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Officers from both SPD and the Sheriff's Office. See more photos on page 7A.



Chili Cookoff photos

Community/6A

SRO appreciation event

T-G STAFF REPORT

The Bedford County Republican Party hosted an appreciation event for all Bedford County School Resource Officers on Thursday, July 6. The event included officers from both the Shelbyville Police Department and the Bedford County Sheriff's Office.

Both agencies were presented with proclamations signed by State Rep. Pat Marsh and Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives Cameron Sexton. Letters of appreciation signed by State Senators Shane Reeves and Bill Hagerty were also presented to Sheriff Austin Swing. Each officer was

also given a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition signed by Representative Scott DesJarlais, as well as a gift card from the Bedford County Republican Party.

BCRP Chairman Bo Gill said, "Unfortunately, for many children, their initial interactions with the police are marred by negative experiences. By fostering positive relationships with our community's youth, we can break the cycle of fear and reshape their perception of law enforcement. Through these interactions, we have the power to inspire young minds, instill a sense of safety and security, and show them that law

enforcement officers are dedicated to their well-being."

Gill continued, "I want to extend our deepest appreciation to every School Resource Officer. Your strength, respect, and leadership are the pillars that uphold the safety and security of our community."


Bedford County receives grants from the state to help fund the SRO program. Each of the 14 elementary schools in Bedford County has a resource officer onsite. For more information visit <https://www.tn.gov/safety/homeland-security/grants/sro/school-list>.

County no longer accepts blue trash cans

T-G STAFF REPORT

The Bedford County Convenience Centers will no longer be able to accept any trash in the city's blue trash cans, effective immediately. County Highway Superintendent Mark Clanton, who also oversees the county solid waste program, clarified the reason for the announcement, stating, "The Bedford County

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Lady Champ reflects

Sports/1B



The home is at 645 Fruit Valley Road in Rockvale.

Overnight blaze destroys house

BY JEFF LEWIS

The Bedford County Fire Department was called to an overnight fire that destroyed a house in Rockvale early Friday morning.

Calls started coming in around 2:40 a.m. Friday, stating the house at 645 Fruit Valley Road, Rockvale, was on fire. Initial units arriving on the scene declared the house fully engulfed and requested tanker support from surrounding departments, initiating an "All Call" dispatch. That brought in support from Deason, Bell Buckle, Wartrace, Flat Creek, Normandy as well as units from Rutherford County and Chapel Hill.


According to the Tennessee Comptroller's website, the house owners are listed as Allen and Robin Johnson of Rockvale, but it is unknown if they are the current owners of the residence.

Firefighters remained on the scene throughout the early morning hours dousing hot spots. No injuries were reported and the house is considered a total loss.

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DEATH NOTICES

Angela Dawn Lackey

July 5, 2023
 Angela Dawn Lackey, 51, of Columbia, Tenn., died July 5, 2023. She was born in Bedford County in 1971. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, at Oakes & Nichols Funeral Home with the funeral being on Wednesday, July 12, at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Spring Hill. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Kirkland Cemetery in Taft, Tenn.

OBITUARIES

Clarence Elbert Adcock, Jr.

July 6, 2023
 Mr. Clarence Elbert Adcock, Jr., age 76, of Unionville, Tenn., died Thursday, July 6, 2023, following an extended illness. Born in Bedford County, Clarence was the son of the late Clarence Elbert Adcock, Sr., and Clara Hester Adcock. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, a retired truck driver, and a member of the Clay Hill United Methodist Church. Clarence loved being with his family, working in the hay field with his grandson, and just helping people. He especially loved helping his wife of 57 years, Ms. Diane.
 Survived by his wife, Diane Adcock of Unionville; a daughter, Kristin (Thomas) Cobble of Shelbyville; a son, Mike Adcock of Unionville; a sister, Connie (Dean) Pugh of Shelbyville; two grandchildren, Jacob (Carissa) Adcock and Lillya Adcock.
 Visitation was held Sunday, July 9, 2023, from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Lawrence Funeral Home. Funeral services were Monday, July 10, 2023, at 2 p.m. from the chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home. Burial followed at the Carlton Cemetery in the Clay Hill community of Marshall County. Lawrence Funeral Home & Cremation Services, of Chapel Hill, is in charge of arrangements.



Billie Jean Hurt Edwards

July 6, 2023
 Mrs. Billie Jean Hurt Edwards, age 84, passed away July 6, 2023, under the loving care and comfort of her family, Hospice Compassus, and the caring and professional staff of The Waters of Shelbyville.
 Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Reverend Bobby McGee will officiate, with burial to follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.
 The family received visitors 5 - 7 p.m. Monday, July 10, 2023, at the funeral home.
 She was born August 25, 1938, in Bedford County, to the late Thomas Voyle and Wilma Olivene Morgan Hurt. A graduate of Shelbyville High School, she worked at Day Brothers Grocery and retired from National Pen Corporation. She held a membership at First Baptist Church, where she taught first-grade Sunday School for thirty years.
 In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Sheriff Don Edwards, in 2020.
 Survivors include her children, Ralph Edwards, and his wife Sharon; Donna Nixon; Debbie Simons, and her husband Wayne; and Phillip Edwards, and his wife, Dana; sisters, Shirlene Magnuson, Tommy Hurt, Delores Hurt, and Vicki Thomas; grandchildren, Kristen (Joseph) Coriano, Jenna (Joshua) Henderson, Sara Elizabeth (Stephen) Clifford, Shannon (Robin) Sharma, Daniel Floyd, Michael (Jennifer) Simons, Nicholas (Heather) Simons, Christopher (Nicole) Simons, Matthew (Amber) Simons, Jason (Stephanie) Simons, Sydnee Edwards, Aiden Edwards, and Ryan Edwards; thirty four great grandchildren, Emma Simons, Miles Simons, Lincoln Simons, Lawton Simons, Haley Simons, Eli Simons, Ava Simons, Adalynn Simons, Stella Simons, Savanna Simons, Ashtynn Simons, Modesty Simons, Chris Simons, Katelyn Coriano, Karlee Coriano, Clark Henderson, Oliver Henderson, Austin Clifford, Peyton Clifford, Megan Floyd, Morgan Floyd, Jacob Floyd, Scottlyn Floyd, Joselyn Floyd, Benjamin Floyd, Kayne Floyd, Raelyn Floyd, Arabelle



OBITUARIES

Sharma, and Adeline Sharma.
 Mrs. Edwards would be honored with memorials made to the Alzheimer's Association.
 Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Joan Louise Thomason Sackleh

July 5, 2023
 Joan Louise Thomason Sackleh, age 80, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, in Chattanooga, Tenn. She was born in Ducktown to the late Ralph Greenlee Thomason and Bonnie Louise Martin Thomason. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Fred James Sackleh in 2006 and her sister Sue Anne Thomason Maloof in 2020.
 She was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Tullahoma and a high school graduate from Central High School in Shelbyville. Joan attended Middle Tennessee State University where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts.
 Joan was a very accomplished artist and won many awards while showing her paintings throughout Middle Tennessee at art festivals and shows at the Tullahoma Fine Arts Center. She loved to write poetry and her poetry was often printed in the local newspaper. Her love of the arts was obvious when you read her poetry or attended one of her art shows. She also loved the outdoors and being with nature.
 She is survived by two children, Jim (Gigi) Sackleh of Franklin, and Suzanne (Michael) Sackleh-Masters of Atlanta, Ga., one brother, Ralph Greenlee Thomason of Shelbyville, and one brother-in-law, Louis "Vic" Maloof of Buford, Ga.
 Joan is also survived by five grandchildren, Portia Tuesday Beard of Los Angeles, Calif., Lillian Abigail Sackleh of Franklin, Bonnie Anne Masters of New York City, Hope Greenlee Masters of Atlanta, Ga., and Katherine Rose Masters also of Atlanta, Ga.
 A private visitation was held on Monday, July 10, 2023, from 9:30 am until 10:15 am.
 A public viewing began at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Tullahoma with a funeral mass beginning at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial followed at Rosehill Memorial Gardens in Tullahoma.
 In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Paul's Catholic Church at 304 West Grizzard Street Tullahoma, Tennessee 37388, or NAMI Tennessee at 1101 Kermit Drive Suite 605 Nashville, Tennessee 37217.
 Online condolences may be made at www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com.



Tennessee saw record number of new business filings in first quarter

By JON STYF
 The Center Square

The Center Square – Tennessee had a record number of business formations and renewals in the first quarter of 2023.
 There were 21,516 new business filings and 199,309 business firms renewed their active status by filing annual reports, the largest totals in the 25-year history of the Quarterly Business and Economic Indicators report from the Secretary of State's Office and University of Tennessee's Boyd Center.
 "Tennessee's economy continues to outpace the nation's and shows no signs of slowing down," said Don Bruce, director of the Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research. "These record-high new business filings in the state, along with strong personal income and stable unemployment rates, are yet another sign of continued economic growth in the coming months."
 There were 9,533 new business entities registered in Tennessee's four largest counties of Davidson, Shelby, Knox, and Hamilton.
 The numbers come as Tennessee saw the highest increase in the region in percent change in personal income at 7.8%. Florida (7.8%), Kansas (8.4%), and Iowa (10.1%) were the closest states with higher percentage increases between the fourth quarter of 2022 and first quarter of 2023, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.
 Tennessee also saw a 3.5% increase in overall real gross domestic product over that time, which was even with Florida's 3.5% increase and higher than the rest of the region.

When to test your home water supply

Water quality is not something people think about all that much, especially in developed nations. Though it can be easy to take water quality for granted in countries with ample regulation and sophisticated filtering systems, there are times when anyone, regardless of where they live, should take stock of the water in their homes.

Frequency of testing

One of the variables for individuals to consider is how long it's been since they last tested the water quality in their homes. For those who have never done so, those who have done it but can't recall precisely when or those who know it's been more than a year since the last test, then it's a good time to test the water. In fact, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends annual testing for coliform bacteria, nitrates, total dissolved solids, and pH levels. The EPA notes this testing is especially important for anyone who is using a new well or has replaced or repaired pipes, pumps or the well casing.

