prosser, Lanny Christopher Prosser—\$325,000, 2 acres, New Hope Rd.

Richard A. Vincent, Cynthia S. Vincent to Natalie Vincent—0 money, 0 acres, Sinking Creek Rd.

## PUBLIC RECORD

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Johnathan Alexander Pate and Audrey Diane Douglas

Cortez Antonio Sisroe and Deyauna Jashelle Cook

Taylor William Templeton and Jessica Carol Byrd Byrd

Austin Tyler Prince and Shelby Lynn Fann

Xavier Lamont Ransom and Tatiana Bustamante

Stacy Edward Pearson and Brandy Suberry

Sudberry Nichols

Charles Cole Krieg and Alexandra Lottie Landers

Trey Davon Simons and Stefany Elizabeth Zelaya Moreno

**CITY COURT**  
**05/15/2023**

**Speeding**—Kaylee Adams, Janet A. Argo, Charles Henry Bess, Ariel H. Bowling, Gregory B. Brandon, Cody J. Claxton,

Emily Paige Cox, Celso Gomez, Larry M. Jackson, Braden J. Lollis, Ingrid Martinez Juarez, Cyprier Mbaitoudjim, Shannon Leish Ragsdale, Therion S. Reese, Kristoff M. Souffront, Tyrone C. Wade—all \$105, Jonathan Drake Ferguson, Jenna Lynn Glenn, Robyn E.Henderson, Patrick M. Jones, Liza Maria Lovvorn, Matthew F. McCleanahan, Anourath Phimphivong, William Payton Tucker, Yaquelin Villanueva Galvez, Preston J. Vincion, Cindy Lee Woodlee, April K. Wooten—all \$125, Lillie Elizabeth Marchman \$165, Sierra McWilliams \$150, Hayden Sanders \$130

**Speeding In School Zone**—Robert D. Baker, Deshaun St. Clair—both \$130, Allan Clayton Grisham \$125

**Traffic Control Device**

**(Stop Sign)**—Robert Allen Bowen, Alisha A. Christie, Brittanie Marie Fields, Chuck Wayne Freeman—all \$125, Anayelly Gervacio Casillas, Linda F. Price, Jerry Webster Weatherford Jr.—all \$105

**Failure To Yield Right Of Way**—Felix C. Cinto Velasquez, Savannah G. Lesley, Deborah Darlene Seibers—all \$130, Makenzie Columbia \$105

**Financial Responsibility (Insurance)**—Jonathan Drake Ferguson, Liza Maria Lovvorn, Sierra McWilliams, Jeffery S. Smith—all \$25, Nathan Douglas Pearson, Monserrath Rojas Ramirez—both \$130, Kristoff M. Souffront,

Denoltra T. Vicks,—both \$115

**Registration Violation**—Allan Clayton Grisham \$10

**Failure To Maintain Lane Of Traffic**—Robert Lee Hale Jr., \$130

**Seatbelt Law**—Barbara Ruth McGowan, Johnny D. Smith, April K. Wooten—all \$55

**Light Law Violation**—Nathan Douglas Pearson, Isaiah D. Russell—both \$10, Jeffery S. Smith \$115

**Excessive Noise/Loud Music**—Isaiah D. Russell \$130

**Driver To Excerise Due Care**—Ethel Thompson Walker \$130

## BLOTTER: MAY 18

Damion Walden reported his vehicle had been stolen and he had been assaulted in the process.

In his report to Joshua Cox of the Bedford County Sheriff’s office, Walden explained that he had pulled into a church parking lot at 484 Troupe Road to text.

While he was on his phone a female entered from the passenger side and told him “to give up his wallet and everything he had.” At about the same time a male entered through the rear passenger door and told Walden he had a gun.

Walden said the male also hit him in the head. Walden also stated that after being forced out of the vehicle, he jumped on it as it pulled away and he fell off.

His vehicle and his wallet containing his driver’s license, Social Security card, a debit card and a cash app card were stolen.

Fred Rowland reported he had received a call from one of his employees that an orange 2020 Kioti tractor was missing from a shed on the back of his property. Rowland said the last time he had seen the tractor was May 16.

In response to a large crashing sound outside, Wayne Charles discovered that a vehicle had driven through two sections of his fencing. He told Maison Bucka from the Bedford County Sheriff’s office that he saw the vehicle which left the scene.

Charles estimates the damage at approximately \$10,000.

bond.

•Matthew Tyler Hand, 31, Ledford Mill Road, Normandy, Tennessee, violation of probation (General Sessions), two charges, \$5,000 bond.

•Robyn Henderson, 22, Brooklyn Circle; driving under influence, \$2,500 bond.

•Sanya Marie Koah, 34, Wheel Road; custodial interference, \$1,000 bond.

•Jose Danilo Mancio-Caceres, 27, no driver’s license/exhibited on demand, no bond.

•William Joseph Moore, 23, Nashville Highway, Lewisburg, Tennessee; driving on suspended license, no bond.

•Jose T. Morales, 35, Adams Road; driving on suspended license, \$1,000 bond.

•Randy Munoz-Parra, 24, Choney Road, Smyrna, Tennessee; financial responsibility, no driver’s license exhibited on demand, violation of vehicle light law, no bond.

•Arturo Navarro, 48, Tremont Dr.; no driver’s license/exhibited on demand, no bond.

•Matilda M. Ross, 60, South Maple St.; driving on suspended license, failure to appear, \$500 bond.

•Venancio Sajpun-Pelico, 41, Barksdale Lane; other, violation of probation (General Sessions), \$2,500 bond.

•Napolean Dwight Scales, 27, Sulphur Springs Road; criminal trespassing, \$2,500 bond.

•Jacob Alexander Silva, 45, Shoma Dr.; attachment, failure to appear, \$1,000 bond.

•Tina Marie Turner, 39, Whiteside Road; failure to appear, other, to serve time (General Sessions), violation of probation (General Sessions), \$1,000 bond.

## BUSINESS LICENSES

**05/10/2023—05/17/2023**

AKA Ramirez Plumbing LLC—117 Martha St., Shelbyville, Jose A. Ramirez-Lopez

Design Team Sign Company, LLC—255 Old Morris Chapel Rd., Adamsville, TN, Chris Pierce

Estrada Distribution—120 E. Cedar St., Shelbyville, William Estrada

Flamingo Fiesta—405 N. Thompson St., Shelbyville, Brandi Blanco-

Gonzalez

Martin Contracting, Inc.—2371 Irvine Rd., Richmond, KY, Shawn Martin

Snell-Northcutt Electric, Inc.—13401 Kanis Rd., Little Rock, AR, Robert D. Snell

Transport Refrigeration Services, Inc.—300 Airport Business Park Dr., Shelbyville, Douglas Myers Warnack

Creations—380 Halls Mill Rd., Shelbyville, Larry T. Warnack

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The Town of Bell Buckle, Tennessee hereby provides certain financial information for the Fiscal Year 2023 budget in accordance with the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated Title 6 Chapter 56 Section 206. There will be a public hearing concerning the budget at the Town Hall on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 5:45 PM. All citizens are welcome to participate. The budget and all supporting data is a public record and are available for public inspection by anyone at the office of the Chief Financial Officer.

	General Fund			One Cent Gas Fund		
	FY 2022 Audited	FY 2023 Estimated	FY 2024 Projected	FY 2022 Audited	FY 2023 Estimated	FY 2024 Projected
Revenues:						
Local Taxes	\$48,561.00	\$74,840.00	\$81,115.00	\$-	\$-	\$-
State of TN	\$242,076.00	\$147,002.00	\$120,565.00	\$15,471.00	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00
Federal Government	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other Sources	\$89,793.00	\$68,975.00	\$70,200.00	\$-	\$-	\$-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$380,430.00</b>	<b>\$290,817.00</b>	<b>\$271,880.00</b>	<b>\$15,471.00</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>
Expenditures:						
Salaries	\$127,442.00	\$110,545.00	\$92,200.00	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other Sources	\$222,636.00	\$127,209.00	\$156,875.00	\$5,079.00	\$6,522.00	\$10,000.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$350,078.00</b>	<b>\$237,754.00</b>	<b>\$249,075.00</b>	<b>\$5,079.00</b>	<b>\$6,522.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
Beginning Fund Balance	\$416,283.00	\$446,635.00	\$499,698.00	\$17,242.00	\$27,634.00	\$35,612.00
Ending Fund Balance	\$446,635.00	\$499,698.00	\$522,503.00	\$27,634.00	\$35,612.00	\$40,112.00
Number of FTE Employees	3	3	3	0	0	0

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**Library summer program now open to adults**

The Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library is proud to present our Summer Reading 2023 program. All Together Now!

For the first time, the library will be offering an adult Summer Reading program. Whether you are a parent wanting to participate along with your kids or just want to get back into reading for fun, you can complete the Summer Reading checklist and qualify for gift cards and more prizes.

Online registration for all ages will open on Friday, May 26. The program lasts from June 5 until July 21, and will feature performers at The Fly Arts Center on Wednesdays, teen activities on Tuesdays, and kids' craft days on Fridays. Other programs include story times, nutrition classes, escape rooms, and a genealogy workshop taught by Carol Roberts of the Bedford County Archives in July.

For more information, please call us at (931) 684-7323 or visit our website at sbcplibrary.org for more details. You can also check their Facebook page for any event updates.

Upon registering for the program, adults can pick up a reading checklist in English or Spanish at their front desk or print off a copy at home from their website. The checklist features different genres and categories, and after completing at least eight of the 14 options on the list, participants can turn them in in exchange for prize packs and have their names added to a large



From left, library staff Emilee' Le Clear, Caleb Harris, and Hayley Clanton.

T-G Photo by Zoe Watkins

er prize drawing for gift cards and more.

Library tech Hayley Clanton said, "Because this year's summer reading theme is focused on community and working together, we thought that it would be an opportune time to expand our summer programming to feature more for adults within our community."

She said this was part of the reason they began the "Get to Know Bedford" discussion events earlier this month, as it gives a chance for adults to learn about different local community organizations and what they offer, as well as the genealogy workshops in July with the Bedford County Archives.

"While promoting literacy for children and



teens is still a major part of the summer reading program, we want to provide more for adults

to engage with both reading and their communities this summer and in the future," she said.



**Doug Dezotell**  
Musings and Memories

**Memories**

Looking back over the years is something I find myself doing a lot; and I know I'm not alone in that practice either.

People of a 'certain age' spend time reminiscing about, and recalling and remembering the events, activities and people from those precious *yesteryears*.

I write about my memories and thoughts, and I do look back over the past and share my musings in these weekly columns.

And I sincerely thank God for my memory and my memories. But, just like you, my memories aren't always good ones.

I've made too many mistakes over the years, and there are certainly things in my past that I regret.

But, I can't go back and change those things that happened years ago, even if I would like to.

Time-Travel has been the thing of multiple movies and TV shows.

There's one concept that seems to be repeated in many of those films and that is "if you go back and change the past it will also change the future."

If that happens we may not like what that future holds for us.

What we can do to try and make up for the past is to work hard to live the best life we can *NOW*, and if need be, make apologies where and when needed.

A very important part in the recovery process for alcoholics is to follow the 12 Steps. The 12 steps of recovery are as follows:

Step One: Admitting powerlessness over addiction and the unmanageability of life because of it.

Step Two: Coming to believe that a power greater than oneself could restore sanity.

Step Three: Deciding to turn one's will and life over to the care of God.

Step Four: Making a searching and fearless moral inventory of oneself.

Step Five: Admitting to God, oneself, and another human being the exact nature of one's wrongs.

Step Six: Readiness to have God remove all these defects of character.

Step Seven: Humbly asking God to remove one's shortcomings.

Step Eight: Making a list of people one has harmed and having a willingness to make amends to them all.

Step Nine: Making direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Step Ten: Continuing to take personal inventory and promptly admit when one is wrong.

Step Eleven: Improving conscious contact with God, praying only for

▶ See **Doug**, Page 6B



**Mark McGee**  
My Take

**Time**

I like to read the New York Post. It's a daily tabloid in New York City with great covers on the front and back and even greater headlines which are humorous and often over-the-top in taste.

When I am in New York City I can't wait to grab a copy. But most of the time I have to read it online.

Many of the stories they publish get my attention, but the other day one really caught my eye. A 23-year model, represented by one of the top agencies in the world, had not worked for four months and it brought her to tears. With her 24th birthday only a couple of months away she is fearful time may have run out on the career she started when she was 18.

She admits it might be hard for people to have any sympathy or empathy for her, but while I may not be beautiful, I understand fully the concept of time running out.

I turned 66 this year. Hitting 65 didn't really have much of an impact on me because no one really noticed. I spent most of the day waiting to be dismissed from Saint Thomas-West Hospital in Nashville after spending a few days recovering from neurosurgery.

But I have had more time to ponder being 66. I wonder, probably more than I should, how many days the good Lord might have left for me. I also think back on the times I wasted.

I have truly come full circle. I am back at the Times-Gazette on a day-to-day basis after spending the last few years as a columnist and an occasional feature writer. This is my fourth stop at the T-G dating back to my junior year in high school in 1973-74. I would later return to primarily cover city government and Tennessee Walking Horses. Even later I would sit in the editor's chair in the 1990s.

