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God bless America!



The Fourth of July brought out the patriotism in Bedford County with red, white and blue attire, the National Anthem sung by Gary Haile and the music of the band Utopia at the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation celebration. More pictures on page 8A.



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Tax decrease, employee raises highlight City Council budget

By MARK MCGEE
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In a called meeting of the Shelbyville City Council, the budget for fiscal year 2023-24 was finalized.

Two highlights of the budget were a reduction in the property tax rate per \$100 of assessed value from \$1.59 to \$1.48 and a six percent raise across the board for employees of the City of Shelbyville.

Mayor Randy Carroll, at an earlier meeting, had urged the council members to consider the \$1.48 figure.

"The rate is going to save taxpayers a little bit," Carroll said. "The six percent raise for employees is popular."

"We covered lot of items as far as taking care of the city financially. Our balances look good. Financially, we look good. I think we are going to be in good shape."

At the \$1.59 rate the estimated revenue was \$8,800,014. The \$1.48 rate would provide revenue of \$8,191,208. A proposed \$1.36 rate would have dropped revenue to \$7,527,058.

The new tax figure passed by a 4-1 vote. Council member Stephanie Isaacs was not present.

Council member Henry Feldhaus read a prepared statement as to why he was

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Council members study contract draft for "Riverside Project"

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The Shelbyville Council is ready to move ahead with the completion of the purchase of the Riverview and Trollinger buildings to Bedco Investment, LLC.

City attorney Ginger Shofner informed council members that she wants to make sure it is preserved for posterity why the City Council made the decision to sell the buildings and what will be expected in the future.

"The primary point of the resolution is a historical timeline as well as giving Mayor Randy Carroll the authority to sign the contract and other documents," Shofner said.

Bedco has 24 months from the time of the signing of the contract to "be fully operational". The \$125,000 bid by Bedco was approved by the council last month. Beth and Mike Davis and Mindy and Craig Campbell are the partners in Bedco Investment, LLC. Mike Davis serves as the managing partner.

Bedco has agreed that Dowdle Construction Group of Nashville, a company "with extensive experience in historic preservation and restoration will develop what is officially known as the "Riverview Project". Bedco has submitted a 36-page proposal as to what they plan.

Both buildings are going to require a great deal of restoration work. Bedco has agreed to a total capital investment of \$2,747,455 for "the historic preser-

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Several economic developments in the works for city and county

By MARK MCGEE
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The Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership has been busy working with existing businesses and trying to attract new ones.

"We have made a couple of business retention and expansion visits over the last month and those have gone extremely well," Shane Hooper, CEO-President of

the Partnership told the members of the Joint Economic Community Development Board. "We should be able to come out of those meetings with at least one expansion from an existing industry visits.

"That's always a good thing. It shows the businesses here are able to be profit-

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OBITUARIES

Merritt Alan Hibler

May 29, 2023

Merritt Alan Hibler, age 75 of Winchester, passed away on Monday, May 29, 2023, at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on January 23, 1948, and was a 1966 graduate of Bedford High School in Ohio. Merritt served his country in the United States Navy. He then worked and retired from Schneider National Trucking in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Merritt went back to work at Titan Transfer in Shelbyville, Tennessee, where he dearly loved his job and became like family with his co-workers. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed cheering for Ohio State Football, and NASCAR drivers Dale Earnhardt Sr, Dale Earnhardt Jr, and Bill Elliott. He also enjoyed woodworking, bicycle riding, and watching John Wayne movies. But most of all, he loved spending time with his beloved family and teaching his grandchildren how to build and repair things. In his teen years, Merritt was a member of the Liberty Chapter Order of DeMolay (Bedford, Ohio), the youth division of the Masonic Lodge, and was a member of the Franklin County Kiwanis Club Board of Directors. He was of the Methodist Faith. He was preceded in death by his father, John George Hibler; and brother, John Hibler. Merritt is survived by his soulmate and loving wife, Nancy Sisk Hibler of Winchester; mother, Nathalia "Kitty" Hibler-Hankins of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; brothers, Paul (Carrie) Hibler of Hyatsville, Maryland and Howard (Brenda) Hibler of Cowan; sister-in-law, Suzanne Hibler of Columbus, Ohio; daughters, Tara Scott of Decherd and Brittney Crossover of Chattanooga; grandsons, Chase Langford and Zachary (Madison) Langford, both of Decherd; great-grandchildren, Marley Crossover, Sloan Merritt Crossover, and Elizabeth Jean "EJ" Langford; aunt, Kathleen Zanzig of Pierpont, Ohio; several nieces and nephews who lovingly named their favorite uncle, "Uncle Mert"; several cousins; and his Titan family. Visitation will be from 12-2 pm on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at Moore-Cortner Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will follow at 2:00 pm in the Chapel of Moore-Cortner Funeral Home with Chaplin Jerry Stewart Jr officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Moore-Cortner Funeral Home, Moore-Cortner Funeral Home, 300 First Ave NW, Winchester, TN 37398, (931)-967-2222, www.moorecortner.com.



John Brittain "Johnny" Keene

July 2, 2022

John Brittain "Johnny" Keene 72 of Wartrace died July 2, 2023 at Life Care Center of Tullahoma.

He was the son of the late Howard and Mary Louise Callison Keene.

He is survived by two brothers, Thomas Howard Keene of Montgomery, Ala., and John Walter Keene of Birmingham, Ala.; his caregiver, Cheryl Moore of Wartrace and the Staff of T.P.A.

Per his request he will be cremated. No services are scheduled.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Morin, Margaret Lytle

June 26, 2023

Morin, Margaret Lytle, 77, of Nashville, TN passed away on June 26, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian F. Lytle of Shelbyville, Tennessee. She is survived by her devoted and beloved daughter, Elizabeth Lee Morin; twin sister, Elizabeth Lytle Maser (Bob); sisters, May Lytle Seymour (Tommy) and Susan Lytle James (Mike); nephews, Charles E. Bradshaw III, Ryan Foster Bradshaw, Tom Seymour and niece, Katy Seymour.

While living on Lookout Mountain Margaret enjoyed decorating and the quiet contemplation of gardening. She moved with grace and had an artistic flair. Many of her gorgeous watercolors hang in homes around the South. Margaret loved children and worked passionately with those with disabilities. She took great pleasure in working in cosmetics in Tennessee and Virginia and enjoyed building relationships with all of her cherished customers. She will be lovingly remembered for her unconditional kindness to all who crossed her path.

Margaret thrived in her purposeful years at The St. Paul Senior Living Community in Nashville. Her daughter, Liz, would like to send out heartfelt thanks to the administration and staff there, especially Vicki Claycombe, Bill Rochford, Patrick Johnston, John Rochford and the Rochford family. She would also like to thank the Green Hills Community Church Bible Study and the Thursday Night Bible Study group.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to Alive Hospice of Nashville, 1710 Patterson ST. Nashville, TN 37203.

A memorial service will be held at at First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville, on July 22nd at 11 a.m. central time

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.



Jo Ann Cook Epperson

July 5, 2023

Jo Ann Cook Epperson, 88, of Shelbyville died July 4, 2023. Funeral Services will be held 2 P.M. Saturday, July 8th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home with Rev. Doug Dezotell officiating.

Burial will follow at Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11 A.M.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Lilly Cook; her husband of 64 years, James Edward Epperson; grandson, Brad Epperson and sister, Dorothy Warren.

Jo Ann is survived by her children, Cathey (Pat) Mathis, Rickey (Anita) Epperson; granddaughter/caregiver, Lisa (Sherry) Epperson; grandchildren, Matthew (Haley) Epperson, Nathan (Ashley) Epperson, Andrew Meyers, Channel (Kenny) Campbell; step-grandchild, Christina (Shannon) Hillis; sister, Erma Rollins; eight great grandchildren and her special caregivers, Hospice Compassus.

Mrs. Bithie Sue Taylor King

July 4, 2023

Mrs. Bithie Sue Taylor King, age 85 of Eagleville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, July 4, 2023. She was born on October 3, 1937 in Eagleville, Tennessee and was a daughter of the late Fred Nance Taylor and Willie Maye Bennett Taylor. She was a member of Triune Baptist Church.

Known for her 6-foot height and hard-to-defend hook shot, Bithie Sue played many an exciting basketball game for Eagleville High School. Upon graduating, she worked at Middle Tennessee Electric as a clerk for several years. After marrying and starting a family, her next public work was a postal clerk for the Eagleville Post Office for several years. The in-between years were spent as a wife and mother, taking good care of her husband, children, and their home. Though she was a wonderful homemaker and cook, her favorite place to be was outside. She loved mowing and weedeating, working in her flowers, and in the garden. She also enjoyed working in the kitchen ministry at her church, making greeting cards to send to friends and family, decorating cakes for family birthdays, collecting teapots, decorating for holidays, especially Christmas.

Susie was married for 65 years to William Lane King of Eagleville, TN, and raised in the the Longview community after meeting him on a blind date while he was home on leave from the Army. In addition to her husband, William, Bithie Sue is survived by her children, LaNae Turner of Eagleville, Dwight (Julie) King of Eagleville, and Tabitha (Tim) Persch of Lakespur, Colorado. She is beloved "Grandma Susie" to her six grandchildren, Zach & Braiden King, Campbell & Mitchell Turner, Rafe & Avery Persch. Also survived by her loving sister, Mary Ellen Loyd, and nephews, Mike (Jeanna) Loyd, Mendy Loyd.

Visitation with the family will be on Friday, July 7, 2023 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Lawrence Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 AM on Saturday, July 8, 2023 from the Chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home with Rev. Jeff Elliott officiating. Interment will follow at the Bennett Cemetery in Eagleville.

Susie's grandchildren will be pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be the Seekers Sunday School Class at Triune Baptist Church

For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to Triune Baptist Church or Alive Hospice.

Lawrence Funeral Home And Cremation Services, Inc., Chapel Hill, Tn in charge of arrangements, 931-364-2233, www.lawrencefuneral.net.

Dennis Allen Gentry

July 6, 2023

Dennis Allen Gentry, 66, of Shelbyville died July 5, 2023. Funeral Services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, July 9th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 12 p.m.

He was born August 17, 1956 in Peoria, Illinois; a Veteran of the U.S. Army; retired Captain of the Tennessee Army National Guard; retired Service Center Director of the U.S. Govt. General Services Administration.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Franklin Gentry and Mary Helen Stevens Gentry; sisters, Donna Jean Whitaker, Lorraine Gentry, Jeanine Gentry; brothers, Frankie Gentry and Michael T. Williams.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 44 years, Mechele Odom Gentry; children, Brandon (Jessica) Gentry, Megan (Swapnil) Rajput; grandchildren, Gavin Rajput and Griffin Rajput; sisters, Diane Estell, Carol Jordan and brother, David Gentry.



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variation and renovation" of the "Riverview Project," According to the contract, the restoration and preservation must be completed

within 18 months from the date of the signing of the contract.

As stated in the contract draft terms for the "Riverview Project" Grindstone Cowboy, LLC will be the anchor business and will include a coffee shop, café, music venue

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against the property tax decrease and the proposed budget.

"I will not be voting for the proposed budget nor the associated property tax rate because of the extreme deficit spending and future budget impact," Feldhaus said. "The fund balance decrease of \$5,340,917 is 17.7 percent of the budgeted amount of \$30,059,796. This record deficit relies too much on spending saved dollars without investing anything in the economic payback for future revenues.

"Last year we unanimously voted to invest \$3.5 million of mostly budgeted funds on some airport property. We were criticized by many with false information even though the amount will be reimbursed and returned to Shelbyville by MTSU through leases and increased airport revenue in a very short, few years. The proposed budget has no such large investment. Therefore, if some taxpayers were upset about spending \$3.5 million with a method for reimbursement, I expect many more taxpayers will dislike spending \$5.3 million with no economic payback or return revenue stream."

Feldhaus was in favor of retaining the \$1.59 rate, especially if there would be funds designated for economic development.

"The proposed budget increases spending by \$3,075,146 or 11.4 percent over last year's budget and

it cuts property taxes by about \$600,000," Feldhaus continued in his prepared statement. "While the tax cut will save the average homeowner \$36 per year or just three dollars per month and some will applaud the cut as a campaign promise, this tax cut and associated deficit spending is setting us up for an even larger tax increase soon. Simple math tells us we can only tolerate \$5 million deficits for two more years before we exhaust the fund balances.

"In my opinion, the combination of cutting taxes during this period of high inflationary pressures while increasing expenditures by almost 12 percent is irresponsible."

As part of the budget approval \$206,891 was allocated to 12 non-profits which was passed unanimously.

The council in a unanimous vote approved \$2,500 for the ICS Sanctioned Chili Cook Off scheduled for this weekend.

Also passed unanimously were the following purchases:

*An amount of \$30,000 to purchase as many 96-gallon Toter trash cans for the amount for the Solid Waste Department.

*The purchase of a 2016 Dodge Charger with approximately 30,000 miles from Lonnie Cobb Ford for an estimated amount of \$19,000. It will replace a 2018 Dodge Charger that was totaled. The insurance settlement on that vehicle was \$23,300.

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able and they have a good business environment to work in."

Chick-fil-A has been officially announced. A new McDonald's is expected to be moving to a location on Main Street. But Hooper points out the need for more casual dining in the city and county along with a hotel and a grocery store.

"Those are pushes because those are where we have the most leakage in terms of people going to Murfreesboro or Tullahoma for those," Hooper said. "As Mayor Randy Carroll said we have Chick-fil-A and another McDonald's."

There is also the possibility of adding a new motel/hotel to the county.

"It is premature to give any details, but I am confident we have found a hotel developer," Hooper said. "As long as the land sale goes through, we should be able to make some significant progress there."

"We have found a piece of property that is within the hotel's budget. That is going to keep a lot of folks from having to drive to Murfreesboro or Tullahoma for lodging. And that drives revenue back to the city and the county. That is extremely important."

New industries are always sought, and Hooper said the Partnership is continuing to build a portfolio of private property owners who are open to having an industry placed on their property.

From an industrial standpoint the Duksan plant is on schedule to open in the first quarter of 2024.

"The walls are standing up right now," Hooper said. "The most important thing is they are on schedule with construction."

He added that within the next 90 to 120 days he hopes there will be an announcement of 80 new jobs.

"That is not a done deal yet," Hooper said. "We still have a lot to work out. But the effort continues."

with dance space, an event center and rooftop dining.

In 2020 the City of Shelbyville purchased the property "in order to preserve the structures for future restoration and redevelopment as a key site on the public square" accord-

ing to the contract wording.

