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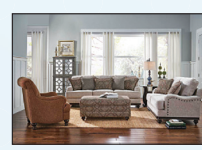
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Local/8A

Bridge dedicated in memory of former Bedford County Mayor Jimmy Woodson

A bridge over the Duck River on Simms Road, west of Shelbyville, has been named for the late county mayor, county commissioner, and educator Jimmy Woodson. An unveiling and dedication ceremony was held Wednesday.

Woodson, who died in 2021, served two terms as county mayor, from 1998 through 2006. (The name of the position was changed from "county executive" to "county mayor" midway through his tenure, so he served his first term as an executive and his second term as mayor.) He served as a county commissioner from 1984 through 1990, and again from 2006 through 2018. His career in education included 12 years as principal of East Side Elementary School, as well as a post-retirement turn as a school bus driver.

Woodson served on numerous boards and committees in the community.

During the last few years of his tenure on the Bedford County Board of Commissioners, and even after that as a member of the Bedford County Planning Commission, he was fighting ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), a degenerative neurological condition that affects the ability to use the muscles. He attended commission meetings in a wheelchair with the assistance of his wife Charlene. County Mayor Chad Graham praised Woodson's example of courage and persistence in a situation where many would have chosen to give up outside responsibilities. County Commissioner Greg Vick praised Charlene Woodson's willingness to make her husband's continued service possible.

Graham noted that when he first became direc-

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Photo of Woodson family members with sign after the unveiling, from left: Woodson's daughter Melody Redd, his widow Charlene Woodson, granddaughter Katie Daugherty and son-in-law Jamie Redd.



**Dog of
the week**
Lifestyles/1B

Coldwell Banker advances funds to fix up properties

Many people could sell their home or rental property for more money if it was fixed up and made to look better. Sometimes this might mean painting, flooring, outdoor cleanup and fixup, smaller kitchen or bathroom upgrades, etc. The challenge is that many people do not have the cash to come out of pocket for these repairs, even though they know it would bring a

higher price fixed up.

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to advance you the funds is to have the property listed with Coldwell Banker Southern Realty. The work is done by an Angie (formerly Angies List) contractor. If you have your own contractor, they can likely get them on the list as well.

According to a recent press release, Coldwell Banker has done

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**Simmons
extends
career**
Sports/1C



Travis Emore

Celebration welcomes Travis Emore as Director of Arena Operation and Events

The Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration recently hired Travis Emore to be the Director of Arena Operations and Events. Emore will directly oversee the operations of Cooper Steel Arena but also function as a member of the senior leadership team at The Celebration. Emore comes to The Celebration from Miller Coliseum in Murfreesboro.

"Our entire team is excited about the addition of an arena director to our staff. Travis joins us with a wealth of knowledge in equestrian facility management, and most importantly equestrian footing. It did

not take me long to learn, as I contacted my peers around the country, that Travis is a well-respected leader in the equestrian facility industry," commented Celebration CEO Warren Wells.

Emore's career started with training Arabians for endurance and Quarter Horses for shows, and he backed up his practical experience with a Bachelor of Science degree at Middle Tennessee State University in Animal Science. While attending MTSU, Emore was a member of the equestrian team and the horse judging team that went on to win the World Championship in 1997. "My

experience with the Judging Team gave me the skills I needed to better communicate with people," Emore recalls. "This has become very valuable to me in my life and career. Without this ability, my job would be a great deal more difficult."

Following college, Emore went to work for the highly respected Quarter Horse trainer Alex Ross. While training there professionally, Travis had the opportunity to manage the Ross family farm. The job struck a chord with him, and he knew that management was where he belonged. When he was offered the position

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DEATH NOTICES

Burton Louis Orrell

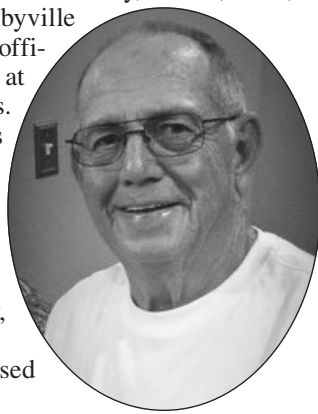
May 31, 2023

Funeral services for Burton Louis Orrell, age 82, of Shelbyville, will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, June 3, 2023, at First Baptist Church of Shelbyville with Pastor Jeff Rasnick officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Mr. Orrell passed from this life Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at home surrounded by loved ones.

Visitation will be held prior to the funeral service beginning a 10 a.m. Saturday, at First Baptist Church.

Full obituary will be released at a later date.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is servicing the family.



William Donald Mason, Jr.

May 19, 2023

Mr. William Donald Mason Jr, age 65 of Petersburg, Tenn., passed away from this life Friday, May 19, 2023, under the loving care of his family and Caris Healthcare, at his home.

A celebration of life was held Tuesday, May 30, from 4 - 6 p.m. at Fellowship for Christ Church in Shelbyville.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel assisted the family with the arrangements.

Emma Jean Watson Brown

May 26, 2023

Mrs. Emma Jean Watson Brown, age 85, of Eagleville, Tenn., died Friday, May 26, 2023.

Visitation was held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, 2023. The funeral service followed visitation at 2 p.m. Burial was at Simpson Cemetery in Bedford County with Rev. Julian Goodpaster officiating.

Lawrence Funeral Home & Cremation Services, of Chapel Hill, was in charge of arrangements.

Deborah Sudberry

May 29, 2023

Deborah Sudberry, age 72 of Unionville, passed away May 29, 2023.

A Memorial Service was held at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2023, at Lawrence Funeral Home with Dan Reed officiating. In lieu of flowers, and due to her love of children, donations may be made to St. Jude or Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

OBITUARIES

Rubie Lee Gattis

May 28, 2023

Rubie Lee Gattis, age 82 of Winchester, passed away on Sunday, May 28, 2023, at Elk River Health Care Center.

She was born in Beech Grove (Bedford County) on June 20, 1940, to the late S.P. and Pearl (Finney) Floyd. Before her retirement, she had been employed as a correction officer at the Tennessee Correction Academy. In her younger years, she enjoyed playing basketball and was an avid life-long reader. But most of all, she cherished the time spent with her beloved family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Leon Gattis; son, Charles

Albert Martin; and siblings, Jessie Clark Floyd, Annie Dee Rutledge, and Billy Joe Floyd.

Rubie Lee is survived by her loving daughter, Glenda Lee Wiseman of Winchester; granddaughter, Tiffany Wiseman St. Jean of Canada; grandson, Tony Martin of Murfreesboro; great-grandson, Alexander St. Jean of Canada; siblings, Linda Floyd Bogard of Manchester, Clifton Floyd of Chapel Hill, David (Dora) Floyd of Shelbyville, and Brenda Faye Floyd (Rick) Overcast of Shelbyville; sister-in-law, Linda Floyd of Shelbyville; special great-nephew, Zane Reid; and many nieces and nephews that she loved dearly.

Visitation was from 12 - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at Moore-Cortner Funeral Home. Funeral Services followed at 2 p.m. in the Moore-Cortner Chapel with Rev. Jerry Stewart officiating. Interment followed at Lois Cemetery. Moore-Cortner Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Candace Faye Weddington

May 24, 2023

Candace Faye Weddington, age 51, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., passed away from this life on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

Candace was born on July 19, 1971, in Shelbyville, to Karen Williams and William Ernest Weddington. She was previously employed with United Waste Solutions as a Contract Negotiations and was of the Christian faith. She enjoyed reading, traveling, and painting.

She is survived by her parents, William "Ernest" Weddington and Karen Williams; life partner, Michael Hawkins;

brother, Jason Ernest Weddington (Angela); sister, Traci Weddington-Coble; nieces, Allyssa Weddington and Faith Weddington; nephews, Johnnie Taylor and Jeremy Taylor.

A Celebration of Life service will be held today, June 3, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Tullahoma Funeral Home with Chip Sekulich officiating. Visitation with the family was held on Friday, June 2, 2023, at Tullahoma Funeral Home from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to ASPCA www.aspca.org or Tullahoma Animal Shelter, 942 Maplewood Ave, Tullahoma, TN 37388.

Tullahoma Funeral Home is honored to serve the Weddington family.



OBITUARIES

Kevin Marvin Harrell

May 29, 2023

Mr. Kevin Marvin Harrell, age 65, of Shelbyville, passed away Monday, May 29, 2023, at his home, under the loving care and comfort of his family and Hospice Compassus.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Chaplain Jeff Collet officiated, with burial following in Hazel Cemetery in Bell Buckle.

The family received visitors from 4 - 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

He was born May 3, 1958, in Coffee County, to the late Ernest Brooks Harrell and Marth Burks Wilhoite. He was employed in the asphalt paving industry and known as a "jack of trades".

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Jack Harrell and David Harrell; step-father, Doyle Wilhoite.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Sheila Doris Wiseman Harrell, of Shelbyville; three sons, Kevin (Danny) Harrell, Brian Harrell, and Jeremy Harrell; grandchildren, Andrew Harrell, Tara Harrell, Brooke Harrell, Katherine Harrell, Austin Harrell, Lola Harrell, and Jordan Cooper; a great-grandchild, Zoey Harrell; sisters and brother, Bobby Peach, Gail (James) Watkins, and Ronnie (Arthur) Harrell.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.



Neal Gary Mathews

May 29, 2023

Mr. Neal Gary Mathews, age 87, of Shelbyville, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his four children, Monday, May 29, 2023.

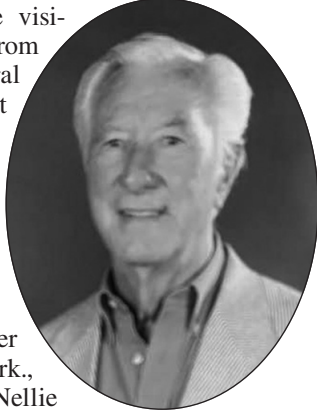
The family will receive visitors today, June 3, 2023, from 12- 2 p.m., with the funeral to follow at 2 p.m., at First United Methodist Church, in Shelbyville. Burial, with full military honors, will follow in Wheel Cemetery. Pastor Larry Allbritton (his nephew), and Pastor Abe Zimmerman will officiate.

Neal was born September 16, 1935, in Fort Smith, Ark., to the late Eugene and Nellie Mathews. He was the retired owner of Brave Construction Company. A former Army Paratrooper, he made over 200 jumps in his Army Career. He was also a former pilot and a Professional Bull and Bronc Rider.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Linda Chunn Mathews; a daughter, Ginger Johnson; two brothers-in-law, Gale Allbritton, and Harlin Chunn.

Survivors include three daughters, Tammy Brown, Paige (Steve) Adams, and Suzy Mathews; a son, Michael Mathews; two brothers, Rex (Shirley) Mathews, and Glen (Bev) Mathews; three sisters, Mary Allbritton, Janice (Eddie) Waters, and Linda (Joe) Dix; sister-in-law, Barbara (Tony) Plamowski; seven grandchildren, Melissa Smith, Crystal Elliott, Brooke Taylor Harrell, Blake Taylor, Mason Gassaway, Ashlee Kessen, and Alexis Brown; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.



Julie Ann Smotherman

May 19, 2023

Julie Ann Smotherman, age 42, of Shelbyville, was born November 26, 1980, and passed from this life Sunday, May 19, 2023.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 12 p.m. today, June 3, 2023, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Lee Baucom officiating.

Visitation with the family will be held prior to memorial service beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, at the funeral home.

A native of Shelbyville, Julie was the daughter of John Smotherman and Margie Warren Dodson. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Gary Lee Smotherman and Bobby Smotherman.

Julie attended Shelbyville Central High School and made a career in Dialysis. She was a very free-spirited person and loved finding things no one wanted to put to good use. She enjoyed cooking, having time with her children, and long lake days.

Along with her parents, she is survived by: her children, Hannah Brooke Smotherman, Aiden Lee Smotherman and Alexander Riley Smotherman; granddaughter, Stella Rose Jean McBride; nieces, Tarryn and Chloe Smotherman; and nephew, Jonathan (Meleah) Smotherman.

Per her request, Julie chose cremation and her ashes will be scattered at a special location.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.



Woodson

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tor of Bedford County Emergency Medical Services, Woodson was a member of the BCEMS board.

Commissioner Troy Thompson recalled being an employee of the previous county executive when Woodson was elect-

ed, and being grateful that Woodson kept him on in that role even after being advised to "clean house" and hire his staff.

"You've never done anything to me," Woodson told Thompson, "And I wouldn't do that to you."

Woodson's hobbies included motorcycling and traveling, with Charlene, to see a variety of professional baseball games at ballparks throughout the country.

Jeremy Willis Porter

May 29, 2023

Jeremy Willis Porter, 31, formerly of Wartrace passed away May 29, 2023, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. today, June 3, at Hillcrest Funeral Home Mike Bynum and Daniel Porter officiating. Burial will follow at Hollywood Cemetery. Visitation was held Friday evening from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

He was a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Jeremy brought happiness to everyone. His smile and love touched everyone he met.

He is survived by his parents, David and Kathy Floyd Porter of Wartrace; a brother, Daniel (Leslie) Porter of Shelbyville; his grandmother, Faye Moran Floyd of Wartrace; caregivers and extended family, Debbie Halvorsen, Brittany Halvorsen, Michael (Rachel) Halvorsen, and Brandon (Sarah) Halvorsen of Fayetteville.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Roston Floyd and Lloyd and Geraldine Porter.



Frances Jean Simpson Smotherman

May 29, 2023

Funeral services for Frances Jean Simpson Smotherman, age 91, of Shelbyville, were held at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2023, at Living Stones Community Church with Pastor Eddie Reed officiating. Burial followed at Reed-Walker Cemetery. Mrs. Smotherman was called home by her Lord on Monday, May 29, 2023. She passed at home under the loving care of her family and Hospice Compassus after an extended illness.

Visitation was held Thursday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Church.

Momma Frances, as she liked to be called, was born on April 9, 1932, in Cisco, Texas, to the late Landon and Mattie Fagan Simpson. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 68 years, John Smotherman; brothers, Joe and Billy Simpson; sister, Edith Shadowens; and infant sister, Judy.

She was a loving and faithful woman. She was a wonderful homemaker, always putting her family's needs above her own. She enjoyed gardening, painting, wood crafting, talking with folks, storytelling, and most of all hugs. She was a longtime member of Living Stones Church.

Survivors include daughters, Jackie Smith of Mississippi, Shelia LeDere of Wartrace, and Annette (Paul) Bowling of Wartrace; seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Raymond (Carolyn) Simpson of Columbia, Don Simpson of Hermitage, and Jerry (Linda) Simpson of Chapel Hill; sister, Elizabeth (Charles) Kincaid of Unionville; and sister-in-law, Ethel Simpson of Alabama.

Memorial donations may be made to Living Stones Safe House @ P.O. Box 579 Shelbyville, TN 37162.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.



Emore

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of assistant manager at the Tennessee Livestock Center, it wasn't hard to accept. "When I accepted the position with the Tennessee Livestock Center, I realized I had something to offer in this field," Travis says. "Also, returning to a place that was common ground allowed the transition to not be intimidating. With my previous experiences, some of the decisions came easier because of my insight."

While at Tennessee Livestock Center, a Middle Tennessee State University facility, Emore became acquainted with all forms of livestock and gained an appreciation for each association he worked with, along with an understanding of their needs. He remained there for five years, until he had the opportunity to manage the Tennessee Miller Coliseum. "Given the opportunity to Manage the Tennessee Miller Coliseum was exceptional, in that it gave me a chance to focus on primarily Equine Events," he explained. "The equine industry being a passion of mine, it was a natural fit."

Emore managed the Tennessee Miller Coliseum from 2008 to 2021 located in Murfreesboro, Tenn. While managing the Miller Coliseum he served on the League of Agricultural and Equine Centers Board of

Directors from 2008 to 2020 and served as the Chairman of the Board as well as Education Committee Chair. "I am excited to be a part of a team that embraces the future vision for Cooper Steel Arena and look to continue that feeling of unity and community that our customers receive when visiting us here at the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration," Emore stated. With his appointment as Director of Arena Operations and Events, Travis looks to further his experience, as well as, bring his knowledge to the future of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration and Cooper Steel Arena. While being connected to the horse industry, Travis is a lifelong horseman who has been involved in many aspects of the horse industry.

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Editor's note: This story also ran in The Walking Horse Report.

Properties

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this for many clients and they have been able, in some cases, to sell their property for tens of thousands of dollars more being fixed up.

If you would like more information on this service, reach out to a Coldwell Banker Southern Realty professional. If you do not yet know of anyone, just call their office, 1708 N. Main Street in Shelbyville, at 931-684-5605 and ask about their RealVitalize program.

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From left to right, members Elaine Reed, Joan Gray, Lyn Robinson, Linda Anderton, Faye Sudberry, Kay Simmons, Pam Fisher, Mickey McLean, Jennifer Thompson, Donna Stearns, Debbie Donegan, Ginny Saylor, Donna Simmons.



Savannah Butler was the scholarship recipient of the Xi Alpha Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi's program. She will be attending Columbia State. Pictured with Butler is Elaine Reed.

WELLS SPEAKS AT BACKROAD'S HERITAGE DINNER



Warren Wells, CEO of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration was the guest speaker at the Spring Dinner of Tennessee's Backroads Heritage. Shown alongside Wells are board members, Carolyn Duke, Barbara Blanton, Kay Howard, Blossom Merryman, Walt Chism, and Dianne Murray, Executive Director. Board members Mark McGee and Jason Boshers did not attend.