What about public water supply systems?

Testing may not be necessary for individuals who get their water from public water supplies. The EPA notes that anyone who pays a water bill gets their water from a public supply system, which is responsible for monitoring and testing water and reporting the results of those tests to the appropriate agencies as well as the individuals who use the water. Homeowners and tenants who pay a water bill should receive an annual water quality report from their water supply utility, while renters can request a copy of that report from their landlords if they do not pay the bill themselves.

What about private water supply systems?

Individuals who receive their water from a private system, such as a household well, are responsible for conducting their own water supply testing. These tests should be conducted annually and in the aftermath of a spill or other incident that could taint the water supply.

Are there any special circumstances to test the water?

The EPA notes that certain situations may call for testing the water supply, even if it's provided by a public supply system. For example, the EPA recommends that expecting parents test their water supply for nitrates in the early months of a pregnancy. Testing should then be conducted again prior to bringing an infant home and once more during the first six months of the baby's life. The EPA notes nitrate tests are best conducted in spring or summer after periods of rain.

Blaze

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Independence Day drowning

The Coffee County Sheriff's Office released the name of a man who drowned during the Fourth of July holiday.
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Lopez, 37, of Shelbyville, was located shortly after emergency responders arrived near the boat dock at Normandy Lake. Bystanders indicated that Lopez was attempting to recover a shoe and "gave out."
 Crews located his body just a few feet from the dock and declared him deceased on the scene.

Cans

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Convenience Centers recognizes that the City of Shelbyville 96-gallon issued carts are property of the City of Shelbyville. The city trash carts have a serial number and are assigned to the address of the resident, and they aren't to be removed from the assigned address. Therefore, Bedford County Convenience

Centers cannot accept the blue carts for disposal as this would be a violation of the Shelbyville City Ordinance on trash regulations. Bedford County will continue to accept residential trash, except for the 96-gallon, city-owned trash carts, from city taxpayers. City of Shelbyville residents still have the City Transfer Station to assist with residential trash disposal during city-issued hours."



Abby Davenport



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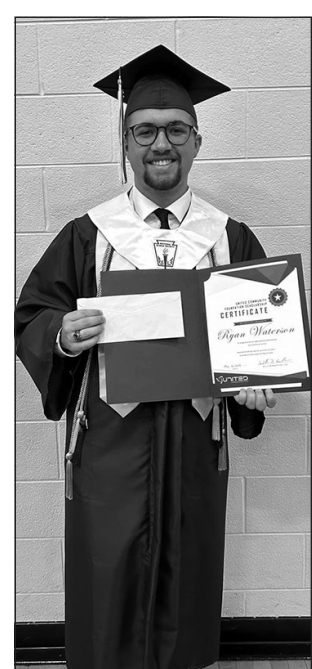
United Communications awards \$24,000 in scholarships

FRANKLIN — Local internet service provider United Communications today announced the recipients of \$24,000 in college scholarships awarded through its annual United Community Foundation scholarship.
 Six high school seniors in Middle Tennessee will each receive \$1,000 per year to help pay for up to four years of post-secondary education.
 The scholarship fund was originally created to support students related to employees at the company. The program quickly expanded to provide opportunities to other deserving applicants at local high schools.
 Since its inception, the United Community Foundation has awarded more than \$48,000 in merit-based grants to 20 local students based on academic performance

and commitment to community service.
 "United is proud to invest in a promising new generation of great minds and future leaders from our hometowns," said William Bradford, President and CEO of United Communications. "Each student has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to learning while also making a positive difference in their communities, and we wish them the very best as they continue their educations."
 Congratulations to the recipients of the 2023 United Community Foundation scholarships:
 • Ryan Waterson - Ryan is a graduate of Community High School in Bedford County and plans to study radiologic technology at Columbia State Community College.

• Aleyah Smith - Aleyah is a graduate of Eagleville High School in Rutherford County and will attend Middle Tennessee State University to study nursing.
 • Abby Davenport - Abby is a graduate of Forrest High School in Marshall County and plans to pursue a degree in finance at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
 • Anna Karoline Maddox - Anna Karoline is a graduate of Nolensville High School in Williamson County and plans to study marketing and international business at Belmont University.
 • Ryu Vongsaly - Ryu is a graduate of Smyrna High School in Rutherford County and will attend Middle Tennessee State University to study computer science.
 • Jadon Hickman - Jadon is a graduate of Summit High School in Williamson County and plans

to major in exercise science at Trevecca Nazarene University.
 United is a local Middle Tennessee company that is committed to enriching the lives of residents within their community. Applications for the United Community Foundation scholarship are open each spring to graduating seniors at the following high schools:
 • Community High School (Unionville, TN)
 • Eagleville High School (Eagleville, TN)
 • Forrest High School (Chapel Hill, TN)
 • Nolensville High School (Nolensville, TN)
 • Smyrna High School (Smyrna, TN)
 • Summit High School (Spring Hill, TN)



Ryan Waterson

Leadership Bedford now accepting applications for 2023-24

Applications are now being accepted for the 2023-2024 Leadership Bedford class year for the adult class, and anyone interested is encouraged to apply as the selection is based on a first-come, first-served basis.

“Whether you are a newcomer to the area or have lived in Bedford County for years, the Leadership Bedford program is an impactful way to learn about Shelbyville and Bedford County,” said Joe Marchesoni, president of the Leadership Bedford board.

The Leadership Bedford program is open to anyone who lives or works in Bedford County and has an interest in learning more about Shelbyville and Bedford County.

“Currently, our youth leadership program is filled for the 2023-2024 class year, but we are actively accepting applications for the adult class,” Marchesoni said.

Leadership Bedford will kick off the year with a retreat on Sept. 9 at Webb School. The retreat features indoor and outdoor activities focusing on leadership and communication skills. The months following will



focus on specific areas of “community leadership” beginning with the first official class day set for Sept. 13.

“The retreat is also an opportunity for class members to get acquainted,” he adds.

Class days focus on local industry and entrepreneurial businesses, education, medical and social services, public safety and military, local government and tourism, financial institutions and real estate, and agriculture.

In the spring, the Leadership Bedford class will travel to Nashville to tour the Tennessee State Capitol and meet with state representatives and learn from various government leaders.

Each year, Leadership Bedford participants organize a class project, which they determine. According

to Marchesoni, the class projects are impactful as thousands of dollars are invested in the community each year thanks to the generous donations and support given to the assist with completing the projects.

“Since 2019, the program raised and invested more than \$100,000 in our community through the different class projects,” states Marchesoni. “By partnering with local businesses and receiving their overwhelming support, these class projects have been made possible.”

In recent years, Leadership Bedford class projects have included the construction of an outdoor pavilion at the Senior Citizens Center, indoor and outdoor improvements at the Shelbyville Animal Shelter, the VFW building, and the Skills Development

Center.

“Leadership is about using your skills and talents, whatever they may be, to make things around you better and helping others to succeed,” shares Marchesoni. “This is the type of personal leadership growth that participation in Leadership Bedford offers.”

Applications for Leadership Bedford are due by July 31, 2023, and can be found at the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce website, www.shelbyvilletn.com/leadership-bedford/ or request an application by emailing the Leadership Bedford board president at joe.marchesoni@gounited.net.

The fee for participating in the adult class is \$500 and is due by Sept. 13, 2023. Adult participants may be individuals who are sponsored by their employers or individuals who wish to enroll in the program independently.

Leadership Bedford is a community leadership program sponsored by the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce and is overseen by a 16-member board of directors.



‘Stuff the Bus’ underway

United Way’s “Stuff the Bus” school supply drive will be in full swing this month. This drive has been going on for a number of years, and the collected school supplies are given to the school system for distribution by individual schools to students who need them. Any supplies collected in Bedford County will be distributed through the Bedford County School System and individual schools.

School supplies can be dropped off between now and July 28 at the following Shelbyville locations:

First Community

Bank of Tennessee’s Main Office at 207 Elm St., the **Airport Branch** at 2841 Hwy 231 North, and the **Madison Street Branch** at 1051 Madison Street.

Heritage South Community Credit Union at 763 N. Main St.

Deb Insell State Farm Insurance at 923 N. Main St.

Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library at 220 South Jefferson St.

Or, you can stop by the “Stuff the Bus” event from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. between July 29 and 30 at Walmart, 1880 N. Main St. in Shelbyville.

Judges selected for 85th Annual Celebration

SHELBYVILLE – The Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration has selected Derek Bonner, Leah Boyd, Nathan Clark, David Sisk, and Kenny Smith to judge the 85th Annual Celebration. The Celebration will begin Wednesday, Aug. 23, and conclude on Saturday, Sept. 2.

“We are pleased to be able to name such an experienced group of judges for our upcoming World Championship show. Our committee did a tremendous amount of due diligence on each of the judges that were qualified and available to judge this year. While several others were vetted, we feel extremely confident that this group will do an excellent job in marking their cards,” said Celebration CEO Warren Wells.

Bonner, from Mooresboro, N.C., will be marking the cards at The Celebration for the fourth time. Bonner has previously judged The

Celebration in 2013, 2015, and 2021 and has also judged the Spring Fun Show in 2014 and 2022. Earlier this year Bonner judged the Walking in the Smokies and FAST Spring Showcase.

Boyd, from Murfreesboro, Tenn., will be the rookie on this year’s panel, making her first appearance in the big oval for The Celebration. Boyd did previously judge for The Celebration at the 2022 Spring Fun Show. Boyd has previously judged The International as well as for the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders’ & Exhibitors’ Association at the 2020 Summer Sizzler.

Clark, from Arab, Ala., will be making his sixth appearance in the center ring for The Celebration. Clark has previously judged in 2008, 2010, 2012, 2016, and 2019. Clark has also judged the Spring Fun Show five times, with his most recent com-

ing this year. Clark wrapped up his judging in 2022 at the North Carolina Championships.

Sisk, from Columbia, Tenn., has previously judged The Celebration four times. Those appearances came in 2014, 2015, 2018 and 2021. Sisk has also worked the Spring Fun Show in 2018 and Celebration Fall Classic in 2022. Earlier this year Sisk judged the National Trainers’ Show.