The contract approval will be on the agenda for the regular City Council meeting July 13 at 6 p.m. at the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation building.

Tame traffic-related stress

Aggravation on the nation's roadways has become a frequent topic of conversation over the last decade or so. Incidents that involved traffic-related acts of violence have gained increased attention over that span.

The automotive group AAA estimates that nearly eight out of 10 drivers demonstrate aggressive driving behaviors. While data indicating the number of road rage cases per state is not available, The Trace's study on road rage with a firearm found 522 people were shot in 2021 due to road rage, and that Texas, Florida and California have the most road rage incidents involving guns.

Road rage is the extreme outcome of impatience or frustration behind the wheel. Many times this

frustration stems from traffic-related stress. There are more cars on the road than ever before, which can intensify stressful traffic conditions. Drivers can take steps to reduce stress while behind the wheel and recognize behaviors that may contribute to road rage.

- Don't rush. Leave plenty of time to get to a destination. You are less likely to be impatient and react to traffic stressors if you are racing the clock.

- Calm down. If there is something that has angered or upset you, take time to calm down before getting behind the wheel.

- Be patient. Recognize that someone driving slowly may be lost or aging with diminished abilities.

- Keep a safe distance. Tailgating can create animosity among drivers. By



leaving room, you can avoid aggressive interactions between drivers that can contribute to frustration.

- Don't honk unnecessarily. Honking out of frustration is unproductive and also may exacerbate your levels of stress and anger other drivers.

- Take an alternative route. If you know that certain roadways are plagued by traffic, then figure out a route to avoid the traffic,

even if it may be longer.

- Change your schedule. It's not called "rush hour" for nothing. Certain times of the day feature busier roadways than others. If possible, alter your schedule so that you commute during off-peak hours.

- Share the driving. Split driving duties with others, particularly when feeling stressed out. Breaking up particularly long trips among a few drivers can relieve anxiety.

Bedford County Fairest of the Fair contestants



Zoey Dixon is the 18-year-old daughter of Jim and Amy Beth White. She recently graduated from Community High School.



Haley Shea Harper is the 17-year-old daughter of Troy and Betty Harper. She is an upcoming Senior at Moore County High School.



Savannah Butler is the 18-year-old daughter of Rodney and Mary Ellen Butler. She attends Columbia State Community College.



Maggie Sanders is the 20-year-old daughter of Jason and Allison Sanders. She attends Columbia State Community College.



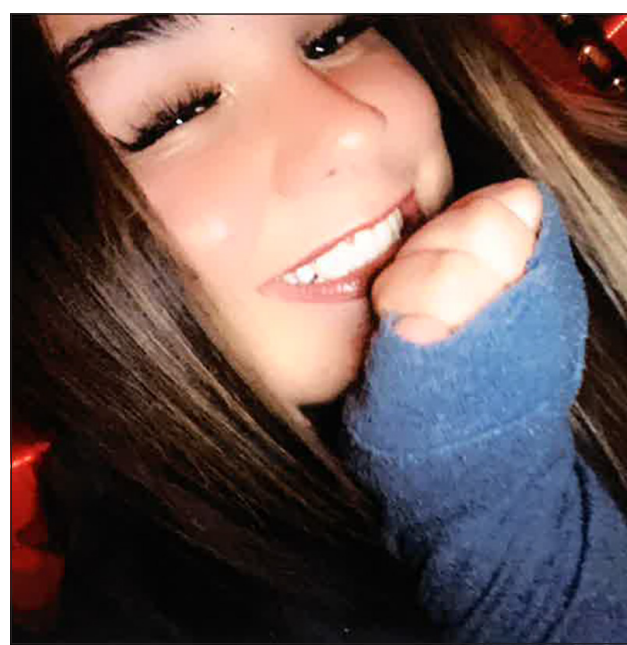
Shayla Anderson is the 16-year-old daughter of Niki Anderson and Jason Mangrum. She attends Shelbyville Central High School.



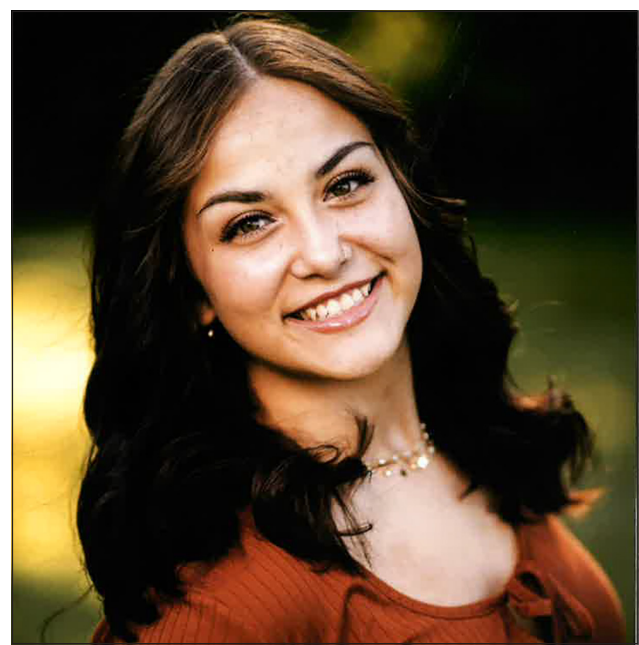
Allyssa McBay is the 18-year-old daughter of Kristin and Brian McBay. She recently graduated from Shelbyville Central High School.



Alexia Caruthers is the 18-year-old daughter of Adam and Jillian Caruthers and Nicki Moshier.



Hannah Cripps is the 17-year-old daughter of Anita and Jesse Cripps. She attends Shelbyville Central High School.



Maria Castellano is the 18-year-old daughter of Carol Vasquez. She attends Lipscomb University.



McKinna Lyndlee Ward is the 16-year-old daughter of Chris and Jennifer Ward. She attends Moore County High School.

Ten girls will compete for the title of Bedford County Fairest of the Fair Saturday, July 8th at 5:00pm at Shelbyville Central High School. The winner will represent Bedford County in January at the Tennessee Association of Fairs Convention. Younger age groups start at 11 a.m. and run all day.

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11:30 am Baby Miss (12-23 months)
12 p.m. Toddler Miss (2-3 years)
12:30 p.m. Tiny Miss (4-5 years)
1 p.m. Petite Miss (6-7 years)
1:30 p.m. Little Miss

(8-10 years) 2 p.m. Junior Miss (11-12 years)
3 p.m. Ms./Mrs. Bedford Supreme (21-49 years, single or married)
3:30 p.m. Golden Girl—In Memory of Joan Pimentel (50 years +, single or married)
4 p.m. Young Miss Bedford County Fair (13-15 years)
4:30 p.m. Past Queen Reunion
5 p.m. Miss Bedford County Fairest of the Fair (16-20 years)

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Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church will be held on July 9th, with the message presented by Pastor Tyler Xhoemaker. The title of the message is "Sin and it's Penalty" from Matthew 19: 16-22. Services will be live streamed.

Grace Baptist Church message will be "One God" Eph. 4: 4-6 & 1 Peter 1: 17-20.

Church of Christ

On Sunday morning at **Fairlane Church of Christ**, Lance Bennett will be speaking on "Heroes of Faith: Jacob." This lesson comes from Hebrews 11: 21. Our worship begins at 9 a.m. with Bible classes that follow. Our first hour of worship, which includes the sermon, is broadcast on AM1580 or you can watch our entire service on livestream. Sunday evening we will have a mission trip report from our team that recently went to the City of Children in Ensenada, Mexico. You can access all our current and past livestreams on our YouTube channel, @Fairlanechurchofchrist. Click subscribe to be notified when new videos are available.

The **Southside Church of Christ** lesson will be "Worthy of Praise" Psalms 86:8-17 by Tim Gunnells, minister, at 10 a.m. Sunday. The Sunday 6 p.m. service will be a devotional at Camp Joy. Sunday morning is live-streamed at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening services are live-streamed at 6:30 p.m. at cofcsouthside.com.

First Christian

We invite everyone to worship with us this Sunday at 10 a.m., at **First Christian**. It is always our goal to give glory & honor to Christ as we worship & praise His holy name. We will continue our series on - Facing Your Giants, as we talk about "Facing the Giant of Commitment," using Genesis 3 as our morning scripture. Children's Graded Worship & Nursery are also available at 10 a.m.

Methodist

Pastor Abe Zimmerman's sermon at **Shelbyville First United Methodist Church** will be "This is My Story" from Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18. This series helps us understand that God is the ultimate storyteller. God invites us to participate in his story, livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLIJ 98.7 FM and 1580 AM.

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church's service for this sixth Sunday after Pentecost, will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. led by Pastor Jim Moran. All services are streamed live on Facebook. There is no Sunday School over the summer. We have a nursery available for the little ones. We would love to see some new faces and hope you can join us on Sunday at 10 a.m. for our worship service. VBS is July 16th-19th at 5 p.m., we hope you will join in on the fun with s as we travel with Daniel to Babylon, K-5th grade.



Grace Baptist Church



Bright Temple Church of God in Christ



Christ Lutheran Church



Southside Church of Christ



First United Methodist Church

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Seasonal Eating



I grew up in a military family. My dad served in the United States Air Force for 26 years and over those years we lived in lots of different places across the country. So we were exposed to a lot of different cuisines and cultures within the states.

We had taco Tuesday way before it became so popular across the country. My grandfather, who was born and raised in the Midwest, looked at the bowl of refried beans and asked if we were having dog food! We had sopapillas in New Mexico, fried little puffs of dough filled with honey – yum! Mom made hundreds of wontons for a party when I was in elementary school. We made homemade pizza every Saturday night. So I didn't exactly grow up on meat and potatoes.

In the 1980s, when I was in high school, my dad bought 2 Chinese cookbooks while on a trip. So Chinese food became a regular part of our meal rotation. We particularly liked the recipes in the chapter on West China and the Szechwan region. These are fairly spicy dishes and include dishes like Kung Pao Chicken, a family favorite for years.

Another one of our favorite dishes is Szechwan Shrimp. This is a really quick dish to make and serve over rice. The sauce is a mixture of ketchup, soy sauce and sweet Asian chili sauce. If



you don't like your food spicy, you can cut down a little on the chili sauce. Also giving this dish a lot of flavor and some heat is fresh gingerroot. This is easily found in the produce section and looks like a tan knobby tuber. Just peel off the thin skin with a metal spoon (it easily scrapes off) and then finely chop the yellow, fragrant interior. There really is no substitute as the ginger powder doesn't give the same flavor. Green onions are the vegetable base and are stir fried with the ginger and then the shrimp

are added and finished with the sauce.

So if you don't want to heat up the oven and are craving a little Asian flavor, try a shrimp stir fry for dinner.

For more information and recipes check out the Seasonal Eating page at bedford.tennessee.edu.

Szechwan Shrimp

- 1 pound shrimp
- 2 tablespoons sweet chili sauce

- 1/4 cup ketchup
 - 2 tablespoons dark soy sauce
 - 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste
 - 4 green onions, chopped into 1/4" lengths
 - 1/4 cup finely minced ginger root
 - 2 teaspoons minced garlic
 - 1 tablespoon sherry
 - 1 teaspoon sugar
- Shell and devein the shrimp. Wash, drain and pat dry with paper towels. In a bowl mix the chili sauce, ketchup and soy sauce.

Heat a wok or skillet over high heat until a drop of water immediately sizzles into steam. Add the oil and salt. Add the green onions and gingerroot and stir for a minute or two until the green onions are slightly cooked. Add garlic and stir for another minute. Add the shrimp and stir-fry for 1 to 2 minutes until the shrimp have become firm and pink. Add the sherry and sugar. Stir for 30 seconds. Add the chili paste mixture. Stir for about 1 minute until the sauce thickens somewhat and serve over rice.

The forgotten saga of Tennessee's only French and Indian War fort

By **BILL CAREY**

Editor's note: This column is the fifth in a series of topics slated to be deleted from the eighth-grade Tennessee social studies standards.

The sad story of Fort Loudoun goes back to a time before the state of Tennessee and the United States of America existed. It goes back to an era when present-day Tennessee was at the far reaches of the British empire.

During the French and Indian War, South Carolina's colonial government built a fort in present-day Monroe County called Fort Loudoun. The fort, in the heart of Cherokee territory, was meant to ensure that the Cherokee nation fought against the French rather than the British during the war.

Cherokee chiefs were receptive to the idea of Fort Loudoun because they thought it would give them access to European-made goods for which they could trade. When soldiers arrived in 1756 and began building the fort, they traded guns, powder, tools, iron cookware, clothes and other things with the Cherokee in exchange for deerskins that Cherokee hunters would bring.

Soldiers built the fort as a large, wooden, enclosed palisade with barracks, a blacksmith shop and various storehouses. For the first couple of years after it

was completed, things were cordial between the colonial soldiers and the neighboring Cherokee. Trade between them occurred on almost a daily basis. Some of the soldiers' wives came to live at the fort, and a few even had children. These are believed to be the first English children born west of the Appalachian Mountains.

But in 1758 and 1759 relations broke down between the colonists and the Cherokee on many fronts, mostly because of incidents that took place far away from Fort Loudoun. There were several acts of violence between Cherokee and colonials in Virginia and South Carolina, often started by misunderstandings and driven by the desire to retaliate for other events.

When the general in charge of British forces in America ordered his men to stop trading arms and gunpowder with the Cherokee people, the Cherokee retaliated by refusing to trade with the soldiers. Soon the fort was surrounded by hostile Cherokee warriors.

The British government sent an army to relieve Fort Loudoun, but that army was attacked and never made it through the mountains. For much of 1760 the people inside the fort held out on the verge of starvation. Finally, in August, Captain Paul Demere of the British army surrendered the fort.

The 230 men, women and children were told that they would be allowed safe passage east across the mountains if they laid down their arms and turned over the fort's 12 guns.

On August 9, the British garrison spent the night about 15 miles east, next to a small body of water called Cane Creek. The next morning Cherokee warriors attacked and killed about 30 people, including Captain Demere. The rest of the soldiers and other people who had lived at Fort Loudoun were taken prisoner. Some died during the next few months, some were later exchanged back to the colonists, and some chose to live out the rest of their lives with the Cherokee.

History books refer to this attack on the English soldiers as the Fort Loudoun Massacre or the Cane Creek Massacre. The Cherokee, however, believed this attack was justified revenge for the execution of Cherokee hostages at Fort Prince George, another colonial fort located in present-day western South Carolina.

