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Commissioners Diane Neeley and Anita Epperson at the town hall meeting.

Juvenile Center, Liberty School addressed in 2023-24 budget

By ZOË WATKINS
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A town hall was hosted for District 4 residents at Liberty School by commissioners Anita Epperson and Diane Neeley.

Those in attendance, many of whom were Liberty School teachers, expressed their concerns for delayed additions to the school as well as the county's spending on a new Juvenile Detention Center.

Suggesting District 4 has long been neglected by the county, Neeley and Epperson asked the audience what they would like to see for District 4.

"In this end of the county, we have not experienced a lot of the growth that other areas of the county have had, but trust

me, it's coming," said Neeley. "And with that, then we're going to have safety concerns... We don't have an ambulance... 20 years we've been after that."

"What do you want to see for District 4? What's most important to you for you here?"

"A need for an ambulance in this area is much stronger than a need for making the delinquents housed more comfortably," said one resident.

Another resident spoke and said, "It seems to me there's a lot of money going to other parts of the county..." referring to Learning Way, Community High, and the new Cartwright Elementary. "There

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Barn fire on Highway 64

By JEFF LEWIS - special to the T-G

Multiple agencies assisted the Bedford County Fire Department at the Forest Shadows Farm located at 1145 Highway 64 West, Tuesday afternoon when a fire broke out.

First-arriving firefighters reported the barn to be fully engulfed. Tankers from Wheel, Unionville, and Deason, as well as mutual aid from Chapel Hill and Marshall County, assisted crews with bringing the fire under control.

Traffic on Highway 64 was blocked due to water shuttle operations and heavy smoke blanketing the roadway. The road re-opened shortly after 6 p.m.

Due to the nature of the barn contents, firefighters remained on the scene throughout the evening while moving bales of hay and other materials around to extinguish hot spots.

No injuries were reported and the damage amount is unknown at this time.



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Pat Marsh, State Representative for District 62 and a longtime Rotarian was presented a Paul Harris times-two pin by Barbara Blanton, right. The award represents a \$3,000 contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

MARSH SPEAKS TO ROTARY



Pat Marsh, center, State Representative for District 62, which includes Bedford County, reviewed the last session of the Tennessee legislature and outlined benefits for Bedford County from various programs, for the Shelbyville Rotary Club. Finny Edwards, left, was the program facilitator. At right is club president Darin Hasty.

Hickman resigns from SCHS

Superintendent of Bedford County Schools, Tammy Garrett, announced Wednesday the resignation of Shelbyville Central High School Principal Michael Hickman.

Garrett met with the SCHS faculty and staff to inform them of the change and also communicated with parents via all-call and email. Garrett explained that she will be posting the position and

will seek the best candidate possible for the job.

“We wish Mr. Hickman the very best in his future endeavors,” said Garrett. “These administration decisions are very difficult, and I don’t take them lightly or without immense consideration. I will be searching for the best possible match to serve our students and staff in the future.”

Tennessee judge: Parents at school can try to keep shooter’s writings secret

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Tennessee judge has ruled that a group of parents can have their say in a lawsuit over the writings of a shooter who killed six people at their children’s school.

The judge ruled Wednesday night that the Covenant School parents have a right to intervene against other groups that want the shooter’s writings — along with some other documents in the police investigation — released according to the Tennessee Public Records Act.

Journalists, a state senator, a law enforcement nonprofit and a gun-rights organization have been rebuffed by Nashville police, who say the records are part of an active investigation. However, police have indicated that they do plan to release the shooter’s writings eventually. A declaration filed recently in the court case by police Lt. Brent Gibson estimated that it could be 12 months before the case is closed.

At a Monday hearing on the consolidated requests, an attorney for a group of Covenant School parents argued that they and their children are crime victims, with protections under the state constitution that include the right to be free from harassment, intimidation and abuse throughout

the criminal justice system. Releasing the shooter’s writings could violate those rights, Eric Osborne argued. He said parents have a “real fear” of a repeat shooting at the private Christian school, and their constitutional rights take precedence over mere statutory rights, like the right to access public records.

Chancery Court Judge l’Ashea Myles also allowed the intervention of The Covenant School and Covenant Presbyterian Church, whose building houses the school, after their lawyers said their primary concern is preventing the release of any information that could jeopardize security, such as detailed drawings of their facilities.

Those fighting to make the records public include Republican state Sen. Todd Gardenhire, who filed a joint petition with The Tennessean newspaper. More than 60 Tennessee House Republicans have called for their release, but Gardenhire is the only one of them who has filed suit.

The lawmakers have said the shooter’s writings could provide valuable insights as they prepare for a special session called by Gov. Bill Lee, who is pushing to remove firearms from people judged dangerous to themselves or oth-

ers. Lawmakers declined to take up Lee’s proposal during the legislative session that ended last month.

State law gives members of the General Assembly access to records held by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation if a legislative committee approves it through a resolution. To date, no lawmakers have requested to view the confidential investigative file, TBI spokesperson Josh DeVine said.

Gardenhire said in a statement, “It should not take an act of the legislature to secure public records unlawfully withheld from the people of Tennessee.”

Lee, meanwhile, is allowed as governor to view the investigative file under state law, but the Republican doesn’t plan to look at the documents before local law enforcement officials “provide clarity” on them, said his spokesperson, Jade Byers.



BCAC shelter at full capacity

T-G STAFF REPORTS
The Bedford County Animal Control is at full capacity.

They have a total of 35 dogs at their shelter, though they have only 34 kennels total to house dogs. Officers out in the field are picking up more every day. This is due to high call volumes of strays and dogs being abandoned all over the county.

Twenty-one are available for adoption at this time. They are fully vaccinated, microchipped, and spayed/neutered. All they need is a loving home!

They have 11 that have their fees reduced and some that are even sponsored. They have puppies, young adults, adults, and even senior dogs from different breeds and all different sizes.

Spaying and neutering are major issues at this time.

Often, the shelter adopts one dog and turns around and gets another three or more in. They also receive full litters of puppies that are dumped in the county.

“We are simply running out of room. I can normally move dogs into loving homes but these last few months have been difficult. It is truly heartbreaking because they do not understand why they are here. All they want is to be loved,” said Whitney Yeargan front desk/adoption coordinator at BCAC.

They have 32 dogs in their owner surrender book, waiting to be brought in.

How can you help?

Yeargan said the answer is always to spay/neuter your fur babies.

“That would be one of the biggest helps to us. Spread the word! Not only does it help shelters, but it also helps keep your pets

healthy! If anyone is missing their pets call us!”

Their number is 931-685-1130. You can also check with Shelbyville Animal Control at 931-684-6552.

If anyone is looking to foster New Destiny Dog Rescue is always looking for people to foster. They are located at 202 E. Highland Avenue. You can also reach them via Facebook.

“Tell your friends/family! Your new best friend could be right here waiting for you! The love these babies have warmed my heart every time I come to work. This isn’t a job to me. This is my purpose. Each of these babies deserves a loving home and I strive every day to make that happen. They do not have a voice. I strive daily to be their voice!” said Yeargan.

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Baptist

Pastor Jimmy West's message for Sunday morning's service on May 28 at **Edgemont Baptist Church** will be "Always Remember," from Psalm 20.

Church services at **Calvary Baptist Church** will be held Sunday, May 28, at 10 am. The message will be presented by Pastor Tyler Shoemaker and is titled "Love in The Darkness" Part II, from John 3: 7-13. Sunday School will begin at 9 am. Worship service will be live streamed.

Hurricane Creek Missionary Baptist Church (Pastor Jody T. Parks) and **King's Chapel Church of God and Christ** (Pastor Paul Rippy) will be carrying out an evening fellowship on Sunday, May 28, at 2:30 p.m. The fellowship will take place at Hurricane Creek Missionary Baptist Church, 689 El Bethel Dirt Rd, Shelbyville, TN 37160.

The **Sevier Street First Baptist Church** will celebrate The Ushers Ministry on May 28 at 10 a.m. Pastor McKinney and **The Mullin Chapel AME Church** Family will be our special guests. Pastor McKinney will deliver The Spoken Word with Sister Regina Holbert, President.

The message for **Grace Baptist Church** this Sunday will be "Hope Stabilizes Our Lives" from Ephesians 4: 4 - 6 and Romans 15: 13.

Church of Christ

This Sunday at **Fairlane Church of Christ**, we will continue with our series, "Questions of Faith." The installment (sermon title) in this series this Sunday is "How Could a Loving God Allow So Much Suffering?" And the scripture that goes with this sermon is John 11:33-37.

The Southside Church of Christ lesson will be "The Lost Sheep" from Luke 15:3-7 by Jim Gibson, at 10 a.m. Sunday. Young men will conduct the assembly at the 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.

Methodist

Pastor Abe Zimmerman's sermon at **Shelbyville First United Methodist Church** will be "If My People: A Call to Prayer" from Acts 2:42-47. On Pentecost Sunday, they celebrate the birth of the Church and the sending of the Holy Spirit. As they end their series on prayer, they will see what it means to be devoted to prayer as the early Christians did. Join them for worship service at 10 am. Service is also livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLJF 1580 AM.

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church's service for this Pentecost Sunday, will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. 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 a.m. for Sunday School and 10 a.m. for their worship service.

VANISHING MIST



"Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.' As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them." (James 4:14 - 17)

Photo by Chuck Sutherland

Editorial: countless veterans lose the battle with addiction

Veronica Raussin is a Community Outreach Coordinator for Addicted.org, passionate about spreading awareness of the risks and dangers of alcohol & drug use.

This Memorial Day, millions of American families take the time to honor the memory of the men and women who lost their lives fighting in one of the nation's wars. It can be a challenging time for veterans who made it home, their families, and friends.

However, we must also never lose sight of nor forget the many veterans who came home to fight a new battle with addiction and those who lost their lives because of it. Substance use, drug overdose, and suicide are all too common problems within the veteran population.

In Tennessee are over 450,000 veterans, most of whom are wartime vets. According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, over 3.9 million veterans have a substance use disorder or mental illness.

Additionally, substance use disorders significantly increase suicidality among veterans ages 18 and older. Unfortunately, suicidal thoughts and behaviors are common among veterans ages 18 to 49.

"While early intervention saves lives, it can be challenging for family and friends to intervene, know what to say, or know where to access help," said Michael Leach of Addicted.org.

There is no simple answer as to why veterans become addicted to drugs or alcohol, but numerous causative factors exist. Many



Veronica Raussin

veterans struggle to adjust to civilian life. They may face financial hardships, difficulty finding employment, or accessing the necessary benefits.

Many veterans experience mental and emotional health problems. This is often compounded with physical injury or chronic pain. Untreated trauma, for example, can affect all aspects of life and lead to drug and alcohol misuse.

Moreover, it is also common for veterans to face barriers when accessing treatment. This could include the cost of help and gaps in

health insurance. Stigma regarding addiction and mental health is still prominent. Communities may struggle with inadequate funding, and veterans living in rural areas have limited access to treatment.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs offers standard resources, such as the VA facility locator. Other sources of support include:

- The Tennessee Department of Veterans Services provides help for veterans and their families;
- Helpful hotlines include the Veteran Crisis Line, 1-800-273-8255, and the Lifeline for Vets,

1-888-777-4443;

- SAMHSA provides a substance use and mental health disorder treatment locator with options for veterans.

Families also play a critical role in supporting their loved ones. It's ok to express concern about their drug and alcohol use; speak to them openly and honestly about it. Help them find treatment and support. Be patient and show compassion for what they are experiencing. Remember, substance use disorders are treatable. It's never too late to offer a helping hand to veterans in need.

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Forest and Waters on Hidden Springs Property by Kristen Hanratty



Waterfall on Hidden Springs property by Kristen Hanratty.

Daughters of conservationist Hector Black partner to protect 260 acres

Jackson County, Tenn. — TennGreen Land Conservancy announced today its protection of additional lands and wildlife habitat near Cookeville, Tennessee. The environmental nonprofit worked with Aggie, Rose, and Annie Black—daughters of late renowned activist Hector Black—and family friend Samuel Costilow to expand a conservation easement on land known as Hidden Springs. Hector and his late wife, Susie, established the first Hidden Springs conservation easement with TennGreen Land Conservancy in 2013. A decade later, the daughters and Costilow have amended the easement to better reflect Hector's wishes and protect an additional 54 acres of land. With this amendment, the Hidden Springs conservation easement protects more than 260 acres in total.