Smith, from Manchester, Ky., will make his second appearance as a Celebration judge. In 2019 Smith judged both the Spring Fun Show and The Celebration. Smith has also judged at major venues across the industry including the National Trainers’ Show and Alabama Jubilee twice.

For more information on the 85th Annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration visit www.TWHNC.com.

Library to receive broadband grant

T-G STAFF REPORT

The Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library has received a grant for broadband-related library services in the amount of \$18,932. These funds are provided by the Secretary of State’s office and the Department of Economic and Community Development.

This Training Opportunities for Public Libraries (TOP) Grant is

intended to help increase community awareness regarding the use and importance of broadband access and related technologies. The grant allows recipients to provide computer training for the public, purchase Wi-Fi hotspots to loan to the public, improve the library’s writing and equipment for providing internet access on site, and to assist libraries in

strengthening their broadband signal outside the building for after-hours use.

According to a recent letter from the Secretary of State’s office, the library director will receive specific instructions from the State Library and Archives about how to proceed with the grant and expand the

funds.

The letter stated, “It is our pleasure to support the activities of the public libraries in your district. Libraries are important community anchor institutions, serving and helping to educate people of all ages and interests.”

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WHEREAS, on April 5, 2023, in a case styled Midstate Finance Co., Inc. vs. Brenda Gordon, Case No. 2022-cv-40439 (the "Case"), the General Sessions Court of Bedford County, Tennessee (the "Court"), granted a monetary judgment in favor of Plaintiff, Midstate Finance Co., Inc., a Tennessee corporation ("Midstate"), against Defendant, Brenda Gordon ("Gordon"), (the "Judgment"), a certified copy of which was recorded as a judgment lien in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, Book L29, Page 618 (the "Judgment Lien");

WHEREAS, Gordon has failed, and has continued to fail, to satisfy or pay any sums whatsoever on the Judgment;

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2023, the Court, in order that Midstate may satisfy the Judgment, granted a Motion for Sale of Real Property filed by Midstate in the Case;

WHEREAS, the Court found that the Judgment Lien was effective and subject to enforcement, pursuant to Rule 69.07(4) of the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure (the "TRCP");

WHEREAS, in compliance with Rule 69.07(4) of the TRCP, the duly elected Sheriff of Bedford County, Tennessee, the Hon. Austin Swing, hereby provides notice of sale of the interests of Gordon in and to certain real property located at and known as 181 Kingston Corner Road, Shelbyville, TN (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Hon. Austin Swing, Sheriff of Bedford County, Tennessee, hereby gives

PUBLIC NOTICE

notice of his intent to sell the property, pursuant to Rule 69.07(4) of the TRCP and in compliance with the Orders of the Court:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Sheriff of Bedford County, Tennessee and pursuant to the provisions of Rule 69.07(4) of the TRCP, I will, at NOON on Wednesday, the 2nd day of August, 2023, offer for sale and sell at the south door of the Bedford County Courthouse, located at 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, to the last, highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, the Property, more particularly described as follows:

Premises lying and being in the Civil District 7th of Bedford County, Tennessee, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stake in the southeast corner of the intersection of Kingston Circle with a country road; running thence with said country road South 83 degrees East 177.0 feet to a stake; thence South 3 degrees East 745.0 feet to a stake; thence North 84 degrees 15 minutes West, 233.8 feet to a stake in the East right of way of Kingston Circle; thence with Kingston Circle North 5 degrees 45 minutes East 22 7.4 feet to a stake; thence around the curve of the joiner of Kingston Circle with the country road with a radius of 19.6 feet, to the point of beginning.

ALSO INCLUDED herein is one Appalachia model double-wide mobile home, size twenty-seven feet by seventy-six feet (27x76), serial number CAPO13333TNA13, make and model number 5152002, MX28683D, which is a fixture upon the above described realty.

Being the same property conveyed by Quitclaim Deed dated October 5, 2021 to Brenda Gordon, an unmarried woman, from Lee Roy Brown, an unmarried man, of record in Deed Book 369, page 55, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, as previously conveyed by Warranty Deed dated December 30, 2019 to Lee Roy Brown, an unmarried man, and Brenda Gordon, an unmarried woman, from Jeff Gordon, an unmarried man, of record in Deed Book 355, page 94, said Register's Office.

This conveyance is subject to any and all existing easements and restrictions of record.

Said sale is made subject to all oral announcements made at the sale, and the Property will be sold without any warranties or covenants of title or conditions whatsoever, except as may otherwise be expressly set forth in the deed conveying the Property.

Said sale is subject to any and all outstanding liens, encumbrances and unpaid real property taxes, and other assessments and is expressly subject to, to the extent applicable, the right of redemption arising under T.C.A. 66-8-101 et. seq.

Said sale extinguishes all liens junior or subordinate to the Judgment Lien.

Proceeds of the sale shall be applied first to the Sheriff's statutory fees and reasonable expenses, then to court costs, then to a \$35,000 homestead exemption held by Gordon, then to the amount due Midstate, and then any remaining balance to Gordon shall be paid into the Court for proper distribution.

Bona fide purchasers for value at the sale shall take free of any defects concerning notice.

This the 27th day of June, 2023.

The Honorable Austin Swing, Sheriff Bedford County Justice Center 110 Northcreek Drive (June 27, 2023 & July 11 & 25, 2023)

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, by deed of trust dated May 18th, 2017, Morris L. Lovejoy and wife, Yue Chen Lovejoy, conveyed to Caren C. Gabriel, Trustee for ASCEND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, a certain lot or parcel of land together with the buildings and improvements located thereon, lying, and

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situated in the 25th Civil District, Bedford County, Tennessee, described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land in the 25th Civil District of Bedford County, State of Tennessee, described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point in the center of a creek at its intersection with the north margin of Normandy Road, just west of the intersection of Normandy Road and Three Forks Bridge Road at the southeast corner of the Thomas P. Ayers property (Deed Book 74, Page 65), same being the southwest corner of the herein described tract and running thence with the center of the creek North 30 degrees 02 minutes 23 seconds West 187.61 feet to a point; thence leaving the center of the creek North 02 degrees 19 minutes 43 seconds West 198.23 feet to a metal pin on the east margin of the road, 25 feet from its center; thence with the margin North 02 degrees 19 minutes 43 seconds West 144.02 feet to a metal pin; thence North 00 degrees 53 minutes 23 seconds East 157.65 feet to a metal pin on the east margin of Three Forks Bridge Road, 18 feet from its center, the northwest corner of the herein described tract; thence leaving the margin North 86 degrees 58 minutes 44 seconds East 336.20 feet to a metal pin, the northeast corner of the herein described tract; thence South 06 degrees 40 minutes 29 seconds East 643.82 feet to a metal pin on the north margin of Normandy Road, 30 feet from its center, the southeast corner of the herein described tract; thence with the margin South 82 degrees 28 minutes 55 seconds West 307.84 feet to the point of beginning, containing 5.40 acres, according to a survey by Rex Northcutt, TN RLS # 77, 117 Hickory Drive, Shelbyville, TN 37160, dated September 23, 1993.

DESCRIPTION WAS COPIED FROM A PREVIOUS DEED. NO NEW SURVEY WAS PERFORMED.

BEING the same property conveyed to Morris L. Lovejoy and wife, Yue Chen Lovejoy, by Warranty Deed from Dennis A. Jennings and wife, Helene F. Jennings, dated June 30, 2006, and filed July 5, 2006 of record in Book D277, Page 978, Register's Office for said County.

The said Yue Chen Lovejoy is signing to convey all interest in said property but has no personal liability in connection with the loan to which reference is made herein.

Map 097; Parcel 021.01

Property Address: 205 Normandy Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160

Said deed of trust above is recorded in Book TD880, Pages 764-778, Register's Office, Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is made for full particulars; and

WHEREAS Carlee L. Smith has been appointed Substitute Trustee, according to the provisions of this trust deed, by an Appointment of Substitute Trustee, of record in Book TD1086, Page 939, Register's Office, Bedford County, Tennessee, and

WHEREAS Morris L. Lovejoy defaulted in payment of the indebtedness under the terms and provisions of said deed of trust and under the note secured thereby.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me, I, Carlee L. Smith, as Substitute Trustee, will sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder, for cash, the above-described real estate with all improvements thereon, on July 27th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the South door of the Courthouse in Shelbyville, Bedford County, Tennessee. Said property will be sold free from and in bar of the rights and equity of redemption, statutory rights of redemption, homestead, dower and all other rights or exemptions of every kind, such being expressly waived in said deed of trust. A Successor Trustee's Deed conveying said property without any covenant or warranty expressed or implied, but subject to all unpaid taxes and any liens which take priority as a matter of law, will be

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made and delivered to the purchaser of said real estate. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above referenced property: U.S. Bank; Yue Chen Lovejoy.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day and time-certain, without further publication and in accordance with law, upon announcement of said adjournment on the day and time and place of sale set forth above.

Said sale is made subject to all oral announcements made at the sale.

THIS 22nd day of June 2023 CARLEE L. SMITH, Substitute Trustee Carlee L. Smith, Staff Attorney for Ascend Federal Credit Union Tullahoma, TN 37388 (June 27, 2023 & July 5 & 11, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Emma Jean Brown Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 20 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of **Emma Jean Brown** who died 5/26/2023 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); 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); or (2) Twelve (12) 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); 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); 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AG NOTES

By **JOHN TEAGUE**
 UT/TSU Extension

FARMERS MARKET

The market was good last week, the customers were out, the vendors were in good numbers with a good supply of products, and we're pretty much back to normal. The market is Thursday afternoon, opening at 2:30 p.m., at the pavilion next to the big blue water tower at the Celebration Grounds.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

I get asked from time to time what a bushel of something weighs. Or if we have a chart with that information. This comes up each year.

This was a question to Dr. Annette Wszelaki, UT Extension vegetable specialist, that came up more than once last week. She shared this interesting information over the weekend.

The University of Nebraska has a publication on Weights and Measures for Horticultural Crops that provides approximate weight in pounds per bushel for many crops. I'll be happy to share the link with you. Just email me at jteague1@utk.edu and request the link.

