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## Higher incomes through partnerships

By **MARK MCGEE**  
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Shane Hooper

Not all opportunities are good ones. That was the message Shane Hooper, president-CEO of the Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership told members of the 231 North Business Park Oversight Committee Tuesday about the remaining 26 acres in the park. “The interest we have received in the property has mostly been warehouse projects,” Hooper said. “Warehousing projects are fine, but the warehousing opportunities that have approached us have a pay scale lower than our median income. “There is nothing wrong with a warehouse operation. We have to have those. The problem is they

tend to take up space that could be used for higher-paying manufacturing jobs.” Bedford County’s median income is \$42,000. Hooper is

seeking industries that will pay at or preferably above that amount. The logic is simple. The larger the median income in the county, the better the chances of new businesses choosing to locate here. “We have made \$42,000 the benchmark,” Hooper said. “We are trying to raise the income levels here.” The median income figure varies based on who is supplying the data. But Hooper stresses there is one constant, regardless of what median income is reported. “The one constant is every single county around us is either right there with us or they have a higher median income,” Hooper said. “When you elevate income families can have a higher standard of living. They can have higher

hopes, dreams, and aspirations for their families. They can provide more for their families.” Hooper adds that higher income jobs usually include health insurance as a benefit. “When you have health insurance you may not understand the importance of it, but when you don’t have it that lack is very pronounced,” Hooper said. “We want to make sure we attract jobs that elevate income levels, but that also provide health insurance. That is important for the quality of life.” Hooper said there are four primary avenues used to receive information about possible projects for the city and county — the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community  
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**Skeet shooter aims high**  
Lifestyles/1B

## Co. beer sales to maintain 2,000-foot rule

By **ZOË WATKINS**  
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The consideration to reduce the distance rule to sell beer in the county to a zero-footage distance from a church, school, or public gathering place failed at last Tuesday’s Board of Commissioners’ monthly meeting. The resolution failed with three ayes and 13 noes. Those voting for the change to zero feet included Commissioners Sylvia Pinson, Tony Smith, and Greg Vick. Commissioners Janice Brothers and Bill Anderson were absent. The rest of the commissioners voted ‘no,’ citing disapproval from their constituents for changing the rules. “I want to challenge every one of y’all to go talk to your people—because I can tell you, everybody I talk to is against this,” said Commissioner Drew Hooker. Commissioner Greg Vick made a motion to alter the consideration and send it to the Regional Planning Commission to study and look at further before the Board of Commissioners voted again. Vick said, “What we are trying to accomplish here is at some point we have to have some type of zoning regulation if we move forward on this. The correct way to do

that is to send it to the Planning Commission and let them draw up these zoning regulations so that we can address all the specific needs. Then we have a very specific thing to vote on as it comes back through the regular process.” However, this motion did not pass as eight commissioners voted aye, seven nay, and with Hooker giving a pass. “I know everything would come back to us for a vote but everything just seems cut and dry already... why are we mudding the waters to send something to the Planning Commission?” said Commissioner Eric Maddox. Commissioner Linda Yockey explained package sales are one thing while consumption is another. She said she would like to see this decision be made at the state level and changed to a separate license with one for package sales and another for consumption sales. “But the way it is right now with a beer license, you have the option to do package sales or over-the-counter or serve. And that’s what the whole problem is. I wish the state could resolve this rather than us arguing every few years about this,” she explained. A public comments section— held after a long-winded vote by

the commission to change public comment requirements—drew people for and against the change. The petition to change to footage began after owners of Bedford Market, Sunchaser’s Market, and Halls Mill Market asked to lower the footage requirement in order to give them and other small businesses a “competitive edge.” This would come through their ability to provide additional tax revenue to the county through both retail and tourism growth as well as demonstrating support for community hubs. Tracy Strassner, an owner of Sunchaser Market, said, “I would say, 13 nights ago, you guys all met and there was a lot of discussion about it’s tough right now for the citizens of Bedford County economically...It’s hard to be a small business these days.” She emphasized how small businesses and rural village businesses serve as centers for community leaders and new community members alike to come and meet. “...How do you help small businesses contribute and compete. Because anywhere here in Shelbyville, there is no distance rule. We just want to compete the same way as well as our partners in the other counties,” she said.