Though the property remains privately owned, completing the conservation easement means its rich landscapes will be perpetually protected even if ownership changes. Conservation easements are voluntary, legal agreements that are extremely tailorable to a landowner's vision for their land. Whether the landowner wants to protect their family farm from encroachment; establish trails on their land for public or private enjoyment; preserve historic areas, wildlife areas, or something else; conservation easements are a helpful tool. Essentially, they grant the rights to control the development and use of a property to a land conservancy (like TennGreen Land Conservancy) that will enforce those rights forever.

Hidden Springs abuts two miles of designated State Scenic River Spring Creek, and portions of the protected property are in the Roaring River-Blackburn Fork-Spring Creek Complex Area of Interest. These waterways are Class I Natural Rivers, which means they're free-flowing, unpolluted, „essentially primitive,” and generally accessible only by trail. Because many of Tennessee's rivers and streams don't meet federal water quality standards, the Hidden Springs conservation easement helps ensure that these Class I rivers remain pristine and safe.

The protected property has impressive geological features, including pinnacles:

thin, tall columns of rock formed by erosion. The land is home to a variety of plants and animals, including butternut (*Juglans cinerea*)—a tree species with a „Vulnerable” to „Critically Impaired” conservation status. Individuals have also documented the hellbender, North America's largest salamander, near Hidden Springs. The hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis*) used to be common in Tennessee, but due to dams and pollution, the State now lists it as „in need of management.” By protecting Hidden Springs, the Blacks, Costilow, and TennGreen Land Conservancy help prevent the hellbender from further decline.

Hidden Springs is near other protected lands, further increasing the conservation easement's importance. Protected lands within two miles include two publicly accessible areas—Blackburn Fork Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and Washmorgan Hollow State Natural Area (SNA)—and two privately owned properties: Circling Cranes and Spring Creek Cabin. TennGreen Land Conservancy protects Blackburn Fork WMA, Circling Cranes, and Spring Creek Cabin with conservation easements. Hector & Susie Black donated Washmorgan Hollow SNA to the Nature Conservancy in 1986. Protected lands within five miles of Hidden Springs include Cummins Falls State Park, The Boils WMA, and Cordell Hull WMA.

„For our communities to have fresh water, clean air, and rich soil, we must continue to protect connected areas of land,” said Alice Hudson Pell, TennGreen Land Conservancy's Executive Director. „Tennessee's rural landscapes deserve to flourish, and we're here to help and be a resource. We hope more landowners will reach out to discuss what's possible with a conservation easement!”

TennGreen Land Conservancy staff will monitor Hidden Springs annually to preserve Hector Black's vision for the land in perpetuity.

For more information about this project or TennGreen conservation easements, visit tengreen.org, call (615) 329-4441 ext. 120, or email land@tengreen.org.



Hardscrabble Pinnacle by Chuck Sutherland (note - possibly along edge of property and not within CE).



Singin' on the Square

Those driving around the Shelbyville Square Wednesday may have noticed parts of the streets were closed off. That's because Shelbyville got a visit from country music artist Lauren Alaina who was filming one of her latest music videos. Lauren Alaina, born in Georgia, was the runner-up on the tenth season of American Idol. Her debut studio album, *Wildflower*, was released on October 11, 2011. She achieved her first number one on the Country Airplay chart with the album's title track. Alaina's third studio album, *Sitting Pretty on Top of the World*, was released on September 3, 2021, and she was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in February 2022.

Photos by Diandra Womble



We are celebrating yet another Memorial weekend. On this special day we want to recognize and acknowledge with respect and gratitude the men and women in blue our First Responders and especially our men and women in military, those who have served both in the past and present, peacetime and war and who stand ready to defend us even today in these perilous times. A special salute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We say with deep honor and gratitude thank you, your service and sacrifice will not be forgotten.

Also on this holiday we need to give careful thought regarding our past and our potential future. Our nation will continue to be great only as we, "the people", continue to be good. When we cease to be good we will no longer be great. Our nation's greatness was principally influenced by the word of God. These thoughts remind me of an article that I read which I will insert here called, "The word of God and the shaping of America."

FAITH OF THE FOUNDERS

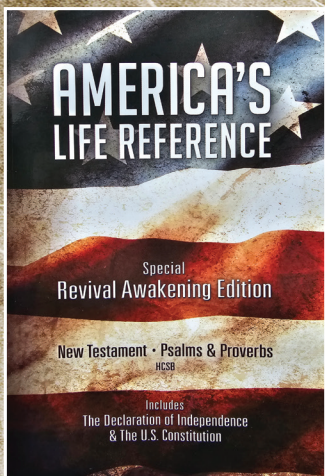
WHILE MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN in recent years to try to dismiss the fact that America was founded upon the biblical principles of Judeo-Christianity, all the revisionism in the world cannot change the facts. Anyone who examines the original writings, personal correspondence, biographies, and public statements of the individuals who were instrumental in the founding of America will find an abundance of quotations showing the profound extent to which their thinking and lives were influenced by a Christian worldview.

THE WORD OF GOD AND THE SHAPING OF AMERICA

A NATION IS MADE great by its people and its values, particularly by its leaders and the values they embrace. American history is vividly clear that a faith in God and a reverence for the Bible provided the basis for the founding of our nation. That same reverence for God by many of our presidents has had a profound impact on the greatness of our nation. One fact is undeniable: the Bible has been one of the greatest influences on American presidents.

That is not to say that all of the Founding Fathers were Christians. Clearly, they were not. But the point is that even those who were not Christians were deeply influenced by the principles of Christianity. The fact is that the Founders almost all thought from a biblical perspective, whether they believed or not.

This article gives me great concern regarding the trend that we now observe in America. America is falling prey to secular humanism, and relativism which has given place to narcissism and self-indulgence, where everyone does only that which is right in their own eyes. On this day, where we celebrate the sacrifices that have been made, may we consider the need to return to our original biblical worldview. Where the principal command was to observe, honor and respect God, and love our neighbor. Matthew 22:37-39.



In closing I would like to give a challenge that will help to stem the trend of secular humanism by honoring all who wish a free copy of the American Life reference NT. A special edition that includes the Psalms and proverbs along with a copy of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. This special edition gives answers to frequently asked questions as to, why was I born? How can I find meaning and purpose in life? Is there a case for moral absolutes? And last is the Bible reliable? These questions and many others you will find answers to. For your free copy (while supplies last) write Del Ketner P.O.Box 822 Shelbyville, TN 37162.

Del Ketner is a former USMC Recon and a retired businessman. Del is also an ordained minister and is affiliated with Gospel Impact Ministries.



Victory Baptist Academy 2023 Graduates



Top row, Cheyenne Tittle and Madison Warren. Second row, far right, Breanna Calendar and Natalie Taylor. Far left, Courtney Warren, Miya Lemmon, and Jonah Price. Bottom row, Joseph Clark, Jay Fahnbulleh, and Judah Lukis.



Priorities

It's never good to start out any story in print with a question, because whoever starts reading may not care about the answer.

Well, I am breaking that rule this week by asking what are your priorities?

For too many people their priority appears to be how much time they can spend on their phone. Senseless games, inane tweets about inconsequential flotsam of life, harmful attacks through the Internet and how much can they document of their lives on social media drive the majority of their lives.

If you are offended, I am sorry. If you didn't quit reading after I started with a question, and obviously you didn't if you reached this point in the column, please don't stop now.

Last week our Rotary Club had a meeting. We didn't have a guest speaker. We talked about a problem that is plaguing most civic clubs. Why is it so hard to attain new members and even harder to retain them was the main theme?

It was a thought-provoking talk. And no matter what the possible solutions suggested might be there was one dark cloud hanging over us — time.

True, there are legitimate reasons and one of those is family should be a priority. That means driving your children to sports practices and to make sure you are at their game or to music or dance classes and recitals. Children demand our time. They should be the top priority.

We meet once a week early in the morning. Driving children to school or early morning business meetings were cited as reasons people aren't interested. Both legitimate reasons.

But where does the 24 hours in a day go? Oops, another question. Back in the day when there were only three major TV networks, nothing streamed except creeks and rivers, and you had to actually dial someone up on a phone and bingeing meant you ate or drank too much — we seemed to have more time.

We sat down to eat dinner as a family. There were football, baseball and basketball practices and games as well as piano lessons. There was always time. People joined civic clubs. They worked the food booths at the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration on the nights they were assigned. They invested their time into the community with various service projects.

I have always believed that if are committed to being part of a club, a board or whatever, then you need to be there in support of the cause and your fellow members. I admit I have slipped in my Rotary attendance, something that would have been allowed by fellow members many, many years ago.

We all have the same amount of time each day. Make it a priority to spend that time on worthwhile activities



Listen & Hear

I hear the Voice of God when I listen to the songbirds sing,

I hear the Voice of God when I listen to the church bells ring.

I hear the Voice of God when I listen to the warm winds blow,

And I hear the Voice of God when I listen to the waters flow.

I hear the Voice of God when I listen to the raindrops fall,

I hear the Voice of God when I listen to mourning doves call.

I hear the Voice of God when I listen to our house cats purr,

And I hear the Voice of God when I listen to tree leaves stir.

I hear the Voice of God when I listen to my granddaughters at play,

I hear the Voice of God when I listen to what my wife has to say.

I hear the Voice of God when I listen to a friend's words of wisdom,

And I hear the Voice of God when I listen to talk of God's Kingdom.

I hear the Voice of God when I listen to the Preacher Preach,

I hear the Voice of God when I listen to the Teacher Teach.

I hear the Voice of God when I listen as the Scriptures are read,

And I hear the Voice of God when I listen as the Prayers are said.

I hear the Voice of God when I listen to the Church in song,

I hear the Voice of God and He makes right all that's wrong.

Yes, I hear the Voice of God,

I hear the Voice of God, (DMD May 2023)

Matthew 11:15: "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Revelation 2:7: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

Proverbs 1:5: "A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel."

Psalms 34:11: "Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord."

Psalms 81:8: "Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you! O Israel, if you will listen to Me!"

Micah 1:2: Hear, all you peoples! Listen, O earth, and all that is in it!

Jeremiah 8:6: "I listened and heard..."

Malachi 3:16: "Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, And the Lord listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was

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Musgrave Pencil's Henry Hulan receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Shelbyville — The Writing Instrument Manufacturers Association (WIMA) awarded Henry Hulan, a long-standing leader at Musgrave Pencil Company, a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the writing instrument industry.

Since joining Musgrave Pencil in 1967, Hulan has been a key figure in the company's success. As the great-grandson of Musgrave's founder, James Raford Musgrave, Henry has dedicated more than 50 years of his career to leading the family-owned factory.

The Lifetime Achievement Award from WIMA is an honor for Henry, who has left an indelible mark on the writing instrument industry and Shelbyville. Despite the challenges of globalization and changing trade, he has successfully diversified Musgrave's supply chains and served new markets, all while staying committed to Shelbyville and the people who make their living at the factory.

Once a thriving hub of the pencil industry, Shelbyville was named "The Pencil City" in the 1950s. Today, Musgrave is the only factory in Shelbyville and among three remaining in the United States.

"We are thrilled to present Henry with this much-deserved award," said David H. Baker, the Executive Director and General Counsel of WIMA. "His leadership and commitment to the industry have been an inspiration to us all, and we are proud to recognize him for his lifetime of outstanding achievements."

Henry Hulan said of the honor, "WIMA is a great organization that has done a lot for consumer safety and growing the pencil industry.



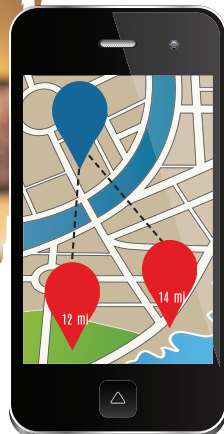
From left, Lynn and Henry Hulan with David H. Baker, Executive Director and General Counsel of WIMA.