The original Fort Loudoun was later burned to the ground. In the 1970s, when the Tennessee Valley Authority dammed up the Little Tennessee River, the site of Fort Loudoun was nearly immersed forever under the waters of Tellico Lake. Historians

and archaeologists asked TVA not to flood the Fort Loudoun site, and so TVA agreed to a compromise. First, archaeologists were sent in to dig up and study the former site of the fort, to help us learn more about it. Then, TVA brought in huge amounts of dirt to ele-

vate the former site of Fort Loudoun by 17 feet.

Since that time, a wonderful replica of the fort has been built. Today you can visit the rebuilt site. It is physically accurate in as many ways as possible. But when you get there you will have to imagine for yourself

the sad story of what happened to the people who once lived there.

• *Bill Carey is the founder of Tennessee History for Kids, a non-profit organization that helps teachers cover social studies.*



Park manager Eric Hughey in period costume at a teacher training event at Fort Loudoun Historic Park in 2019 (TN History for Kids photo)

3 GREAT LISTINGS PRICED RIGHT



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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

06/27/2023—
07/03/2023

Flora Frances Foster Estate, Steven D. Foster, Frances Foster to Steven D. Foster—0 money, 0 acres, Haley Rd.
Betty J. Prater, Tricia Glover to James Eric Hall, Kali Keck—\$299,900, 0 acres, no address
Kelley Properties LLC to Darryl W. Wittich, Cynthia S. Wittich—\$405,000, 0 acres, Coopertown Rd.
Barbara Ann Hunter, Douglas Edward Hunter II to William E. Phelan, Fredericka Lacava Phelan—\$353,600, 0 acres, Elaine Dr.
Gary Boyce Construction LLC to Daniel Horner, Terri Horner—\$136,120, 0 acres, Coney Island Shanisha
Cooper to Jason A. Gerlack—\$248,000, 0 acres, Shelbyville Mills Rd.
Richard A. Crawford Jr., to Matthew Patterson, Gary Patterson—\$185,000, 0 acres, Chestnut Dr.
Philip C. Womble, Lynette Womble to Cliff Adams, Rhonda F. Adams—\$5,317, 0 acres, no address
Phillips Harris Jr. to Timothy Dwayne Martin, Erica Deann Martin—0 money 0 acres, Public Square
SDH Nashville LLC to Nicholas Todd Pernel, Melanie Pernel—\$251,990, 0 acres, Townsend Ave.
Brian Kilgore to Maria Cristina Gonzalez, Jose Gonzalez—\$439,900, 0 acres, Thompson Lane
Kristin E. Budzynski to Robert Jude Schuster Living Trust, Schuster Living Trust—\$340,000, 29.39 acres, Fly Rd.
Elizabeth J. Alexander, Zachary L. Alexander to Justin Hargrave—\$299,900, 0 acres, Doak St.
Kim Zimmerle to Brian John Sangret, Chantel Sangret—\$575,000, 0 acres, Wheel Rd.
Tiron McKenley to Jonie McKinley—0 money, 0 acres, Doak St.
Black Diamond Construction LLC to Katie Hawkins—\$269,900, 0 acres, Horse Mountain Rd.
Will Setliff Daniel, Bill Daniel Family LP, Jennifer Kay Daniel Gragg, Ted William Daniel, Connie Joy Daniel, William Setliff Daniel to Ted William Daniel, Beverly Joy Daniel, Beverly Joy Daniel Posey—0 money, 0 acres, no address
L.D. Magnum, Melissa Arnold, David Arnold to Melissa Arnold, David Mangrum—0 money, 0 acres, no address
Joe M. Lambert Jr. To Halcyon Construction And Development LLC—0

money, 0 acres, South Cannon Blvd.
Lewis W. Fuller, Betty Williamson Carden, Betty Williamson Fuller to John Garretson, Rebecca Garretson—\$219,000, 11.88 acres, Kennedy Rd.
Midstate Finance Co. Inc. to Larry Sanders—\$6,000, 0 acres, Cortner Rd.
Millicent Curtis, Sharon L. Beyer to Millicent Curtis—0 money, 0 acres, Anthony Rd.
Ole South Properties Inc. to Julie D. Quinones, David Quinones—\$311,990, 0 acres, no address
Matthew S. Kaag to Emily Lynn Vari, Kyle Wayne Vari—\$625,000, 18 acres, Hwy 41A South
Gayle Arlene Gragg, Gayle Arlene Gragg Lamb to Randall Ivan Lamb—0 money, 0 acres, no address
Antonio Saavedra to Samuel Calcaterra, Dorothy Calcaterra—\$295,000, 0 acres, Sun Circle
Leobardo Solis Jr. to BEMCO LLC—\$250,000, 0.18 acres, Ridgeway Ave.
SDH Nashville LLC to Breanna Shea Scott, Joshua Collier—\$261,330, 0 acres, Townsend Ave.
Jefferey T. Pope to Central Tennessee House Buyers LLC—\$147,000, 1 acre, Hensley Rd.
Ole South Properties Inc. to Mattew Finley, Tessa Dixon—\$312,178, 0 acres, no address
Charles Rodney Bowling, Chanel Donegan to Nechirvan Yahya, Dilovan K. Yahya—\$659,000, 0 acres, Hwy 41A North Black Diamond Construction LLC to Jennifer L. Frey Kilcrease, Dante Orlando Kilcrease—\$620,000, 5.04 acres, Walker Rd.
Rebecca Lynn Graham, Sean Richard Graham to Landon Brady Mummert—\$355,000, 0 acres, Triple Crown Ct.
Harriette Ruth Neiman Estate, Joseph Peacock, Richard Peacock, Candice Terrell, Richard Neiman, Angel Neiman, Ruth Neiman to Aaron Holst, Janelle Holst—\$169,000, 0 acres, no address
Bradley C. Kelso, Katelin Nichole Kelson to Bracken Mills—\$189,900, 0 acres, Collier Ave.
Greg Curl, Troy Stacy to DCC Strategic Realty Partners LLC—0 money, 0 acres, Hendon Rd.
Donna Kay Head to Legacy Farm Group LLC—\$25,000, 0.49 acres, Hwy 64 W.
SDH Nashville LLC to Toni Johnson—\$256,955, 0 acres, no address

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.
•Julio Aguilar-Artyasa, 50, King Arthur Ct.; financial responsibility, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, running red light/stop sign, released on recognizance.
•William Bryant Benson, 65, Davis St.; driver to exercise due care, driving on suspended license, driving under influence, \$5,000 bond, released.
•Roberta Jane Blacksmith, 65, Himes Ln., Tullahoma; driving on expired license, driving under influence, financial responsibility, move over law, \$3,500 bond, released.
•Steven Gene Brown, 37, Knight Campground Rd.; possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule II (three charges), possession of schedule VI, unlawful possession of a firearm, \$11,500 bond.
•Asiah Zyarie Castleman, 18, Fairfield Pike; simple possession, released on recognizance.
•Luis Mario Chavez, Doak St.; driving on suspended license, driving under influence, possession of schedule II, window tinting, \$11,500 bond, released.
•Pedro De Paz, 18, homeless, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding, \$1,000 bond, released.
•Tyler Jade Dowdy, 27, Hummingbird Ln.; driving on suspended license, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule VI, \$7,000 bond, released.
•Ariel Estrada-Rodriguez, 50, Millgate; driving on suspended license, released on recognizance.
•Jayme Nicole Finch, 42, Rucker Rd., Murfreesboro; harassment, \$3,500 bond, released.
•Jose Roberto Francisco-Rico, 23, Tanner Circle; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding, released on recognizance.
•Cory Allen Frazier, 29, homeless; burglary-aggravated, intro contraband in penal institutions, possession of schedule II, resist stop frisk halt search, resisting arrest by officer, \$14,000 bond.
•Alexis Danielle Gattis,

30, Whispering Oaks Dr.; driving on revoked license, financial responsibility, seat belt law, \$3,000 bond, released.
•Damilo Gonzales, 19, Colloredo Blvd.; evading arrest, violation of drinking age law, \$2,500 bond, released.
•Kendrick Keshawn Grandberry, 22, St. Charles Place; possession of schedule VI, \$3,500 bond.
•Joshua Thomas Hatfield, 28, Hendon Memorial Rd.; domestic assault-simple, \$3,500 bond, released.
•Daniel Topper Heath, 19, Redbud Ln., Unionville; possession of schedule VI, \$1,500 bond, released.
•Kimery Wayne Hill, 44, Moulder Rd.; criminal impersonation, driving on revoked license, failure to appear, violation of probation (General Sessions), window tinting, no bond.
•Dakota Bastian Holder, 19, Commodore Dr., Manchester; violation of probation (General Sessions), \$2,500 bond.
•Gregory Wayne Hollis, 42, Center St.; driving on revoked license, driving under influence, open container law, resisting arrest by officer, violation of implied consent, \$8,500 bond, released.
•Cayla Dawn Jacob, 24, Evans St.; shoplifting, released on recognizance.
•Edwinfer Jaimes, 28, Jesse Ln., Lewisburg; driving on suspended license, violation registration law, \$500 bond, released.
•Christopher Chad Johnson, 44, Georgia Crossing Rd., Winchester; theft of property, \$1,500 bond.
•Phillip Maurice Johnson, 56, Elm St.; domestic assault-simple, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$3,000 bond.
•Amanda Sue Kelley, 33, West Main St., Murfreesboro; failure to appear, released on recognizance.
•Joshua Brian Kilgore, 43, New Herman Rd.; cruelty to animals, released on recognizance.
•Teddy Lee Lane, 30, Antony Ln.; aggravated assault, financial responsibility, possession of schedule VI, \$9,500 bond, released.
•Lisa Marie Lovvorn, 22, Rabbit Branch Rd.; violation of probation (General Sessions), 41,500 bond, released.
•Daylin Edwin Meeks,

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22, South Maple St.; driver to exercise due care, driving under influence, financial responsibility, \$3,500 bond, released.
•Jamie Elizabeth Merlo, 43, no street address, vandalism, released on recognizance.
•Brandon Mitchell, 40, Woodbury St.; other, resist stop frisk halt search, simple possession, violation of probation (General Sessions), \$6,000 bond, released.
•Mark Molder, 55, Unionville-Deason Rd.; capias, failure to appear, \$15,000 bond, released.
•Gary Mooningham, Jr., 44, Oakhill Rd., Manchester; criminal trespassing, driver to exercise due care, driving on revoked license (two charges), financial responsibility, leaving the scene of an accident/personal injury, reckless endangerment, seatbelt law, \$10,000 bond, released.
•Todd Kendrick Murray, 45, Reavis Ave., Smyrna; driving under influence, financial responsibility, open container law, speeding, violation registration law, \$3,500 bond, released.
•Robert Fleming Noblitt, 73, New Herman Rd., cruelty to animals, released on recognizance.
•Dylan Dakota Pardon, 25, Evans St.; shoplifting, released on recognizance.
•Ryan Ronnell Parker, 35, River Rock Blvd., Murfreesboro; simple possession, released on recognizance.
•Marco Antonio Perez, 34, Cottonwood Dr.; driving on revoked license, violation of probation (General Sessions), released on recognizance.
•Tyler Scott Petty, 26, New Herman Rd., Fayetteville; violation of probation (General Sessions), \$2,500 bond.
•Steven Allan Ramcke, 19, Snell Rd.; possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication, \$2,000 bond, released.
•Charles Michael Reed, 53, Warners Bridge Rd.; burglary, burglary-aggravated, theft of property, \$17,500 bond.
•Theresa Diane Reed, 52, Warners Bridge Rd.; domestic assault-aggravat-

ed, \$7,500 bond, released.
•Elias Adelson Riz-Mucia, 27, Hawkins Dr.; driving under influence, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, violation of order of protection, \$7,000 bond, released.
•Katelyn Faith Sales, 24, Mary Dupree Rd., Chattanooga; violation of probation (General Sessions), released on recognizance.
•Kendall Lamar Sanders, 33, Sims Road, violation of probation (General Sessions), \$1,000 bond.
•Jose Doming Sebastian, 31, Quarry St.; financial responsibility, light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, released on recognizance.
•Fabiana Sebastian Mateo, 42, Woodbury St., public intoxication, released on recognizance.
•Amber Nichole Seyl, 33, Duckworth Rd., Winchester; hold extradition to another state, resisting arrest by officer, \$1,000 bond.
•Veronica Sheryl Simons, 28, Cliffside Ave.; capias, failure to appear, no bond.
•Blake Michael Stone, 29, Horn Ln.; capias, failure to appear, no bond.
•Dimitri Tremayne Swift, 48, Atwood St., Hickman Co., Kentucky; domestic assault-simple, violation order of protection, \$4,000 bond.
•Kalen Daniel Thompson, 29, Belmont Ave.; driving on suspended license, running red light/stop sign, simple possession, released on recognizance.
•Logan Chase Warren, 20, Broomsage Circle, Unionville; statutory rape (two charges), \$25,000 bond.
•Billy Joe Wright, 34, Tara Dr., Unionville; driving on revoked license, driving under influence, evading arrest, improper passing of vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule II, reckless/careless driving, seatbelt law, speeding, theft of property (motor vehicle), vandalism, violation of implied consent, \$26,000 bond.

BUSINESS LICENSES

Business Listings—New Businesses
06/29/2023—
07/06/2023
Dave's Freeze Dried LLC—377 Coopertown, Rd., Unionville, David Terceira
Hammer's Power Washing—1815 S. Cannon Blvd., Shelbyville, Phillip Hammermeister
Rob Harward
DC—1114 N. Main St., Suite A., Shelbyville, Rob Harward
Upright Construction LLC—311 Robinson Rd., Shelbyville, Ryan Print

PUBLIC RECORD

MARRIAGE LICENESSES
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Michael Ray Howard and Whitney Dianne Bush
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Note: This property could potentially be divided!

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DIRECTIONS: From Murfreesboro, take Hwy 231 toward Shelbyville, turn left onto Airport Rd., right on Wild Creek Rd. to sale on the right. **TERMS:** REAL ESTATE: 10% down day of sale, balance due in 30 days. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** Cash, check, Visa, Mastercard or Discover day of sale. 10% Buyer's Premium added to bid to determine final sale price on both real estate and personal property. **TAXES:** Prorated **POSSESSION:** With Deed

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Fourth of July Celebration at H.V. Griffin Park

The annual Fourth of July Fireworks and Celebration at H.V. Griffin Park was a great success.