Keith Weaver, a founder of Nearest Green Distillery, said, “Tourism is picking up. At the distillery we’re tracking towards a million guests a year by 2026, which will make up one of the top three most visited distilleries in the world. “But the reason why I’m here in favor of these markets — which actually they’re my evil competition in a way because I can already sell beer and wine and drinks by the glass — but what it has done for tourism has been extraordinary...to drink responsibly, as long as you’re doing that, it’s really been a boom to tourism.” However, many residents were opposed to the zero-foot change. Steve Bobo, an elder at the Flat Creek Church of Christ, said he was opposing the fact that they were trying to change the laws. “We’re in the Bible Belt, folks... People move in here and try to change the laws where it allows them to use terms like ‘to complete, to thrive, providing additional tax revenue.” Frank Bobo, also from Flat Creek Church of Christ, summed it up, “I’ve been going there 61 years and I’ve never heard a sermon say-  
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**Play-the-wright style**  
Lifestyles/1B



Drew Hooker



Greg Vick



Keith Weaver



Steve Bobo

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## DEATH NOTICES

### Robert Paul Adams

July 4, 2023

Robert Paul Adams, 69, of Shelbyville, Tenn., passed away on July 4, 2023. He was born in Ohio on May 21, 1954. He was a Navy veteran. Funeral arrangements are unknown at this time.

### David Robinson

June 29, 2023

David Robinson, 66, of Bell Buckle, Tenn., met his Savior face to face on June 29, 2023, following a tragic accident. A service to honor his earthly life will be planned for a later date when his wife, Janet Robinson, has recovered from her injuries.

## OBITUARIES

### Betty Lynn Billingsley

July 10, 2023

Funeral services for Betty Lynn Billingsley, age 81 of Unionville were held at 12 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2023, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Brother Mike Hannah officiating. Entombment followed in Willow Mount Cemetery. Mrs. Billingsley passed from this life Monday, July 10, 2023, at home surrounded by loved ones after an extended illness.

Visitation was held Wednesday, prior to funeral service beginning at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Betty was born March 28, 1942, in Nashville, Tenn., to the late Jack W. & Ida Frances Agee Lawrence. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by beloved husband of 59 years, Roy Lee Billingsley; son, Troy Billingsley, and brother, Ted Lawrence.

Mrs. Betty worked with various companies throughout her working career. Her favorite was working as an LPN. She always loved helping and caring for people in need. She enjoyed dancing and listening to music and loved spending time and getting together with her family. She was a member of 8th Avenue Church of Christ in Nashville.

Survivors include: son, Jay Billingsley of Unionville; daughter, Teresa West of Unionville, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, sisters, Wanda Proctor of Hendersonville, Sherry Lawrence of Smyrna, Pam (Mike) Sharp of Orinda and Anita (Jerry) Wilson of Hendersonville; brothers, Jack, Jr. (Evelyn) Lawrence of Westmoreland and Paul Lawrence of Hendersonville; also many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the funeral home to help assist the family with final expenses.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

### Timothy Cunningham

July 10, 2023

Timothy Cunningham, age 86, of Shelbyville, passed from this life Monday, July 10, 2023, at home under the care of his family and Hospice Compassus.

A native of Bedford County, Timothy was born November 25, 1936, to the late Albert "Monk" & Mildred "Perkins" Statum Cunningham. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Timothy Scott Cunningham; and brothers, Don, Reggie, and Steve Cunningham.

Timothy retired from AEDC after 33 years of employment as an inspector and machinist. He served his country in the U.S. Army having served in the Airborne Division. He was an avid golfer, often playing at his home course Arnold Golf Center and other courses throughout Middle Tennessee along with several trips to various courses in California. He loved his family and enjoyed the simple things in life, such as relaxing while watching Westerns.

He is survived by: loving wife of 63 years, Judy Elmore Cunningham; son, Kevin (Jena) Cunningham of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Morgan (Herbert) Sale, Mason (Katie) Cunningham, and Kade Cunningham; great-granddaughter, Margot Sale; along with several nieces and nephews.

A Gathering of Family and Friends will be held to celebrate the life of Timothy Cunningham on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home.