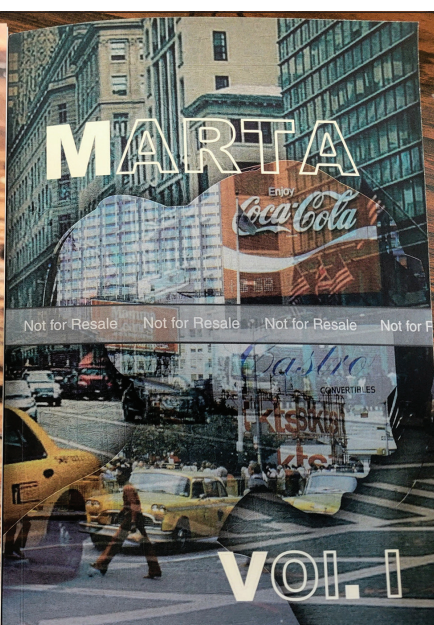
As I am back in familiar territory, I think about what I want to do, and I try to calculate how much time I have to do those things.

I have been lucky through my parents, my own personal choices and a couple of my jobs to be able to travel a great deal at a young age. Many places I have visited multiple times, but there are still places I want to return to and some I want to see for the first time.

I can never go to New York City, London England or Disneyland enough at Christmas time. I want to go back to all three. As I have written before, there is nothing quite as relaxing as watching spring training baseball whether it be in Florida or Arizona.

One place I have wanted to see is...

▶ See **Mark**, Page 6B



**From the streets of New York**

T-G STAFF REPORT

Ever wondered what it's like growing up in the streets of New York?

Shelbyville resident and native New Yorker Dave Rogers has the story. In his latest book, "Marta," Rogers narratively talks about his life growing up in New York and being homeless at the age of 15.

"For years I had written short stories as part of my therapy and had been encouraged to share some of my struggles, but I was always afraid of how people would view me after reading about my life on the streets of New York as a youth," he said.

This book is volume one of what may become a 5-6 volume series,

according to Rogers.

"I have many written stories of that time, just trying to decide where to fit them into each volume."

He said he started writing these stories about 11 years ago as he was going through therapy for his time at the World Trade Center, but it is only in the last five years that he thought about sharing them with anyone. Rogers is also a combat veteran.

"My editor after reading the stories felt I had something special to share, so I put some of them into a book (Vol. 1) and am currently putting together Volume 2," he explained.

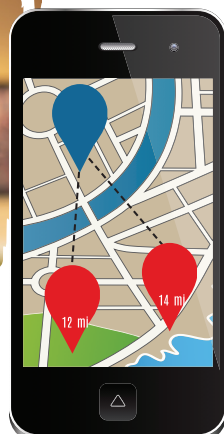
But the hardest part of writing this, according to Rogers, was shar-

ing some of the most personal things that he experienced as a youth.

Still, "I feel I am at that point in my life where I can share these as hopes to encourage those that are going through struggles letting them know they are not alone in this world. Part of the importance for me, is currently I am going through some struggles, and writing the book has helped me remember that I have gone through worse, so there is nothing that this world can do to me that I can't get through."

The beginning of the book follows Rogers as he meets a young girl named Marta amid New York's 70s art scene. In one instance, Rogers is with Marta spray painting the West Side train depot.

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**NEARLY \$5M IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO SENIORS**



During their prospective Honors Days, each of the three high schools celebrated the achievements of outstanding seniors who received scholarships from various organizations to help them kick-start their secondary education paths. Over \$1.9 million was awarded in scholarships to Shelbyville Central High seniors; over \$942,000 were awarded in scholarships to Community High seniors with a grand total of \$1,078,856 offered overall; and, over \$1.8 million was awarded in scholarships to Cascade High seniors. A big congratulations go to the deserving students.



Submitted photos





Photos by Andrea Nix

# First Choice fish fry success

Angela Rasnick, director of First Choice Pregnancy Center, said they were thrilled with the turnout and success of the 17th annual First Choice Fish Fry fundraiser.

"We are grateful for the way this community comes together year after year to support this event," she said.

That includes the 'Friends of First Choice' who participated in the online auction leading up to the event; the 1275 people who came to the event; the 220 people in addition to the Shelbyville Central High School football team and the Liberty School football teams who volunteered; the men who fished

for a week in Alabama to catch the fish; the cooks who prepared the food onsite; the Dazzling Dorrells who provided entertainment; Barry and Pam Cooper for providing a location at Walnut Ridge Farm; the Event Sponsors; as well as the many people who prayed for the event's success.

Rasnick added, "My favorite part of the day was seeing the melting pot of people who came together, all in one location, on this special day to support life."

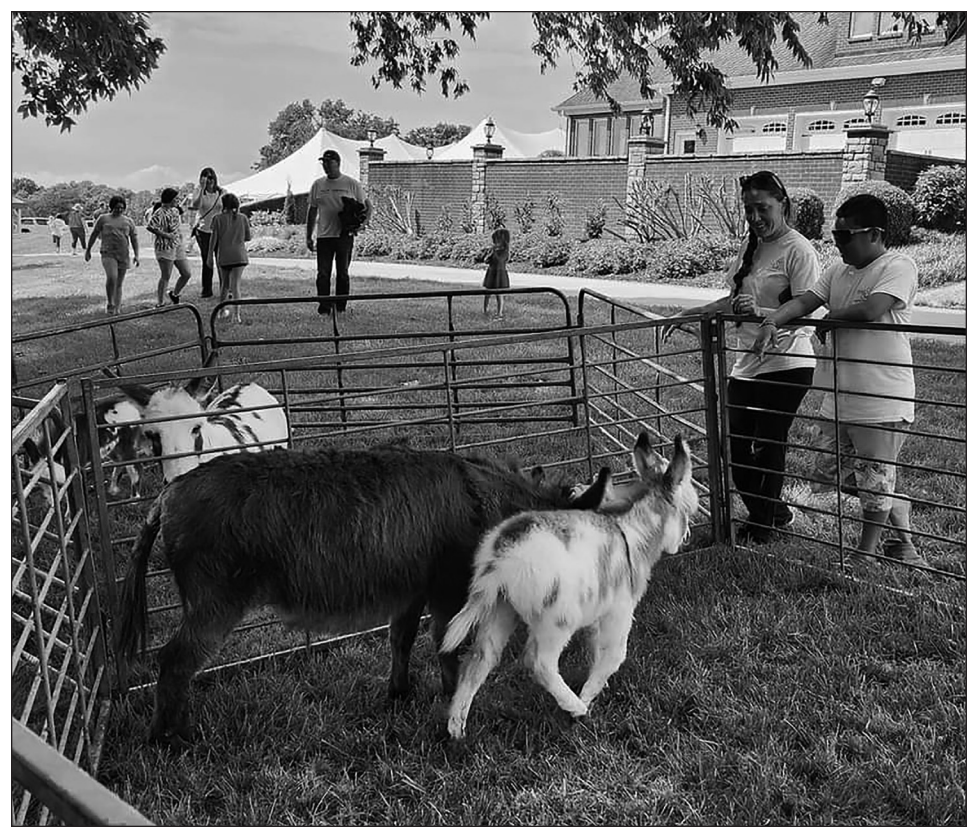
The proceeds of the Fish Fry enable First Choice to provide free services, which include pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, pregnancy and parenting classes, Choices

that Challenge in Bedford County Schools, support to Spanish-speaking clients, and mentorship with fathers.

"We are also able to share with our clients that God knows the plans He has for them and His plans are to give them a hope and a future. We are grateful to our community for providing a way for us to be able to provide love and hope to hundreds of families each year!"

The 18th annual fish fry is already set for May 11, 2024.

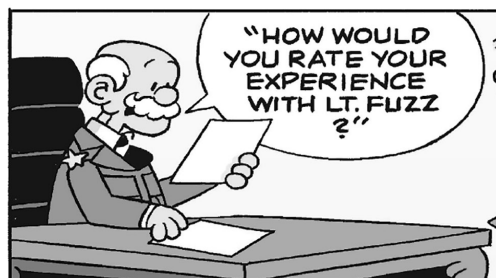
First Choice Pregnancy Center in Shelbyville is located at 1102 Madison Street. Call 931-680-0066 for more information.



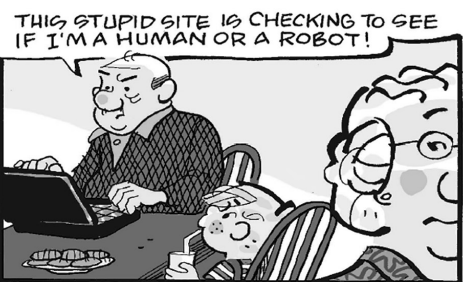


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## Mort Walker's beetle bailey



## Hank Fetcham's Dennis the Menace TESTING...1...2...3...



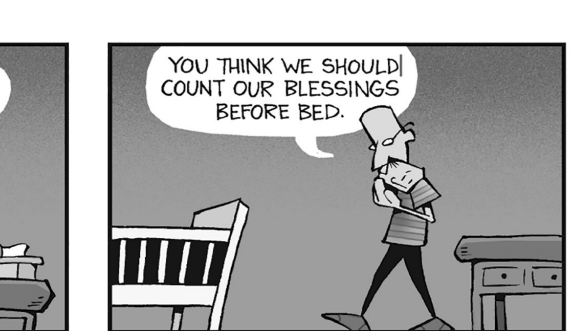
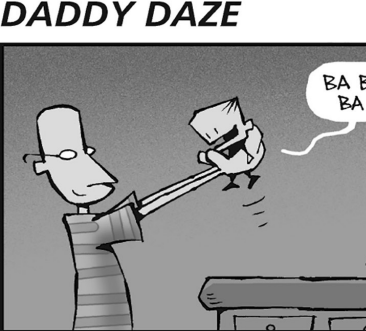
## BLONDIE BY DEAN KURTZ OF JOHN MARSHALL



## The FAMILY CIRCUS BY BILL KEANE



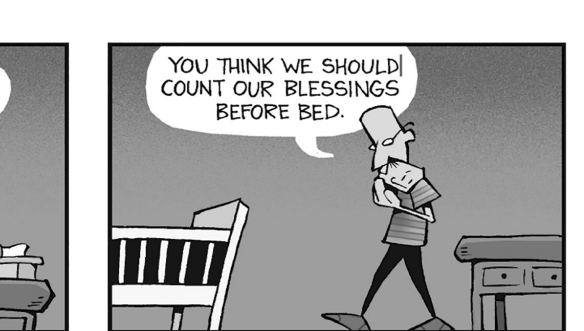
## Baby Blues



## PICKLES BY BRIAN CRANE



## DADDY DAZE





# SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

SO, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO THIS SUMMER?

HIDE BEHIND YOU SO I DON'T GET EATEN FIRST.

JUST LOOK AT OUR VEGETABLE GARDEN!

KEEP!

IT'S SO FULL AND HEALTHY AND ACTUALLY HAS VEGETABLES THIS YEAR! I'M SO HAPPY WITH IT!

EITHER WAY, NO TOMATOES. WHAT A SHAME.

YOU FORGOT TOMATOES.

I DIDN'T FORGET MOM. I JUST DIDN'T PLANT THEM.

WHY DOESN'T SHE JUST POUR ACID ON MY VEGETABLE GARDEN INSTEAD? IT WOULD BE SO MUCH KINDER.

HOW ABOUT THIS SUMMER YOUR MOM EATS SEPARATELY FROM US?

MAYBE INSIDE ONE OF THOSE CLEAR OUTDOOR DINING SPHERES THEY HAD DURING THE PANDEMIC. ONLY NOT CLEAR.

# The PHANTOM

by Lee Falk

IN A CAVE MUCH LIKE A SKULL HIDDEN BEHIND A WATERFALL, YOU SHOWED ME A HIEROGLYPHIC TEXT...

IT SPOKE OF HORRORS MY GRANDFATHER NEVER SUSPECTED WHEN HE SAILED FOR BANGALLA WITH THE KRIEGSMARINE IN 1945.

JANUARY 11, 2005, ED.

I REMEMBER A PLACE GUARDED BY SET, THE GOD OF EVIL...

THE WOLF WAS THERE... AND A... CHIEFTAIN OF SOME SORT.

KIND... BRAVE...

HE REASSURED ME I WAS SAFE IN A PLACE WHERE I REMEMBER BEING FRIGHTENED.

LIKE YOU, PHANTOM, HE DWELLS BEHIND A WATERFALL IN A JUNGLE PARADISE!

MOST OF ALL... WHAT I REMEMBER OF MY ALL-BUT-FORGOTTEN TIME THERE...

IT'S HOW I FELT...

HOW I... FELT ABOUT...

!! MINA BRAUN!

...EXCUSE ME!

Tony DePaul & Jeff Weigel 5-21-23

# Hi and Lois

by Brian and Greg Walker

MIKE'S MUSEUM.

RIGHT THIS WAY!

I KEEP IT ALL IN MY ROOM.

WOW!

YOU'VE GOT BASEBALL CARDS, COMIC BOOKS...

TOPPS UD DONALDSON FLEER

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IS THERE ANYTHING YOU DON'T COLLECT?

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DUST. I HAVE TO KEEP EVERYTHING IN MINT CONDITION.

WHRRR

DUST VAC 2000

# ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

THIS IS JEREMY'S LITTLE HOSPITAL BRACELET.

AND HERE'S HIS BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

UH-HUH.

THAT'S HIS FIRST PACIFIER AND FAVORITE BLANKET...

... HIS FIRST BABY TOOTH, A LOCK OF HAIR FROM HIS FIRST HAIRCUT, HIS FIRST BABY SHOES...

MOM, WE GOTTA GO.

YEAH, SEE YOU, MRS. D.

BABY MEMENTOS, OR DNA EVIDENCE LOCKER?

COULD GO EITHER WAY.

# THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"YOUR APOLOGY WOULD SEEM MORE SINCERE IF THIS WEREN'T A FORM LETTER."

"YOU'RE GOING TO WATCH A TV PROGRAM AT ITS REGULAR TIME?... ARE YOU SERIOUS?"

"THE DOCTOR SAID I'LL LIVE LONGER IF I GIVE UP ALL THE THINGS I LIVE FOR."

"SEE? I DIDN'T FORGET TO BUY A DOZEN EGGS LIKE YOU TOLD ME LAST WEEK."

"LORETTA'S MOTTO IS, 'IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, TRY IT ON.'"

# CANDORVILLE

BY DARRIN BELL

NOT AT ALL WHAT I MEANT BY "CAN'T YOU JUST FOR ONE MINUTE PUT YOUR PHONE DOWN."

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# SLYLOCK FOX

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Slick Smitty has been charged with breaking into Slylock Fox's office and reading his old confidential paper case files. He admits entering the office but claims his flashlight and phone batteries were dead and an electric power failure prevented him from switching on the lights. Even though the lie detector indicates these statements are true, why does Slylock still believe Smitty had no problem reading the files?

Solution -- Slick Smitty entered Slylock's office in broad daylight.

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Water tower, glasses, button, window, tooth and eyes.

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HOW TO DRAW an elephant

YOUR DRAWING

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d) 8 minutes  
e) 17 minutes

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# More car show snapshots



Submitted photos

If you missed out on the annual Celebration City Region Car Club car show last Saturday, no worries. The Car Club hosts cruise-ins open to all vehicles every fourth Friday on the Shelbyville Historic Square. The next cruise-in is set for May 26 and begins at 6 p.m.



## Doug

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knowledge of His will. Step Twelve: Carrying this message and practicing these principles throughout life. (Thanks to *Genesis Wellness & Recovery*.) Correcting the errors, mistakes, or sins of the past all begin with surrendering our lives to God and His will. In my estimation, those twelve steps listed above all point to a life of repentance and living a life dedicated to the Lordship and Plan of God for our lives. Step Eight directs a person to "Make a list of people one has harmed and have a willingness to make amends to them all." The person following

these steps is directed to "have a willingness to make amends..."

Step Nine is so important for us if we want to correct those past sins that we have made against someone in our past. It says: "Making direct amends to such people wherever possible," and then notice the next part of this step, "except when to do so would injure them or others."

Sometimes we need to let those past sins stay in the past, especially if it would bring hurt and injury to someone. We need to make sure God lets us know when to do that and when not to.

Asking God to forgive us is so important. A New Life begins there for us.

Both John the Baptizer and Jesus the Christ came preaching a mes-

sage of *Repentance*. They both said "Repent! For the Kingdom of God is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2, Matthew 4:17)

Repentance means to turn away from our sin and turn to God. And again, it begins with asking God to forgive us.

The Bible has a name for the devil who constantly throws the sins of our youth before us. Not only is he known as "the tempter," (Matthew 4:3), but he is called "the accuser of the brethren" in Revelation 12:10.

If we have asked God to forgive us, then we are forgiven. Remind the devil of that next time he reminds you of something God forgave you for. Tell that accuser, "Back off, I'm forgiven!"

As I wrote earlier in this column we need to

live the best life that we can in the 'here-and-now.'

Living a good life, surrendered to the Will of God, is the best we can do for ourselves and for others.

Our memories are such an important part of who we are, whether they are good or not-so-good.

Throughout my years of ministry I've sat with numerous people who were experiencing what their doctors may have diagnosed as dementia or even Alzheimer's disease. Years ago people referred to those things as 'hardening of the arteries.'

One thing that has struck me is that so many dementia patients can remember things that happened in their childhood or their teen years and young adulthood, but they struggle to remember things

that happened two weeks ago or even yesterday.

Men may not remember their wife or their children. Women may not remember their loved-ones' names or faces.

I know it's sad to watch that happen to someone you love. It's been called "The Long Goodbye."

My mother passed away after a short illness at the age of 95. Someone her age has lots and lots of memories, and I thank God that Mom's memory was still intact at her age.

Mom, like most of us, liked to talk about the good memories.

I remember one time sitting with Mom out on the deck at my sister's lake home in Western Minnesota. I brought up some of the bad things I did in my youth, and Mom stopped me and said, "I

don't want to remember those things, and you shouldn't either!"

That was my Positive Thinking Mother!

I'm not going to write about the bad things I may have done back then. Just know that I have prayed for forgiveness, and no matter what the accuser says, "I AM FORGIVEN!"

I may remember those things, but I also remember that I AM FORGIVEN!

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## New York

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"She was brushing pink hair from her slightly freckled face and spray-painting the legs on the girl rocker spray paint can on the wall. After a moment of looking at her, I went back to spray-painting my section of the piece. This was a long way from where we first met..."

To read the full book, a copy can be picked up locally at the Coffee Break on the Square.

## New cookbook

Rogers also has another cookbook "From Bland to BAM: Breakfast," which is part two of a series of cookbooks he is working on.

Going back to Roger's childhood, he said, "Growing up we were on food stamps, back when they were actually stamps in a book. Breakfast was hard, as we did not have a lot. We had to hope there were enough free meals at the school for us, when there weren't we went without."

Traveling around, he said he took an interest in how different cultures deal with food and how they make it.

"This book brings readers through a great deal of breakfast foods, and not only how to make them but sharing in part where they come from. The first book in this series was about leftovers and making them into new meals, while this book focuses on the most important meal, our first meal, which I believe a lot of times starts our day either

right or wrong," he said.

A third book, which should come out later this summer, will be all about soups and stews.

## Book signings:

•May 20 at Petsense from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

•May 27 at Tractor Supply from 8 a.m. to noon

•June 7 will be a cooking demo at TN Meat Co. at 6:30 p.m.

## Mark

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ed to visit since I read a book about it in high school is Morocco. If God lets me, I plan to take that off my bucket list.

There are two or three books I want to write. I have completed about five chapters in one. I am negotiating a deal to write another one. And I have plans I can't put off any longer, due to their advancing ages, to inter-

view key people for a third one.

Retirement has never really been a priority for me. It's great to be back at the T-G though I am sad at the circumstances that brought me here. The loss of David Melson is another example of how time catches up with us.

So much has changed in the newspaper business. To paraphrase actor Edmond O'Brien's final line in "The Wild Bunch", a Western about aging outlaws, "it ain't like it used to be, but it will do."



# Cook with Heart Health in Mind

## Family Features

Healthy eating doesn't have to be difficult or require you to take favorite meals off your family's menu. In fact, making smart choices when cooking at home can give you more control over the types of tasty, heart-healthy dishes you put on the table.

High cholesterol is one of the major controllable risk factors for heart disease and stroke, with about 38% of American adults diagnosed with high cholesterol, according to the American Heart Association. These cooking tips can help you prepare heart-healthy meals that could help improve cholesterol levels by reducing excess saturated fat and trans fat.

## Cook Fresh

### Vegetables the Heart-Healthy Way

Roasting, steaming, grilling or baking can help bring out the natural flavors of vegetables. Adding herbs and spices can also help make veggies tastier, including combinations like basil with tomatoes, oregano with zucchini, dill with green beans or rosemary with peas and cauliflower.

### Reduce Saturated Fat in Meat and Poultry

The amount of saturated fat in meats can vary widely, depending on the cut and how it's prepared. Opt for poultry and fish over red meat and look for lean cuts of meat with minimal vis-

ible fat, which should be trimmed away before cooking. Also limit processed meats such as sausage, bologna, salami and hot dogs, which are often high in calories, saturated fat and sodium.

### Use Liquid Vegetable Oils in Place of Solid Fats

Some fats are better for you than others. Liquid vegetable oils such as canola, safflower, sunflower, soybean and olive oil can often be used instead of solid fats, such as butter, lard or shortening. If you must use margarine, try the soft or liquid kind.

Find more heart-healthy recipes and tips for lowering cholesterol at [heart.org/cholesterol](http://heart.org/cholesterol).



Grilled Tequila-Lime Chicken with Grilled Asparagus

## Frozen Yogurt Bark

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association  
Servings: 8

- 1 1/2 cups 2% low-fat plain Greek yogurt
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons chopped, unsalted almonds
- 1/2 cup chopped mango
- 1/4 cup blackberries or raspberries
- 1/2 cup blueberries

In medium bowl, mix yogurt and honey. Line 9-by-13-inch baking dish with parchment paper. Use spatula or knife to spread yogurt over entire bottom of dish. Pour chopped nuts over yogurt. Use fingers to slightly press into yogurt. Top yogurt with mango, blackberries and blueberries and slightly press into yogurt. Cover with plastic wrap or foil and place in freezer overnight. To serve: Lift parchment paper from baking dish onto cutting board. Use hands to break bark into pieces.



Frozen Yogurt Bark

## Grilled Tequila-Lime Chicken with Grilled Asparagus

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association  
Servings: 4

- 1/4 cup tequila or white vinegar
- 2 teaspoons lime zest
- 1/2 cup fresh lime juice
- 2 medium garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon chipotle pepper canned in adobo sauce, minced, plus 2 tablespoons adobo sauce
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, fat discarded
- nonstick cooking spray
- 3 bunches asparagus spears, trimmed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, divided
- 2 tablespoons canola oil or corn oil

In small bowl, stir tequila, lime zest,

lime juice, garlic, chipotle pepper and adobo sauce. Pour into large resealable plastic bag. Add chicken and seal bag tightly; turn bag to coat. Refrigerate 2-12 hours.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Lightly spray grates with nonstick cooking spray.

In large dish, sprinkle asparagus with salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Drizzle with oil. Turn asparagus over to coat.

Remove chicken from marinade. Discard marinade and wipe most of it off chicken. Sprinkle chicken with remaining pepper.

Grill 8-12 minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink in center. Transfer to plate and cover with aluminum foil.

Place asparagus on grill, facing opposite direction of grates. Grill 7 minutes, or until tender crisp.

Serve asparagus with chicken.



# A Twist on Traditional Burgers

## Family Features

Warm weather and grilling go hand-in-hand, and few dishes say summer like burgers. While traditional beef patties come to mind for many, there are also healthy protein options to satisfy that burger craving without sacrificing flavor.

For example, salmon is a nutritionally well-rounded alternative that offers a variety of health benefits, and an option like gluten-free Trident Seafoods Alaska Salmon Burgers are made with wild, sustainable, ocean-caught whole filets with no fillers and are lightly seasoned with a "just-off-the-grill," smoky flavor. Topped with melted cheddar then piled on top of fresh arugula, peppered bacon and zesty mayo, these Alaskan Salmon Burgers with Peppered Bacon are a twist on tradition that can help you put a protein-packed, flavorful meal on the table in minutes.

Find more healthy seafood recipes at [tridentseafoods.com](http://tridentseafoods.com).

## Alaskan Salmon Burgers with Peppered Bacon

Prep time: 13 minutes

Servings: 4

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon zest
- salt
- pepper
- 1 box (11.2 ounces) Trident Seafoods Alaska Salmon Burgers
- 4 cheddar cheese slices
- 4 seeded burger buns, split and toasted
- 4 cups arugula
- 6 strips peppered bacon, cooked
- 12 bread-and-butter pickles, drained

In small bowl, combine mayonnaise, lemon juice and lemon zest. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Cook salmon burgers according to package directions. When almost cooked through, top each with slice of cheese, cover and cook until melted.

Spread cut sides of buns with mayonnaise and top bottom buns with arugula. Cover with salmon burgers, bacon, pickles and top buns.



# Supercharge Spring Meals with a Powerful Salad

## Family Features

Bright, beautiful spring days often call for fresh, delicious meals that give you energy to enjoy the great outdoors. Whether you're hitting the pavement for a run, powering up for an afternoon at the office or picnicking with loved ones, nutrition and flavor can go hand in hand with an easy-to-make salad.

For your next springtime meal, lean on a versatile ingredient like sweetpotatoes as a key ingredient in this Sweetpotato Power Salad, a light yet filling solution that can feed the whole family. Easy to add to a variety of recipes to enhance flavor and nutrition content, sweetpotatoes can be used in sweet, savory, simple or elevated recipes. Plus, they can be prepared on the stove, baked, microwaved, grilled or slow cooked to fit your favorite dishes as a natural sweetener without added sugar.

According to the American Diabetes Association, sweetpotatoes are a "diabetes superfood" because they're rich in vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fiber, all of which are good for overall health. Due to their high carbohydrate content, they're an ideal option for athletes before and after exercising with complex carbohydrates that provide sustained energy. Additionally, the antioxidants help reduce inflammation and aid in muscle repair, meaning sweetpotatoes can help both your endurance and recovery.

Another fun fact: the North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission deliberately spells "sweetpotato" as one word, a spelling officially adopted by the National Sweetpotato Collaborators in 1989 to avoid confusion with the white potato or yam among shippers, distributors, warehouse workers and consumers. However, this spelling isn't universal; you can help teach others and update dictionary entries by signing the [change.org](http://change.org) petition to give this superfood its due.

Find more information and springtime recipe inspiration at [ncsweetpotatoes.com](http://ncsweetpotatoes.com).

## Sweetpotato Power Salad

Recipe courtesy of Carol Brown on behalf of the North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission  
Servings: 6

- 4-6 North Carolina Sweetpotatoes, peeled and diced (6 cups)
- 2 teaspoons, plus 1 tablespoon, olive oil, divided
- 3/4 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/2 bunches curly kale, rinsed and chopped (7-8 cups)
- 1/2 large lemon, juice only
- 1 can (15 ounces) garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 large avocado, pitted and diced
- 1/2 cup cranberries
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped almonds
- 1/4 cup red onion, chopped
- 1/2-3/4 cup feta or goat cheese

### Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup balsamic or white vinegar

Preheat oven to 375 F.