The weather cooperated and hundreds of visitors spent the evening enjoying the many food trucks and the music of the group Utopia on the stage sponsored by Nearest Green Distillery.

Inflateables were sponsored by the Shelbyville Lions Club and were popular destinations. The volleyball court stayed busy as well as a dunking booth.

Gary Haile, a member of the Shelbyville City Council, sang the National Anthem to start the activities.

T-G Photos by Mark McGee





Thank God!

Thank God! Thank God! And yes, Thank God!
You and I, all of us, every one of us have so much to be thankful for. I am blessed!
Sometimes I may be a mess, but still I am blessed.
Awhile back I came across a poem, the poet unknown, and it really rang true with me. The poem goes like this:
*Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.*

Richard Stearns served as the president of the Christian relief organization World Vision for ten years. He tells of a visit he made to a church in Haiti nearly a year after the devastating earthquake of 2010.

The church's sanctuary was a tent made from white tarps and duct tape, pitched in the midst of a huge encampment for thousands of people who were still homeless after the earthquake.

He describes the church and the lessons he learned from that visit to Haiti:

"In the front row sat six amputees ranging in age from 6 to 60. They were clapping and smiling as they sang song after song and lifted their prayers to God. Their worship was full of hope and thanksgiving to the Lord.

"No one was singing louder or praying more fervently than a 32-year-old unemployed single mother of two. During the earthquake, a collapsed building crushed her right arm and left leg. After four days both limbs had to be amputated.

"She was leading the choir, leading prayers, standing on her prosthesis and lifting her one hand high in praise to God ...

Following the service, I met her two daughters, ages eight and ten. The three of them now live in a tent five feet tall and perhaps eight feet wide. Despite losing her job, her home, and two limbs, she is deeply grateful because God spared her life on January 12th last year ...

She told Stearns, "God brought me back like Lazarus, giving me the gift of life. I believe I survived the earthquake for two reasons: to raise my girls and to serve her Lord for a

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Local realtor's hat discovered in Haiti

By **MARK MCGEE**
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Ben Craig isn't certain how much real estate Craig and Wheeler could sell in the country of Haiti.

But he knows the name of the firm, celebrating its 50th year in Bedford County, has found its way to the Caribbean country.

Just how it happened is something he can't explain.

Brad Schmitt, a representative of St. Peter and Paul Church, part of an informal group consisting of three Catholic and two Protestant churches in the Evansville, Indiana area, sent the photo of the woman wearing the hat while holding the child to Tad Craig. The name of the organization is "Helping Hands for Haiti."

"The Craig and Wheeler name was prominent on the hat," Schmitt said. "I thought they would be interested in seeing it."

Ben Craig is at a loss in trying to determine how the hat found its way onto the head of a Haitian woman.

"Isn't that crazy?" Ben said. "That's funny. We really don't know how it happened."

"It is a great photo. The hat is so clear."

Ben speculates his late father, David, may have donated the hats to one of the local churches that provides mission support to Haiti, one of the most impoverished countries in the world.

"Daddy may have donated some items," Ben said. "First Presbyterian Church has been involved in some missions there for water systems at one time. Maybe Dad gave them



Submitted Photo

A photo from a mission group in Haiti was sent to Craig and Wheeler Realty and Auction. Just how the hat arrived in the Caribbean country is a mystery to the Craigs.

some hats to take down there.

"We just don't know. But we think that is the most probable situation."

The condition of the hat, as much as where it was found, is equally as

surprising to Ben.

"We bought those hats in 1999 and 2000," Ben said. "They are at least 20 years old. For one to still be around is amazing."

According to the World Vision website, 5.2 mil-

lion people in Haiti need humanitarian help, with more than half being women and children. The country has undergone political changes, gang violence and a cholera epidemic.



T-G file photo

On downtown Normandy's front steps, many of the musicians warm up as they get ready to play bluegrass-style worship music. See more photos inside.

**Unity on Front Street
Normandy churches host music nights**

By **ZOË WATKINS**
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There's been an initiative in Normandy to unite the three prominent churches in town: First Baptist Church, Normandy Presbyterian Church, and the Normandy United Methodist Church.

As many communities across the nation continue to divide themselves in their differences, those in Normandy know that for a small town, unity is much greater and much needed.

"A lot of times what we major in is the little things—the little bitty things that divide us. But we're not doing that. We're majoring in things that unite us. And we think that's

the thing that can make a difference in the lives of people," said Pastor Tom Bagley of the Normandy Presbyterian Church.

The initiative began a couple of Easters ago with the churches coming together to celebrate Holy Week. The Presbyterian church hosted one of the holy days followed by the Methodist. Then the Baptists held a sunrise service.

"I hadn't been to a sunrise service since I was a kid," said Pastor Laurie Raulston of the Methodist Church. But, "God knew we needed to hear a message of unity." She said the churches may have doctrinal differences, but they have way more in common.

"Well, I think bottom line, God just stirred up these three churches," said Bagley, who's been at the church for one year. "And we have a history of working together, but it's been a long time since we've done that."

Originally from Fayetteville, God called Bagley to a church in Atlanta. He was then called to Chattanooga to begin working with folks outside the church. It's where he began to appreciate people's spiritual journeys—and to meet people who were "beaten up" by churches and their well-meaning believers.

"We're trying to heal that. Some

▶ See **Music**, Page 3B



Out of stock

Once the land of plenty the United States has now become the land of the out-of-stock.

If it had happened to me one time in the past week, I would have been okay. The second time, I admit, was annoying. My reaction the third time was similar to the second one. The fourth time was downright frustrating because it was a time-consuming and fruitless effort for me. And the fifth was more humorous than it was upsetting since I didn't buy anything.

This road to nowhere began at one of the more notable fast-food chains in our city. I don't want to be too specific because I don't want to reveal the name of the establishment. But let's just say they were out of an item they were advertising in addition to not having several side items.

I finally asked what they "did" have because that seemed quicker than playing a guessing game on what was available.

The second was another fast-food chain. I ordered an item, admittedly a little late in the dinner hour, and was told they didn't have any left to cook.

At still another fast-food location I was told that one of their most popular drinks was not available that day.

The fourth one, I don't understand at all. I went to a business that specializes in a certain item. I asked for a particular product. After much checking I was told, "Sorry, it is out of stock." I asked for an alternative item. The clerk asked if I had a photo of the item and then told me he couldn't help me with that item either.

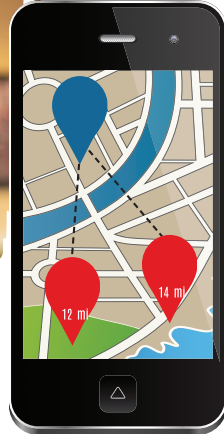
But the fifth one made me laugh because it was so absurd. A business here in town had a sign informing customers they didn't have any shopping bags. That would have been okay with some items, but I couldn't imagine someone having to balance fragile items on the way to their vehicle.

Stocking issues were a major story since 2022 and it doesn't appear to be waning with items such as eggs, baby formula and even bread on the shortage list.

One item I have trouble finding, at least one of the brands I prefer, is cat food. Consumers were warned canned pet food would be in short supply due to an aluminum shortage. But even bags of cat food are difficult to locate at times.

I guess we are still in a COVID-19 hangover. More people are active, and it doesn't appear the country is prepared for that.

For me, the one thing that is out-of-stock is my patience.



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Othering toward community development

By **MICHAEL TORRENCE, PH.D.**
 Motlow State Community College

What happens if we emphasized the importance of making education and job training accessible and effective for individuals from various marginalized or underrepresented groups? Let us think of including those who have been involved with the justice system, those who have aged out of foster care, veterans, and incumbent workers. Our collective “doing so” would highlight the necessity for tailored educational and training programs to meet the unique needs of these individuals. Moreover, this would include socio-emotional support, mentorship, and targeted skill development.

We have additional, not alternative, policy considerations that might include deepening the creation of our interactive matrices for individuals who are justice-involved. We have metrics that show 95% of all who are justice-involved, ultimately returning home. Justice-involved individuals, and our community economies, would certainly strengthen if policies could encourage the development of vocational training and educational programs within and outside of correctional facilities.

Additionally, anti-discrimination policies could be established to ensure these individuals have fair opportunities in the workforce post-incarceration.

There are far too many opportunities available to Tennesseans who want to work.

Let’s continue to ramp up training options as early as possible and put people to work. Aging out of foster care is an inevitable outcome for some youth. Support exists for giving adults transition into adulthood include educational scholarships, mentorship programs, and job training initiatives. Policies may also address the need for stable housing and mental health support. Utilizing linked public services for housing, food, and job training will alter the landscape for the better.

We have a need to close more gaps and plug more holes created by advances in teaching and learning for all disparate groups. Policies for Veterans may ensure that skills acquired during military service are recognized and transferable in the civilian workforce. We have and will continue doing our best to right-size this transition.

We still may find ourselves in situations where Veterans key skills exceed our goals, competencies, and training objectives, but not all can translate for probability. Our support for continued education and reintegration programs could certainly continue to be enhanced. Further, the incumbent workers whose lifelong learning pedigree should merit credentials, seeks clarity.

The policies established may need continued review and alterations for incum-

bent workers to continually upgrade their skills and adapt to changing job requirements. Adjustments for this group also includes programs for digital literacy and upskilling to meet the needs of a changing economy. We must continue to highlight the needed technical skills for CDL’s, HVAC, and Automation, Fabrication, and Robotics and we must usher in the aggressive conversation supporting surrounding Data Science, Cyber Security Architect, Cloud Manager, and a host of others. These job skills are in demand and meet rural Tennessean’s right where they are, learning/training from localized Community and Technical Colleges.

Policies implications underscore the importance of addressing systemic barriers and providing comprehensive support, from education to job placement, to these previously mentioned populations. Advocacy for evolutionary reform could lead to a more broadly inclusive workforce. If we consider the promise of emerging technologies in training/learning, we find ourselves at the intersection of access, engagement, and innovation. Mobile tools, augmented reality, and artificial intelligence, all have the power to democratize education, and indeed, the workforce. Thus, this may justly widen the threshold for economic and community development and engagement. We must ensure that our policies nurture this potential.

Let’s envision digital

literacy not as a privilege, but as a right, pushing for strong digital infrastructure across all communities. This is a necessary step towards digital equity. The elephant in the room is most certainly, on the matter of privacy and data security, that we must thread a delicate balance. The key is to harness the power of data for personalized learning/training while upholding the highest standards of privacy. This is not a trade-off, but a commitment we must make to our learners and trainees. In the same vein, let’s view AI not as a replacement for human interaction, but as a tool to enrich it.

Artificial intelligence can offer a tailored learning/training pathway for everyone, but we cannot forget the value of mentorship, collaboration, and social learning. The integration of AR and AI into our curriculum should be done thoughtfully. It’s not about technology for technology’s sake, but about how these tools can truly enhance the learning process.

How can AR provide richer, more engaging vocational training? How can AI help us understand and address the learning gaps? How can AI help us close skill gaps? The path forward is collaboration. It involves educators, technologists, policymakers, and learners themselves.

By working together, we can truly harness the power of these technologies to create an equitable, engaging, and effective learning/training environ-

ment. Wherever we go, that’s where we will be. Please see a few ideas for consideration. What happens next?

Let’s not forget the crucial role of our educators/faculty in this process. They are not merely bystanders, but key players. We need to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge, not only so they can use these technologies but also so they can critically evaluate their use. The development of educators/faculty will be a great determinant to our immediate, interim, and long-term future.

Short-Term (1-2 years): We should expect increased awareness and discussions around digital literacy and the potential of AR and AI in education and workforce. What do we foresee as the initial steps being taken to improve digital infrastructure and reduce the digital skills divide? Along with an uptick in collaborations between educational institutions and tech companies, we will see broadening the scope of a 3P (Public Private Partnership). A move away from pilot programs using AI and AR in various learning contexts and a move towards the integration of our disparate platforms to a Universally Integrated System (UIS).

Medium-Term (3-5 years): We may anticipate broader integration of AR and AI in both K-12 and higher education settings, alongside a more widespread adoption of mobile learning tools. The creation of new policies



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supporting digital learning and protecting student data is inevitable, along with substantial improvements in personalized, AI-driven learning experiences. The first concrete outcomes from earlier initiatives to reduce the digital divide might begin to manifest, including increased digital literacy rates and improved access to digital resources among disadvantaged populations.

Long-Term (5-10 years): Might we also predict a complete transformation of the learning landscape, with AR, AI, quantum computing and mobile learning becoming the norm rather than the exception. We can expect robust data privacy protections being developed and out in place.

This will balance the needs for personalized learning and privacy. The future also aligns with a more equitable learning environment, with digital tools helping to level the playing field for learners of different backgrounds (my optimism speaking).

Lastly, we can also expect substantial improvements in workforce readiness because of these educational transformations, with a workforce that is better prepared for the demands of an increasingly digital and automated economy.

Is there a loud talker in your life?

“We are the Cubs from Den 3/And no one could be prouder/ If you cannot hear our shout/We’ll yell a little LOUDER.”

That chant from my Cub Scout pack-meeting days comes to mind as I explore the issue of moderation-challenged speakers, or, as the prestigious American Psychiatric Association clinically labels them, “bozos who wouldn’t know an indoor voice if it bit them on the rear.”

Surely you could name some loud talkers. Maybe you ARE a loud talker. When you overhear people whispering about boorish behavior, perhaps you should consider asking, “Lord, is it I? I said, LORD, IS IT I????”

Booming voices disseminating too-much-information revelations are everywhere: across the hedge, in the classroom (my second-grade teacher Mrs. Shubert dubbed me “Old Cannon Mouth”), on the beach, in the grocery store, in the homes of people who use recorded jackhammer sounds in their “white noise” machine...

Retailers certainly need all the business they can get, but frontline employees dread the arrival of certain clueless extroverts. Everyone in the building hears them as soon as they enter the front door. Heck, the store’s vendors in Southeast Asia hear them

as soon as they enter the front door!

You should consider yourself lucky if you meet an acquaintance who is merely loud. Sometimes you also get a dislocated shoulder from vigorous handshaking, a stinging slap on the back and a public recitation of how you obtained the embarrassing nickname you’ve been trying to live down since high school. (“I know you’re trying to get to the ER, stranger, but the ambulance driver can wait until you hear about Mr. Who Put the Dissected Frog in my Jockstrap?”)