We are proud of our PMA Seal and of the fact that we can meet the nontoxic requirements. I am grateful for this honor and thankful to our Musgrave employees and the community of Shelbyville that have been a critical part of Musgrave's history during my tenure."

The award ceremony took place

at the WIMA Annual Conference in Nashville on Monday. You can learn more about Musgrave Pencil Company at MusgravePencil.com

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Pinson speaks to Town and Country Garden Club

The Town and Country Garden Club met on Wednesday, May 17, at the Riverbend Country Club. The hostesses were Kim Allison, Linda Anderton, and Shirley Nelson. The program was presented by Commissioner Sylvia Pinson, who spoke about being a greeter and tour guide at the Uncle Nearest Distillery.

Williams, and Linda Anderton
Medium Blue - Nancy Fayard
Small Blue - Charlene Judd
Petite - Blue. - Naomi Luna

Specimen
Blue - Naomi Luna
Red - Becky Nichols

Winners of arrangements that were in a bottle or jug were

Large - Blue - Nancy Reek, Linda

“What have you”
Blue - Linda Anderton
Red - Naomi Luna



FCE CLUBS REPORT

TAFCE

The Town & Country TAFCE club met at Cannon United Methodist Church on Monday, May 8, 2023, with five members answering the roll call. Janet Boyce brought the meeting to order and Catherine Talley gave the devotion. UT Extension Agent Whitney Danhof gave the program about homemade foods and the current regulations for their sale. Hazel Foster gave the treasurer's report. Janet brought several choices for the place setting to be used at this year's Share Fair on June 20. Following the business of the meeting, members divided up packages of feminine products brought in April into smaller packages to be given to Castle Ministries for women in need. The next meeting will be on Monday, June 12, 2023, at the church.

and USDA food preparations and safety regulations. Some foods are TCS (time and temperature controlled) for safety and require a permit in order to be sold. Other foods are non-TCS and do not require a permit. Complete information and food lists are available at the UT Extension Office. The next meeting will be on June 8.

Fairview FCE

Fairview FCE met Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at the UT/TSU Extension Office in Shelbyville. President Sandra Smith opened the meeting. Mary Frances Gordon read the call to order.

Whitney Danhof presented the educational program, “Buying and Selling Homemade Foods, What You Need to Know about the Food Freedom Act.” Tennessee's cottage food laws most significant changes occurred on July 1, 2022, with the Tennessee Food Freedom Act (FFA). This change allows essentially any food product considered non-TCS or shelf-stable, to be produced at a private residence without a license, inspection, or permit and sold within the state. The accompanying hand-out provides more information.

The devotion was given by Sarah Hill. Fourteen members responded to the roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were waived. The Treasurer's report was given by Linda Lovell. Carolyn Jones gave the Sunshine Report. The club hours, donations, and goals were recorded.

Business discussion: Canned food and cost for contribution to Food Waste Awareness Week Food Drive. Plans were finalized for Share Fair with Betty Brown and Carolyn Jones to be held at the Extension Office on June 20 at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be on June 20 after the Share Fair program.

Liberty FCE

Liberty FCE met on May 15. Judy Smith called the meeting to order. Betty Renegar read the call to order. Bonnie Catron gave the devotion. Whitney Danhof presented the educational lesson “Homemade Foods at Farmer and Craft Markets.” She pointed out that the law concerning home-canned food being sold had changed. It can not be done in a home kitchen that is not a licensed facility with a food manufacturing permit. There were several questions you need to ask if you are going to purchase home-canned food. The club discussed what would be the theme of our festive table setting. The display will be on June 20 at the Extension Office at 6 p.m. Betty Renegar brought yellow roses she grew. The plants survived the severe frost that came back. They were beautiful. The next meeting will be on June 19.

Wheel FCE

Wheel FCE met on May 11. They discussed the TDA



Create your native plant garden

Gardening is a worthwhile endeavor that not only passes the time, but can be a form of exercise and relief from the daily grind. Gardens also provide ample opportunity to experiment, as individuals can produce everything from vegetables to bountiful blooms.

Recent years have witnessed a growing emphasis on eco-friendly gardening that aims to reduce reliance on chemical fertilizers and pesticides in an effort to protect the planet. One way to do so is to rely on native plants.

What are native plants?

Native plants are indigenous to particular regions. The National Wildlife Federation says native plants grow in habitats without human introduction or intervention. Native plants have formed symbiotic relationships with local wildlife over thousands of years, which the NWF

notes makes them the most sustainable options. Native plants help the environment and thrive with little supplemental watering or chemical nutrients.

Natives vary by region

Native plants vary by region. In arid climates, certain succulents may be native because they don't need much rainfall to thrive. In lush wetlands, succulents might be out of place.

Start native planting

The NWF offers native plants for 36 different states that can be shipped right to customers' doors to help replenish native varieties. In addition, gardeners can visit local gardening centers to select native plants. Small and independently owned centers often feature knowledgeable local staff whose expertise can prove invaluable

able to individuals seeking native varieties.

It's important to keep in mind that native varieties may look less cultivated than more exotic blooms and foliage designed to sell for their unique appearances. Wildflowers and native grasses may be the types of native plants found in abundance, which may grow up and out quickly. These other tips can help the process.

- Plan and prepare the site by removing weeds and turning over the soil. This will give seedlings an opportunity to take root without competition from weeds. Seedlings will give gardens a faster head-start than waiting around for seeds to germinate. However, gardeners can start seeds indoors and then move them outside once they are seedlings.

- Avoid planting native plants in rows, as that's not how they're likely to grow naturally. Vary the placement so the plants look like they sprouted up hap-

hazardly.

- Gardeners can still exert some control over native gardens prone to growing a little wild. Borders and paths can better define the growing areas.

- Grow Native!, an initiative from the Missouri Prairie Foundation, suggests planting two to four species in broad sweeping masses or drifts. Mix grasses with flowering plants. The grasses produce dense, fibrous roots that can prevent weed growth.

Native plants should require minimal care. Keep an eye on them and supplement with water if conditions have been especially dry.

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Library Managers Recognized as 2023



(Front Row L to R) State Librarian and Archivist Jamie Ritter, Garrett Crowell, Sarah Beth Phillips, Mindy Barrett, Donna Conatser, Tania Rich, Kathy Collins, Mitzi Willis, Lis Ann Greiner, Judy Luster, Vanessa Cain, Gracie Armstrong, Secretary of State Tre Hargett. (Back Row L to R) Lon Maxwell, Matthew Krist, Deena Smith, Peyton Eastman, Nakiyena Ledford, Carolina Conner, Nancy Turner, Logan Birdsong, John Blankenship

Public Library Management Institute Graduates

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee State Library & Archives and Secretary of State Tre Hargett proudly recognized 21 local library directors for graduating from the Public Library Management Institute.

Among those graduates was Lis Ann Greiner director of the Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library.

Participants earned a Public Library Management Certification through the three-year Public Library Management Institute sponsored by the Tennessee Library & Archives.

“The Public Library Management Institute is an excellent opportunity for library professionals to continue learning new skills,” said Secretary of State Tre Hargett. “Congratulations to this year’s graduates.”

Among the other 2023 program graduates are:

- Gracie Armstrong - Stewart County Public Library, Stewart County
- Mindy Barrett - Myrtle Glanton Lord Library, Rutherford County
- Logan Birdsong - Caryville Public Library, Campbell County
- John Blankenship - Humboldt Public Library, Gibson County
- Vanessa Cain - McIver’s Grant Public Library, Dyer County

- County
- Kathy Collins - WG Rhea Public Library, Henry County
- Donna Conatser - Fentress County Public Library, Fentress County
- Carolina Conner - Obion County Public Library, Obion County
- Garrett Crowell - Linebaugh Library, Rutherford County
- Peyton Eastman - EG Fisher Public Library, McMinn County
- Nan Garrett - Lobelville Public Library, Perry County
- Matthew Krist - Baxter Branch Library, Putnam County
- Nakiyena Ledford - Tellico Plains Public Library, Monroe County
- Judy Luster - Meigs-Decatur Public Library, Meigs County
- Lon Maxwell - Bethesda Public Library, Williamson County
- Sarah Beth Phillips - White Pine Public Library, Jefferson County
- Tania Rich - Sweetwater Public Library, Monroe County

- Deena Smith - Sharon Public Library, Weakly County
- Nancy Turner - Sullivan County Public Library, Sullivan County
- Mitzi Willis - Newbern City Library, Dyer County

The Public Library Management Institute provides professionals who have moved into library director roles as a second or third career with library management skills training. Participants attend three five-day workshops and receive continuing management, leadership and partnership skills education.

“The Library & Archives is committed to assisting library directors in developing their skills so they can be a greater resource in their community,” said Assistant State Librarian Maria Sochor.

Each participant presented a capstone project on a professional topic of their choice to a panel of colleagues and Library and Archives staff to graduate. The Public Library Management Institute is an extension of the Tennessee Regional Library System’s comprehensive training program.

To learn more about the Tennessee State Library & Archives professional development and assistance for public libraries, visit sos.tn.gov/tsla/services/planning-development.

UTC’s Emma Roy awarded prestigious scholarship

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga rising junior Emma Roy has a career goal.

“This is going to sound crazy, but I’ve always wanted to be a senator,” said Roy, a Brock Scholar in the Honors College majoring in secondary education: political science. “I have always wanted to get involved in politics, and I feel that being accepted into this program is going to be a catalyst for that.”

Roy has been selected for the 2023 Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Chinese Program, an immersive summer opportunity for U.S. college and university students to learn languages essential to America’s engagement with the world.

An initiative of the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, students accepted into the CLS Program spend eight to 10 weeks abroad studying one of 14 critical languages, with intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences designed to promote rapid language gains.

According to its website, the scholarship program is part of a broader U.S. government effort to significantly boost the number of Americans studying and mastering foreign languages crucial to national security and economic prosperity.

More than 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students nationwide applied for the scholarship this year, with approximately 500 students from 245 institutions selected as finalists.

Roy, a native of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, is slated to study Chinese at National Cheng Kung University in Tainan, Taiwan, from June 20 through Aug. 16.

“The CLS Program is an intensive overseas immersion program, so it is the perfect opportunity to learn Chinese again—or refresh everything that I’ve learned through middle school and high school,” said Roy, a 2021 graduate of The Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tennessee.

“I am hoping I’ll just better my understanding of the language through this program. I want to bring back whatever I learn overseas—the language, the culture, the life lessons that I’m going to learn over there. I want to bring that back here.”

Roy said she has been studying the Chinese language since she was in second grade—and has previously traveled to China twice.

Her stepfather, Dr. Michael Novak, was the director of the Confucius



Photo by Angela Foster

Emma Roy, the recipient of a U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship, will be heading to Taiwan in June to study Chinese.

Institute at Middle Tennessee State University from 2014 until 2021 when that program was discontinued. Her stepdad and her mom, Jessica, are educators in the Rutherford (Tennessee) County Schools system.

Roy doesn’t envision following in their teaching footsteps, as her plan after graduating from UTC is to attend law school.

“I’m not sure exactly

what law school or where or necessarily what type of law I want to study,” she said, “but I feel that with the Critical Language Scholarship Program, I’m going to be able to meet a lot of people. If I have knowledge of Chinese in addition to my law degree, I will have a better advantage in getting involved in politics.

“That’s why I’ve been learning Chinese since sec-

ond grade. My parents made me learn it because they understood the importance of the tension between the U.S. and China and how it’s increased since the ’70s.”

During her time at UTC, Roy has been a research assistant for Dr. Saeid Golkar in the Department of Political Science and Public Service and for the Institutional Review Board. She has also worked part-time as a childcare assis-

tant for Hamilton County Schools, which she planned to continue this summer until learning of her acceptance into the CLS program.

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” she said. “I feel like this is the beginning of my future.”

Roy is the second UTC student selected for the award, joining Hannah Horton, who spent the summer of 2019 studying in Busan, South Korea.