### Jerry H. Grohowski

July 11, 2023

Mr. Jerry H. Grohowski, age 74, of the Halls Mill Community of Bedford County, died Tuesday evening, July 11, 2023, in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Mr. Grohowski was born in Swanton, Ohio, and was a son of the late Wilmer Cairl "Bill" and Annie Laurie Logue Grohowski. He was a member of the Baptist faith and was an active member of the ACBL Duplicate Bridge Club. Mr. Grohowski was retired from the State of Tennessee where he worked as a probation parole officer in the Columbia, Tennessee office. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by two brothers, Michael Forrest Grohowski, and Phillip Edward Grohowski.

Mr. Grohowski is survived by his wife of 31 years, Faye Grohowski, of the Halls Mill Community; sons, Allen Cobb (Jodi Ethen), Chapel Hill, Tenn., Travis Brent (Leanne) Cobb, Roanoke, Virginia.

Family members received friends on Friday, July 14, 2023, from 4 until 8 p.m. at Lawrence Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, July 15, 2023, at 10 am from the chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home with burial to follow in Swanson Cemetery in Chapel Hill.

Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Chapel Hill, Tenn., is in charge of local arrangements.

## OBITUARIES

### Troy Lee 'T.J.' Neeley, Jr.

July 10, 2023

Troy Lee "T.J." Neeley, Jr., age 31, of Shelbyville, passed suddenly from this life Monday, July 10, 2023, after an injury in an auto accident.

Born on December 7, 1991, and raised in Bedford County, T.J. was the son of Troy Lee Neeley, Sr. and Tracy Lynn Snell Neeley. He was preceded in death by: his sister, Brittany Danyelle McCown; grandfathers, Thomas Wesley Snell and Steve Neeley; and niece, Kelci Danyelle Vandergriff.

T.J. was a hard worker, loving partner to his fiancé, and a family man. He worked in construction and was a jack of all trades. In his free time, he enjoyed working on anything, dirt track racing, and being the life of the party and his kids' #1 fan during their sporting events. He loved his family and friends very much.

Along with his parents, he is survived by: children, Bentley Van-Hise, Summer & Autumn Wolf, and Eligh Wix; fiancé, Jenevia Wolf of Shelbyville; sisters, Beth Neeley, Harley Neeley, Makayla Nowlin, and Breezy Nowlin all of Shelbyville; brothers, Kris Phillips of Manchester, Justin (Brittany) Neeley of Lewisburg, James (Madison Fields) Yates of Shelbyville, and Chad Neeley of Shelbyville; grandmothers, Bonnie Flynn of Celina and Gladys Welch of Shelbyville; nephew, Remi; nieces, Journey, Kinsley and Ellie; aunt & uncle/ bonus parents, Sissy & Charlie Nowlin; along with many other extended family members.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 15, 2023, at Fellowship for Christ Church of Shelbyville with Pastor Ray Armstrong officiating.

Visitation will be held prior to service on Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bedford Cancer Foundation @ [www.bedfordcancerfoundation.org](http://www.bedfordcancerfoundation.org) or by mail: PO Box 1523, Shelbyville, TN 37162-1523.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

### Betty Ann Craft Saddler

July 9, 2023

Mrs. Betty Ann Craft Saddler, age 77, of Shelbyville, passed away July 9, 2023, under the loving care and comfort of her family, Hospice Compassus, and the caring and professional staff at Celebration Way.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Sunday, July 16, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Pastor Yram Lopez and Reverend Ellen Hill will officiate, with burial to follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive visitors from noon until 4 p.m. Saturday, July 15, 2023, at the funeral home, and again one hour prior to service Sunday.

She was born July 16, 1945, in Huntsville, Ala., to the late Richard Carlton Craft and Lillie Mae Fowler Craft. She was a retired Administrative Assistant from Marshall Space Flight Center, Grumman Aerospace, and Teledyne Industries. She held membership at Shelbyville United Pentecostal Church and played the piano at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church every Sunday morning for many years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ronny M. Saddler, Sr., in 2015, and a brother, Gary Craft.