Count your blessings (not out loud!) when you encounter a solo loud-mouth. Too often, there are entire families who have been competing for attention for generations. (“Yes! Let’s play Twister! Then I can get even closer to your ear! What? No, I love YOU more. What? You actually said, ‘let’s make some s’mores’? I love you even more.”)

It’s obvious that some people unleash the decibels because they grew up poor in the middle of the 20th century. (“I can’t change my volume because I can’t find the pliers.”)

I wish all loud talkers could take some subtle hints when they’re getting carried away, but apparently many of them are color-blind as well. They mistake the blood oozing from your ears for sweat.



Danny Tyree

Tyrades

Don’t fall into the trap of pigeonholing people purely on the basis of volume. Some people are loud only intermittently, when they’re excited to share some news; others are always “on.” Some are apologetic; some are oblivious. Some are amiable and earnest with their gushing. Others are downright obnoxious. Some you make excuses for. Others, you make burial-in-a-shallow-grave plans for.

Not all loud talkers are egotistical. Some are preemptively bluffing to cover their insecurities. (Judging by the intensity of their utterances, they must think that alien invaders are about to drain their bank account and induce male pattern baldness.)

I would shout, “Yahoo!” now that I have met my deadline, but my wife is sensitive to loud noises, and I don’t want to trigger any migraines.

She might throw out my Cub Scout merit badge for Untying Sheepshank Knots by Yodeling at Them.

Almost as coveted as the one for Scaring Little Old Ladies into Crossing the Street to Avoid You.

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Take Salads Al Fresco for a Sweet Summer Meal

By **FAMILY FEATURES**

Get out of the kitchen and head outdoors this summer for fresh, delicious meals that call for lighting the grill and relaxing in the warmth of the season. Take some of your favorite courses - like salads, for instance - to the next level by adding grilled ingredients for that perfect bit of char.

This Grilled Sweetpotato and Blueberry Salad offers all the tastes of the season with spring salad mix, fresh blueberries, walnuts and blue cheese. Topped with homemade lemon honey vinaigrette, it’s a light yet filling meal fit for warm days thanks in part to the superfood that takes it to new heights: sweetpotatoes.

As one of the most versatile vegetables that’s easy to add to a variety of recipes for flavor and nutrition enhancement, sweetpotatoes can be a key ingredient in simple or elevated, sweet or savory dishes alike. Whether they’re cooked on the stove, baked, microwaved, slow-cooked or grilled to a perfect doneness with a crispy char, they can be an ideal addition to better-for-you summer meals.

Plus, they’re a “diabetes superfood” per the American Diabetes Association because they’re rich in vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fiber, all of which are good for overall health. When enjoyed with the skin on, one medium sweetpotato contains more than 100% of the recommended daily amount of vitamin A, an important vitamin affecting vision, bone development and



immune function. They’re also a good source of fiber and rich in potassium.

Another fun fact: the National Sweetpotato Collaborators officially adopted the one-word spelling in 1989 to avoid confusion with equally unique and distinctive potatoes, which are also grown and marketed in the U.S. Sweetpotato is a noun, not an adjective, meaning “sweet” is not a descriptor but part of the actual nomenclature. This is different than other potatoes using adjectives like white, red or russet to describe an entirely different vegetable.

Find more nutritional information, fun facts and summer recipe ideas at NCSweetpotatoes.com.

Grilled Sweetpotato and Blueberry Salad

Recipe courtesy of the North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission and Andrea Mathis (beautifulsandthings.com)
 Servings: 4

Lemon Honey Vinaigrette

6 tablespoons olive oil
 1/4 cup lemon juice
 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

2 1/2 tablespoons honey
 salt, to taste
 pepper, to taste
 3medium sweetpotatoes, peeled and sliced
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 salt, to taste
 pepper, to taste
 4 cups spring salad mix
 1 cup fresh blueberries
 1/3 cup chopped walnuts
 1/4 cup blue cheese crumbles

lemon wedges, for garnish (optional)

To make lemon honey vinaigrette: In bowl, mix olive oil, lemon juice, Dijon mustard and honey. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Preheat grill to medium heat. Drizzle sweetpotatoes with olive oil and season with salt and pepper, to taste. Grill sliced sweetpotatoes on each side about 5 minutes, or until sweetpotatoes are tender and slightly charred. Remove from grill and let cool.

To arrange salad, spread spring salad mix onto large platter and top with grilled sweetpotatoes, blueberries, walnuts and blue cheese crumbles.

Top with lemon honey vinaigrette and garnish with lemon wedges, if desired.

Our Wedding Policy ...

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Wedding announcements must be received no later than six weeks after the date of the wedding.

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Shelbyville.

Wedding and engagement announcements may also be submitted to our office in person, or by e-mailing tnews@t-g.com.

Forms must be neatly printed or typed, and the spelling of all names should be double checked before submitting them to us. A phone number must be included.

Normandy Music Nights



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The crowds look different at every Normandy Music Night, which are held during the warm months. The next one is July 14 at 6 p.m.



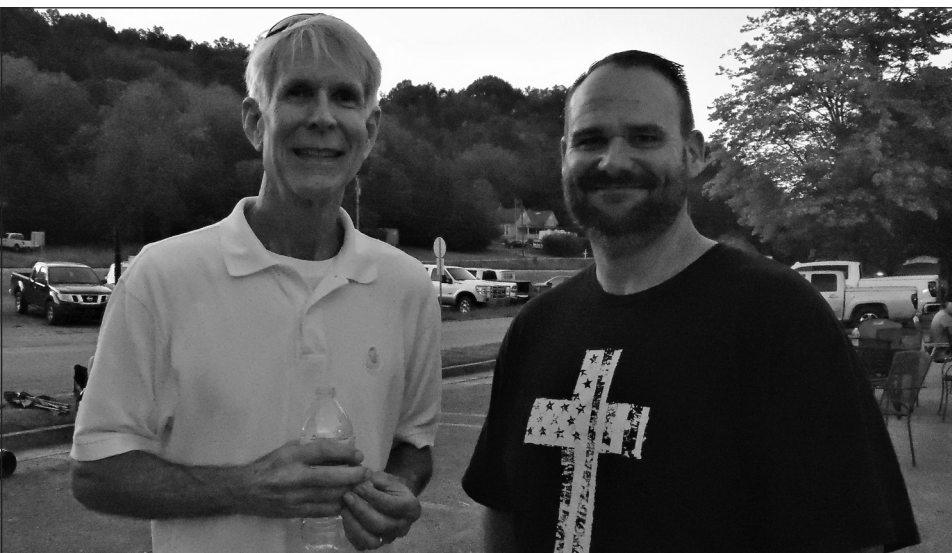
Ron Jordan of Manchester has been playing the accordion most of his life. He learned from his father.



In addition to enjoying live music, guests of the music nights also enjoy hot dogs and popcorn, courtesy of the churches.



Mark Riley said he's been playing bass for about 10 years. Originally from California, he's one of the many Tennessee transplants found in Normandy. Now having lived in Normandy for 30 years, Riley attends the Normandy Presbyterian Church.



Bagley, left, with Pastor Chris Heath.



Pastor Laurie Raulston

Music

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of what's going on in our churches is we want to be a healing presence for God in this community," he said. "My thought is, we don't want to separate churches," said Pastor Chris Heath of the Normandy Baptist Church. "We want to be the Church, and join in with what God is doing—just sharing Jesus with the com-

munity." Growing up in the Normandy area, Heath served as interim pastor before becoming the newest pastor at the Baptist church several months ago. "I just feel like God's really doing something here," he said. "I know we've been praying for probably ten years, the churches and the community to do things together..." Both pastors Raulston and Bagley said many of the churchgoers come from

outside the Normandy city limits. But many of the residents within the Normandy town do not attend the churches. "...We felt like we were getting disconnected from people...which we knew there were some needs. It was pretty obvious there were some needs," said Bagley. In addition to their church-wide activities, Pastor Raulston said that many of the laypeople con-

duct prayer walks to talk and meet with the community. They also have a Blessing Box, located in front of the Normandy downtown. The donation box has all kinds of home goods in it. Raulston says she sees somebody using that box almost every day. "This alliance that is working now among the churches is going to be way more successful than anything we do alone," she said.

So, finding a time to get together—on the second Friday evening of every month—has proved to be a way the churches have worked toward that goal. They say every music night looks different every time. All the musicians of the core worship teams know other musicians, so there's always a new face. But that's good, as long as we're showing Jesus, said Pastor Heath. "I believe there never

should have been a division in the body—that's not how it started off in the Bible...I believe God sent His one and only Son to die on the Cross for the world—no matter white, black, orange, purple—whatever it is. We're one race and that's it," said Pastor Heath. The next "Friday Night on Front Street" in Normandy will be held July 14 at 6. It will be a night of food, music, and games. Guests are asked to please bring a lawn chair.

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few more years. I am so very thankful!" The attitude of this Haitian mother, the worship leader in her tent church, reminds me of the poem I shared: "Count your blessings instead of your crosses; Count your gains instead of your losses... Count your health instead of your wealth; Count on God instead of yourself." Rev. Johnson Oatman, Jr., was a well-known gospel song writer of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. As a child

he became acquainted with the hymns of the church through the singing talents of his father. When he was 19 years old, Oatman joined a Methodist Church and several years later he was licensed to preach. Though he preached on occasion in various Methodist churches, Oatman was busy working in business, and writing more than 5,000 hymns. One of my favorite of Oatman's hymns is the well-known, "Count Your Blessings." For all of us grateful folks, those of us who make it a practice to say,

"Thank God! Thank God! And yes, Thank God!" This one's for you...and me! Go ahead and sing out loud...
When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.
Are you ever burdened

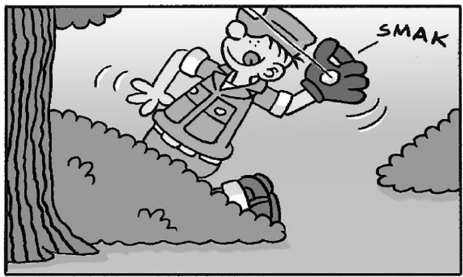
with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will keep singing as the days go by.
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.
When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings. Wealth can never buy
Your reward in heaven,

nor your home on high.
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.
So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be disheartened, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,

And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.
(I don't know about you, but I lost count at about seventeen zillion or so. But I'm still counting.)
Thank God! Thank God! And yes, Thank God!
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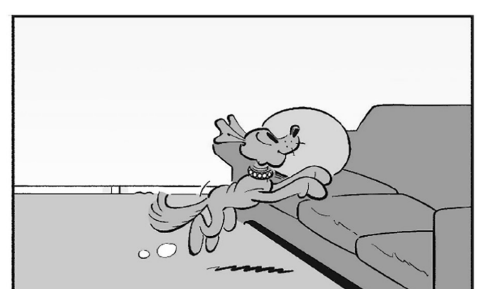
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Middle Tennessee State University's Air Race Classic 2023 pilots and ground crew await the start of this year's event. The group, from left, includes pilot Alyssa Smith, Katie Thayer, Hailey Harrison, coach Meredith Boardman, pilot Briana "Bri" McDonald, Denisa Pravotiakova, Rachel Frankenberger, and pilot Farilyn Hurt. From Murfreesboro and the MTSU Flight Operations Center, ground crew members helped the pilots navigate 2,400 miles from Grand Fork, N.D., to Homestead, Fla. MTSU placed 28th overall among the nearly 50 participating teams. (MTSU photo by Meredith Boardman)

After 2,400 miles, MTSU female flying aces earn their wings at Air Race Classic

MURFREESBORO — Three female flying aces representing Middle Tennessee State University's Aerospace Department just returned from a successful 2,400-mile cross-country trip that pilot Farilyn Hurt described as "empowering, exciting, moving and stressful."

"By the end, I felt I could literally do anything," Hurt, 23, of Milledgeville, Georgia, and a May MTSU graduate, said of the all-women Air Race Classic 2023. The four-day flying event started June 20 in Grand Fork, North Dakota, and ended in Homestead, Florida, on June 23.

Hurt, fellow graduate Briana "Bri" McDonald and junior Alyssa Smith of Collierville, Tennessee, finished 28th overall out of nearly 50 teams registered for the event that reinforces teamwork, endurance and a bit of luck. Teams from Kent State and Southern Illinois universities finished first and second overall.

"It created a lot of experience and piloting skills that I can combine with what I learned at MTSU, enabling me to help teach others, and taking sound advice from the other women," McDonald, 22, of Jackson, Tennessee, said. "I'm a younger gen (generation) and they inspire me."

Smith turned 20 on Tuesday. She and her flying mates celebrated her birthday with an early-morning television interview at Smyrna Airport about their race experience and later in

the day at a party with other friends.

Even with all the positives throughout the entire time and successfully completing their quest, the trio experienced frustration when a bad thunderstorm kept them in Pell City, Alabama. But they became MTSU recruiters when two local rising high school seniors "were figuring out what aviation school to attend," Smith said.

"We sat them down in our plane, turned on the avionics (the Diamond DA40's electrical system) so they could see moving parts and they got the biggest smiles on their faces," she added. "We told them about our aerospace program. So, something good came out of the storm."

McDonald landed a job with MTSU's Flight Operations Center at Murfreesboro Airport. Hurt wants to be "a connection point between community and aviation companies (outreach and philanthropic)," while Smith's ambitions are to fly with a regional airline.

Aerospace sponsored this year's team. A dance and silent auction in May and other fundraising helped support the trio.

Their coach, Meredith Boardman, director of MTSU aerospace safety, organized the department's return to the Air Race Classic for the first time since 2018. She said MTSU plans to enter a team in 2024 "with bigger, better goals. ... It is a competition,



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and we will always continue developing our strategy, but I truly believe that participating in the ARC adds value to our department as a whole.

"Of course, there's the development of technical skills and decision-making skills, but the most reward-

ing part for me was watching them grow into better teammates throughout the trip. Most, if not all, of these ladies will end up flight instructing, and these are skills and qualities that we need among our instructors to develop the next generation of professional

pilots. An all-woman ground crew — junior Hailey Harrison (social media and flight following), 2023 graduate Rachel Frankenberger (strategy and flight following), senior Katie Thayer (logistics and social media) and senior Denisa Pravotiakova (fund-

raising) — kept the MTSU flyers informed, safe and aware of weather situations. Boardman said aerospace staff members Nate Tilton (flight training manager), Sean Logan (assistant flight training manager) and Matt Ivey (strategy), assisted throughout the process.