College students recognized for honors

Bell Buckle Student Named to Dean’s Honor List Spring 2023 at Cedarville University

- James Gillette from Bell Buckle, majoring in International Studies, was named to the spring 2023 Dean’s Honor List at Cedarville University in Ohio. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Ut Martin Names Local Students to Spring Semester Chancellor’s Honor Roll

- Bell Buckle – Drake D. Hodge,

High Honors.

- Normandy – Caroline R. Barton, High Honors.
- Shelbyville – Karley J. Simmons, Honors; Cindy R. Solis, Highest Honors.
- Wartrace – Christin F. Rickman, High Honors

Lee University Announces Dean’s List for Spring 2023

- Bethany Bull of Shelbyville

Local students inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma honor society at Middle Tennessee State University

- Seth Countess of Shelbyville
- Caroline Stone of Shelbyville
- Isabella Cobb of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in Marketing.
- Dustin Smith of Bell Buckle, TN, majoring in Business Administration.
- Fritzi Solis-Lagunes of Shelbyville, TN, majoring in

Accounting.

- Hannah Williams of Bell Buckle, TN, majoring in Information Systems.

Students named to Harding University Dean’s List

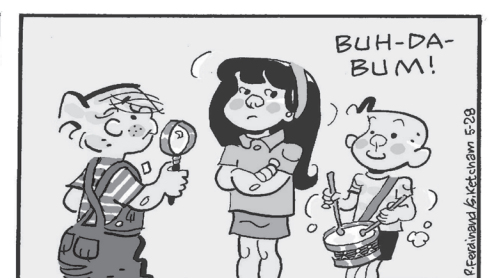
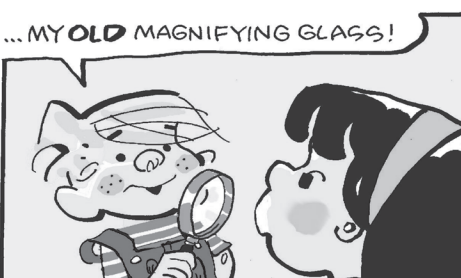
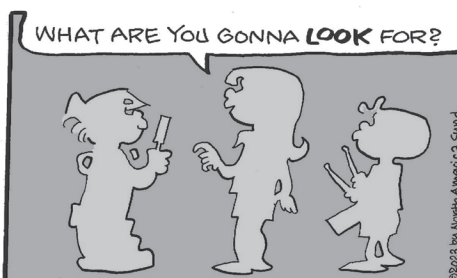
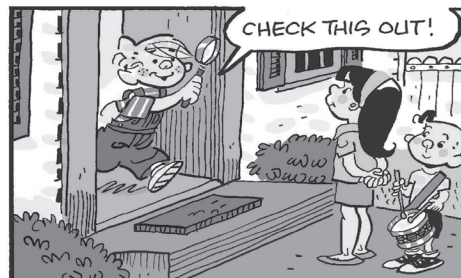
- Mary-Alice Shavers of Shelbyville, a Junior studying elementary education was one of the students among more than 1,100 Harding University students included on the dean’s list for grades achieved during the spring 2023 semester.

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Mort Walker's **beetle bailey**



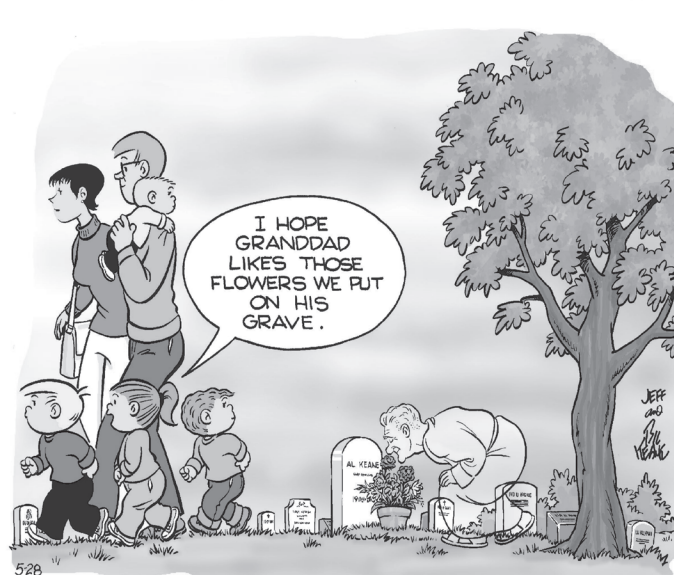
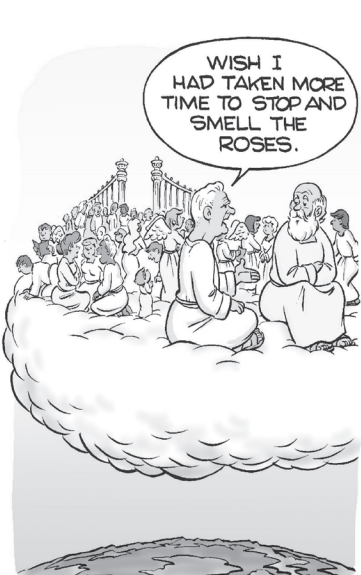
Hank Ketchum's **Dennis the Menace** **STAND UP GUY**



BLONDIE BY SEAN PETERS & JOHN MARSHALL



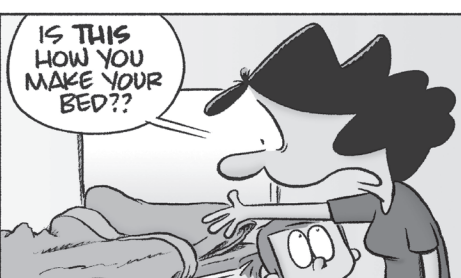
The FAMILY CIRCUS By BILL KEANE



PICKLES BY BRIAN CRANE



Baby Blues



Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



DADDY DAZE



BY JOHN KOVALESKI



SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

OKAY, BURGER, REMEMBER WHAT WE DISCUSSED. NOW GO OUT THERE AND WOW THEM!

TODAY WE COME TOGETHER TO WELCOME THE NEW OFFICIAL BURGER OF SUMMER. NOW, AS YOU KNOW, FOOD PRICES HAVE BEEN QUITE HIGH LATELY, SO THIS YEAR IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT...

YOU PAINTED A FLAT ROCK MEAT COLOR, DIDN'T YOU?

WHAT? NO, YOU KNOW I ONLY DO THAT FOR PREPRODUCTION. I MEAN I MADE SURE THIS SUMMER WE'D GET THE MOST BANG FOR OUR BUCK...

IS THAT IT? I MEAN, IF IT IS, THAT'S GREAT. I'M JUST WONDERING...

YOU WERE HOPING THE BURGER WOULD HATCH AND A WHOLE BUNCH OF LITTLE CHEESE-BURGER SLIDERS WOULD COME OUT, WEREN'T YOU, TED?

NO, I MEAN, YEAH, I RESEARCHED THAT, AND I TRIED REALLY HARD TO ENSURE THAT.

BUT... YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M JUST GONNA GET THE KETCHUP.

SO WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, MAY I PROUDLY PRESENT THE BURGER OF SUMMER 2023!

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EXCUSE ME!

MAYBE I SHOULD...? SAY SOMETHING HERE?

MAKE IT GOOD!

THE TRUTH IS, MINA, YOU WEREN'T STRUCK DOWN BY A JUNGLE FEVER ON YOUR FIRST JOURNEY TO BANGALLA. YOUR MEMORY WAS TAKEN FROM YOU... I WAS A PART OF IT.

I SOUGHT TO PROTECT THE SECRETS YOU HAD LEARNED.

IN GERMANY, THEY SAID A JUNGLE FEVER HAD LEFT ME ALL BUT MAD! THAT MY RECURRING DREAMS OF BANGALLA WERE A SIGN I MIGHT NEVER FULLY RECOVER.

TONY DEPAUL & JEFF WEIGEL 5-28-23

The PHANTOM

by Lee Falk

THE NAMES YOU'RE KNOWN BY CAME TO ME IN MY DREAMS... PHANTOM... GHOST WHO WALKS... MAN WHO CANNOT DIE...

!!

MINA BRAUN! THE CHAMPION WHO TAUGHT THE LESSER HUMANS TO BEWARE HIS MIGHT SO LONG AGO! YOU CALL HIM PHANTOM! AS YOU DID THIS MAN HERE TODAY.

I KNOW THIS MAN... AS WALKER!

WALKER...?

MISTER WALKER!?

!! THE MAN WHO FOUND ME IN THE JUNGLE, FELLE BY FEVER...!

MISTER WALKER! THAT WAS YOU?!

A GHOST WHO WALKS COULDN'T VERY WELL BRING YOU HOME TO YOUR FAMILY IN MUNICH, NOW COULD HE?

THANKS FOR SHARING THE ASSIGNMENT WITH ME, DOT. I'LL SEE YOU IN CLASS TOMORROW.

MOST BOYS ARE STUPID, BUT JUSTIN IS KIND OF NICE.

THEY CAN BE. AND YES, HE IS.

DO YOU THINK I SHOULD MARRY HIM?

YOU'RE A LONG WAY FROM MARRIAGE, DOT.

Hi and Lois

by Brian and Greg Walker

HOPEFULLY, YOU'LL MEET LOTS OF NICE BOYS IN YOUR LIFETIME...

YOU'LL GO ON DATES TO DANCES, MOVIES AND PARTIES WITH SOME OF THEM.

SOMEDAY YOU'LL FALL IN LOVE.

BUT WHO KNOWS? JUSTIN COULD BE THE ONE.

I'D BETTER START PLANNING THE WEDDING.

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

LET'S GO OVER THE RULES AGAIN.

THE GOAL IS TO TOSS YOUR ROCK INTO THE OTHER GUY'S HEAD-BUCKET WHILE DOING A BOARD FLIP.

...SHOULDN'T YOU BE RISKING YOUR LIVES OUTDOORS?

BUT I'M NOT WEARING SUNSCREEN!

EACH BUCKET IS WORTH THREE POINTS. FIRST PERSON TO TWENTY-ONE WINS.

READY? GUYS, IT'S SUCH A NICE DAY...

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THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"RELAX, LEROY... I'M JUST EXTENDING A FIST BUMP."

"LEROY SELF-CHECKOUTS THE MINUTE WE ENTER A STORE."

"JUST IN CASE, I'VE WRITTEN YOUR CHIROPRACTOR'S PHONE NUMBER ON YOUR KNEES."

ZITS

CANDORVILLE

I'M SORRY, I'M TERRIBLE WITH NAMES OF PEOPLE I DON'T CARE ABOUT.

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BY DARRIN BELL

BY BOB WEBER JR.

SLYLOCK FOX

Count Weirdly is going into the honey-making business. He says he has eliminated the need for bees by extracting honey directly from flowers with his Honey Sucker invention. Why doesn't Slylock Fox predict sweet profits for Weirdly, unless the count can sell his extract to bees, butterflies or hummingbirds?

HOW TO DRAW a happy dog

Today's terrific artist is Daniela, age 14

The scrambled words are flowers. How many can you unscramble?

a) SIDYA
b) LACIL
c) RUGINEMA
d) NLEOSRUFW

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Answer -- (1) Daisy (2) Lilac (3) Geranium (4) Sunflower

Answer -- Drip, tooth, eyes, tail and drampipe bracket.

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2'RUHTRA

"I WAS A CONFIRMED BACHELOR, BUT LORETTA VOTED DOWN MY NOMINATION."

"FUSION CUISINE IS NOT SOMETHING THAT HAS CONGEALLED IN THE FRIDGE."

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Don't wait to donate:

Blood and platelet donors needed now

NASHVILLE – The American Red Cross asks people to book a time to give blood or platelets now to address a recent drop in donation appointments that could lead to fewer transfusions for patients in the weeks ahead. Type O blood donors are especially needed to ensure a strong blood supply.

The start of summer can shake up normal routines, but it's important for donation appointments to stay on the calendar – especially as Memorial Day weekend approaches. More than 42 million Americans are expected to travel over the holiday, meaning fewer donors may be available to give.