Submitted photo

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR:
JUNE 3**

Dear Editor:
Mrs. Zoe Watkins is right on with her insightful editorial in Tuesday's T-G Gazette concerning the importance of local news and the media presenting it. So many times, folks are caught up in the so-called 'Big Picture' and forget that what affects local folks is of course local news. This is not to disparage general National and foreign news but to be more aware of the news directly affecting us here in Bedford County as concerns economics and local government issues. To be frank I am more concerned about the condition of our rural roads and bridges, viable law and order, and a myriad of other local issues than I am with national news media reporting about the plight of a man in Big Piney, Wyoming who reported a UFO landing in his pasture scaring his cattle or any of the other sensation grocery-store type tabloids without substance in their senseless news reporting spewed out 7-24; a majority of which is fabricated along political lines and for the most part will not stand up under close scrutiny by any average intelligent American. I for one hope the T-G Gazette can prosper and continue to offer up the news primarily of a local flavor. I prefer to read my own news, digest it and reach my own conclusions over the intent and meaning; not listen to some solemn-faced idiot spewing forth on issues he/she is entirely factual ignorant of and covering their ignorance with asinine statements and angry countenances.

1933 to alleviate the terrible floods devastating the states in its domain and to improve the lot of the poor yeomen farmers eking out a hardscrabble living in the farms of mostly east Tennessee. Yes, it was definitely a culture shock to those residents displaced by the TVA building several dams to control the Tennessee River and its tributaries. Thousands of families were forced to move from their homes that had been in their families for many generations and in many instances the TVA was in fact extremely lax in assisting those distraught families forced to relocate. However, the TVA did immeasurable good for the states in its domain, and many jobs were provided to the local citizens during the latter days of the Great Depression and the courage and acts of President Roosevelt in standing firm against all who were against the TVA including many members of congress- both democrat and republican- who for the most part claimed the TVA was, in fact, a socialist move by the federal government using taxpayer money for its existence. One of the major critics was a politician and lawyer Wendell Willkie who ran as the Republican nominee against Roosevelt in 1940 and was overwhelmingly defeated. Numerous electric power companies fought the TVA constantly in its early years but in January 1939 the United States Supreme Court ruled that the TVA was legally constitutional and dismissed all the pending cases. Yes, the narrow road traveled by the TVA in acquiring the land for the dams necessarily for flood control and the generation of electric power was indeed harsh at times, but in the end, Tennessee and her citizens came out winners.

Charles David Slinger
Shelbyville

Tennessee sets new records for business formation and renewals

NASHVILLE – Tennessee set new records in the first quarter of 2023 for business formations and renewals in the state, according to the recent Quarterly Business and Economic Indicators report issued by the Secretary of State's Office.

In the first quarter of 2023, 21,516 new entities were filed, and 199,309 firms renewed their active status by filing annual reports, representing the highest totals for any quarter in the 25-year history of the data.

"Our state leaders are committed to serving Tennesseeans by preserving an environment where businesses launch, locate and thrive," said Secretary Hargett. "The record number of new business formations and renewals is a testament to smart fiscal management and a commitment to a skilled workforce."

Typically, a high level of business filings leads to growth in jobs, personal income, and state revenue.

Over the last twelve months, 76,767 entities filed and 337,760 filed annual reports.

The largest number of filings in the first quarter of 2023 was in Davidson County, followed by Shelby, Knox, and Hamilton counties. Knox County saw the highest percentage increase in filings year-over-year, growing by 18.4%. Filings in these four most-populous counties together increased by 0.8% compared to Q1 2022.

Tennessee's unemployment in March dropped to 3.4%, just below the national rate of 3.5%. Tennessee jobs grew by 1,700 in March and by 96,900 over the last twelve months.

"Tennessee's economy continues to outpace the nation's and shows no signs of slowing down," said Don Bruce, director of the Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research. "These record-high new business filings in the state, along with strong personal income and stable unem-

ployment rates, are yet another sign of continued economic growth in the coming months."

The Quarterly Business and Economic Indicators report provides a snapshot of the state's economy based on key indicators, including new business data from the Secretary of State's Division of Business and Charitable Organizations. It is published through a partnership with the University of Tennessee Knoxville's Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research

and the Secretary of State.

To review the complete Q1 2023 Tennessee Quarterly Business and Economic Indicators report and past reports, visit sos.tn.gov.

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Greeting cards for military

Dear Heloise: In reference to what to do with the extra greeting cards you receive, please send them to Operation Gratitude, 9409 Owensmouth Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311.

Operation Gratitude is an organization that sends packages to our deployed troops, veterans, first responders and more. The cards are included in the boxes we pack, so our troops will have cards to send home. You can find out more at www.operationgratitude.com. Thank you for all of your wonderful hints I have read in the Daily News for over 50 years. -- **Marilyn True, Granada Hills, California**

Hints from Heloise

Heloise



dry detergent a bit of a cleaning boost by adding 1/2 cup of baking soda, along with the amount of detergent you regularly use.

Baking soda is good for cleaning and deodorizing. I have put together a six-page pamphlet, Heloise's Baking Soda Hints and Recipes. To order a copy, go to www.Heloise.com. You also can get this useful pamphlet by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Heloise Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: It's often hard to remove strong odors from dirty clothes. Add 1/2 cup of baking soda to the rinse cycle. Never overload the washer, because you want the clothes to move around. Then you'll rinse the odors away. -- **Heloise**

DOCTOR'S OFFICE CALLS

Dear Heloise: Regarding the letter about receiving return calls from doctor or medical offices, while it is a good idea to put their number in your contacts, in some instances, the nurse or medical assistant may be calling you back from an inside line. This might be different from the advertised number you called them on. Don't depend solely on the number that pops up on your screen. If you're expecting a return call, I would answer it, just to avoid missing their call. -- **Susan Kramer, Covington, Louisiana**

PET PAL

Dear Heloise: Here is a picture of my kitty named Mittens. She's a natural cat model and loves to pose for pictures. -- **Lisa Weller, via email**

Readers: To see Mittens and our other Pet Pals, go to www.Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week." -- **Heloise**

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TODAY

Bee a Blessing

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

Craft fair

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

Shelbyville Mills breakfast

There will be a Shelbyville Mills School Breakfast meeting on June 3 at 9 a.m. at Fellowship For Christ Church, 142 Richdale Lane. All former students and guests are invited.

Potluck and entertainment

The Flat Creek Community Center will be holding its monthly potluck meal and entertainment on Saturday, June 3, at the Flat Creek Community Center, 115 New Herman Road. National Guitar Champion Shane Adkins is scheduled to perform. They will eat at 6 p.m., and the music program will follow at 7 p.m. There is no cover charge, but they always "pass the hat for the artist."

SUNDAY

Decoration Day

Horse Mountain Cemetery Decoration Day will be June 4 at 12:30 with a potluck and business meeting to follow. For more information, call Mark Brannon at 931-212-0187. To send donations to the decoration fund, send to Horse Mountain Cemetery Fund, c/o Mark Brannon, 424 Philippi Rd. Wartrace, TN 37183

Old BB School

Friends of the Old Bell Buckle School will meet on Sunday, June 4, at 3 p.m. in the Fire Hall.

MONDAY

Bag Day

Good Samaritan Bag Day will be Monday, June 5, at 201 E. Highland from noon to 2 p.m.

Bell Buckle Committees

Bell Buckle Safety Committee will meet on Monday, June 5, at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. The Bell Buckle Beautification Committee, Planning Commission & Historical Commission will not meet in June.

WEDNESDAY

Retired teachers

Bedford County Retired Teachers will meet Wednesday, June 7, at 11 a.m., at Emmy's Restaurant (Urban Plantation). Chris White will be the speaker. Dues may be paid at the meeting.

THURSDAY

Town Hall

A town hall will be held for District 1 at 6 p.m. at the Wartrace Gym.

Bell Buckle Parks & Rec

Bell Buckle Parks & Recreation

Committee will meet Thursday, June 8, at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

FRIDAY

Canning college

The UT/TSU Extension Office will be holding canning colleges on Friday, June 9, or Saturday, June 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on the Shelbyville Square. You must pre-register for one day or the other by calling the Extension Office at 931-684-5971. The cost is \$15.00 and space is limited to 12 participants. This is a hands-on class that teaches the current recommendations for water baths and pressure canning. Call the Extension Office at 684-5971 for questions or go to bedford.tennessee.edu to see the flyer.

JUNE 10

Summer Swing

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

Raus Ice Cream Supper

An ice cream supper at the Raus Community Center will be Saturday, June 10, at 125 Smith Chapel Road beginning at 5 p.m. Guests will enjoy juicy hamburgers, homemade cakes, pies, and ice cream (more than 20 gallons!). They will also have live bluegrass and gospel music. Funds go to restoring the historic Raus School Building.

Food pantry

A community food pantry, "Seasoned With a Touch of Salt," will be Saturday, June 10, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Scott's Chapel UMC, 940 Morton Street. Food is to be distributed. For more information, visit <https://scottchapelumc.org>.

JUNE 11

Laity Club

The Bedford County Laity Club will meet Sunday, June 11, at 6 p.m. at the Flat Creek Church. Meal to be furnished.

JUNE 15

BOE Meeting

The Bedford County Board of Education's regular meeting will be Thursday, June 15, at 6 p.m. at the Community High School Auditorium, 100 Community Crossing, Unionville, TN 37180.

JUNE 12

Fly Arts Potluck

The Bedford County Arts Council will host the Monthly Potluck and Program on Monday, June 12, at 6 p.m. at The Fly Arts Center. Santha Koonce will present the program on Art Journaling. Everyone is invited to bring a dish and bring a friend.

Bell Buckle BOMA

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor & Aldermen will meet Tuesday, June 13, at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall. There will be a Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m. to discuss Budget Items.

JUNE 16

Dining with Diabetes

A three-session Dining with Diabetes class will be offered at the UT/TSU Extension Office on Fridays, June 16, 23, and 30 from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Cost is \$15 for all three sessions. If you or someone you care for has diabetes or you just want more information on planning meals and cooking for people with diabe-

FCE CLUBS MEET

Fair set for June 20. They will have a work day at their regular June meeting on the 26th.

The program entitled "Buying and selling homemade foods" was given by Connie Smith. Members were given information about what type of foods

tes, this class will cover the general recommendations and techniques for meal planning and preparation for people with diabetes. The sessions include demonstrations and sampling of recipes, information on healthy eating, and a cookbook. Must call the Extension Office at 684-5971 to sign up or for questions.

JUNE 17

Juneteenth Celebration

The 2023 Juneteenth Celebration will take place on Saturday, June 17, at the Courthouse Square, starting at 9:15 a.m. Sponsored by the Gilliland Resource Center and the Rosenwald Community Center, the event will have a parade, local vendors, kids' activities, music and dancing, and a program by keynote speaker Pastor Jason Scales. Guests are asked to bring their lawn chairs. For more information, visit bcjuneteenth.com. For vendor applications, contact Calvin Cannon at 931-639-3643.

JUNE 23

Cruise-in

The Celebration City Region Car Club's Cruise-In is every fourth Friday beginning from 6-8 p.m. on the Shelbyville Square. Chase Clanton and Band will perform and food trucks will be present.

Sobriety checkpoint

A sobriety checkpoint will be on June 23 at 9 p.m. on State Route 82 South at the 6.5-mile marker.

JUNE 29

County budget vote

A Special Called Commission Meeting for the fiscal year 2023-24 budget will be on Thursday, June 29, at 7 p.m. at the Bedford County Courthouse. Commissioners will vote on approving the budget.

ONGOING

Meals on Wheels

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

Soup kitchen

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

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

Head Start

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

Celebrate Recovery

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

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Rick Loyd



Judy Link

American Red Cross recognizes volunteer achievements

NASHVILLE – The American Red Cross Nashville Area Chapter recently recognized its exceptional volunteers who continue to work tirelessly to help people in need. “We are even more aware of the great dedication of our volunteers, whose support makes a dramatic difference for our neighbors in need,” Joel Sullivan, regional executive and local chapter executive director said. “In thanks for their dedicated service, we have presented Rick Loyd, Judy Link, and Michael Moody with Red Cross volunteer awards for the vital role they play in carrying out our mission in our community.”

In the Tennessee Region, more than 2,000 people volunteer with the Red Cross by responding to home fires and other disasters, supporting blood collections, providing emergency assistance to military families, and much more. These individuals are among the more than 300,000 volunteers nationwide who comprise more than 90% of the national Red Cross workforce.

This year’s award winners are:

- Rick Loyd of Brentwood, Chapter Disaster Award.
- Judy Link of Nashville, Chapter Humanitarian Award for Fundraising.
- Michael Moody of Waverly, Regional Disaster Award
- “Rick Loyd has been with the Red Cross for over seven years,” Sullivan said. “He is a decisive leader with both tact and critical thinking ability. In addition to being a skilled caseworker and supervisor of his volunteer team, he has worked hard to engage new volunteers. He has a fundamental kindness that shines through his work and communications with everyone and every interaction—clients, staff or other volunteers. Rick embodies the inclusiveness, impartiality, and humanity of the Red Cross.”
- “Judy brings so much to the Fund Development Department with her positive attitude, willingness to get ahead of things, and leave nothing undone,” said Sullivan. “Judy’s actions help keep staff on the core tasks that only they can do, while sacrificing nothing in terms of quality or



Michael Moody

effectiveness. She exemplifies the spirit of compassion and is always looking to do things better.”

• “Mike Moody has been and continues to be an integral part of the success of the Tennessee Region and the Nashville Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. For more than four years, Mike has served as the partner for the Nashville Area Chapter Disaster Program

Manager. When a new staff member is hired, Mike takes them under his wing and ensures that they are onboarded with excellence. There are few people that have given as much as he has to this organization.”

If you are interested in becoming an American Red Cross volunteer, visit redcross.org/volunteer to sign up online.

‘Felt like a year’: Worshipper describes fear during gunman’s deadly attack on Pittsburgh synagogue

By PETER SMITH
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — It was her brother’s active faith that inspired Carol Black to recommit as an adult to being a practicing Jew several years ago, and their shared commitment brought them to the Tree of Life synagogue on the October 2018 day it was attacked.

Testifying on the second day of the trial of the man who carried out the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history, Black told jurors Wednesday about how she and others in her New Light congregation heard loud noises as they started Sabbath services. They soon realized it was gunfire, so some of them hid in a storage room.

“I just remained calm. ... I thought by remaining calm, I would not give my position away,” she testified in the Pittsburgh federal courtroom.

Black, 71, recalled how she remained hidden even as she saw congregant Mel Wax, who had been hiding close to her, drop dead after the gunman shot him. Wax, 87, was hard of hearing and had opened the storage door, apparently believing the attack was over, she said. Black didn’t learn until later that her 65-year-old brother, Richard Gottfried, was among the 11 people killed in the attack.

The testimony came in the trial of Robert Bowers, a truck driver from the Pittsburgh suburb of Baldwin. Bowers, 50, could face the death penalty if

he’s convicted of some of the 63 counts he faces in the Oct. 27, 2018, attack, which claimed the lives of worshippers from three congregations who were using the synagogue that day: New Light, Dor Hadash and the Tree of Life.

That Bowers carried out the attack, which also injured seven people, isn’t in question: His lawyer Judy Clarke acknowledged as much on the trial’s first day. But hoping to spare Bowers from the death penalty, Clarke questioned the hate crime counts he faces, suggesting instead that he attacked the synagogue out of an irrational belief that he needed to kill Jews to save others from a genocide that he claimed they were enabling by helping immigrants come to the U.S.

Prosecutors, who rejected Bowers’ offer to plead guilty in exchange for removing the possibility that he could be sentenced to death, have said Bowers made incriminating statements to investigators and left an online trail of antisemitic statements that show the attack was motivated by religious hatred.

Bowers, who only surrendered on the day of the attack after police shot him three times, had commented on Gab, a social media site popular with the far right, that Dor Hadash had hosted a refugee-oriented Sabbath service in conjunction with HIAS, a Jewish agency whose work includes aiding refugees.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Soo Song began



Bowers

Wednesday’s proceedings by asking Black about her affiliation with the New Light congregation. She recalled how her brother, Gottfried, became more observant after their father’s death and how she later began attending services regularly, getting so involved that she had an adult bat mitzvah, “a Jewish right of passage that she hadn’t had as a teenager.”

“I was reeducating myself to Judaism,” she said.

She recalled fondly how in 2017, she and her brother carried Torah scrolls as they paraded from their old synagogue, which the small congregation had sold in a downsizing, to their new location in rented space at the Tree of Life building.

She said Gottfried, Wax and 71-year-old Dan Stein were “the three main pillars of our congregation.” On the morning of the attack, Gottfried and Stein were in a kitchen near the sanctuary planning a men’s group breakfast for the next day when Bowers killed them.

Black said she and fellow member Barry Werber hid

in a darkened storage closet for what “felt like a year” before police rescued them. And she said that as she left, she quietly said goodbye to Wax as she had to step over his body to follow the officers.

Werber, 81, also testified about hiding in the closet.

“My mind was clouded with panic,” said Werber, who also saw Wax get killed.

“I heard gunshots,” Werber testified. “Mel Wax fell back into the room, and a short time later the door opened slightly. I saw a figure of a person step over the body and then step back. He couldn’t see us. It was too dark.”

Jurors also heard the recordings of 911 calls made by Werber and Gottfried.

Bowers, like on the trial’s first day, showed little emotion as he sat at the defense table.

Jurors also heard testimony from Dan Leger, who was severely wounded in the attack.

Leger, now 75, and two other members of Dor Hadash were gathered in an upstairs room about to start a Torah study when they heard gunshots. One of the participants fled. Leger, a nurse and chaplain, and Dr. Jerry Rabinowitz decided to see if they could assist anyone who might be injured.

“Jerry was a physician, I’m a nurse. ... We knew instinctively that what we needed to do was try to do something to help. So we both moved into the direction of the gunfire, which perhaps was a stupid thing

to do, but that’s what we did,” Leger said.

Rabinowitz, 66, was killed. Leger was shot in the abdomen and lay on the staircase, keeping still so as not to let the shooter know he was still alive.

He heard the voice of Tree of Life member Irving Younger calling out the name of fellow member Cecil Rosenthal in horror. Younger and Rosenthal were both killed.

The pain soon became “excruciating,” Leger said.