Survivors include two sons, Randy Saddler, and his wife Lori, of Wartrace, and Carlos Saddler, and his wife Julie, of Murfreesboro; a brother, Glen Craft, and his wife, Allene; grandchildren, Bryan Saddler, and his wife, Sara, Austin Saddler, and his wife Jenny, Elizabeth Saddler, and Sarah Saddler; great-grandchildren, Luke Gold, Emery Saddler, Aubrey Saddler, and Maverick Saddler.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

### William Milton 'Billy' Miller

July 12, 2023

William Milton "Billy" Miller, 57, of Lebanon died July 12, 2023. Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Smith's Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation will begin at 12 p.m.

He was born February 1, 1966, in Shelbyville and was a truck driver for Christian Transport of Lebanon.

He was the son of Mary Amy Richards Miller of Shelbyville and the late Percy Odell Miller.

### Beer

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ing the Lord wanted beer sold at Flat Creek Market."

Another citizen spoke about how he'd lost three siblings to alcoholism, so he saw the selling of beer in the county as a way to encourage alcoholism. "That beer, I've lost three siblings to it and I'm strictly against it."

So, after coming up multiple times over the years, the sale of beer in the

county will remain with the 2,000-foot distance rule.

Or, to put it all in the words of Commissioner Hooker, "If you're going to sit here and support a resolution that a commissioner is not willing to separate out schools — I have heartburn and I'm sure you can tell.

"We need to quit voting the way that the handful of people that show up and continue to bug us want. The problem is that we need to vote for the majority of what the people want."



## Medicaid and CHIP Help Families Access Mental Health Services for Kids

The state of mental health among youth continues to be of public concern. According to the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Youth Risk Behavior Survey, youth mental health problems have increased significantly over the past decade, reaching an all-time high.

For instance, from 2011 to 2021, the rate of female high school students saying they feel sad or hopeless increased from 36% to 57%; for male students this rate increased from 21% to 29%.

Stressors at school, home or elsewhere can cause mental health disorders to arise, leading to negative impacts on how children learn and build relationships with others. If your child may need mental health support and doesn't currently have health coverage, you have options. Free or low-cost coverage through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) offers many benefits, including doctor's visits, prescriptions, emergencies and the coverage of behavioral health services, including mental health services through pediatricians, mental health professionals, local community providers and organizations, as well as school systems. People who are pregnant or postpartum may also be eligible for this health coverage and mental and behavioral health services.

Who qualifies for Medicaid or CHIP? Eligibility varies by state and is determined by how many people are in a household and household income. For instance, in most states, a family of four with household income up to \$60,000 per year may qualify for Medicaid, CHIP or both. To learn more about state-specific options, visit [InsureKidsNow.gov](http://InsureKidsNow.gov) or call 1-877-KIDS-NOW. Enrollment is open year-round.

What if my child currently has Medicaid or CHIP coverage? Medicaid and CHIP coverage must be renewed annually. If you or your children have Medicaid or CHIP, it's time to pay attention to your health coverage. Keep an eye on the mail for renewal information from your state. When it comes, complete the forms and send them back right away. Failure or delay in responding can result in you losing coverage, even if you are eligible for Medicaid and CHIP. If you have lost coverage, go to [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) to find quality plans and help paying costs.

What types of services are covered through Medicaid and CHIP? To help care for all parts of a child's health, Medicaid and CHIP also cover routine health care visits, like preventive care, dental and vision checkups, specialist visits, physical, speech and occupational therapies, and emergency services. These programs also cover a wide range of mental health and substance use services such as counseling, peer support services, inpatient psychiatric services and case management services for needed medical, educational and social services. Services are covered through Medicaid for children and teens up to age 21 and through CHIP up to age 19.

States have flexibility to determine if services may be delivered using telehealth. These services are necessary to prevent, diagnose and treat a broad range of mental health symptoms and disorders, as well as substance use disorders.

Caring for mental health is caring for overall health. Early detection and intervention of mental health and substance use issues is crucial to the overall health of kids, teens and people during and after pregnancy, and may reduce or eliminate the effects of a condition if detected and treated early. Take the time today to explore coverage options through Medicaid and CHIP.

Information provided by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

(StatePoint)

## City

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Development, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), business retention and expansion visits by Partnership, and random communications when someone sends an email or makes a phone call to find out what is available locally.

"Sometimes those business retention and expansion visits reveal other opportunities such as expansion they want to do or they may talk about bringing in one of their suppliers," Hooper said. "Those are always exciting opportunities."

