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Audits and taxes: town hall scrutinizes budget

By ZOË WATKINS
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District 1 held a town hall at the old — but newly renovated — Wartrace Gym to discuss the basics of county government and the upcoming budget for the fiscal year 2023-24.

The latter half of the town hall discussed issues like beer sales in the county and providing tablets to inmates at the Bedford County Jail.

But at the center of the conversation were property taxes and auditing the county budget.

Commissioners Drew Hooker and Eric Maddox discussed with attendees the possibility of lowering the property tax rate by implementing a wheel tax.

Though Maddox said he was not for any new tax, Hooker explained that by lowering the property tax rate and adding a wheel tax, the burden would be spread more evenly across the county versus on property owners.

There are 55,000 vehicles in the county versus 22,000 property owners. At something like a \$75 wheel tax, that would allow for a \$4 million revenue stream. For reference, the property tax increase last year brought

in around \$4.8 million specifically for raises for county employees, according to the Bedford County General Fund.

"I'm searching for ways to lower property taxes. That is my goal. So, I'm trying to think outside the box...to see what our options are..." said Hooker.

But, "I know Drew feels the same way...The word 'tax' doesn't need to be coming out of anybody's mouth until we do a full audit of the budget," said Maddox.

To this, the crowd gave a few "amens" and applause.

Hooker explained, "And what we mean by audit—we do not think people are putting money in their pockets. But what we think is that, operationally, we are heavy in certain areas." They then want to compare this data to other states and counties of similar size.

"We want to be able to go to y'all here and say, with 100 percent confidence, that we are spending every dollar. I can't do that right now," said Hooker.

But sending the budget through another audit would be redundant, according to county



Commissioners Eric Maddox and Drew Hooker at the Wartrace Gym. T-G Photo by Zoe Watkins

finance director Robert Daniel.

"The comptroller, they require an audit of every county in the state, and they actually do the audits," minus the larger cities, like Nashville or Memphis. "All the schools have to be audited in addition to the county and those are normally contracted to an independent auditor."

"But the state has to approve anybody that does an audit. The comptrol-

ler will have to approve because they do a pretty complete audit."

Daniel continued, "I think it would be spending money unwisely. And the reason I say that is because they do such a thorough audit that even when you do a contracted audit with an independent auditor, I don't think they're as thorough. And I used to be on that side of the coin," said Daniel, who used to work with a CPA firm and did audits regularly.

Hooker said he was unsure of how much an audit would cost the county.

Bedford is also required to receive approval of the budget by the state. The county sends the budget within 15 days of adoption on June 29, so usually early July. If the state sees anything suspicious, they send it back for review or for change, according to Daniel.

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Council decides on Spring Street developer

By MARK MCGEE
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In one of the more interesting voting situations by the Shelbyville City Council in many years, the Bedco Investment Limited Partnership's Request For Proposal was approved for the Spring Street properties, known as the Kyle-Trollinger buildings, at the regular June meeting.

Council member Henry Feldhaus made a motion to accept the Bedco proposal for the right to negotiate, but it did not receive a second.

Mayor Randy Carroll then asked if anyone had a motion on the Glass Hollow Table & Tavern proposal. Council member Bobby Turnbow made a motion to accept. Council member William Christie seconded the motion.

There was a lengthy discussion on the merits of both proposals.

Turnbow and Christie voted yes with council members Gary Haile, Stephanie Isaacs, Marilyn Ewing, and Henry Feldhaus voting against the motion.

City Attorney Ginger Bobo said that, with one motion failing for lack of a second and a 4-2 vote against the second motion,

maybe the council should reject the proposals and start over.

"Do you need any additional information?" Shofner asked. "We need to hear what you want. You are saying you are rejecting it because no one carried the votes. You can just say you are rejecting these proposals and you want to start over."

Feldhaus once again made a motion for accepting the Bedco proposal. This time it was seconded by Isaacs. The motion passed 4-2 with Feldhaus, Isaacs, Haile, and Ewing voting to approve and Turnbow and Christie voting no.

Bedco is headed by Mike Davis and also includes Mindy and Craig Campbell of the Grindstone Cowboy located in Eagleville. Their offer was \$125,000.

Glass Hollow Table & Tavern is represented by Chavigny Beasley and her son, Jeb House. Their offer was \$330,000.

Shofner said that since this was a real estate transfer it did not need to have competitive bidding and the highest bid was not required to be accepted. She pointed out this is just the first step in the

procedure.

City Manager Scott Collins and his staff will enter into negotiations with Bedco before any final agreement which would be closed within a 30-day period.

The project must be completed within a two-year period.

"We want to see those buildings come alive," Carroll said. "Both proposals were excellent. We are all trying to do the best we can for the city."

The following were all approved unanimously:

- *A \$300,000 Economic Development Incentive to Project Big Orange.
- *A Tourism Grant in the amount of \$3,500 to Marty Gordon for the American Mule and Bluegrass Festival with funding from the fiscal year 2024 Hotel/Motel Fund.
- *Authorized Mayor Carroll and Shofner to sign a contract with Griggs & Maloney in the amount of \$29,000 for consulting services during the construction and installation of the North Brittain Street drainage improvements.
- *The Shelbyville Police Department was authorized.

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Shelbyville's rental problem

By ZOË WATKINS
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Several threats to Bedford County's growth were discussed during a Wednesday meeting with Tennessee Valley Authority representatives for the "Connected Communities" initiative. Chiefly, Shelbyville's housing crisis can be traced to the lack of affordable, reliable housing and the rise of higher-end housing.

This is especially seen among Shelbyville's rentals.

Councilman Henry Feldhaus, who attended the meeting explained, "We have several landlords that sort of focus on rehabbing old houses. But they have gone to a weekly rental structure."

This is mainly because if someone gets behind on their rent, it takes them only three weeks to get out of the house instead of three months, like if they're on a monthly rental. For the judicial system, tenants have to miss three payments to be evicted. However, Tristan Call with the Bedford County Listening Project said they have seen renters evicted for missing a single payment. "Go to General sessions on Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m., and you'll see people getting evicted," he said.

"That's the economics of the rental business," said Feldhaus. "What that happens to do is those that can only afford a week's rent happen to migrate here because we have the houses here...That to me is a big drag on our economy and demographics here."

Call said there are more on this weekly rental system than what you might see in a bigger city. But they have seen a trend in some moving away from the weekly payments because they were evicted.


And rent prices continue to soar. Studies show Tennessee's rent has increased by 38% since 2020, with states like Colorado and Florida experiencing the highest increase at over 45%.

Zoning Director Chris White said, "I'm not making the statement that we have plenty of rental units

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Cindy Barnes

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Meet Gerald Baker



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Gerald has an Education-BS in Business Management from Tennessee Technological University. He is retired military after actively serving for 22 years. Gerald is a member of First Church of the Nazarene. Where he is also the Sunday School Superintendent and Trustee. He holds memberships in the Shelbyville Lions Club and Gideons International.

Gerald has been a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker for 20 years. He is experienced in existing and new home sales, land sales, foreclosures, working with first time home buyers, contractors, and veterans.

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



Lucile Sorrells shows off the tea towel she embroidered for a club demonstration.



SHELBYVILLE FCE CLUB MEETS

The Shelbyville FCE Club met on June 6, 2023, at the Extension Office with six members present, as well as Extension Agent Whitney Danhof.

President Babs Chicoine called the meeting to order with the poem, "Marvelous Milk", as well as the tip to buy organic milk if you have trouble with milk lasting long enough. Lucile Sorrells led the devotion with a read-

ing from "Lessons from Morning Glories," including the idea to bloom where you are planted, then closed with a prayer.

Danhof next presented an informative lesson entitled "Flowers and Bows." Whitney provided members with several strategies to make ordinary bouquets more special. She also instructed members in a hands-on session on making

a ribbon bow with a fork.

Members responded to the roll call by answering the question "What is your favorite kind of cheese?" with a variety of answers. Secretary Linda Rucker read the minutes from the club's May 2nd meeting. Babs reported on the club finances of \$23. Babs also reported for the Sunshine Chair and will send a card to mem-

bers who have experienced health issues recently.