While waiting for rescue, Leger said his breathing became labored, and he recognized the symptoms: “I felt that I was dying.”

He uttered the Shema, “A Jewish prayer professing faith in one God,” and he prayed a final confession of his sins.

“I reviewed my life, I thought about the wonder of it all, and the beauty of my life and the happiness I had experienced,” he said, including with his family and friends.

Although he said he was “ready to go,” Leger was rescued and underwent multiple surgeries. He still suffers from severe injuries, including a hip fracture, nerve damage and abdominal wounds that required the removal of a large section of his intestines.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

Baptist

Pastor Jimmy West’s message for Sunday morning’s service on June 3 at **Edgemont Baptist Church** will be “Eternal Life,” from 1 John 5:11-13.

The Woman’s Ministry of **Sevier Street First Baptist Church** will Celebrate Women’s Day on June 4, 2023, at 10 a.m. Minister Rebecca Sutton will deliver The Spoken Word, along with Sister Peggy White, President.

The message for **Grace Baptist Church** this Sunday will be “Can Jesus Be Your Savior But Not Your Lord?” from Ephesians 4: 4-5 & Romans 14: 7-9.

Church of Christ

This coming Sunday at **Fairlane Church** the sermon is “A Growing Need.” The scripture that goes with the sermon is Luke 17: 12-15.

The **Southside Church of Christ** lesson will be “A Ministry Philosophy” from Ezra 7:10 by Tim Gunnells, minister, at 10 a.m. Sunday. The Sunday 6 p.m. service will be “Sacred Stewardship” by Gunnells. David Sanders will be teaching “Restoration Thought and History” at the Wednesday 6:30 p.m. service. Sunday morning is live-streamed at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening services are live-streamed at 6:30 p.m. at cfcfsouthside.com.

Methodist

Pastor Abe Zimmerman’s sermon at **Shelbyville First United Methodist Church** will be “Out with the Old?” from 2 Peter 3:14-18. They are beginning a new series about reconciling the Old Testament with the New Testament. As Peter writes this letter, Christian persecution is on the rise and he senses that his time on Earth is drawing near. Come and see what Peter wanted future generations to know. Join them for worship service at 10 a.m. Our service is also live-streamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLJ 98.7 FM and 1580 AM.

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church’s service for this Trinity Sunday will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. led by guest Pastor Rich Zeigler. All services are streamed live on Facebook. There is no Sunday School over the summer. They have a nursery available for the little ones. They would love to see some new faces and hope you can join them on Sunday at 10 a.m. for their worship service.

Our Wedding Policy ...

The Times-Gazette now runs all wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements on Sunday. Pictures and announcements must be received 10 days prior to the issue in which you’d like your announcement to appear. Wedding announcements must be received no later than six weeks after the date of the wedding. Forms can be picked up at our offices, at 323 E. Depot St. in Shelbyville, or may be filled out and submitted from our web site at www.t-g.com. Wedding and engagement announcements may also be submitted to our office in person, or by e-mailing tgnews@t-g.com. Forms must be neatly printed or typed, and the spelling of all names should be double checked before submitting them to us. A phone number must be included.



MUSIC AND MULES

There will be a kick-off party at Gordonview Farms, 2591 Highway 231 South, on June 17, from 4 to 8 p.m. for the American Mule and Music Association and Uncle Dave Macon Days. The afternoon will have live music and a bar-beque dinner and wagon rides.

Submitted photos

AG NOTES

By **JOHN TEAGUE**
UT/TSU Extension

MEETING

We are having a meeting of vendors for the Farmers Market on Tuesday, June 6, here at the Extension office at 2105 Midland Road at 6:00 pm. We will be discussing the crop progress, new regulations and updating our information.

If you plan on being a vendor, contact me at the office at 684-5971 or by email at jteague1@utk.edu

WHAT'S THE MARKET?

Drs. Andrew Griffith and Aaron Smith, livestock and crop economists with UT Extension, shared these comments on the market last week.

Feed cattle traded steady to \$1 higher compared to last week on a live basis. Prices in the South were mainly \$171 to \$172 while dressed prices were mainly \$284 to \$285.

The 5-area weighted average prices through Thursday were \$177.71 live, up \$3.40 compared to last week and \$284.36 dressed, up \$4.09 from a week ago. A year ago, prices were \$138.93 live and \$223.99 dressed.

Based on Tennessee weekly auction price aver-

ages, steer prices were \$4 to \$5 higher this week compared to last week while heifer prices were steady compared to the previous week. Harvest cow prices were \$2 to \$4 higher compared to last week while harvest bull prices were \$2 to \$4 higher compared to a week ago.

Corn, soybeans, and wheat were up; cotton was down for the week. Corn and soybean planting progress has outpaced last year and the five-year average while cotton is slightly behind. Getting the crop planted in a timely manner is beneficial but it does not necessarily translate into above average yields.

Weather from June-August will dictate if the U.S. achieves above or below trend line yield. Currently, the USDA projects weather adjusted trendline yield at 181.5 bu/acre for corn, 52 bu/acre for soybeans, and 854 lbs/acre for cotton. Moving forward, weather will determine price direction. As such, for those with limited 2023 production priced, rallies should be viewed as opportunities to establish a price or price floor on some production.

Drought has been persistent in Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, and parts of Texas, but to date has not had a major influ-

ence in the other major corn and soybean producing states. Some forecasts have limited rainfall in the first part of June, however long-term forecasts still have above normal precipitation through this summer across most of the Corn Belt, primarily due to the anticipated El Nino influence.

In Tennessee, corn planted was estimated at 94%. New crop cash prices ranged from \$4.29 to \$5.10 at elevators and barge points. September 2023 corn futures closed at \$5.29, up 35 cents since last Friday. December 2023 corn futures closed at \$5.34 up 35 cents since last Friday.

For the week, July 2023 soybean futures traded between \$13.04 and \$13.44. August 2023 soybean futures closed at \$12.61, up 13 cents since last Friday. In Tennessee, the Crop Progress report estimated soybeans planted at 60%. November 2023 soybean futures closed at \$11.89, up 14 cents since last Friday. New crop cash soybean prices at elevators and barge points ranged from \$11.32 to \$12.02.

In Tennessee, winter wheat condition was estimated at 70% good-to-excellent and 8% poor-to-very poor. New crop wheat cash prices at elevators

and barge points ranged from \$5.59 to \$6.21. July 2023 wheat futures closed at \$6.16, up 11 cents since last Friday. July 2023 wheat futures traded between \$5.94 and \$6.24 this week. September 2023 wheat futures closed at \$6.29, up 12 cents since last Friday. July 2024 wheat futures closed at \$6.73, up 12 cents since last Friday.

THE KIDS

We got to go to see the boys. They are doing great. Meme had set a reward program for good grades, and they took her seriously about it. She had to pay for all A's and B's for both of them, so she's a bit lighter in her bank account. But we are so proud of their efforts and the results.

Ford is playing soccer, and his league is off for a bit, but he's having a great time. He is developing good control with his feet, and he's a strong runner in his position.

Hank is playing second base on a travel baseball team, and they have won three out of four tournaments. The fourth one they lost the championship game by one run. I never was a big baseball fan, but it looks like I'm hooked on this team! The good thing is they are all great kids, well-mannered, good students and polite toward old folks like me. I like that respect!

Piper graduated from kindergarten, and she is as happy as she can be. Learned to do cartwheels, so she is jumping into one just anytime. She's busy at the barn with kittens, her riding lessons, and helping her dad and mom and me with feeding chores.

Running with this bunch is something else. There's some sort of practice or competition all the time. Just keeping up with the schedule is challenging. But we wouldn't have it any other way!

TWRA reports one boating fatality

NASHVILLE—The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency reports one boating-related fatality during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. The holiday period was extended from 5 p.m. Friday through midnight Monday.

The fatality occurred Saturday afternoon when a 43-year-old male veteran drowned in Percy Priest Lake after entering the water from an anchored vessel. The incident remains under investigation.

There were no other serious injury accidents reported from across the state, but there were two property damage incidents, both in the Cumberland Plateau region.

TWRA wildlife officers made 14 BUI (boating under the influence) arrests. Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland Plateau regions had five arrests each. There were three BUI arrests made in East Tennessee and one in West Tennessee. TWRA officers assisted several stranded boaters.

"Impaired boat operation continues to occur on our waterways and is a leading contributing factor in boating incidents," said TWRA Lt. Col Matt Majors. "Our officers are always on alert for those who compromise the safety of others through impaired or reckless boating, both of which are 100 percent preventable crimes"

The TWRA had a strong presence across the state. Officers saw less numbers of boaters this year due to cooler temperatures and rain in areas of the state. In 2022 over the holiday weekend, there were two separate incidents resulting in two fatalities and there were 25 BUI arrests made.

Public wild turkey observation survey

NASHVILLE—The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is invit-

ing the public to take part in the Agency's wild turkey summer observational survey. The survey was opened to the public last year and will be an annual opportunity.

The survey runs from June 1 through Aug 31. Agency staff and cooperators have conducted this survey annually since the 1980s and TWRA now seeks to include the public. Participants will have an opportunity to help the TWRA monitor the state's wild turkey population by reporting wild turkey sightings. For more information on the survey and how to participate, visit www.tn.gov/twra/turkeyjobs.

In the inaugural year, the public submitted observations of almost 36,000 (35,924) turkeys with data from all 95 of the state's counties. More than 4,200 public observations met the criteria for inclusion in the survey analysis. The TWRA's staff and partners count was 7,341 turkeys from 1,284 observations.

"This project was very successful in its first year and is very important as we monitor our turkey population and gauge its annual productivity," said Roger Shields TWRA Wild Turkey Program Coordinator. "We have found that our limited staff alone is not sufficient to obtain observations from across the entire state. Therefore, we invite all those people who may be interested to participate. The website will provide an explanation of why we conduct the survey, an ID tutorial with a quiz to test folks knowledge of turkey ID, and the actual forms to submit observations."

Observations of all turkeys TWRA staff and volunteer participants observe during the three months will be recorded by county and summarized, regionally and statewide.

Weekly Tennessee Cattle and Grain Summary		USDA Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News	
Nashville, TN		Tuesday, May 30, 2023	
For Week Ending:		Saturday, May 27, 2023	
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Compared to last week, feeder steers were mostly 5.00-8.00 higher with instances 10.00-15.00 higher. Feeder heifers were mostly 3.00-8.00 higher with some instances sharply higher. Slaughter cows were 5.00-9.00 higher with instances 15.00 higher as offerings this week were significantly higher quality than normal at some markets. Slaughter bulls were mostly 2.00-6.00 higher with very good demand. Offerings were lighter for all classes this week due in part to many producers being in the hay field, as well as this week leading ... [View Full Summary](#)

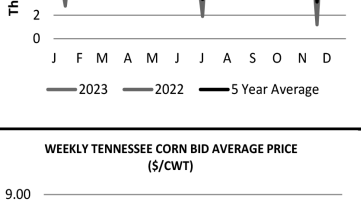
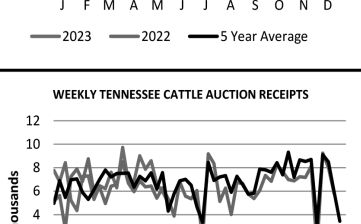
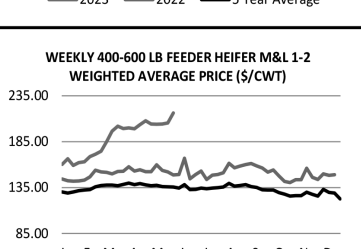
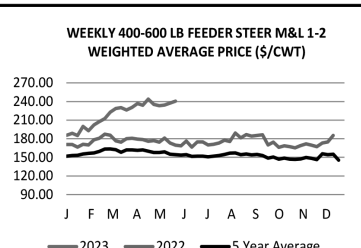
STATE AVERAGES			
Steers (M&L 1-2)	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
300-350 lbs	250.95	253.01	182.95
350-400 lbs	256.30	255.78	179.11
400-450 lbs	252.81	244.64	176.95
450-500 lbs	240.20	238.40	174.30
500-550 lbs	234.11	233.25	168.73
550-600 lbs	231.66	224.08	162.61
600-650 lbs	231.28	222.86	159.46
650-700 lbs	219.68	210.36	154.61
700-750 lbs	195.67	201.78	141.80
750-800 lbs	204.59	190.95	139.61

Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	224.49	229.84	159.63
350-400 lbs	224.89	226.07	156.22
400-450 lbs	219.45	214.73	154.80
450-500 lbs	210.30	211.48	152.12
500-550 lbs	207.68	199.38	148.41
550-600 lbs	200.61	193.19	139.73
600-650 lbs	189.23	185.13	135.02
650-700 lbs	187.88	180.73	130.47
700-750 lbs	175.95	166.37	128.53
750-800 lbs	164.38	162.41	121.05

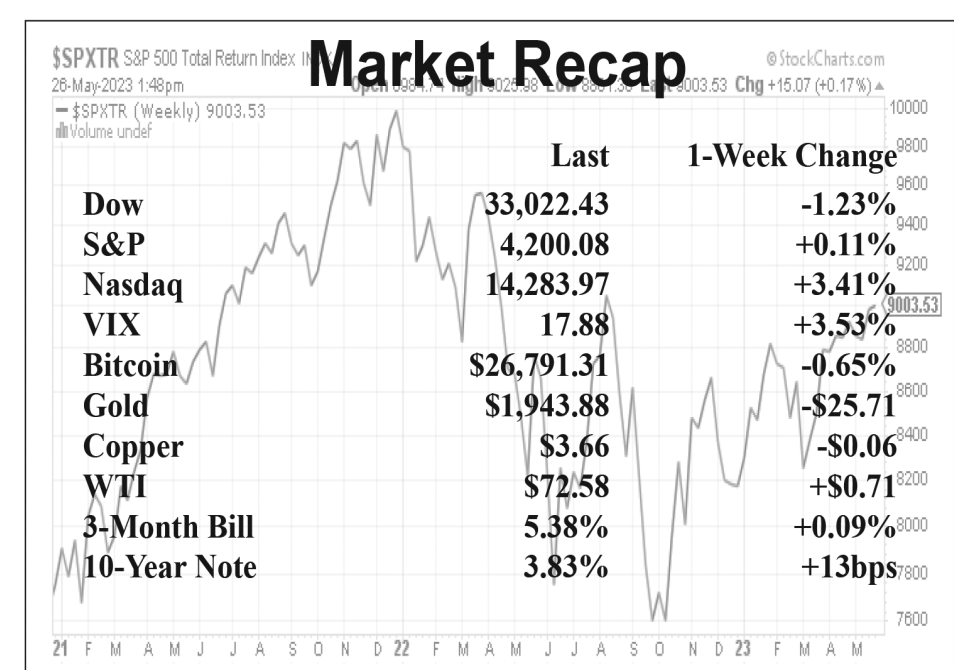
WEEKLY COW SUMMARY			
Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	93.00-130.00	100.00-142.00	89.00-91.00
Boners	89.00-128.00	98.00-137.00	81.00-106.00
Lean	75.00-107.00	93.00-123.00	60.00-88.00
Slaughter Bulls	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1's	115.00-139.00	130.00-148.50	105.00-118.00

May 15, 2023			
GOATS: 551			
Kids-Selection 1	43-47 lbs	230.00-350.00;	50-59 lbs 350.00-360.00; 63-67 lbs 340.00; 85 lbs 280.00.
Selection 2	40-49 lbs	220.00-325.00;	55-58 lbs 330.00; 63 lbs 280.00; 70 lbs 300.00; 85 lbs 240.00; 108 lbs 180.00.
LAMBS: 635			
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 2-3	45-49 lbs	180.00-200.00;	50-58 lbs 190.00-200.00; 65-67 lbs 177.50-195.00; 70 lbs 185.00; 88 lbs 210.00; 90 lbs 170.00; 100-120 lbs 170.00-182.50.

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GRAINS			
Corn	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
	5.31-6.44	5.15-6.36	7.30-8.06
Soybeans	13.31-13.71	12.95-14.31	16.76-17.72
New Crop Wheat	5.54-6.20	5.65-6.41	10.43-11.50



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JUNE 1903

REAL ESTATE – M. L. Skeen to W. J. Davis, undivided interest in Bell Buckle Mills.

UNIONVILLE – Mrs. Jane Duggan has gone to Palmetto, Ga., her old home. She will be absent for several weeks.

HILLSDALE – Mr. Paul Brown of Shelbyville was the guest of his uncle, Mr. R. L. Brown on las Sunday.

CORTNER – Rev. W. M. Woodfin addressed the children of Cortner last Sunday.

HIMESVILLE – Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reed spent Sunday night with Mr. A. W. Woosley and family at Flat Creek.

REAL ESTATE – J. E. Frizzell to R. G. Brown, lot in Bell Buckle.

FLAT CREEK – Mrs. Edna Hix and Lela Reagor returned from Lebanon last week where they have been attending school.

JUNE 1928

WARTRACE – Misses Elise Slater and Katherine Yell entertained for Miss Annie Dean Shriver of Nashville.

UNIONVILLE – Mr. Scott Landers of California, is with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ben Landers.

NOTICE – Bring your cream to Clark Cream Station, Shelbyville, Tenn.

SHELBYVILLE – Mr. L. L. Edwards, who several months ago opened a lumber yard in Shelbyville, has sold out his stock of lumber to Shapard & Wheatley and the Gunter Lumber Company.

THOMPSON'S CREEK – Mr. P. S. Parks and son, Roy, of Lynchburg spent Thursday night with his sister Mrs. J. A. Hornaday.

NORMANDY – Mrs. Rosa Lee Driscoll of Flat Creek is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Lee Broiles.

HALEY – Little Frank Crowell, Jr. of Shelbyville, spent several days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Durham.

FLAT CREEK – Mrs. Mollie Parker and Mrs. Clint Rucker of Shelbyville, Mr. Heck Boyers of Huntland, attended the Reagor reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Finn Gowan.

