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## Bedford County has event-full weekend



T-G Photo by Zoe Watkins  
The Juneteenth Celebration kicked off Saturday morning with a parade through the Historic Shelbyville Square. The event was sponsored by the Gilliland Historical Center and the Rosenwald Recreation Center. See inside for more photos.



T-G Photo by Mark McGee  
Despite the heat, the annual RC-Cola and MoonPie Festival brought thousands of visitors to the streets of Bell Buckle Saturday to enjoy local food, vendors, and a parade. See more photos inside today's issue.

## Looking ahead to the 2024 election

By **ZOË WATKINS**  
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Whether we like it or not, the 2024 election season is coming up. The Bedford County Republican Party hosted elections administrator Summer Leverette at their June meeting to discuss the process and how the new voter machines will work.

Elections only take place in even-number years. In March 2024, there will be a presidential preference primary.

"In conjunction with it, we have the Republican county primary and the Democratic county primary because they have also called in the county primary," Leverette, who's been working in the elections office for almost 24 years, explained.

According to Leverette, this is the only primary where the state pays for the primary. All other primaries are paid for by the county.

August is the state and county general election. "So, everybody who wins in the county primary in March will be on that," said Leverette. For example, Pat Marsh, who was in attendance at the meeting, will be on the ballot.

Then, there's the big one in November—including the presidential election, and locally, the cities of Wartrace, Normandy, and Shelbyville city council.

**Online voter registration**  
Called "OVR," people interested can go to votetn.com. Everyone who has a Tennessee driver's license, anyone can

register online, meaning you do not have to go to the election office or to the Department of Safety.

This is called a by-mail registration. This means you have to vote in person, not by mail, the first time, in order to show your ID.

Registering in person, that person can then ask for a mail-in ballot.

"And that's getting really popular now because it's 60 and older now. It used to be 65 and older," said Leverette.

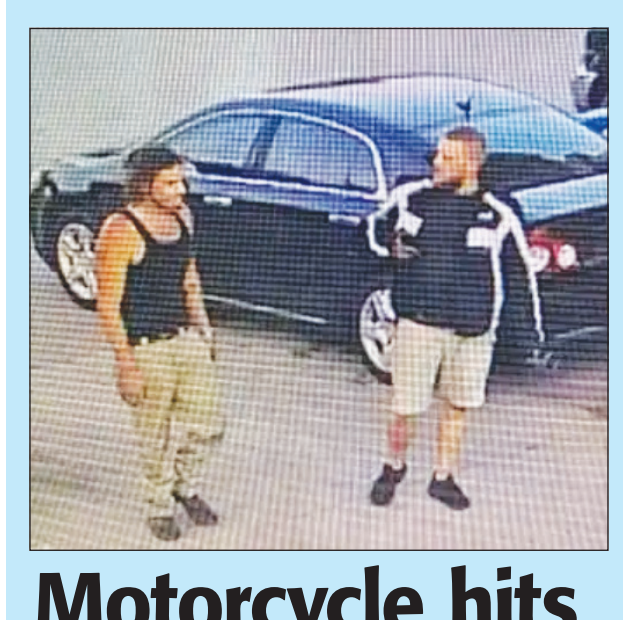
Every election, the request form for mail-in is verified through the signature personally by Leverette. "We have turned down applications as well as ballots. So, they are verified," she said. An absentee county board also verifies these forms as well.

Often, they have parents doing these mail-in ballots for their children in college. They do offer a provisional voter, which is a voter who is not registered in Tennessee wanting to vote in Tennessee. They are given the option to vote with this paper provisional ballot after filling out an application to become a registered voter. However, this application is crucial to vote, otherwise, the vote is thrown out.

"There are checks and balances that we do — that I do — that are not statutes that I just do," said Leverette.

**New voting machines**  
All 95 counties in the state are receiving new voting machines this year. Though not all the same machines, grants were given by the state.

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## Motorcycle hits race contestant

T-G STAFF REPORT  
BELL BUCKLE - A motorcyclist was reported to have hit one of the contestants of the RC-Cola and MoonPie Festival's 10-mile run.

Reports say the runner was seriously injured when two motorcyclists drove through a blocked-off area. They sped away after hitting the runner. One motorcycle was white, the other black. The rider on the white motorcycle is suspected of being the one who hit the runner.

The identity of the runner has not been revealed. According to the Bedford County Sheriff's Department, the runner was taken to Vanderbilt-Bedford Hospital where he was listed in stable condition.

The incident occurred early Saturday morning during the race. Only injuries, and no fatalities, were reported at the time. It is unknown whether the disturbance was done intentionally or on purpose.

Limited information was given at press time. One of the motorcyclists has been identified through video, but a name has not been released.

The Times-Gazette will continue to cover the situation

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## DEATH NOTICES

### Antonio Vasquez Guzman

June 9, 2023

Antonio Vasquez Guzman, age 32, passed away on June 9, 2023.

Funeral Mass was held 7 p.m. Friday, June 16, 2023, at St. William Catholic Church. Father Edwain Cardona officiated. Burial will be in Oaxaca, Mexico at a later date.

The family received visitors from 5:30 until service time Friday at the church.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

## OBITUARIES

### Jeanne Marie Bean-Hurt

June 16, 2023

Jeanne Marie Bean-Hurt, 93, of Shelbyville, died June 16, 2023.

Graveside Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18, at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. No public visitation was scheduled.

She was born April 9, 1930, in Nashville; was a former employee of Fly's Manufacturing and Eureka Corp. and a member of First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, O.V. and Alma White Hedgepath; her first husband, William Bailey Bean; her second husband, T.O. Hurt; a daughter, Carol Annis Bean and a brother, Ed White.

Jeanne is survived by her children, Paul David (Cheryl) Bean, and Alice Marie Bean of Shelbyville; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



## Election

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The 64 new machines for Bedford will still be for the current provider Microvote, an electronics manufacturer based in Indianapolis, Indiana. The machines will basically work the same as previous ones, however, an extra paper ballot, which the voter will approve before submitting his or her vote, was added.

Leverette explained, "They're called a VVAPT machine. It's a voter-verified paper audit trail. And what that means is a white piece of paper will print out whom you voted for on this machine. Then you can verify on that paper whom you voted for. Once you verify, you can push this confirm button and the paper will roll up into the machine. So, you have verified who you voted for on

this machine."

This is so if an election has to be audited there is a confirmed paper trail. None of these machines are ever connected to the internet in order to work. "Even the computer that I program this machine from is never hooked up to the internet. It doesn't even have a modem," said Leverette.

The physical results of a vote are then locked up for 22 months and only accessible through a judge's order.

Some 54 counties in Tennessee use Microvote's technology. According to Danny Robbins, who sits on Bedford's Election Committee, said, "They're by far the easiest to do business with and their response is unbelievable."

The election office will receive these new machines this fall and begin training on them. "We're excited," said Leverette.

## Fiercest fighting in years erupts in West Bank camp of Jenin, at least five Palestinians killed

JENIN REFUGEE CAMP, West Bank (AP) — Israeli military forces raided a refugee camp in the northern West Bank on Monday, igniting the fiercest day of fighting in years as Palestinian militants detonated roadside bombs and Israeli helicopter gunships struck Palestinian gunmen to rescue troops trapped in the hours-long firefight.

At least five Palestinians were killed, including a 15-year-old boy, and over 90 others were wounded, Palestinian health officials said. The Palestinian Islamic Jihad group claimed three of those killed as its militants. Eight Israeli soldiers were also wounded, the army said.

The Israeli military said forces stormed into the Jenin refugee camp in the early morning to arrest two wanted militants. They faced fierce resistance. Palestinian militants said they ambushed Israeli armored vehicles with explosive devices, disabling several vehicles with troops trapped inside.

Israeli military spokesman Lt. Col. Richard Hecht described Palestinian militants' use of powerful roadside bombs as "very unusual and dramatic." Five mangled vehicles were stuck in the firefight for hours, requiring the military to dispatch helicopters as part of an elaborate evacuation operation.

It was the first such use of a helicopter gunship in the occupied West Bank since the second Palestinian uprising around two decades ago, Israeli media reported. The highly militarized Jenin refugee camp witnessed some of the biggest battles at the time.

At least one Apache helicopter fired missiles at Palestinian gunmen to try to clear the area while security forces worked to extract the trapped vehicles, the Israeli army said. The local branch of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad based in Jenin said its fighters opened fire at the combat helicopter. The group praised the militants and warned Israel to "reconsider its calculations before its soldiers set foot on Jenin's land."

The Israeli army said that the Palestinian gunfire caused minor damage to the spinning tail rotor of a helicopter.

Witnesses described the nearly 10 hours of fighting as a bedlam of gunfire and explosions.

"They were shooting at anything and everything that moved," hospital director Tawfik al-Shobaki said of Israeli forces.

As the Israeli military eventually withdrew its damaged vehicles from the camp in the late afternoon, Palestinians ventured out to assess the heavy damage and bury their dead.

The Palestinian Health Ministry identified those killed as Khaled Asasa, 21, Qassam Abu Sariya, 29, Qais Jabarin, 21, Ahmed Daraghme, 19, and 15-year-old Ahmed Saqr. Of the 91 Palestinians wounded, at least 12 were in critical condition, hospital officials said. Wissam Bakar, director of Jenin Government Hospital, said a 15-year-old girl was among the critically wounded.



Severe weather that passed through Central Mississippi shredded this billboard in Ridgeland, Miss., Friday. A 67-year-old Canton man died after a tree fell on his home as a result of the inclement weather. (AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)

## 1 dead, nearly two dozen injured after multiple tornadoes sweep through Mississippi

JACKSON, MISS. (AP) — Multiple tornadoes swept through Mississippi overnight, killing one and injuring nearly two dozen, officials said Monday.

State emergency workers were still working with counties to assess the damage from storms in which high temperatures and hail in some areas accompanied tornadoes. The death and injuries were reported by officials in eastern Mississippi's Jasper County.

The small, rural town of Louin bore the brunt of the damage. Drone footage and photos showed wide expanses of debris-covered terrain, decimated homes and mangled trees. At least one person was lifted from the wreckage in a stretcher.

Most of the people injured in Jasper County, including the person who died, were transported to

the South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel between 2 and 3 a.m., said Becky Collins, a spokeswoman for the facility. About 20 people had bruises and cuts. Most were in stable condition Monday morning.

Eric Carpenter, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Jackson, said an unseasonably strong jet stream blew through the area. A tornado emerged near Louin before traveling at least 7 miles (11 kilometers) south to Bay Springs.

Tornadoes typically hit Mississippi in early to mid-spring. Carpenter called the timing of the tornadoes, along with persistent thunder and hail as well as high temperatures, "a very unusual situation."

"This is a whole different game here," Carpenter said. "What we would

typically see in March and April, we're seeing in June."

On March 24, a vicious tornado carved a path of destruction through parts of western and northern Mississippi, killing at least 26 and damaging thousands of homes. Some towns in the rural, poverty-stricken Mississippi Delta face a daunting task to rebuild.

Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves said Monday's tornadoes also struck Rankin County, which borders the capital city of Jackson. Emergency crews were doing search and rescue missions and damage assessments, deploying drones in some areas because they were impossible to reach by vehicle due to downed power lines.

In a Monday morning news release, the Mississippi Emergency

Management Agency said more than 49,000 homes in central Mississippi were without power. Tens of thousands of people in Hinds County, the most populous area of the state, were still without power Monday morning after high winds pummeled the state early Friday.

Reeves said the state is opening command centers and shelters for those displaced by the severe weather.

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## Mass shootings and violence leave dead and injured across the US this weekend

CHICAGO (AP) — Mass shootings and violence killed and wounded people across the United States this weekend, including at least 60 shot in the Chicago area alone. Four people were found shot to death in a small Idaho town, a Pennsylvania state trooper was killed in an ambush, and bullets struck 11 teenagers, killing one, at a party in Missouri.

The shootings happened in cities and rural areas alike, following a surge in homicides and other violence over the past several years that accelerated during the coronavirus pandemic. Officers responded to mass shootings in Washington state, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Southern California and Baltimore.

"There's no question there's been a spike in violence," said Daniel Nagin, a professor of public policy and statistics at Carnegie Mellon University. "Some of these cases seem to be just disputes, often among adolescents, and those disputes are played out with firearms, not with fists."

Experts disagree over the cause. Theories include the possibility that violence is driven by the prevalence of guns in America, or by less aggressive police tactics or a decline in prosecutions for misdemeanor weapon offenses, Nagin said.

Only the Idaho killings fit the definition of a mass killing in which four or more people die, not including the shooter. However, the number of injured in most of the weekend cases matches the widely accepted definition for mass shootings.

Here's a look at the shootings this weekend:

### CHICAGO

Five people were shot, two fatally on the city's South Side on Sunday evening when someone opened fire from a car that

pulled up to a gathering, according to police.

Another four men were shot, one fatally, during an altercation in a garage in the West Side neighborhood of Austin around 3 a.m. Sunday, police said. Other shootings with fewer victims added to the tally — city data shows 29 gun violence victims Friday evening through Saturday.