Place sweetpotatoes in large bowl. In small bowl, lightly whisk 2 teaspoons olive oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper. Toss on sweetpotatoes and place potatoes on large sheet pan. Bake 35-40 minutes until tender, flipping once during baking.

Place chopped kale in large bowl. In small bowl, lightly whisk remaining olive oil, remaining salt and lemon juice. Pour over kale and massage with hands until mixed, about 1 minute.

To make dressing: In bowl, whisk syrup, olive oil and vinegar.

In bowl with kale, add garbanzo beans, avocado, cranberries, almonds, red onion, sweetpotatoes and cheese. Toss with salad dressing and serve.

Note: Sweetpotatoes can be baked and refrigerated 1 day in advance.



**ROTARY CLUB AWARD**

Barbara Blanton, past president of the Rotary Club of Shelbyville, presented a Paul Harris Fellow award to her grandchildren, Lillian and Ted Dickey, while they were visiting from Reno, Nevada. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

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**Bedford County college students recognized**

**Young Harris College Spring 2023 Dean's List**

Katherine Gallagher of Normandy was put on the Dean's List of Young Harris College in Georgia. Students who achieve a 3.5-grade point average or better are eligible to be named to the Dean's List.

**SNHU Announces Winter 2023 President's List**

Jena Miller, Nic Youngblood, and Belmaris Wright, all of Shelbyville, were put on the Southern New Hampshire University. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List.

**Belmont University Announces Spring 2023 Dean's List**

Diane Olvera, Mollie Creech, and Matthew Rolfes, all of Bell Buckle as well as India Bailey and Conner Brown of Shelbyville, were put on the Dean's List of Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

**Students graduate from Cumberlands**

Jeremiah Wyatt of Shelbyville graduated from the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Kentucky.



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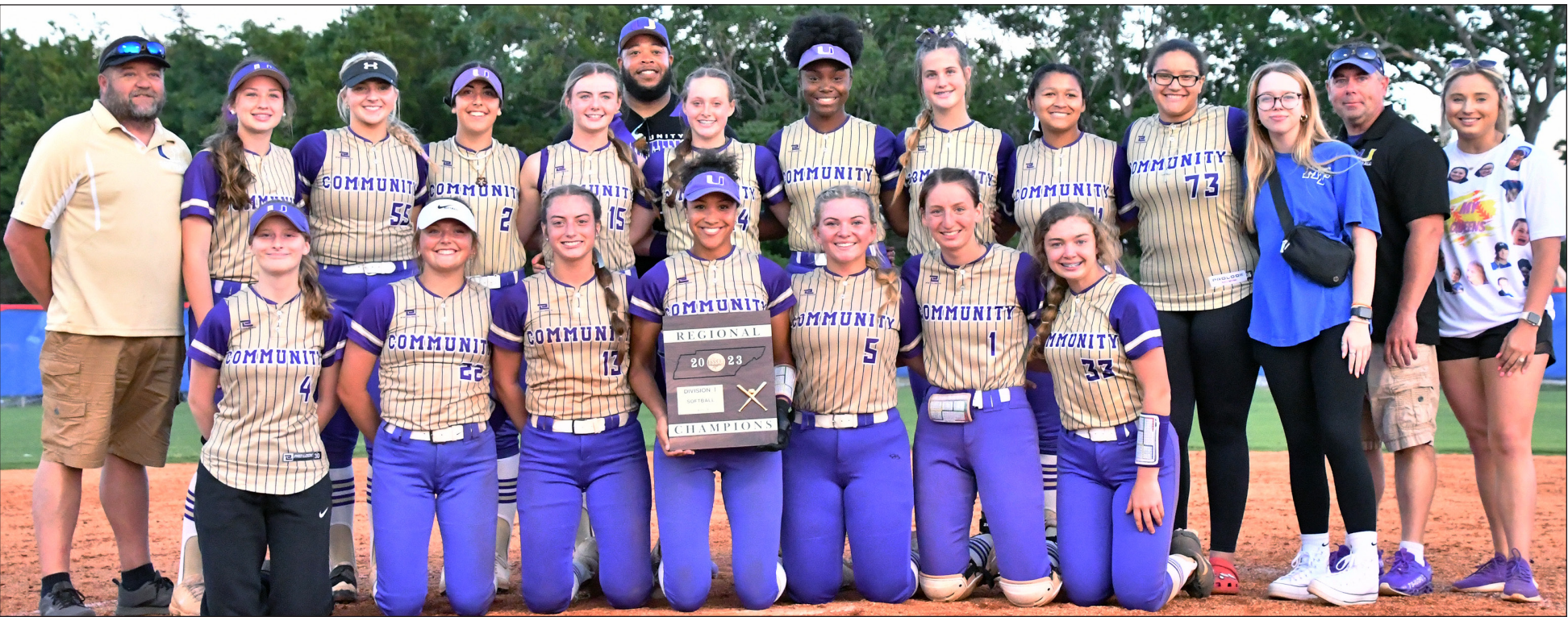
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## REGION 'QUEENS



The Community Viqueens pose with their Region 4-AA championship hardware.

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### Community stuns Forrest for first-ever region championship

By **RICKEY CLARDY**  
Sports Writer

**CHAPEL HILL**  
— What a difference a week makes.

After losing twice to the Forrest Lady Rockets by a combined score of 18-3 a week ago in the District 7-AA tournament, the Community Viqueens came off the deck in the Region 4-AA championship game with a five-run fourth inning to take charge and used a complete game performance on the mound by Annie Prince along with a stellar errorless defensive effort to beat the Lady Rockets 5-2 and claim the school's first region softball crown.

"I love it. I absolutely love it," Coach Cam Farrell of the Viqueens said. "From the jump they came out with a we're going to win attitude."

From the outset, it was a pitching duel between Prince and Taylor Moreland of the Lady Rockets as the base runners were few and far between through the first three innings.

The Viqueens could only manage two runners and the Lady Rockets just one before Community (19-11-1) exploded in the top of the fourth.

Abi Brown reached base on an error to start the inning which opened the flood gates for the Viqueens.

Consecutive singles by Abby Murrill and Zoey Dixon loaded the bases with no outs.

Carlie Blanton came through with a two-run single to give the Viqueens the lead. After the first out, the singles kept coming as Haley Mitchell and Chloe West followed with RBI-singles to give the Viqueens a 4-0 advantage.

Alana Tate, the ninth batter in the inning, connected on a two-out single to score the final Viqueen run and give Community a 5-0 lead.

The Lady Rockets put a dent in the score with one run in the bottom of the inning. Moreland led off with a double and scored on a wild pitch to cut the Viqueen lead to 5-1.

Forrest (25-11) challenged again in the bottom of the sixth, but the Viqueen defense came up big.

After one out, Moreland and Christa Warren singled, putting runners on first and second.

An Abby Ferguson single to center looked to score a Lady Rocket runner, but center fielder Murrill fielded the ball cleanly and threw a strike to the plate to nab the runner for a key out. A groundout then ended

the inning as the Viqueens were unscathed and took their 5-1 lead to the seventh.

A leadoff triple by Maggie Daugherty and a walk to Sarah King put two Lady Rockets on base to start the bottom of the seventh.

After a fly out, a sacrifice fly scored the second Forrest run, but on the play the throw from the outfield gunned down the Lady Rocket runner at third to complete the game and send the championship hardware to Unionville.

Blanton had two safeties to lead the nine-hit Viqueen attack as eight different Community players had hits.

Moreland had two hits to lead the Lady Rockets.

"We're not making the adjustments we need to make," Coach Shelby Lightfoot of the Lady Rockets said. "At the end, we tried to come alive, but we can't wait until the sixth and seventh to try to put in some runs. That's not our ballgame."

"We've got to find a way to put some runs up early."

"People say it's so much mental and so much physical and you have to put it together," Farrell said.

"I told them I don't believe that. I believe it is 100 percent mental."

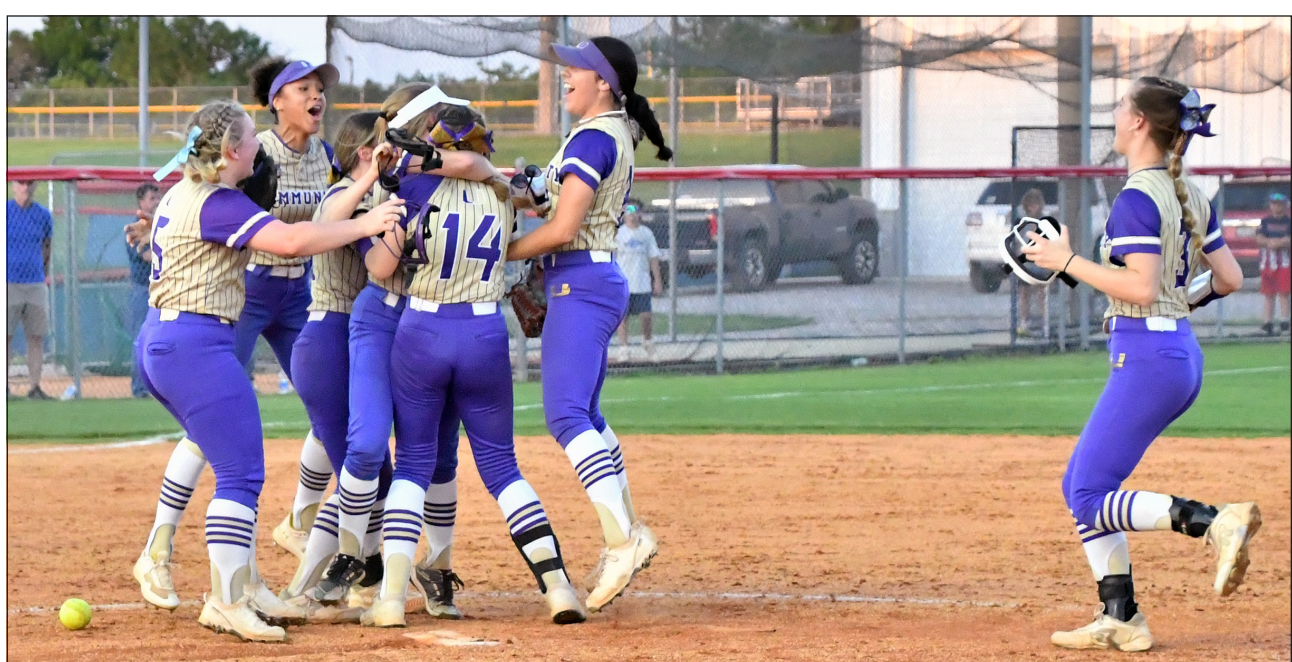
"Your mind controls your body and controls everything that you do," Farrell added. "Let your mind make your body work and make your body do what it's supposed to do."

Lightfoot had praise for the Viqueens and their winning effort.

"They brought big



Catcher Chloe West of the Viqueens makes the tag at the plate for the out to squelch a Forrest rally in the sixth inning.



The Community Viqueens react after recording the final out in the Region 4-AA championship.

energy tonight on every single pitch," Lightfoot said. "Their heart, their hustle was behind everything they did."

"We made a few errors and some timely hits back-to-back got us in a hole."

Prince pitched after suffering a leg injury in the district tournament.

"She has a warrior's heart," Farrell said. "She is such a competitor. I am so proud of her."

With Bledsoe County

defeating Westmoreland 6-4 in the Region 3-AA championship, Community will host Westmoreland in the Class 2A sectional round while Forrest will travel to Bledsoe County with state tournament

berths on the line.

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Forrest	0001001	2	6	3

Community — Carlie Blanton 2-for-2, Zoey Dixon 1-for-3, Haley Mitchell 1-for-3, Chloe West 1-for-3, Anna Haskins 1-for-4, Alana Tate 1-for-4, Abi Brown 1-for-4, Abby Murrill 1-for-4, Forrest — Taylor Moreland 2-for-3, Christa Warren 1-for-2, Abby Ferguson 1-for-3, Ella Chilton 1-for-3, Maggie Daugherty 1-for-3.

WP: Prince  
LP: Moreland



Haley Mitchell delivers an RBI-single during the Viqueen five-run fourth inning.



Zoey Dixon delivers a bunt single during the five-run Viqueen fourth inning.





Nick Johnson belted an opposite field double for Shelbyville Central's top hit against Stewarts Creeks State Sectional action on Wednesday evening.

T-G Photos by Gary Johnson



Shelbyville Central's Nick Hopper safely dives back after a pickoff attempt by Stewarts Creek on Wednesday.

## Big hit eludes Shelbyville in sectional series

### T-G STAFF REPORT

SMYRNA — Parker Burks gave everything he had and then some in Shelbyville Central's Game 1 of the class 4-A state sectional series on Wednesday night, a 4-0 loss.

Burks pitched a sensational game for the Eagles, going 5 2/3 innings and limiting the Red Hawks to just four runs on seven hits.

The Eagles competed well and the Stewarts Creek lead was never safe at any point, but the Eagles just couldn't come up with the needed hits with runners in scoring position.

The Eagles left 11 runners on base.

Stewarts Creek plated the first run in the bottom of the first and padded its lead with a second run in the bottom of the third.

Two more Red Hawk runs scored in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Shelbyville was led by Nick Johnson, who went 1-for-1 with a double, while Carston Williams, Nick Hopper and Caleb Molder all singled.