JUNE 1953

BELL BUCKLE – Miss Miriam Ames plans to leave next week for Denver, Colorado, to be with her sister Miss Winifred Ames.

SHELBYVILLE – Dr. Alfred Farrar has been elected Chief of Staff of Bedford County General Hospital here, succeeding Dr. T. R. Ray.

NEW HERMON – Mr. and Mrs. John Allen are visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Sgt. and Mrs. Ned Solomon in Washington, D.C.



Melissa Edwards
Historian

REAL ESTATE – S. N. Bellenfant, Sr. to S. N. Bellenfant, Jr. and Patterson Bellenfant, property in 7th District.

RICHMOND – R. C. Dysart was a recent guest of his cousins Mrs. Frances Woodward and Mrs. O. C. Kimmons.

RAUS – Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Riddle, Mrs. Dan Parker and Mrs. Maggie C. Perry arrived Tuesday from their extended trip to the west coast.

HIMESVILLE – Mrs. Cecil Simmons spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. John R. Phillips, and Mr. Phillips.

BLOTTER: JUNE 3

T-G STAFF REPORTS

A woman in police custody swallowed an “unknown blue-in-color pill” during a routine search by a Bedford County Sheriff’s Department Officer last Friday.

Bonnie Joe Brown, 36, was asked by Officer William Halsey if she had anything on her person prior to being taken to the correctional facility. According to the sheriff’s report, Brown removed a small plastic cylinder container containing the unknown pill.

It was then Brown “quickly opened the container and ingested the pill by mouth and swallowed it,” according to the report.

She was then transported to the Bedford County Correctional facility where she was evaluated by medical staff and placed in observation.

She has been charged with destruction/tampering of government records and is set on a \$2,500 bond

Neighbor scares horses

A woman reported Tuesday that she was “having trouble with her neighbor harassing her horses.” In a sheriff’s office report, she said she sat on her porch one night and watched her neighbor “call his cat,” though she said he didn’t have a cat. He then proceeded to use a spotlight which he shined on her horses while “making a cat noise and that the horse started running around scared.”

She then rode her four-wheeler down to confront him, however, the neighbor ran inside and turned all the lights off, according to the report.

The woman who reported the incident said her neighbor “will start again because he wants to do what he wants.”

Security cameras in use

A sheriff’s officer was dispatched to Benford Road on Tuesday in regard to a trespassing issue. According to the report, the property owner said his cameras caught an individual, “a white man wearing a hoodie, blue jeans, and ballcap,” exiting a dark gray/blue Equinox and attempting to open the property owner’s cars. The man promptly left. A sheriff’s report was filed.

Another man reported tools stolen from his garage after checking his security camera which show a four-door sedan driving up to his property at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday. A report of the missing tools was filed.

Jail intake

The following were charged by the Shelbyville Police Department, Bedford County Sheriff’s Office, Tennessee Highway Patrol, or 17th Judicial District Drug Task Force. They are only charged; guilt or innocence will be determined by the courts.

•Bill Rex Adams, 53, Kingston Corner; driver to exercise due care, driver’s license violations, DUI, financial responsibility, seatbelt law; released, \$3,500 bond

•John Morton Begley, 43, Scudder Drive; public intoxication; \$1,000 bond

•Michael William Brothers, 36, Belmont Avenue; financial responsibility, no driver’s license/exhibited on demand, violation of registration law; released on recognizance

•Bonnie Joe Brown, 36, Rabbit Branch Road; capias, destruction/tampering of government records, failure to appear; \$2,500 bond

•Robert Curtis Burns II, 45, Loop Street; civil disorder, public intoxication, resisting arrest by officer; released, \$1,500 bond

•Naliyah Bre’Shae Cannon, 18, St. Charles Place; domestic assault (simple); released, \$2,500 bond

•Miguel Carmelo Alonzo, 37, Patricia Drive, Nashville; no driver’s license/exhibited on demand, speeding; released, \$500 bond

•Jimmy Dewayne Cates II, 23, Silver Creek Road, Lewisburg; violation of probation (two counts); released, \$5,000 bond

•Timothy Paul Farrar, 35, Highway 82 South; failure to appear; released, \$1,000 bond

•Omar Flores, 35, King Arthur Court; child abuse/neglect/endangerment (two counts), child restraint law (two counts), license required, light law, safety belt warning; released, \$2,500 bond

•Cory Allen Frazier, 28, Barksdale Lane; evading arrest, vandalism; \$2,500 bond

•Pablo Garcia, 27, Derry Street; child restraint law, financial responsibility, no driver’s license/exhibited on demand, speeding;

released, \$500 bond

•Alfredo Gomez Diez, 18, Murfreesboro; financial responsibility, no driver’s license/exhibited on demand, speeding; released, \$1,000 bond

•Linda Marie Green, 37, North Washington Street, Tullahoma; violation of probation (two counts); \$4,500 bond

•Roy Rober Hoves-Sanchez, 61, Carney Street; no driver’s license/exhibited on demand, traffic control device (stop sign); released on recognizance

•Juan Francisco Infante, 47, Hilltop Drive; DUI, failure to maintain lane, no driver’s license/exhibited on demand, violation of implied consent; released, \$3,000 bond

•Elyjah Jennings, 33, South Hancock Street, Murfreesboro; violation of probation; released on recognizance

•Abraham Fedelino Lopez-Perez, 27, West End Circle; no driver’s license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance

•Jose Luis (NMN) Luciano Cruz, 50, Mockingbird Drive; DUI, light law, no driver’s license/exhibited on demand, no proof of insurance, open container law; \$2,000 bond

•Brandon Alexis Martinez-Luna, 20, White Street; capias (two counts), driving on a revoked license, evading arrest (two counts), failure to appear; \$10,500 bond

•Jose Emmanuel (NMN) Mendez Perez Jr., 19, Colemont Drive, Antioch; violation of drinking age; released, \$2,000 bond

•Charles Kenneth Moore, 54, West End Drive, Tullahoma; failure to appear, other, violation of probation; \$2,500 bond

•Charles Melvin Moore, 76, Stonefield Circle; violation of order of protection; \$2,500 bond

•Uriel (NMN) Muanda, 18, Apache Place; no driver’s license/exhibited on demand, speeding; released on recognizance

•Timothy Russell Murphy, 62, Division Street, Normandy; capias, failure to appear; \$2,500 bond

•Thomas Nix, 48, Highway 82 South; possession of drug paraphernalia; released on recognizance

•Alexander Eroc Niz Godinez, 20, Hickory Drive; DUI, failure to appear, no driver’s license/exhibited on demand, open container law, speeding; released, \$2,000 bond

•Beatriz Olea Chavez,

21, Maplewood Drive; no driver’s license/exhibited on demand, traffic control device (stop sign); released on recognizance

•Amanda Darnell Pack, 41, Barksdale Lane; driving on a suspended license, traffic control device (stop sign); released, \$500 bond

•Pedro De Jesus Ramirez, 25, Mars Hill, N.C.; driving on a suspended license, financial responsibility, traffic control device (stop sign); released, \$1,500 bond

•Juan David Ramirez-Guevara, 20, Warner’s Bridge Road; violation of probation; released on recognizance

•Jeffrey Reeves, 58, Atlantic Avenue; domestic assault (aggravated); \$2,500 bond

•Nicholas Raymond Simmons, 37, Valley Road; DUI; \$2,000 bond

•Jared Caleb Smith, 31, Horn Lane; violation of probation; released, \$1,500 bond

•Chelsea Renee Tanner Young, 26, Know Creek Road, Wartrace; failure to appear, other (two counts); released, \$2,000 bond

•Carla Vinson, 47, Dickson Road; disorderly conduct, public intoxication; released, \$1,500 bond

•William Ricie Wheeler, 30, Central Avenue; violation of probation (two counts); released, \$4,000 bond

•Derreck Allen Wilhoite, 43, Blue Stocking Hollow Road; violation of probation; released, \$2,500 bond

•Jeremy Brent Wix, 46, Union Ridge Road, Wartrace; DUI, light law, violation of implied consent; released, \$1,000 bond

•Cory Allen Frazier, 28, Barksdale Lane; evading arrest, vandalism; \$2,500 bond

•Daniel H. Grajales, 51, Narrows Road; attachment; released, \$2,000 bond

•Ray Devonte Lyons, 30, Wheeler Street; vandalism; released on recognizance

•Matthew Tyler Powell, 24, Scott Lane; driving on a suspended license; released, \$1,500 bond

•Sierra Montana Terry, 25, Ivy Circle, Martin; failure to appear; released on recognizance

•Joshua Vasquez, 24, East Cedar Street; public intoxication; \$500 bond

•Ashley Marie Vaughn, 29, East Depot Street; failure to appear; no bond

•Ralph Lee Williams III, 27, Bell Trace Drive, Antioch; failure to appear; no bond

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

05/23/2023—05/29/2023

Elijah Jordan to Kenneth Edward Banes, Cathleen Ann Banes—\$415,000, 0 acres, Pacific Ave.

Montgomery G. Turner Sr. to Amnon Shreibman, Ruth Shreibman—\$1,755,031, 2.89 acres, Hwy 41A

Jared Virgil Wilson, Melanie Wilson to Patsy Tabor—\$220,000, 0 acres, Birch St.

Rocket Mortgage LLC to Hannah Carrick Monilaw, Courtney Andrew Monilaw—\$136,500, 0.22 acres, Carney St.

Kip L. Bowers, Vicki S. Bowers to Bowers Tennessee Community Property Trust—0 money, 5 acres, Hwy 64 E

Zach Archer to Timothy Lynn Bass, Cheryl Lynn Bass—\$800,000, 0 acres, Sulphur Springs Rd.

Karen Wickham to Karen Wickham, Brad Clark—0 money, 44.62 acres, Hwy 41A N.

Karen Smotherman to Robert Austin Jones—\$258,500, 0 acres, Eventine Dr.

Janice Carlton to John K. Teague, Melody M. Teague—\$50,000, 0 acres, Minkslide Rd.

Nancy A. Jarrell to Enoch Ensley Jarrell, Ensley Jarrell to Nancy A. Jarrell—0 money, 37.34 acres, Hwy 41A

Nancy A. Jarrell to Michael Andrew Jarrell—0 money, 10 acres, Hwy 41A

Nancy A. Jarrell to Enoch E. Jarrell Jr.—0 money, 27.34 acres, Hwy 41A

Nancy A. Jarrell to James Alan Jarrell—0 money, 17.4 acres, Hwy 41A

Vaquero Shelbyville Partners LP, Vaquero

Ventures Management LLC to Shelbyville Super Mercado Inc.—\$2,425,000, 0 acres, Main St.

Taylor Glover, Charles David Glover to Taylor Glover—0 money, 1.4 acres, Hurricane Grove Rd.

Susan D. Bounds, Susan T. Derryberry to Susan D. Bounds, Martha D. Condra, Daryl Wesley Carter, Susan T. Derryberry Testamentary Trust,

Susan D. Bounds—\$10, 0 acres, Murfreesboro and Shelbyville Hwy.

Ray Reese, Winford Daniel, Ray Resse, Randal Douglas Daniel to Ross Edward Daniel, Noemi Leon Daniel—\$380,000, 10.51 acres, Smith Chapel Rd.

Joseph Lynch to Joseph Lynch, Carlie Mallard—0 money, 5 acres, Midland Rd.

Lillie S. Giles, Terry H. Giles to Mason Dwayne Bevis, Dakota Eckhardt—\$295,000, 0 acres, Walnut St.

Ronda Lyn Cooper, Jimmie Alan Cooper to James Donocho, Kevin Ranchino—\$90,000, 0 acres, Virgil Crowell Rd.

Kimball Properties LLC to Julio C. Benavides Rivera—\$130,000, 0 acres, Anderson Rd.

Donald J. Mueller to Melson Pomales, Karla Pomales—\$215,000, 1.39 acres, Cascade Hollow Rd.

James Donoho, Kevin Ranchino to Blue Jay Rentals & Investments LLC—\$115,000, 0 acres, Virgil Crowell Rd.

KHI Corp. to Demond Thomas, Maya Macias—\$295,000, 0 acres, Moody St.

BUSINESS LICENSES

Business Listings—New Businesses 05/24/2023—05/31/2023

GC Jones Trucking: 1762 Fairfield Pike, Shelbyville, Gordon Jones Hair Suite: 814 Union St., Shelbyville, Keisha Smith

HMG Music Sales: 1134 Carr Creek Rd., Normandy, John Phelps

Ramos Construction

LLL: 108 Rabbit Run, Bell Buckle, Irma V. Ramos

Tennessee Greenscapes LLC: 300 Davis Lane, Unionville, Brian Adkins

PUBLIC RECORD

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Galdino Bartolon and Blanca Azucena Martinez

Marshall Scott Gower and Jennifer Lezlee Dabbs Beard

Joseph Michael Richards and Melissa Marie Shaw

Roberto Cordero Leverette and Kayla Marie Parker

Mark Jerome Hall 2nd and Amber Nicole Harmon

Larry Heath Presley and Alexandra Tyme Ragle

Wilibaldo Lopez Zunun and Mirna Ivette Pineda

Steven Allen Fite and Renee Leann Lenoir

Richard Leon Russell III and Emily Ashten Kimmons

Isaiah Walton Smith and Sarina Lynn Richards

Justin Wayne Jamison and Jessica Anne Smith

State prisoner charged with murder of another inmate

JOHNSON COUNTY – An investigation by special agents with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has resulted in the indictment of a state prison inmate in connection to the murder of another inmate.

On January 24, at the request of 1st Judicial District Attorney General Steve Finney, TBI agents began working alongside the Tennessee Department of Correction in investigating the stabbing death of Robert Henry Hicks Jr., aged 70, that occurred in the Northeast Correctional Facility in Johnson County. During the course of the investigation, authorities determined that inmate Gregory Barner, 48, was the individual who stabbed Hicks. On May 15, the Johnson



Gregory Barner

County Grand Jury returned an indictment charging Barner with one count of First-Degree Murder. On Thursday, he was served with the indictment at the Northeast Correctional Facility.

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Remember, honor, and pray



The Shelbyville Square was the spot for a Memorial Day program over the weekend. Many members of the community came out to show their support and remember those who have sacrificed all for freedom.

Submitted photos



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Doug Dezotell
Musings and Memories

Hey Preach!

Every Sunday morning as I walked through the doors of the Church, I would hear this greeting from Mary Lee McKay, "Hey Preach!"

I can still hear her voice today as I sit here in my study at home, just like I do every Sunday when I walk through the doors at Cannon Methodist.

Mrs. McKay has gone on to Glory now, but she will never be forgotten by her Church and her family and friends.

"Preach" is a title of honor that I wear gladly and that I practice all the time.

Some of my friends at Cannon call me "Preacher," while some call me "Pastor," or "Brother Doug."

And then some just call me by my name, which of course is "Doug."

But I answer to all of them.

Preaching has been my vocation for all of my adult life.

Back in the late 70s, I had the privilege of preaching in a store-front mission in Springfield, Missouri.

I was in Bible College back then and I was blessed to work with an elderly couple whom we affectionately called Bro. and Sis. Cook, or Mom and Pop.

They were retired preachers who moved from California to Missouri to retire and raise a small herd of cattle.

But it wasn't long and they got the itch to Preach and reach people once again with the Gospel of Christ.

So they started a street ministry in a small building near the bus station. But the ministry soon outgrew that spot so the Cooks moved the mission to an old shoe store on the city square.

It was in that store-front where I first met the Cooks. The ministry team would gather in the "prayer room" up in the attic to pray before the services surrounded by boxes of old discarded shoes.

We served meals to the men and women from the streets that would wander in from the alley-ways and run-down hotels and the abandoned buildings that surrounded that rundown area of the city.

But before we ate we had Church.

And I mean "WE HAD CHURCH!"
We would Sing and Shout and Praise the Lord!

We would testify of God's goodness in our lives!

And we would preach the Gospel Message.

We would kneel and



T-G Photo by Zoe Watkins

New WHTA opens at The Celebration

President Bill Young announced the Walking Horse Trainers' Association office has been relocated to the historic Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration grounds. The new WHTA office is in the old gift shop building (next to the Optimist Club Donut booth). The newly renovated building has been home to Shane Shiflet Photography during the Celebration for the past several years.

"We look forward to hosting Shane and his crew during the Celebration," Young stated. "We recognize this location near a major intersection is quite convenient for our owners and exhibitors, who are accustomed to viewing their proof here."

Visitors are always welcome. WHTA office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. During the Celebration, Shane Shiflet Photography staff will be available during scheduled sessions as usual.

For more information about the WHTA, visit <https://walkinghorsetrainers.com> or call (931) 684-5866.



Mark McGee
My Take

AI

Well, it has happened. Some people became too smart and helped open the doors to the development of something even smarter than they are.

Artificial Intelligence, AI, has been everywhere in the news lately. And that's a good thing.

I agree with some of the experts in the field of this new and scary technology that this might be the greatest threat to humanity since the development of nuclear weapons.

As a writer I am concerned on a more personal level that ChatGPT, could take over the publishing industry on all fronts. Other jobs, especially clerical ones, also hang in the balance. Anyone who deals with words or numbers could be replaced.

ChatGPT is already super popular. Students are using it to write term papers for school. A couple recently used it to write wedding vows. There are new uses every day. Songwriters beware. It can also produce songs.

It is a technology that is smart and getting smarter. According to an article in Forbes magazine ChatGPT can basically do the thinking for you from "brainstorming ideas, planning your child's birthday party or help you shop."

Last week, in a news report most credited to AI, a fake photo of an explosion near the Pentagon went viral. It briefly caused financial havoc before being exposed as false.

That is one of the more disconcerting facts of AI. How are we going to police the accuracy of what is produced. How could AI alter facts to fit its own goals?

On an even more fearful front AI could challenge the very existence of humanity. I have always said movies and television prepare us for the future, good or bad. Anybody remember "The Terminator" movies where humankind is being exterminated by machines.