He ranks these visits, along with the Tennessee Department of

Economic and Community Development as the most productive methods of generating potential clients in terms of knowing the capabilities of the city and county.

"When we get random calls, most of the time, they are for projects that could fit anywhere like a warehouse," Hooper said. "When you get those calls, you have to have an established thought process about what we are looking for and what would be a good fit for us."

"We see boundaries like city limits and county lines. Industries don't see those. They are looking for a place where they can be successful with an available force. They frankly don't care if they are to the right or the left of the county line."



**RAUS FUNDING**



The Raus Community Center has been a centerpiece in the community since it started as a schoolhouse in 1890. Since 1955 the Raus Community Involvement Club has been active in the restoration and preservation of the building which was placed on the National and Tennessee Registers of Historic Places in 2012. First Community Bank will be the financial sponsor of the schoolhouse restoration for 2023-24. At left is Rebecca Parker, fundraising chairman. Linda Nichols, right, represented First Community Bank.

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**ROTARY TALKS BUSINESS**

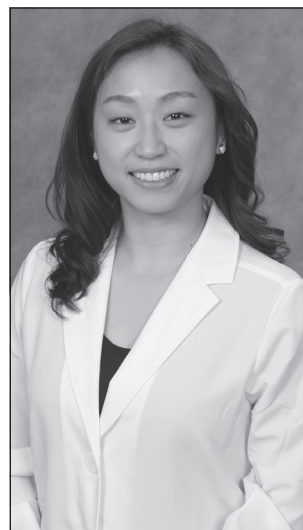


Submitted photo

Darin Hasty, program facilitator, Dr. Joyce Heames, Dean of Jennings A. Jones School of Business at Middle Tennessee State University, and Warren Wells, Rotary Club President.

**Sunscreen has your child's back this summer**

**By LAUREN LIM, DO**  
*Dr. Lim is a pediatrician at Vanderbilt Integrated Pediatrics Tullahoma.*



**Dr. Lauren Lim, DO**

Summer in Tennessee is a great time to enjoy the sun and outdoor activities. It's also one of the most important times to protect our skin. This is especially critical for children because their skin has not yet developed some of the natural defense mechanisms against sunlight.

Sunscreen is one of the most important tools we have to prevent damage from the sun and lower our risk of skin cancer.

**Not all sunscreens are the same**

There are two types of sunscreens. Chemical sunscreens and mineral-based sunscreens. Chemical sunscreens have ingredients like avobenzone, oxybenzone, and octinoxate that soak up the harmful UV rays and turn them into heat that doesn't harm our skin.

Mineral-based sunscreens create a physical barrier that blocks the UV rays. These sunscreens can leave a white layer on the skin and have ingredients like titanium dioxide and zinc oxide. Mineral sunscreens are good for young children and people with sensitive skin.

**There's a right way to use sunscreen**

Sunscreen is most effective when it's applied 30 to 60 minutes before going in the sun. Kids should reapply sunscreen every two hours, and more often if they're swimming or working up a sweat. It's best for kids to use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher.

For children six months and younger, it's recommended to keep their skin

covered with protective clothing and keep them in the shade. Sunscreen for children under six months should be discussed with a pediatrician before use.

**Sun safety tips**

The sun is the strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., so try to limit outdoor activities during that time. When kids are swimming or playing outdoors it's easy for them to forget to hydrate. Make sure children drink enough water throughout the day and go to the bathroom regularly.

If your child has too much sun exposure, you might see blisters, excessive peeling or pinkness on the skin that lasts more than 12 hours. If their skin turns dark red and they have a fever, headache, nausea, or vomiting, it's important to get medical help right away.

While you enjoy the summer with your family, always remember that using sunscreen is much safer than being in the sun without protection. If you still have questions about sunscreen use for your children, call Vanderbilt Integrated Pediatrics Tullahoma at 931-393-7060.

**Families First participants to receive a one-time Back-to-School payment**

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) will provide extra support to more than 13,000 families who receive monthly cash assistance through the state's Families First program. The payment will provide extra support to Families First participants as they begin to prepare for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Households with an active case in the Families First Program as of July 1, 2023, will receive a one-time payment on their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards. This one-time payment will be available around July 15, 2023.