Shelbyville competed in the remainder of the best-of-three series on Thursday night, however, results were unavailable by press time.

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Shelbyville Central: Carston Williams 1-for-3, Nick Johnson 1-for-1, Caleb Molder 1-for-3.  
WP: Lawson  
LP: Burks

# Champs' storied season ends in sectional

By WILL CARTER  
Sports Writer

## BELL BUCKLE —

After starting the season with a 3-9 record that included a six-game losing streak, the Cascade Champions made a drastic turnaround at the end of the season by going on an eight-game winning streak that included District 7-AA and Region 4-AA championships.

But their rally came to a close on Wednesday night as they dropped the Class 2A State Sectional opening round doubleheader to the Cannon County Lions by final scores of 11-5 and 16-6 respectively.

In Game 2 of the twin-bill, Cascade (15-17) faced an early 3-0 deficit after Cannon County (12-7-1) plated two runs in the bottom of the second inning, and A.J. Armstrong led off the bottom of the third with a solo home run over the centerfield wall.

Champion starter Jaxon Sheffield answered immediately after by striking out the following three batters for his eighth of the game, having previously struck out the side in the first and adding two more in the second.

With a bit of momentum, the Champions plated three runs in the top of the fourth to tie the game.

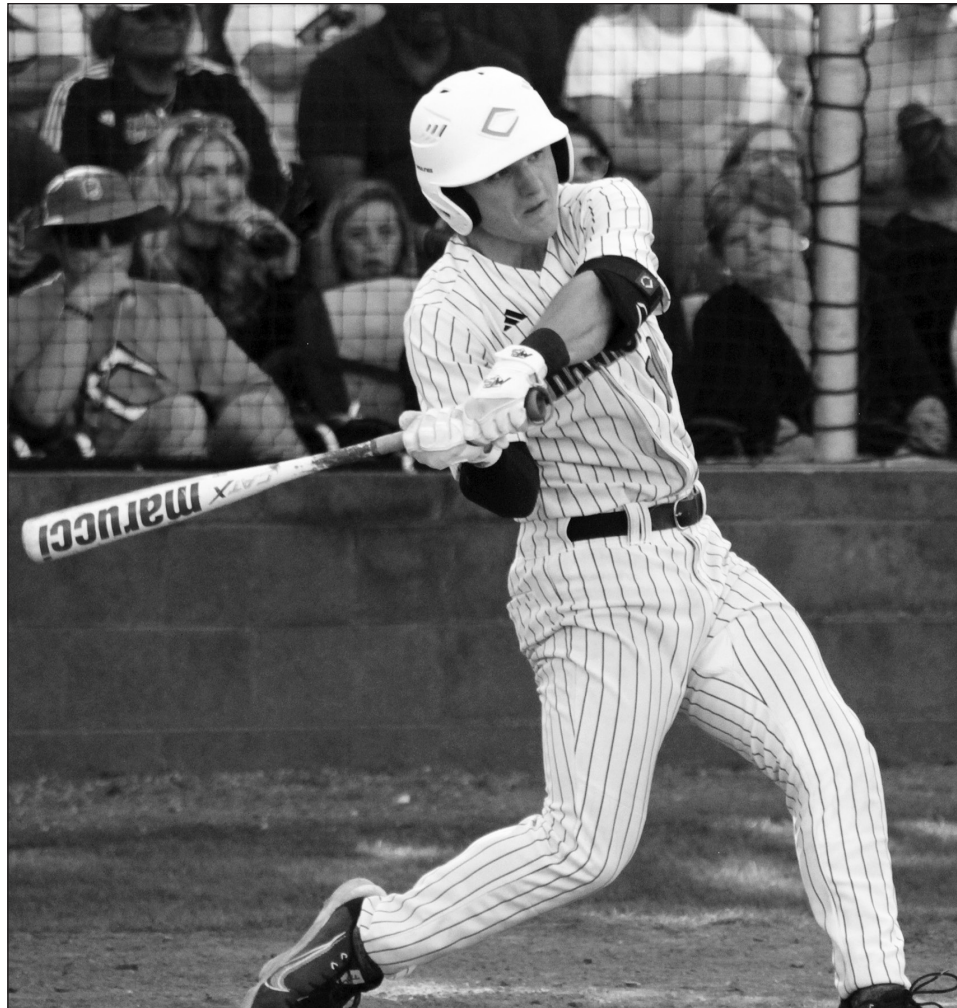
Sheffield drew a walk to start the inning, and he scored on the next pitch as Sawyer Lovvorn sent a fly ball off the left field wall to make it 3-1.

Lovvorn scored one pitch later as Walker Craig sent a hard ground ball through the infield and past the Lions' left fielder for a single turned triple with the error.

Two at-bats later, Conner Melson laid a bunt down the first baseline to score Craig from third for a 3-3 ballgame before the inning ended on consecutive strikeouts.

Cannon County regained the lead in the bottom half of the fourth as Armstrong came through for the Lions with a bases clearing, two out double to make it 6-3, and a single in the next at-bat made it 7-3.

"All night they grinded at-bats, and forced us to throw the ball over the heart of the plate," Cascade head coach Travis Sheffield



Champion senior Chance Brown went a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate in game one of the doubleheader against Cannon County, and 6-for-8 overall on the night.

T-G Photos by Will Carter

said. "Base hits on full counts early in the game hurt us. They're a good hitting team, but I feel like we left something out there."

Sheffield struck out the final batter of the inning for his 10th and final of the game.

Cascade plated one run in the top of the fifth on a Sheffield single to lessen their deficit, but Cannon County put up another four spot in the bottom half to extend their lead to 11-4.

After the Champions made it a five-run game with two runs in the top of the sixth, the Lions put an end to the tug-of-war match as one run scored on a bases-loaded walk, and in the next at-bat Gaige Turner launched the first pitch he saw over the center field wall for a walk-off grand slam to secure the Lions' spot in the state tournament.

"We just didn't play our type of baseball," Sheffield said. "We gave them a lot of runs, and I'll probably look back tomorrow and think we handed them a ticket to state."

In his first season as the Champions' skipper, Sheffield's main goal was

to establish a standard and foundation for the program moving forward.

After claiming district and region titles despite some bumps along the way, the standard and foundation appear to be set.

"Coming into Year 1, I wanted to set the standard for this program. Once we got through the early kinks, the guys could go out and play without worrying about lineups and stuff like that," Sheffield said. "We definitely overachieved my expectations this year, but I'd be lying if I didn't tell you that the state tournament was the ultimate goal. Cascade and this area have been wanting a team like this that they can come out and root for with a chance at state on the line. I felt like we had the guys to get there, but we just didn't make enough plays tonight to do that."

At the forefront of building the foundation Sheffield was looking for were three seniors in Chance Brown, Noah McGeary, and Jaxon Sheffield.

All of which made an impact on the field and in the dugout that will be difficult to replicate.

"Three guys playing up the middle on defense, 1-2-3 in the lineup, hovering around a .400 batting average, 30-plus runs scored, and less than 15 strikeouts. They're going to be hard to replace, but it's doable," Sheffield said. "This next group is going to have to work hard right away, and know that Chance, Noah, and Jaxon have set the foundation for them to be successful next year."

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Cascade: Sawyer Lovvorn 2-for-3, Chance Brown 2-for-4, Walker Craig 1-for-2, Jaxon Sheffield 1-for-3, Noah McGeary 1-for-4.

LP: Sheffield.

## CANNON COUNTY 11, CASCADE 5

After taking a 1-0 lead in the first inning, Cascade surrendered eight runs to Cannon County in the top of the second with four of those runs being walked in, and it ultimately proved costly as the Champions fell 11-5 in Game 1.

Walker Craig toed the mound for the Champions to start the game, but was replaced by Jayden Hathcock in the second inning after giving up four



Freshman Jayden Hathcock pitched 3 1/3 innings of relief in game one, allowing one run on four hits while fanning three Lion batters.

runs on seven walks.

The Lions scored four more runs after the pitching change to take an 8-1 lead into the bottom half of the second.

"We gave up that eight spot in the second inning, and we just lost our composure," Sheffield said. "Lost our composure and couldn't throw the ball over the plate. That was our nemesis early in the season, and it came back to haunt us at the worst time."

After a pair of strikeouts to start the bottom half of the second, back-to-back errors by the Lions gave the Champions runners on the corners, and Brown sent a line drive to center field to score Logan Pulley from third to make it 8-2.

Logan Green rounded third to try to score one more run on the play, but Cannon County secured the tag at home to end the inning.

The Lions extended their lead to 10-2 in the top of the fourth inning with two runs on a pair of singles before the Champions secured three consecutive outs, including a pair of

strikeouts by Hathcock.

An inning later, Brown stepped to the plate for Cascade with Pulley on second base, and he blasted a ball over the center field wall to make it 10-4 and give the Champions some momentum.

Brown went 4-for-4 at the plate in game one and 6-for-8 overall on the night. Three at-bats later, Lovvorn doubled to score Sheffield from second after a successful stolen base for a 10-5 game before the end of the inning.

Neither team mustered much for the rest of the game until the top of the seventh when Cannon County plated their final run on a ground ball by Turner that scored Jon Hare.

In their final plate appearance of game one, a single from Brown was all the Champions notched as a double play ended the game at 11-5.

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Cascade 110 030 0 — 5 6 2

Cascade: Chance Brown 4-for-4, Sawyer Lovvorn 2-for-3.  
LP: Craig.



# Eagles fall to Cleveland in region semis

By **GARY JOHNSON**  
Sports Writer

It was the ending not hoped for as Shelbyville Central's Golden Eagles dropped a 2-1 decision to visiting Cleveland in region semifinal action on Tuesday night.

With the loss it closes out the season for the Golden Eagles (12-7-1).

"Cleveland was a hungry team and they showed a ton of heart. They had a very simple game plan and they executed it," Shelbyville Central coach Chris Fritz said.

"We held the ball and stayed in their half the majority of the game, but the field conditions didn't suit our style of play."

Cleveland scored an early goal off of an awkward deflection to go up 1-0.

The Eagles evened the score in the second half with a goal by Emmanuel Leyva.

That tie was short lived as Cleveland responded with a goal off a corner kick.

"Both teams had to deal with these bad bounces, but Cleveland's physicality and chaotic style of play was just better given the ponding, rain, and wind," Fritz said.

"Going forward, we are going to have to do a better job maintaining our field and considering the field conditions before playing this caliber of a game. I have to do a better job putting these boys in a position to win even if it means changing the location of our games."

"Thanks again to our seniors for putting in a tremendous amount of time and work to get us to this game for the second year in a row," Fritz said.



Shelbyville Central's Golden Eagles season ended in the semi-finals of the region after a 2-1 home loss to Cleveland on Tuesday night.

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## VIKES' RUN ENDS IN REGION SEMIS



Community saw its season come to a close in the Region 3-A tournament on Monday night in the semifinals at the Chattanooga School of Arts & Sciences. CSAS built a 5-0 lead by the first half and went on to claim the 8-0 win over Community.

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# ACC brass touts progress in addressing financial gap with the Big Ten and the SEC

By **MARK LONG**  
AP Sports Writer

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. (AP) — The Atlantic Coast Conference emerged from three days of spring meetings at a posh, oceanside resort with one resolution: the formalization of tiebreaker rules for the league's new, no-division format.

Most everything else discussed behind closed doors remained secretive works in progress, most notably how the league plans to close the financial gap on college football's preeminent powerhouses: the Big Ten and the Southeastern Conference.

The ACC is a distant third in annual payouts to its members, a spot that was both chastised and celebrated at times during the meetings. The league remains ahead of the Pac-12 and the Big 12, conferences that are losing flagship institutions next year, but far back of the Big Ten and SEC.

It's a less-than-ideal position that prompted Florida State athletic director Michael Alford in February to make a public plea for change and float the idea of joining a growing list of schools — Oklahoma, Texas, UCLA and USC — that announced plans to change conferences in the past two years to increase their bottom line. Three months later, Alford softened his stance and insisted he's "optimistic about the future."

"I'm thrilled with the work and the direction that it's going," Alford said this week. "Step in the right direction. We're not going to ever cover the entire gap, but it will allow you to be competitive."

Most in attendance said they believe a revised revenue-distribution model would help the most successful teams beginning with the 2024-25 school year. The proposal would send a larger share of postseason revenue to the teams participating in those events rather than dividing it equally.

The tweak would coincide with the start of the expanded (and more

lucrative) College Football Playoff. If you make the CFP, you get a larger share. The men's NCAA Basketball Tournament also would be divvied up based on performance, with deeper runs being rewarded.

Alford suggested the revisions could lead to more than \$10 million annually in extra revenue for a school. The proposal still needs to be approved by ACC presidents and chancellor. League Commissioner Jim Phillips said a vote could be weeks away.

"It's too early to tell," Phillips said. "We're not that far down the road. We're not ready to announce this thing in the next week or so. ... But they've seen it and it's got really good traction."

Several coaches and ADs praised it as progress.

"If you base it on your investment in football and winning football, I think we'd probably end up on the good end of that," Wake Forest football coach Dave Clawson said. "Control the controllables. That's what we control."

The new model would have no effect on the equally distributed revenue from the league's television contracts, meaning no school would not get any less than it's currently getting.

The ACC has yet to report its 2021-22 revenue distribution, but it's expected to land around \$43 million per school. That's roughly \$30 million less than the Big Ten and the SEC.

Any program \$30 million short of its competitors on an annual basis could struggle to keep pace in arms races that involve recruiting budgets, facility improvements, support staffs and coaching salaries.