That may have been science fiction but many experts in the field, including Sam Altman, whose firm created ChatGPT and Geoffrey Hinton, known as the "The Godfather of AI," are among the many who warn the technology poses "a risk of extinction" according to an article in the New York Post.

In a letter from the Center of AI Safety, the experts said, "Mitigating the risk of extinction from AI should be a global priority alongside other societal scale risks such as pandemics and nuclear war."

That's a long sentence

▶ See **Mark**, Page 3B



Buck

Dog of the Week: Buck

Note: This is the first installment of the Dog of the Week column. These dogs are from the Bedford County Animal Control Shelter, 205 Lane Pkwy, in Shelbyville, and are available for adoption.

This is Buck. He is aged 1.5 years old. He has been with the Bedford County Animal Control Shelter for 65 days. He is a gentle giant! He walks great on a leash. He does not make messes in his kennel. One of his back legs doesn't work as it should, but he was vet checked and they said he was great. He is fully vaccinated, microchipped, and neutered. They had a local artist create a drawing of him, so his adopter will get a free 8x10 picture of him.

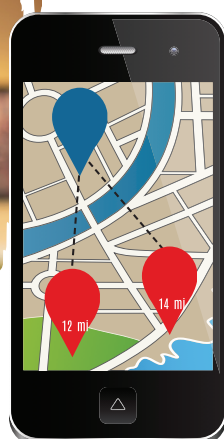
CARNIVAL FUN



Submitted photos
Money can't buy happiness but it can buy carnival tickets! Fletcher and Betty Mai Deason enjoying the first night of the carnival. See more carnival photos on page 3B.



Submitted photos
This is Peanut. She was a 2-year-old who was adopted earlier this week after being in the shelter for 72 days.



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History-making MTSU equestrian team wins first Western national championship

MURFREESBORO — For the first time in school history, the Middle Tennessee State University equestrian team took home the Western National Championship trophy at the 2023 Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association National Championship.

Held earlier in May at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky, five Blue Raider riders qualified as a western team, and four riders qualified individually by placing top four at the semifinals earlier in the spring.

High Point Western Rider competition, with a field of 20 riders nationwide qualifying for this special event in their regions by competing successfully in both the open reining and horsemanship. Fifth overall in 2022, Martin placed second overall this year, making her the reserve national champion.

In addition to qualifying riders, MTSU hauled six horses used in the May 2-7 national competition draw format.

To learn more about the MTSU equestrian team, which is part of the horse science program in the College of Basic and Applied Sciences' School of Agriculture, email Ariel.Higgins@mtsu.edu.



Joined by IHSA founder Bob Caccione, left, and with their individual awards and the IHSA Western Team Champions trophy, MTSU equestrian team members include, from left, coach Ariel Higgins, Audrey Ferrie, Sadio Barnes, Mackenzie Latimer, Jordan Martin, Jessie Kauffman, and assistant coach Andrea Rego, holding Levi Rego, during closing ceremonies at the event at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Ky.

Team awards

- Martin was the Team Open Horsemanship reserve national champion and placed fourth in Team Open Reining.
- Barnes was the national champion in Team Beginner Western Horsemanship.
- Jessie Kauffman, a junior nursing major from Woodbury, Tennessee, placed fourth in the Team Rookie Horsemanship.
- Mackenzie Latimer, a junior dietetics and horse science major from Millbrook, New York, placed third in the Team Level 1 Horsemanship.
- Audrey Ferrie, a junior business administration major from Warren, Pennsylvania, placed fourth in Team Level 2 Horsemanship and third in Team Ranch Riding.

Individual class awards

- Martin, in addition to Back on Track Reserve Highpoint Western Rider, placed sixth in Individual

Open Horsemanship.

- Madison Westbrook, a senior nursing major from Murfreesboro, placed seventh in Individual Level 1 Horsemanship.
- Louann Braunwalder, a junior horse science and fermentation science major from Lascassas, Tennessee, placed third in Individual Level 1 Horsemanship.
- Hannah Price, a junior horse science major from Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, placed third in Individual Beginner Horsemanship.

Coaching, volunteer honors

Higgins and former coach/equestrian team director Anne Brzezicki, of Murfreesboro, received special IHSA recognition. Higgins received the coaches' Sportsmanship Award; Brzezicki was presented the Volunteer Service Award, and she announced she was stepping down as a volunteer.

Open Horsemanship.

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MTSU equestrian team members, from left, Audrey Ferrie, Sadio Barnes, Mackenzie Latimer, Jordan Martin, and Jessie Kauffman hoist the IHSA Western championship trophy into the air May 7 at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Ky. It marks the first national championship for MTSU riders.

About the IHSA

The Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association, or IHSA, welcomes beginners through advanced riders in the hunter and Western disciplines to

compete individually or on a team. Men and women compete with and against each other. IHSA includes 40 regions in eight zones with more than 400 member colleges in 45 states and Canada and represents

10,000 members in hunter seat equitation on the flat and over fences, Western horsemanship, ranch riding and reining. Divisions range from Beginner to the Open Division for the more experienced riders.



Aboard a horse named Flint, Sadio Barnes of Miami, Florida, is shown after her National Champion ride in Team Beginner Horsemanship at IHSA national competition at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Ky.



Keeping the tradition of biting medals they just received, Middle Tennessee State University equestrian team members include, from left, coach Ariel Higgins, Audrey Ferrie, Sadio Barnes, Mackenzie Latimer, Jordan Martin, Jessie Kauffman and assistant coach Andrea Rego.

Tennessee towns that failed to launch

By **BILL CAREY**

If things had turned out differently, there'd be a town in Montgomery County called New York and one in Benton County called Williamsville. Jackson would be in the Middle rather than West Tennessee.

You see, towns didn't just magically appear in early Tennessee. Somewhere along the way, a developer organized them, laid out streets, subdivided lots, and announced the creation of the towns in newspaper advertisements.

I've found ads announcing the creation of the town of Maryville (1795), Columbia (1818), Memphis (1820), Dyersburg (1825), Harriman (1889), and many others. Most of them sound similar. They say why the town will become a hub of commerce and lead to prosperity for everyone who moves there.

I think my favorite is Nolensville because it made the audacious claim that people who lived there were less likely to die. "Nolensville is situated in Williamson County," said an ad in the October 1818 Tennessee State Gazette. "Three excellent springs entirely convenient, and as healthy as any part of the world. As proof, the present proprietor has lived on the spot for 20 years and raised up a family of 15 children without a single death."

NEW YORK,

Is situated on the North side of Cumberland river, in Montgomery county, Tenn. directly between the confluence of Blooming Grove and Sugar creeks with said river. Its site is elevated and beautiful, not inferior to any in the state. The greatest part of the town, is so situated, that it affords a most delightful view, for two or three miles up and down the river. It has 3 most excellent springs; and a mineral spring within one mile and a half of the town. The landing & harbor for boats, is most excellent.

When we take into consideration the many advantages that must naturally arise to this new town, it entitles us to say, we think it will be the depot for nearly all the produce made in Montgomery, Stewart and Christian counties. Hopkinsville lies nearly North, about 26 miles, and Reynoldsburgh to the West of south, 40 miles. Now, when we take into view, the superiority of the roads leading to Hopkinsville, over a fine, rich, level tract of country, and no obstructions from high water, we are induced to believe, without hesitation that the road to Natchez will most assuredly pass through this town.

The town of New York is laid out in a very superb style, with large streets, running north and south, crossing at right angles. Suitable sites are selected for a house of public worship, and an academy;

This 1819 Nashville Whig article announced the creation of the town of New York in Montgomery County.

Some of these developers made money and organized communities that are still there today. Some did not, organizing towns that vanished from the map a long time ago, such as Randolph (Tipton County), Dallas (Hamilton County) Washington (Rhea County), and Columbus (Bradley County).

I would describe these four communities as "ghost towns" — which means they once existed; they once had churches, commerce,

etc., but don't anymore.

However, some of the towns I've found announcements for apparently never got off the ground in the first place. Here are three examples:

In June 1819, the Nashville Whig announced the creation of New York, a town in Montgomery County to be located on the north side of the Cumberland River. According to the ad, the site was beautiful, had three springs, and an excellent harbor.

"Merchants would do well in visiting this eligible site and vesting part of their capital in lots," the ad said.

According to the ad, the town of New York had five developers — the most prominent of which was U.S. Representative Henry H. Bryan.

In 1821, the Whig announced that an academy had been organized in New York, which offered instruction in reading, writing, rhetoric, map reading, and languages, among other subjects. The first year, the academy was led by F.R. Cossit, the second by J. Voorheis.

New York even made it to Matthew Rhea's 1832 map of Tennessee — just downstream and across the Cumberland River from Palmyra.

However, I can find very little mention of New York, Tennessee, other than these brief signs of its existence. The only clue remaining that the community ever existed is a road called York Landing Road.

Meanwhile, there were two attempts to create a Tennessee town called Jackson. We

are familiar with the one that succeeded, in Madison County. But what about the other (theoretical) town of Jackson?

In September 1818 the Nashville Whig contained a large ad in which Joseph and Richard Royall announced the creation of a town called Jackson on the Duck River. "On the present crop there will not be less than 600 hogsheads of tobacco shipped from this place and its vicinity to New Orleans," the ad boasted. The article said the town of Jackson will be located on the river's north bank, near the boundary between Maury and Bedford Counties (Marshall County did not exist yet). Based on this description, my best guess is that the ad refers to land at or near the present location of Henry Horton State Park.

In any case, this attempt to form a town called Jackson must have failed immediately, because the West Tennessee town of Jackson was already organized by 1822. Richard Royall later moved to Texas.

A third example of a town that "failed to launch" was in present-day Benton County. In 1821, Joshua Williams organized a town called Williamsville, across the Tennessee River from Reynoldsburg, in what was then Humphreys County. "Its mercantile advantages are very great," the ads claimed. "It is also the main crossing place from the eastern part of the state to the Chickasaw Bluffs."

Williamsville must have really bombed as a real estate venture. I found it mentioned a couple of times as a stagecoach stop, but I can't find the place on a single map of Tennessee.

Mark

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that should fill all of us with some level of dread. There is now widespread worry about the future of AI, but it may be too late. Hinton left a job as vice president and engineering fellow at Google to campaign for control of the monster he helped invent.

Doug

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pray with the people gathered around the altars who were seeking God's healing for their bodies, or deliverance from addictions. And we helped so many people surrender their lives to Christ.

Like I said, *"We Had Church!"*

Back in the 80s and 90s I had the privilege of preaching as a visiting evangelist in the pulpit of the church at Castle Butte on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona.

I've had the honor of preaching to this congregation on numerous occasions over the years, but the last time I was standing in a new pulpit on a new platform in a new church building.

Arsonists had burned the old church building to the ground along with all its contents.

The pastor and his wife had labored in ministry from that spot for years.

The small white church building sat in the shadow of Castle Butte, a large volcanic outcropping of black and red rock out in the desert of Northern Arizona.

Many lives have been changed for eternity at Castle Butte.

Scores of men and women, boys and girls have knelt at those altars to pray and say "Yes" to Jesus. *"Aoo! Jiisas!"*

The congregation at Castle Butte built a new building to worship in just up the rise from the former building.

And I have had the privilege of preaching in that new building at Castle Butte again and again.

The first time I preached on the Navajo Reservation was back in the mid-80s. I was serving as the pastor of a church in West Texas, and our friend, Linda Thompson, asked me to come and preach revival services at a small church at Black Rock in Arizona.

I was amazed when I saw the *"Church Building"* that I would be preaching in. It was put together by a group of Navajo women who collected wood and metal and canvas tarps from across the Reservation to build a sanctuary.

The floor was dirt, and the only light in the building came from a string of light bulbs that hung from the rafters that supported the make-shift

Sara Brown, in an article on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology website quotes Hinton's concerns that it can't be contained.

"It's quite conceivable that humanity is just a passing phase in the evolution of intelligence," Brown quotes Hinton as saying.

Some unappetizing food for thought.

roof. Those lights were powered by a noisy gas generator that sat outside the sanctuary. That old generator was a gift from another church.

Preaching in that sanctuary was one of the greatest experiences of my life.

And I preached my heart out, and we really did have revival. I know that I sure did!

I returned to my congregation in West Texas with a renewed zeal and a greater desire to serve the Lord, and to *PREACH His Word.*

And *PREACH* I did! I've preached in some interesting places over the years. I've preached on city streets in the slums of Chicago and at a place called Bughouse Square.

I've preached on the streets around Washington Square in downtown Manhattan in New York City.

I've preached in jails and prisons to men and women who were hoping to hear some Good News in the midst of their misery.

I've preached from pulpits in tents and buildings and out on the streets all across the country.

To stand in the pulpit of my church in Shelbyville, and sit in my stool to share the Gospel Message, is what I love to do.

It's my privilege to open the Word of God every week and talk to the people of Cannon about the hope that we all have in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

But I realize that if I am going to be able to have an impact from the pulpit, and out of the pulpit, I have to live right and stay right with God.

I want people to see Jesus in Me in the way that I live whether I'm at home or at church or out and about in the community; not just in the words that I speak or the words that I write, but in the life that I live.

I am working hard, with God's help, to be *A Preacher Who Practices What He Preaches.*

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ROADSIDE CARNIVAL BRINGS GOOD TIMES AND LAUGHTER



Photos by Chris Begley

It's that time of year again with carnivals and festivals happening every week. Here are a few snapshots from a roadside carnival last week on Madison Street in Shelbyville.



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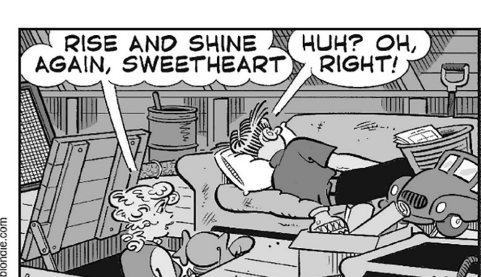
Mort Walker's beetle bailey



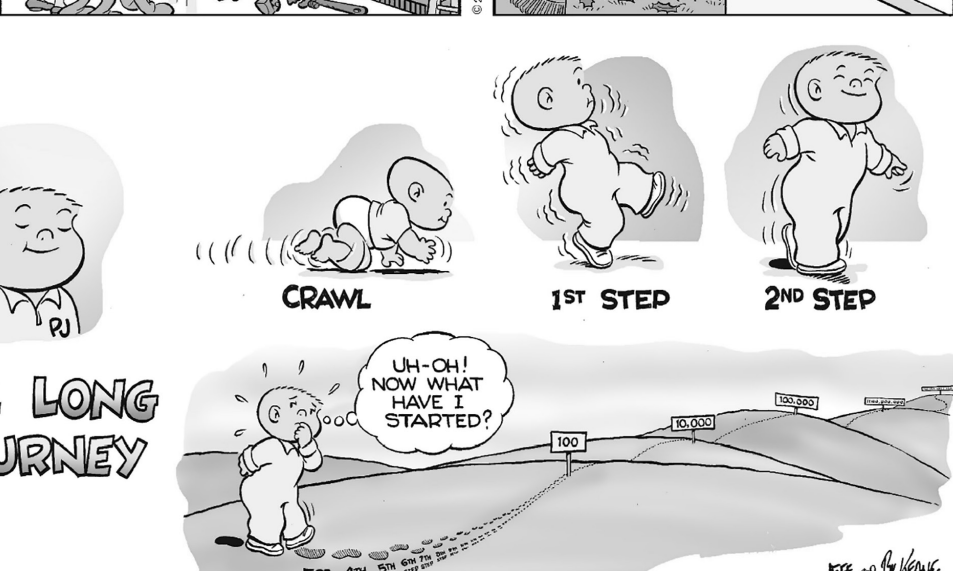
Hank Ketchum's Dodger Dog Dennis the Menace



BLONDIE BY DEAN BURNETT & JOHN MARSHALL

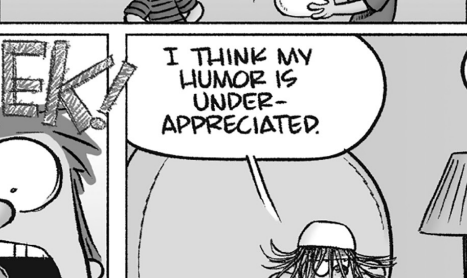


The FAMILY CIRCUS BY BILL KEANE



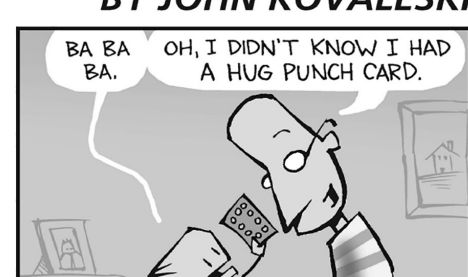
Baby Blues

Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



DADDY DAZE BY JOHN KOVALESKI

BY JOHN KOVALESKI



SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

TED! WAKE UP!
YOU GOTTA COME OVER HERE!

OH, SAL, NOT THE EARLY-MORNING SUMMER BREEZE THING AGAIN.
BUT IT'S SO SOFT AND GENTLE AND INVIGORATING AND -

ALANI WAKE UP!
YOU GOTTA FEEL THIS BREEZE!

JILL?

SALLY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP SO EARLY?
SAME THING YOU ARE! ENJOYING THIS BEAUTIFUL SUMMER MORNING!

HOW CAN ANYONE SLEEP THROUGH THIS?!

I DON'T KNOW! IT'S INCREDIBLE!

OH NO. THAT WEIRD FORTH FAMILY NOW HAS AN ALLY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
GREAT. NOW THEY WON'T LEAVE EVEN AFTER THEIR DAUGHTER GRADUATES HIGH SCHOOL.

The PHANTOM

by Lee Falk

WE AT THE CHAMPION OF OLD ARE SO PLEASED TO HAVE YOU AND THE HUMAN FEMALES AS OUR GUESTS THIS EVENING, SIR...