Appointments are critical this week for people waiting for lifesaving care. Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule a time to give now.

In thanks for making and keeping appointments, the Red Cross will help donors prepare for beach days and backyard fun as the season begins:

- All who come to give through May 31 will receive an exclusive Red Cross beach towel, while supplies last.
- Donors in May will also be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for two to the 2023 MLB® All-Star Game® in Seattle, including two tickets to the 2023 MLB® All-Star Game® thanks to the support of Fanatics, round-trip airfare, four-night hotel accommodations, a \$750 gift card and more.
- Those who come to give June 1-30 will receive a \$10 gift card by email to a merchant of their choice. Plus, they'll also be automatically entered for a chance to win a backyard theater package including a projector and screen, projector tripod, smokeless firepit, Adirondack chair set and a movie night snack package.

Bedford

Bell Buckle
6/15/2023: 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., James E. Elkins Fire Hall, 113 Main Street

Shelbyville
6/13/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., First Baptist Shelbyville, 304 East Depot Street

Coffee

Manchester
6/15/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., First Baptist Church, 1006 Hillsboro Rd.

Tullahoma
6/13/2023: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., First Baptist Church, 200 NE Atlantic St

Marshall

Lewisburg
6/15/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Church Street Church of Christ, 305 West Church Street

Murfreesboro
5/27/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
5/28/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
5/29/2023: 8:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
5/30/2023: 12:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
5/31/2023: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Blackman United Methodist Church, 4380 Manson Pike
6/1/2023: 10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
6/2/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
6/3/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
6/4/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
6/5/2023: 12:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
6/6/2023: 12:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
6/7/2023: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., City of Murfreesboro Municipal Building, 111 West Vine Street
6/8/2023: 10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
6/9/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
6/9/2023: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital, 1700 Medical Parkway
6/10/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
6/11/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
6/12/2023: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Dept., 1321 Medical Center Parkway
6/12/2023: 12:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
6/12/2023: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Murfreesboro, 1303 Old Fort Pkwy
6/13/2023: 12:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
6/14/2023: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., World Outreach Church, 1921 New Salem Highway
6/14/2023: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., City of Murfreesboro Municipal Building, 111 West Vine Street
6/15/2023: 10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.
6/15/2023: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Murfreesboro Police Dept Headquarters, 1004 N. Highland Avenue

How to donate blood

To make an appointment, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Volunteer
Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience.

Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to apply for either position, visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.



May proclaimed as 'Wine and Grape Month'

NASHVILLE – Go ahead and raise a glass. Thanks to a proclamation signed by Go. Bill Lee, May is officially Wine and Grape Month in Tennessee.

The proclamation was issued in recognition of the Volunteer State's growing wine and grape industry and its contributions to agribusiness and tourism. Tennessee has 85 licensed wineries and 31 tasting rooms – up from 24 in 2001. Forty-seven of those are located in Middle Tennessee and are highlighted as stops on the Tennessee Wine Trail, which launched in late 2022 and is already driving increased interest in Tennessee wines.

"Many Tennesseans have no idea that vineyards in our own backyards grow 50 different varieties of grapes, ranging from delicious dry reds to crisp muscadines and everything in between," said Laura Swanson, executive director of the Tennessee Farm Winegrowers Alliance and Tennessee Wine Trail. "No matter what type of wine you enjoy, there is a Tennessee-grown option for you. We're proud to say more tourists and locals than ever before are embracing Tennessee wines."

The Tennessee Wine Trail plays an ever-growing role in Tennessee's tourism industry, with more than \$74 million

spent by visitors annually as they enjoy beautiful vineyards and destinations across the state. This growth is driven in large part by the expansion of winery satellites, changes in shipping laws, and the creation of the state's Wine and Grape Board.

"Whether it's a tasting room, wine trail, special occasion or retail store, tourists and locals are visiting Tennessee wineries," Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, DVM, said. "Grapes grow in all three grand divisions of our state, and Wine and Grape Month is the perfect time to highlight growers, winemakers, and visitors."

For more information, visit tennesseewines.com.

About Tennessee Wines

Tennessee Wines and the Tennessee Farm Winegrowers Alliance advocate for and raise awareness of the 85 wineries and vineyards across Tennessee. Efforts of Tennessee Wines include the Tennessee Wine Trail, festivals across the state, and other projects that advance Tennessee grape interests, including promotion, education, and legislation. For more information, visit tennesseewines.com.



Must-have items for summer entertaining in the backyard

Summer entertaining season provides ample opportunities to soak up some sun and have some fun with family and friends. Backyard barbecues and other get-togethers at home are even more fun when hosts ensure they have certain must-have items for summer soirees.

- **Fire features:** The days when summer hosts only needed a few extra lawn chairs and some burgers and hot dogs on the grill for a backyard barbecue are long gone. Though those items still have a place at backyard barbecues, summer parties have taken a step up. Fire features, whether it's a standalone fire pit, one built into a patio or a gas-powered fire table, are now wildly popular. Fire features provide a welcome place to relax and converse with guests after the sun goes down. And much to kids' delight, a fire feature also paves the way for some post-meal s'mores.
- **Insulated wine cooler:** Coolers are great places to store water, soda, beer, seltzers, and other popular beverages. But what about wine? An insulated wine cooler ensures wine stays properly cooled but doesn't get too cold, which can happen when wine is stored in a more traditional cooler filled with ice. Bottles are simply placed in the insulated cooler (much like canned beverages slide easily into can koozies), and the bottle can be kept on the table much like you would for formal dinners indoors. Hosts can go the extra mile by pairing insulated wine tumblers with their wine cooler.
- **Games:** Summer entertaining season might be all about relaxation, but games can up the fun factor at backyard gatherings. Cornhole is a wildly popular game, and customized cornhole boards can help

hosts come across as party professionals. Ladder toss, bocce and wiffle ball are some additional games that can make the festivities more fun. Hosts who don't have a pool also can invest in an inflatable pool big enough to fit all the kids who will be coming to the party.

- **Outdoor storage cabinet:** Hosts can save themselves the stress and effort of walking in and out for dinnerware and other table accessories by investing in a sturdy outdoor storage cabinet. As meal time draws near, hosts will appreciate that all the plates, napkins, utensils, and placemats are already outside. The top of the storage cabinet can double as a small but convenient buffet station for sides that aren't being cooked over an open flame.
- **Projector and screen:** A projector and screen can really up the ante on summer entertaining, turning a backyard barbecue into a great place to watch a game or cuddle up after dinner for a movie night under the stars. Projectors and screens won't bust the budget, but those who have more to spend may want to consider an outdoor television. Outdoor televisions are built to handle the glare of the summer sun, but a retractable awning may be a good safety net for hosts who plan to spend many a weekend afternoon outside watching games or movies with family and friends.

These are just a handful of items that can up the ante on traditional backyard barbecues. Homeowners should know that there's no limit to the number of items that can make summer entertaining season more special.

Doug

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written before Him For those who fear the Lord And who meditate on His name." **Psalms 29:1-11** "Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, Give unto the Lord glory and strength.

2 Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The Lord is over many waters 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; The voice of the Lord is full of majesty. 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, Yes, the Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. 7 The voice of the Lord divides the flames

of fire. 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

The Lord shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh. 9 The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth,

And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, 'Glory!' 10 The Lord sat enthroned at the Flood, And the Lord sits as King forever. 11 The Lord will give strength to His people; The Lord will bless His people with peace."

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Unique family vacation ideas

Summer is the unofficial season of vacations, especially for families. School is not in session in summer, and kids' often busy schedules may grind to a halt in summer, when sports leagues, dance classes and other activities go on hiatus.

School closures and a largely empty obligation schedule makes summer a great time for families to go on vacation. Traditional vacation hotspots like adventure parks and resorts merit consideration, but the following are some unique family vacation ideas that can help parents and their children make lasting memories.

- **Ballpark tour:** For families that love baseball, a summer ballpark tour can be a truly unique experience. Whether families prefer Major League Baseball and its large ballparks or the more intimate settings at minor league stadiums, there's no shortage of options on a ballpark tour. Both MLB and minor league stadiums tend to be located in large or mid-size cities, which means there's plenty to do in between games as well.

- **Camper/RV trip:** A family vacation in a camper or RV is a cozy way for families to bond as they vacation at their own pace. National parks across the United States and Canada make for ideal places to



visit when touring each country in a camper or RV. But there's really no limit to the experiences families can enjoy on self-driving trips when their beds are on board for the ride.

- **History road trip:** Historical landmarks dot the North American landscape, making a history road trip a fun way to hit the road and learn a little something along the way. American history buffs have no shortage of historic sites to see regardless of which region of the country they plan to visit or which period of history most intrigues them, from the Revolutionary War to the California Gold Rush to the American Civil War and more. Canadian history buffs can go all the way back to the days of the dinosaurs at the Dinosaur Provincial Park in Alberta or visit Nova Scotia to see the eighteenth century economic and military hub the Fortress of Louisbourg, which is the largest historical reconstruction in North America.

- **Urban tours:** One of the joys of visiting Europe is the chance to travel from city to city without spending too much time in the car or on the train between stops. Though North America might be more spread out, families can still tour various urban locales in a single vacation. Parents can pick a region of the country (such as the northeastern United States) and then plan road trips that enable them to visit different cities in that area over the course of a week to two weeks. Make an effort to try the foods each city is known for and visit a local landmark, making sure to leave time to walk around so everyone can get a feel for what a day in each city is like.

Family vacations can be as unique as the individuals taking them.

FASTPORT Joins Radio Nemo to Honor Memorial Day With an Entire Weekend of Programming

LOWELL, Mass. - May 22, 2023 - Radio Nemo of North America will feature an entire weekend of programming dedicated to observing Memorial Day. Both The Dave Nemo Show and Dave Nemo Weekends on SiriusXM 146 Road Dog Trucking have assembled a lineup to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. A diverse lineup that includes veterans, executives, authors, and members of the transportation industry will discuss the meaning of the holiday, the events that surround it, and the opportunities it presents. These shows will be produced in conjunction with FASTPORT whose Transition Trucking: Driving for Excellence award nomination process is underway.

It all begins on Friday's The Dave Nemo Show as Craig Nelson highlights his new history V is for Victory: Franklin Roosevelt's American Revolution and the Triumph of World War II. The celebrated author will discuss with host Jimmy Mac the story of FDR's "great debate" with aviator Charles Lindbergh over America's isolation on the eve of Pearl Harbor. That timely tale from America's past will push the programming into Saturday's Dave Nemo Weekends, when co-hosts Jimmy Mac and Lindsay Lawler welcome several guests who have made a career dedicated to honoring the dead by serving the living.

Saturday's broadcast starts with Wreaths Across America's Karen Worcester talking with Jimmy and Lindsay about their annual event at Arlington National Cemetery and continued commitment to Gold Star Families. Retired Colonel Adam Rocke then stops by to tell listeners about not only his career of creating civilian networks for service members but also his own personal memories of his tour of duty. Concluding the show is Army veteran Sarah Lee, whose own personal struggles resulted in the creation of Waypoint Vets, an organization dedicated to facilitating adventure to help veterans in their personal recoveries.

Sunday, May 28th is a mix of the holiday's meaning in the past, present, and future. Author Justin Martin will examine his works A Fierce Glory: Antietam--The Desperate Battle that Saved Lincoln and Doomed Slavery and Rebel Souls: Walt Whitman and America's First Bohemians. These books are examples of how we use history to honor the memory of the dead. Sierra Delta's BJ Ganem will pop in to tell the tale of his non-profit and his participation as captain of The Wounded Warrior Football Team. Sunday will conclude with Brad Bentley explaining FASTPORT's various efforts to help veterans.



Summer unofficially starts with the arrival of Memorial Day, its time to start grilling.

Make your Memorial Day barbecue a success

Summer unofficially starts with the arrival of Memorial Day at the end of May. Although it is a holiday designed to honor American military personnel who have died in various wars, it also serves double-duty as a chance to gather with friends and loved ones and enjoy the return of the warm-weather entertaining season.