Meanwhile in the suburbs, at least 23 people were shot, one fatally, early Sunday in a parking lot where hundreds of people had gathered to celebrate Juneteenth, authorities said.

The DuPage County sheriff's office described a "peaceful gathering" that suddenly turned violent as multiple people fired shots into the crowd in Willowbrook, Illinois, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) southwest of Chicago.

A motive wasn't immediately known. Sheriff's spokesman Robert Carroll said authorities were interviewing "persons of interest," the Daily Herald reported.

"We just started hearing shooting, so we dropped down until they stopped," a witness, Markeshia Avery, told WLS-TV.

The White House issued a statement calling the violence a tragedy and saying the president was thinking of those killed and injured. Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker said in a statement that he was monitoring the investigation.

"Gathering for a holiday gathering should be a joyful occasion, not a time where gunfire erupts and families are forced to run for safety," Pritzker said.

### KELLOGG, IDAHO

Police in Idaho arrested a suspect in a shooting that killed four people on Sunday at a home behind a church.

Responding officers found four people, all dead

from gunshot wounds, at a residence in Kellogg, according to the Shoshone County Sheriff's Office and news reports. Idaho State Police said a 31-year-old man was detained, KXLY-TV reported.

A neighbor at the scene told the TV station that there had been an ongoing dispute between neighbors at the location. It happened behind the Mountain View Congregational Church, the Shoshone News-Press reported.

### ST. LOUIS

An early Sunday shooting in a downtown St. Louis office building killed a 17-year-old and wounded 11 other teenagers, the city's police commissioner said.

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Commissioner Robert Tracy identified the victim who was killed as 17-year-old Makao Moore. A spokesman said a minor who had a handgun was in police custody as a person of interest.

Teenagers were having a party in an office space when the shooting broke out around 1 a.m. Sunday.

The victims ranged from 15 to 19 years old and had injuries including multiple gunshot wounds. A 17-year-old girl was trampled as she fled, seriously injuring her spine, Tracy said.

Shell casings from AR-style rifles and other firearms were scattered on the ground.

### WASHINGTON STATE

Two people were killed and two others were injured when a shooter began firing "randomly" into a crowd at a Washington state campground where many people were staying to attend a nearby music festival on Saturday night, police said.

The suspect was shot in a confrontation with law enforcement officers and taken into custody, several

hundred yards from the Beyond Wonderland electronic dance music festival.

A public alert advised people of an active shooter in the area and advised them to "run, hide or fight."

The festival carried on until early Sunday morning, Grant County Sheriff's Office spokesman Kyle Foreman said. Organizers then posted a tweet saying Sunday's concert was canceled.

### CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

One state trooper was killed and a second critically wounded just hours apart in central Pennsylvania on Saturday after a gunman attacked a state police barracks.

The suspect drove his truck into the parking lot of the Lewistown barracks about 11 a.m. Saturday and opened fire with a large-caliber rifle on marked patrol cars before fleeing, authorities said Sunday.

Lt. James Wagner, 45, was critically wounded when he was shot after encountering the suspect several miles away in Mifflintown. Later, Trooper Jacques Rougeau Jr., 29, was ambushed and killed by a gunshot through the windshield of his patrol car as he drove down a road in nearby Walker Township, authorities said.

The suspect was shot and killed after a fierce gunbattle, said Lt. Col. George Bivens, who went up in a helicopter to coordinate the search for the 38-year-old suspect.

"What I witnessed ... was one of the most intense, unbelievable gunfights I have ever witnessed," Bivens said, lauding troopers for launching an aggressive search despite facing a weapon that "would defeat any of the body armor that they had available to them."

# Opinion: Necessary Disruptions

By **MICHAEL TORRENCE, Ph.D.**  
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In an ever-evolving global landscape, it becomes increasingly crucial to leverage the power of quantum data, particularly in government agencies, business and industry, and higher education. Our Connected States have a rich blend of these sectors, and are all ideally positioned to benefit from a universal integrated system (UIS) for quantum data linked to dual enrollment and other systems.

Quantum computing, characterized by its capacity for massive data processing and sophisticated algorithms, could offer a transformative leap in how we handle data. For government agencies, this technology could enhance operations and public services. It could optimize resource allocation, improve traffic management, enhance cybersecurity, and even predict social trends or environmental changes. Imagine having the clearest trend data based on the last several years of Bonnaroo (Coffee County), CMA FEST (Davidson County), the Jack Daniel BBQ (Moore County), just to name a few, where metros & small-town rural areas could optimize economic impact with less waste?

In business and industry, the adoption of quantum data could revolutionize practices. Companies could use this technology for supply chain optimization, risk assessment, and financial modeling, among other applications. Industries such as healthcare could see remarkable improvements in drug discovery, patient recovery, patient data management, and disease modeling. Could we see the cure to disease and viruses that we now call incurable during this lifetime? Might we learn what conditions optimize accelerated recovery and mitigate risks on a patient-by-patient basis?

Higher education, as both a consumer and producer of quantum technology, stands to ben-

efit immensely. Community & Technical Colleges, Public and Private Universities can integrate quantum computing into their applied research endeavors, driving breakthroughs in fields as varied as logistics, health sciences, data science, cloud architecture, physics, chemistry, computer science, and economics. Moreover, aligning human design to shore up the success of each individual taking courses, training, and employed by the organization. Protection and privacy are paramount. At the same time, higher education can play a critical role in preparing the next generation of quantum scientists and engineers. We have an opportunity to intertwine curricular & industry points of emphasis simultaneously. Groundbreaking developments have taken place as early as preschool that introduce basic concepts of spatial computing - VR & AR. Our youth should not only be consumers of tomorrow, but builders of the future as well. Let's expand and continue to use "play" as a methodology children and incumbent workers utilize for their development.

Creating a universal integrated system for quantum data access, however, will require a concerted and collaborative effort across all sectors. Public-private partnerships could provide the funding and expertise necessary to develop this infrastructure. Simultaneously, legislative support for data privacy and security regulations would ensure the ethical and safe use of quantum data. Moreover, we need experts, visionaries, industry, and government around one table to make this viable. Segmented situated pontificating will land us where we are, no closer to a final design or applicable minimum viable product. An accelerated approach is called for to pop out the creases of the higher education archaic grooves. We need metamorphosis!

The goal of strengthening education in modern ways can begin

with clarifying the economic implications of dual enrollment. Commitment without currency is not only fraudulent, but also counterfeit. Leveraging blended learning and open education resources (OER), positions micro credentials as ongoing for the lifelong learning necessary in the job market. Dual enrollment programs, which allow high school students to earn college credits, offer promising avenues for advancing educational attainment. However, these programs are not without economic implications, particularly regarding flat cost, access, labor market preparation, and the support of socioeconomically disadvantaged students. Further, support for socioeconomically disadvantaged students could come in the form of improved counseling services, targeted outreach, and wraparound supports like tutoring and transportation. Inclusive dual enrollment policies, like universally allowing all high school students to participate regardless of GPA, would increase graduates and employable skilled workers.

The cost of dual enrollment programs is a multifaceted opportunity. While students may ostensibly seem to save money by reducing the time and cost of college, the burden of their costs often falls unevenly on various parties. Often, school districts, colleges, students, or a combination of these bear the expense. Reducing or eliminating these costs for students—particularly those from low-income backgrounds—is critical to making these programs genuinely accessible. Access to dual enrollment programs is closely linked to cost, but there are other issues at play. Geographic, academic, and bureaucratic barriers can restrict student access. Rural students, for example, often have fewer dual enrollment opportunities due to the distance from postsecondary institutions. Policymakers must think creatively about mitigating these challenges, possibly through online education, transportation

solutions, or partnerships with colleges to offer more courses in high schools. The goal of dual enrollment programs is not only to provide college credit but also to prepare students for the labor market. Students who participate in these programs are more likely to graduate high school, attend college, and earn a degree—all of which increase employment prospects and potential earnings. The work-readiness and practical skills offered through dual enrollment programs, particularly those with a career and technical education (CTE) focus, are a significant boon to students entering the workforce directly from high school. For socioeconomically disadvantaged students, the benefits of dual enrollment can be especially significant. However, these students often face the largest barriers to participation. Free or reduced-cost dual enrollment programs can provide these students with a lifeline to higher education and a pathway out of poverty. However, cost is only one barrier; we also need to address issues like college readiness, academic support, and access to information about these programs.

Ultimately, the success of dual enrollment programs hinges on their economic feasibility for all students, not just those with ample resources. Policymakers must carefully consider the costs of these programs and who bears them, work to expand access beyond traditional barriers, and ensure that these programs effectively prepare students for the workforce. With thoughtful policy and practice, dual enrollment programs have the potential to be a vital tool for social mobility and economic progression. Dual enrollment programs, like those incorporating STEAMB(e), could serve as an excellent conduit for quantum education at the high school level. Providing early access to quantum concepts can create a pipeline of quantum-literate students poised to fill the

future needs of the workforce. Moreover, collaboration with higher education institutions can help align dual enrollment programs with the requirements of quantum-related fields of study. This way, students could gain an early start on the path to quantum careers while contributing to the local talent pool. The promise of quantum data is immense, but so too are the challenges of developing the infrastructure and talent necessary to fully exploit this promise. By committing to a universal integrated system that democratizes access to quantum data, Tennessee could position itself as a leader in the quantum revolution, fostering economic growth, social advancement, and educational opportunities in the process.

Ultimately, the even more broad success of dual enrollment programs hinges on their economic feasibility for all students, not just those with ample resources. Policymakers must carefully consider the costs of these programs and who bears them, work to expand access beyond traditional barriers, and ensure that these programs effectively prepare students for the workforce. With thoughtful policy and practice, dual enrollment programs have the potential to be a vital tool for social mobility and economic equality.

In summary, universally integrated systems, quantum computing, and dual enrollment covers an impressive array of disciplines that will shape the future of our economy and society. By incorporating these fields/approaches into dual enrollment programs and linking to OER, we can better prepare students for a wide range of careers and foster a workforce capable of meeting the challenges of the 21st century. In the long run, this will not only strengthen our economy but also ensure that we are ready to innovate and adapt to whatever the future may bring.

## The importance of sports physicals for your child

By **KRISTINA D. CHUNG, MD**

Maintaining an active lifestyle is beneficial for individuals of all ages. It promotes cardiovascular health, strengthens bones, builds muscle and improves mental well-being. For school-age children who participate in sports regularly, these benefits are particularly significant.

From time to time, seemingly healthy children can unexpectedly collapse or sustain serious injuries during games or practices. While it's impossible to guarantee that your child will never experience an injury or illness, getting a physical examination serves as a crucial first line of defense.

Prior to your child embarking on their next sports season or attending



**KRISTINA D. CHUNG, MD**

an active summer camp, it is vital to ensure that their body can withstand the potential stresses and strains of physical activity. This is why every athlete should undergo a sports physical to ensure their safe participation in the activities they love.

Summer is the ideal time to take care of an annual sports physical, well before the back-to-school rush makes it difficult to schedule one.

A sports physical gives your local pediatrician an opportunity to assess risk factors and identify potentially life-threatening health issues that may be exacerbated by sports activities. The physical may also include recommendations on how to stay healthy and how children can prevent future injuries.

Additionally, a sports physical may uncover underlying health problems, such as unknown diseases or injuries.

During the exam, the pediatrician will assess the athlete's medical history, asking questions about family illnesses, pre-existing conditions, past injuries and more. The provider will ensure that your child's body is capable of handling the specific sport they intend to participate in.

The physical also involves measuring height, weight, blood pressure, visual acuity and checking vital organs. Tests are conducted to evaluate overall flexibility and strength.

If there are concerns, the provider may recommend further evaluation, testing or treatment.

Annual sports physicals serve as an additional means of identifying underlying health issues and initiating early treatment. They can provide peace of mind for athletes and their loved ones.

To schedule your child's sports physical, call Vanderbilt Integrated Pediatrics Tullahoma at (931) 393-7060.

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## Vanderbilt expansion halted

By **JEFF LEWIS**  
Special to the T-G

Vanderbilt University Medical Center's plans to expand into Murfreesboro were halted after their Certificate of Need was denied.

Initial plans to build a 48-bed hospital at the intersection of I-840 and

Veterans Parkway suddenly stopped last week, but reasons have not been disclosed. The new facility was slated to be a part of a multi-year regional expansion under the Vanderbilt Health System including the 154,000 sqft facility which would have provided full-service, acute care within the hospital.

The new VUMC hospital would not only cover the western side of Rutherford County, it would improve patient outcomes, drastically reduce transport times to Ascension St. Thomas Hospital, and provide a need that would protect the ever-expanding population.

John Howser, Chief Communications Officer

for Vanderbilt said, "Our certificate of need was denied. We are very disappointed in the decision, and we are currently reviewing all available options. VUMC continues to be committed to the Vanderbilt Rutherford Hospital project and to serving the patients of Rutherford County."

## Miss Shelbyville: the road to Miss Tennessee

In cooperation with the Miss Tennessee Scholarship Organization and the Community Clinic of Shelbyville, Bedford County will host the Miss Shelbyville Pageant on August 5 at the Shelbyville Central High School. The local titleholder will represent the area in the Miss

Tennessee Competition who in turn competes for Miss America. Shelbyville has the potential for national exposure!