WONDERFUL MEAL! FINER FARE CAN'T BE HAD IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN MAWITAAAN.

AND THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER, NO DOUBT! DARLINGS, WHAT DID YOU DO?

I UNDERSTAND A DIARY PENNED BY MINA'S GREAT-UNCLE DISAPPEARED FROM THE FAMILY LIBRARY WHILE I WAS IN MUNICH.
AND WITH IT, A ROADMAP TO THE CHAMBER OF THE GODS.
AND YET HERE YOU ARE, MINA, BACK HERE ANYWAY.

WHAT IS...? MAW... TAAN?

WHEN THE PHANTOM TOOK ME HOME TO MUNICH, IT WAS THE END OF ONE MYSTERY, DIANA... THAT OF MY DISAPPEARANCE IN THE JUNGLE...

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Hi and Lois

by Brian and Greg Walker

MOM IS NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY.
HOW DO YOU KNOW?

WE GOT OUR SCHOOL PICTURES TODAY.
LET ME SEE THEM.

VERY CUTE, DOT.
OF COURSE.

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OF COURSE.

WHEN THE PHANTOM TOOK ME HOME TO MUNICH, IT WAS THE END OF ONE MYSTERY, DIANA... THAT OF MY DISAPPEARANCE IN THE JUNGLE...

WHY DID YOU WEAR THOSE GAG GLASSES, DITTO?

THE PHOTOGRAPHER THOUGHT THEY WERE FUNNY.
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ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

OKAY, OPEN YOUR EYES!
TAA-DAA!
UM... WOW?

MISSION (BURP!) ACCOMPLISHED, MOM.
WHY DO I EVEN TRY?

YES!
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL ARRAY OF DECORATIVE PILLOWS AND SHAMS TO ENHANCE THE VISUAL APPEAL OF YOUR ROOM!

THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"LEROY WON'T EXERCISE... HE'S THE WALKING DREAD."

"I SHOULD SELL TICKETS TO THIS."

"I DON'T REMEMBER FORGETTING YOU TELLING ME THAT."

CANDORVILLE

BY DARRIN BELL

SO... YOU MUST BE DARRIN BELL, AUTHOR OF "THE TALK."
AND YOU MUST BE LEMONT BROWN, AUTHOR OF "THE CONVERSATION."

AND YOU'RE ON STAGE TOMORROW AT THE LIBRARY.
AND YOU'RE ON STAGE TOMORROW AT THE VERY SAME LIBRARY.

IT'S NOT AWKWARD OR CONFUSING OR ANYTHING THAT BOTH OF OUR BOOKS LAUNCH ON THE 6TH, AND WE'RE BOTH ON THE SAME BOOK TOUR.

IT CERTAINLY DOESN'T BREED SO MUCH REGRETMENT IN ME THAT I FIND MYSELF HOPING SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS TO YOU TO KEEP YOU OFF THAT STAGE TOMORROW.

HERE, I'VE BOUGHT YOU A DRINK.

NO THANKS, I'M NOT THIRSTY.

SLYLOCK FOX

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Slylock Fox received a call about a robbery in progress at the Clean Cut Barber Shop in Forestville. When he arrived on the scene everything appeared normal, but when Slylock noticed something missing, he suspected these fellows were the robbers. What is missing?

NICE CUT! THANK YOU!
...HERE FOR A TRIM, MR. FOX?

Spot six differences between these panels.

"YOU THINK IT'S EASY PREPARING A MEAL WHILE WATCHING TV AND TALKING ON THE PHONE?"

HOW TO DRAW a cowboy
HOWDY!

YOUR DRAWING Today's terrific artist is Riya, age 11

What is the average number of hair strands a person loses each day?

- 10-20
- 50-100
- 150-200
- 300-400

Answer: (b)

Have fun solving a new comic puzzle every day at www.slylockfox.com

"LOOK AT ALL THESE SHOES! AM I MARRIED TO A CENTIPEDE?"

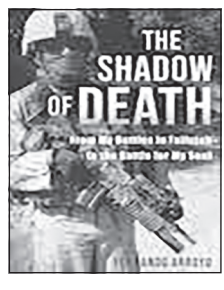
Books for everyone's summer reading

NewsUSA- The heat is turning up as summer approaches. So taking it easy on lazy afternoons with a good book is a way to beat the heat. Here are some interesting book recommendations to add to your summer reading list.

The Shadow of Death: From My Battles in Fallujah to the Battle for My Soul

by Fernando Arroyo
The powerful memoir of a suicidal veteran who surrendered to Jesus Christ, pleading for help...

Jesus answered. At the young age of 19, Arroyo learned, "In combat, you have to put your emotions aside, because the next mission is just around the corner." Arroyo honorably served in the Airborne Infantry for five years in positions ranging from scout observer to squad leader, then served three deployments after graduating from U.S. Army Ranger School, working in combat conditions in Iraq and Afghanistan. And yet, while serving our nation, his work as a soldier was hardening his heart, pulling him farther away from God. This is the candid, poignant story of Arroyo's descent into unimaginable despair—and his glorious redemption in God. Find at faithfultext.com. Use special discount code SHADOW30 for 30% off



determination. These people reject the idea of being a victim and fight with everything they have to return to a normal life. These are positive people with positive stories. Five stars from USA Today. Purchase at <https://bit.ly/3TnDphn>.

The Second Coming

by E.L. Smith
Has society turned its back on God? Are we drifting further away from the truth?

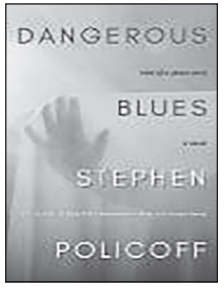
In The Second Coming, private investigator Shawn Abernathy struggles with his beliefs in God, good, and evil, and with revelations, he cannot escape. After facing a surprise visitor from Heaven, his life changes dramatically. Soon he finds himself hiding from the Antichrist as he comes to terms with his ultimate purpose: aiding in the salvation of all humanity.



Derived from the book of Revelation, The Second Coming follows the travails of individuals across the globe as they face what lies within their hearts and souls at the end of the world. We all have only two choices before life after death. What side will you choose? Purchase at <https://bit.ly/3HVHtRg>.

Dangerous Blues

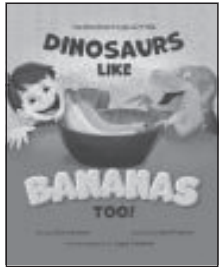
by Stephen Policoff
A dark yet comic storm of family relationships laced with a buzz of the supernatural, where the fleeting light of the present must constantly contend with the shadows of the past.



Paul and daughter Spring subplot a New York apartment after the death of Paul's wife Nadia. Paul meets the mother of one of Spring's new friends, Tara, a blues singer and perhaps the spark Paul needs. But Paul fears he is being haunted by Nadia. Tara, who grew up in a New England cult, is haunted, too. "Wildly creative, the absolute perfect chord of magic, a wifely ghost, a bit of shamanism and a lot about human bonds and beliefs, all set against the backdrop of a Greenwich Village blues club," says Caroline Leavitt, New York Times bestselling author. Purchase at <https://bit.ly/3YC953J>.

Dinosaurs Like Bananas Too!

by Erin Ciaravino
An exciting, illustrated children's book for ages 2 to 8 that explores the beauty of unexpected adventure in the most unlikely of places.

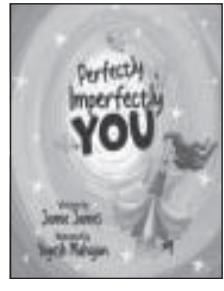


Young Logan Ciaravino created the story as a tool of self-expression when suffering from a speech delay. By using his imagination, he was able to articulate his first creative thought, which is the story of "Dinosaurs Like Bananas Too!" Logan, the story's main character, encounters a new friend, T-Rex, and the two embark on an imaginary journey through Logan's home. Each room transforms into a magical place where new friends teach the pair exciting new things, encouraging us to be unassuming in how we approach the world. The key message:

When you are open to adventure, there are lots of new things to try!" Purchase at <https://bit.ly/3lkeNRc>.

Perfectly Imperfectly YOU

by Jamie James
Have you ever wanted to fit in? Maybe wished you could change something about yourself? How about being a little embarrassed by something you feel is out of place? Although it may not always feel like it, all your "imperfections" make you perfect!



YOU, as you come, are exactly who our world needs!

Through her deep love and commitment to giving her children what her childhood didn't have, Jamie James wrote some stories that would not only be easy to read but contain the simple understanding to help children through their questions and concerns. Not only did she fall in love with writing, she saw the beautiful emotion and reactions from children close to her. Jamie's passion is once again shown through this reignited fire. Purchase at <https://bit.ly/3S2CphW>.

Simplify: Powerful Words for Life's Complicated Situations

by Susan Pazak, PhD
Simplify your day by using these powerful words, scriptures, and thoughts to shift your perspective, mood, and outlook. Life doesn't need to be terribly complicated.

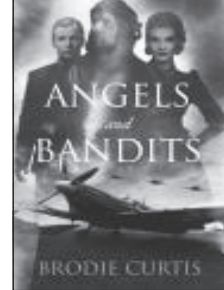


Negative words and thoughts complicate everyday life, especially during difficult times. Core beliefs and negative words and thoughts can be changed to create a simple life. Simplify contains 90 sayings and scriptures that give specific ways to change our words and thoughts during any of life's situations and circumstances.

Discover how changing what we say and think allows us to have peace amidst life's storms. Over time, or maybe immediately, you will experience a simplified perspective. You will discover how to change the way you speak and think, and the shift in belief will be life-changing. Purchase at <https://bit.ly/40kngff>.

Angels and Bandits

by Brodie Curtis
The battle of Britain rages, and two young RAF pilots from very different stations in life must somehow find common ground -- and stay alive.



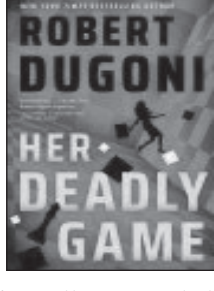
On the eve of World War II, working-class Eddy Beane is a flight instructor in London. He successfully completes dangerous espionage missions for Air Commodore Keith Park and takes on society-girl June Stephenson as a student. Her ex-fiancé, Dudley Thane, is also a flyer, but upper-class and Cambridge-educated.

When the German Luftwaffe attacks England in 1940, Eddy and Dudley end up serving in the same Spitfire squadron. Aerial combat is intense, and both men show their skills and courage, but can they set aside

jealousy and class differences to become fighting brothers for the defense of Britain? Purchase at <https://bit.ly/3FWH5AT>.

Her Deadly Game

by Robert Dugoni
A defense attorney is prepared to play. But is she a pawn in a master's deadly match? A twisting novel of suspense by New York Times bestselling author Robert Dugoni.



Keera Duggan was building a solid reputation as a Seattle prosecutor until her romantic relationship with a senior colleague ended badly. Returning to her family's failing criminal defense law firm is the best shot she has.

Keera's chance to play in the big leagues comes when she's retained by Vince LaRussa, an investment adviser accused of murdering his wealthy wife. The prosecutor is equally challenging: Miller Ambrose, Keera's former lover, who's eager to destroy her in court on her first homicide defense. Keera and her team uncover a complicated and deadly game that's more than Keera bargained for. Purchase at <https://bit.ly/3n7Aptd>.

Stalked by Revenge

by Lynn Lipinski
In Zane Clearwater Mystery Book 3, Clyde Doom wants his half-brother, Zane Clearwater, and Zane's sister Lettie dead. It was their testimony that landed him behind bars after Zane killed his father in self-defense.

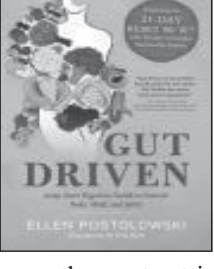


Clyde's violent fantasies may finally become reality when the court overturns his conviction. Lettie is pregnant. Zane is almost finished with his police academy training. Neither is prepared for the storm cloud of darkness roiling in.

Running isn't an option, but standing their ground has never seemed more terrifying. While Zane's friends at the police academy offer to help, they are limited by the boundaries of what is legal and just -- until Zane meets Loris Trapper, a former cop who has no problem toeing the gray areas outside the law. Will Clyde's brutal vengeance be carried out? Purchase at <https://bit.ly/3XYC4hF>.

Gut Driven

by Ellen Postolowski
Embrace the idea that self-care goes beyond food, water, and exercise, and take a moment to think about what healthy means to you. You are only as healthy as the food you can digest. What you put into your body is essential—but unless your digestive system can effectively process the fuel you give it, even the most nutritious foods can go to waste or cause digestive issues. Our resilient gut microbiome is fundamental to the harmony and balance of cognitive and physical functions.



Jump-start optimal well-being with integrative health coach and nutritional food chef Ellen Postolowski, working from the inside out. With a focus on improving gut health—a vital component of whole-body wellness—Gut Driven helps you heal your body, achieve balance, and reset your relationship with what you eat. Purchase at <https://bit.ly/3lRmFwG>.

Do you suffer from tipping fatigue?

I shudder to imagine how Aunt Marie (God rest her soul) would react to today's explosion of expectations for tipping.

Even back in pre-inflationary times, Aunt Marie (who always worked hard for her money) was prone to greet hints for gratuities with a cranky, "I'll give 'em a dadgum tip, alright!" (With the understanding that she meant a teeth-jarring tip upside the head.)

Unless you've been living in a cave, you know that more and more venues and occupations are pushing for tips and that bare-minimum percentages are trending inexorably upwards.

(Heck, even if you have been living in a cave, you've probably encountered some stranger with his palm extended muttering, "*Ahem* I'm the essential person who told you which are stalactites and which are stalagmites. Debit, credit or cash?")
A tip of 15 percent

maintained harmony between diners and wait-staff for decades. Now the server infers, "After I leave this measly 15 percent, I'm going to drive to the cemetery in my diamond-encrusted Rolls Royce and spit on your father's grave."

For no discernible reason other than pandemic pressures, a range of 18-20 percent is now the starting point. One member of the etiquette god pantheon did try to explain it with "Well, the fluctuations of the euro...I mean, the emergence of systemic...aw, go ask your mother!"

We're supposed to get with the program and accept that tipping has evolved. Fine, if it has evolved, let Bill Nye the Science Guy fork over an extra two bucks for my hoagie.

It's supposedly a violation of the social compact if we hold a grudge against a restaurateur who just wants to live his dream.

("My dream has always been to share my grandmother's delicious recipes with the whole world -- and, oh yeah, to underpay my staff.")

Some businesses are tacking on an automatic tip even before a delivery is made. ("Sorry I flattened your carport and your terrier on the way in. The extra five bucks should help calm my nerves.")

Restaurants feel justified in assessing an automatic 18-percent tip for large parties because the diners might (!) be unreasonable, might (!) tie up the table too long and might (!) forget whose turn it was to tip. Next, they will add a surcharge for bribing Animal Control because monkeys might (!) fly out of the butts of the diners.

Consumers are especially riled up over self-checkout (!) touchscreens that suggest a range of tips. ("Think of it as a convenience, not a guilt trip --

although the touchscreen does sometimes complain that you never visit your cousin in Topeka.")

The business owner swears he's going to divvy up the money with all the (unseen) employees; but if I can't trust him to keep the bathroom clean, fix the pot-holes in the parking lot and keep tea urns full, I'm not getting my hopes up about redistribution of wealth.

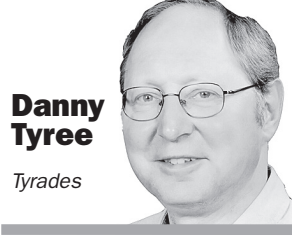
Tipping has taken on theological implications. In Bible days, some people had the notion that Saint Peter's shadow falling on them would cure their illness. Now gas station clerks insist, "Hey, I was in the same time zone as your bagel, so that should be good for a buck or two."

Hang in there, inflation-battered consumers. If Aunt Marie was here, she would feel your pain.

Or ... you could feel your own dadgum pain and tip 30 percent for the privilege.

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DIAL UP FLAVOR WITH SUMMER FAVORITES

FAMILY FEATURES

Turn up the heat this summer and spice your way to delicious warm-weather recipes by using subtle ingredients that bring out bold flavors in your favorite foods. Adding a taste-enhancing option to your repertoire – Tajin Fruity Chamoy Sauce – can make your summer get-togethers the talk of the neighborhood.

Cool off while enjoying mildly spicy dishes. Made with 100% natural chiles, lime juice, sea salt and a hint of apricot, Tajin Fruity Chamoy Sauce offers a unique sweet-and-spicy flavor without too much heat. Perfect for drizzling over fresh fruits and veggies like mango, pineapple, watermelon and more, it’s also commonly used to bring fruity, subtle spice to a wide variety of recipes including beverages and snacks, like smoothies, manguonadas, ice pops and cold drinks.

For example, in this Savory Mango Chamoy Daiquiri, the apricots create a fruity, tangy flavor that’s a nice, refreshing twist on a traditional drink.

Bringing a touch of heat to summer cookouts can be a breeze with mild hot sauces added to dishes like these Spiced Pork Ribs, which can be created start-to-finish in the oven or taken outside to sear on the grill. Just a handful of ingredients are required to season the ribs to spicy perfection before wrapping them in foil and letting your oven do the work.

The key ingredient for the right touch of subtle heat without being overwhelming is Tajin Mild Hot Sauce, a unique, flavorful addition to your cabinet that pairs well with savory snacks like tortilla chips, chicken wings, pizza and even micheladas. The lime is what makes it different from other hot sauces.

Made with 100% natural mild chiles, lime juice and sea salt without added sugars or coloring, it can be enjoyed by the whole family as a versatile way to enhance favorite foods with a mild but wild flavor.

Both recipes can be easily enhanced with a simple concept: just pair Tajin Clásico seasoning with either or both of the sauces to create unique flavor combinations, a tasty “mix it” tactic to add to your warm-weather menu and make it uniquely yours.

Find more recipes that crank up the heat this summer by visiting Tajin.com/us.