Barbecues are the centerpieces of Memorial Day celebrations. It may have been awhile since the grill was fired up, so anyone can use a little refresher course in barbecue etiquette. Here are some tips for making the most of Memorial Day parties.

Ready the grill

If your grill has lain dormant for several months, it's wise to inspect and thoroughly clean it in advance of Memorial Day. Insects like spiders may have built homes inside, and grease and grime may

be lingering from last year. Ensure the grill is in top form before cooking for guests.

Keep food safety in mind

A study from the U.S. Department of Agriculture found more than half of study participants don't try to wash their hands when preparing food. Wash hands thoroughly to ensure guests do not get sick at the barbecue. Keep food refrigerated until it is ready to be cooked or served. Use a food thermometer to cook to the required internal temperature to make sure bacteria is destroyed. Do not use the same utensils that touched raw meat to remove cooked food from the grill.

Arrange for shade

It can get quite warm outdoors even in May for many areas of the country. Therefore, prepare a spot

where guests can escape the sun. If you don't have enough table umbrellas, consider light netting or canopies for shade. Shift them as needed as the sun moves across the sky.

Develop a signature rub

Set your food apart with unique flavors. Create a summer food rub using the herbs and spices you prefer. Make a big batch to use throughout the grilling season.

Don't leave food sitting

The USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service advises that food should not be left out for more than two hours, or one hour if the temperature is above 90 F. Keep buffet-style food covered so that insects do not land on the items and run the risk of contamination. Promptly

move leftovers indoors if you plan on keeping them.

Offer a variety of beverages

It's important to stay hydrated when the weather is warm. Stock the cooler with plenty of water, juices, iced teas, and the like. If you plan to serve alcoholic beverages, keep them separate from the non-alcoholic items so that children do not have access.

Make it a pot luck

If you will be hosting, reduce some of the work by having the main foods available and ask guests to bring the sides and beverages. This will defray the costs and relieve some of the pressure.

Memorial Day barbecues can be successful with some planning and simple safety measures.



Navigate Memorial Day travel

Memorial Day is a popular time to visit a friend or family member for some backyard fun. However, it's also the perfect opportunity to enjoy some time away from home.

Many people extend the Memorial Day weekend, which comprises Saturday, Sunday and Monday, to include the Friday before. This window of time is just enough for a short and relaxing respite. Here's a look at some popular Memorial Weekend get-aways.

Miami, Florida

Miami may be on the southern tip of the state, but the weather on Memorial Day weekend isn't as hot as one may

believe. It is still comfortable at around 85 F average. There's plenty to see and do in Miami, included top-rated beachfront hotels; miles of soft, sandy beaches; shopping; and nightlife. Families also may want to take in the Hyundai Sea & Air Show that takes place each year on Memorial Day weekend.

San Diego, California

The year-round comfortable temperatures of San Diego make this the perfect place to visit any time, including Memorial Day weekend. Individuals can visit the famed San Diego Zoo, Sea World, and museums like the U.S.S. Midway Museum.

New Orleans, Louisiana

Although New Orleans tends to be known for Creole culture, during Memorial Day Weekend the city is home to Greek Fest, with fun, music and Greek food. There's also plenty of other attractions, including being able to tour the French Quarter without the crowds typical of Mardi Gras.

Chicago, Illinois

Pleasant temperatures make a trip to Chicago even more accommodating this time of year. Beaches in Chicago officially open on Memorial Day weekend, so visitors can soak up

the sun in and around the city. Navy Pier hosts plenty of events on the Saturday before Memorial Day, which often include rides, attractions and fireworks.

Washington, D.C.

After the Cherry Blossom Festival blooms have abated, rates for accommodations around D.C. level out. The city has plenty of activities and sites for families or individuals, with many museums along the National Mall free or low cost. People can pay their respects to lost veterans at Arlington National Cemetery and visit the various war memorials around town.

LOOK TO THE MOUNTAINS



Photo by Zoe Watkins

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip — He who watches over you will not slumber...The LORD watches over you — the LORD is your shade at your right hand...The LORD will keep you from all harm — He will watch over your life..." (Psalm 121: 1 – 7)



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Prince pitches Viqueens back to state tourney

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE

When it comes to tournament time, teams that are playing late in the season want to be playing their best ball.

Starting with the regional tournament, the Community Viqueens look to be peaking at the right time.

The Viqueen bats got in the swing of things after a slow start while Annie Prince was in complete control on the mound as Community punched its second straight ticket to the TSSAA Class AA state tournament with a 9-0 shutout win over the Westmoreland Lady Eagles in a sectional matchup Monday night.

“Super proud of them. We came out here and took care of business,” Coach Cam Farrell of the Viqueens said.

“I told them the offense will come, but we’ve got to play defense, and they did,” Farrell added.

The pitchers were in the spotlight early in the game as Prince and Anna Creasy of the Lady Eagles were keeping opposing hitters off stride.

Prince did get into a jam in the opening inning as



The Community Viqueens pose after punching a ticket to the TSSAA Class 2-A state tournament.

T-G Photos by Rickey Clardy

two Lady Eagle runners reached base with one out, but Prince put out the fire with two strikeouts.

It wasn't until the bottom of the third that the Viqueen bats started to warm up.

After singles by Haley Mitchell and Anna Haskins put runners on base with two outs, Alana Tate hit a looper with a lot of spin to the right side of the infield. The ball eluded the second baseman for a base hit, and the subsequent throw

got past the first baseman, scoring two Viqueen runs and putting Community (20-11-1) up 2-0.

The Viqueens added to their lead in the fourth with another two-out hit. After Abi Brown led off with a single, Carlie Blanton drove her in with a double to put Community up 3-0.

With Prince pitching lights out, the Viqueens put the game out of reach in the bottom of the fifth.

Community sent 10 batters to the plate with six



Coach Cam Farrell joins the rest of the Viqueens on the mound after the final out as Community punched a ticket to the TSSAA Class 2-A state tournament.



Viqueens plating runs.

After Chloe West and Haskins led off with singles, a double steal scored a run and put the Viqueens up 4-0. A walk to Abby Murrill paved the way for a two-run double by Brown and upped the Viqueen lead to 6-0.

The hits kept on coming with two outs as a Taylor Wessner single, a double by Blanton, and a single by

Mitchell all drove in runs as the Viqueens went up 9-0.

“You have to be patient and learn where the kid’s throwing and you’ve got to go to work from there,” Farrell said after the Viqueen bats warmed up in the middle innings.

“They were patient and they figured it out and then we went to work,” Farrell added.

The Lady Eagles loaded the bases in the seventh inning, but Prince struck out the final Westmoreland batter to preserve the shutout as the Viqueens punched a state tournament ticket to Murfreesboro.

Prince struck out at least

one batter in each inning and ended with 11 strikeouts while walking two and hitting one.

“That kid’s a lion,” Farrell said. “And what I love about that is we have another pitcher waiting and ready to go, too.”

The Viqueens had 13 hits, with Mitchell collecting three safeties while Haskins, Tate, Brown, and Blanton had two hits each.

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Community: Haley Mitchell 3-for-3, Carlie Blanton 2-for-3, Anna Haskins 2-for-4, Alana Tate 2-for-4, Abi Brown 2-for-4, Taylor Wessner 1-for-3, Chloe West 1-for-3.

WP: Prince
LP: Creasy

Long ball costly as Viqueens fall in state opener

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

MURFREESBORO

The Community Viqueens led midway through the game, but two home runs gave the Westview Lady Chargers the lead and the Lady Chargers capped the game with a big seventh inning as the Viqueens fell 11-3 in an opening round game of the TSSAA Class 2-A state softball tournament Tuesday afternoon.

Fresh off a sectional win the night before against Westmoreland, Community (20-12-1) looked to carry its momentum to Murfreesboro as the Viqueens made their second consecutive trip to the big dance.

The Lady Chargers scored first with a run in the second inning on three hits, but the Viqueens dodged a big inning as Westview left the bases loaded.

After the Lady Chargers left two runners stranded in the third inning, the Viqueens took the lead in the bottom of the inning after the first two batters were retired.

Alana Tate started the rally with a base hit and Abby Murrill followed with a double, putting runners at second and third as Abi Brown came to the plate. Brown came through with a single to left, scor-

ing two runs and giving the Viqueens a 2-1 lead.

Westview rebounded with four runs in the top of the fourth. The Viqueens looked to get out of the inning relatively unscathed after a Lady Charger sacrifice fly tied the game and left two runners on base with two outs, but a 3-run homer by Addie Roberts broke the tie and gave the Lady Chargers a 5-2 lead.

A home run by McCall

Simms in the top of the sixth put Westview up 6-2, but the Viqueens rallied in the bottom of the sixth. After loading the bases with two outs, a Chloe West single cut the Lady Charger lead to 6-3, but Community could not do any further damage as Westview took its lead to the seventh inning.

The Lady Chargers proceeded to put the game out of reach with five runs.

Two hits, coupled with three walks and a Viqueen error aided in the scoring as Westview increased its lead and ended the scoring for the game.

The Viqueens had eight hits, with Brown leading the way with three singles while Murrill finished with a double and single.

Annie Prince started on the mound for the Viqueens with Taylor Wessner in relief. Prince returned to

pitch later in the game.

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Westview: McCall Simms 3-for-4, Lakyn Rogers 2-for-4, Addie Roberts 1-for-5, Piper Johnson 1-for-2, Jillian Brigrance 1-for-4, Sarah Byars 1-for-2, Cara Brooke Hatler

1-for-4.
Community: Abi Brown 3-for-4, Abby Murrill 2-for-4, Chloe West 1-for-3, Anna Haskins 1-for-4, Alana Tate 1-for-4.

WP: Simms
LP: Wessner



Viqueen short stop Abi Brown collides with a Westview baserunner for the out at second base during the first inning.



Annie Prince winds up and delivers a pitch for Community.

T-G Photos by Chris Siers



T-G Photos by Gary Johnson

Webb School junior Chris Douglas makes a move to the goal against Boyd Buchanan in TSSAA State Tournament action on Wednesday afternoon.



The Webb School was undefeated coming into the TSSAA State Tournament and had an outstanding season despite the loss in the semifinals on Wednesday.

Webb's unbeaten season ends in state semis

By GARY JOHNSON
Sports Writer

MURFREESBORO — Webb School's impressive soccer season came to an end with a 1-0 loss to Boyd Buchanan in the semifinals of the TSSAA Division II Class A State Soccer Tournament on Wednesday afternoon.

The Feet (13-1-2) entered the game undefeated with a pair of ties.

"This was the biggest game in our programs' history and our boys really played hard. It's been amazing to see the growth of our program over the past five years or so and I thought we had our chances in this game for sure and I know our boys

are disappointed," Webb School coach Kevin Moore said.

"To be in the situation to be here, we told ourselves at the beginning of the week to just enjoy it and that's what we tried to do."

Webb had a number of good shots on goal in the first half and missed a great opportunity to

take the lead early in the second half on a penalty kick inside the box by Chris Douglas but the shot bounced off goalie Matthew Thomas leaving the game scoreless.

Boyd Buchanan scored the game-winning goal at the 61:43 mark off a shot by Andrew Pollard.

The winners managed 17 shots with the Feet taking 13.

"This senior class not only leaves a great legacy to this program but made a huge influence on this community and they are a great example for our younger boys to look at.

Boyd Buchanan	0	1	—	1
Webb School	0	0	—	0

Viqueens' historic run comes to end vs. Forrest in 2-A bracket

By RICKEY CLARDY
Sports Writer

MURFREESBORO — When the Forrest Lady Rockets and Community Viqueens both won their sectional games to advance to the TSSAA state softball tournament, there was a chance the district rivals that are only about 10 miles apart would renew their rivalry on the state's biggest stage in Murfreesboro.

After a Viqueen win and a Lady Rocket loss earlier in the day, the teams drew each other Wednesday afternoon for the sixth time this season in an elimination game with the end of the season on the line for the losing team.

When the dust had settled, the Lady Rockets used their seven hits to advantage to score single runs in consecutive innings and finished with a 4-2 win over the Viqueens.

Community outhit the Lady Rockets 11 to 7, but could not bunch their 11 singles together and left eight runners on base.