The club's other business included recruiting hostesses for the Bedford County Fair and planning the club's outing for July. Members decided to eat lunch at Goodness Gracious in Murfreesboro for their excursion. Babs also highlighted upcoming dates to remember - Share Fair on June 20, County

Council Meeting on July 7, and Bedford County Fair on July 17 - 22. Applications are also due for the following: 50-Year Member - July 1, Region Office Nominations - July 1, Kate Bagnall Book Scholarship - July 1, and Family Community Leadership - July 1.

Lucille shared a tea towel she embroidered for the club member demonstration.

Babs then adjourned the meeting with a quote from Pat Summitt - "When you grow up on a dairy farm, cows don't take a day off. So, you work every day and my dad always said, 'No one can outwork you.'" The next club meeting will be July 11 at 11:15 a.m. at Goodness Gracious restaurant in Murfreesboro.

Most Tennessee districts saw below 25 percent move to proficient on TCAP reading retake

By **JON STYF**

The Center Square

The majority of Tennessee school districts saw less than 25% of the students who re-took the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program third-grade reading test advanced to a proficient score.

Full statewide averages will be released later but the Tennessee Department of Education released district-level statistics this week on the re-takes after 60% of students did not receive a

"proficient" status on the first test.

Student who didn't receive a proficient mark on either test but scored "approaching" will be allowed to participate in a reading summer camp, appeal the result or commit to take tutoring throughout fourth grade.

The Tennessee Accelerating Literacy and Learning Corps tutoring involves 30-40-minute small group sessions two or three times a week throughout the school year.

The summer camp option, over four weeks, requires at least 90% attendance.

Appeals can be submitted before June 30.

"The TCAP retake assessment pathway provides an important opportunity for third grade students identified for potential retention to be able to retest to move directly to fourth grade, and we are proud of students who par-

ticipated in the retake for exploring this pathway," Interim Commissioner Sam Percy said. "The work and dedication of schools, districts, educators and families across the state made this opportunity possible for our students, and we are glad to see such strong participation in the first year of implementing this law."

Metro Nashville schools saw 52.1% of eligible stu-

dents retake the test, with 11% of those students advancing to "proficient" while Memphis Shelby County saw 95.6% of eligible students take the test with 8.1% moving up to "proficient."

Clay County saw the largest jump on the retake with 47.1% of eligible students retaking the reading test and 62.5% of those students scoring "proficient."

Lexington County schools saw the second-largest jump on the retake with nearly 70% of eligible students retaking the test and 40.5% of those students advancing to "proficient."

Nineteen districts saw less than 10 or less than 1% of students advance to "proficient" on the retake.

IRS to host hiring event in Nashville on June 15

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service announced today that it is looking to fill 120 full-time and seasonal positions in Nashville, TN. From this in-person, direct hiring event, potential new hires could be considered for an on-the-spot job offer and possibly begin working within 45-60 days.

The mid-week event will be held June 15, 2023, from 9a.m. to 3:00 PM, at 1410 51st Ave N, Nashville, TN 37209. It is open to the public. Walk-ins are

welcome.

Interested job seekers are urged to set up an account beforehand at USAjobs.com and have the following with them when they come:

- Resume
- College transcripts (if applicable)
- Two forms of ID for fingerprinting (i.e., state driver's license and/or state Identification card, birth certificate, U.S. Passport, Military ID card or Social Security card).

IRS is looking to hire contact representatives.

These are entry-level and do not require prior tax expertise. The starting salary generally begins at more than \$33,000 annually and goes up from there. Full time positions are Monday-Friday. The IRS offers competitive pay and benefits, which include steady, set work schedules, paid vacations, and paid sick days. There is on-the-job training and opportunities for advancement.

Preregistration for this in-person hiring event is recommended and applicants

can register on Eventbrite.com.

Qualified applicants may receive job offers at the in-person events. Applicants may also receive recruitment incentive that requires a one-year service agreement.

This continued hiring effort, including the authority to directly hire qualified applicants, is enabled by the landmark Inflation Reduction Act funding approved in August 2022 to improve the nation's tax administration

Memphis-area company making solar eclipse viewing glasses

By **CORINNE S. KENNEDY**
Commercial Appeal
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BARTLETT, Tenn. (AP) — Next year, North America will see one of the

largest and most impressive solar eclipses in living memory. And many people will be viewing that celestial phenomenon through specially designed glasses

made in the Mid-South.

Bartlett-based American Paper Optics is the world's largest 3D optics company as well as the largest supplier of safe solar eclipse glass-

es. The company makes all its products in the Memphis area, chief marketing officer Jason Lewin said.

The company, founded in 1990, sold 45 million pairs of eclipse glasses before the 2017 solar eclipse and in the run-up to next year's — and an annular eclipse, sometimes known as a "ring of fire" eclipse, in the western United States this fall — the company hopes to sell upward of 75 million pairs. A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, entirely blocking the face of the sun.

"It's... this is a lifetime experience. So we do not want (people) working on that Monday (April 8). I want (people) to drive over to Arkansas," to see totality, said John Jerit, president and CEO of American Paper Optics.

American Paper Optics already has gotten more than 30 million orders and is selling all over the U.S., Mexico and Canada. Totality for the annular eclipse on Oct. 14 will cut its way southeast from Oregon to Texas, with lesser levels of visibility spreading out in each direction.

PUBIC NOTICE

THE CITY OF SHELBYVILLE WILL CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.

THIS ACTION WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE JUNE 29, 2023, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL. THE MEETING WILL BE LOCATED IN THE SHELBYVILLE RECREATION CENTER MEETING ROOM, 220 TULIP TREE ROAD, SHELBYVILLE, TN 37160, BEGINNING AT 5:00 PM. ANYONE WISHING TO COMMENT ON THESE ALLOCATIONS WILL BE HEARD.

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BEDFORD COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL	\$2,294
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB	\$393
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$1,049
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$2,032
CENTER FOR FAMILY DEVELOPMENT	\$328
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Poppa Rick Epperson with the youngest grandchild Finnick.

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Dad Matthew Epperson with daughter Ember at kindergarten graduation. Ember has a big sister Ellie and a little brother Finnick.



New dad Nathan Epperson and his daughter Everleigh.