Savory Mango Chamoy Daquiri

Total time: 15 minutes
Servings: 2

Rim Glass:
2 tablespoons Tajin Fruity Chamoy Hot Sauce
2 tablespoons Tajin Clásico Seasoning

Drink:
4 tablespoons Tajin Fruity Chamoy Hot Sauce, divided
1 cup frozen mango cubes, plus additional for garnish, divided

1/3 cup natural syrup
3 ice cubes
1/3 cup orange juice
1 tablespoon Tajin Clásico Seasoning, for garnish

To rim glass: Rim glass in chamoy hot sauce then seasoning.
To make drink: Blend 3 tablespoons chamoy hot sauce, mango cubes, syrup, ice cubes and orange juice.
In glass, pour remaining chamoy hot sauce.
To serve, garnish with additional mango cubes and sprinkle with seasoning.



Savory Mango Chamoy Daquiri



Spiced Pork Ribs

Spiced Pork Ribs

Total time: 3 hours, 10 minutes
Servings: 6

2 racks (about 4 pounds) baby back ribs
1/4 cup Tajin Clásico Seasoning
1/4 cup Tajin Mild Hot Sauce, plus additional for serving, divided
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons brown sugar
lime wedges, for serving
mashed potatoes or steamed rice, for serving (optional)

Rub ribs with seasoning. Marinate at least 4 hours or overnight in refrigerator.
Preheat oven to 300 F. Combine hot sauce, oil and brown sugar; brush over both rib racks.

Line baking sheet with double layer of aluminum foil with enough overhang to wrap foil around ribs.
Lay ribs, bone side down, on foil-lined baking sheet. Wrap foil around ribs and seal. Place on baking sheet.
Fill large baking dish or roasting pan with 2 inches of boiling water. Place on lower oven rack to keep ribs moist as they bake. Place ribs on middle oven rack.
Bake 2 1/2-3 hours, or until meat is tender and just starting to fall off bone.
Preheat broiler. Unwrap ribs and place on foil-lined baking sheet. Broil 4-6 minutes on middle oven rack, or until lightly charred and caramelized.
Serve with lime wedges and additional hot sauce.
Serve with mashed potatoes or steamed white rice, if desired.

ENTERTAIN GUESTS WITH A FRESH AL FRESCO FAVORITE

FAMILY FEATURES

If you and your loved ones yearn for new, stimulating experiences to feel connected to the outdoors, look no further than enjoying mealtime al fresco. Inspired by the Mediterranean tradition of “eating in the open air,” al fresco dining offers passionate home cooks a fresh way to enjoy their favorite recipes outside with friends and family.

Consider these two tried-and-true al fresco tips from television personality and culinary icon Rachael Ray the next time you enjoy dinner on the deck or lunch on the patio.

Gather the right tools: On those buggy days and nights during the warm season when you’re dining al fresco, grab a food mesh tent. Not only will it protect your food, but it also looks good and goes with a variety of table settings.

Plan the decor: When hosting friends and family, up your floral game by reaching into the garden and adding some fresh herbs – it’s aesthetically pleasing and smells delicious.

Ideal al fresco meals typically take advantage of in-season produce, offer easy preparation so you can focus on entertaining and are simple enough to eat outdoors. Skip complicated cooking steps and turn to a delicious option like Yellowfin Tuna and Artichoke Pasta, which can be served as an appetizer, side dish or on its own as a light main course.

This dish practically calls for ingredients like Genova Yellowfin Tuna in Olive Oil, which features cuts of wild-caught tuna, hand-filleted in just the right amount of olive oil. Savory, rich and flavorful with a perfect texture, the tuna elevates the dish with a uniquely rich and savory flavor stemming from Mediterranean inspiration.

To find more al fresco dining inspiration and recipe ideas, visit GenovaSeafood.com.

Yellowfin Tuna and Artichoke Pasta

Recipe courtesy of Rachael Ray on behalf of Genova Tuna
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes with fresh artichokes (25 minutes with canned)
Servings: 4

Artichokes:
Cold water
12 small, fresh artichokes or 2 cans artichoke hearts in water
2 lemons
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil salt, to taste
pepper or red pepper, to taste

Pasta:
Water
2 cans (5 ounces each) Genova Yellowfin Tuna in Olive Oil
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
4 tablespoons butter, cut into tabs
4 cloves garlic, chopped
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper (optional) salt, to taste
1/2 cup white wine, chicken stock or vegetable stock
1 pound spaghetti or linguine
1 lemon, juice only
1 cup grated Pecorino Romano cheese
1/4 cup chopped fresh Italian parsley, divided
1 small handful fresh mint, chopped, divided

1/4 cup toasted pistachios or pine nuts, chopped

To make artichokes: Preheat oven to 425 F. Fill bowl with cold water and juice of one lemon.
If using fresh artichokes, trim tops of artichokes and tougher outer leaves. Using vegetable peeler or small paring knife, trim stems. Once prepped, cut fresh artichokes in half. If using canned artichokes, drain well and quarter lengthwise.
Place artichokes in lemon water.
Let soak 2-3 minutes, drain and pat dry with kitchen towel.
In casserole or baking dish, arrange artichokes and add juice of remaining lemon, quarter lemon and add lemon wedges to dish. Add olive oil and salt and pepper, to taste. Roast 25-30 minutes, or until tender.
To make pasta: Bring large pot of water to boil.
While water is coming to boil, place large skillet over medium heat and add olive oil and butter. Add garlic, red pepper, if desired; and salt, to taste, and swirl 1 minute. Add white wine or stock and let reduce by half.
When water comes to boil, salt water, add pasta and cook 1 minute less than directions. Reserve 1/2 cup pasta water before draining.
Add artichokes to large skillet with tuna with its oil and gently break up with back of wooden spoon or paddle.
Add lemon juice and reserved pasta water to skillet along with drained pasta, cheese and half the parsley, mint and pistachios. Toss to combine, top with remaining parsley, mint and pistachios and serve.



THE VALLEY

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou prepar-est a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.” Psalm 23:4 - 6

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M.J. Simmons is all smiles as she signs her letter of intent to continue her basketball career at Bethel University.



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Simmons had a stellar career with Community, finishing with 2,067 career points and averaged a school record 17.1 points per game.

Simmons extends career with Purple and Gold, signs with Bethel

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

Since kindergarten, M.J. Simmons has been a fixture on the basketball courts in Unionville.

After elementary school, Simmons was a part of the Community Middle School team for three years.

She started every game during a four-year high school career for the Community Viqueens and led her team to two consecutive District 7-AA and Region 4-AA championships, including a spot in the TSSAA Class 2-A state tournament this past season as a senior.

Along the way, Simmons amassed 2,067

points and became the second player in school history to eclipse the 2,000-point plateau for the Purple and Gold.

She is the All-Time leader in points per game in Community Viqueen basketball history with an average of 17.1 PPG.

Simmons also was named to the 2023 Tennessee Sports Writers Association All-State Girls Basketball Team for Class 2A.

Simmons received several offers to prolong her basketball career in the college ranks and in the end, she decided to continue her playing days with the Purple and Gold.

This time, it's with the Purple and Gold of Bethel

University.

Surrounded by family, friends, and teammates, Simmons recently inked the paper to play for the Bethel Lady Wildcats.

It was a tough decision to decide on which school to attend, but Simmons felt a peace about attending Bethel.

"It took a lot of prayer and consideration. It was a very stressful time for sure," Simmons said.

"Overall, Bethel just felt like where I need to be. After I went in and did an official visit, I was able to go play with the team and meet everybody and see the campus," Simmons added.

"It just felt right." Simmons is ready for

the adjustment to college basketball and being a part of a new team.

"It's college ball. So it will definitely be at another level," Simmons said.

"Nothing could compare to my Viqueen family," Simmons added. "But I do expect to build another family at Bethel and compete and play hard against each other."

"We'll grow and hopefully win some championships. That's always the goal," Simmons said.

Simmons is the first Community Viqueen player to sign a college basketball scholarship under fifth-year coach Cody Pierce.

Pierce had high praise for Simmons.

"She's been the leader

of this program for four years," Pierce said.

"It's cool to see her go play at the next level and continue that leadership and continue her next steps toward life."

"She always worked hard. She definitely deserves this," Pierce added.

Pierce has seen the positive effect Simmons has toward younger players.

"She loves teaching kids. She actually helps me with an AAU team," Pierce said. "She does a great job."

"She knows the game and has a really high IQ. It would be cool to see her one day get into coaching. I think she'd be great

at it," Pierce added.

Simmons plans to follow along the lines that Pierce mentioned with her college major.

"I'm going to major in education. I'm going to be a teacher, but I don't know what grade yet," Simmons said.

"I'm going to also coach. I've enjoyed helping Cody with the summer teams. I've loved it," Simmons added.

Bethel University is located in McKenzie.

The Lady Wildcats play in the NAIA division and in the Mid-South Conference, which includes schools from Tennessee, Kentucky, and Ohio.

Elliott hit with 1 race suspension for wrecking Denny Hamlin

By **STEVE REED**
AP Sports Writer

CONCORD, N.C.—NASCAR suspended Chase Elliott for one race on Tuesday, less than one day after the five-time most popular driver and former Cup champion deliberately wrecked Denny Hamlin in the Coca-Cola 600.

Hendrick Motorsports said in a statement it will not appeal the suspension and Corey Lajoie will replace Elliott in the No. 14 Chevrolet this weekend at Gateway, outside of St. Louis.

"We understand NASCAR's need to maintain consistency in its officiating," Hendrick Motorsports said in a statement.

Elliott denied deliberately crashing Hamlin with a dangerous left hook into Hamlin's car during the rain-rescheduled race Monday night at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Hamlin countered with simulated data he posted on social media after the crash, then double-downed on calls for Elliott to be suspended on his Tuesday



Photo by Jared C. Tilton/Getty Images

NASCAR has hit Chase Elliott for a one-race suspension for deliberately wrecking Denny Hamlin on Monday afternoon.

podcast.

Hamlin owns the car driven by Bubba Wallace, who was suspended one race last year for deliberately hooking Kyle Larson in a race in Las Vegas. The move is considered one of the most dangerous in

NASCAR.

NASCAR suspended Elliott under a section of rulebook covered under "Member Code of Conduct." Among the rules covered in that section is "removing another competitor from championship

contention in a dangerous manner when not racing for position based on the available evidence and specific circumstances of the incident."

"It was an intentional act by Chase in our opinion in our view after reviewing

all of the available resources," said NASCAR senior vice president of competition Elton Sawyer on Sirius NASCAR Radio.

Hamlin said he was so furious after the wreck he wanted to fight Elliott, claiming his counterpart

had a "tantrum" on the track and "shouldn't be racing next week. Right rear hooks are absolutely unacceptable."

Elliott, the 2020 Cup champion and son of Hall of Famer Bill Elliott, denied wrecking Hamlin intentionally.

"Once you hit the wall in these things, you can't drive them anymore," Elliott said after leaving from the infield care center Monday. "So unfortunately not, no, just an unfortunate circumstance."

Hamlin on his podcast, "Actions Detrimental," on Tuesday said the act by Elliott was absolutely deliberate payback for earlier contact between the two.

"There's no explanation that he could possibly give, which he didn't have a reason for hanging left. You know he obviously didn't want to admit it," Hamlin said.

"I pointed out in the data that I tweeted that once he got into the wall, there was nothing wrong with his car. He's turned the wheel back

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Elliott

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straight, like he was going down the straightaway, and you can tell by data whether you've got toe link damage or not," Hamlin continued. "Everyone hits the wall. But he threw a hissy fit and he just hung the left on us in the most dangerous part of the racetrack that you possibly could and it ended my day and his, and in my opinion, he shouldn't be racing next weekend. Because NASCAR set a precedent last year on this."

Elliott's loss could impact TV ratings and attendance this weekend. He is the fan-voted most popular driver in the past five years.

After Elliott broke his leg in a snowboarding incident, the sport's TV ratings took a nosedive. And when Elliott was deemed healthy enough to race at Martinsville, NASCAR recognized its importance and hurried to promote his return on social media and with commercials.

Because he'd already missed so many races because of his leg injury, Elliott was already in a deep hole to make the playoffs. Elliott was ranked 29th after Saturday night, and the top 16 drivers make the playoff field. A win earns an automatic berth. The suspension marks seven races missed by Elliott.

Elliott will most certainly need to win his first race of the season when he returns from suspension to have any chance at making the playoffs.

Before the suspension was announced Hamlin implored NASCAR to "do the right thing" on his podcast.

"Be consistent here. It's time to make the right call. There is no excuse you can give," Hamlin added. "He was going dead straight and then all of a sudden he takes a hard left 120 degrees with the steering wheel. That is not an accident. It is intentional."

Hamlin called the move immature.

"It is childish and it just (ticks) me off," Hamlin said. "You have to be better than that. I don't give a (damn). What goes on in your mind to think that is the right move to make, I don't know."

Hamlin also said on his podcast that as a car owner he wants to see Wallace focus on his accomplishments on the track which includes four top-five finishes in the past four races, rather than making news off of it.

Wallace was seen feuding during a rain delay Monday with Aric Almirola, who shoved Wallace before the two were broken up by NASCAR security. A week earlier Wallace received criticism when he used an obscene gesture in a television interview after the All-Star race.

NASCAR did not punish Wallace, saying the incident wasn't malicious.

"It's out of style," Hamlin said of the hand gesture. "Whoever still does it needs to stop. Stop doing it. It's childish. ... It's just not worth it."

Preds come full circle with Andrew Burnette hired as 4th coach

By **TERESA M. WALKER**
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE — David Poile built the Nashville Predators from the bottom up as their first general manager for the expansion franchise.

Now the man Poile hired as his first coach here has brought back another original Predator. Incoming general manager Barry Trotz announced the hiring Wednesday of Andrew Brunette, who scored Nashville's first-ever goal, as the fourth head coach in franchise history.

The Predators' circle is complete again.

"He knows how our organization works and is run from top to bottom, understands what we are trying to do with this club," Trotz said Wednesday at a news conference introducing Brunette. "We're trying to get younger. We're trying to retool, build a team that can win a Stanley Cup."

Trotz, announced in February as Poile's replacement starting July 1, has been evaluating the franchise for months working with Poile. Trotz fired John Hynes and assistant Dan Lambert on Tuesday with a year left on their contracts. Trotz credited Hynes with doing a great job with the roster he had.

But Trotz has known Brunette since he was 19. They know each other very well personally and professionally, making the decision to hire the 49-year-old Brunette the easy choice of three candidates that included AHL Milwaukee coach Karl Taylor.

"I have the utmost confidence that he can lead us to where we want to go," Trotz said of Brunette and chasing the Stanley Cup that eluded Nashville in its lone Final appearance in 2017.

These coaching moves



AP Photo/George Walker IV

The Nashville Predators made it official on Wednesday and introduced Andrew Brunette as the franchise's fourth head coach.

are the first by Trotz and come about six weeks after the Predators missed the playoffs for the first time since 2014 — when Poile did not renew Trotz's contract.

Brunette spent the past season as a New Jersey Devils associate coach under Lindy Ruff and has previous head coaching experience.

He was promoted to Florida's interim coach during the 2021-22 season and oversaw the Panthers setting franchise records for wins (58) and points (122) to earn the Presidents' Trophy before being eliminated in the second round of the playoffs. Brunette finished second in the Jack Adams Award voting for the NHL's coach of the year.

Brunette called being back with the Predators exciting after watching both the team and Nashville's

growth since he left.

"I'm looking forward to growing and grabbing the Predator way, the foundation that which this organization's been built on and continuing to grow that," Brunette said.

He not only played for Trotz during the Predators' inaugural season in 1998-99. Their relationship goes back to 1993-94, when Brunette played under Trotz, who was head coach of the Washington Capitals' American Hockey League affiliate in Portland, Maine, at the age of 19.

The new coach made clear he wants the Predators to embrace an offensive style and play keep-away with the puck. He also wants the Predators to have fun and want to come to work every day.

"As a player, I know when I didn't have fun, I stunk," Brunette said.

Trotz added: "We play hockey, we don't work it."

The Predators may take a step back to go forward after stockpiling draft picks at the trade deadline. Trotz now must build on the Predators' youth and offensively skilled players as he takes over as Poile retires at the end of June as the NHL's winningest and longest-tenured GM.

Trotz said he may have been known as a defensive coach because of the rosters he worked with in Nashville, Washington where he won the Stanley Cup as a coach in 2018 and with the New York Islanders. But he made clear he plans to build a team that can play an offensive style.

"After all, we're in the winning and the entertainment business," Trotz said.

In Florida, Brunette coached a Panthers team that led the NHL with 337

goals and had the league's fourth-best power play.

The Predators just missed the playoffs for the first time under Hynes, who took over in January 2020 after Peter Laviolette was fired.

Brunette, who is from Sudbury, Ontario, played 16 seasons in the NHL with the last a one-year stint with Chicago in 2011-12. He finished with 268 goals and 733 points in 1,110 games split among six teams, including two separate stints in Minnesota. Brunette is one of 25 players selected in the seventh round or later to appear in more than 1,000 NHL games.

Upon his retirement, Brunette spent seven seasons with the Wild in various off-ice roles, including assistant coach and assistant GM, before being hired by the Panthers as an assistant coach in 2019-2020.

SEC puts emphasis on gambling after recent scandals

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

DESTIN, Fla. — When it comes to sports wagering, information is a commodity and even a morsel of news that is not widely available can be valuable.

As college sports experiences some of the negative consequences of ubiquitous legal betting on sporting events, could more transparency be among the potential safeguards?

"If everybody's giving an injury report, I have no problem giving an injury report," Georgia coach Kirby Smart said this week. "They do it in the NFL. I was in the NFL. That's not a huge deal as long as it's a level playing field."

A month highlighted by gambling-related firings and potential NCAA infractions in college sports motivated the Southeastern Conference to put extra emphasis on the issue at this week's spring meetings.