The Viqueens took the early lead with a run in the bottom of the second.

Abby Murrill led off with a single and stole second. Carlie Blanton drove in Murrill with a single to put Community up 1-0.

The inning continued with a single by Taylor Wessner, but a double play kept the score at 1-0.

The Lady Rockets bounced back to tie the game in the top of the third. With one out, Parker Wales walked, advanced to second on a sacrifice by Macyn Kirby, and scored on a double by Taylor Moreland to knot the game at 1-1.

Forrest took the lead for good with a run in the top of the fourth.

After one out, Christa Warren doubled, advanced to third on a wild pitch, and scored on a single by Maggie Daugherty to put the Lady Rockets up 2-1.

The Lady Rockets continued their trend with a single run in the top of the fifth. After one out, Kirby singled, stole second, and scored on the second RBI of the game by Moreland to put Forrest up 3-1.

The Viqueens had their best chance for a big inning in the bottom of the fifth, but

could only muster one run. After Chloe West and Haley Mitchell led off with singles, Anna Haskins singled to score a run and cut the Forrest lead to 3-2.

After the next two batters were retired, a Lady Rocket error allowed the Viqueens to load the bases, but a Community ground out ended the inning and left Forrest with its one run lead.

The Lady Rockets added an insurance run without the benefit of a hit in the sixth.

Daugherty led off the inning with a walk and was sacrificed to second by Carli Warner.

Two wild pitches plated Daugherty and gave Forrest a 4-2 lead.

The Viqueens managed a last-ditch effort in the bottom of the seventh.

After Abi Brown singled with one out and was forced at second, Murrill singled, putting the tying runs on base for Community with two outs.

But the Viqueens could not add a run as a strikeout ended the game and the season for Community.

Moreland went the distance to get the win on the mound for the Lady Rockets. She struck out two and walked one.

Annice Prince started for the Viqueens with Haskins and Wessner in relief.

Moreland helped her own cause with two hits to lead the Lady Rockets at the plate.

Murrill had three singles while Brown and West added two for the Viqueens.

With the win, the Lady Rockets advance and will face Decatur County Riverside at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday in Murfreesboro.

The winner will play again at 6 p.m. on Thursday night.

Community finished its season with a 21-13-1 record.

It was the final game in a Viqueen uniform for seniors West, Abigail Brooks, Brown, Zoey Dixon, Mitchell, and Murrill.

Forrest	001	111	0	—	4	7	1
Community	010	010	0	—	2	11	0

Forrest: Macyn Kirby 1-for-3, Taylor Moreland 2-for-4, Ella Chilton 1-for-3, Christa Warren 1-for-2, Maggie Daugherty 1-for-2, Leslie Bartoli 1-for-1.
Community: Anna Haskins 1-for-4, Abi Brown 2-for-3, Abby Murrill 3-for-4, Carlie Blanton 1-for-3, Taylor Wessner 1-for-3, Chloe West 2-for-3, Haley Mitchell 1-for-2.

WP: Moreland
LP: Prince

Viqueens down Kingston on Wessner's 9th inning double

By RICKEY CLARDY
Sports Writer

MURFREESBORO — The Community Viqueens put runners on base throughout the game, but it wasn't until a ninth inning double by Taylor Wessner scored Kailani Allen with the lone run of the game as the Viqueens staved off elimination by defeating the Kingston Lady Jackets 1-0 in the TSSAA Class 2-A state softball tournament Tuesday morning.

Pitchers Annie Prince of the Viqueens and Sailor Presley of the Lady Jackets were involved in an old-fashioned pitcher's duel for eight innings before Community (21-12-1) eked out the winning run in the extra inning.

Both teams had scoring opportunities in the

opening inning.

Singles by Anna Haskins and Abi Brown put runners at first and second with one out, but the Viqueens could not plate a run.

Three walks loaded the bases for the Lady Jackets in the bottom of the inning, but Prince came through with three strikeouts to keep Kingston off the scoreboard.

The Lady Jackets threatened again in the fourth as the first two batters reached base, but a groundout and two strikeouts by Prince squelched the Kingston rally.

A Brown double and a single by Alana Tate put two runners on base for the Viqueens with two outs in the sixth, but a pop out ended the inning and kept the score at 0-0.

The Lady Jackets looked to end the game in the bottom of the seventh after putting runners on first and second with two outs, but a Lady Jacket flyout ended the inning and brought free softball to Murfreesboro.

The Viqueens could not push across a run after a Lady Jacket error and a walk put two runners on base in the eighth, but Community was finally able to score in the ninth.

After Carlie Blanton singled to open the inning, Allen came into the game to run for Blanton.

A Haley Mitchell single moved Allen into scoring position with one out, setting the stage for Wessner.

The sophomore was able to come up big as a double to left brought

home Allen and gave the Viqueens a 1-0 lead.

Prince retired the side in order in the bottom of the ninth as the Viqueens advanced in the double-elimination state tournament.

Prince allowed just two hits in nine innings of work for the Viqueens.

She struck out 12 while walking seven.

Brown and Tate each had two hits to lead the Viqueen eight-hit attack.

Community left 10 runners on base while the Lady Jackets left eight.

The Viqueens played errorless ball in the field.

Community	000	000	001	—	1	8	0
Kingston	000	000	000	—	0	2	2

Community: Abi Brown 2-for-4, Alana Tate 2-for-4, Anna Haskins 1-for-5, Carlie Blanton 1-for-4, Haley Mitchell 1-for-4, Taylor Wessner 1-for-4, Kingston: Rhyann Henslee 1-for-3, Madeline Newman 1-for-4.
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WP: Prince
LP: Presley

Kelly faces challenge of fixing Titans' woeful offense

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE — Tim Kelly has a challenging task in his first season as the Tennessee Titans' offensive coordinator.

His job: Fix an offense that was one of the NFL's worst in key categories like scoring and throwing the ball. More first downs would be a big improvement, along with protecting the quarterback better.

Kelly, Titans coach Mike Vrabel's fourth offensive coordinator going into his sixth season, said Tuesday he wants to communicate efficiently with his quarterback to help him be faster calling the play at the line.

Call it up-tempo or simply fast, Kelly is working to speed up the Titans.

"We want our guys to be able to go up there and and play fast, and I think all that starts through the communication portion of it," Kelly said Tuesday before the lone offseason practice open to reporters.

Vrabel said Tuesday that everything has to be bet-

ter this season. Tennessee finished last season 7-10, dropping its final seven games, and snapped a three-year playoff run with a loss to Jacksonville in the season finale.

Chig Okonkwo, the leader of the tight end room going into his second season, sees the Titans being able to operate much faster and cleaner thanks to changing the names of plays. No longer will Ryan Tannehill have to spit out a string of words to call one play.

"Like one word can tell us the entire play, and everybody knows where to line up," Okonkwo said. "It's harder, obviously, to learn, but when we play it, it'll be easier to play."

Todd Downing was fired two days after the season ended, Vrabel's first offensive coordinator not to leave to become a head coach like Matt LaFleur with Green Bay and Arthur Smith with Atlanta. Downing's arrest for speeding and driving under the influence, coupled with the offense's

poor performance, made the decision easy.

Kelly spent last season as the Titans' passing game coordinator, so he had a close look at what needs to be fixed.

Only four NFL teams scored fewer points per game than Tennessee's 17.5 despite the Titans ranking sixth in the league when getting inside an opponent's 20-yard line. The Titans ranked 30th in both total yards (296.8) and passing yards (171.4) per game. They tied for 31st in first downs.

Only four NFL teams allowed more sacks than Tennessee's 49, and the Titans ranked 29th allowing 10.75% sacks per pass attempt.

Tannehill, who missed five games last season with separate injuries to his right ankle, said Kelly's playbook is a big difference with new terminology and concepts with a "fresh line of thinking." Tannehill, who wasn't available to reporters Tuesday, said the challenge is learning everything.

Tannehill also made clear on May 3 that he loves working with Kelly. The quarterback turns 35 in July and is in the final season of his contract.

"Fresh mind bringing in some new ideas, new concepts, different ways to attack the defense than we've had around here the last few years," Tannehill said. "So definitely some excitement there."

The Titans couldn't fix all their personnel issues in one offseason. New general manager Ran Carthon signed Andre Dillard and Daniel Bruns Dillard before drafting Peter Skoronski to overhaul the offensive line.

The receiving corps remains another issue. Carthon signed veteran Chris Moore and drafted Colton Dowell out of UT Martin in the seventh round. That leaves the Titans with a group of returning receivers who had a combined 69 catches for 962 yards and four touchdowns.

Moore would have led Tennessee with his 548 yards receiving last season.



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Sacrifices Made For Freedom

"FIELD of HEROES" has been a vision that I had for many years because I hadn't seen anything through my childhood years on that special day for those that paid for my freedom. It has bothered me for a long time. Over the years, after my mothers passing in 1964, I would go to Willow Mount Cemetery and look north at that special hill with two pine trees at the peak. I just could imagine it covered with white crosses and flags on Memorial Day for a special remembrance of prices paid for our freedom. Only a vision and dream I had that always came into view each time I visited Willow Mount. I always remember what my Mother taught me that I was capable of accomplishing just about anything I wanted to with faith in God. She told me to just believe and REACH FAR BEYOND THE STARS to accomplish what I thought not possible to be. She was always right. After 50 years of seeing nothing being done for that special day, God really inspired me. I began to pray and put into action decisions of how to accomplish what I envisioned. Lots of faith, prayers, thoughts and planning I decided to move forward and give it my best to try. I began organizing, planning, constructing crosses and painting them white. I started out building 100 with names printed on them with American flags. The first year was a tremendous blessing from God so I prayed, planned and continued with great support from many. Each year I added more and at one point I had over 300 crosses. Over the years the weather has deteriorated and they started falling apart. I only have around 100 or less left in fair shape that I will be placing out on display making it 11 years. These past several years I have only been able to display crosses and flags for that week. I will do my best to continue to honor that special day with prayers for families that have to live the sacrifice each and every day the grief and loss of their loved ones that empty spot in their hearts and life. It has been an honor and privilege to have been able to accomplish this vision with faith in God and prayers. I hope and pray someday I'll be able to get support to be able to bring back the remembrance with honor for the sacrifice made for our freedom. The small sacrifice I make is nothing to compare for the sacrificial endurance of lives and torn families that live it everyday. I will never forget the real true meaning for Memorial Day remembrance.