In addition to supporting local young women, all proceeds from the event will support the Community Clinic of Shelbyville & Bedford County, Inc.

(CCsBc) in their dental care program. CCsBc is a non-profit organization committed to helping residents of Bedford County living at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. There is no fee for TennCare patients. Ages 19-64 pay \$50 facility fee and 64+ pay \$25 facility fee.

You can support this local event and the CCsBc by advertising in the Miss Shelbyville Program, in the event's live broadcast, or both opportunities to promote your business. Deadline will be July 17. Contact Lisa Carden at lisa.carden@shelbyvilleclinic.org or call 931-684-6772.

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# Testing out the guest bedroom

**Dear Heloise:** Periodically, my husband and I “play” guests in our own house by using the guest bedroom and bathroom. This has led us to upgrade the bed by adding a mattress pad and a heated mattress cover. We’ve also decluttered the tops of dressers, emptied out the drawers and closet, and added empty hangers.

## Hints from Heloise

Heloise



Scrape it to get soap under your fingernails. Then, put on your gloves. This helps when washing up. -- S.G.

## REUSING TISSUE OR PAPER TOWEL ROLLS

**Dear Heloise:** I know that most people use toilet paper and paper towels in their homes. They usually come on cardboard rolls, which, when the toilet tissue or paper towel is finished, can be reused. Take the tube and, with the lint from the dryer, fill it up; this uses up the otherwise thrown-out lint and the cardboard roll.

I’m sure you’re asking now what that could possibly be useful for. Well, it makes for a great fire starter for your fireplace, camping fires, wood burning stoves and fire pits.

I also use those rolls at Christmas; I wrap them with pretty paper, leaving paper at both ends to tie up with ribbon, and fill it with wrapped candies. They’re instant gifts for kids, unexpected guests, senior homes, etc. I tie them on doorknobs as a little surprise. I hope you can make use of this tip. Take care and blessings. -- Sis C. Donna M. Yaskiw, Hamiota, Manitoba, Canada

Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001, or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or email it to Heloise@Heloise.com. I can’t answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

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## REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

**Dear Heloise:** My sister had a Revocable Living Trust, and when she passed away, it was so easy to settle her estate. I took my notice about being her trustee and had no trouble settling things expeditiously.

I remembered that she once told me that she had sent a Christmas card to a friend each year and, for three years, never got a response. Finally, someone wrote her to tell my sister that her friend had passed away three years ago. So, when my sister passed, I went through her address book and Christmas card list and drafted a letter. I bought some pretty stationery with roses on it, and my daughter-in-law printed it up so that I could send it out.

I was amazed how many people sent me letters thanking me for letting them know. I enjoy reading your hints in the Orange County Register. -- M.M.R., Buena Park, California

## DIRTY GARDENING HANDS

**Dear Heloise:** Just read your tip about baking soda for dirty gardening hands. I think it’s time to reprint an old tip: Keep a bar of soap near your gardening tools.

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

## TODAY

### Broadband Summit

The Connect Bedford Broadband Summit will be Tuesday, June 20, at Shelbyville Central High School’s Auditorium from 10:30 a.m. to noon. There will be a line-up of guest speakers as well as opportunities for questions.

## WEDNESDAY

### Veterans’ Breakfast

A Veterans’ Breakfast will be at Ruth’s Kitchen on Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. Veterans are welcome to join local organizations DAV, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, which all support Shelbyville’s veterans. Call Veteran Dave Plumley for more information at 931-294-2415.

## THURSDAY

### New date – Bedford Conservatives

The Conservatives of Bedford County will meet on Thursday, June 22, at 7 p.m. at Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church, 537 Mt Lebanon Church Rd, in Shelbyville.

### Zentangle Art

Learn the meditative, 8-step process of “zentangle” art developed by Rick Roberts and Maria Thomas. The class will be June 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Fly Arts Center. Cost is \$35 per person for ages high school and up. To reserve a seat, email [myrtle72@gmail.com](mailto:myrtle72@gmail.com) or text 931-224-5007.

## FRIDAY

### 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 24

### Bible Adventure Day

The Shelbyville Community Bible Study will be sponsoring a “Bible Adventure Day” at H.V. Griffin Park on Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day will feature food, games, crafts, a bounce house, cornhole, and more. Children of all ages are welcome and must be accompanied by an adult. For questions or to RSVP, email Julie Carter at [julie2649@att.net](mailto:julie2649@att.net).

### Food Giveaway

A food giveaway will be Saturday, June 24, at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Scott’s United Methodist Church, 940 Morton Street in Shelbyville.

## JUNE 25

### Theatre auditions

Fly Community Theater will hold auditions for the play Bus Stop on Sunday, June 25, at 3 p.m. and Monday, June 26 at 6 p.m. at The Fly Arts Center. Those interested in auditioning can email the director at [brendentaylor89@gmail.com](mailto:brendentaylor89@gmail.com) for more details.

### Choir Anniversary

Thompson Grove Baptist Church will host its Choir Anniversary on Sunday, June 25, at 2 p.m. The public is invited.

## 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.

### City study session

Due to the Fourth of July holiday week, the Shelbyville City Council will meet on Thursday, June 29 for a study session at 6 p.m. at the Shelbyville Recreation Center. The public is invited.

## JULY 1

### Constitution Study Mini-Bootcamp

The Constitution Study will be holding a Constitution Study Mini-Bootcamp in Shelbyville on Saturday, July 1, at Microtel in Shelbyville. Doors will open at 10:30, and they will be bringing in pizza for lunch. Tickets are free, but a suggested donation of \$10/person would be appreciated. For more information or to register, visit <https://constitution-study.com/bootcamp>.

## JULY 4

### Fourth of July

The Shelbyville Rec Center will host its July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration at H.V. Griffin Park from 5 to 10 p.m. The National Anthem will be sung by Gary Haile at 4:55 p.m. The band UTOPIA will perform from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Various food trucks and arts/crafts vendors will be available along with inflatables, bingo, corn-hole, volleyball, and stick-it archery.

## JULY 6

### School Safety Day

The BCSO SRO/SPD School Safety Appreciation event will be Thursday, July 6, at 6 p.m., at the Bedford County Justice Center, 108 Northcreek Drive.

## JULY 10

### Food distribution

There will be a Commodity Food Distribution for Bedford County residents on Monday, July 10, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Bedford County Ag Center, 2119 Midland Road. For any questions call, 931-685-9962.

## JULY 26

### Red Sand Project

Join Mayor Chad Graham and the Bedford County Health Council for a Red Sand Project installation on July 26 at 9 a.m. outside the Bedford County Court House. This project is to remember and honor those who have fallen through the cracks of human trafficking.

## 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 nonprofit 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.

# This flaky dessert is all about the blueberries

Blueberries should be a delicious part of people’s daily diets because this flavorful fruit packs a nutritious punch. Blueberries are a great source of antioxidants, which can help the body fend off various illnesses.

Native to North America, blueberries are available fresh, frozen and canned and are used in a variety of recipes. Plus, they’re right at home whether one is serving breakfast, dinner or dessert. However, many people feel that blueberries are best eaten as pie filling.

Various pastries showcase blueberries, including the French galette. A galette is not a pie, but more of a freeform

crusty cake. However, it is similar to pie, making it a welcome alternative to that popular pastry. This recipe for “Blueberry Galette,” courtesy of the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council, is a delicious treat that’s perfect for entertaining.

### Blueberry Galette

8 portions  
**Crust**  
 3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour  
 1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
 2 tablespoons sugar  
 4 ounces lard or shortening, cut into 1/2-inch pieces and frozen  
 1 cup unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces and refrigerated

1/2 cup ice water  
 1 teaspoon vodka

**Filling**  
 8 cups fresh or frozen blueberries  
 3/4 cup sugar, plus 2 tablespoons, separated  
 3 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1 lemon, zested  
 1 tablespoon lemon juice  
 1 egg  
 1 tablespoon water

**Crust**  
 1. Combine the flour, salt and sugar in a food processor. Add the butter and lard.

2. Use the food processor to work the butter and lard into the flour by pulsing it until the butter is in pea-sized pieces.

3. Whisk the water and vodka together and add it to the flour/butter mixture a few tablespoons at a time. It will start to look shaggy, but not dry. It should hold together when you squeeze it in your hand.

4. Gently press the dough into a ball using a pastry scraper or your hands. Divide the dough into two pieces and create round disks. Wrap the dough in plastic and refrigerate for at least an hour, or overnight.

5. Preheat the oven to 425 F and set rack in middle of the oven.

6. Just before baking, beat the egg and water together and brush the edges with egg wash. Sprinkle crust with the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar.

7. Bake for 30 minutes, then turn the oven down to 350 F and bake for an additional 30 minutes.

This recipe yields two 12-inch galette crusts. Extra dough can be stored in an airtight container for up to one month.

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T-G STAFF REPORT

Several incidents regarding motor vehicles have been reported to law enforcement officers.

Two catalytic converters were taken from vehicles parked beside Kincaid Service Company at the corner of Deery and Madison Streets.

The estimated value for both converters was reported as \$800. V.I.N. numbers were provided for both vehicles.

Justin Dale Peoples reported a Glock 30, 45-caliber pistol, serial number PEC617, was stolen from between the driver's seat and console of his SUV. Peoples did not observe any other items missing.

He placed a value of \$400 for the pistol.

Edward Miller of Midstate Finance reported an alleged stolen vehicle. Miller told officers Matthew Eady requested to test drive a 2014 Nissan Armada. Miller said it was agreed Eady could make a short drive.

Miller advised the vehicle has not been returned despite several attempts to contact Eady. The vehicle is silver with a spare tire on the rear passenger side. The tag is T-383HHV.

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.

Christopher Shaun Bell, 45, Madison St.; domestic assault-simple, \$3,500 bond.

Marshall Lee Brown, 54, East Parkway; aggravated assault (five charges), \$5,000 bond, released.

Joel Dean Cagle, 44, Ridgway Dr.; violation of probation (General Sessions), \$1,500 bond.

Stacy Marie Cox, 37, Regent Dr.; capias (two), failure to appear, no bond.

Joseph Patrick Dyer, 45, Deerpoint Rd., Unionville; violation of probation (General Sessions), released on recognizance.

Felisha Claudette Elliott, 29, Oakwood Place; driving on revoked license, driving under influence, failure to maintain lane, possession of schedule IV, traffic control device (stop sign), \$4,500 bond.

Richard Eldie Farrar, Jr., Arcwood Dr., Madion; other, violation of probation (General Sessions), \$2,500 bond.

Lisa Ann Goodrich, 55, Sun Circle, violation of probation (General Sessions), \$1,000 bond, released.

Kristin Ashley Grijalva, 34, Glossom Circle; failure to appear, to serve time- General Sessions, violation of probation (General Sessions), \$2,500 bond.

Candelaria Gutierrez-Ajqui, 20, Sherwood Dr.; domestic assault-simple,

\$2,500 bond, released.

Joshua Harrison, 24, Magnolia Grove Ct., Murfreesboro; driving on suspended license, released on recognizance.

Ivy Hernandez, 19, Sunlite Rd.; domestic assault-simple, driving on suspended license, \$2,500 bond, released.

Pedro Juarez Larios, 20, King Arthur Ct.; failure to yield, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, \$1,000 bond, released.

Joshua Ryan Keene, Jr.; 25, Whispering Breeze, Mt. Juliet; burglary-aggravated, domestic assault-simple (two charges), \$8,500 bond.

Juan David Lopez, 21, King Ave.; possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule IV, \$3,000 bond, released.

Alexander Trenton McClain, 20, Barksdale Ln.; violation of probation (General Sessions), \$1,500 bond.

Frank Jamar McCullough, 39, Old Flat Creek Rd.; other, violation of probation (General Sessions), \$2,500 bond, released.

Danielle Elaine McDougal, Cranor Rd., Murfreesboro; other, violation of probation (General Sessions), \$3,500 bond.

Austin Lewis Moody, 24, Pressgrove Rd., Unionville; violation of probation (General Sessions), \$1,500 bond, released.

Michael Lance Moore, 25, Apple Blossom Trail; driving under influence,

\$2,500 bond, released.

Joshua Michael Navarrette, 26, Walnut St.; driving on suspended license, failure to appear, light law, no proof of insurance, released on recognizance.

Victor Manuel Ortiz-Zetiro, 20, South Forty Loop, Woodstock, Alabama, financial responsibility, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding, released on recognizance.

Juana Pascual-Sebastian, 44, Bird St.; domestic assault-simple, \$1,500 bond.

Alyssa Lyona Peacock, 20, Horse Mountain Rd.; driving on suspended license, light law, released on recognizance.

Henry Juarez Perez, 22, Edgemont Dr.; criminal impersonation, driver to exercise due care, driving on revoked license, driving under influence, open container law, \$8,000 bond.

Walter E. Perez, 31, Scotland Hgts.; driving under influence, failure to maintain lane, \$2,500 bond, released.

Kelly Charles Permenter, 43, Shelton Town Rd., Manchester; violation of probation (General Sessions), \$1,500 bond, released.