"We understand the importance of investing in the education of our children, and we recognize the financial challenges families face when preparing for the upcoming school year," commented TDHS Commissioner Clarence H. Carter. "By providing this additional one-time payment intended to help with back-to-school expenses, we aim to alleviate some of the burdens families endure and ensure that every child has the resources they need

to thrive academically."

Families First is Tennessee's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. TANF is a federally funded program that emphasizes work, family strengthening, and personal responsibility to empower families for long-term success. The program helps participants reach this goal by providing temporary cash assistance, transportation, child care assistance, educational support, job training, and other support services.

For further information about the Families First program, please visit the TDHS website at <https://www.tn.gov/human-services/for-families/families-first-tanf.html>.

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# Baking cupcakes without spills

**Dear Readers:** Dealing with cupcake batter can be so messy, so here's my hint to make it a much easier process. Use a gravy ladle or an ice cream dipper to scoop up the exact amount for each cupcake. This way, the batter will not spill all over the tins. -- Heloise

## Hints from Heloise

Heloise



baking soda onto a damp cloth and rub the stains until gone. Rinse well.

Baking soda is a wonderful go-to tool for cleaning and deodorizing around the house. My pamphlet "Heloise's Baking Soda Hints and Recipes" will tell you all about it. To order your own copy, go to [www.Heloise.com](http://www.Heloise.com).

You can also get this useful pamphlet by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. -- Heloise

## CATS DIGGING INTO HOUSEHOLD PLANTS?

**Dear Readers:** To prevent your cats from digging into your precious houseplants, just spread a layer of marbles, plastic craft mesh or pinecones over the soil. Your cat will not want to walk on these items. -- Heloise

## PAINT CANS

**Dear Heloise:** I had a couple of thoughts about paint cans. Rather than using a bread wrapper or a sheet of plastic to make a paint can easier to open, use Vaseline. When a paint can is fresh and new, use a cotton swab to smear some Vaseline on the edge of the lid and the top of the can. Paint won't stick to the greasy surfaces, and it'll be very easy to open the can. The same goes with a small glass jar -- put Vaseline on the edge of the jar and the inner edge of the lid.

This also works well on super glue containers. When they are new, use a cotton swab to smear Vaseline on the spout and inside the cap. Super glue won't stick, and the containers will last much longer. Keep them in the refrigerator, and they'll last even longer! -- J.E., in California

## REMOVING TOMATO STAINS

**Dear Readers:** To remove tomato stains from plastic containers, pour a small amount of

## PET PAL

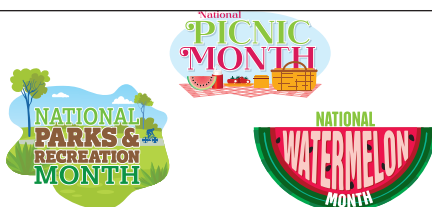
**Dear Heloise:** This is my cat, Abby. She is 17 years old. She is a polydactyl, meaning she has six toes on both front paws. She brings great comfort to me during difficult times. -- Lori Cannito, The Villages, Florida

Readers, to see Abby and our other Pet Pals, go to [Heloise.com](http://Heloise.com) and click on "Pet of the Week."

Do you have a furry friend to share with our readers? Send a photo and a brief description to [Heloise@Heloise.com](mailto:Heloise@Heloise.com). -- Heloise

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](mailto:Heloise@Heloise.com). I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

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

## TODAY

### 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.

## MONDAY

### Democratic meeting

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

### Genealogy Workshops

Monday, July 17 and 24, at 5 p.m., free Genealogy Workshops with Carol Roberts of the Bedford County Archives will be held at the Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library, 220 South Jefferson Street. Learn about family history resources and more!

## TUESDAY

### Standing Committees

The Bedford County Standing Committees meetings (for Rules and Legislative, Law Enforcement, and Courthouse and Property) will begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, at Bedford County Courthouse's second-floor meeting room.

## WEDNESDAY

### Reading Program

On Wednesday, July 19 at 10:30 a.m., the

## NOTICE

Lay It Up Thrift Store would like to inform the public that they have had to close due to the sale of their building at 206 Madison Street. They would like to thank everyone who donated to help their cause to help the community with financial assistance. Thanks again for helping them help others!