Additionally, the UT Center for Profitable Agriculture has a publication on Allowable Units of Retail Sale For Fruits and Vegetables I can provide that link as well.

Producers retailing fruits and vegetables are expected to comply with regulations and guidelines regarding allowable methods of retail sale. For folks who don't have email, call the office at 684-5971 and I'll print you a paper copy.

These regulations and guidelines are enforced by the Weights and Measures Section (WM) which is located within the Regulatory Services Division of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. WM adopted these regulations and guidelines as part of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Handbook 130 (H130).

The standards found in this document were established and adopted to promote uniformity of commerce across not only the State of Tennessee, but the entire United States. Our vendors at the market generally use a count or volume to sell by. This is also perfectly legal and accepted by the market standards.

Now, my question is who and how did these weights and measures and counts come up and when in history. Just being curious.

WHAT'S THE MARKET?

Drs. Andrew Griffith and Aaron Smith, UT Extension livestock and crop economists, shared these comments.

Feed cattle traded steady compared to last week on a live basis. Prices in the South were mainly \$178 to \$179 while dressed prices were mainly \$288 to \$290. The 5-area weighted average prices through Thursday were \$180.70 live, up \$0.29 compared to last week and \$289.81 dressed, up \$1.23 from a week ago. A year ago, prices were \$144.37 live and \$232.30 dressed.

There are no trends to report this week as most auctions were closed last week. Despite the holiday on Tuesday, it did not stop traders from jockeying around futures prices most of the week. The corn and feeder cattle dynamics are working with some bit of logic as corn prices decline then feeder cattle prices increase and vice-a-versa.

The big market shock was last week's acreage report, which had more corn acres and fewer soybean acres. This pushed corn prices drastically lower, which allowed feeder cattle futures to move higher. It is not just futures prices that are increasing but the cash price has as well. The CME feeder cattle index as of July 6th was over \$230 per hundredweight. This price represents an 800-pound steer in 12-states in the central part of the country. At the same time, one video sale in Tennessee saw 50,000-pound load lots of steers with average weights between 835 and 930 pounds bring between \$218 and \$224 per hundredweight, which meant some of the cattle exceeded \$2,000 per head.

On the grain side, after last week's dramatic decline, from \$5.94 to \$4.94 ¾, December corn futures moved mostly sideways trading between \$4.85 ½ and \$5.09 ½. The dramatic increase in corn planted acreage (94 million acres planted nationally) limits the upside in corn markets and opens the potential for further declines. National average yield and the potential for weather induced acreage losses will provide the direction. The U.S. drought monitor continues to indicate drought concerns in a large portion of the Corn Belt, however recent rain events have partially mitigated the impact on crops and the 5-7-day precipitation forecast has 1 to 5 inches of projected rainfall over a large area. If widespread rainfall is realized markets could easily move 25 to 50 cents lower.

November soybeans started the week with additional gains based on the bullish soybean acreage estimate - 83.5 million acres planted - in last Friday's June Acreage report but pulled back 50 cents on Thursday and Friday. Soybean acreage provides support for domestic prices however with Brazil's record crop dominating international markets, prices are unlikely to move substantially higher in the next few weeks.

TIME TO EAT



This little donkey is patiently waiting on feeding time.

T-G Photo by Carol Spray

Temporary restrictions amended, extended at Franklin State Forest

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Division of Forestry (TDF) is amending and extending the temporary restrictions of Franklin State Forest located in Franklin and Marion Counties. Public motorized vehicle use will continue to be prohibited while non-motorized traffic, such as hiking, horseback riding, and mechanical bicycles will be allowed through January 4, 2024.

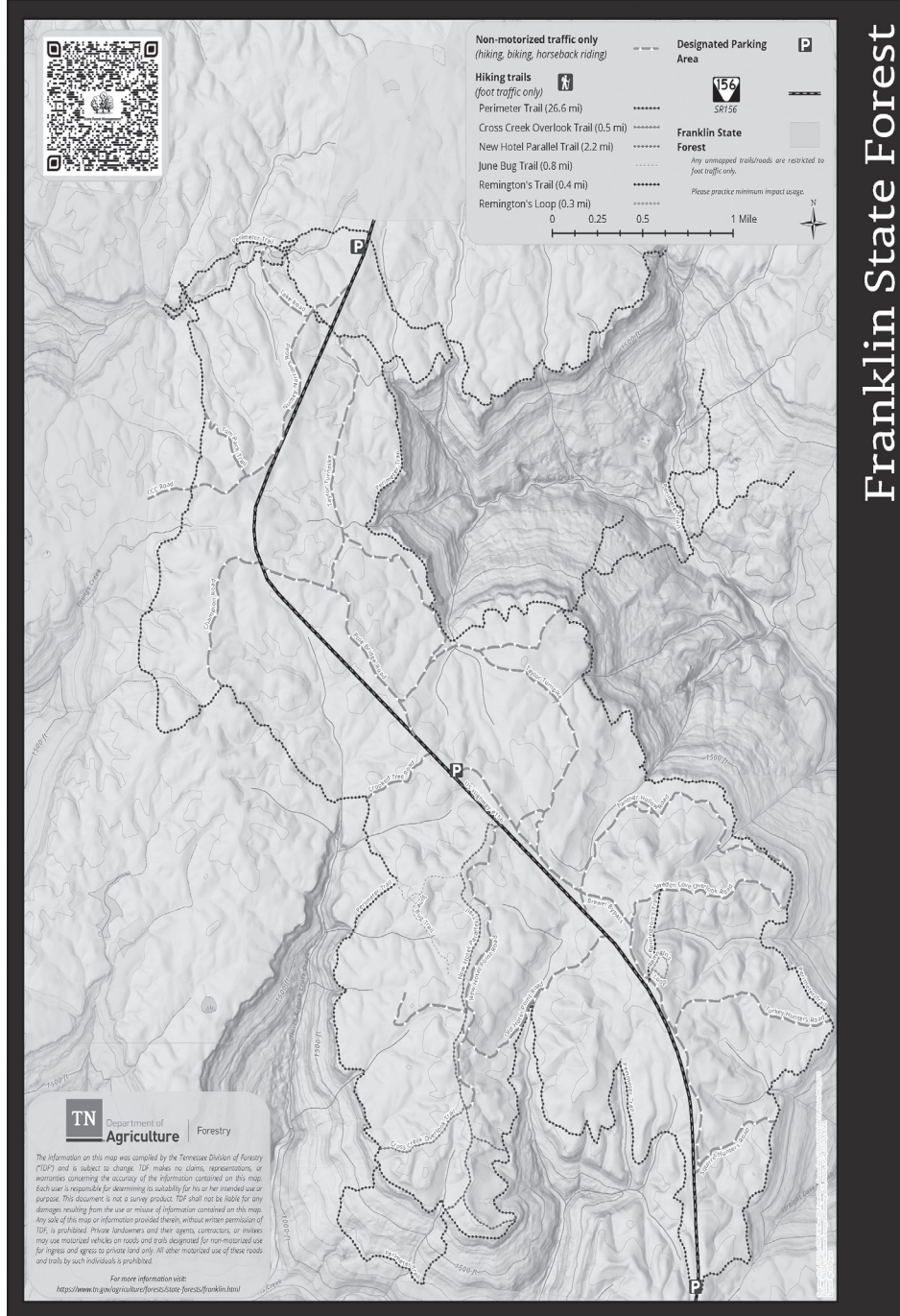
"Damage from motorized vehicles, especially in non-designated areas, is extensive at Franklin State Forest," State Forester David Arnold said. "We have been assessing conditions since March and have determined significant impact to erosion control, water quality, forest health, and other forms of recreation. This extension of some restrictions will provide our forest staff time to make repairs and consider future use on all forest roads and trails to adequately protect, conserve, and enhance this public forest for future generations."

Under the amended restrictions for Franklin State Forest, all motorized vehicle use including, but not limited to, motorcycles, dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles, and off-highway vehicles is prohibited. This restriction is mandated pursuant to Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0080-07-01-.05 for the protection of Franklin State Forest and the safety and welfare of visitors. Motorized vehicles are allowed to access the three designated parking areas on the forest.

Failure to comply with this use restriction is a violation of state law and may result in civil penalties and/or criminal charges. This order expires on January 4, 2024, unless extended or otherwise rescinded by the State Forester.

Law enforcement with the department's Agricultural Crime Unit (ACU) have continued to patrol Franklin State Forest. One arrest was made following multiple notices of violations. ACU will continue to enforce restrictions.

Foresters are working to rehabilitate damaged roads and trails. So far, TDF staff have worked nearly 1,000 hours to repair 6 miles of roads damaged by motorized vehicles. Another 30 miles of roads and trails remain for repair and improvement. Damage to forest resources from motorized



Franklin State Forest

vehicles is not limited to Franklin State Forest. The division is monitoring and assessing measures to correct abuses across the state forest system, which includes 15 state forests totaling 168,000 acres. For all other state forests, the use of motorcycles, trail bikes, all-terrain vehicles, bicycles, and other off-road vehicles in any area of a state forest is strictly prohibited, except on

designated roads or trails maintained by TDF.

Updates regarding restriction status, assessment plans, and the mitigation response for Franklin State Forest can be found online at www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/state-forests/franklin.html and on the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Facebook page.

Franklin State Forest covers more than 8,830

acres on the southern Cumberland Plateau. It contains a variety of forest communities ranging from oak and hickory to plantations of loblolly pine. Within the forest boundaries are numerous caves, abandoned mines, waterfalls, overlooks, and other examples of natural beauty which have made the state forest a popular destination for recreational use.

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2023 Southern Chili Days

The 2023 Southern Chili Days were held Friday and Saturday on the Shelbyville square with 39 cooks from 15 states participating in the events. Friday was the ICS Tennessee Whiskey Trail Regional and Saturday was the Tennessee State Championship. Cooks competed in a variety of categories. See additional photos on page 6B.

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The Bedford County Republican Party hosted an appreciation event for all Bedford County School Resource Officers on Thursday, July 6. The event included officers from both the Shelbyville Police Department and the Bedford County Sheriff's Office. Both agencies were presented with Proclamations signed by State Senator Pat Marsh and Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives Cameron Sexton.