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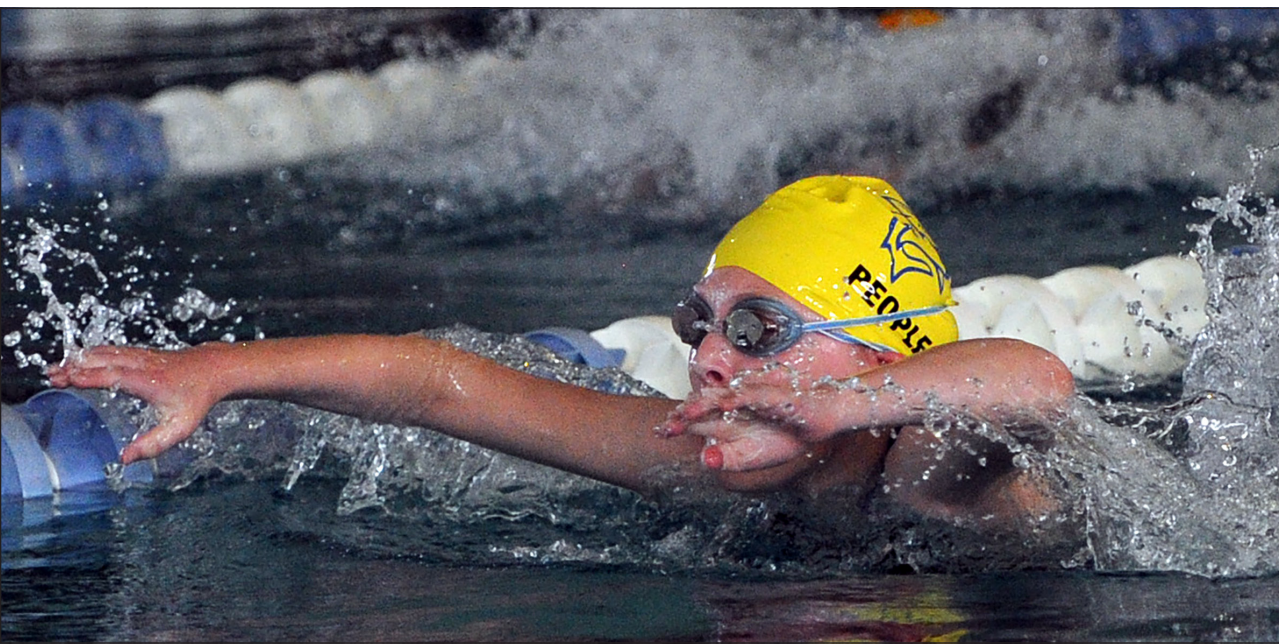
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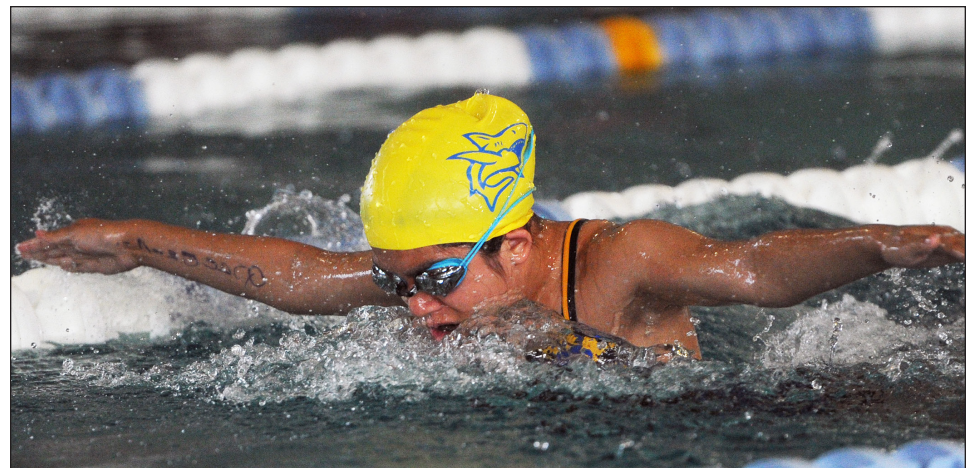
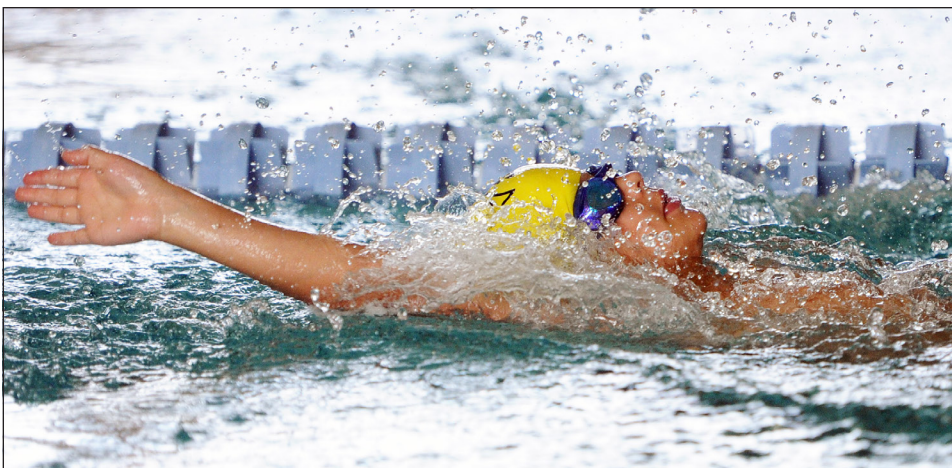
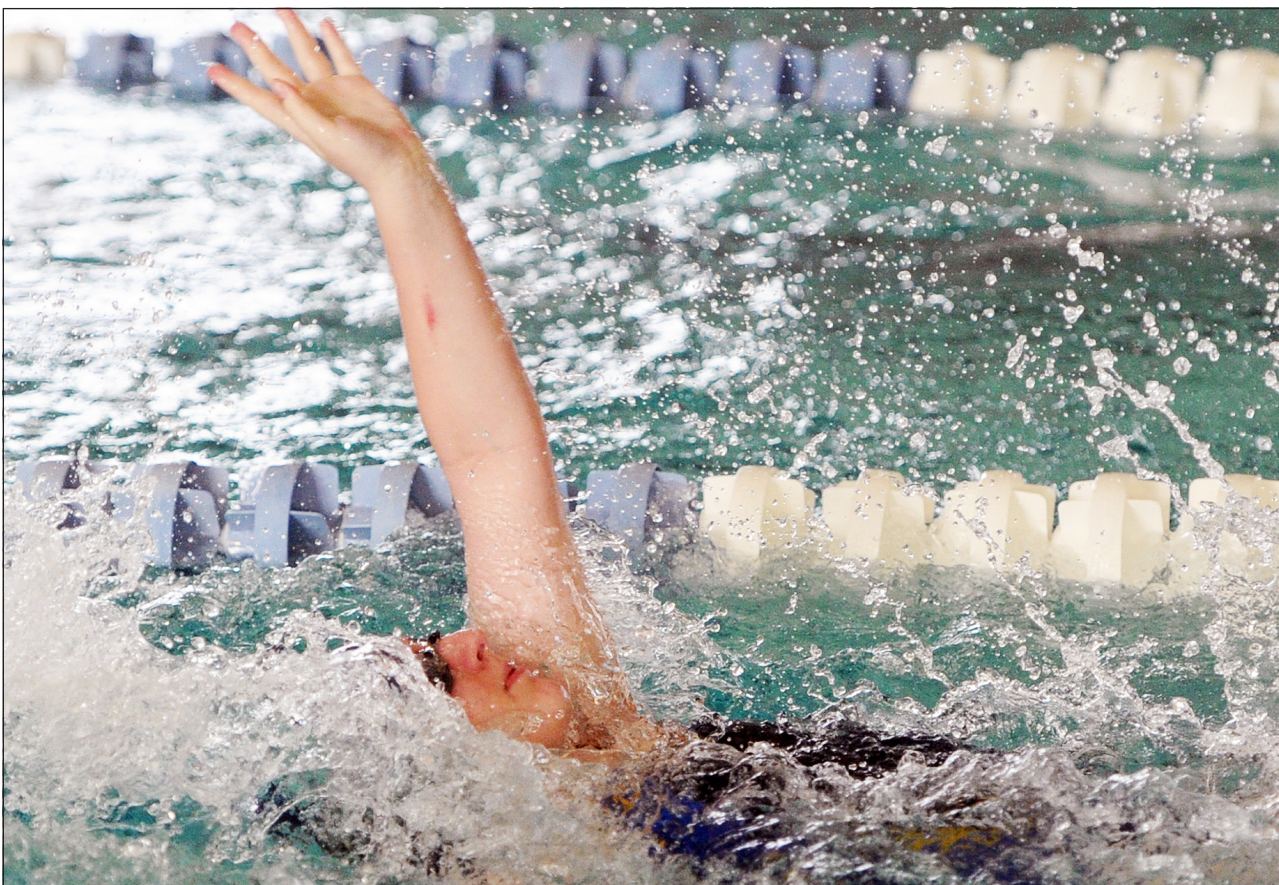
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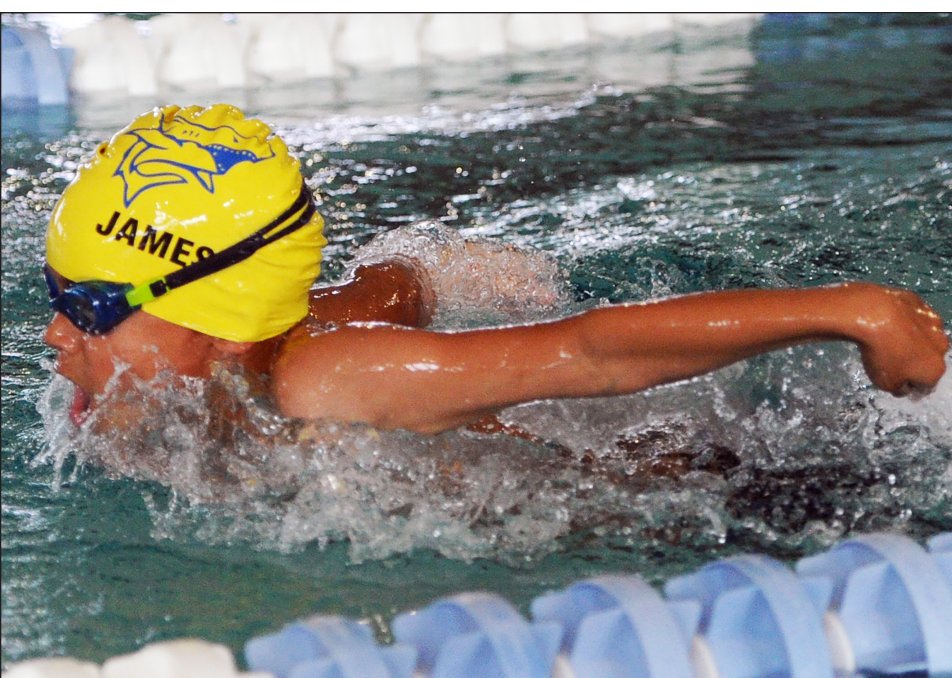
Sharks dive into summer

T-G STAFF REPORT

On Thursday evening, the Shelbyville Sharks hosted their first home meet of the summer swim season. Shelbyville followed Thursday's meet with a meet on Monday night at Tullahoma. The next home meet will be on June 26 against Fayetteville.