Jeremiah Jason Powers, 42, South Cannon Blvd.; driving on revoked license, failure to appear, financial responsibility, violation registration law, released on recognizance.

Bedford County provides mutual aid to Rutherford County

By JEFF LEWIS Special to the T-G

The Bedford County Sheriff's Office was on the scene of a serious injury accident on Liberty Pike Saturday night.

Deputies were requested shortly after 7:30 p.m. to assist in setting up a double landing zone within the Bedford-Rutherford County line.

As of press time Monday, injuries were unknown and what vehicles were involved. The Times-Gazette inquired but no information was released.

Esteban Mefiboste Quinonez-Nolasco, 27, Cedar Grove Rd.; driving on suspended license, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule IV, resist stop frisk halt search, \$7,000 bond, released.

Eddie Dorris Ray, 68, East Cedar St.; criminal trespassing, released on recognizance.

Samuel Anthony Rivera, Jr., 31, Misty Way, Clarksville; possession of schedule IV drugs, unlawful possession of a weapon, violation registration law, \$12,000 bond, released.

Cesar Osvaldo Rodriguez, 22, Warner Bridge Rd.; violation of probation (General Sessions), \$3,500 bond.

Delisa Diane Russell, 41, Lorien Circle; unlawful possession of a firearm,

\$1,500 bond, released.

Bobby Wayne Smith, 56, Jacobs Rd., Murfreesboro; aggravated assault, \$1,000 bond, released.

Zachary Alexander Stepanov, 21, homeless, violation of probation (General Sessions), \$2,500 bond.

James Earl Taylor, 54, Pass Rd.; domestic assault-simple (two charges), \$3,500 bond, released.

Latoya Dominique Taylor, 36, 8th Ave. SW, Winchester; theft involving merchandise-shoplifting, \$1,000 bond, released.

Jeromy Blake White, 38, Archery Ln.; domestic assault-simple, \$3,500 bond.

Nestor Manuel Zaragoza-Lopez, 33, Madison St.; violation of probation (General Sessions), released on recognizance.

Opposition to red flag law, special session grows

By JON STYF

The Center Square

Opposition to a Tennessee special session where red flag gun legislation is set to be considered has continued.

The Tennessee Faith and Freedom Coalition and country music artist John Rich both objected to the legislation and Aug. 21 special session.

"The Governor of TN is trying to strong-arm Representatives to vote for a "rebranded" Red Flag Law

in our state," Rich wrote. "Can you believe that? Just another RINO in sheep's clothing. This attempt at disarming Tennesseans will fail, I promise you. Share your thoughts and tag: #RedFlagDown"

The Faith and Freedom Coalition wrote to Lee, asking for him to cancel the special session and wait until January's regular session to consider new legislation.

"As you and the public are aware, that heinous act

of the murder of six individuals has been politicized by far-Left activists and anti-Second Amendment groups funded by Leftist interests, the Biden administration, Marxist agitators in the General Assembly who nearly started a riot over legislatures lack of desire to take away our Second Amendment constitutional rights - namely Justin Jones, Justin Pearson, and Gloria Johnson, and others who wish to make every inroad they can in order to

fulfill their ultimate goal of eliminating the constitutional protections that exist in the Second Amendment," the group wrote.

The group credited House Majority Leader William Lamberth with blocking a red flag law proposal from Rep. Bob Freeman, D-Nashville, from being heard by voting against it in the Tennessee House Delayed Bills Committee.

Meanwhile, Sen. Heidi Campbell, D-Nashville, and

Rep. Antonio Parkinson, D-Memphis, met with Lee recently over gun legislation.

Lee has proposed a bill for a temporary mental health order of protection but that bill has not received the support of House Republicans, who have also called for the release of the writings of the Covenant School shooter before the special session.

Campbell has said she will propose bills to expand

background checks, limit magazine capacity to 10 rounds or less, ban assault weapons and bump stocks, enforce guns-in-trunks law and also, repeal permit-less carry, add a 72-hour firearm purchase waiting period, and create a reckless endangerment felony for failing to secure firearms if a child younger than 13 gains possession, among other proposals.

9 people wounded in San Francisco mass shooting; 1 remains in critical condition

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Nine people were wounded in a mass shooting in San Francisco's Mission District on Friday night in what police said appeared to be a "targeted and isolated" incident.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported that the shooting happened shortly after 9 p.m. during a party hosted by a clothing store near the intersection of 24th Street and Treat Avenue.

The San Francisco Police Department initially said that all of the victims were "expected to survive their injuries." But a statement from the Zuckerbergl San Francisco General Hospital said one of the victims remained in critical condition as of Saturday

afternoon. Another was said to be in serious condition, four were in fair condition and three had already been discharged. The victims were eight men and one woman ranging in age from 20 to 34, the hospital said.

Police Chief William Scott called the violence "unacceptable."

"People should feel safe to go out in San Francisco without fear of being victims of gun violence," Scott said. "Our investigators are working diligently on this case, and we will have a visible police presence moving forward in the community where this occurred."

Dying Breed, a clothing store located near the intersection where the shooting

happened, was scheduled to celebrate its sixth anniversary Friday night with a block party, according to a post on the store's Instagram account.

A person who answered the phone at the store declined to comment.

The Mission District is one of San Francisco's oldest neighborhoods, named after the Mission Dolores, a Spanish mission that dates back to 1776. Historically Latino and increasingly gentrifying in recent years, the vibrant area is home to numerous restaurants and shops.

Mayor London Breed said first responders were quick to react to the shooting and noted that "no lives were lost."

Most wanted fugitive charged in Benton County homicide

NASHVILLE — A Benton County man, added to the TBI Most Wanted list yesterday and taken into custody hours later in Nashville, has been charged in connection with the murder of an acquaintance in Benton County.

On June 9, at the request of 24th Judicial District Attorney General Neil Thompson, TBI special agents joined the Benton County Sheriff's Office in investigating the death of Shelly J. Hawks, 55. She was located deceased inside her home in the 1900 block of Strawberry Gables Lane in Holladay.

During the investigation, Robert Paschal Fletcher



Fletcher

was developed as a suspect. On June 13, TBI agents secured a warrant charging Fletcher with Criminal Homicide. He was subsequently placed on

the TBI Most Wanted list. Tuesday evening, following a tip from a citizen in Nashville, TBI agents along with members of the United States Marshals Service Two Rivers Violent Fugitive Task Force in West Tennessee, U.S. Marshals from the Middle District of Tennessee, and the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department located Fletcher and took him into custody.

Fletcher, 40, has been booked into the Benton County Jail on one count of Criminal Homicide. His bond is set at \$500,000.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Wartrace, Tennessee, hereby provides certain financial information for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget in accordance with the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated Title 6, Chapter 56, Section 206. There will be a public hearing concerning the budget at the Town Hall on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. The meetings to pass the budget ordinance are scheduled Thursday, June 22 at 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 5:45 p.m. All citizens are welcome to participate. The budget and all supporting documentation is available for public inspection at the Town Hall.

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# BBQ and bluegrass

The American Mule and Music Festival in partnership with Uncle Dave Macon Days held a kick-off party at Gordonview Farm in Shelbyville on Saturday evening. Guests enjoyed bar-b-que, wagon rides, and live music from the Stones River Bluegrass Band. This event was to celebrate the teaming up of the two organizations for the 2023 festival to be held September 28 to October 1 at the Cooper Steel Arena, 721 Whithorn St., in Shelbyville. The goal is to enhance the festival experience by educating the public about old-time traditions in a fun way, according to Marty Gordon, Director of American Mules and Music. Organizers of Uncle Dave Macon Days are blending 45 years of experience in the preservation of roots music and the rural culture of Middle Tennessee while working with the organizers of the American Mules and Music Association. The festival this fall will include music and dance, arts and crafts, and of course, mules.





# A day about freedom


Saturday was another successful day for the annual Juneteenth Celebration on the Shelbyville Historic Square. With a parade, local vendors, food, and arts and crafts, the event stayed busy despite the heat. The day, which is a day to celebrate freedom, commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union troops came to Galveston Bay, Texas, announcing that more than 250,000 slaves in the state were free by President Abraham Lincoln's decree. It was made a federal holiday in 2021 and was recognized as an official day in Bedford County last year.

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Community's Abby Murrill signs her letter of intent to continue her softball career at Cleveland State.

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## Viqueens' Murrill picks Cleveland State

By CHRIS SIERS  
sports@t-g.com

Community graduate Abby Murrill didn't start playing softball until she was in the seventh grade.

But even being a late-comer to the sport, she's imprinted her style of play all over the Viqueen softball program, which included back-to-back trips to the Class 2A state tournament.

Prior to the start of her senior season, Murrill checked another box on her softball playing career and signed a letter of intent to continue playing in at the collegiate level at Cleveland State.

"It's very exciting. I'm so excited to start this new chapter because I know where I'm going to college," she said.

She had a few other schools in the mix during her recruitment period, but in the end, it was the coaching staff at Cleveland State that won her over.

"I definitely had other schools in the mix, but I really liked Cleveland because their coach was very involved in the transition to the college level," she said.

Murrill didn't take the

route a lot of college-bound players take and only got her start in middle school.

But once she got her start, she made center field her natural position and became an absolute weapon on the base paths with her ability to not just get on base, but speed between the bags.

That two-pronged attack will have her in the mix to start right away at Cleveland State.

"I started in seventh grade. I only played travel ball for one year. I'm sure I'll have to work into it. You have to earn your spot," she said.

While she's only been playing softball for a handful of years, smacking the game-winning RBI during her junior year to send Community to its first-ever Class 2A state tournament appearance was among her favorite memories playing.

"Definitely Bledsoe County because I hit the RBI and it was the best feeling in the world. We felt like we were down and were like, 'Oh no, we're not going to go make history for our school,' and then that hit just felt amazing," she said.



Murrill was a sparkplug for the Viqueens in the batting order during her final two seasons and helped lead the Viqueens to back-to-back Class 2A state tournament appearances.

T-G File Photo by Chris Siers

Murrill will head to Cleveland State in August and will join the Lady Cougars for preseason

workouts and fall ball.

She plans to pursue a degree in early childhood development and hopes to

be an elementary school teacher one day.

Cleveland State participates in the Tennessee

Community College Athletic Association and posted a 32-18 overall record in 2023.

## Braves cut Charlie Culberson before infielder's father was to throw 1st pitch

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves designated infielder Charlie Culberson for assignment hours before his father was set to throw out a ceremonial first pitch on Father's Day.

Culberson, a 34-year-old from Rome, Georgia, was cut before Sunday's game against Colorado. He was brought up from Triple-A Gwinnett on May 19 but had not appeared in any games since his promotion.

After Culberson was let go, the father of Braves outfielder Michael Harris II took care of the first pitch at Truist Park. Harris went 5 for 5 and scored three times for Atlanta in the 14-6 win.

Culberson made his big league debut in 2012 with San Francisco. He is a .248 hitter with 30 homers and 145 RBIs in 589 games.

He also played for Atlanta for parts of three seasons from

2018-2020, hitting a career-high 12 homers in 2018.

Catcher Chadwick Tromp was recalled from Gwinnett. He is 2 for 16 in six games with the Braves this year.

## Rangers' deGrom says hardest part is done after Tommy John surgery

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers star pitcher Jacob deGrom, six days following reconstructive surgery to repair a torn ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow, said Sunday morning the hardest part is behind him.

"That's when you're dreading going in and getting it done," deGrom said in his first post-surgery comments to reporters

before the Rangers hosted the Toronto Blue Jays. "Now it's over with."

"It feels good. Everything went well. I look forward to doing all the rehab stuff to get back out there."

DeGrom, who will turn 35 on Monday, said his goal is to return in August 2024. The typical recovery time after the operation, commonly known as Tommy

John surgery, is at least 12 to 14 months. The operation was performed by Dr. Keith Meister, a Rangers team physician and one of the most sought-after orthopedic surgeons in pro sports.

Texas signed deGrom to a \$185 million, five-year deal in free agency last December when the right-hander was coming off two injury-filled seasons with the New York Mets.

Before deGrom (2-0, 2.67 ERA) got hurt, the AL West-leading Rangers won all six games the two-time National League Cy Young Award winner started. He last pitched against the New York Yankees on April 28, when he left early because of injury concerns for the second time in three starts. The four-time All-Star had 45 strikeouts with only four walks in 30 1/3 innings.

DeGrom had the same surgery in 2010 while in rookie ball with the Mets.

"I know what it takes to come back," deGrom said. "It takes a lot of hard work and sticking with the program, not trying to do too much. That's where it became tricky my first time. I felt good and really wanted to keep going."

DeGrom said he has started the earliest part of

rehab, moving his hand while wearing a large brace that will remain on for three weeks. He said he's scheduled for rehab sessions at the Arlington sports surgery center five days a week.

While attending home games, he'll watch from the bullpen instead of the dug-out, lessening the chances of the arm being accidentally jostled.

# Clark's US Open win on Father's Day is also a tribute to his late mom

By **EDDIE PELLIS**  
AP National Writer

LOS ANGELES — The US Open wrapped up, as it always does, on Father's Day. Golf's newest champion would be the first to tell people -- he's always been a mama's boy.