Poll: Tennessee residents overwhelmingly support Trump

By JON STYF

The Center Square

The Center Square – Tennessee residents support Donald Trump for president in 2024 by a wide margin, according to a new, wide-ranging poll of 1,120 Tennessee residents from Beacon Center. Trump holds a 49 percentage-point lead over Ron DeSantis with 61% supporting Trump and 12% supporting DeSantis amongst Republicans. Trump also holds a 21 percentage-point lead over Joe Biden in the state, with

55% of the support compared to Biden's 36%.

If it were a race between Biden and DeSantis, Tennessee voters supported DeSantis with 52% of the vote and Biden with 36%.

“These primary results reflect what we’ve seen in national polls for months, that a rematch between Joe Biden and Donald Trump is the most likely scenario in 2024,” said Beacon spokesman Mark Cunningham. “It is interesting that Trump fares substantially better against

Biden than Ron DeSantis does, and the change came almost exclusively from Republican voters who say they would vote for Trump as their nominee but would not vote at all if DeSantis were the nominee.”

When asked about the decision to indict Trump, 43% approved of the move while 44% disapproved. Of those who voted for Trump in 2020, 17% approved of the decision to indict the former president while 72% disapproved.

The poll also asked Tennessee residents about

Bud Light and a recent boycott after the company used transgender woman Dylan Mulvaney for a marketing campaign.

The poll showed that 37% of the Republicans who said they used to drink the beer stopped drinking it after the campaign and only 10% of those Republicans who stopped said they would drink it again. Only 2% of Democrats said they stopped drinking Bud Light due to the marketing campaign.

TACIR recommends adding Memphis-Nashville-Chattanooga passenger rail

By JON STYF

The Center Square

The Center Square – Tennessee should move forward on plans to pursue a passenger rail line from Nashville to Chattanooga to Atlanta, according to a new report from the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

The TACIR report asked the Tennessee Department of Transportation to move forward to determine the cost and engineering of adding that rail service.

TACIR was tasked at looking into the feasibility of adding passenger rail routes in the state after Amtrak announced a 2035 plan to bring service back to Nashville. Nashville last had Amtrak service in

1979, when the Floridian running from Chicago to Miami discontinued service due to poor ridership.

The state currently has one line of Amtrak service daily on a route between Chicago and New Orleans that stops in both Memphis and Newbern-Dyersburg. In the pre-pandemic fiscal year 2019, a total of 64,401 passengers used the service. That number dropped off significantly to 34,885 in FY 2020 and then was 27,124 in FY 2021.

The TACIR report, however, said long-term expected highway congestion data shows the time it takes to commute across the state could significantly increase in coming years.

“It takes two or three hours to drive from

Nashville to Chattanooga, Knoxville, or Memphis today,” the report said. “But what if traffic added an hour to each of those trips — the equivalent of extending your drive from Nashville to Knoxville up to Greenville — and what if that three- to four-hour trip was the new norm?”

The top TACIR recommended priorities are the Nashville to Chattanooga line and a Memphis to Nashville line, along with a line from Chattanooga to Knoxville to Bristol.

In the meantime, the report recommends that TDOT create an office of rail and public transportation to look into increased bus service between those cities.

“While passenger rail

projects can take decades to implement and require extensive initial and ongoing investment, intercity bus service can be implemented in less time and for less money,” the report said. “And some communities that need transportation options would not be served by potential passenger rail routes.”

TACIR recommended that TDOT work with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to work with Virginia's effort to connect Bristol to Amtrak Northeast Regional passenger rail.

The report noted North Carolina, Virginia, and Pennsylvania began new intercity passenger rail services in recent years.

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T-G STAFF REPORT

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.

- Paula Jane Adams, 53, Fair Oaks St.; violation of probation (General Sessions), \$1,000 bond, released.

- Zachary Thomas Browning, 32, Sims Ave., Wartrace; driving on suspended license, other, released on recognizance.

- Blake Eugene Carr, 25, Willowview Rd., Laverge; violation of probation (General Sessions), \$1,000 bond, released.

- Amy Michele Fisher, 43, Cason Ln., Murfreesboro; driving on suspended license, traffic control device (stop sign), violation of registration law, released on recognizance.

- Lecia Marie Guischer, 62, Woodland Ave.; legend

drugs, sell give or obtain, simple possession (two charges), \$3,000 bond, released.

- Savannah Nicole Hill, 26, Edmond Dr.; violation of probation (General Sessions), \$2,500 bond.

- Tija Marie McDaniel, 34, Barksdale Ln.; driving on revoked license, released on recognizance.

- Walter Waggoner Polston, Jr., 37, Sims Ave., Wartrace; driving on revoked license, financial responsibility, released on recognizance.

- Jacob Christian Dewey Pugh, 21, Flat Creek School Rd.; driving on suspended license, released on recognizance.

- James Avery Stewart, 52, Sunset Dr.; driving on suspended license, released on recognizance.

- John David Wiser, Sr., 43, Crestview Circle; capias, driving on suspended license, failure to appear, financial responsibility, light law, violation registration law, no bond.

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We need your submissions!

One thing I've always loved about the Bedford and Marshall County communities is just how much the folks here love their local sports.

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In being able to report locally, we often would bridge the gaps between sections with relevant state and local news stories.

While we will still do this from time to time, one thing we want to get back to is getting user submissions.

This is your newspaper and we want to include your happenings in print.

Have a championship travel ball team?

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Tell us about it!

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During the school year, it's fairly easy to know

Chris Siers

The Extra Point



what we've got coming up because we just follow the scholastic sports schedule to the next event.

That schedule runs for roughly nine to 10 months until the doldrums of summer set in.

Over the years, we've seen summer leagues become far and few between here locally with AAU teams and travel ball teams.

Here's where we need the community's help.

We're looking for feature story ideas, as well as user submissions, for us to report on.

Send us your ideas, photos and story leads to sports@t-g.com.

•Chris Siers is sports editor of the Times-Gazette. Email him at sports@t-g.com.



Photo Credit courtesy of University of Chattanooga Athletics

Kailey Snell saw her junior season with the Lady Mocs come to a close due to a shoulder injury.

Former Lady Champion standout reflects on injury-shortened season with Mocs

By **WILL CARTER**
Sports Writer

After going 1-for-2 at the plate in the Chattanooga Mocs' 4-3 season-opening win over James Madison, former Cascade Lady Champion, Kailey Snell, suffered a shoulder dislocation injury that sidelined her for over a month before she returned in early March for the Madeira Beach Invitational.

Upon returning, it took some time for Snell to get back into the swing of things, but once she found her rhythm again, she performed at a level that had her on pace to record her best statistical season of her career.

In 16 games post-injury, Snell logged a batting average of .317 with only three strikeouts in 41 at-bats while stealing bases at a 5-for-6 clip. Her best game came against Virginia Tech on March 24 where she went 3-for-4 at the plate with two runs scored.

Less than two weeks later Snell re-aggravated her injury against Georgia State, and due to some complications with her shoulder not going back into the socket smoothly, emergency room doctors were forced

to put her under anesthesia to return it to its proper place.

She then had to have shoulder reconstruction surgery on April 20 to increase stabilization in her shoulder and prevent any further injuries and her junior campaign came to a close.

"For me personally, being sidelined for this lengthy amount of time was not easy. I wish that I could say that this time in my life was easy, but going from playing to not, then back to playing, then eventually being done for the remainder of the season was an emotional roller coaster, to say the least," Snell said.

"I just had to remind myself that all I could do for my team was work on getting better. My team was behind me every step of the way, which I am so thankful for."

Entering the 2023 season, Snell adopted a mentality and set a goal of simply enjoying the game of softball like she had when she originally picked up a leather glove and metal bat, and while it was cut short, she believes it led to her strong start to the season.

"I told myself at the beginning of this season that my goal was to enjoy playing softball. I wanted to soak in

all the memories with my teammates and have fun while I was out there. I think this mentality led to finding the joy of the game again, which in turn improved my performance," Snell said.

With shoulder surgery requiring a lengthy recovery of up to six months, Snell won't be cleared for limited activities until August while a full participation clearance is tentatively set for early-to-mid September.

Snell is keeping her spirits up despite the setback and looking forward to returning to the diamond for her senior season with the Mocs.

"I came in knowing this surgery and recovery wouldn't be easy, but I can't complain. I've had a lot of great people in my corner making sure this process was as easy on me as it could've been. Through this process, I've learned that I'm sometimes too stubborn for my own good, and that it's okay to ask for help, especially the day after shoulder surgery," Snell said.

"Going into my senior year, I'm excited to get back out there eventually, and very thankful that I get the opportunity to return to the sport I love."

On this day in sports history...

- **1914:** George Herman "Babe" Ruth makes his major league debut as a 19-year-old for the Boston Red Sox.

- **1967:** Tony Perez homers in the 15th inning to give the National League the win in the longest All-Star game in history.

- **1985:** Nolan Ryan becomes the first pitcher in MLB history to reach 4,000 strikeouts.

- **1987:** Orioles manager Cal Ripkin becomes the first to manage his sons, Billy and Cal.

- **1989:** Bo Jackson homers in his first plate appearance in the MLB All-Star game and the American League defeats the National League, 5-3.

- **2017:** Venus Williams reaches the Wimbledon semifinals for the 10th time.

- **2021:** Novak Djokovic beats Matteo Berrettini at Wimbledon to win a record-tying 20th Grand Slam title.