"Our schools have done a great job with the resources they've been given," Phillips said. "Should we be in this position? When we decided to do this deal in 2016, we had 15 schools that I think raced to the

opportunity to have a network, to lock in for 20 years and all the rest of that, and I understand times change and you adjust. It's like anything else in life; it's not always a straight line. So we're figuring this thing out."

And trying to keep the league intact.

To bolt the ACC, a school would need to pay an exit fee of three times its annual revenue (approximately \$120 million) and would need to navigate the grant in media rights to the ACC to be able to broadcast future games.

Several reports suggested that as many as seven schools — Clemson, Florida State, Miami, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Virginia and Virginia Tech — had discussions about breaking the ACC's grant-of-rights deal. The document ties the conference together through 2036.

"I think you got to have more than one healthy neighborhood," Phillips said. "You have to have a healthy infrastructure. ... You want national competition from coast to coast, not just regional competition."

"But at the end of the day, how much do you need to be a national champion in football and basketball and in our other sports? Do you have to be at the very top level? Do you have to spend the most to be the best? I don't know that there has been an equation that has kind of connected the two. It certainly is helpful and it certainly allows you a greater chance."

In the meantime, the ACC has little choice but to settle for third place in the ever-changing landscape of college football. There's no guarantee it stays there or stays together.

"We just need to be competitive," Alford said. "We're the third-best media agreement right now; we want to stay the third best. We've been able to compete with them being the third-best media agreement. A lot of comes down to choices we will make with funding."

# Burks breathing easier entering 2nd year with Titans

By **TERESA M. WALKER**  
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NASHVILLE — Treylon Burks didn't exactly make the best first impression as a rookie with the Tennessee Titans.

The 18th pick overall from Arkansas in the 2022 NFL draft has been busy working to ensure his second season turns out much differently, and he already can see a big difference from a year ago.

"I feel faster because I can breathe," Burks said Tuesday.

The Titans are counting on Burks to be their top receiver this season as they seek to rebound from a 7-10 finish that snapped their three-year playoff run.

They released veteran Robert Woods, who led them in both receptions (53) and yards receiving (531) in 2022, to create salary cap space. Veteran tight end Austin Hooper, who ranked second with 41 catches, was allowed to walk in free agency.

New general manager Ran Carthon signed only one veteran free agent in Chris Moore just before the draft. He also brought back Nick Westbrook-Ikhine. With only six draft picks, Carthon selected only receiver Colton Dowell from UT Martin in the seventh round before signing some undrafted receivers.

So far, Burks is best known as the player drafted with the selection acquired in Tennessee's trade of Pro Bowl receiver A.J. Brown to Philadelphia. Burks struggled almost immediately upon arriving in Nashville for the Titans' rookie minicamp.

Burks couldn't finish the first individual drill before going inside with a trainer and then to the locker room. He came back out, did a couple more reps and then went back inside. He was seen using an inhaler and acknowledged in training camp that he had to get his asthma under control in the

Nashville heat.

That was the start of an injury-plagued season for Burks. He was placed on injured reserve after hurting a toe Oct. 2 at Indianapolis. He missed two more games after a hit to the head left him with a concussion in a loss at Philadelphia, though Burks held onto the ball for his lone touchdown.

Burks finished tied for third with running back Derrick Henry with 33 catches. He also tied Hooper for third with 444 yards receiving.

That's why the 6-foot-3, 225-pound Burks has been around Titans' headquarters this offseason. As a result, he feels better prepared mentally and physically, ready for the formations and schemes being installed by new offensive coordinator Tim Kelly.

Burks is ready to enjoy himself again.

"That's the main thing, just having fun," Burks said. "Not having that stress coming in as a rookie, like trying to prove this guy this, prove the coach this. Just having fun."

With temperatures already hitting 90 degrees in Nashville, Burks also has been running outside with the Titans' training staff. Burks said he knows how to control his asthma symptoms whenever they start, thanks to Todd Toriscelli, the Titans' vice president of sports medicine, and strength coach Frank Piraino.

"It just all goes back to me being here throughout the whole offseason and getting that under control," Burks said.

The Titans will need Burks, tight end Chig Okonkwo — who's also going into his second season — and anyone else who steps up. Coach Mike Vrabel promoted Kelly after firing Todd Downing, and he also hired Charles London as the passing game coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

# Heads up: CTE cases in soccer players on rise due to heading ball

By **JIMMY GOLEN**  
AP Sports Writer

English soccer star Jimmy Fryatt was known for his ability to head the ball, and the proof of his prowess may be in the damage it did to his brain.

Still physically fit in his late 70s, Fryatt played tennis but couldn't keep score or remember which side of the net he was supposed to be on. He lived in Las Vegas for almost 50 years but started to get lost while riding his bicycle in the neighborhood.

"I had to put a tracker on him," his wife, Valerie, said this week. "I'd call him and say: 'Stop. I'm coming to get you.'"

A North American Soccer League champion who played 18 years in Britain, Fryatt is one of four former professional soccer players newly diagnosed with chronic traumatic encephalopathy. The Concussion Legacy Foundation announced Tuesday that English pro and Oregon State head coach Jimmy Conway, Scottish and Seattle NASL midfielder Jimmy Gabriel, and NCAA champion Franny Pantuosco also were found to have the degenerative brain disease that has been linked to concussions in athletes, combat veterans and others who have sustained repeated head trauma.

They are the first diagnoses among those who played in the NASL, a precursor to MLS as the top U.S. pro soccer league that attracted attention with high-profile signings — including Pelé — before folding in 1985.

Valerie Fryatt said her husband had several diagnosed concussions, but CTE researchers believe the disease can also be caused by repeated sub-concussive blows to the head.

In soccer, that means heading the ball.

"Jimmy was a prolific header of the ball. He was very skilled at that," Valerie Fryatt said. "A lot of players from that era said he was the best header of the ball

they'd ever seen."

The new diagnoses come as soccer officials gather in Chicago for a Head Injury Summit, a conference cohosted by U.S. Soccer and the top American men's and women's pro leagues that promises "two days of presentations and panel discussions led by medical professionals, stakeholders and researchers."

But CTE researchers and families of those affected by the disease say that the agenda, the guest list — and even the name — belie a desire to only give the appearance of confronting brain injuries, part of a trend among sports leagues to downplay the long-term effects of concussions and delay measures that could prevent them.

"In rugby and hockey and, of course, still in football, we're so familiar with that," said Dr. Ann McKee, director of the Boston University CTE Center — the brain bank that has led the research into the disease that can cause memory loss, violent mood swings, depression and other cognitive difficulties.

"I'm sorry. I'm very, very, have a jaded point of view about these summits," she said. "I think they're largely a PR stunt production to make people think that they're taking the injury and the condition seriously. But they're so shallow in the representation ... that the outcome is a foregone conclusion."

A U.S. Soccer spokesman listed as the media contact on a summit release did not immediately respond to a request for comment. A Major League Soccer spokeswoman forwarded an agenda, which lists panels conducted by, among others, scientists, soccer officials and unnamed current and former players.

But no researchers from the BU CTE Center were invited to speak at the summit, even though McKee and Robert Cantu are two of the most-published, most prolific — and most outspoken — in the field. (U.S. Soccer Federation

President Cindy Parlow Cone is among those who have pledged their brains to BU for research.)

"What happens with these large sports groups is they often invite a roster filled with people who minimize the long-term effects," McKee said. "And they come away saying: 'Here, we have held a summit. We looked at the evidence. It's not very strong, and the scientists are undecided.' And so it's sort of fait accompli that they don't have to do anything about it."

Even the title was a problem for Concussion Legacy Foundation co-founder Chris Nowinski, a former Harvard football player-turned-professional wrestler-turned Ph.D. who has been a leader in educating professional and amateur athletes about the dangers of concussions.

"Head injury' is what you say when you don't take it seriously," Nowinski said. "To call it 'head injury' when you're actually talking about 'brain injury' is a tactic the NFL used to use."

BU researchers have diagnosed more than 100 football players with CTE; it also has been found in boxers and rugby players and professional wrestlers and members of the military. Cases among soccer players — at least in the United States — have been less common, but researchers expect the numbers to increase now that those who began playing the growing sport as children are reaching old age.

Last year, Scott Vermillion was announced as the first former MLS player to be diagnosed with CTE. His father, David Vermillion, said he would have made it his "first priority" to attend the summit if he had been invited.

Instead, he is going on a family vacation.

"They're not going to have people there that have dealt with it first-hand," Vermillion said. "Folks like that have all this knowledge, that can have input into trying to make things

safer for the athletes, aren't going to be there."

Nowinski said he offered to connect summit organizers with families of those who died with CTE but was ghosted.

"It's not good for business, I assume," said Bruce Murray, a former U.S. national team member who has gone public with his cognitive difficulties.

"They need to hear the ugly side of it, too. I had an ugly side, and Scott Vermillion died very ugly," Murray said. "He was pretty normal and then he went upside down. I don't know if I'm going to go upside down again. There's no doubt that something's going on."

CTE can only be diagnosed posthumously. Vermillion, Fryatt and Conway died in 2020. Conway revealed 10 years before his death that he'd been diagnosed with dementia. Gabriel's family reported cognitive difficulties and depression for the last dozen years of his life before he died in 2021. Pantuosco also died in 2021.

All four had the most severe stage of the disease, McKee said.

McKee said the families of CTE victims are often the best source of information on how to recognize brain injuries, which can take years to develop and cause problematic behavior like alcohol abuse or violent mood swings that can destroy families uneducated to the underlying cause.

"These are human beings. These are the people that played the game, that made the owners rich, that caused the fans that have all the enjoyment, who are really responsible for the popularity of soccer today," McKee said. "And yet when they get into trouble, when they start to develop problematic behaviors, when their families start suffering, when they start suffering, no one pays any attention, including these summits."

# Peacock will exclusively carry NFL playoff game

By **JOE REEDY**  
AP Sports Writer

The NFL is taking another big step into streaming by putting one of its playoff games exclusively on a digital platform for the first time.

The league and NBCUniversal announced Monday that the Saturday night game on wild card weekend will be on Peacock.

The Peacock exclusive game on Jan. 13 would start at 8:15 or 8:30 p.m. EST. The game will be broadcast on NBC stations in the markets of the two teams. It will also be available on mobile devices through the NFL+ package. It will be preceded by a late afternoon playoff game on NBC and Peacock that will kick off at 4:30 p.m. EST.

Subscription rates for Peacock start at \$4.99 per month.

"We had our first season with Amazon (this past year) and I think that with the digital platforms, we're ready for live sports at scale. And the next step is to step into the postseason," said Hans Schroeder, NFL executive vice president and chief operating officer of NFL Media. "We like the plan that Peacock and NBC put together. In this case knowing we're going to have a bigger audience and focused on having the widest reach possible across each platform."

The league has made forays into streaming games for nearly a decade, but has gone all in over the past couple seasons. Amazon Prime Video became the exclusive home of "Thursday Night Football" last season while ESPN has had one interna-

tional game per season on ESPN+ since 2021.

Under the NFL's 11-year contract with NBCUniversal that began this season, Peacock has an exclusive regular-season game. That will be on Dec. 23 when the Buffalo Bills face the Los Angeles Chargers in prime time. The Cincinnati Bengals vs. Pittsburgh Steelers matchup on NBC will precede that.

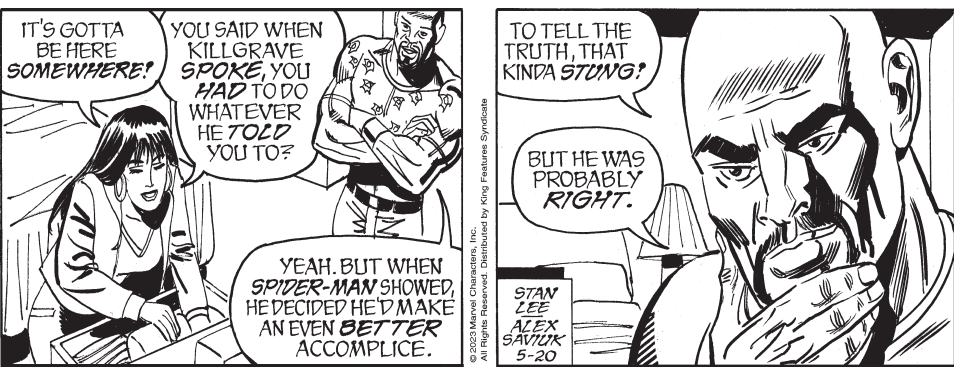
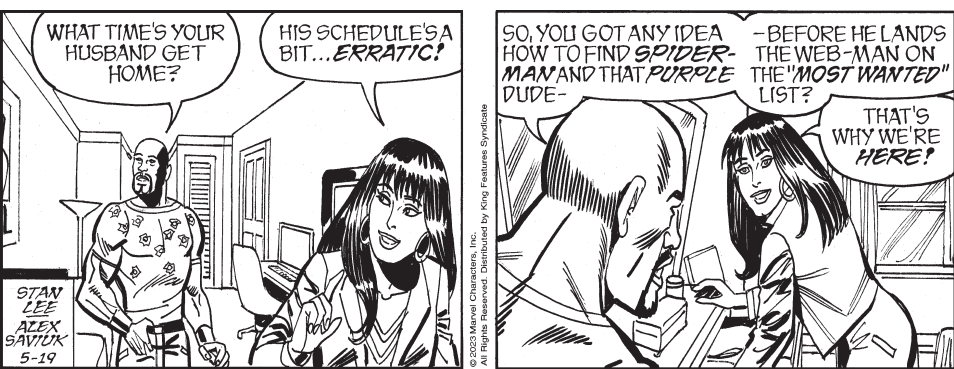
"We spent a lot of time with the NFL and had productive meetings about the proper positioning of that (Peacock) game," NBC Sports Chairman Pete Bevacqua said last week when the regular-season schedule was released. "We think that's going to be a great combination of using the power of NBC with that late-afternoon game and driving that audience to Peacock for the regular-season exclusive game."