Wyndham Clark's victory Sunday will be remembered for how a 29-year-old newcomer to the big time held off some of the biggest names in the game to stamp a poignant exclamation mark on a U.S. Open that had been, to that point, kind of hard to love.

Clark's mother, Lise, died of breast cancer in 2013 — a family tragedy that sent him spiraling. The win brought with it a chance to share memories, and a chance to reflect on the long road between then and now.

"I didn't show any emotion off the course, but when I was on the golf course I couldn't have been angrier," Clark said of his state of mind when he first learned of his mom's diagnosis. "I was breaking clubs when I didn't even hit that bad of a shot. I was walking off golf courses."

The road back led him to leave

college at Oklahoma State for a fresh start at Oregon. It involved a relatively quick rise for an aspiring pro golfer, but one pushed off course by typical slumps and close calls that led to more than one crisis in confidence.

"I've had many times where I've gone home and was yelling in my car and punching things and just so mad that I'm like, 'Why can't I do what my peers are doing?'" Clark said.

Through it all, he kept in mind what his mother used to tell him about his golf game: Play big.

"She called me 'Winner' when I was little, so she would just say, 'I love you, Winner,'" Clark said.

Becoming a winner Sunday meant holding off the first- and third-ranked players in the world: Rory McIlroy and Scottie Scheffler. All three leaders shot even-par 70 in the final round. Clark's 70 was good enough to beat McIlroy by one and Scheffler by three.

"I guess you're just hoping for the other guy to slip up or make a mistake or give you a glimmer of hope," McIlroy said. "Wyndham was pretty much rock-solid all day."

Clark stayed cool when trouble beckoned as it always does at what's known as golf's most exacting test, even when it isn't. He saved bogey after whiffing his third shot from the heavy green-side rough on the par-5 eighth. He made an up-and-down par save on No. 9 from a knee-high lie in the rough.

He hit big shots under pressure, nailing a 228-yard fairway metal to 20 feet to set up birdie for a three-shot lead over McIlroy on the par-5 14th. Then, with his lead down to one, he hit the green from 200 yards on No. 18 and two-putted from 60 feet to seal the deal.

"An up-and-coming star," his caddie and one-time assistant coach at Oregon, John Ellis, called him. "If he wasn't one before, he is one now. First time he has actually competed in a major for a chance to win and he shows he can handle the heat."

Clark handled Los Angeles Country Club, a first-time host that he got an early look at thanks to a friend who is a member and who invited Clark over for a round about a week before the show came to town.

Not everyone loved this place. The U.S. Open's first return to Los Angeles in 75 years got roundly criticized for its small galleries, its wide-but-crooked fairways, its blind tee shots and an overall feeling that it did not live up to the U.S. Open's exacting standards.

There were two record rounds of 62 (Rickie Fowler and Xander Schauffele) on opening day and a 63 that felt ho-hum (Tommy Fleetwood) on Sunday.

There were two record-tying nine-hole scores of 29 (Tom Kim on Saturday, Austin Eckroat on Sunday).

Fowler, who shared the third-round lead with Clark, needed only 62 holes to tie a U.S. Open record with 22 birdies, but did nothing over the final 10 holes to get back into the hunt.

The four-day scoring average was 71.76, which broke the record for a tournament that dates to 1895.

Even Clark was less than pleased after Saturday's third round, which ended in near darkness — a scheduling call that placed the weekend action on prime time TV on the East Coast.

The Denver native said playing in the dark reminded him of when he was a kid and he would practice in the twilight at Cherry Hills Country Club — the course where Arnold Palmer put the U.S. Open in the American conscience with his stirring comeback in 1960.

Cherry Hills and Denver have another champion to celebrate. Clark's win came six days after the Nuggets wrapped up the NBA title.

But the action was in LA on Sunday. With the sun setting on the year's third major, Clark had nothing to gripe about. He was near the 18th green holding the trophy and taking pictures — with his caddie, Ellis, and also his sister, his girlfriend and dozens more friends and family who have been along for this ride.

All in all, a perfect way to celebrate Father's Day.

Well, almost perfect.

"All I really wish is that my mom could be here and I could just hug her and we could celebrate together," Clark said "But I know she's proud of me."



AP Photo/David J. Phillip

The red-hot Cincinnati Reds pulled within a half game of the NL Central division lead after sweeping Houston over the weekend.

## Reds' streak leaves them on doorstep of first place in NL Central

By **NOAH TRISTER**  
AP Baseball Writer

Elly De La Cruz's arrival gave fans in Cincinnati a reason to be hopeful about the future.

Then the Reds started looking like they might be contenders — right now.

It helps that they play in the NL Central, where everyone is one great week away from challenging for the division lead. And after eight straight victories, the Reds are only a half-game behind first-place Milwaukee. Cincinnati finished the week by sweeping a three-game series on the road against defending champion Houston. The Reds haven't had a winning

streak this long since 2012.

Cincinnati is 10-2 since De La Cruz's big league debut June 6. The 21-year-old shortstop already has six stolen bases to go with his .273 average. Jonathan India, the National League Rookie of the Year in 2021, has reached double figures in both homers and steals, giving the Reds an exciting young infield tandem.

Although the mediocrity in the NL Central — where the top four teams are separated by only four games — is one reason the Reds are near the top, they're also just two games behind the NL's third wild card. Cincinnati is one of four NL teams currently on a winning streak

of six games or more, along with Atlanta, San Francisco and Philadelphia.

Pittsburgh has lost six in a row but in the NL Central, the Pirates are only 2 1/2 games out of first.

### Memorable debuts

Saturday was quite a day for major league debuts. Kansas City's Samad Taylor hit a walk-off single, giving the Royals a 10-9 victory over the Los Angeles Angels. Zach Remillard entered in the middle of the game for the White Sox, and the 29-year-old infielder delivered a tying single in the ninth inning before putting Chicago ahead with a

hit in the 11th. The White Sox beat Seattle 4-3.

The previous day, Emmett Sheehan of the Dodgers made his debut and threw six hitless innings before leaving the game against San Francisco. He'd been called up directly from Double-A.

### Trivia time

Taylor's hit snapped a 10-game losing streak for the Royals. Kansas City (19-52) and Oakland (19-55) are both on pace to challenge the modern record of 120 losses set by the 1962 Mets.

The Mets, however, do not hold the modern record for lowest winning percent-

age in a season. Who does?

### Comeback of the week

The Royals had to do a lot of work just to put Taylor in position for his big moment. They were down 8-2 before scoring three runs in both the seventh and eighth. Bobby Witt Jr. hit a two-run double in the seventh and a two-run single the following inning. After the Angels went ahead 9-8 in the ninth, Maikel Garcia tied it with a single for Kansas City, then scored on Taylor's winning hit.

According to Baseball Savant, Kansas City had a 1.2% chance to win in the

seventh inning.

### Line of the week

Lance Lynn struck out 16 on Sunday — three more than any other pitcher in a game this season — although his White Sox lost 5-1 to Seattle. Lynn tied a franchise record for strikeouts.

### Trivia answer

The Athletics already have that record. In 1916, the Philadelphia A's went 36-117 for a winning percentage of .235. The 1962 Mets finished at .250, and this year's A's (.257) and Royals (.268) are further ahead of the pace.

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AP Photo/Ed Zurga

Patrick Mahomes took a shot at Cincinnati's Ja'Marr Chase on Thursday night, flashing his latest Super Bowl ring.

# Chiefs get Super Bowl rings, take shot at Bengals

By **DAVE SKRETTA**  
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes had a stinging answer for Bengals wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase, who upon learning that his own QB Joe Burrow had picked Mahomes as the league's best replied: "Pat who?"

"That's who," Mahomes posted on social media Thursday night, along with a photo of him flashing his new Super Bowl ring.

Or more accurately, that's two.

Mahomes picked up his first ring in 2020 by leading the Chiefs to a victory over the 49ers, then added a sec-

ond in February when he led Kansas City to a come-from-behind win over the Eagles. But unlike the first triumph, which came as the pandemic was beginning, the Chiefs were able to thoroughly enjoy the spoils of the latest with a ring ceremony Thursday night.

The red-carpet affair in Kansas City was closed to reporters, but Mahomes and others were happy to send out photographs. And in the case of the Chiefs' burgeoning rivals, they were willing to take a couple of shots at Chase and the Bengals.

"That's what you work for, to win the Super Bowl and get those rings,"

Mahomes said. "They last a lifetime. To be able to see them, I know they've done a great job with them. I got to help out a little bit with the creating process. They did a great job."

The rings were made by Jostens and each contains 613 diamonds along with 35 rubies for a total of 16.1 carats.

And like most Super Bowl rings these days, there were plenty of hidden meanings in the design.

Front and center are the organization's three Lombardi Trophies, each with a marquis diamond set atop. The trophies are set against a backdrop of 19 rubies and 38 diamonds,

which reflects both the 38 points the Chiefs scored in the Super Bowl and the 57th edition of the game. In the middle of it all is the Chiefs' logo, which itself is comprised of 16 rubies — the number of division titles for the franchise — and 50 diamonds to reflect the 50th anniversary of Arrowhead Stadium.

Elsewhere, the 16 baguette diamonds at the base represent the 16 players that scored a touchdown in the regular season; 54 diamonds across the top represent the total number of points the Chiefs had to overcome in their two most recent title runs; and each player's name is engraved

in gold along with a row of 13 diamonds.

The ring also features a removable top so the thing can turn into a pendant that looks like Arrowhead Stadium.

"They're pretty cool," Mahomes said. "They did a great job. I hadn't gotten to see the final product, but I got to see kind of the process of it and gave some ideas and stuff like that. They did a great job. Like I said, with whatever they look like, you get to have them forever and they mean the world. It's cool to be able to have two of them now."

That's two more than the Bengals have these days.

Much like their recent trip to the White House, the Chiefs invited anybody that was part of the team last year, including those that are working elsewhere now. That includes offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy, who left for a similar job with the Washington Commanders and wasn't sure whether he could fit the trip into his schedule.

"It's a little bit like what went on at the White House," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said, "but they're coming back to Kansas City. I think it's a great deal. I think the Hunt (family) have put together a really nice event for the guys."

# WVU's Hall of Fame coach resigns after DUI arrest

By **JOHN RABY**  
AP Sports Writer

West Virginia basketball coach Bob Huggins has resigned a day after his arrest on suspicion of drunken driving in the latest incident in a Hall of Fame career that imploded quickly.

The university announced the resignation Saturday night. It came a month after the university suspended him for three games for using an anti-gay slur while also denigrating Catholics during a radio interview.

The 69-year-old Huggins leaves as the third-winningest coach all-time in Division I with 935 career victories, behind only Mike Krzyzewski of Duke (1,202) and Jim Boeheim of Syracuse (1,015), both of whom are retired. Unlike the others, Huggins had no national titles, taking Cincinnati to the Final Four in 1992 and West Virginia in 2010.

Huggins had 16-year stints each with the Bearcats and Mountaineers. Both ended in the aftermath of arrests for drinking and driving.

Huggins was charged with driving under the influence on Friday night after his SUV had stopped in the middle of traffic in Pittsburgh with a shredded tire and the driver's-side door open at about 8:30 p.m. According to a criminal complaint, a breath test determined Huggins' blood alcohol content was more than twice the legal limit.

Huggins was charged with DUI, released from custody and will appear at a later date for a preliminary hearing, according to a police report.

In a statement to the West Virginia community on Saturday night, Huggins said: "Today, I have submitted a letter to President Gordon Gee and Vice President and Director of Athletics Wren Baker informing

them of my resignation and intention to retire as head men's basketball coach at West Virginia University effective immediately."

In a separate statement Saturday night, West Virginia's athletic department said it accepted the resignation "in light of recent events.

"We support his decision so that he can focus on his health and family. On behalf of West Virginia University, we share our appreciation for his service to our University, our community and our state."

No replacement was immediately named for Huggins. The athletic department statement said that "in the days ahead, we will focus on supporting the student-athletes in our men's basketball program and solidifying leadership for our program."

Huggins said his recent actions do not represent the university's values or the leadership expected in his role as coach.

"While I have always tried to represent our University with honor, I have let all of you — and myself — down," he said. "I am solely responsible for my conduct and sincerely apologize to the University community — particularly to the student-athletes, coaches and staff in our program. I must do better, and I plan to spend the next few months focused on my health and my family so that I can be the person they deserve."

Huggins added that it was "the honor of my professional career" to lead the team at his alma mater. Born in Morgantown, he said it "will always be my home, and I will always be a Mountaineer. Thank you to everyone who has supported our program over the years. It has meant more to me and my family than you could ever know."

On Friday night, officers directed Huggins to move off the road so they

could help with the tire, then activated their lights when they observed Huggins having trouble maneuvering the SUV to allow vehicles to pass. Upon questioning, officers suspected he was intoxicated and asked him to exit the vehicle. The report said he failed standard field sobriety tests, was taken into custody without incident and transported for further testing.

It was Huggins' second such arrest. The other occurred in 2004, when he was the head coach at Cincinnati.

In June 2004, Huggins pleaded no contest to driving under the influence in a suburb of Cincinnati and was ordered to attend a three-day intervention program. The University of Cincinnati suspended him indefinitely with pay and told Huggins to rehabilitate himself.