Byron takes win in rain-shortened Atlanta

By **REID SPENCER**
NASCAR Wire Service

HAMPTON, Ga. — Neither an early spin nor damage to his No. 24 Chevrolet could prevent William Byron from winning Sunday night's rain-shortened Quaker State 400 Available at Walmart at Atlanta Motor Speedway. With a storm approaching the 1.54-mile track, Byron surged past AJ Allmendinger into the lead on Lap 167 and remained out from until an accident in Turn 3 involving Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ryan Preece and Bubba Wallace caused the seventh caution of the evening on Lap 178. With Byron out front, the NASCAR Cup Series cars circled the track until the rain arrived and began falling more heavily. NASCAR brought the cars to pit road and red-flagged the race at 9:47 p.m. after 185 laps were complete. With severe weather moving into the area, the sanctioning body called the race and made Byron the first four-time winner in the series this season. The victory was Byron's second at Atlanta and the eighth of his career. Daniel Suárez was second when NASCAR called the race, with Allmendinger running third. Michael McDowell and Kyle Busch completed the top five. Crew chief Rudy Fugle called Byron to pit road on Lap 125 under caution for a pileup in Turn 2 that damaged the cars of Erik Jones, Ross Chastain, Corey LaJoie, Tyler Reddick, Martin Truex Jr.



Photo by Chris Graythen/Getty Images

William Byron took the win on Sunday in Atlanta after rains impacted the area and forced officials to call the race after 185 completed laps.

and Ty Gibbs. That enabled Byron to restart fourth on Lap 165 after roughly half the field (cars that had not pitted since Lap 95) came to pit road on Lap 161. Two laps later, Byron had the lead. Byron hardly looked like a winner after spinning through the grass on Lap 80 and losing a lap getting to pit road. But the 25-year-old from Charlotte, N.C., regained the lost circuit as the beneficiary under caution for Kyle Larson's spin on

Lap 92. "It's cool, man," Byron said. "We went through so much throughout the night—spinning through the infield, destroyed the bottom of the car dragging it around the apron trying to stay on the lead lap. At that point, you just don't have the grip, so I was real edgy back in traffic, but Rudy made a good call to pit there and then stay out. Once we got towards the front, it was OK. We could make the right decisions,

block OK, and I got the lead from AJ and was able to manage the run. Just a crazy night." The race was a boon not only for Byron, who leads the Playoff standings, but for winless drivers around the Playoff bubble. First, there was no new winner in the series to reduce the number of spots available on points. Moreover, Suárez, Allmendinger and McDowell improved their chances with top-five finishes. Those three driv-

ers all gained ground on Chase Elliott, who is trying to qualify for the Playoffs despite missing seven of the 19 races this season. Elliott wasn't a factor on Sunday night, failing to earn any stage points and finishing 13th.

Despite his early struggles, Byron was pleased that handling played such an important part in the racing on the recently repaved racing surface.

"It was awesome—that's all you can ask for on a superspeedway," Byron said. "We want handling to matter. We want to be able to drive the things. I felt like the first stage was really fun. I was able to make some moves on the bottom.

"And you're lifting every corner, so it's different than a 550 (horse-packer) old-style race. It's more packed up, but still handling matters, and guys can make aggressive moves... I'm thankful for the whole team and just staying in it, 'cause we were a lap down, and it could have been over."

The race started with team owner Richard Childress driving pace laps in the No. 29 Chevrolet that launched Kevin Harvick's career with an Atlanta win after Dale Earnhardt's death in 2001. It wasn't Harvick's night, however. After a late spin, he finished 30th in his final run at Atlanta. Harvick is retiring from Cup racing at the end of the season.

Braves, Ohtani and De La Cruz highlight MLB's 1st half

By **CHRIS SIERS**
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As of Sunday afternoon, it's officially the half-way point of the 2023 MLB season. There's been plenty of highs and lows along the way. Here's a look at the highlights from the first half of the 2023 season:

MLB's best - Atlanta

There's not been a team as consistently dominant as the Atlanta Braves through the first half of the season.

As of Sunday afternoon, the Braves are the first and only MLB team to reach 60 wins and they've looked every bit as a World Series favorite as any club in the game.

With a balanced roster, complete with threats 1-9 in the battery and a stellar rotation led by Spencer Strider, the Braves have decimated the opposition on the road to the All-Star Break.

Ronald Acuna has been consistently excellent at the plate, slugging his way to a .331 batting average and mashing 21 home runs to go along with 55 RBIs.

Matt Olsen has been the top run producer for Atlanta, driving in 72 runs on just 87 hits. He also has a club-leading 29 home runs.

Balancing out the potency of Atlanta is the three-headed monster in the pitching rotation.

Bryce Elder has a club best 2.97 ERA in 18 games started, with 106 innings pitched.

Strider and Charlie Morton have a 3.44 and 3.45 ERA, respectively, but it's been Strider who has dazzled on the bump.

He's struck out 166 batters, while Morton isn't far off the mark with 111.

While questions certainly exist concerning the quality of the NL East, Atlanta got a big indicator of how good the Braves are in 2023 with a series win over Atlanta leading up to the break.

Atlanta sits with an 8.5 lead over Miami and barring a massive onset of injuries or complete collapse, in no way looks willing to give up the division lead.

The path to the NL East runs through Atlanta.

MLB's worst - Oakland

There's no bigger mess in professional baseball than the Oakland Athletics. With fans actively boycotting the ownership and rumors of the club relocating to Las Vegas, there's not much going for the A's through the first half.

In fact, fans organized a "reverse boycott" in which a protest of ownership saw A's diehards packed the stadium against the Tampa Bay Rays on the same day the Nevada Senate passed a measure to proceed with the new baseball project.

But just how bad have the A's been?

They're a MLB worst 27.5 games behind AL West-leading Texas and are a -248 run differential.

Oakland has just a 25-67 record, and there's not a whole lot to suggest much will change through the next three months.

Esteury Ruiz has a team-best .257 batting average and Brent Rooker has a club-best 16 home runs, as well as 44 RBIs.

The one bright spot on the pitching staff has been JP Sears, who in 99.2 innings pitched, has accumulated a 3.88 ERA with 93 strike outs and just 43 earned runs.

Being 27.5 games off the division lead, the rest of this season might be a mail in for the front office and it might be time to not just consider cleaning house, from coaching staffs to the front office, but the ownership selling as well.

Biggest surprise - Cincinnati

Just a year ago, the sky was falling in Cincinnati with a paltry effort that landed the Reds a 100-loss season.

The front office had moved virtually all the talent to other teams and simply wouldn't invest in the club.

After clearing out many big names, aside from 19-year veteran Joey Votto, and losing 100 games, there wasn't much faith in this club being a competitive player in the NL Central, let alone making a run at the division lead.



Cincinnati rookie phenom Elly De La Cruz (44) has been arguably the most electric baseball player in all of the MLB since being called up in June and has firmly planted himself in the Rookie of the Year conversation.

AP Photo/David J. Phillip

But as of Sunday, the Reds have a one-game lead over the Milwaukee Brewers and have won an astounding 50 games.

Since mid-May, the front office has steadily called up young talent and the youth movement in Cincinnati has been highlighted by the electric Rookie of the Year candidate Elly de la Cruz.

Just two weeks after being called up, De la Cruz hit for the cycle and firmly established himself as arguably the most electric rookie in Reds' history.

At virtually every turn, he's making history, including being the first Red in over 100 years to steal every base in an inning.

He's got a club best .325 ERA and has been nothing short of electric on the base paths.

But it's not just been De La Cruz that's led the Reds to their first division lead by the All-Star Break in over a decade.

The steady leadership of 19-year veteran Joey Votto, who has been big for the Reds in key moments, coupled with the youthful influx of talent from Spencer Steer, Jake Fraley and Matt McLain has been excellent for the Reds.

Virtually every win has had a different player step to the plate at key moments.

At one point this season, Cincinnati won 12-straight games—a feat not even the great "Big Red Machine" club from the 1970s was able to accomplish.

One area of concern has been an inconsistent pitching staff, marred by lingering injuries to three different Reds starters.

Still, the Reds have been the comeback kids and have 32 comeback wins this season.

This club will be one to watch and if they can get healthy on the mound and stabilize what's been a lackluster ERA from the pitching staff, Cincinnati could be a National League contender in October.

Biggest bust- Mets

For the past few years, Mets owner Steve Cohen hasn't been shy about his willingness to spend money in the hopes of fielding a competitive roster to male a run at the NL East division and dethrone the Braves.

What he's got in 2023 is the highest payroll in baseball and a club struggling to even find its way to the .500 mark, let alone the division lead.

The Mets have plenty of star power, but for whatever reason, the wins just haven't come.

From names like Francisco Lindor, Pete Alonso and Starling Marte, the Mets should be contenders off the potential alone.

But the big three in the Mets' battery are batting a collective .235 and haven't

really been much of a threat at any point this season.

Like the batting order, Cohen has poured a ton of money into the pitching staff and with names like Max Scherzer, Justin Verlander and Carlos Carrasco, the pitching just hasn't delivered this season.

Scherzer has just a 7-8 overall record and a 4.31 ERA with 87.2 innings pitched; Verlander, though battling injury at points, has a 3.60 ERA in 70 innings, while Carrasco is limping by with a 5.16 ERA.

By Sunday, the Mets are 18.5 games out of first place and are six games under .500.

While not mathematically eliminated, it's a long road for the Mets to find their way to the playoffs in a division with the Braves, Phillies and Marlins.

CY Young candidates

With still an entire half of the season to play, there are a handful of pitchers who have firmly put themselves in the Cy Young conversation for the NL and AL.

For the NL, Zac Gallen has been consistent across the board in virtually every stat kept for the Diamondbacks.

He's got an 11-3 record and sits with a 3.04 ERA in 118.1 innings pitched.

He also has 125 strikeouts.

Spencer Strider has also been right in the mix at the top of the NL leaderboards with nearly identical numbers.

Strider has an 11-2 record with 104.2 innings pitched, but has struck out a staggering 166 batters to go along with a 3.44 ERA.

These two will continue to battle for the mantle of the NL's top pitching honor.

On the American League side, Shane Bieber has led Tampa Bay, who leads the AL East, with an 11-1 record and a 2.53 ERA in 96 innings pitched.

Nathan Eovaldi has been a key component for the Texas Rangers' resurgence and has a 2.83 ERA with a 10-3 record.

No matter how the second half shakes out, all four of these pitchers will have a say in the Cy Young voting.

MVP candidates

By the 2023 All-Star Break, it really seems clear-cut who the AL and NL MVP front runners are.

Since his MLB debut in 2018, there's not really been a comparable player to Shohei Ohtani—the man can literally do it all.