Shelbyville-Bedford Public Library will hold its Summer Reading finale at The Fly Arts Center, 204 South Main Street. Join us for free games, face painting, and prizes to celebrate this year's Summer Reading program!

### Veterans' Breakfast

Veterans Breakfast meets every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. at Ruth's Kitchen. Join local Veteran Organizations to support Shelbyville Veterans. Call Veteran Dave Plumley for more information at 931-294-2415.

## 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.

### Caregiver Program

A support group for people all along the journey of caring for a loved one impacted by Dementia is held each month at the Christ Lutheran Church, 500 Elm St in Shelbyville, on the third Thursday of each month at noon. The next meeting will be July 20. A light lunch is served so anyone interested is asked to RSVP at 931-685-9039.

### 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.

### Planning Commission

The City of Shelbyville Planning Commission will meet Thursday, July 20, at

6 p.m. at the Shelbyville Recreation Center in H.V. Griffin Park.

## 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.

## AUGUST 4

### Farm Bureau meet

The 2023 Bedford County Farm Bureau

Annual Meeting/Customer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, August 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Office located at 323 Bethany Lane.

## 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 501(c)(3) 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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# Did you know?



**Vertigo is a serious condition that can affect anyone in a household, including the family dog.**

Though it might be most instantly associated with a popular film directed by famed director Alfred Hitchcock, vertigo is a serious condition that can affect anyone in a household, including the family dog. Also known as vestibular disease, vertigo primarily affects older dogs. The vestibular system helps dogs maintain their balance, and vertigo is marked by the sudden disturbance of that balance. According

to Union Animal Hospital in Spokane, Washington, dogs afflicted with vertigo usually stagger, but some may be unable to stand and, in rare cases, dogs may roll over and over. VCA Animal Hospitals notes that head tilt and a irregular jerking eye movements known as nystagmus are additional symptoms of vertigo in dogs. Various factors can cause vertigo in dogs, including inner ear infections, drugs that are toxic to the ear, trauma or injury, tumors, and hypothyroid-

ism. Though symptoms of vertigo can be unsettling for dogs and their owners, VCA Animal Hospitals notes many pets begin to improve within 72 hours, and most fully recover within two to three weeks. Treatment for vertigo can be discussed with a veterinarian, and the persistence of symptoms for more than two to three weeks may indicate the presence of another underlying disorder.

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## CALM AFTER THE STORM



A rainbow provided an accent to the steeple at Fairlane Church of Christ.

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## PICNIC GOODIES



Submitted photos

The Board of Directors from the Caregiver Relief Program packed picnic lunches for families on July 10 and delivered them to their homes. The families were so grateful for the goodies packed into those bags. The program would like to thank its board members who brought items and helped to pack and deliver the bags. Ella and Hannah Nevills, pictured, volunteered to help the board pack the bags.



## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

### Baptist

Pastor Jimmy West's sermon this Sunday at **Edgemont Baptist Church** will be "Examples from Jesus" from John 4:1-29. You can also join them from July 16 - July 20 for their VBS, nightly from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The service for Calvary Baptist Church will be held on July 16. Bro. Jay Dearing will bring the message. Services will be live-streamed.

The sermon for **Grace Baptist Church** this Sunday will be "Building A Church Without A Hammer" from Acts 2: 37-47.

**Thompson Grove Missionary Baptist Church**, 2966 Sims Road, 154 Homecoming Service will be July 23 at 2:30 p.m. All past and present members are invited to join them for this great celebration.

### Church of Christ

On Sunday morning at **Fairlane Church of Christ**, Lance Bennett will be speaking on "Heroes of Faith: Rehab." This lesson comes from Hebrews 11: 31. Worship begins at 9 a.m. with Bible classes to follow. The first hour of worship, which includes the sermon is broadcasted on 1580(AM) or you can watch the entire service on livestream. Sunday evening at 5 p.m., they will have guests, Jeff Brown and David Vaughan from Kingwood Church of Christ, discussing the effects of social media on the culture. You can access current live streams on their website [Fairlanechurch.org](http://Fairlanechurch.org) and past live streams on their YouTube channel, @Fairlanechurchofchrist. Click subscribe to be notified when new videos are available.