The Saturday night wild-card game the past two seasons has drawn over 20 million viewers. Last season's game between the Jacksonville Jaguars and Chargers averaged 20.6 million while Buffalo and New England averaged 26.4 million.

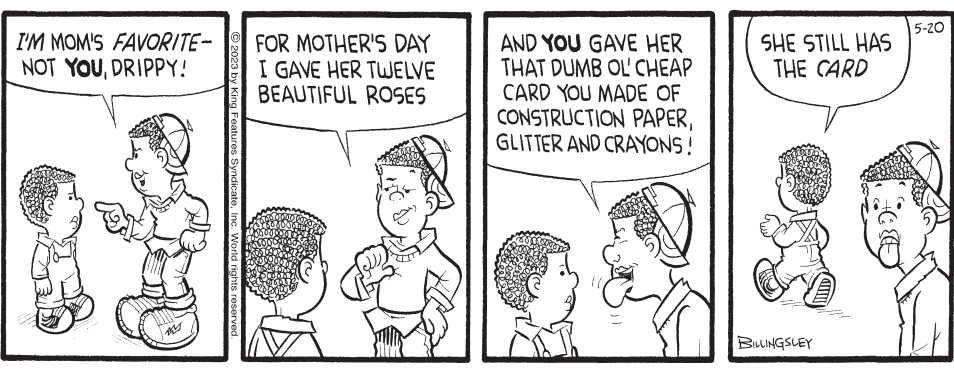
Whether Peacock can match or get close to those numbers remains to be seen. Last season's 15-game Thursday night package on Prime Video averaged 9.58 million according to Nielsen and 11.3 million according to Amazon's first-party measurement. The most-watched game was the first one between Kansas City and the Chargers. Nielsen had the average at 13 million while Amazon reported 15.3 million.



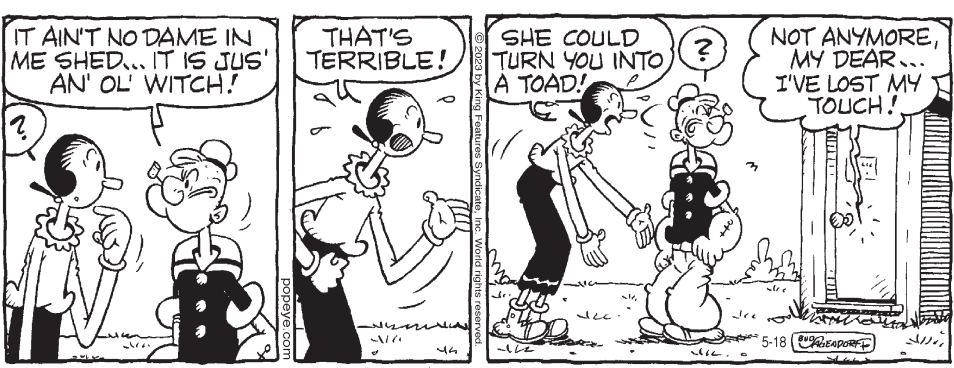
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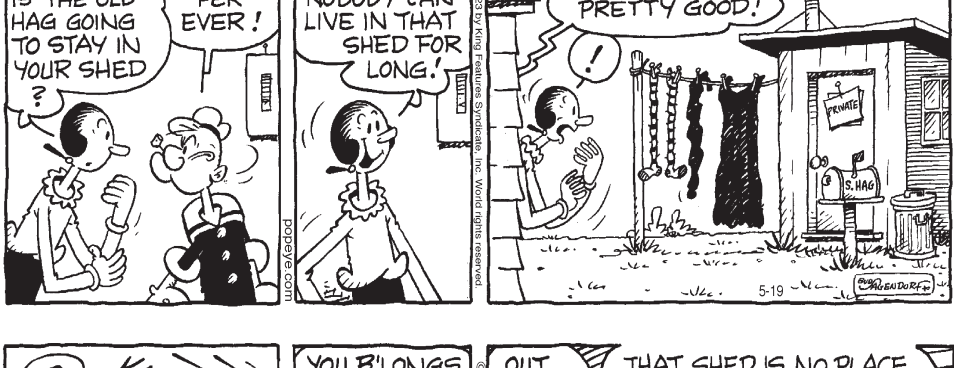
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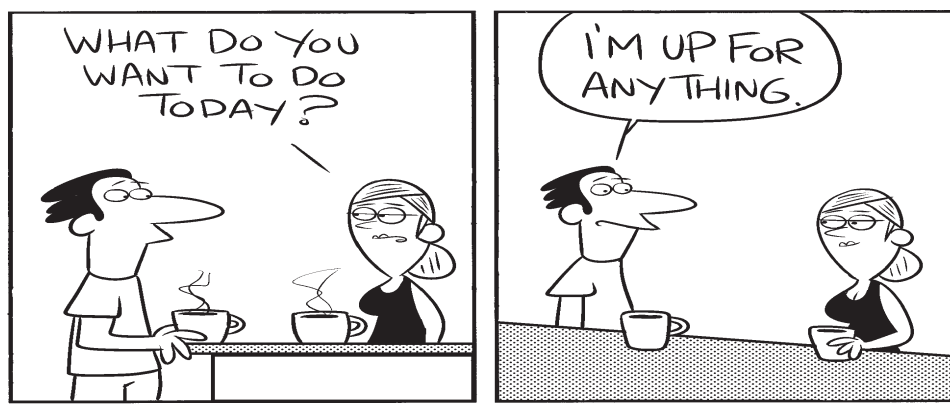


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**NOTICE**  
 TO: Martha Elizabeth Moore  
 Heirs of Martha Elizabeth Moore  
 BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE,  
 Plaintiff,  
 VS.  
 DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS,  
 Defendants.  
 No. 34,137,  
 Consolidated Cases, In the Chancery Court of Bedford County at Shelbyville.  
 In this case, it appearing that the following persons have or may claim an interest in the parcels of real estate or personal property located in Bedford County, Tennessee as follows:  
 Martha Elizabeth Moore 088E-A-00100  
 Heirs of Martha Elizabeth Moore 088E-A-00100  
 It appearing that the names and/or residences of the above-named defendants are unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, or that process has been returned not found, or that the above-named defendants are non-residents, and that therefore the Court has ordered that the above-named defendants be brought before the Court by publication; and it appearing that on each of the above-described parcels of real estate or personal property there are owing delinquent property taxes, and that this suit has been filed to collect such delinquent taxes and to enforce the lien against each such parcel for such taxes by a sale of such property, each of these defendants is hereby required to appear on or before June 5, 2023, before the undersigned Clerk and Master and make defense to the Complaint and serve a copy of their Answer on Plaintiff's attorney, Ralph McBride, Jr., Delinquent Tax Attorney, 200 East Depot St., Shelbyville,

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Tennessee 37160, or otherwise judgment by default will be taken against such defendants for the relief demanded in the complaint. It is further ordered that this notice be published for four consecutive weeks in the Shelbyville Times-Gazette. This the 2nd day of May, 2023.  
 CURT M. COBB  
 CLERK & MASTER  
 RALPH MCBRIDE, JR.  
 200 East Depot St.  
 Shelbyville, TN 37160  
 Delinquent Tax Attorney  
 (May 6, 13, 20 & 27, 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 June, the day of the 22nd, 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.  
 (May 20, 2023)

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
 WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated September 26, 2007, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded October 2, 2007, in Book No. TD673, at Page 852, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Rodney W Warren, conveying certain property therein described to Brandon G. Polito as Trustee for Wells Fargo Financial Tennessee 1, LLC; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust.  
 NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, will, on **June 5, 2023 on or about 3:15 PM, at the Main Entrance of the Bedford County Courthouse 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160**, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder **FOR certified funds** paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

**BEING Lot No. 39 Orchard Acres, Section 2, as shown by plat of record in Plat Cabinet "B", Envelope 25, of the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which plat reference is hereby made for a more complete and accurate description**

of said lot. **SUBJECT to any and all existing easements, setback lines and restrictive covenants of record in the said Register's Office. ALSO KNOWN AS: 122 Peachtree Lane, Bell Buckle, TN 37020**  
 This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property:  
 RODNEY W WARREN  
 TENANTS OF  
 LENDMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC  
 The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. In the event of inclement weather, the trustee hereby announces that the sale will be postponed and that notices of said postponement for inclement weather will be mailed to interested parties of record. **W & A No. 143001**  
 DATED May 9, 2023  
 WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C.,  
 Successor Trustee  
 (May 13, 20, & 27, 2023)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Request for Proposals Math Curricular Professional Development Bid No. 23-37**  
 Bid packages are available on the Bedford County website, bedfordcountytg.gov, or at the Bedford County Department of Finance, 200 Dover Street, Suite 102. **Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 5, 2023.**  
 (May 16 & 20, 2023)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Gary L. Peels Deceased**  
 Notice is hereby given that on May 8 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of **Gary L. Peels** who died 4/25/2023 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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Rodney W Warren Deceased**  
 Notice is hereby given that on May 12 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of **Thomas Arthur Nevel** who died 2/19/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (2) Twelve (12) months from 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: 5/8/2023  
 Julie Kay Haynes,  
 Administratrix  
 Curt M. Cobb,  
 Clerk & Master  
 John T. Bobo,  
 Bobo, Hunt & White  
 Attorney  
 (May 13 & 20, 2023)

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 Date: 5/12/2023  
 Eugenia Ruth Hall,  
 Executrix  
 Curt M. Cobb,  
 Clerk & Master  
 Trisha L. Henegar,  
 Attorney  
 (May 20 & 27, 2023)

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northern Portion of Bedford County Tax Map 090, Parcel 113.00 From the General Commercial (C-2) Zoning District to the High Density Residential (R-4) Zoning District, and Repealing Any Ordinance or Portion of Ordinance in Conflict Therewith.  
 An Ordinance to Amend the Adopted Budget Ordinance (As Amended) of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee Various Funds, For the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the Period Ending June 30, 2023.  
 An Ordinance to Adopt the Design Standards for the City of Shelbyville  
 Lisa Smith, City Recorder  
 (May 20, 2023)

**Notice for Public Hearing**  
 The Bedford County Regional Planning Commission intends to amend its adopted Subdivision Regulations on June 27, 2023, at 7 p.m. in room 200, 2nd floor, Historical Courthouse, Public Square, Shelbyville. Tennessee Code Annotated 13-3-403 (c)(1) provides for thirty (30) days public notice for the adoption or amendment of promulgated subdivision development regulations, the provision of which is vital to the health, safety, and welfare of the public utilizing such development and the community as a whole. A complete copy of the adopted regulations can be viewed or downloaded on the Bedford County Planning Department's webpage at [www.bedford-countytn.gov/departments/planning\\_zoning/index.php](http://www.bedford-countytn.gov/departments/planning_zoning/index.php) and a complete copy of the recommended amendments can be obtained from the Bedford County Planning Department on the 3rd Floor of the Historic Bedford County Courthouse, public square, Shelbyville, TN suite 300.  
 (May 20, 2023)

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT SHELBYVILLE ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE MATTER OF: LENORA JEAN COLEMAN D.O.B.: JULY 17, 2020 MAVERICK WILLIAM GEORGE HOPKINS D.O.B.: SEPTEMBER 3, 2021 Minor children under the age of 18 GEORGE BEGLEY AND DAWN BEGLEY Maternal Grandparents, Petitioners, vs. CHELSEA MAE BEGLEY, Natural Mother of the minor children, EDDIE COLEMAN, Natural Father of LENORA AND CURTIS HOPKINS, Natural Father of MAVRICK, Defendants. FOR: CURTIS HOPKINS Case No. 2023-JV-857**  
 In the Juvenile Court of Bedford County at Shelbyville.  
 In this case, it appearing that the EXPARTE PETITION FOR CUSTODY AND A MOTION FOR A RESTRAINING ORDER which is sworn to that the current residence of CURTIS HOPKINS is unknown and cannot be ascertained despite diligent inquiry. He is hereby required to appear before the undersigned Clerk and Make defense to the PETITION FOR CUSTODY AND A MOTION FOR A RESTRAINING ORDER and serve a copy of his Answer on the Plaintiff's solicitor, RICHARD L. DUGGER LOCATED AT 218 NORTH MAIN STREET, SHELBYVILLE.