As virtually the MLB's only two-way player, Ohtani has been at the top of the AL stats, both at the plate and on the mound.

On the mound, Ohtani is 7-4 with a 3.32 ERA and has 132 punch outs. While those

are respectable in their own right, he's been just as effective at the plate.

he's batting a respectable .302 and has 32 home runs with 71 RBIs to his credit.

If there's a challenger to Ohtani's 2023 MVP, he's not made himself known, yet.

On the NL side, it's been the hottest player on the hottest team that's firmly the front runner for MVP.

With the Braves being the MLB's first team to 60 wins, it's been the consistency from Acuna, who is batting .331 with 21 home runs and 55 RBIs that has led an excellent Braves roster.

Acuna has consistently been a hot commodity for the Braves' roster, but his 2023 campaign is by far his best of his career so far.

He's already got 79 runs scored and 41 stolen bases, four-better than his 37 swiped bags in all of the 2019 season.

As long as these two frontrunners avoid injury, the MVP awards are theirs for the taking.

Rookie of the Year

Corbin Carroll has been the hottest name in the Rookie of the Year conversation—that is until Elly De La Cruz was called up by Cincinnati.

Carroll has been stellar for the first-place Diamondbacks with 18 home runs, 48 RBIs and a .289 batting average.

But like Carroll, De La Cruz has planted himself in the Rookie of the Year conversation and his club is in first place of its division—it's really no coincidence.

While Carroll does have a bigger sample size, having played in 86 games, De La Cruz has been arguably more dynamic.

De La Cruz has appeared in just 30 games, but in his second week in the MLB, he hit for the cycle in just six innings against Atlanta, has a .325 batting average with nine doubles, two triples, four home runs and 16 RBIs.

He's also stolen 16 bases as well, including becoming the first Cincinnati player in over 100 years to steal all four bases in one inning.

It's no secret De La Cruz has been a key piece of the Cincinnati turnaround, who sits with a one-game lead for control of the NL Central over the Brewers.

The thing about picking Rookies of the Year is trying to gauge the effectiveness over a bigger sample size.

While Carroll certainly has a more experience, it's clear De La Cruz was the top prospect in all of baseball for a reason and should help not only give the Rookie of the Year race an exciting finish, but also impact the NL Central and shakeout of the NL playoffs come October.

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 (www.gooutdoorstennessee.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.

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>.

Ten winning ticket numbers will be drawn on Aug. 22. The lucky winners will get to select their prize in the order that they are drawn. All winners will be announced

live at the August 25 meeting of the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission at Pickwick Landing State Park. The announcement will also be live streamed on the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Anyone who purchased a ticket will be notified of the live stream by email.

Proceeds from the raffle fund important conservation projects like public land acquisition and habitat management. TWRF is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting habitat conservation, responsible land stewardship, and Tennessee's hunting and fishing heritage for the benefit of the TWRA and Tennessee's outdoor enthusiasts.

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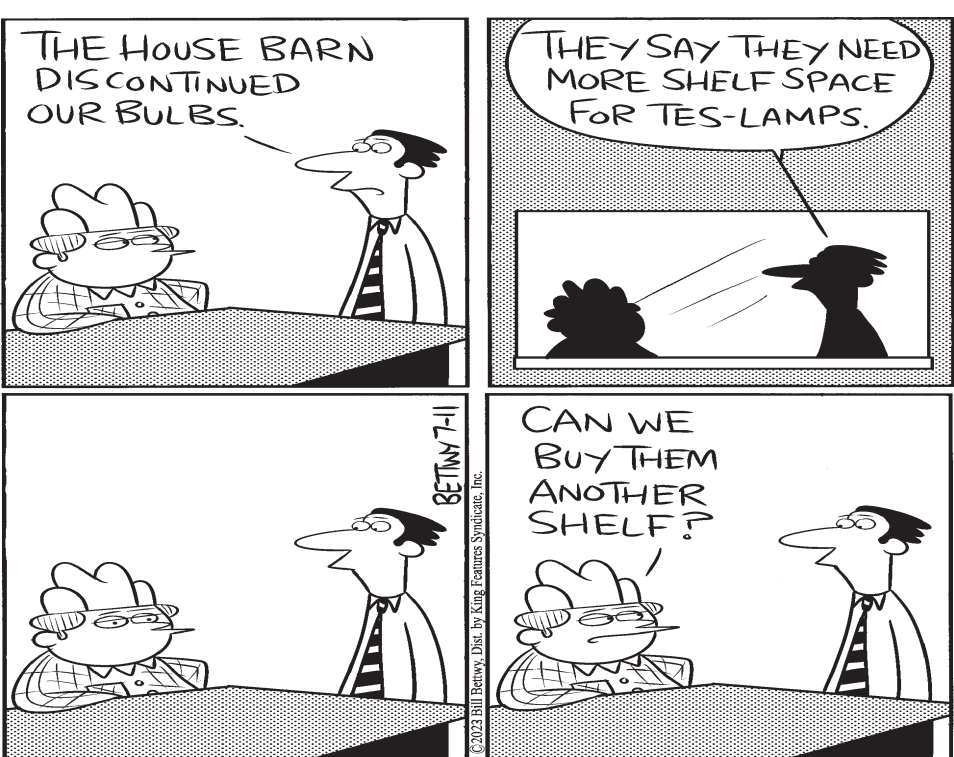
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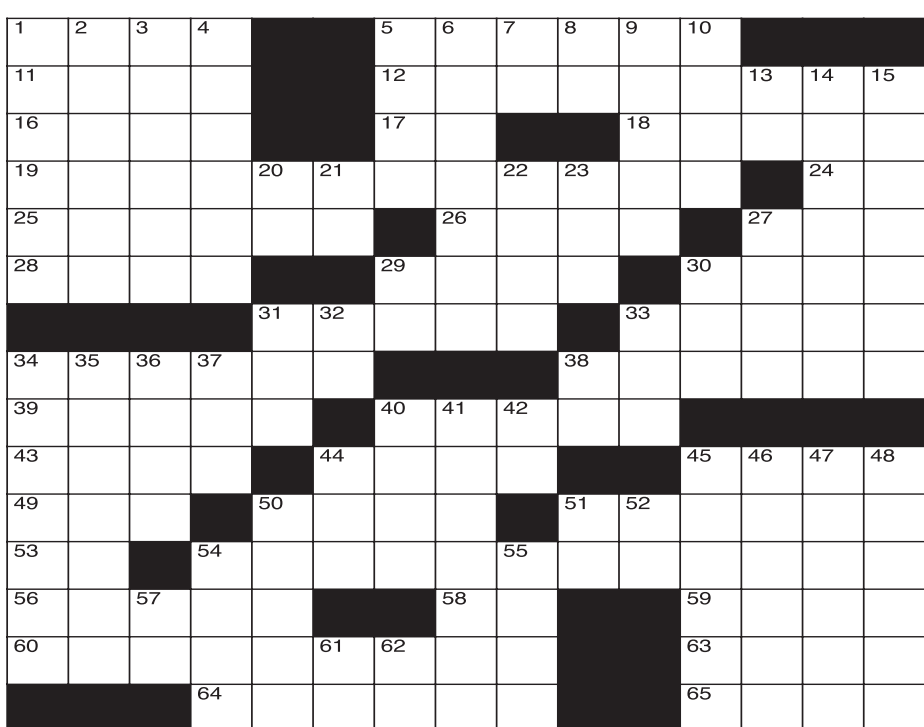
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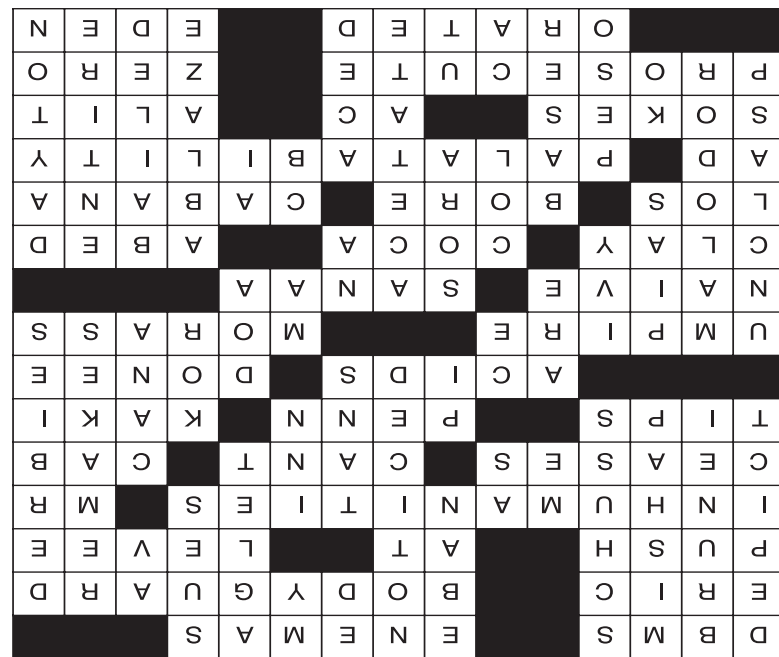
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- 5. Medical procedures
- 11. ___ Clapton, musician
- 12. Defender
- 16. Exert oneself
- 17. Indicates position
- 18. Prevents river overflow
- 19. Atrocities
- 24. Mister
- 25. Ends
- 26. Slope or tilt
- 27. Taxi
- 28. The very ends
- 29. Actor Sean
- 30. Japanese persimmon
- 31. Sours
- 33. Beneficiary
- 34. Baseball official
- 38. Muddy, boggy ground
- 39. Not worldly
- 40. Actress Lathan
- 43. Soil
- 44. ___-Cola
- 45. Asleep
- 49. ___ Angeles
- 50. Give birth to a child
- 51. Beach shelter
- 53. Commercial
- 54. Taste property
- 56. Local jurisdictions
- 58. It cools your home
- 59. Dismounted from a horse
- 60. Charge with a crime
- 63. Close in
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Famed garden