T-G Photos by Chris Siers



O'Rourke takes over Cascade volleyball program

By WILL CARTER
Sports Writer

Megan O'Rourke has been around the game of volleyball for over a decade, having played and coached since her high school days in New Jersey.

She jump started her coaching career as a sophomore in high school by assisting with youth camps and clinics before being recruited to play for Montclair State University in New Jersey, where she spent three years playing until COVID cut her college career short.

After coaching at the high school and club level post-college in New Jersey, O'Rourke made the move to Murfreesboro for graduate school at Middle Tennessee State University while also coaching the 16U team for Alliance Murfreesboro.

Through that opportunity she heard about Cascade's volleyball opening and after an interview and some conversations with the administration, she was hired as the head coach.

"For me to be a head coach at the high school level is definitely a challenge, but I'm really excited to be here and see where we can go with this program," O'Rourke said.

"My expectation is to take this first year as a rebuilding year and get back to the basics of the game. Basically just reteaching them how to play volleyball up to my standards. I think coming here as a first-year coach is a great opportunity to do that with this program, and I think we can be successful with the mechanics that I bring to the table."

In her years of playing and coaching, O'Rourke spent time



T-G Photo by Will Carter

Cascade has hired Megan O'Rourke to take over the Lady Champion volleyball program.

around the USA Women's Volleyball team as both a player and coach, and she plans on bringing those tactics with her to Cascade.

"Although the program is new, I feel like it's the perfect place for me to jump in because my style of volleyball is more of the USA technique and mechanics, and

that isn't really in Tennessee yet. I've worked closely with personnel directly associated with the USA Women's volleyball team both as a player and a coach, so

it's pretty cool to be able to bring that to Cascade," O'Rourke said.

"I looked at this job more as how I could help the program rather than where the program is at currently – kind of taking the program where it is and developing it from there."

While building up Cascade's relatively new volleyball program is O'Rourke's main objective, she also wants to grow the game throughout the community by putting on youth camps and clinics similar to what she ran when she got started in the sport.

"Volleyball isn't as well-known down here as it is where I'm from, so I really love the idea of building up the program for the school, but also for the community by having youth camps and things of that nature that aren't typically in this area," O'Rourke said.

"I want to bring that to girls in the area, and maybe even have some boys teams eventually down the road."

With a full summer ahead to prepare for the upcoming season, O'Rourke is excited to work with the players on the team, and get them back to the basics of playing volleyball.

"With my experience and being relatively fresh out of my playing days, I can relate really well to the girls on the team. I was the quiet kid that didn't say a word, and I didn't find a voice until I got into college," O'Rourke said.

"So relating to the girls on a more personal level will be really good for the mental part of the game, but using the fundamentals will be really fun to show them how I want them to play volleyball."