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TN 37160 or otherwise Judgement by Default will be taken against him for the relief demanded in the PETITION FOR CUSTODY AND A MOTION FOR A RESTRAINING ORDER. It is further Ordered that this Notice be published for Four (4) consecutive weeks in the SHELBYVILLE TIMES-GAZETTE.  
 This 15th day of May, 2023.  
 RICHARD L. DUGGER  
 #6605  
 Attorney for Petitioner (May 20, 27, June 3 & 10, 2023)

**Bedford County Planning Commission Agenda May 23, 2023**  
 Bedford County Historical Courthouse  
 1 Public Square, suite 200 at 7:00PM  
 1. Roll Call.  
 2. Approval of the April 25th, 2023, Minutes.  
 3. Bedford County US 231 Corridor Study.  
 4. Resolution Amendment.  
 5. Adjourn  
 (May 20, 2023)

**Number of migrants fell 50% at US southern border after immigration changes**  
 WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of migrants encountered at the southern border fell 50% during the last three days compared with the days leading up to the end of a key pandemic-era regulation, U.S. officials said Monday.  
 But a high number of migrants are still in U.S. custody, although the number has fallen “significantly” since last week, said Blas Nunez-Neto, assistant secretary for border and immigration policy at the Department of Homeland Security.  
 The ability of U.S. Border Patrol to hold migrants has been a key concern as more migrants came to the border in the days leading up to the end of immigration restrictions linked to the pandemic, referred to as Title 42. The administration is facing a lawsuit aimed at curtailing its ability to release migrants from custody even when facilities are over capacity.  
 At one point last week, more than 27,000 migrants were in custody along the border, a number that may top 45,000 by the end of May if the powers to more quickly release migrants from custody when facilities are over capacity are curtailed, said Matthew Hudak, deputy Border Patrol chief, in a court filing last week related to the lawsuit.  
 Nunez-Neto said border officials had been encountering a little less than 5,000 people a day since Title 42 expired at midnight Thursday and new U.S. enforcement measures went into effect Friday. He did not give exact numbers.  
 “It’s still too early to draw firm conclusions. We are closely watching what’s happening. We are confident that the plan that we have developed across the U.S. government to address these flows will work over time,” said Nunez-Neto.  
 He credited the U.S. planning as well as enforcement measures Mexico and Guatemala have carried out in recent days along their own southern borders. He gave no details about what those two countries were doing.  
 The head of the U.S. Border Patrol, Raul Ortiz, said on Twitter on Monday that his agents had apprehended 14,752 people over the past 72 hours; that averages out to 4,917 per day.  
 The figures given Monday are sharply below the 10,000-plus encountered on three days last week as migrants rushed to get in before new policies to restrict asylum took effect.  
 Title 42 allowed U.S. officials to quickly expel migrants without letting them seek asylum, but it also carried no consequences for those who entered the country and were expelled. In the leadup to the end of Title 42, the U.S. introduced tough enforcement measures to discourage people from just arriving at the border, encouraging them instead to use one of the pathways the U.S. has created to facilitate migration.  
 Many migrants, worried about these tough enforcement measures, came before Title 42 expired.  
 The U.S. is in litigation about whether it can release migrants without what’s called a “notice to appear.” Usually migrants who are released into the United States — as opposed to those held in custody or immediately expelled — get a “notice to appear,” which includes a court date and some type of monitoring with immigration officials. But it can take up to two hours to process a single person for this, potentially choking Border Patrol holding facilities when they’re at capacity.

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## Secretariat's 1973 Triple Crown saw record times in each race; it took 39 years to become official

BALTIMORE (AP) — Calling Secretariat a Triple Crown winner actually might understate his dominance. The colt not only won the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes in 1973 — he finished each in record time.

It just took 39 years for that part of his incredible sweep to become official.

When Secretariat won the Preakness a half-century ago, he was a star but not yet a legend. His 31-length romp in the Belmont was still to come, and although his back-to-front surge on the first turn at Pimlico was spectacular, the colt's final time of 1 minute, 55 seconds wasn't all that noteworthy. It was a second slower than the Preakness mark set two years earlier by Canonero II.

But the dispute over that time was only beginning, and it wasn't until 2012 when Penny Chenery — Secretariat's owner — finally succeeded in securing her horse's Preakness

record. She died in 2017 at age 95.

"It was something that Mrs. Chenery really wanted to do in her lifetime," said Amy Zimmerman, a senior vice president at Santa Anita Park who also works with NBC on its Preakness coverage. "She wanted to set the record straight. She's the one that really pushed for it to be done."

After Secretariat's Preakness, it was clear something was amiss. Although the electronic timing device said 1:55, two Daily Racing Form clockers independently recorded the race at 1:53 2/5. Pimlico's official hand clocker had it at 1:54 2/5.

Stewards determined there were "extenuating circumstances" with the electronic device, but it was the Pimlico clocker whose figure carried the day. The official time was changed to 1:54 2/5 — not quite good enough to beat Canonero II's 1:54. In July 1973, the Maryland Racing

Commission acknowledged the possibility that Secretariat had set a record, but it wasn't officially recognized.

"It would appear that Secretariat might have run the 1973 Preakness somewhat faster than Canonero II ran the same race in 1971," the commission said, according to minutes dated July 10, 1973. "The commission, however, is bound by its rules and regulations which provide that the official time of any race is that which is clocked by the official timer."

So the 1:54 2/5 time would stand. The commission's order also included a bit of a declaration: "To change records established by the official timer because of later electronic analyses of such events would be destructive of the integrity of all sporting events."

That statement may have reflected a world that was still uneasy about allowing technology too much latitude to fix errors on the field

of play. The debate persists today, even as instant replay becomes increasingly normalized. It's one thing to use technology to correct mistakes while competition is ongoing, but doing it well after the fact is a bit different.

In 2010, Armando Galarraga of the Detroit Tigers lost a perfect game because of a missed call by an umpire. Nowadays, instant replay could fix that — but it would be reviewed immediately. Not days or years after the fact.

In 1998, with Secretariat's Preakness time still a bone of contention, Bruce Spizler — Maryland's assistant attorney general — sent the commission a letter. He concluded that the commission's regulation still mandated that 1:54 2/5 should remain the official time.

That regulation, however, was eventually repealed and replaced. The new one said that in the event of a problem with the electronic

timing device, the official time of the race could be determined by the official timer — or by another method deemed accurate and reliable by the commission.

At the request of Chenery, as well as Pimlico president Tom Chuckas, the commission held a hearing on the matter in 2012. Zimmerman, then an executive producer at Horse Racing Television, was one of a half-dozen witnesses.

By then, Canonero II's 1:54 was no longer the time to beat. Tank's Prospect in 1985 and Louis Quatorze in 1996 had won the Preakness in 1:53 2/5, and Curlin in 2007 had finished slightly slower, in 1:53.46. Tapes of the 1973, 1985 and 1996 races were digitized, with a stopwatch and digital frame counter superimposed.

That process revealed Secretariat had finished in 1:53, according to the commission's order. His first quarter-mile was faster than the electric timer record-

ed but his other fractional times were the same, lending credence to the idea that the electronic timer was inadvertently started early.

When the recordings were run simultaneously, they showed Secretariat crossing the finish line "approximately one to one and a half lengths before Tank's Prospect and Louis Quatorze," according to the commission.

The witnesses agreed that Secretariat ran the race in 1:53, and the commission ordered the official time changed.

Secretariat still holds all three Triple Crown time records.

"It's quite amazing," Zimmerman said. "If you calculated all the number of horses that have run in the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont combined in 50 years, and not one of them has run faster in any of those races."

Follow Noah Trister at <https://twitter.com/noah-trister>

## 'Indiana Jones' swings into Cannes Film Festival; Harrison Ford honored before joyous festival goers

CANNES, France (AP) — Indiana Jones and Harrison Ford swung into Cannes on Thursday for the premiere of "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" in one of the most anticipated events of the French Riviera festival.

Fedoras abounded in the throngs of onlookers who watched Ford and company hit the red carpet.

Ford walked hand in hand with his wife, Calista Flockhart, and later joined his cast mates as John Williams' score played across the red carpet. Among those in attendance were Disney chief Bob Iger, Lucasfilm's Kathleen Kennedy and filmmaker Steve McQueen.

Ford, 80, who has said "Dial of Destiny" will be his last performance as the character, also received an honorary Palme d'Or from the Cannes Film Festival. Last year, Cannes feted "Top Gun Maverick" and Tom Cruise in a similar manner.

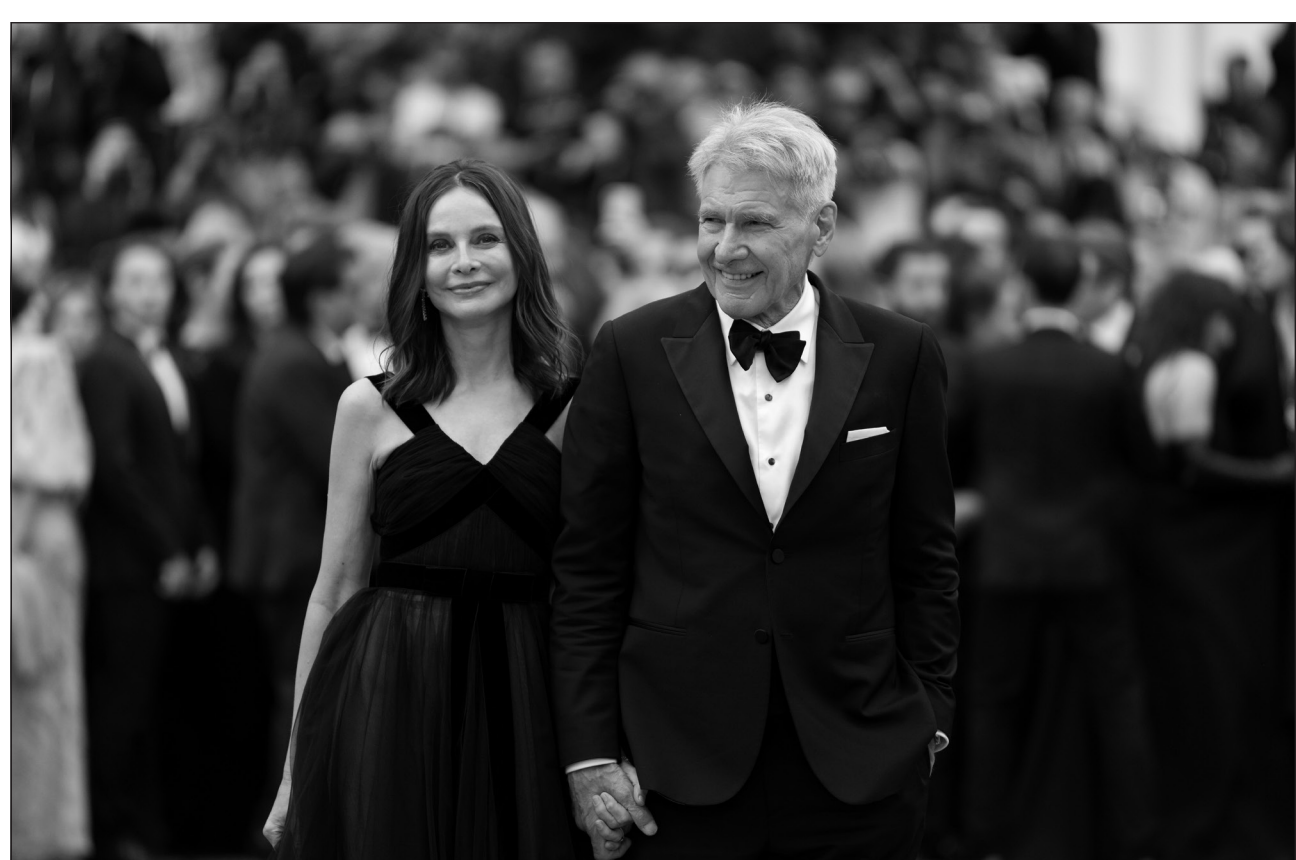
Inside the theater, Ford was greeted with thunderous applause. He beamed and looked around the theater before receiving the honorary Palme.

"I'm very touched. I'm very moved by this," a clearly emotional Ford said. "They say when you're about to die, you, you see your life flash before your eyes. I just saw my life before my eyes."

"A great part of my life, not all of my life," Ford continued, thanking Flockhart as well as "Dial of Destiny" director James Mangold and co-star Phoebe Waller-Bridge.

It's not the first "Indiana Jones" film to premiere in Cannes. The fourth installment, "Indiana and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" launched at the 2008 edition of the festival. Critics and fans alike dismissed "Crystal Skull" as a misjudged sequel, though it still made \$790 million worldwide.

This time, "Dial of



Indiana Jones swings into Cannes Film Festival.

"Dial of Destiny" is hoping to make a similar if not larger global impact without its famous filmmakers. The new film,

which the Walt Disney Co. will release June 30 in the U.S., is the first "Indiana" film not directed by Steven

Spielberg or with a story credit to George Lucas. Instead, Mangold ("Ford vs. Ferrari," "Logan")

takes the reins for a film co-starring Waller-Bridge, Antonio Banderas and Mads Mikkelsen.





Chelsea Utz (left) was awarded Thespian Honor Cord for over 600 hours work and Nic Pando (right) winner of "Most Improved" award for work in Wizard of Oz as "The Great & Powerful"



Kenadie Behrns winner "Best On-stage" seen here auditioning for The Homecoming

# Theatre Hall of Famers

On Monday, May 1, Community High's Smokestack Theatre Group held its 29th annual "End of the Year Awards Banquet" to celebrate the year that was and recognize some of the school's finest young theatre talent. The evening began with a dinner, followed by an induction of 13 new International Thespian Society members, awards for acting and technical work, and performances from the students themselves.

- The Winners**
- Best On-Stage: Kenadie Behrns (for performances in The Homecoming and Wizard of Oz)
  - Best All-Around: Emma Grace Trigorous (as "Dorothy" in OZ and make-up/costuming work)
  - Best Off-Stage: Landyn Dye (sound design)
  - Most Improved: Nicolas Pando (Wizard of Oz)
  - Best Newcomer: Caleb Dalton



Submitted photos  
Ryan Waterson (left, with Jayse Monroe in The Homecoming) inducted into Smokestack Hall of Fame for over 600 hours work



Lauren Bobo was inducted into The Smokestack Theatre Hall of Fame for over 600 hours work

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