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Draw a scene
- 2. Its sultan is famous
- 3. Unlucky accident
- 4. A way to ski
- 5. Abba ___, Israeli politician
- 6. Saw
- 7. "Westworld" actor Harris
- 8. Belonging to me
- 9. Shoelace tube
- 10. Takes to court
- 13. Early multimedia
- 14. In a way, produces
- 15. Bowlers
- 20. Of I
- 21. Equally
- 22. Gets some sun
- 23. A place to stay
- 27. Town in Galilee
- 29. Aronofsky film
- 30. Klingon character, "Star Trek"
- 31. Equal to 100 square meters
- 32. Atomic #58
- 33. Arrived extinct
- 34. Loosen grip
- 35. A distinctive odor that is unpleasant
- 36. Membranes
- 37. Some is poisonous
- 38. Partner to Pa
- 40. Small brown gray rail
- 41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
- 42. Sodium
- 44. Military official (abbr.)
- 45. Lighted
- 46. Took off
- 47. All
- 48. Ohio city
- 50. More abject
- 51. A radio band
- 52. Controversial tech product (abbr.)
- 54. Monetary unit
- 55. Passed with flying colors
- 57. A way to win a boxing match
- 61. The Golden State
- 62. Home of the Longhorns

PUZZLE SOLUTION



ASTROGRAPH

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, there are tips and tricks to learn through observation of others, particularly if those people are doing something with style. Keep your eyes peeled for inspiration.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, let other people know what you are feeling by wearing your heart on your sleeve a little more often. You don't have to be stoic all of the time. It is alright to ask for help as well.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
It may seem like the days this week will trickle by at a snail's pace, Gemini. It is perfectly fine to enjoy some slow-moving days for a change to help you recharge.

CANCER – June 22/July 22
Cancer, kick up your flirtatious nature, particularly if you have your eye on someone and are eager to start a relationship. Those who are attached can rekindle the passion.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23
Leo, share your optimism and level-headedness with someone who could use your support right now. You have an uncanny way of making others feel relaxed just by being in your company.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
An interesting travel opportunity comes your way, Virgo. However, at first glance it might not seem like the type of trip you would normally take. Keep an open mind and be surprised.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, if you do not like the way things are going in one of your relationships, it is alright to speak up and encourage change. You are an equal partner and compromise is necessary.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, you have to jump on every opportunity to get ahead that is presented to you, even if it may temporarily upset your schedule and life. The investment will be worth it.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Get involved with helping others as much as possible, Sagittarius. This way you will be in the unique position to help someone close to you who needs it soon enough.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, there is nothing that you cannot accomplish when you lay on the charm. Others will flock to you this week and want to hear what you have to say.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Enjoy every meeting of minds that you encounter, Aquarius. Each relationship and discussion can help broaden your horizons, and you can use that information wisely.

PISCES – Feb 19/March 20
Pisces, no matter how good a partnership looks on paper, if you are not meshing with this individual then it is not a partnership worth pursuing. Focus your attention elsewhere.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
JULY 9
Tom Hanks, Actor (67)
JULY 10
Isabela Merced, Actress (22)
JULY 11
Alessia Cara, Singer (27)
JULY 12
Michelle Rodriguez, Actress (45)
JULY 13
Harrison Ford, Actor (81)
JULY 14
Dan Reynolds, Singer (36)
JULY 15
Brian Austin Green, Actor (50)

TUESDAY EVENING JULY 11, 2023

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MONDAY EVENING JULY 17, 2023

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Turn on headlights in bad weather

Dear Heloise: I'd like to add on to what Kathy A., in Fresno, California, recommended regarding turning on headlights during inclement weather. Not only do the headlights illuminate the road better, activating the headlights also turns on the rear lights, whereas they usually remain off when only the running lights are on. The rear lights make it easier to see traffic ahead during storms or foggy weather. Thanks for your column. -- Elliot Kollman, San Antonio

Hints from Heloise

Heloise



Ruth Smith, via email

NO-MESS SAUSAGE PATTIES

Dear Heloise: Someone's tip about handling sausage patties with wet hands recently appeared in your column. I have an even better tip:

Partially freeze the entire unopened sausage roll, but do not freeze it solid -- 10 minutes, or so, may be enough. With the roll still in the wrapping, slice on a cutting board to your desired thickness (mine is about half an inch). Use the dull side of the knife to pull each slice out of the wrapper into a heated pan. And there's no need to get any bits of sausage on your fingers.

I do not remember where I learned this. It may even have been something I read in your column or your mother's years ago. Thank you!

--James Boyles, via email
FREE FLOWERS

Dear Heloise: If brides are really on a tight budget, they can sometimes get flowers from funeral homes.

My agency has used this idea for years in decorating for our annual partnership banquet to make it look extra special for the occasion. -- Dale, Dayton, Ohio

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

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HIGH SODIUM IN BOUILLON

Dear Heloise: Hello! The recent hint in your column regarding losing weight and adding fat-free bouillon cubes to vegetables may be a good way to give them more flavor, but be aware of the high amount of sodium in them, especially if someone needs to watch their sodium intake. Thanks for all your hints. -- Julie Tyson, Harrisonburg, Virginia

RESIDENTS IN ASSISTED LIVING

Dear Heloise: I wanted to respond to the letter from the reader in Ohio who feels sorry for the residents in assisted living or nursing homes.

I was a caregiver for seven years and witnessed many situations of children coming to care, visit or assist their elderly parents. You have no idea what kind of parents these residents were to their children. I've seen and heard all kinds of stories, which speak to why some kids decide not to stay in touch.

If there are children who will and do care for their parents, that's wonderful, but you should not judge others until you've walked a mile in their shoes. Thanks. --

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July

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30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Send community events to tgnews@t-g.com.

THURSDAY

BOE meeting

The Bedford County Board of Education will hold its regular meeting Thursday, July 13, at 6 p.m. at Central Office, 500 Madison St. in Shelbyville. Individuals wishing to address the Board during the public comment period may sign-up at the superintendent's office the Monday before the school board meeting.

City council meeting

The Shelbyville City Council's regular July meeting will be held at 6 p.m. July 13 at the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation building at H.V. Griffin Park.

Fly Theatre play

The Fly Community Theatre will present its Summer Children's production, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland on July 13 at 2 P.M., and July 14 and 15 at 7 P.M. Tickets are available at flyartscenter.com.

FRIDAY

Normandy Music Nights

The second Friday night on Front Street in Normandy will be held July 14 at 6 p.m. Sponsored by the churches of Normandy, it will be a night of food, music, and games. Please bring a lawn chair with you.

SATURDAY

Ice cream supper

Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church will be having its annual Ice Cream Supper on Saturday, July 15, at 5 p.m.

Wartrace Horse Show

The Heart of a

Champion Walking Horse Show will be on Saturday, July 15, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Jernigan Field in Wartrace. The show will feature 34 classes and a small silent auction. Bailey Smokes and Kona Ice will be on hand. Admission is by donations only. Box seats are available (bring your own chair). For more information, contact Marcia Allison at 931-639-2518.

VFW MUSIC

VFW Post 5019, 1320 Wartrace Pike (Depot Street), will hold its monthly third-Saturday music night this weekend. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, with the event from 6-9:30 p.m. James Smotherman & Friends will be featured but other acoustic musicians and singers are welcome. Admission is \$3, and there will be a potluck meal. No alcohol or outside beverages are permitted. For more information, call 931-607-3149 or 931-684-2523.

JULY 17

Democratic meeting

The Bedford County Democratic Party will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 17, at El Mexico, 724 N. Main Street.

JULY 20

Head Start meeting

The South Central Human Resource Agency Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council meeting will meet at 10:30 a.m. on July 20, at the South Central Human Resource Agency Central Office, in Fayetteville.

Sobriety checkpoint

A sobriety checkpoint will be on U.S. 41A North 16.9 miles south of the 3-mile marker in Bedford County at 9 p.m.

JULY 26

Red Sand Project

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

JULY 27

SCRA meeting

The South Central Resource Agency Governing Board will meet July 27 at 10 a.m. at the SCHRA Central Office located at 1437 Winchester Highway in Fayetteville. The SCHRA Budget/Audit/Appropriations, Property and Personnel committees will meet prior to the Governing Board meeting at 10 a.m.

JULY 29

School supply drive

A School Supply Drive will be from July 29 - 30 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Shelbyville Walmart, 1880 N. Main St. Schools supply donations are appreciated but cash donations may also be made. Venmo: @Schoolsupplydrive2023. Follow them on Facebook or Instagram @Schoolsupplydrive2023.

ONGOING

Meals on Wheels

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

Soup Kitchen

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

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

Head Start

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

Celebrate Recovery

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

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Poll: Tennessee residents support expanding K-12 ESA voucher program

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- Tennessee residents support expanding the state's educational savings account program to the rest of the state, according to a new wide-ranging poll from Beacon Center.
The ESA expansion

support is at 69% who strongly or somewhat support the idea while 13% oppose it and 16% are not sure, according to the 1,120 people polled.

The Tennessee Legislature approved adding Hamilton County to the pilot program this spring and Gov. Bill Lee signed

the bill. An earlier version passed by the House also included Knox County.

The pilot program initially included just Davidson and Shelby counties.

The 2023-24 school year will be the second for the ESA program, which was passed in 2019 and then blocked in court until the summer of 2022. The program allows for 7,500 in the second year before growing to 10,000, then 12,500 and 15,000 students in the fifth year.

The first ESAs were estimated to be worth \$7,572 in the first year and then have grown to \$8,684.

Families must have an annual household income that does not exceed twice the federal income eligibility guidelines for free lunch to be eligible. They also must attend a school district with at least three schools identified as a pri-

ority school in 2015 and 2018 and must have been among the bottom 10% of schools as identified by the Department of Education in 2017.

Beacon Center's poll showed that 75% of Republicans support the expansion, 61% of Democrats support it, and 71% of those who identify as independent support it. The poll showed 28% of Democrats exposed the expansion.

Support for expanding ESAs also went across all three of the state's grand divisions with 67% support in East Tennessee, 70% in Middle Tennessee, and 73% in West Tennessee.

Overall, only 36% of voters are satisfied with Tennessee's K-12 public education. The poll showed that 56% are unsatisfied with the current system.

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