SHELBYVILLE TENNIS HOSTS YOUTH CAMP



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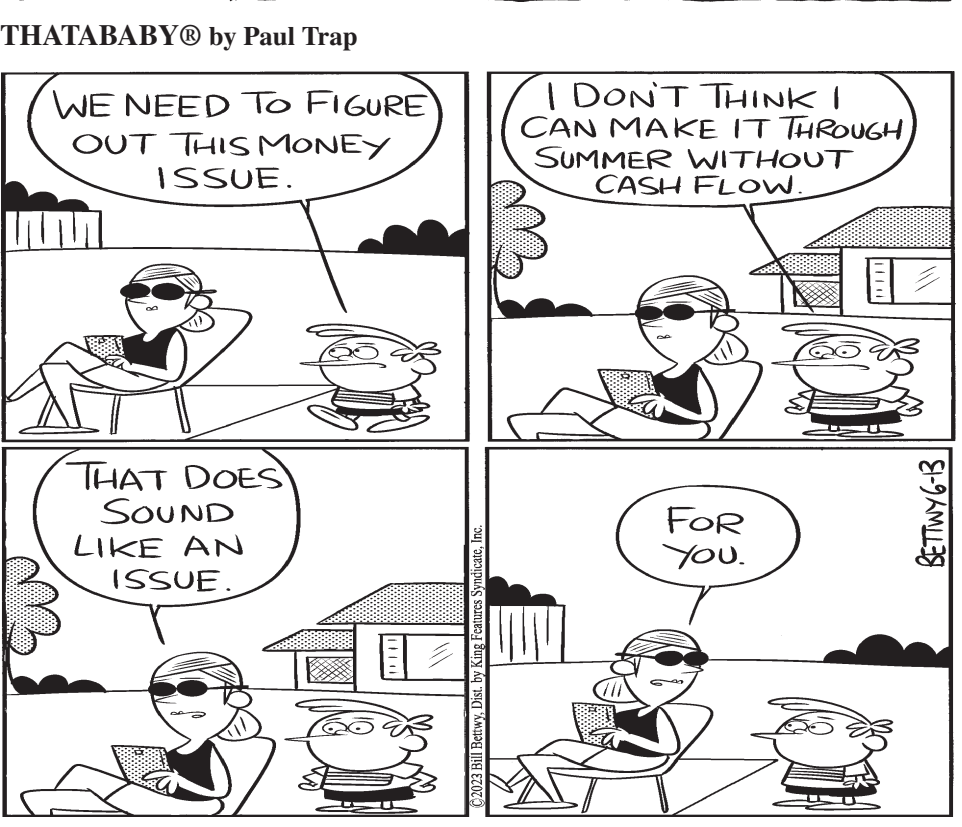
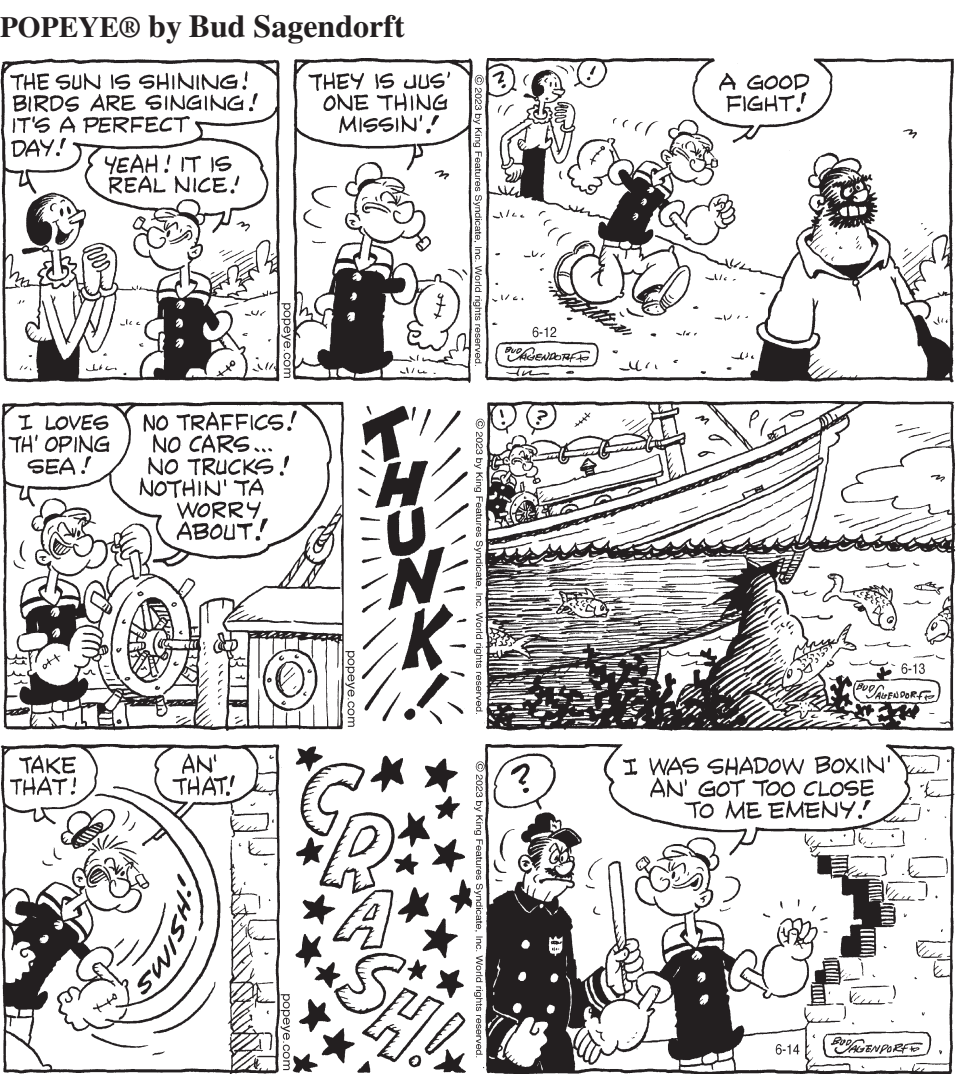
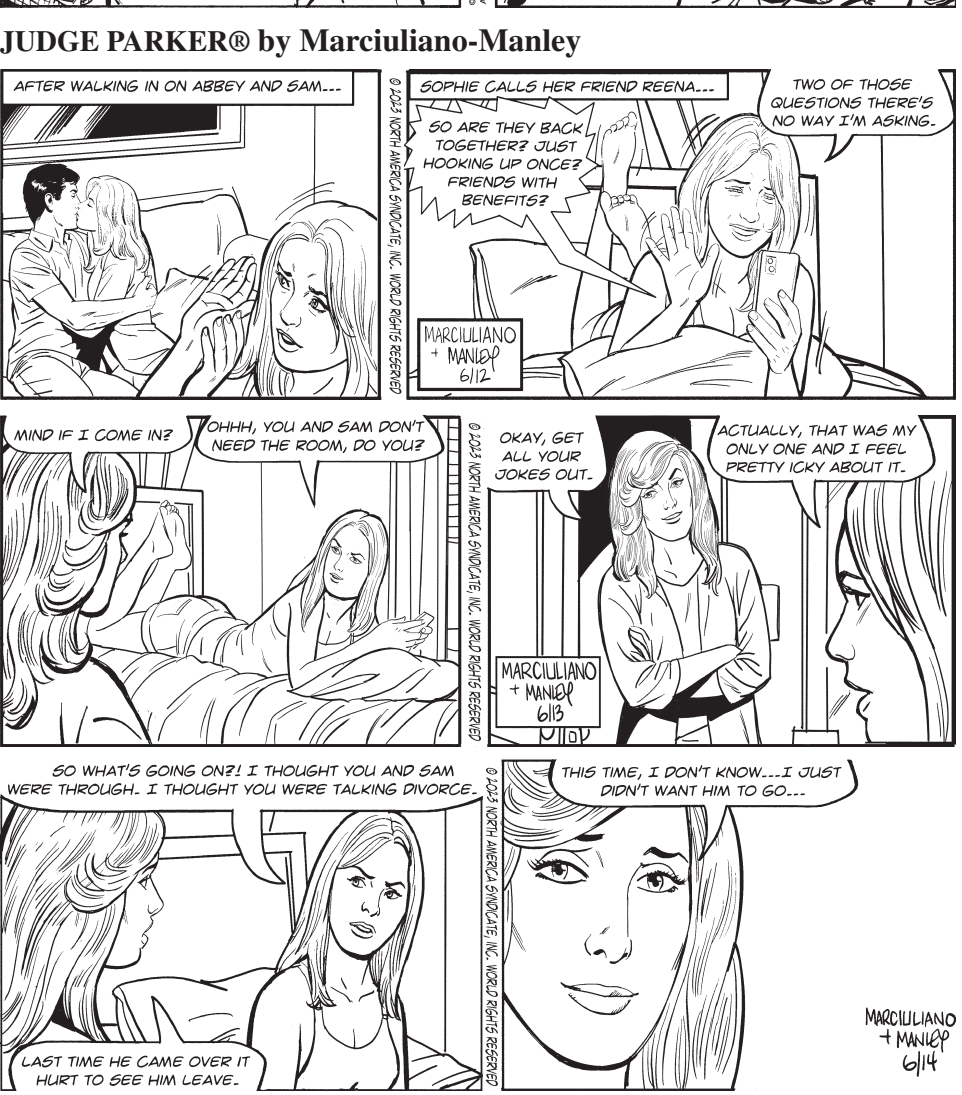
Shelbyville Central hosted a youth tennis camp last week at H.V. Griffin Park, with the focus on teaching the youngsters and newcomers the basics of the game.

CASCADE HOSTS FOOTBALL CAMP

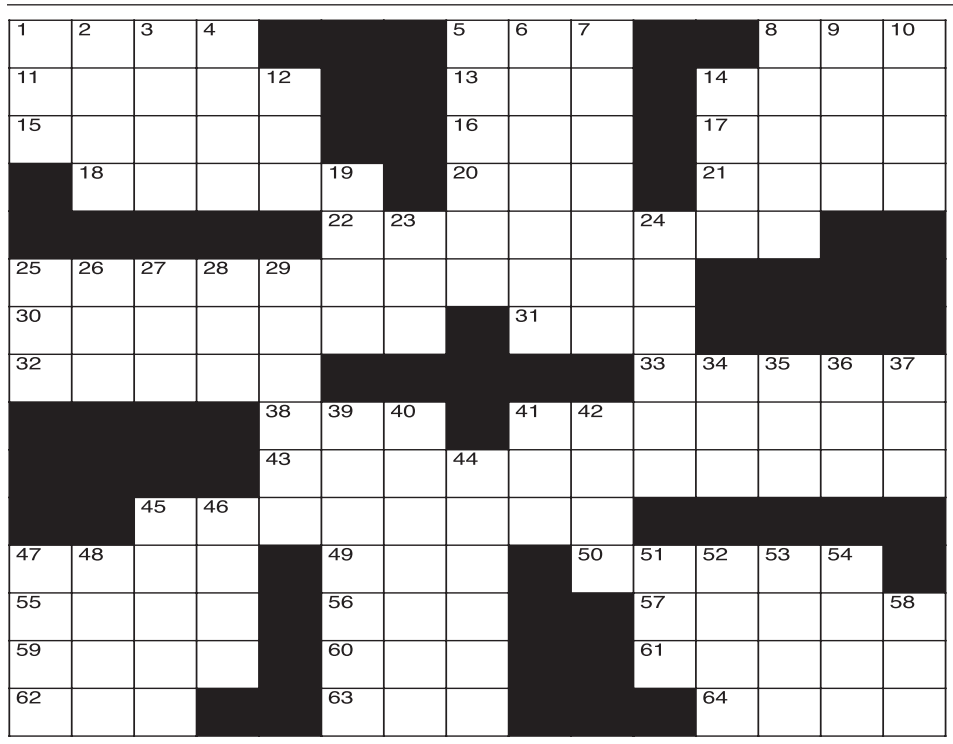
Last week, Cascade High School hosted a youth football camp, with the focus on drills and fundamentals for the youth campers.