Huggins was allowed to return to work two months later, saying that "I made a terrible mistake, and what bothers me most is I hurt other people. All I can do is work like crazy to be a better person, a better coach, be better at everything I do and make those people proud of me."

By 2005, Huggins' Cincinnati career was over; he was fired amid a power struggle with the school's president as well as the aftermath of the 2004 arrest.

After spending one season at Kansas State, Huggins took his dream job at West Virginia in 2007.

Last month, Huggins agreed to a three-game suspension, a \$1 million salary reduction and sensitivity training for using the slur during an interview with Cincinnati radio station WLW. Huggins was asked about the transfer portal and whether he had a chance of landing a player at West

# NCAA possibly dropping marijuana from banned drug list

By **MICHAEL MAROT**  
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — An NCAA panel is calling for the removal of marijuana from the organization's list of banned drugs, suggesting that testing should be limited to performance-enhancing substances.

The proposal released Friday from the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports would mark a big change for the NCAA, which has been conducting drug tests at championship events since 1986. Committee members recommended halting cannabis tests at such events until a final decision is made, likely this fall.

Legislation would still have to be introduced and approved by all three NCAA divisions to take effect. Administrators in Divisions II and III had asked the committee to study the issue.

The recommendation comes as the U.S. is seeing more and more states allowing medical or recreational marijuana use.

Earlier this year, the committee increased the THC threshold needed for a positive test and recommended revamped penalties for athletes. The threshold for THC — the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana — was raised from

35 to 150 nanograms per milliliter, matching that of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

The committee noted last December that marijuana and its byproducts are not considered performance-enhancing substances. Instead of focusing on penalties for cannabis use, the panel suggested stressing policies that focus on the potential threats from marijuana use and the need to reduce the harm and use of cannabis products.

It also recommended schools that test to use those results to help find "problematic" cannabis use. The committee also wants to provide schools with additional guidelines about cannabis.

Separately, the committee proposed setting a threshold of 0.1 nanograms per milliliter as a trace level for the hormone GW1516 in hopes of preventing athletes from becoming ineligible because of ingesting the substance unintentionally from contaminated supplements.

The substance was initially designed for diabetes treatment but was discontinued in 2007. It has been linked to positive doping tests in endurance-related sports.

# WNBA working with Griner, Mercury on travel options

By **DOUG FEINBERG**  
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — The WNBA is working with Brittney Griner and the Phoenix Mercury on travel options including charter flights going forward.

Griner's travel was back in the spotlight last week when the team took a flight to Texas and then Indiana, requiring Griner and her Mercury teammates to go through commercial airports. While going through a Dallas airport last Saturday, the All-Star cen-

ter who had been detained in Russia for nearly 10 months was harassed by what the WNBA called a "provocateur."

The league doesn't allow teams to use charter flights except for when they have back-to-back games.

Many teams have been using public charter airline JSX. Those flights are allowed by the WNBA with certain protocols in place, including that teams fly on the 30-seat planes using preset routes and

times. The Mercury flew to their first road game in Los Angeles on JSX and took the airline to Dallas. There wasn't a standard flight available on the airline from Dallas to Indianapolis, which was why Griner was on the commercial flight.

Questions remain about who would pay for it if the WNBA allows Griner to fly privately. And also if the league allows Phoenix to use JSX to fly to any of the other 11 cities that

teams play in by creating their own flights, how other teams would view that since it would give the Mercury a potential competitive advantage.

The league said Griner's security has been an ongoing concern since before the season began. League officials were talking with Mercury officials and the seven-time All-Star's representatives about how to protect Griner and her teammates following the highly publicized legal case, during which she was

jailed in Russia on drug charges before being freed in December in a prisoner exchange.

The league granted Griner permission to book her own charter flights before the season started.

"We're just working with Phoenix to make sure we have a good plan going forward," WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert said Friday on ESPN, "certainly for Brittney and for the rest of the Phoenix Mercury."

The executive direc-

tor of the WNBA players' union talked to Griner on Thursday and said she was frustrated.

"She said, 'We knew this was going to happen,'" Terri Jackson said. "She said: 'Terri, I read the mail that comes to my locker. It's fan mail, but it's also a lot of hate mail.'"

The Mercury currently are on a two-game road trip to Washington and New York. Griner didn't play in Friday's loss to the Mystics because of a hip injury.

## Antonio Brown's tenure as arena league owner ends

By **JOHN WAWROW**  
AP Sports Writer

Former NFL receiver Antonio Brown's brief and chaotic tenure as a National Arena League owner appears to be over after the league terminated the Albany Empire's membership over a failure to make its monthly payments.

The NAL on Thursday announced its board of owners unanimously reached the decision after "exhausting all avenues" over the Empire's refusal to make its past two payments, as well as Brown refusing to pay a \$1,000 fine conduct detrimental to the league over recent comments. The termination ends the Empire's season at 1-6 and with seven games remaining.

Brown became part owner of the two-time defending champion Empire in March and then last month took over a 94% stake in the franchise based in New York's state capital.

The NAL said that upon taking over ownership, Brown initially paid the Empire's April assessment, before challenging it a month later and having it credited back to him, while also failing to make the team's payment for May. Teams are required to make the payments, which represent one-seventh of the league's monthly operating budget.

The NAL said Brown's accountant, Alex Gunaris, informed the league "that it didn't seem like Mr. Brown was going to pay the assessment or fine."

A message left with Empire president Alberony Denis was not immediately returned.

Albany County's executive committee released a statement, saying: "'This is an unfortunate situation. We are aware MVP Arena

management is alerting ticketholders and we will be reviewing options moving forward." MVP Arena management, which operates the Empire's home, announced it is refunding tickets purchased for the team's final three home games.

Brown spent the 2010 to 2018 seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers, where he emerged as one of the NFL's top threats, and twice led the league in yards receiving. His career then took a downturn due to various on- and off-field controversies, included his contract being voided by the Oakland Raiders before the start of the 2019 season.

He split his final three NFL seasons with New England and Tampa Bay, and his career ended with Brown stripping off his jersey, pads and gloves, while walking off the field during the Buccaneers' 2021 regular season finale against the New York Jets. Brown announced his retirement a few months later.

The drama carried over into Brown's tenure in Albany. Players and suppliers complained about not getting paid, the Empire changed coaches three games into the season at the same time eight players were suspended after one player filed an aggravated harassment report with police over a dispute that occurred on the team bus, The Albany Times-Union reported last month.

On Wednesday, Brown conducted a television interview in which he referred to himself as receiver Antonio Brown in preparing to suit up and play in the team's previously scheduled game against Jacksonville this weekend, and wondering if Empire owner AB will pay him the \$1 million he is owed.

## WVU

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West Virginia from Xavier, a Jesuit school.

"Catholics don't do that," Huggins said. "I tell you what, any school that can throw rubber penises on the floor and then say they didn't do it, by God they can get away with anything."

"It was the Crosstown Shootout. What it was, was all those (expletive), those Catholic (expletive), I think."

In a joint statement later that week, Gee and Baker said the university "made it explicitly clear to Coach Huggins that any incidents of similar derogatory and offensive language will result in immediate termination."

Huggins' salary of \$4.15 million had been reduced by \$1 million after the slur. That reduction was to be used to directly support WVU's LGBTQ+ Center, as well as a mental health center at the university and other groups that support marginalized communities.

At the time, he was suspended for the first three games of the 2023-24 season. In addition, his contract was amended from a multiyear agreement to a year-by-year agreement that began on May 10.

Huggins entered the Basketball Hall of Fame last September. In 41 seasons, his teams have gone to 25 NCAA Tournaments, finished ranked in the top 10 of The Associated Press poll seven times and finished under .500 five times. The Mountaineers have 11 NCAA Tournament appearances under Huggins.

Huggins had assembled a solid group from the transfer portal for next season, including Syracuse center Jesse Edwards, Arizona guard Kerr Kriisa, Manhattan guards Jose Perez and Omar Silverio, and Montana State guard RaeQuan Battle.

"Man.. I knew the dude 3 months but felt like forever," Kriisa said Saturday night on Twitter. "So thankful for really believing in me and taking me as part of your family forever. Love u coach."

## Alabama's Brandon Miller tops list of talented one-and-done forwards in the NBA draft

By **AARON BEARD**  
AP Basketball Writer

Brandon Miller rapidly became an elite NBA draft prospect in his lone season at Alabama.

He headlines The Associated Press' list of forwards and could go as high as second overall behind presumptive No. 1 pick Victor Wembanyama. There are other one-and-done prospects such as Villanova's Cam Whitmore, Houston's Jarace Walker and Central Florida's Taylor Hendricks as potential top-10 picks.

Here's a look at the top forwards in the draft:

### BRANDON MILLER, Alabama

**STRENGTHS:** Miller, 20, went from McDonald's All-American to AP first-team All-American. The 6-foot-9 forward averaged 18.8 points and 8.2 rebounds while shooting 38.4% from 3-point range and 85.9% from the foul line. He also showed the ability to play off the dribble or attack the rim, along with quality play on the defensive end behind the length to chase multiple positions. It adds up to a mix of shooting, athleticism and size suited for today's NBA game that demands versatility on the wing.

**CONCERNS:** He needs bulk on a 200-pound frame to handle bumps and physical play at both ends. He faded late after dealing with a groin injury, including averaging 9.3 points on 8-for-41 shooting (19.5%) and going 3 for 19 from 3-point range in three NCAA Tournament games as the Crimson Tide fell in the Sweet 16 despite being the top overall seed.

There's also his ties to a significant off-court issue: A murder case that led to former Tide player Darius Miles and another man being indicted on capital murder charges. A police investigator testified in February that Miles texted Miller to bring him his gun that night. Miller hasn't been

charged with wrongdoing and continued to play, though the ongoing case brought intense scrutiny through the second half of the season on Miller and the Alabama program.

**CAM WHITMORE, Villanova**  
**STRENGTHS:** The McDonald's All-American got a late start to the season due to thumb surgery, but became the Big East freshman of the year. Whitmore, who turns 19 in July, has an NBA-ready frame (roughly 6-6 without shoes, 235 pounds) and athleticism to attack off the dribble. He ranked tied for third at the NBA combine in max vertical leap (40.5 inches). And he shot 37.3% on 3s after becoming a starter for the final 20 games.

**CONCERNS:** He shot just 65.9% at the foul line as a starter and didn't consistently create opportunities, having nearly as many games with no attempts (six) as those with three or more (seven).

### JARACE WALKER, Houston

**STRENGTHS:** The McDonald's All-American joined Kelvin Sampson's Cougars program built on defense, rebounding and toughness — a formula typically better suited to older players. Yet the 6-7 forward fit right in as a 250-pound presence. He measured with a better than 7-2 wingspan at the NBA combine, ranked tied for third in standing vertical leap (34.5 inches) and tied for ninth in max vertical leap (38.0). Walker, 19, is strong enough to tussle with bigger opponents and nimble enough to switch onto wings.

**CONCERNS:** Walker's stroke is still developing. He shot 34.7% from 3-point range and just 66.3% from the foul line.

### TAYLOR HENDRICKS, Central Florida

**STRENGTHS:** The four-star recruit was a surprise, averaging 15.1 points and 7.0 rebounds while shooting 47.8% from the field and 78.2%

from the line. Notably, he shot 39.4% from behind the arc and had only four games out of 33 in which he failed to hit a 3. Measuring slightly taller than 6-8 without shoes at the combine, Hendricks has athleticism and length (better than a 7-foot wingspan) that could help him become a two-way power forward for today's floor-spaced game.

**CONCERNS:** The 19-year-old needs strength to a slender 213-pound frame. He also faced an AP Top 25 opponent twice all season, offering only a glimpse of how he handles top competition.

### OTHERS OF NOTE

— **GRADEY DICK:** The Kansas one-and-done wing made 40.3% of 3-pointers as a potential lottery pick who can space the floor and potentially play as a guard. The 19-year-old measured at better than 6-6 without shoes at the NBA combine, though his minutes could depend on how he holds up defensively.

— **BILAL COULIBALY:** Wembanyama's teammate in France offers his own intriguing skillset. Still just 18, the athletic 6-8 wing is a first-round prospect with disruptive-defender potential and the potential to be a quality 3-point shooter.

— **G.G. JACKSON:** The 18-year-old was set to be the nation's No. 1 recruit for this season at North Carolina. Instead, he reclassified to enroll early and played a sometimes-frustrating season at South Carolina. The first-round prospect has a 6-8 frame with a nearly 7-foot wingspan, athleticism and shot-creating potential.

— **KRIS MURRAY:** The twin brother to Sacramento Kings rookie Keegan Murray more than doubled his scoring at Iowa last season (20.2, up from 9.7). The wing — who measured nearly 6-8 with a nearly 7-foot wingspan at the combine — turns 23 in August, hit 35% of his 3s over the past two seasons and could go in the back half of the first round.

## Tom Watson wants answers on the PGA Tour's deal with Saudi backers of LIV

By **DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP Golf Writer

LOS ANGELES — Eight-time major champion Tom Watson wants answers on the PGA Tour's new business partnership with Saudi backers of LIV Golf, asking in a letter Monday to Commissioner Jay Monahan if the deal was the only way to solve the tour's financial hardship.