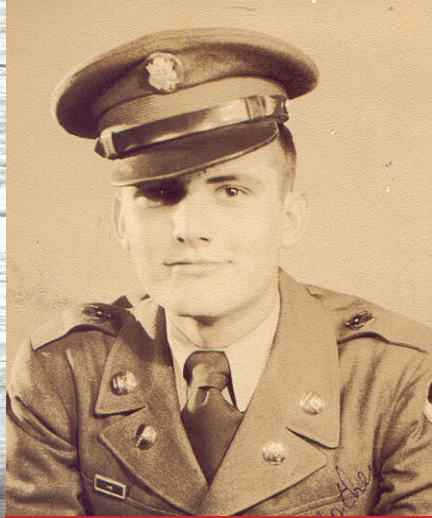
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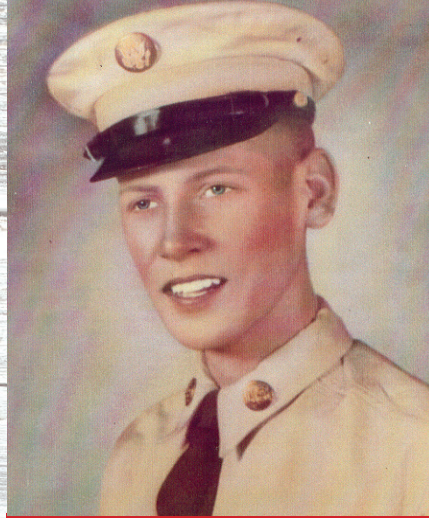
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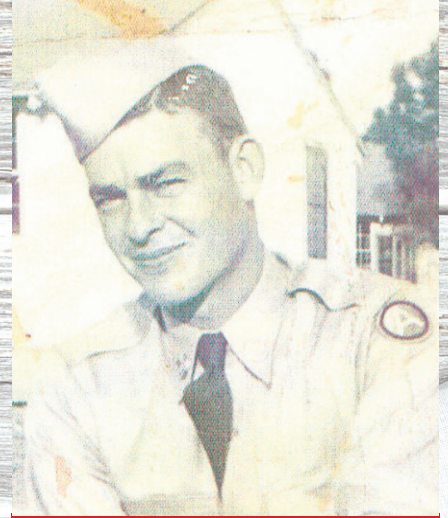
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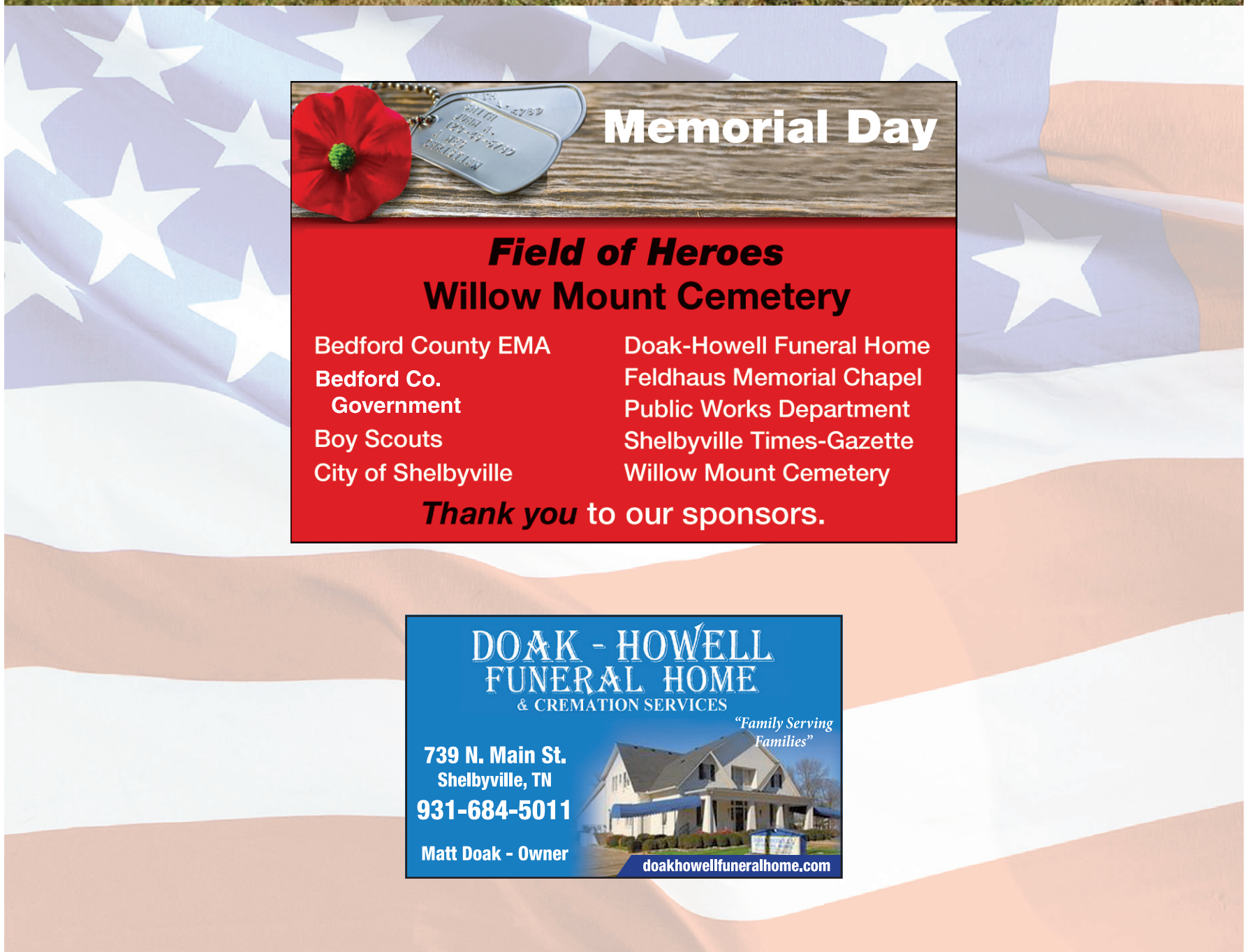
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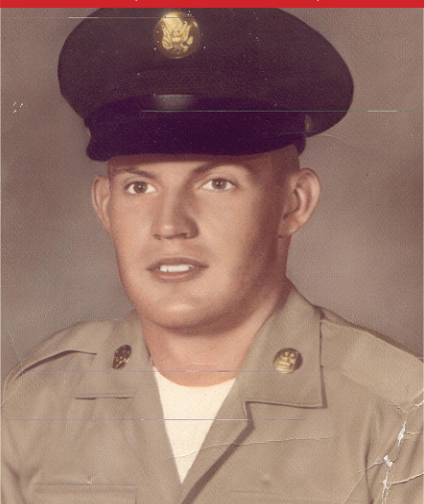
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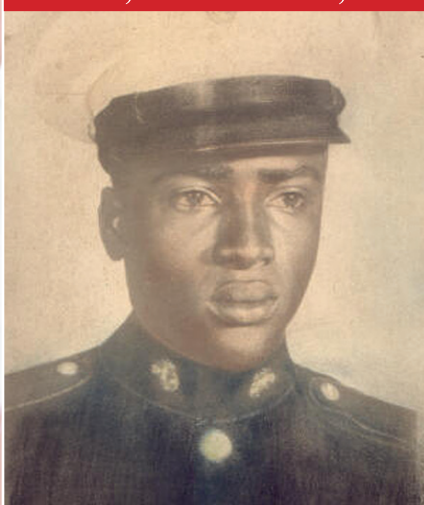
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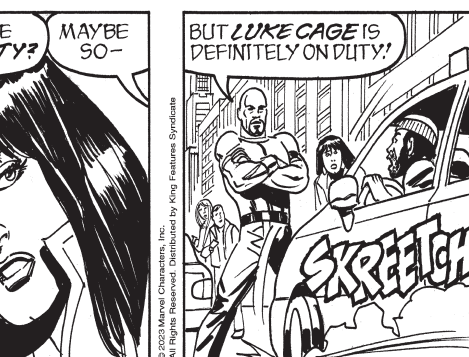
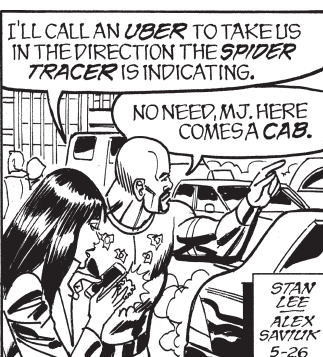
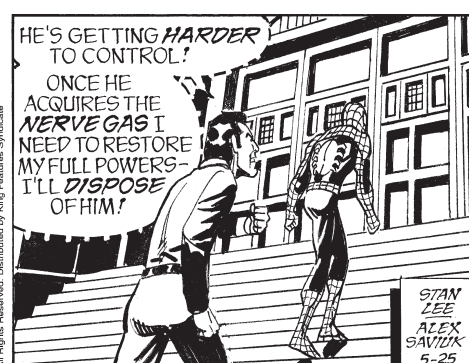
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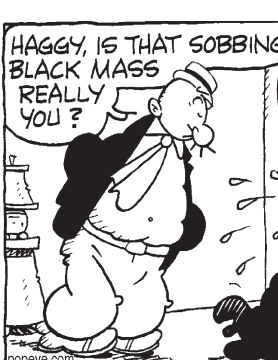
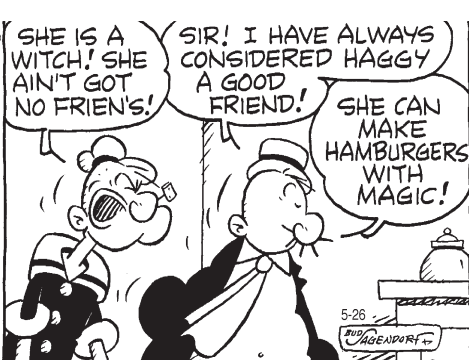
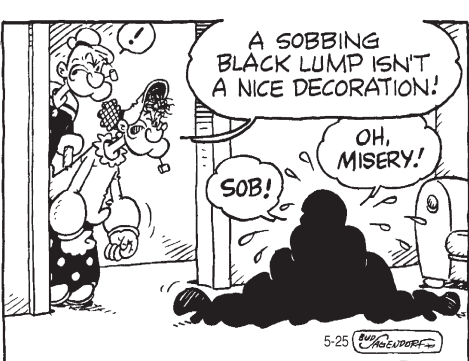
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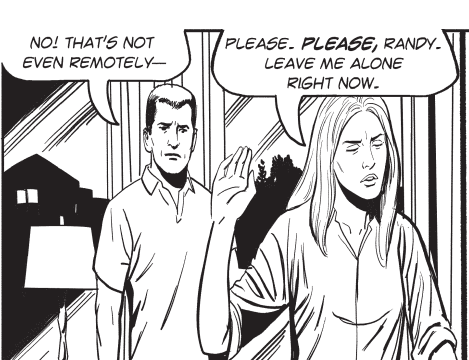
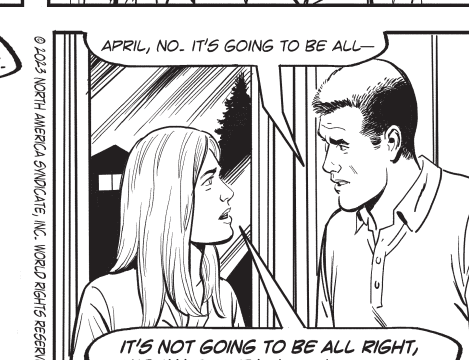
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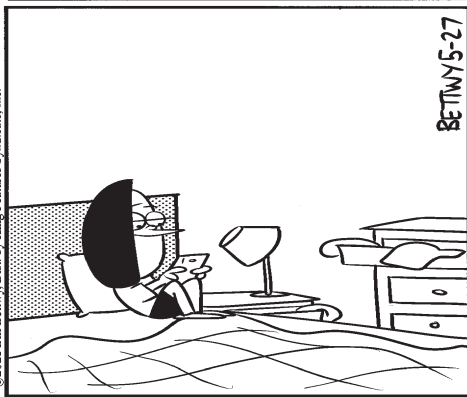
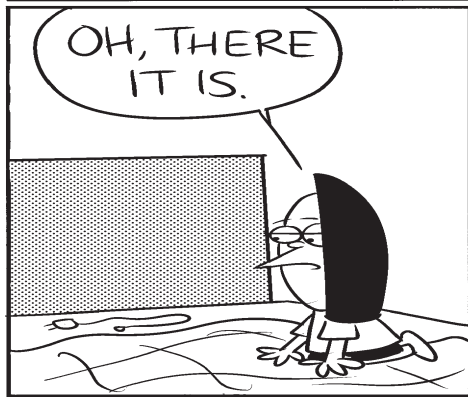
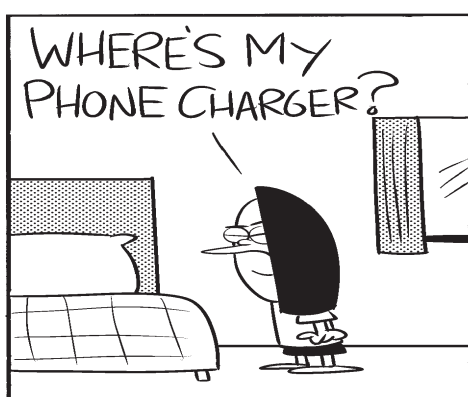


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Solve the code to discover words related to hamburgers. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 9 = N)

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Clue: Lettuce and tomato are two

B. 17 18 14 5 5
Clue: Cooking device

C. 15 13 24
Clue: Oily or greasy matter

D. 3 16 9 21
Clue: Burger breads

Answers: A. toppings B. grill C. fat D. buns

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