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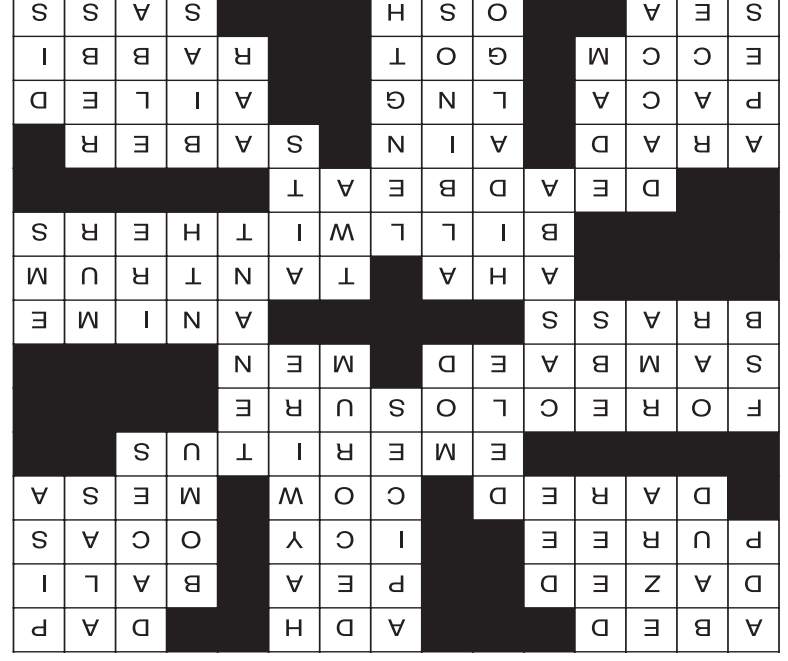
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- 1. In a place to sleep
- 5. Chemical compound (abbr.)
- 8. A way to fish
- 11. Classic Linklater film “___ and Confused”
- 13. Legume
- 14. Indonesian island
- 15. Smooth, creamy substance
- 16. Arctic
- 17. Wood sorrels
- 18. Defied
- 20. Cattle
- 21. Tableland
- 22. Honorably retired and retaining one's title
- 25. Repossession
- 30. Danced
- 31. Adult males
- 32. A type of section
- 33. Type of Japanese animation
- 38. Satisfaction
- 41. Fit
- 43. “Ain't No Sunshine” singer
- 45. Failure
- 47. Israeli city
- 49. French river
- 50. Cavalry-sword
- 55. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 56. Liquefied natural gas
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 60. Popular HBO fantasy series (abbr.)
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Large body of water
- 63. ___kosh, near Lake Winnebago
- 64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Payroll firm
- 2. Unit of transmission
- 3. Rockers Better Than ___
- 4. Bambi is one
- 5. Highest parts of something
- 6. Correct behavior
- 7. Batty
- 8. Cyprinid fishes
- 9. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 10. Site of the famous Leaning Tower
- 12. American rocker Snider
- 14. W. African language
- 19. Symbol to mark for removal
- 23. ___ Squad
- 24. Resident
- 25. Federal savings bank
- 26. Paddle
- 27. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 28. One point south of due east
- 29. Winter melon
- 34. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- 35. Anger
- 36. Central European river
- 37. First responders
- 39. Spanish noble
- 40. Persons with absence of skin pigment
- 41. Defunct airline
- 42. Small island (British)
- 44. The extent of something from beginning to end
- 45. Capital of Bangladesh
- 46. Dutch cheese
- 47. Imitates
- 48. A contest of speed
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. UNLV's are Runnin'
- 58. Criticize

PUZZLE SOLUTION



ASTROGRAPH

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, despite your best efforts, you cannot seem to get much work done this week. Your head is in the clouds with matters of the heart. Soon enough your focus will return.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
This week you may tire from charging into battle and prefer others to do the fighting for you, mighty Taurus. You can use a rest from always putting yourself out there.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Adopt a more serious tone this week, Gemini. Your actions may be judged without your knowledge, so lay low. Put the most professional foot forward.

CANCER – June 22/July 22
People may respond much better to comforting words and gestures this week, Cancer. Carefully construct your approach to communicating to reach the widest audience.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23
You may soon discover that a person who you consider a friend really is your perfect match, Leo. When you look at this person, the realization may suddenly dawn on you.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, others around you are especially sensitive this week, so even the slightest criticism could be mistaken for an insult. Rather than ruffle feathers, hold your tongue.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
These next few days you could present an opportunity to break free from everyday life and the mundane, Libra. If you don't know how to proceed, follow your gut.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
You don't always need to be in pursuit of some sort of intellectual betterment, Scorpio. Get outside and take a walk or swim in a lake. Engage in trivial things that bring you joy.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you are capable of producing impressive results if you set your mind on a plan. This is the week to dabble in a new hobby that will bring forth your creativity.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Some debates may not come to a swift resolution, Capricorn. You may need to accept that you simply disagree with someone on a particular topic and let things lie.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you may have been a little worried about your work or studies lately. This week things will lighten up and you'll feel much more in control of your situation.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
This is likely to be a busy week filled with the potential for travel. Bring along a close friend or a loved one for the adventure.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
JUNE 11
Claire Holt, Actress (35)
JUNE 12
Adriana Lima, Model (42)
JUNE 13
Chris Evans, Actor (42)
JUNE 14
Boy George, Singer (62)
JUNE 15
Courtney Cox, Actress (59)
JUNE 16
Jonah Marais, Singer (25)
JUNE 17
KJ Apa, Actor (26)

TUESDAY EVENING JUNE 13, 2023

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like 'Celebrity Wheel of Fortune', 'Shark Tank', and 'The Tonight Show'.

WEDNESDAY EVENING JUNE 14, 2023

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THURSDAY EVENING JUNE 15, 2023

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like 'NBA Live', '2023 NBA Finals', and 'CSI: Vegas'.

FRIDAY EVENING JUNE 16, 2023

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SATURDAY EVENING JUNE 17, 2023

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like 'Home Videos', 'NCIS: Los Angeles', and 'The Matrix'.

SUNDAY EVENING JUNE 18, 2023

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MONDAY EVENING JUNE 19, 2023

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TUESDAY EVENING JUNE 20, 2023

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like 'Celebrity Wheel of Fortune', 'The Wonder', and 'Shark Tank'.

What to stream this week: 'Extraction 2,' Stan Lee doc, 'Star Trek' and 'The Wonder Years'

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS UNDEFINED

This week's new entertainment releases include albums from John Mellencamp and Killer Mike, season two of "Star Trek: Strange New Worlds" arrives on Paramount+ and there's a documentary that explores Marvel comic creator Stan Lee's life and cultural impact. The new "The Wonder Years," about a middle-class Black family in Montgomery, Alabama, in the 1960s, returns for its second season, and "Gold Rush" fan favorite Todd Hoffman is trying to turn his fortune around by rehabilitating a rundown mine in Alaska in Discovery Channel's "Hoffman Family Gold." And EA Games bills its Formula One game F1 23 as "a fresh start."

Albums from John Mellencamp and Killer Mike, as well as the return of Chris Hemsworth's gun-for-hire anti-hero in Netflix's "Extraction 2" are among the new television, movies, music and games headed to a device near you.

Among the offerings worth your time as selected by The Associated Press' entertainment journalists are season two of "Star Trek: Strange New Worlds," and new "The Wonder Years," about a middle-class Black family in Montgomery, Alabama, in the 1960s, returns for its second season.

NEW MOVIES TO STREAM

— Clinical death is just a minor obstacle for Chris Hemsworth's action hero Tyler Rake, who audiences can see again in "Extraction 2," debuting on Netflix on Friday. In this outing, he's assigned the dangerous task of rescuing a Georgian gangster's family from a prison. Director Sam Hargrave promised twice as much action and more emotion in this outing, produced again by the Russo brothers. And Hemsworth has said that they opted for practical stunts and set pieces over green-screen fakery, which could be a bit frightening filming a sequence atop a train going 40 miles per hour through the snowy Czech Republic while a helicopter hovered 23 feet in front of him flying backwards.

— "Chevalier," a lush, dramatic biopic of an accomplished Black man in Marie Antoinette's France who was all but erased, came and went in theaters without a lot of fanfare. But it's now headed to Hulu starting on Friday where audiences can learn about Joseph Bologne, the Chevalier de Saint-Georges, the son of a wealthy French plantation owner and an enslaved Senegalese teenager who rose through the ranks of French society due in part to his extraordinary musical talents as a composer and a violinist. Kelvin Harrison Jr. plays the title role in the Stephen Williams-directed film, which I wrote in a review "may be more fiction than history, but it's worthwhile with effective acting, tension (helped by Kris Bowers' score) and a decadently beautiful production."