Middle Tennessee State University Aerospace Department pilots and 2023 Air Race Classic competitors Farilyn Hurt, left, Alyssa Smith and Bri McDonald take a selfie while flying during the four-day, June 20-23, competition. (Submitted photo by Briana McDonald)



After arriving in Homestead, Fla., at the conclusion of the 2023 Air Race Classic for all-women pilots, Middle Tennessee State University team members Farilyn Hurt, left, Bri McDonald and Alyssa Smith are relieved their 2,400-journey has come to a successful end. (MTSU photo by Meredith Boardman)



Tired of the same old lettuce? Check out these 3 bright and fresh salad recipes

(BPT) - Dining out can be a wonderful experience, but sometimes you just want a night in or simply don't have the time for a sit-down meal at a restaurant. You could order takeout, but there's a certain joy and satisfaction in recreating the same delectable dishes within the comfort of your own kitchen.

Making restaurant-style meals at home may seem daunting, but there are several dishes that you can prepare without being a culinary genius. In fact, an easy way to expand your kitchen prowess and eat fresh, tasty, restaurant-inspired meals is to try new salad recipes.

To help you explore your culinary passions and delight your taste buds, California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) has teamed up with Litehouse Inc. to launch five restaurant-style dressings, including Thai, Ranch, Caesar, Italian and BBQ Ranch that embody the restaurant's spirit of creativity and convenience with a California twist, just in time for summer!

While you can use these dressings on anything you eat, it's nice to have simple, quick, tasty recipes to try. Check out these three CPK-inspired recipes that will shake up your mealtime and encourage you to try new, bold, unique flavor profiles.

1. Thai Steak Salad

If you're looking for a satisfying, fresh summer salad, look no further! CPK's Thai steak salad recipe is a wonderful mix of tender meat and fresh vegetables that will keep you happy and full long after your meal. A peanut-flavored (yet peanut free!) Thai dressing like CPK's is a must for a restaurant-style meal. You can also use the dressing for other sal-



ads, pasta dishes and as a dipping sauce for spring rolls.

2. Baja Shrimp Fajita Salad

This zesty shrimp fajita salad will have you dreaming of a seaside vacation. Tossing the shrimp in a savory spice creates a wonderful contrast to the salad's fresh green mix. Topped with CPK's restaurant-style ranch dressing,

this salad will have you dreaming of being by the beach. Keep the bottle of ranch out to accompany your California-style pizza, a fresh Cobb salad, burgers, wings or fresh-cut veggies to elevate your at-home meal experiences!

3. Nicoise Salad

This classic French salad is a filling yet refreshing dish for lunch or dinner with plenty of protein,

thanks to the hard-boiled eggs and tuna. Paired with plenty of fresh vegetables, this is a complete meal perfect for hot summer days. Don't forget the creamy and bold CPK Caesar dressing! Not only is this dressing the key ingredient for this salad, but it's also perfect for pasta salads and wraps.

Let these three salad recipes spark your creativity for a summer of fun, fresh meals drizzled in delicious, restaurant-style dress-

ings for any occasion. For more inspiration about how to elevate your meals at home with new CPK salad dressings and creative recipes, visit cpkathome.com/recipe.

CPK's new salad dressings are available at grocery retailers nationwide, including Walmart, Kroger, Albertsons, Safeway, Food Lion, HEB and other retailers across the U.S. Use this Instacart coupon and save on these bold and creative dressings.

Savor and save: 5 benefits of growing your own produce

(BPT) - If you appreciate the taste and experience of fresh produce, it may be time to consider cultivating your own home garden. Whether you have a spacious backyard or a small balcony, you can grow your own fruits and vegetables and enjoy unparalleled taste, texture and freshness without driving to the grocery store.

Ferry-Morse - one of the largest U.S. gardening brands - wants to set home gardeners up for success by highlighting the top five benefits of growing your own fruits and vegetables.

1. Freshness that can't be beat

Produce can't get fresher than what you grow and pick in your own backyard! Grocery store produce is chosen for its hardiness because it has to endure long journeys and handling before it reaches the store, where it may sit on display for days. On the other hand, when you grow your own fruits, vegetables and herbs, you control the harvest, so you can pick them at the peak ripeness and enjoy that fresh-off-the-vine taste.

2. Nutritious and delicious

Homegrown fruits and vegetables are also more nutritious than their store-bought counterparts. That's because crops begin to deteriorate as soon as they're picked. The farther it needs to travel, the more nutritional content is lost. At home, you can harvest your fresh ingredients as needed, ensuring your meal is made with the crispest and most nutritious produce possible.

3. Boosted taste and flavor

If you did a side-by-side taste test of a homegrown tomato compared to a store-bought one, chances are you'll taste the one from your backyard better and is more flavorful. You'll enjoy a bolder flavor when fruit and vegetables are allowed to fully ripen on the vine. Homegrown produce allows you to experience a crop's true essence and provides a culinary experience that is sure to delight your senses.

4. A feast that won't empty your wallet

By growing your own, you'll



save quite a bit of money. While there are initial expenses when setting up your garden for the first time, according to Better Homes & Gardens, the average home garden yields \$677 worth of produce. Once you set up a garden, you'll have the necessary tools to nurture it season after season, creating a self-sustaining food cycle.

Making the initial investment in live plants and seeds will benefit you in the long run, as you won't have to spend your dollars on store-bought produce that can rise in cost throughout the seasons. To get started, find a reputable brand like Ferry-Morse that delivers live baby Plantlings directly from their nursery to your door. For first-time gardeners, check out

their Garden Starter Kits, which include 12 baby plants to get your garden going. There are over 40 kits to choose from, covering a wide range of culinary and floral themes to fit your taste and lifestyle preferences.

5. Connect with nature and reap the rewards

Gardening is a fantastic stress reliever that allows you to connect with nature and discover the joy of maintaining your own little patch of Eden. You can escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life, get your hands dirty and watch your plants grow into robust crops. Take in the soothing sights, sounds and scents of your home garden and

reap the benefits.

Planting and nurturing a garden is easier than you think and offers so many benefits to your palate, wallet and well-being. So grab your gardening gloves and spade and start your journey to a rewarding and nurturing harvest.

Try a homegrown meal for yourself

One of the many joys of summer is fresh, sweet corn on the cob, and growing it yourself makes it even more enjoyable! While always delicious steamed or boiled, cooking your homegrown corn on the grill can give it a charred flavor that will complement your favorite barbecued

meals.

For an easy recipe, start by prepping basil butter by adding chopped basil, garlic and a bit of sea salt to your butter in a food processor, pulsing to combine. Lightly brush your corn with olive oil and sprinkle salt to taste, placing the corn on your grill once it's hot. Rotate your corn using tongs every couple of minutes until the kernels are blistered and bright yellow. Once your corn is ready, spread a generous amount of your basil butter on each piece and enjoy!

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Sharaid Palmeros is all smiles as she signs her letter of intent to continue her soccer career at UT Southern in Pulaski.

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Former Eaglette standout signs with UT-Southern

By **GARY JOHNSON**
Sports Writer

Former Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglette soccer player Sharaid Palmeros will continue her education as well as her playing career at UT Southern.

Palmeros was a vital member of the Golden Eaglette team over the past number of years.

"From the first time I saw Sharaid play I knew she was going places. What makes her such an exceptional player is her drive. She works hard on and off the field. She put in countless hours outside of practice working on her shots, skills, and corner

kicks," Shelbyville Central coach Cassy Curry said.

"To be a great athlete you have to put in the extra work. I am so proud of her and can't wait to see how she does at UT Southern."

Palmeros is excited for this new adventure to begin.

"I am extremely grateful to have the opportunity to play at the next level because it will allow me to truly push myself to see more of my athletic potential. I am looking forward to playing alongside such a highly competitive team," Palmeros said.

"I am excited to attend UT Southern because I really like how the campus is easy to navigate. I know it will make getting to my classes on time much easier."

She will never forget the great times she had playing for Shelbyville Central.

"My best memories from high school would have to be spending time with my teammates because they always made soccer season so much fun, especially my best friend Paige (Blackburn). Going out to Gatlinburg to play and spend time with my teammates is one of my most cherished memories," Palmeros said.

"I started playing soccer when I was

six years old and I instantly fell in love with the sport. For years, I knew I wanted to play at the next level because I grew up aspiring to play like my dad. He used to play soccer in Mexico and even trained with professional teams so getting to play at the next level is a dream becoming a reality for me."

She has high expectations about her future.

"My future plan is to hopefully make it to the pro-level in soccer. Even though many people think it is impossible, it is my biggest goal in life, and I hope to one day achieve it."

Chestnut chomps way to 16th hotdog title

When it comes time to settle into summer, there's a few things that I can pretty much hang my hat on.

For starters, it's an incredibly slow time for sports, and after the break-neck pace of covering a ton of sports in spring, it's a nice chance to kick back and enjoy some down time.

For me in particular, it's a chance to get out in the sun, get on a kayak and spend some time in the pool.

This summer has been a nice change of pace for enjoying my Cincinnati Reds, who are arguably the hottest team in baseball, but there's one other thing I always tune into when it comes to the middle of the summer—the Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest.

For nearly two decades now, Joey Chestnut has been arguably the most dominant professional athlete on the face of the planet and the Fourth of July hot dog eating contest is the competitive eating world's Super Bowl, NBA Finals, World Series, etc.

It's simply the biggest event in competitive eating and on Tuesday, Chestnut once again chomped his way to another world title, scarfing down 62 hotdogs to claim his 16th Mustard Yellow Belt.

While still well off his mark of 76 franks, he blazed through the competition and the second-place finisher managed just a distant 49 hotdogs in the 10 minute competition.

For comparison, let's look at some of the notable professional athletes and their world championships.

The great Tom Brady won seven Super Bowls in his 23-year career.

Michael Jordan won six NBA championships. Bill Russell won 11.

And all things considered, Chestnut trumps all of them in terms of championships.

Now I get the fact competitive eating isn't a traditional sport and some might even call it a gross display.

And sure, some of the competitions aren't "pleasant" to watch.

But at the end of the day, competitive eating is recognized as a professional sport.

Back in 2007, Chestnut burst onto the scene and stunned Takeru Kobayashi to win his first-ever Mustard Yellow belt and since then, the competitive eating world has been trying to keep pace.

Chestnut did lose the 2015 competition to fellow American Matt Stonie, but returned to championship form in 2016 and has dominated ever since.

So when it comes to the blazing heat of summer, getting out and enjoying all the summer has to offer is certainly at the top of the list, but in addition to cooking out, hot apple pie and Fourth of July fireworks, every year, the Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest is a must-see for it to truly feel like summer.

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Five bold predictions for the 2023 NFL season

By **CHRIS SIERS**
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In the dog days of summer, sports fans are clamoring for the first kickoffs of the upcoming football season and right now, talk and predictions of the upcoming season are dominating the tables of conversation.

Here are five bold predictions for the upcoming NFL season:

The Cincinnati Bengals dethrone Kansas City in AFC Championship

It's no secret that Joe Burrow has put Cincinnati football on the map and is arguably one of the top three quarterbacks in the league.

The AFC is loaded with quarterback talent, stretching from Justin Herbert with the Chargers, to Patrick Mahomes with the Chiefs and Josh Allen with the Bills.

Joe Burrow put together the statistical best season in college football history when he led LSU to the national championship with a perfect 15-0 season.

Since then, he's done nothing but deliver top-tiered performances—and barring injury, nothing else should be expected from the former LSU gunslinger.

There's nothing short of a logjam of top-end talent in the AFC.

On the heels of his first Super Bowl appearance in the 2021 season, Burrow and the Bengals locked up the No. 3 seed in the AFC.

Burrow entered the postseason on a tear and the Bengals took down Baltimore and Buffalo



AP Photo/Ed Zurga

After winning the Super Bowl and 2022 NFL MVP, Chiefs star quarterback Patrick Mahomes could be unseated if Joe Burrow catches fire this fall.

before running into the juggernaut Kansas City Chiefs, led by Patrick Mahomes.

Against the generational talent like Mahomes, Burrow had to be perfect and he just wasn't as the Chiefs took care of the Bengals in a 23-20 thriller.

Burrow threw for 270 yards, but managed just 26-of-41 attempts and had two interceptions against one touchdown.

While the Chiefs went on to win the Super Bowl, getting beat in the AFC Championship is plenty of a motivating factor for Burrow for the 2023 season.

The one thing Burrow now has is Super Bowl experience and a motivation to get back to the big game.

Still, even in a loaded

AFC playoff picture that will include opponents like Mahomes, Allen, Trevor Lawrence, Tua Tagovailoa and Lamar Jackson, Burrow and the Bengals will have as good of a shot as any to not just make it back to the Super Bowl, but hoist the Lombardi Trophy next January.

Titans miss the playoffs

If one thing has become evident in the past three to four seasons, it's the AFC is absolutely loaded with maybe the best crop of quarterback talent to ever play the game.

It really isn't fair for playoff paths to run through Joe Burrow, Patrick Mahomes, Lamar Jackson, Tua Tagovailoa, Trevor

Lawrence, Justin Herbert and Russell Wilson.

And if your team doesn't have one of those gunslinging arms running your offense, the odds of a deep postseason run are definitely stacked against you.

Nobody is doubting the positive impact that Ryan Tannehill has had during his time in Nashville, but the Titans drafted a quarterback for the second-straight year for a reason.

Father time is unbeaten against every player to step on a NFL field and the Titans' window for Super Bowl run is closing.

The Titans' offense has run through Derrick Henry for seven years now and in his eighth year out of Alabama, questions about

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Duck blind drawing application period opens

NASHVILLE — The application period for the 2023-24 Tier 1 duck blinds is open and will close July 19. Announcement of the successful applicants will be made Aug. 5 at traditional site locations and emailed to all applicants (both successful and unsuccessful).

The online application is available at the Go Outdoors Tennessee website (quotahunt.gooutdoortennessee.com). All hunters who are successfully chosen for a blind must claim their permit by Aug. 14.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will make in-person announcements on Aug. 5 to support community events. The TWRA has added three new Tier 1 sites to increase access to a total of 456 season long sites.

Only current Tennessee residents, Tennessee natives, and Lifetime

Sportsman License holders are eligible for Tier 1 blinds. There is no application fee, but applicants must have a valid license to hunt waterfowl to apply. Hunters can apply for up to 48 options at one wildlife management area (WMA). There is a minimum party size of four persons, with the maximum eight persons. Duck hunters can view the current status of blind and crop conditions at Public Land Duck Hunting (tn.gov).