That was one of several questions posed by Watson in the letter, which was obtained by The Associated Press and was sent to Monahan, the PGA Tour board and "my fellow players."

He said the questions were "compounded by the hypocrisy in disregarding the moral issue."

On the day after Wyndham Clark became the latest major champion by winning the U.S. Open, focus shifted back to an issue that has consumed golf for the last three years. It took a stunning turn June 6 when the PGA Tour announced it had joined with Saudi Arabia's national wealth fund and the European tour to put commercial businesses under one roof.

Monahan has referred to it as a "framework agreement" and he had few answers for players in a meeting two weeks ago at the Canadian Open. A Player Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday ahead of the Travelers Championship in Connecticut.

Monahan, who stepped away for a "medical situation" on Wednesday, is not expected to be there. Two of his top executives are in charge of the tour's day-to-day operations.

The tour said in the June 6 announcement that Yasir Al-Rumayyan, the

governor of the Public Investment Fund, would be chairman of the new company and Monahan would be the CEO. Two PGA Tour board members, Ed Herlihy and Jimmy Dunne, would join them on the executive committee.

The deal contains assurances the tour would keep a controlling voting interest in the new commercial entity regardless of how much the PIF contributes, according to a person who has seen the agreement.

The person, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been made public, said the agreement allows for a financial investment from PIF and pooling the three parties' current and future golf-related investments. That would include LIV Golf.

The agreement said the new company's board would have majority representation appointed by the PGA Tour, the person said. The PGA Tour would still have full authority on how it runs its competition.

Still missing are key details such as the future of LIV Golf. Dustin Johnson and Bryson DeChambeau have said they are planning for a 2024 season.

Meanwhile, Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., suggested Sunday that congressional hearings could be held within weeks.

Blumenthal is chair of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. He said on CBS's "Face the Nation" the subcommittee wants facts on what into the deal and who was behind it and details on the structure and governance of the new

company.

"There are very, very few details," Blumenthal said. "But remember, what we have here is essentially a repressive, autocratic foreign government taking control over an iconic, cherished American institution for the clear purpose of cleansing its public image," he said.

One key to the agreement was ending all litigation. The PGA Tour and Saudi-backed LIV Golf filed a motion on Friday to dismiss with prejudice the antitrust lawsuit LIV players filed in August, the counter-suit the tour filed in September and even a PIF appeal to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to avoid having to give depositions in the lawsuits. They cannot be refiled.

Monahan has said the lawsuits — a trial date was not expected until at least the middle of 2024 with plenty of filings in between — had contributed to a "significant" hit to the tour.

Watson said in his letter: "Is the PIF the only viable rescue from the Tour's financial problems? Was/is there a plan B? And again, what exactly is the exchange?"

He mentioned hypocrisy twice, especially as it relates to criticism from groups such as 9/11 Families United on the tour's reversal.

"My loyalty to golf and this country live in the same place and have held equal and significant weight with me over my lifetime," Watson said. "Please educate me and others in a way that allows loyalty to both, and in a way that makes it easy to look 9/11 families in the eye and ourselves in the mirror."

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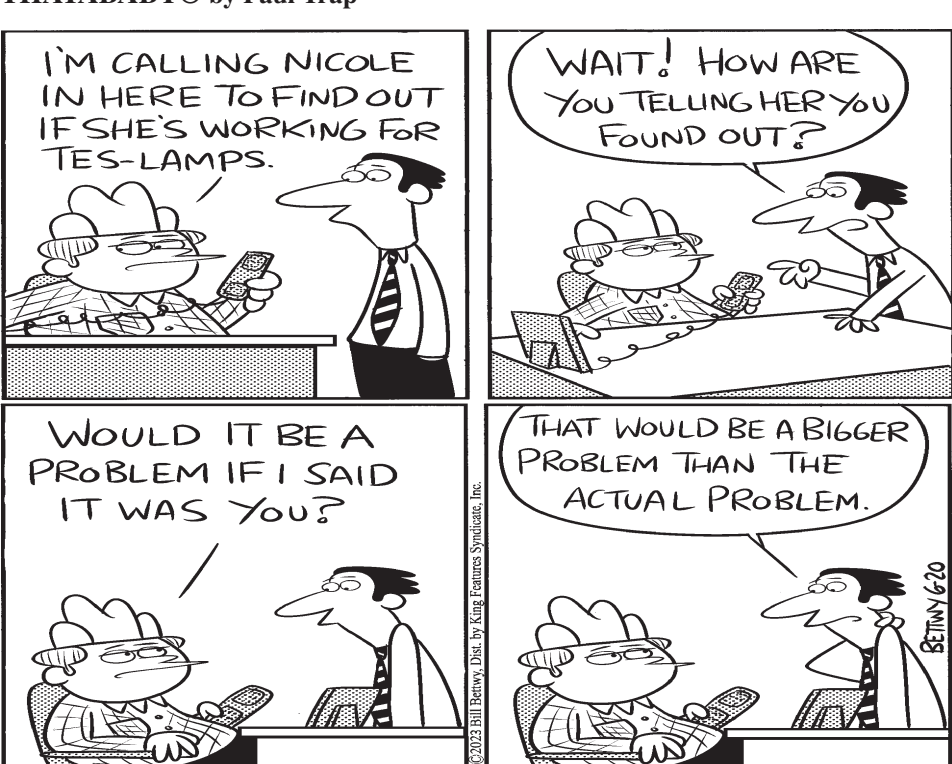
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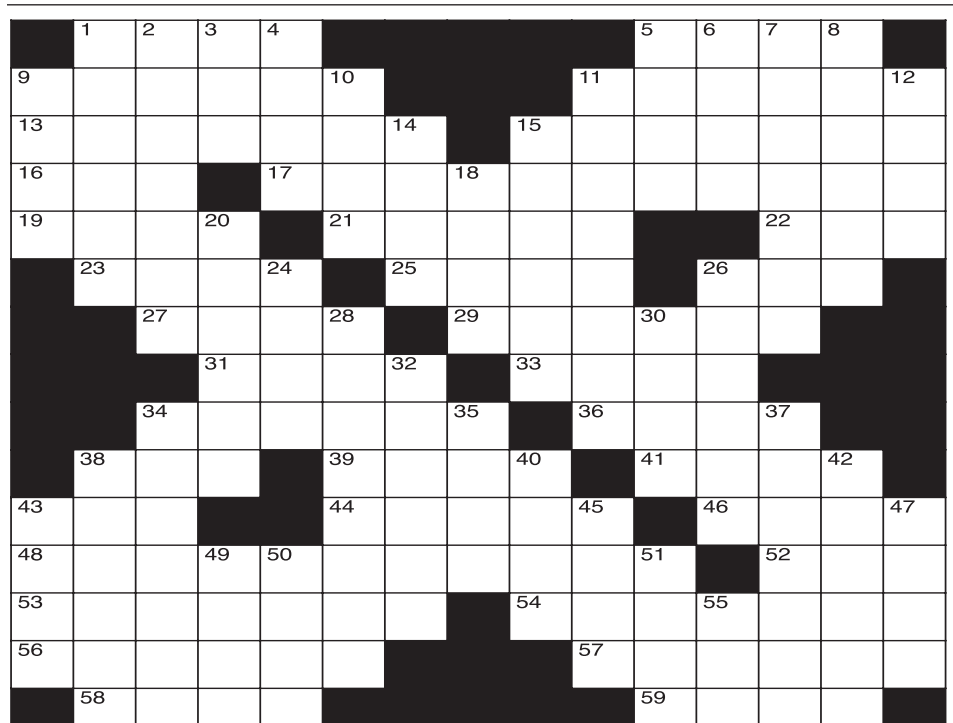
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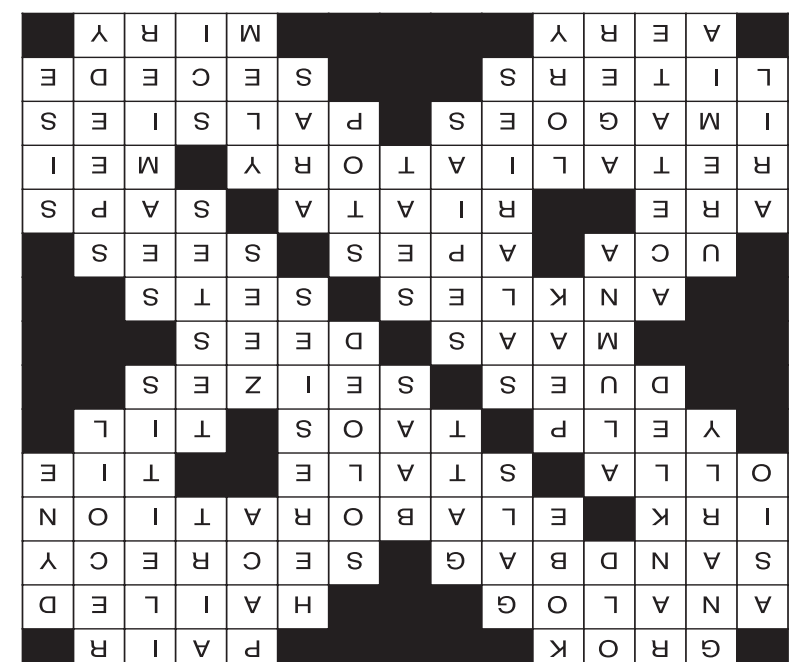
**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Understand intuitively
- 5. Two of something
- 9. Not involving computer tech
- 11. Acclaimed
- 13. Undermine
- 15. The condition of being concealed or hidden
- 16. Irritate
- 17. The process of developing a theory
- 19. Ceramic jar
- 21. Not fresh
- 22. Dad's fashion accessory
- 23. Popular review site
- 25. New Mexico county
- 26. '\_\_\_ death do us part
- 27. Fees
- 29. Takes with force
- 31. One-time Yankees rookie sensation
- 33. Gordon and Snider are two
- 34. Body parts
- 36. Arranges
- 38. Fiddler crabs
- 39. Mimics
- 41. Witnesses
- 43. They \_\_\_
- 44. Lasso
- 46. Runs down
- 48. In response to
- 52. Bird-like dinosaur
- 53. Metamorphic stages
- 54. Conditions of incapacity
- 56. Sodas are sold in these units
- 57. Break away from
- 58. Ethereal
- 59. Boggy

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Mangled
- 2. Ruffled some feathers
- 3. Not young
- 4. Lakers legend
- 5. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 6. Direction (Scottish)
- 7. Intestinal inflammation
- 8. Spring back in fear
- 9. Owl genus
- 10. Girls
- 11. Unbeliefs
- 12. Force unit
- 14. Expired trade agreement
- 15. Went alone
- 18. Animal noises
- 20. Woman who graduated from a specific school
- 24. The very top
- 26. Organs in males
- 28. Earnings
- 30. Z Z Z
- 32. Reddish browns
- 34. A salt or ester of acetic acid
- 35. A place to get off your feet
- 37. More disreputable
- 38. Kidney condition
- 40. Cease moving
- 42. Quick
- 43. Extra seed covering
- 45. "Survivor: Panama" winner
- 47. Six
- 49. One who inspects lamps
- 50. Small parrot
- 51. Primordial matter of the universe
- 55. \_\_\_ fi (slang)

**PUZZLE SOLUTION**



**ASTROGRAPH**

- ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, sometimes you do not have to take action to fix problems. Certain issues will work themselves out on their own. Don't feel the need to rush in and find a quick solution.
- TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
Right now the spotlight is on you and your talents, Taurus. You have a large group of admirers who are looking to see what you can produce next.
- GEMINI - May 22/June 21**  
You will recover quickly from disagreements with others, Gemini. These situations may give you a new perspective and compel you to change a few things for the better.
- CANCER - June 22/July 22**  
Confide in a friend about something that is troubling you, Cancer. Talking about the issue could start you down a path toward a solution. Thank others for lending an ear.
- LEO - July 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, on the outside everything may seem to be going along fine with a friend. But things may be different on the inside. Treat others tenderly to avoid piling on.
- VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Vacation vibes are high this week, Virgo. You are daydreaming about potential destinations. Narrow down your prospects and zero in on your favorite features.
- LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
You may want to know what another person is thinking but don't want to come off too pushy, Libra. If you phrase the question the right way, it won't seem like an interrogation.
- SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Your physical and emotional health may be a focal point this week, Scorpio. Book some time for reflection, rest and relaxation. Solitude can help you clear your mind.
- SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, you are staying on top of your responsibilities and have good energy moving through this week. However, by the time the weekend arrives you may be running on empty.
- CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Try having some fun outside of your comfort zone, Capricorn. It is good to try new things from time to time and push the bound-
- aries you have set up for yourself.
- AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, this week you may find yourself meeting new people and fitting into groups you had not imagined. Network as much as possible while having fun along the way.
- PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, finances may have been on your mind and you are eager to pay off some debt. It could take a while, but you will be successful.

- FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**
- JUNE 18**  
Blake Shelton, Singer (47)
  - JUNE 19**  
Macklemore, Rapper (40)
  - JUNE 20**  
Nicole Kidman, Actress (56)
  - JUNE 21**  
Chris Pratt, Actor (44)
  - JUNE 22**  
Danny Green, Athlete (36)
  - JUNE 23**  
Alexandra Trusova, Skater (19)
  - JUNE 24**  
Lionel Messi, Athlete (36)

TUESDAY EVENING JUNE 20, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Celebrity Wheel of Fortune', 'FBI: Hero's Journey', and 'America's Got Talent'.

WEDNESDAY EVENING JUNE 21, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Judge Steve Harvey', 'Ghosts', and 'The Price Is Right'.

THURSDAY EVENING JUNE 22, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like '2023 NBA Draft', 'Young Ghosts', and 'The Blacklist'.

FRIDAY EVENING JUNE 23, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Will Trent', 'S.W.A.T.: Unraveling', and 'Fire Country'.

ATURDAY EVENING JUNE 24, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Home Videos', 'NCIS: Hawaii', and 'USFL Football'.

SUNDAY EVENING JUNE 25, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Home Videos', 'The Equalizer', and 'NCIS: Los Angeles'.

MONDAY EVENING JUNE 26, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Claim to Fame', 'Neighbor', and 'The Bachelor'.

TUESDAY EVENING JUNE 27, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing programs like 'Celebrity Wheel of Fortune', 'FBI: International', and 'America's Got Talent'.

# 5 perks to enjoying raw, local honey

Whether one places a dollop in tea or drizzles some in a yogurt smoothie, honey is the sweet finish that can make various foods and beverages taste that much better. In fact, honey is perhaps Mother Nature's most natural sweetener.

While honey in any form can provide its share of healthy offerings, raw honey — which is unprocessed and taken straight from a honeycomb — may be even healthier than the alternatives. According to a 2019 report in Medical News Today, some people believe that processing honey, which often involves pasteurization, removes many of its natural beneficial elements. But honey taken straight from the beehive contains bee pollen, bee propolis and scores of antioxidants.

Individuals interested in trying raw, local honey should consider buying it from a trusted local producer. For those who need more convincing, the following are five beneficial properties of raw honey.

1. **Antioxidants:** Raw honey contains plant chemicals that act as antioxidants. Healthline says some types of honey have as many antioxidants as fruits and vegetables, which can protect the body from free radicals that damage cells.

2. **Antimicrobial/antifungal properties:** Raw honey has antimicrobial properties that could kill certain bacteria, says the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association. That is perhaps why honey long has been used as a natural salve for wounds. Honey can soothe a sore throat, and it also can attack bacteria in the throat



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responsible for certain illnesses. Healthline says raw honey also has been studied for its use against certain Candida-related infections.

3. **Allergy relief:** Raw, local honey is made from local flowers and flowering plants. By ingesting raw, local honey regularly, a person is taking in small, manageable doses of allergens from their area, which can help build up an immunity to these allergens over time.

4. **Digestive relief:** Raw honey has been studied for use in treatment for H. pylori bacteria, a common cause of stomach ulcers. Raw honey also may help people overcome diarrhea. Honey contains prebiotics,

which nourish good bacteria that live in the gut.

5. **Brain health:** A 2017 study published in the journal Pharmacognosy Research found ingredients of honey have anti-inflammatory properties that may help fight inflammation in an area of the brain called the hippocampus, which is responsible for memory.

Raw, local honey can help protect the environment because the public has a vested interest in maintaining natural spaces and healthy bee populations. Raw, local honey is available from various vendors, notably small operations at farmers markets who take quality control seriously.

## AG NOTES

BY JOHN TEAGUE  
UT/TSU Extension

### FARMERS MARKET

After a long and hard weather delay, our vendors are coming to the market on Thursday, starting at 2:30 pm (but no early sales). The market pavilion is at the Tennessee Walking Horse Grounds next to the big blue water tower.

There should be a good selection of vegetables and other food items, honey and baked goods. We are looking forward to seeing you there. Free parking (The horse show might have parking fee signs up, but the market parking is free).

See you there.

### INTERNET SURVEY

We live fifty miles from Nashville and Huntsville, two of the most progressive areas in the world. Just think about that!

Yet, we have residents who have no broadband (internet) service at all, or for some who do have it, the service is less than desirable. This is greatly important to our residents in the areas of health, safety, commerce, agriculture, education and social improvements and other interest.

I am on a working committee called Connect Bedford, and we are being helped by national, state and area advisors to determine 1) Who does or does not have service? 2) How dependable is that service? 3) What is being done to bring in more service? 4) What else needs to be done to have adequate and dependable service available to all of our Bedford County residents?

I have been impressed with the work that is being done, and this is a long-term commitment to be the first rural county in Tennessee to be fully connected. We need your help and are sending out broadband surveys to help identify users; user speed; and to pinpoint actual speed locations throughout

Bedford County. This survey process is critical because it will allow the county to demonstrate actual users and pinpoint their upload and download speeds. Further, it will help to create a coverage map which accommodates the growth plans in coordination with GPS information to pinpoint where we need broadband coverage.

The information you provide us will be confidential and used only by the committee to help in getting this coverage to all of our residents. For a printed survey or a link to the survey, contact me at 684-5971 or send me an email at [jteague1@utk.edu](mailto:jteague1@utk.edu)

We have the survey in Spanish form as well. For others in the community who wish to respond, we will try to help those folks as well.

I'm serious when I say we are serious about helping folks who have no service or those who need improvement in their service. We need your input.

### RAIN

It's that time of year. Well, it really goes on all year long. Our preoccupation with the weather adds to our conversation.

"We are really dry!" Or it's "We are really hot!" Or "It's really cold!" Or "I wish it would quit raining!" You get the picture. Sometimes I want to say "You don't say! Well, I haven't really noticed!"

I live here, mow my own yard, water the plants, go to the barn and feed, run water, check on the grass, look at the crops on various farms, cut hay, etc., just like most folks do. I'm out in it, too.

But I have a different perspective. I'm concerned how the weather is going to affect our lives, the farmers livelihood, and not just ours, but those in other states. Their weather is our weather in a connected way.

I just looked at the drought monitor. Here is an alarming set of num-

bers. Right at 57% of the U.S. corn crop is now in drought, up from 45% last week. More than half of soybeans in the U.S. are also experiencing drought, an 11-point jump in just a week.

We are seeing the legend colors on the map beginning to surround our area as abnormally dry. A good bit of Tennessee is already there. We are 5 inches behind on average rainfall. We have gotten by with our limited soil moisture because our temperatures have been moderate. But I'm concerned that will change shortly.

The monitor shows extreme to exceptional drought in Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. All of these three states and Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin are in drought stages. Recognize the importance here for crops and livestock?

Corn prices and soybean prices have started to move up in the market due to concern. That shows the demand side. Livestock markets are beginning to see movement because of dispersals of herds that can't graze or be watered. But if you can't make a crop and have a lot less to sell, what good is the higher prices?

It's a delicate balance. If agriculture isn't successful, the average citizen is affected at the dinner table.

Think about it.

Weekly Tennessee Cattle and Grain Summary	USDA Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News
Nashville, TN	Monday, June 12, 2023
For Week Ending:	Saturday, June 10, 2023
Receipts: 8,091	Last Week: 4,855
	Last Year: 6,807

Compared to last week, all feeder classes were 5.00-8.00 higher with instances sharply higher and in very good demand. Slaughter cows were mostly steady to 2.00 higher, and slaughter bulls were mostly steady.

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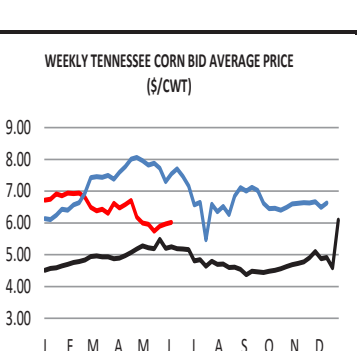
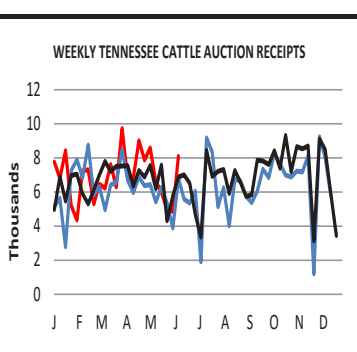
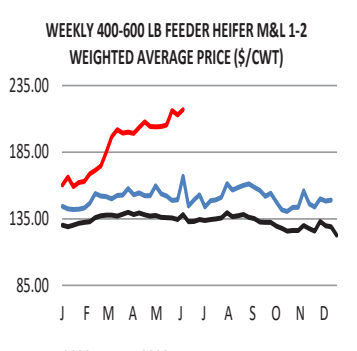
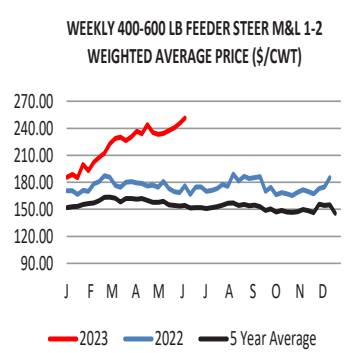
STATE AVERAGES	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
<b>Steers (M&amp;L 1-2)</b>			
300-350 lbs	268.23	259.67	181.23
350-400 lbs	264.83	255.10	185.27
400-450 lbs	253.05	251.94	181.49
450-500 lbs	253.97	240.21	168.32
500-550 lbs	248.46	237.08	160.09
550-600 lbs	237.22	229.43	153.88
600-650 lbs	229.93	219.33	152.58
650-700 lbs	227.39	218.62	150.91
700-750 lbs	215.48	202.31	138.83
750-800 lbs	192.46	199.58	140.22
<b>Heifers (M&amp;L 1-2)</b>			
300-350 lbs	239.65	227.80	158.13
350-400 lbs	234.03	222.98	157.92
400-450 lbs	226.93	221.78	152.16
450-500 lbs	216.73	216.83	149.41
500-550 lbs	211.20	207.64	143.02
550-600 lbs	201.40	201.25	138.21
600-650 lbs	199.05	199.82	133.40
650-700 lbs	191.53	188.41	131.77
700-750 lbs	177.91	172.26	132.15
750-800 lbs	172.12	171.29	121.58

WEELY COW SUMMARY	Average	High	Low
<b>Slaughter Cows</b>			
Breakers	95.00-120.00	106.00-129.00	89.00-100.00
Boners	89.00-117.00	105.00-129.00	70.00-99.00
Lean	83.00-102.00	99.00-107.00	66.00-88.00
<b>Slaughter Bulls</b>			
Yield Grade 1's	115.00-134.00	127.00-145.00	99.00-116.00

May 15, 2023	Columbia, TN
<b>GOATS: 551</b>	
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.	
<b>LAMBS: 635</b>	
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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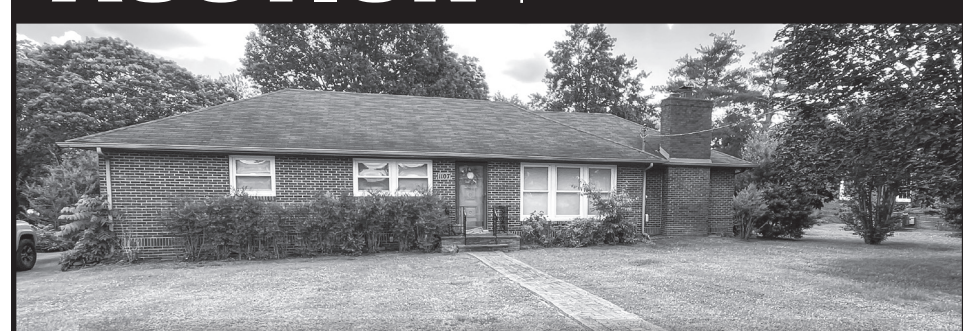
GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	5.63-6.48	5.54-6.49	7.43-7.93
Soybeans	13.77-14.07	13.43-13.63	16.59-17.25
New Crop Wheat	5.74-6.28	5.41-6.17	9.29-10.33



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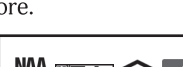
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**Concessions will be available. Also selling Personal Property:** Dinner bell, crocks, antique oak table, (2) cherry end tables, antique cherry desks, cherry sofa table, quilts, wooden stackable tables, several oil lamps, leather lazy boy recliner, (2) Eastlake chairs, (2) wing back chairs, vintage cherry side table, old yard sticks, antique cherry bed (full), floor lamps, hall trees, sofa, love seat, old wooden bucket, coffee grinder, very old safe with combo, sewing machine, cedar chest, churn, old wooden coke tray, baskets, figurines, stemware, crystal, milk glass, paintings, pictures, tons of yard decor, metal trellis, iron patio set, metal bench, planters, dishes, flatware, Maytag washer & dryer, Frigidaire refrigerator, tools, ladders, hand dolly & tons more.

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# Snapshots from the RC-Cola and MoonPie Fest

The annual RC-Cola and MoonPie Festival seemed to be as wacky as ever this year. And to top off the experience, the festival revealed the world's largest MoonPie and its newest flavor...Blueberry.

T-G Photos by Mark McGee