— And on Disney+, a new original documentary about the late Stan Lee premieres on Friday. "Stan Lee," directed by David Gelb, promises to explore Lee's life and cultural impact. Lee, who died in 2018 at age 95, co-created an army of comic book characters including Spider-Man, the X-Men, Iron Man, the Incredible Hulk, the Fantastic Four, Ant-Man and many more who have in the past 15 years become household names thanks to the popularity of Marvel films, many of which feature fun Stan Lee cameos.

— AP Film Writer Lindsey Bahr

NEW MUSIC TO STREAM

— John Mellencamp's output is not slowing down. A year after releasing the album "Strictly a One-Eyed Jack," the heartland rocker is back with "Orpheus Descending." Many of the 11 tracks — including the anti-gun violence anthem "Hey God" and a song about the homeless crisis "The Eyes of Portland" — focus on social issues. "All of these homeless/Where do they come from? In this land of plenty/Where nothing gets done," sings Mellencamp, 71, on the latter track.

— Father's Day may be around the corner, but Killer Mike is honoring his mother on his new solo album, "Michael." The single "Motherless" has Mike rapping about his late mother, featuring R&B singer Eryn Allen Kane: "I be missin' huggin' you, I miss kissin' you/I miss all the jewels and I miss all your wisdom, too." Another single is the Run the Jewels-like "Don't Let the Devil," in which he shows off his delinquent side, with the lyrics "Catch me after Sunday service disturbin' the church's workers."

— Loss is also in the DNA of the new album by multi-instrumentalist, singer-songwriter Meshell Ndegeocello. "The

Omnichord Real Book" is an album made after she lost her parents. "This album is about the way we see old things in new ways," Ndegeocello says. First single "Clear Water" is a soul-searching Sly Stone-inspired song featuring Jeff Parker's bluesy guitar lines and vocals by Justin Hicks. The album was produced by Josh Johnson and also features Jason Moran, Ambrose Akinmusire, Joel Ross, Jeff Parker, Brandee Younger, Julius Rodriguez, Mark Guiliana, Cory Henry, Joan As Police Woman and Thandiswa.

— Only one band can make fonts sound cool and that's Queens of the Stone Age, who are out Friday, with the 10-track studio album "In Times New Roman..." On the spiky, off-kilter "Emotional Sickness," frontman Josh Homme sings "Use once and destroy/Single servings of pain/A dose of emotion sickness I just can't shake." But on "Carnavoyeur," he has a smooth, distant cool: "Flying high, realize/There are no more mountains to climb."

— AP Entertainment Writer Mark Kennedy

NEW SERIES TO STREAM

— The new "The Wonder Years" about a middle-class Black family in Montgomery, Alabama, in the 1960s, returns for its second season on Wednesday on ABC. The show is told from the point of view of 12-year-old Dean Williams (played by Elisha "EJ" Williams) with Don Cheadle narrating as the adult version of Dean. It's already been announced that season two will feature several guest stars including Donald Faison, Bradley Whitford, Phoebe Robinson, Malcolm-Jamal Warner and Patti LaBelle.

— Season two of "Star Trek: Strange New Worlds" arrives on Paramount+ on Thursday. If you haven't watched yet, the show takes place about a decade before "Star Trek: The Original Series," so it features younger versions of some of the "Star Trek" characters viewers know and love. "Strange New Worlds" stars Anson Mount as Captain Christopher Pike when he led the USS Enterprise, with a crew that includes Ethan Peck as Spock, Rebecca Romijn as Una Chin-Riley (otherwise known as Number One), and Celia Rose Gooding as Nyota Uhura. The season one finale introduced Paul Wesley in the role of James T. Kirk and the actor reprises the role in this new season.

— Caitriona Balfe and Sam Heughan are star-crossed lovers in the time-traveling romance drama, "Outlander." It begins with a British nurse named Claire visiting Scotland after World War II who accidentally falls back in time to the 18th century when Scotland and England are at war. Claire has left her husband behind in the future, and feels like she will never get back there, so she begrudgingly marries a Highland warrior named Jamie. The two end up falling in love and embark on an epic romance. Season seven, premiering Friday on Starz, take place during the American Revolution. The story is based on the book series by Diana Gabaldon.

— "Gold Rush" fan favorite Todd Hoffman is trying to turn his fortune around by rehabilitating a rundown mine in Alaska in Discovery Channel's "Hoffman Family Gold." In season two, Todd has a small crew to help him including his father, Jack, and son, Hunter, but even with the familial assist, it's a major task and success is not guaranteed. On top of the pressure, Todd and Hunter are very competitive and no one pushes your buttons quite like family. "Hoffman Family Gold" season two debuts Friday.

— Alicia Rancilio

NEW VIDEO GAMES TO PLAY

— Formula One racing has been booming in America lately, thanks in large part to the popular Netflix documentary series "Drive to Survive." It's gotten so big that EA Sports, which bailed out early in the century, got back on the track in 2021. The publisher is billing F1 23 as "a fresh start," though longtime developer Codemasters is still behind the wheel. It includes 20 drivers and 10 teams from the real-life circuit, as well as a fictional story mode and a career-building "F1 World" series of races. There are also new courses in Las Vegas and Qatar, and a 35% race distance option that offers a quick challenge if you're short on time. Get your motor running Friday on PlayStation 5/4, Xbox X/S/One and PC.

— Lou Kesten

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(Alexei Druzhinin/RIA-Novosti, Kremlin Pool Photo via AP, File)

Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, and former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi visit a memorial to the soldiers from Sardinia killed in the Crimean War, near Mount Gasfort outside Sevastopol in Crimea, Friday, Sept. 11, 2015. Berlusconi, the boastful billionaire media mogul who was Italy's longest-serving premier despite scandals over his sex-fueled parties and allegations of corruption, died, according to Italian media. He was 86.

Adored, scorned, impossible to ignore in life, Berlusconi in death draws tributes even from critics

ROME (AP) — Adored, scorned, impossible to ignore in life, Silvio Berlusconi in death drew tributes even from critics, and ever more lush praise from admirers, including Russian President Vladimir Putin and Pope Francis.

Following word of Berlusconi's death on Monday in a Milan hospital, where he was being treated for chronic leukemia, reaction poured in from around the world, from national leaders to Pope Francis to announcers who burst into tears on one of his TV networks, for the populist three-time premier and media mogul.

Here are some of the reactions:

— Russian President Vladimir Putin in a condolence telegram hailed Berlusconi as a "patriarch" of Italian politics and a true patriot who has improved Italy's standing on the world stage.

"I have always sincerely admired his wisdom, his ability to make balanced, far-sighted decisions even in the most difficult situations," Putin said in the telegram released by the Kremlin. "During each of our meetings, I was literally charged with his incredible vitality, optimism and sense of humor."

Berlusconi hosted Putin twice at one of his Sardinia Emerald Coast villas, and the Russian reciprocated, including with a stay at Putin's dacha. For Berlusconi's last birthday in September, Putin gifted him bottles of vodka, even as the Italian government staunchly backed Ukraine in the war against the Russian invasion.

"Undoubtedly, he was a politician of the European and the world scale," Putin said. "There are few such people in the international arena now. He was a great friend of our people and did a lot to develop business, friendly relations between Russia and European countries." Berlusconi had expressed reservations about sanctions against Russian interests over the invasion.

— Far-right Italian Premier Giorgia

Meloni, whose coalition government's junior partners include the Forza Italia party Berlusconi founded three decades ago, bid him "farewell, Silvio" in a video statement carried on Italian television. With his passing, "a great European political leader and a great Italian is gone. His intuitions, his battles, his commitment transformed our nation and opened spaces for authentic liberty."

— In a condolence telegram sent to Berlusconi's eldest daughter, Marina Berlusconi, and assuring his closeness to all the family, Pope Francis said the late premier had carried out "public responsibilities with an energetic temperament." Francis prayed that God grant "eternal peace for him and consolation of the heart for those who weep for his passing." Francis said he joined in the condolences "with a fervent remembrance in prayer."

— "We had our political differences but on a personal level, he was always charming and engaging company," Anders Fogh Rasmussen, a former Danish prime minister and former NATO secretary general, said of Berlusconi.

— Italian President Sergio Mattarella, whose role as head of state was coveted by Berlusconi — he sought unsuccessfully in recent years to be chosen by Parliament for that position — in his tribute described the former premier as a "protagonist of of long seasons of Italian politics."

"Berlusconi was a great political leader who marked the history of our Republic, influencing its paradigms, customs and language," Mattarella said.