The next available application period will be Sept. 27-Oct. 17 for early segment duck quota hunts to include hunt days Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 5-21. The mid application dates are Oct. 25-Nov. 14 and includes hunt days Dec. 22-Jan. 11, 2024. The late application dates are Nov. 15-Dec. 5 and includes hunt days Jan. 12-31.

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the Titans' future with the best back in the league are starting to surface.

The 29-year old is entering a contract year and is entering the final year of a \$50 million, four-year deal he signed in 2020.

There's certainly enough talent on the Titans' roster to make a run, but in an age where successful playoff quarterbacks are true gunslinging talents, the Titans sport a different brand of football with Tannehill and his game-managing style, rather than an air-it-out scheme.

With talents like Lawrence emerging in Jacksonville, who appears to be making a major step forward and the Colts drafting potential generational player Anthony Richardson and Houston drafting C.J. Stroud out of Ohio State, Tannehill is the oldest quarterback in the division and it's not close.

With the game shifting towards a pass-heavy, high-scoring game, simply put, the Titans aren't built like the teams who have found recent playoff success.

That's not to say the stars won't align, but the Titans do not have star names in the receiving corps.

Last season, Treyton Burks was drafted to be the heir apparent replacement to A.J. Brown; there's certainly potential for the Titans to create a household name in receiver, but doing so will have to change the flow of work through Henry and because of that, the Titans won't be able to keep pace with the AFC South's young gun quarterbacks.

Joe Burrow wins MVP

As stated, the AFC is enjoying perhaps the best crop of quarterback talent in NFL history. Simply put, there's no shortage of highlight reels each and every Sunday.

Someone who has been there, done that is Burrow—except for winning a NFL MVP and Super Bowl.

In order for the Bengals to make the Super Bowl and win, it has to be a MVP caliber performance each week.

In-state rival Cleveland will certainly be an obstacle for the Bengals to make a deep run, especially if Deshaun Watson is able to build off a lackluster 2022 outing.

But Burrow has been as consistently good as anyone in the NFL and with plenty of motivation to make the Super Bowl, Burrow led the AFC with 68% of his passes being completed and 35 touchdowns against 12 interceptions—a ratio trailing only Mahomes in terms of passing touchdowns.

The past few seasons' meetings between Kansas City, Cincinnati and Buffalo have been nothing short of spectacular and Burrow has emerged as arguably the best quarterback in the league, aside from perhaps Mahomes.

Aside from divisional meetings against Cleveland and Baltimore, the Bengals

will be put to the test against non-divisional standouts like Seattle, San Francisco and Buffalo. With a Week 17 matchup against Kansas City, the winner could end up being the 2023 MVP winner, and with January's playoff matchup falling Mahomes' and the Chiefs' way, there could be an absolute historic performance from Burrow on New Year's Eve.

Bills miss the playoffs

Since his first season in the NFL in 2018, Josh Allen has been among the best in the NFL at quarterback.

He's got a career 63% completion record and just last season, threw for over 4,200 yards and had 35 touchdowns, but had 14 interceptions.

After outlasting Miami in a wildcard thriller, the Bills laid an absolute dud in a rematch with Cincinnati, in which the Bengals won a 27-10 decision in the AFC divisional round of the playoffs.

Over the past five seasons, it's been Kansas City that has stood in the way of a deep Bills' playoff run.

Twice, Mahomes and the Chiefs have ended the Bills' postseason, including the best game in decades in 2021 in which the Chiefs won in overtime in a 42-36 win.

So what's going to change for the Bills in 2023?

Bills fans, dubbed "Bills Mafia" have been delighted to some of the most exciting regular season play since Allen entered the league.

But since then, the Bills have essentially had their run through the AFC East in what's been arguably the weakest division in the NFL since Tom Brady bolted New England for Tampa Bay.

However, the Bills are no longer the top-dog in the division.

Since being drafted in 2020, Tua Tagovailoa has steadily been on the rise in South Beach, despite battling concussion injury over the past few seasons, highlighted by a scary scene against Cincinnati in Week 3 in which resulted in him being carted off the field and treated at a hospital for several days.

Tua eventually returned to play and despite the injuries, flourished when healthy. He completed nearly 65% of his passes last season and had 25 touchdowns against eight interceptions.

Throw in the fact when healthy, the Dolphins have two of the most dynamic receivers in Tyreek Hill and Jaylen Waddle—the Dolphins will be a contender as long as Tagovailoa stays healthy.

Since Tom Brady's departure from New England, the Patriots have searched for their franchise quarterback and the jury remains out on Mac Jones.

Jones has thrown the ball well in two seasons with the Patriots, but has struggled turning the ball over.

In addition to the Dolphins, the biggest

divisional obstacle for the Bills is now the New York Jets, who traded for future Hall of Fame quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

The arrival of Rodgers in New York immediately puts the Jets as a contender in the AFC East.

His experience alone will be an issue for the Bills' defense, who has been susceptible at times over the past few seasons.

With a crowded AFC playoff picture, it won't be a shock to see the Dolphins or Jets take the division and continue to deny the Bills' postseason glory.

Seattle makes NFC Championship

Similarly to Aaron Rodgers' tenure in Green Bay, Russell Wilson found a new home a season ago and was traded to the Denver Broncos, hoping to return the franchise to a legitimate postseason contender.

Instead, rumors or internal troubles surfaced and the Broncos struggled throughout the season.

With the departure of Wilson, longtime Seattle coach Pete Carroll turned to backup Geno Smith, who eventually was named the NFL Comeback Player of the Year.

Smith lit up scoreboards in college at West Virginia and became widely known for his big arm and ability to make big time plays.

However, that success never fully translated to the NFL and after a lackluster, 11-18 record as the Jets starter through his first two years, Smith bounced around to the Giants, Chargers and eventually backed Wilson up for four seasons.

When he was eventually named the starter prior to the 2022 season, Carroll knew the Seahawks offense would be in capable hands.

Smith dazzled throughout the regular season and completed a staggering 70% of his passes. He threw 30 touchdowns and had just 11 interceptions while leading Seattle to a playoff Wild Card playoff berth.

Smith pulled his weight in the wildcard round, but "Purdy Magic" was in full swing and the San Francisco backup quarterback out-duelled Smith to advance in the postseason.

Now a year later, Smith has one full season in Carroll's system and should be more comfortable in Year 2, despite the NFC West being jam packed full of potential Super Bowl teams.

The Rams figure to bounce back in Year 3 with Matthew Stafford at the helm and the '49ers proved to be a worthy post-season contender as well, with a push to the NFC Championship.

Not to mention that Kyler Murray returns to Arizona after a season-ending knee injury last year.

Still, Smith and Carroll have plenty of experience between the two and if the 2022 Comeback Player of the Year is able to translate more individual success into team wins, the Seahawks should not just find themselves back in the playoffs, but perhaps poised to be in Super Bowl contention.

TWRF conservation raffle features new truck

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation (TWRF) has put together 10 outstanding prize packages for the 2023 Wildlife Conservation Raffle including a \$50,000 voucher which can be applied to a new vehicle from any Mid-South Ford dealership, an Oliver Travel Trailer valued at \$89,000, and a fishing package featuring a Tracker Pro Team 175TF.

Other packages include an elk tag for the Tennessee Premier Elk Zone; archery deer hunts on Presidents Island; turkey hunting package; waterfowl hunting package on historic Reelfoot Lake, an Outdoor Adventure package featuring a \$5,000 Academy + Sports Outdoor gift card,

a Best of the West long-range shooting package, and a Heritage package which includes a Tennessee Henry rifle and four lifetime sportsman licenses.

A single ticket is \$20, three tickets for \$50, and 10 for \$100 and are on sale now through Sunday, Aug. 20. There is no limit to the number of raffle tickets that can be purchased, and the more tickets purchased, the better opportunity you have of grabbing one of the packages. Raffle tickets may be purchased online directly at <https://conservationraffle.com>.

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Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame special to air Saturday

NASHVILLE — The "Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2023 Special Presented by the Tennessee Lottery" will debut as a one-hour televised event Saturday, July 8 in markets across Tennessee (check local listings for market-specific information). TSHF Executive Director Brad Willis and Mike Keith, 2021 inductee and voice of the Tennessee Titans, will host the event celebrating sports in the Volunteer State.

The Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame 2023 class adds a star-studded list of sports icons with the inductions of Eric Berry, Keith Bulluck, Mike Fisher, Tim Harris, John Henderson, Tianna Madison, the late Carl R. Moore, Teresa Lawrence Phillips, Zach Randolph, Loren Roberts, Les Robinson and Stephen B. Smith.

The Class of 2023 honorees include Josh Heupel, Danny White and Donde Plowman topping the list as 2023 Tennesseans of

the Year. Other top honors include a celebration of the 65th Anniversary of the Oak Ridge 1958 National Champion High School Football Team, the Memphis Grizzlies, Jerry "The King" Lawler, Hany Mukhtar (Nashville SC), Hendon Hooker (Tennessee Football), Mya Jones (Memphis Soccer), University of Tennessee Baseball and Middle Tennessee State University Women's Basketball. The honors will be formally presented as part of the Hall's 2023 Banquet, presented by the Tennessee Titans on July 22 at the Omni Nashville Downtown.

The special airs locally 7 p.m. Nashville on NewsChannel 5 Plus

The event will also stream online Saturday, July 8 at 8/7c on @TheTSHF on Twitter and @TNSportsHallofFame on Facebook.

NASCAR Cup race at Atlanta features scramble around the Playoff bubble

By REID SPENCER
NASCAR Wire Service

It's crunch time for the Playoffs as the NASCAR Cup Series heads to a free-for-all at Atlanta Motor Speedway in the form of Sunday's Quaker State 400.

Eleven drivers are all but assured of qualifying for the postseason based on victories in the first 18 races of the regular season.

Kevin Harvick (151 points above the Playoff cut line), Chris Buescher (+104) and Brad Keselowski (+91)—currently 12th, 13th and 14th, respectively in the Playoff standings—all seem comfortably situated, barring a spate of new winners in the next eight races.

Beyond that, however, the field is tightly packed. Bubba Wallace is 15 points to the good in 15th, and Ty Gibbs is six points above the cut line in 16th, the last Playoff-eligible position. Gibbs gained 16 points and moved up two spots on the Playoff grid with his ninth-place finish in the inaugural Chicago Street Race last Sunday.

Drivers in the 17th through 25th positions all are within striking distance, with 24th-place Chase Elliott 55 points out of a Playoff spot and 25th-place Ryan Preece 66 points in arrears.

Given the superspeedway competition package in use for Sunday's race on recently repaved Atlanta Motor Speedway, the universe of potential winners—and hence, potential Playoff qualifiers—is expanded, at least according to conventional wisdom.

Wallace, for example, expressed confidence in his No. 23 team, despite four straight finishes of 15th or worse following his fourth-place run in the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte in May.

"These last few races haven't gone really well, and it wasn't because we were looking at points," said Wallace, who has three career second-place finishes at Daytona to his credit. "We just haven't executed. We know the situation that we're in, and we know we're right there on the cusp of our first



Photo by Sean Gardner/Getty Images

Chase Elliott is the defending winner in Atlanta, but didn't race at the superspeedway in the spring due to a broken leg.

win of the season. "We've just got to put it all together... We've just got to regroup. Our team can do it. I believe one thousand percent in this group, and it's just a matter of time. We'll be there."

Elliott is the defending winner of the race, but the 2020 Cup Series champion didn't compete at Atlanta in March because of a broken leg suffer in a snowboarding accident.

The first 18 races of the season have highlighted the importance of stage racing. Harvick is 151 points above the Playoff cut line in part because he has accumulated 106 stage points, most among currently winless drivers. AJ Allmendinger, on the other hand is 24 points below the line in 19th place in part because he has scored a mere 33 stage points in the first half of the season.

One interesting aspect of the Quaker State 400 is a first for NASCAR—a variable pit road speed. Under green, drivers will be able to run up to 90 mph in the first two sectors of pit road, entering from Turn 3. From the third sector on, pit road speed drops to 45 mph.

Under caution, pit road speed is a constant 45 mph. In addition, one minute will be added to the Damaged Vehicle Policy clock for both the Cup and Xfinity Series. Cup teams will now have eight minutes to effect repairs. Xfinity teams will have seven minutes.

Austin Hill Looks for third straight NASCAR

Xfinity win at Atlanta When contemplating NASCAR Xfinity Series racing at repaved Atlanta Motor Speedway, one name springs to mind—that of Austin Hill.

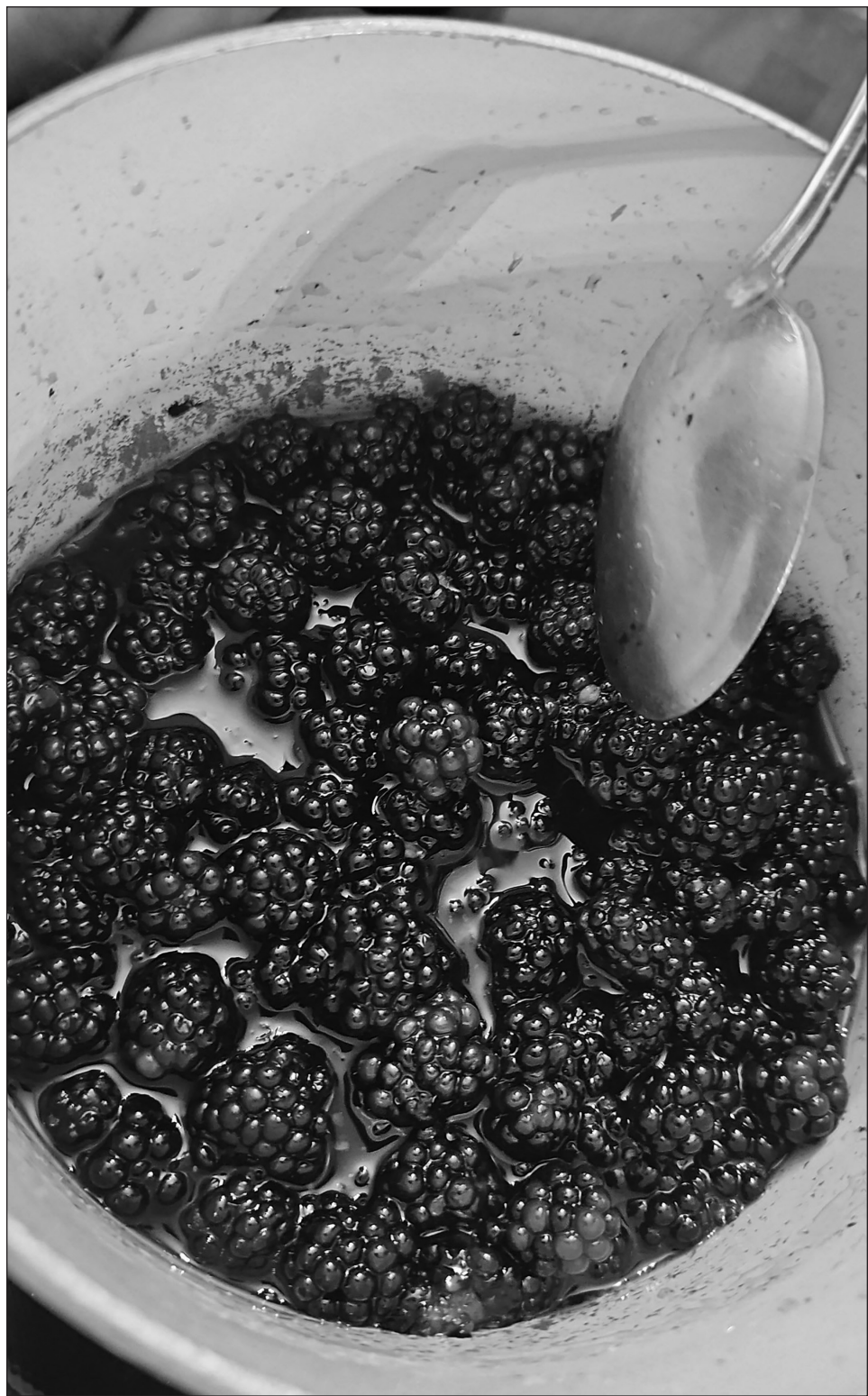
After all, the driver of the No. 21 Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet will be seeking his third straight victory at the "intermediate superspeedway" in Saturday's Alcoso Uniforms 250.