Commissioner Greg Sankey called on U.S.

Integrity, a company that works with professional sports leagues and college conferences — including the SEC since 2018 — to monitor events for gambling improprieties, to give multiple presentations to SEC coaches and administrators on Wednesday and Thursday.

That was a late add to the agenda, Sankey said.

"We now have the issues emerging as it's become inculturated," he said. "We don't have a choice but to pay a high level of attention."

At Alabama, baseball coach Brad Bohannon was fired during an investigation by gaming officials in Ohio of suspicious bets on the Tide's game against LSU in late April.

Bohannon was in contact with an Indiana man who was betting on the game at a sportsbook located at the Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati.

The Tide's starting pitcher was a late scratch

because of an injury in that game.

"What we have done is we've reported to the proper people, and anything that we need to do to help cooperate and support those investigations we've done and will continue to do whatever we're asked," Alabama athletic director Greg Byrne said Wednesday.

The same Indiana man, Bert Neff of Mooresville, is also at the center of an investigation by the University of Cincinnati that led to two members of the baseball staff being fired earlier this month.

Conference leaders talk a lot about educating athletes and reinforcing the NCAA's stringent rules against betting on most sports. An athlete that gambles on a sport the NCAA sponsors — at any level from college to professional — risks their eligibility.

Sports wagering is now legal in 38 states, including Iowa, where more than 40 athletes at the universi-

ties of Iowa and Iowa State were identified in an investigation of potential illegal wagering.

"We had coaches in that meeting room that were asking questions from a betting standpoint, gambling standpoint, what's legal, what's not legal?" South Carolina coach Shane Beamer said. "So if we have questions about it and I have questions about it, then surely our student-athletes do as well."

Texas A&M coach Jimbo Fisher said information can run wild on a college campus.

"The thing about college kids, they're a lot more vulnerable than pro (players) because they're out going to class and who they talk to in a casual conversation ... It's easy to get something (from them)," Fisher said.

Fisher doesn't believe getting out in front of the leaks with an injury report would help much.

"Because how bad is the hamstring? How bad is the knee? Is it probable? Is it

questionable?" Fisher said.

Ole Miss coach Lane Kiffin said: "You're going to solve a few problems and create a lot more with that."

LSU coach Brian Kelly said he thinks about how he can tighten the circle of people in the football building who have access to the team's internal injury report.

"Our injury report goes to over 25 different people. I'm not sure that I need that to go to 25 different people. I think maybe that the injury report needs to come to the head coach and the head coach can make decisions on where that information goes to," Kelly said.

Sankey said an injury report is not coming anytime soon in the SEC, nor does it address the vast potential problems of widespread, legalized gambling.

He said increased gambling activity has led athletes to face more scrutiny and criticism — even threats — online when they don't perform well.

NFL can't shake perception it doesn't care what players and coaches think

By **ROB MAADDI**
AP Pro Football Writer

Even when the NFL institutes a rule designed to reduce concussions, it can't shake the perception that it doesn't care what players and coaches think.

The league took a step toward eliminating kickoff this week by enhancing the touchback rule for a one-year trial with a priority on player safety. The receiving team will now get the ball at its own 25 with a fair catch of a kickoff anywhere behind that yard line.

Some of the league's most prominent coaches criticized the decision.

"My thing is, where does it stop? I mean, you start taking pieces and you know, we'll see how this goes but you don't want to take too many pieces away or you're going to be playing flag football," Kansas City Chiefs coach Andy Reid said.

Reid, a two-time Super Bowl champion, isn't known for stirring

the pot. He's shied away from sharing controversial opinions throughout his career as he enters his 25th season as a head coach.

Clearly, he hates this rule change. He's not alone.

"We had a chance to weigh in on that with all the special teams coaches," Baltimore Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "We had a long talk and discussion about that. We weren't for it. We voted against it. We think it's going to create more high-speed head trauma than not having it in there. That's our position on it. But we'll see. They want to give it a shot and take a look at it. We'll give it a shot and take a look at it. So it's in and because it's in, we support it but we thought there were better ideas."

Detroit Lions coach Dan Campbell didn't hold back.

"I'm highly frustrated. It's very frustrating, but look, I don't make the rules," Campbell said. "That's the new rule and then we'll live by

the new rule. We'll find a way to adjust, adapt, and still get what we want. That's what you've got to do. But I hate that we continue to take away from the game. That's what really worries me, that we just, we continue to bleed this League (dry). If we're not careful, it's not going to replenish at one point. But listen, it's the rules and we'll make do, and we'll adjust."

Chiefs All-Pro tight end Travis Kelce called it "absolutely stupid."

"I don't think this is making the game safer. I think it's making it more boring and taking a lot of excitement out of the game's opening play. This is whack," Travis Kelce said on his Podcast with older brother, Jason.

Jason Kelce, an All-Pro center for the Philadelphia Eagles, wondered what's next.

"We're just getting closer and closer to getting rid of special teams," Jason Kelce said. "I mean, it's like the only thing left now is

punt. When is somebody not gonna fair catch it and take the ball to 25? Unless it's just a really bad kick, right? I don't know."

NFL data says concussions on kickoffs occur more than twice as often as on plays from scrimmage, and that rate has risen significantly over the last two years. The league predicts the return rate for kickoffs in 2023 will drop from 38% to 31%, and the rate of concussions on the sport's most dangerous play will be reduced by 15%.

"I'm for whatever makes the game safer so if that's a play where more injuries are occurring, more head injuries are occurring, more head injury is occurring, I have no right to stand up here and say, 'we need to be doing more of it,' if that's what we're trying to avoid, because obviously player safety and health comes first," Las Vegas Raiders coach Josh McDaniels said.

Harbaugh indicated it'll lead to more head injuries, though there's

no data yet to prove it. Teams may attempt more squib kicks, which could potentially create more collisions. Only one of the 19 concussions that occurred on kickoffs last year happened to the returner.

One day before owners passed the new kickoff rule, they voted to allow flexible scheduling for Thursday night game on Amazon Prime Video, for Weeks 13-17 only and with at least 28 days' notice given to the affected teams. The motive is to try to ensure viewers will see a more interesting game.

Players and coaches have long argued against playing on short rest but Thursday night games won't go away because they're too profitable. The league has a \$113 billion deal with Amazon.

NFL data says fewer injuries occur during Thursday games than Sunday games. Still, players argue that playing on three days' rest takes a physical toll that may not be reflected in injury stats.

Saban says current track in college football will lead to less competitive balance

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

DESTIN, Fla. — Alabama coach Nick Saban says college football is not a business that operates like the NFL and warned that without more uniform rules on player compensation only the biggest spenders will compete for championships.

Saban met with reporters Tuesday as the Southeastern Conference began its annual spring meetings on the Florida Gulf Coast.

Two years since the NCAA lifted its ban on college athletes earning money for name, image and likeness, there are still no detailed, national NIL regulations.

Instead, states laws are setting the playing field, especially in the SEC footprint.

“When it turns into pay-for-play, now you’re getting into a dif-

ferent area. When you start talking about players being employees, you’re talking about unions. You’re talking about now you’re getting paid for something, now you’ve got to pay taxes,” said Saban, who has won six national titles in 16 seasons at Alabama.

Before Saban held his news conference, Missouri coach Eli Drinkwitz told reporters some players are making life-changing money with NIL.

“People are making more money in NIL than my brother-in-law who’s a pediatrician who saves lives,” Drinkwitz quipped. “And we kind of do it cavalier and we think that there’s not going to be any side effects or there’s not going to be issues.”

Auburn coach Hugh Freeze told reporters: “We are the NFL right now. We just don’t have contracts (for players).”

Similar to the way he did

about a decade ago, when asked about the trend toward fast-paced offenses in college football, Saban posed a question about the current shifting landscape: “Is this what we want college football to become?”

Saban said if college football continues on its current trajectory competitive balance will be harder to achieve.

“I don’t think it’s going to be a level playing field because some people are showing a willingness to spend more than others,” he said. “Where if you want to bring the NFL into it, they have a salary cap. They have all the things that level the playing field. And we could put guidelines on some of this stuff that would do the same thing.”

The NCAA and major college sports are facing multiple legal and political threats that could give athletes in some sports

employee status. Plus, a California bill is working its way through the legislature that would force some Division I schools in the state to share revenue with athletes in select sports that do make money — such as football and basketball.

“I think the big mistake that people make is college athletics is not a business. People says it’s a business. It’s not a business. It’s revenue-producing,” said Saban, who spent two seasons at coach of the Miami Dolphins before taking the Alabama job in 2007.

Last season, Saban was college football’s highest-paid coach at just under \$11 million in salary.

Saban said most of the tens of millions of dollars that SEC schools generate from football goes back into the athletic department, funding far more sports than just football.

“Nobody makes a profit,” he said. “All the money gets rein-

vested for other opportunities for other people. Whether it’s facilities, whether it’s scholarships, whether it’s opportunities for people to play. And if we continue down this road are we going to be able to continue to have those opportunities?”

Saban said he is not necessarily against making college football more professionalized. Doing so would create more consistency and parity.

“If it’s going to be the same for everyone, I think that’s better than what we have now,” Saban said. “Because what we have now is we have some states and some schools in some states that are investing a lot more money in terms of managing their roster than others.”

He added: “If you think there’s disparity in the college football right now, there’s going to be a lot more in the future.”

Alabama bans trans athletes, including college teams

By **KIM CHANDLER**
Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey on Tuesday signed legislation that will ban transgender women from playing on female sports teams in college, becoming the latest state to place restrictions on transgender athletes.

The legislation expands the state’s existing 2021 ban on transgender athletes on K-12 sports teams

to include college teams. Students assigned one sex at birth would be prohibited from playing under a different gender identity, even after undergoing hormone treatment.

“Look, if you are a biological male, you are not going to be competing in women’s and girls’ sports in Alabama. It’s about fairness, plain and simple,” Ivey said in a statement.

The bill is part of a wave

of restrictions on transgender people being pushed in conservative states. At least 20 states have now imposed restrictions on transgender athletes at the K-12 or collegiate level, or both.

While supporters say transgender women have an unfair advantage in competition, opponents say the bills are about shaming transgender people and are rooted in discrimination and politics.

Carmarion D. Anderson-Harvey, Alabama state director of the Human Rights Campaign, an advocacy group for LGBTQ+ people, said the legislation is part of a “systematic attack against LGBTQ+ people” in Alabama and elsewhere.

“In just two years, she and extremist lawmakers in Alabama have passed four anti-LGBTQ+ bills. From dictating what bathrooms

we can use to blatantly ignoring the actual problems in women’s sports, these politicians are making Alabama an increasingly hostile place for transgender people and the LGBTQ+ community as a whole,” Anderson-Harvey said.

Alabama lawmakers approved bills restricting transgender bathroom and locker room usage and a ban on the use of gender-affirming hormones and puberty blockers

to treat transgender minors. A judge has temporarily blocked the medication ban from taking effect while a court challenge goes forward.

The latest sports bill was approved with lopsided support in both chambers, passing 26-4 in the Alabama Senate and 83-5 in the House of Representatives. More than a dozen House members abstained from the vote.

Stewart-Haas Racing slammed for cheating

By **JENNA FRYER**
AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR issued its second massive penalty in as many days by levying huge fines Wednesday against Stewart-Haas Racing for a “counterfeit part” found on Chase Briscoe’s car in a secondary inspection after the Coca-Cola 600.

SHR’s No. 14 team was docked 120 points in both the owner standings and Briscoe’s driver standings, and he also was stripped of 25 play-off points. John Klausmeier, the crew chief, is suspended six races and was fined \$250,000.

The penalties are the harshest NASCAR can impose under its written deterrence system. It comes a day after superstar Chase Elliott was suspended one race for deliberately wrecking Denny Hamlin on Monday at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

“We would much rather be talking about the phenomenal racing we just had at Charlotte Motor Speedway than penalties,” said Elton Sawyer, NASCAR Senior Vice President of Competition. “We are the custodians of the garage.”

The penalties against SHR fall under rules that prohibit counterfeiting a Next Gen single source vendor-supplied part. SHR is accused of using an illegal part in an attempt to



create more downforce on Briscoe’s Ford.

“I was a little surprised they’d go down this path,” Sawyer said of SHR’s blatant cheating. “With them knowing the severity of the penalty. Talking with the race team, they’ve got some process and procedures within their race shop, that they feel they need to button-up.”

SHR chief competition officer Greg Zipadelli admitted as much and said the team will not appeal.

“We had a quality control lapse and a part that never should’ve been on a car going to the racetrack ended up on the No. 14 car at Charlotte. We accept NASCAR’s decision and will not appeal,” Zipadelli said.

The violation was found in a random inspection at NASCAR’s R&D Center in Concord the day after Briscoe finished 17th at Charlotte on Monday night. NASCAR randomly selects two cars to take back to its facility for a more thorough inspection, which is particularly important for policing the new Next Gen car.

The Next Gen car is mostly a spec car with single-source vendor parts.

It was designed to both cut costs and even the playing field. Sawyer said NASCAR will consider taking more than two random cars to a secondary inspection to ensure teams are not treating the car and their shops as “a laboratory” for how they can push the limits in the second year.

“Last year they were just getting the parts and pieces, and getting the cars prepared and getting to the race-track,” Sawyer said. “Now they’ve had them for a season and so its given a lot of time to their engineers, their people back at the shop to think ‘OK, maybe we can do this? Maybe we can do that?’

“By taking these cars back to the R&D and taking them down to basically the nuts and bolts — and we will continue to do that — we will get our message across.”

The points loss dropped Briscoe to 31st in the standings with 12 races remaining in the regular season. The top 16 in the standings — or a driver with a win — make the 16-driver field for the playoffs.

Vikings to host Titans, Cards for training camp practices

EAGAN, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings will have two different teams come to training camp this year, hosting joint practices with both the Tennessee Titans and the Arizona Cardinals prior to their preseason games.

Vikings coach Kevin O’Connell announced the news on Tuesday. There will be two days of practice sessions with each team at TCO Performance Center in Eagan, Minnesota, where the Vikings have been since the facility opened in 2018.

Minnesota plays Tennessee on Aug. 19 and Arizona on Aug. 26 at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. That means the Vikings and Titans will likely practice together on Aug. 16 and 17, with the Vikings and Cardinals practicing together on Aug. 23 and 24.

“To be able to have that is a critical part of our training camp formula, to try to be at our best when the season rolls around,” O’Connell said. “We have such amazing facilities here.”

The Vikings practiced with San Francisco before a preseason game last year. O’Connell raved about the impact of those sessions on the development of the club during his first season on the job.

The Titans hosted both Tampa Bay and Arizona for joint training camp practices last year.

Le’Veon Bell says he smoked marijuana before games

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Former Pittsburgh Steelers and New York Jets running back Le’Veon Bell says he smoked marijuana before playing some NFL games during his career.

“That’s what I did,” Bell told Barstool Sports’ “Steel Here” podcast which was published Friday. “When I was playing football, I smoked, bro. Even before the games, I’d smoke and I’d go out there and run for 150 (yards), two (touch-downs).”

Jersey Jerry, who co-hosts the podcast with Kevin Adams, then asked: “In the NFL?”

“Yeah,” said the 31-year-old Bell, who hasn’t played in the league since the 2021 season.

Bell was suspended twice for violating the NFL’s substance abuse policy while he played for the Steelers. He began

his professional career in Pittsburgh in 2013 and became one of the league’s most dynamic and productive players. Bell was a one-time All-Pro and three-time Pro Bowl selection as a dual threat out of the Steelers’ backfield.

He sat out the 2018 season because of a contract dispute after refusing to sign the franchise tag Pittsburgh used on him for a second straight year. Bell told the podcast the Steelers wanted to guarantee only his first year of a potential extension, but he wanted more than that.

“Yeah, it was a little petty, the little guarantee stuff,” Bell said. “I’m thinking like, damn, could I have really just ate it? Yeah, I probably could’ve. Probably could’ve really ate it.”

Bell signed a four-year, \$52.5 million contract,

including \$35 million guaranteed, with the New York Jets the following off-season.

But his tenure with the Jets was disappointing, lasting less than two years before he was released midway through the 2020 season. The running back blasted then-New York coach Adam Gase on the podcast, saying he was a “terrible” play caller.

“Bro, we get to New York, and that’s when you

instantly find out that head coaches make a huge difference,” Bell said. “As soon as I get to New York, I find that out like the first week.”

Bell said then-quarterback Sam Darnold struggled with knowing the offensive line protections “because he’s so confused about our offense because the coach is confusing him.”

The Jets went 7-9 in Gase’s first season in 2019

and then 2-14 the next season, leading to the coach being fired.

“Bro, the team wasn’t that great, don’t get me wrong,” Bell said. “But I feel like if (Steelers) Coach (Mike) Tomlin was coaching that team, we win nine games, at least.”

Bell had short stints with Kansas City in 2020, and Baltimore and Tampa Bay in 2021 after leaving the Jets. He has run for 6,554 yards and 42 touch-

downs in his career, along with catching 399 passes for 3,289 yards and nine scores.

Despite not playing last season and dabbling in a professional boxing career, Bell said he hasn’t yet officially retired from playing football. He told the podcast he’d like to retire with the Steelers, but wants a chance to get a few carries in the preseason “so I can show y’all” he can still play.

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Members of the Woodson family unveil the sign identifying the bridge.



County Mayor Chad Graham speaks at the dedication ceremony.

Woodson Bridge Dedication

A bridge over the Duck River on Simms Road, west of Shelbyville, has been named for the late county mayor, county commissioner, and educator Jimmy Woodson. An unveiling and dedication ceremony was held Wednesday, May 31.



From left: Commissioner Scott Johnson; Sheriff Austin Swing; Commissioners Sylvia Pinson and Troy Thompson; Woodson's granddaughter Katie Daugherty; Woodson's widow Charlene Woodson; daughter and son-in-law Melody and Jamie Redd; County Mayor Chad Graham; and Commissioner Greg Vick.