— On one of the three private TV networks in Berlusconi's media empire a pair of announcers hosting a live morning talk show choked up and shed tears when giving the audience the news of his death. Outside one of Berlusconi's villas, in Arcore, near Milan, someone placed a scarf from AC Milan soccer club, which Berlusconi long had owned, next to bouquets of flowers.

JPMorgan settles with victims of Jeffrey Epstein, deceased financier charged with sex trafficking

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN and KEN SWEET
AP Business Writer

JPMorgan Chase announced a settlement Monday with the victims of Jeffrey Epstein who had accused the bank of being the financial conduit that allowed the financier to continue operating a sex trafficking operation.

Epstein was arrested in 2019 on federal charges accusing him of paying underage girls hundreds of dollars in cash for massages and then molesting them at his homes in Florida and New York. He was found dead in jail on Aug. 10 of that year, at age 66. A medical examiner ruled his death a suicide.

The lawsuit filed in Manhattan federal court in November sought to hold JPMorgan financially liable for Epstein's decades-long abuse of teenage girls and young women. A related lawsuit has been filed in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"We all now understand that Epstein's behavior was monstrous, and we believe this settlement is in the best interest of all parties, especially the survivors, who suffered unimaginable abuse at the hands of this man," JPMorgan Chase said in a written statement early Monday.

According to the lawsuits, JPMorgan provided Epstein loans and regularly allowed him to withdraw large sums of cash from 1998 through August 2013 even though it was aware of his participation in sex trafficking. The anonymous victim, referred to as Jane Doe, said she was sexually abused by Epstein from 2006 and 2013.

The bank continued to count Epstein as a client despite the fact that Epstein was arrested and pled guilty to sex crimes in

2008 in Florida.

The settlement with Jane Doe arrives on the same day that a judge granted Doe's lawsuit class-action status, meaning future awards would be granted to Doe and other victims.

"Any association with him was a mistake and we regret it," the bank said in a prepared statement. "We would never have continued to do business with him if we believed he was using our bank in any way to help commit heinous crimes."

The settlement comes roughly two weeks after JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon testified in a deposition for the case, where he denied knowing about Epstein and his crimes until the financier was arrested in 2019, according to a transcript of the videotaped deposition released last month.

Both lawsuits were filed after New York state in November enacted a temporary law letting adult victims of sexual abuse to sue others for the abuse they suffered, even if the abuse occurred long ago.

Terms of the settlement were not disclosed. Lawsuits are still pending between the U.S. Virgin Islands and JPMorgan Chase, and the bank is still pursuing its lawsuit against JPMorgan former executive Jes Staley.

The bank has denied the allegations and sued Staley, saying he hid Epstein's crimes to keep him as a client. Staley left JPMorgan in 2013 to later become CEO of the British bank Barclays. Staley stepped down from that role in 2021 due to his prior relationship with Epstein.

AP Writer Michael Hill contributed to this report from Albany.



A U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor prepares to take off for a practice run Friday, June 9, at Smyrna (Tenn.) Airport. They are among numerous teams participating in the annual Great Tennessee Air Show June 10-11. MTSU is a sponsor of the event and for the U.S. Air Force Raptor team. (MTSU photo by Andy Heidt)

Air show pilots ‘entertain’ MTSU students, faculty

MURFREESBORO — Pilots and mechanics participating in this weekend’s Great Tennessee Air Show in Smyrna, Tennessee, “entertained” Middle Tennessee State University students, faculty, and staff, local scouts and Civil Air Patrol groups from Smyrna and Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on the MTSU campus Friday, June 9.

Blue Angels members including U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Julius Bratton of Woodlawn, Tennessee, and a trio from the Navy’s F-35C Demo Team spent an hour in a College of Education classroom sharing their stories with pilots and future pilots about the teamwork it takes to fly a Boeing F/A-18 Super Hornet 1,400 mph or work on the \$100 million planes.

The Great Tennessee Air Show takes place Saturday and Sunday, June 10-11, at Smyrna Airport. Dozens of aerial acts will perform in front of thousands of spectators from around the region. MTSU and its Aerospace Department, one of

the premier aviation programs in the nation, is an overall event sponsor and sponsor of the U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor, and Aerospace will have a booth and static aircraft display at the show.

The Blue Angels led off Friday’s visit to MTSU, showcasing their Commit promotion video and F-35C Demo Team pilots, Lt. Dan “Skap” Barringer of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Capt. Matt “Blower” Jackson of Rising Sun, Maryland, presented a humor-packed PowerPoint. They were joined by Master Chief Rich Brickey, a mechanic.

Bratton said he was “very close” to going to MTSU because of their aerospace program. “If I had not been accepted early into the Naval Academy,” the 2007 graduate of Northwest High School in Clarksville, Tennessee, said he would have been a Blue Raider. His father, retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Leamon Bratton, of Woodlawn in Montgomery County, was a 1980 MTSU graduate and became an angus cattle farmer.

Julius Bratton told the future pilots “to dare to be different. And for those in the Civil Air Patrol, you are already daring to be different.” He added that humility is something he learned along the way. He was joined by Jeremy Bloom, the team’s crew chief.

Photographed with the flying aces different times at the end of their visit, Carter Blankowski, an MTSU junior professional pilot major from Smyrna, said “it’s cool to hear their presentation.” He added that he plans “to work for any major airline” after graduating.

Cody Jones, 12, of Smyrna, one of those in the Smyrna Civil Air Patrol, said he was “very impressed with meeting the F-35 team because I want to become a professional pilot and a fighter pilot, and I know it’s going to take a lot of dedication and hard work.”

Later Friday afternoon, MTSU hosted Civil Air Patrol cadets and adult leaders from Murfreesboro and Smyrna to meet with the pilots at the

Smyrna airport.

As the presentation closed, MTSU aerospace student Brianna McDonald, a professional pilot major and one of three young women who will compete in the annual Air Race Classic this month, and College of Basic and Applied Sciences Dean Greg Van Patten presented the guests special MTSU Aerospace ball caps. The Blue Angels provided commemorative photo and brochure.

CAP, the volunteer civilian auxiliary of the Air Force, has partnered with MTSU’s College of Basic and Applied Sciences since 2014 to provide aerospace education opportunities to its high school-aged cadets. Aside from a COVID-19 hiatus, MTSU has also hosted CAP’s National Cadet Engineering Technology Academy every year since 2017.

MTSU and CAP personnel were afforded a sneak peek of the Raptor team’s performance Friday afternoon and all were invited onto the tarmac afterward to see the F-22s up close.



Middle Tennessee State University junior aerospace professional pilot major Carter Blankowski, second from right, of Smyrna, Tenn., chats with U.S. Navy F-35C Demo Team members Lt. Dan “Skap” Barringer, left, and Capt. Matt “Blower” Jackson about their flying careers. Barringer and Jackson are part of the lineup for the 2023 Great Tennessee Air Show June 10-11 at Smyrna Airport. (MTSU photo by J. Intintoli)



U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Julius Bratton of Woodlawn, Tennessee, a member of the Blue Angels flying team, speaks to an audience of Middle Tennessee State University students, faculty, staff and guests, including scouts and Civil Air Patrol members from Smyrna and Murfreesboro, Tenn., Friday, June 9, in a College of Education classroom. The Blue Angels, MTSU-sponsored U.S. Air Force Raptors, the Navy’s F-35C Demo Team and dozens more are participating in the 2023 Great Tennessee Air Show June 10-11 at Smyrna Airport. (MTSU photo by J. Intintoli)



U.S. Air Force Capt. Samuel “Razz” Larson, center, talks all things flying with local Civil Air Patrol members Friday, June 9, during practice as part of the Great Tennessee Air Show at the Smyrna, Tenn., Airport. Middle Tennessee State University is a major sponsor of the June 10-11 event and for the F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team that Larson is a part of for the Air Force. (MTSU photo by Andy Heidt)



U.S. Navy F-35C Demo Team member Lt. Dan “Skap” Barringer, center, lets Cody Jones, 12, of Smyrna, Tenn., try on one of the \$100,000 helmets the F-35C pilots use when flying. They and Navy Blue Angels pilots and personnel spoke Friday, June 9, at Middle Tennessee State University to a gathering of students, faculty, staff and visitors assembled in a College of Education building classroom. (MTSU photo by J. Intintoli)