Hill already has three wins to his credit this season, two on tracks where drafting and close-quarters racing are the norm—Daytona and Atlanta. The Georgia-born driver also will compete in Sunday's Quaker State 400 NASCAR Cup Series race in the No. 62 Beard Motorsports Chevrolet.

"It's special to be able to race against the best in the Cup Series, but especially at home," Hill said. "My expectation for Sunday is a little less than my expectation for the Xfinity side, where I expect nothing short of winning."

"On the Cup side, the goal is to race our way forward from wherever we start, make all the laps, contend, and be there at the end. If we can get inside the top-20 and get experience to see how Cup drivers race, it will go a long way."

In the Xfinity race, Hill will have to contend with full-time Cup driver Ty Gibbs, who won last year's spring race at Atlanta before Hill rattled off two straight victories at the track.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Neal Gary Mathews Deceased Notice is hereby given that on June 16 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Neal Gary Mathews who died 5/29/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an

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actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. Date: 6/16/2023 Joseph Walter Stovall, Jr., Executor Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master Joe M. Lambert, Jr., Attorney for the Estate (July 1 & 8, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Carl Edward Gysler Deceased Notice is hereby given that on June 20 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Carl Edward Gysler who died 5/5/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. Date: 6/20/2023 Barry D Cooper & Gary K Cooper, Co-Executors Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master Joe M. Lambert, Jr., Attorney (July 1 & 8, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Donald Kevin Mosier Deceased Notice is hereby given that on June 20 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Donald Kevin Mosier who died 5/10/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. Date: 6/15/2023 Teresa Molder Wheeler & Karen Molder Harris, Co-Executors Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master Anthony W Harris, Attorney (July 1 & 8, 2023)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of James Kenneth Cooper Deceased Notice is hereby given that on June 20 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of James Kenneth Cooper who died 6/8/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. Date: 6/20/2023 Barry D Cooper & Gary K Cooper, Co-Executors Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master Joe M. Lambert, Jr., Attorney (July 1 & 8, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Janie Elizabeth Molder Deceased Notice is hereby given that on June 15 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Janie Elizabeth Molder who died 6/8/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting), as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. Date: 6/15/2023 Teresa Molder Wheeler & Karen Molder Harris, Co-Executors Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master Anthony W Harris, Attorney (July 1 & 8, 2023)

IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT SHELBYVILLE CASE NO. 2023-JV-863 GLENNA AND DONNA JOHNSON, Petitioner, vs. TONI HARDIMAN (Mother) Respondent. IN THE MATTER OF: KIMORIA HARDIMAN, d.o.b. 01/03/2011, RAE-CHELLE HARDIMAN, d.o.b. 12/04/2015, Minor Child Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age PUBLICATION ORDER

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UPON sworn request of the Petitioners who have filed an action for Guardianship and Custody for the minor children, Kimoria Hardiman and Rae-chelle Hardiman, and for good cause shown, it is HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that: 1. The residence of Respondent, Toni Hardiman, is unknown, and after diligent inquiry, cannot be ascertained. 2. Petitioners have conducted a diligent inquiry for Respondent, Toni Hardiman as presented to this court with particularity in Petitioners' sworn petition or affidavit. 3. The best possible notice under the circumstances and notice reasonably calculated to give Respondent actual notice is by publication in the Shelbyville Times-Gazette, a newspaper located in Shelbyville, Tennessee, or another paper of general circulation located in that geographic area, as provided by law. ENTERED this 5th day of June, 2023. CHARLES L. RICH, Judge APPROVED FOR ENTRY: TRISHA L. HENEGAR #017404 Henegar Law Office Attorney for Petitioners 923 N. Main Street Shelbyville, TN 37160 Trisha@HenegarLaw.com 931-492-4288 (July 1, 8 & 15, 2023)

NOTICE TO: Martha Elizabeth Moore Heirs of Martha Elizabeth Moore THE CITY OF SHELBYVILLE A Municipal Corporation Plaintiff, VS. DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS, Defendants. No. 34,407, etc. Consolidated Cases, In the Chancery Court of Bedford County at Shelbyville. In this case, it appearing that the following persons have or may claim an interest in the parcels of real estate or personal property located in Shelbyville, Tennessee as follows: Martha Elizabeth Moore 088E-A-00100 Heirs of Martha Elizabeth Moore 088E-A-00100 It appearing that the names and/or residences of the above-named defendants are unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, or that process has been returned not found, or that the above-named defendants are non-residents, and that therefore the Court has ordered that the above-named defendants be brought before the Court by publication; and it appearing that on each of the above-described parcels of real estate or personal property there are owing delinquent property taxes, and that this suit has been filed to collect such delinquent taxes and to enforce the lien against each such parcel for such taxes by a sale of such property, each of these defendants is hereby required to appear on or before August 7, 2023, before the undersigned Clerk and Master and make defense to the Complaint and serve a copy of their Answer on Plaintiff's attorney, Ginger Bobo Shofner, City Attorney, 202 Regions Bank Building, P.O. Box 169, Shelbyville, TN 37162, or otherwise judgment by default will be taken against such defendants for the relief demanded in the complaint. It is further ordered that this notice be published for four consecutive weeks in the Shelbyville Times-Gazette. This the 5th day of July, 2023. CURT M. COBB CLERK & MASTER GINGER BOBO SHOFNER 202 Regions Bank Building P.O. Box 169 Shelbyville, TN 37162 City Attorney (July 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2023)

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Request for Proposals Firefighter Exams and Cancer Screenings Bid No. 24-14 Bid packages are available on the Bedford County website, bedfordcountytn.gov, or at the Bedford County Department of Finance, 200 Dover Street, Suite 102. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 26, 2023. (July 8 & 11, 2023)

Shelbyville/Bedford County 231 North Business Park Oversight Committee Tuesday, July 11, 2023 12:00 p.m. 2nd Floor Conference Room Bedford County Courthouse Annex I. Call to Order II. Roll Call III. Approval of the Agenda IV. Public Comments V. Approval of Minutes 1. Regular Meeting 4/4/2023 VI. Reports A. Financial Report B. General Counsel Report C. Business Park Activity Report D. Chairman Report Old Business: New Business: Other Business: Adjourn: (July 8, 2023)

Public Notice The City of Shelbyville Beer Board will meet in regular session on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 6:00 PM, at the Shelbyville Recreation Center, 220 Tulip Tree Road. The following matters are up for consideration: 1. Call to order 2. Roll Call 3. Approval of the Agenda 4. Public Comments 5. Approval of Minutes A. Regular meeting of June 14, 2023 6. Old Business: None 7. New Business: A. Consideration of an application to sell beer (on premises) by Sarwat K. Eskinder, Revaira Restaurant, 1020 N Main Street, Suite #A, Shelbyville, TN 37160. B. Consideration of an application to sell beer (on premises) by Sarwat K. Eskinder, Revaira Hookah, 1020 N Main Street, Suite #B, Shelbyville, TN 37160. 8. Other Business: 9. Reports from Staff 10. Adjourn Brett Fisher, Chairman (July 8, 2023)

Public Notice The Shelbyville ADA Subcommittee will meet in Regular Session on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, immediately following the regular Safety Committee meeting at 1:00 PM in the Shelbyville Recreation Center, Meeting Room B, Shelbyville, TN. Agendas are available at City Hall during normal business hours. Lisa Smith, City Recorder (July 8, 2023)

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE Default having been made in the obligation of the debts and obligations described in and secured by a certain Deed of Trust executed by Irene Oechsel, an unmarried woman to Security Title & Escrow Company, as Trustee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, recorded July 8, 2019 in Bedford County Register's Office at Book TD934 Page 887 as last assigned to CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, and the undersigned having been appointed Successor Trustee by

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instrument recorded in said Register's Office, this is notice that the undersigned will on September 12, 2023 at 12:00pm local time, at the Bedford County Courthouse 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, Tennessee proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash the following property located in Bedford County, Tennessee, which will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, assessments or easements, liens, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants and any security deeds, mortgages or deeds of trust superior to the Deed of Trust first set out above, any prior liens, and encumbrances of record. Described property is Being all of Lot No. 12, Community Acres Subdivision, Phase III, a plat of which is of record in Plat Cabinet "A", Envelope 268, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is here made for a more definite description of said lot. Being the same property conveyed to Irene Oechsel of record in D351 Page 841, register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee. Property Address: 107 Stern Lane, Shelbyville, TN 37160 TAX ID: 061K-A-012.00-000 Current Owner(s) of Property: Irene Oechsel, an unmarried woman The street address of the above described property is believed to be 107 Stern Lane, Shelbyville, TN 37160 but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description in the referenced Deed of Trust herein shall control. SALE IS SUBJECT TO TENANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION. Other Interested Parties: None All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to cancel the sale or adjourn the sale to another day, time and place certain without further publication, upon announcement of the time and place for the sale set forth above. If you purchase the property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified bank check made payable to Solomon Baggett, LLC Escrow Account. No personal checks will be accepted. You must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered. This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Robert J. Solomon Substitute Trustee Solomon | Baggett, LLC 3763 Rogers Bridge Road Duluth, Georgia 30097 (678) 243-2515 Our File No. CMS.03403 (July 8, 15, & 22, 2023)

Meeting Room B, 220 Tulip Tree Road I. Call to Order - Police Officer II. Invocation III. Pledge of Allegiance IV. Roll Call V. Adopt the Agenda VI. Public Comments VII. Consent Agenda - All items in this portion of the Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Council and may be approved by one motion; However, a Councilmember may request that an item be removed for separate consideration. A. Approval of City Council Minutes of the following: a. Study Session of May 30, 2023 b. Regular Meeting of June 8, 2023 c. Special Called Workshop of May 18, 2023 d. Special Called Budget Workshops of May 31, 2023 & June 6, 2023 e. Special Called Meeting of June 29, 2023 B. Accept all Monthly Reports (June) C. Accept Treasurer's Reports (May) D. Approval of Accounts Payable (June) E. Authorization to purchase MSA self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department from Safe Industries in Easley, SC through HGAC national cooperative contract #EE08-19. The total purchase price is \$52,875, the FY24 budgeted amount is \$55,125. VIII. Public Hearings: None Consideration of a motion to allow City Attorney to read captions only on Ordinances and Resolutions. OLD BUSINESS: IX. Ordinances-Second & Final Reading: None NEW BUSINESS: X. Ordinances-First Reading: A. An Amendment to the Fieldstone Planned Unit Development (PUD) Pattern Book to add 5 residential units, remove the club house ad remove the commercial portion close to the eastern entrance of the PUD along HYY 231 North. XI. Resolutions: A. A Resolution of the City of Shelbyville, Tennessee, Authorizing the Application for a Multi-Modal Transportation Access Program Grant, Phase II, Between the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation and the

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City of Shelbyville for the Construction of A Multi-Use Path or Sidewalks in the City of Shelbyville. B. A Resolution to Amend the Guidelines for Citizens Comments at a Study Session and to Allow for Public Comments at all City Meetings for the City of Shelbyville. C. A Resolution of the City of Shelbyville City Council to Adopt the City of Shelbyville Pavement Assessment of June 2023. D. A Resolution of the City Council of Shelbyville, Tennessee Approving a Contract for the Sale and Redevelopment of Real Property Located at 100 and 104 South Spring Street for the Riverview Project. XII. Business Items: A. Consideration of a Motion to forward the Annexation Request by the City of Shelbyville for 30.35 Acres located on Highway 231 N (Tax Map 59, Parcels 14.00 and 14.01) and formerly known as the Carrick property, to the Planning Commission for further review. B. Consideration of a Motion to Authorize City Recorder to Prepare a Public Notice in Accordance with State Statute for a \$10,000 Non-Profit Funding Request to Habitat for Humanity. C. Consideration of a Motion to Set a Special Called City Council Workshop to Review and Choose a Design Concept for the Overlook Project. D. Consideration of a Motion to Approve the Shelbyville Municipal Airport Construction Ground Lease Agreement with Azure Flight Support. E. Consideration of a Motion to Confirm the City Council's Appointment of David Coffee to the Shelbyville Power, Water and Sewerage Board. XIII. Purchasing / Bids XIV. Appointments: A. Beer Board - Mayor appointment of five members to the Beer Board for 1-year term - Council ratifies. B. Airport Board - Mayor appointment of one person to the Airport Board for a 5-year term - Council ratifies. C. Library Board - Mayor appointment of two persons to the Library Board for 3-year terms - Council ratifies. D. IDB Board - Council appoints one person to the IDB Board for a 5-year term. XV. Announcements: XVI. Adjourn: Mayor Randy Carroll (July 8, 2023)

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Fourth of July Golf Cart Parade

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