The **Southside Church of Christ** lesson will be "Countertactics for Christians" from Romans 1:16-32 by speaker Kevin Collier, at 10 a.m. Sunday. The Sunday 6 p.m. service will be a Bible study with Brian Nicholson from 1 Timothy 3. Wednesday's service will be "The Parables of Jesus." Sunday morning is live-streamed at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening services are live-streamed at 6:30 p.m. at [cofcsouthside.com](http://cofcsouthside.com).

### First Christian

This Sunday is T Ball Recognition Sunday. During their 10 a.m. Worship and Praise time, they will recognize the players, coaches, and volunteers who organize the T Ball League at **First Christian**. Their morning teaching time will draw from the Movie - "Sandlot," with application to Barnabas from the book of Acts. After worship time, they will enjoy a Pizza Lunch and then watch the T Ball Players playing their moms and dads in the "Great American Pastime."

### Methodist

Pastor Abe Zimmerman's sermon at **Shelbyville First United Methodist Church** will be "This is My Story" part two from Isaiah 46:3-10. This series' goal is to help people understand that God is the ultimate storyteller, God invites people to participate in God's story. God includes people in the story-making of lives and other people's lives. Join them for the worship service at 10 a.m. Their service is also live streamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLJ (98.7 FM) and 1580 (AM).

### Presbyterian

**First Presbyterian Church's** service for this 7th 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. They have a nursery available for the little ones. They would love to see some new faces and hope you can join them on Sunday at 10 a.m. for their worship service. VBS Starts tonight at 5 p.m., it's not too late to join in on the fun as they travel with Daniel to Babylon (K-5th Grade).

### Other events

A food giveaway will be Sunday at noon at **St. Paul Fellowship Church** at Rover.

## First Church of the Nazarene



*Our purpose is to know Christ and to make Him known as Savior and Lord*

### SERVICE SCHEDULE Sunday

Sunday School ..... 9 A.M.  
Sunday morning service ..... 10 A.M.  
NO SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES  
Wednesday night services begin at... 6:30 P.M.



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# Attorneys general urge SCOTUS to subject CFPB to congressional oversight

By Tom Joyce

The Center Square

(The Center Square) - A 27-state coalition of attorneys general is asking the Supreme Court to side with a lower court regarding the unconstitutionality of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) funding mechanism.

The coalition filed an amicus brief in *Consumer Financial Protection Bureau v. Community Financial Services Association of America Ltd.*

Under current law, CFPB can obtain hundreds of millions in funding by sending a half-page letter to the Federal Reserve. However, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled last year that the Obama-era funding mechanism is illegal and that Congress has the

power of the purse to oversee federal agency funding.

"We are asking the Supreme Court to, once and for all, set the record straight and order CFPB to acquire, through Congress, constitutionally appropriated funds," Attorney General Morrisey said in a press release. "The CFPB cannot operate outside the boundaries provided by the Constitution."

While the CFPB and its defenders point to other agencies receiving funding without Congressional approval in their defense, the attorneys general argue that does not make it right.

"They maintain that other agencies have similar funding structures, for instance," the attorneys general wrote in their brief. "But the list of self-funded

agencies is short, and a potential constitutional violation elsewhere doesn't immunize one here, anyway."

The Fifth Circuit ruled that CFPB's Congressional bypass violates the Constitution's Appropriations Clause and separations of powers doctrine.

"No money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in consequence of Appropriations made by law," the clause says.

The attorneys general think that the language is clear.

"The Appropriations Clause offers Congress one of its most powerful tools to supervise and control federal administrative agencies," the attorneys general wrote in the brief. "The appropriations power is essential to the separation of powers ..."

If the Supreme Court upholds the Fifth Circuit's ruling, the CFPB would need Congress to approve its annual budget. It could then "rein in some of the agency's activities, which have increased borrowing costs for some consumers and shut other consumers out of the credit market entirely," according to the release from Morrisey's office.

States that signed onto the brief include: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

# 31,000 lost TennCare coverage in first month of redetermination process

By Jon Styf

The Center Square

(The Center Square) - Tennessee saw more than 31,000 members lose TennCare coverage in the first month of redetermination, according to a recent unwinding report.

Of the 80,000 renewals in the month of April, there were 43,666 who remained eligible for coverage.

Redetermination of TennCare eligibility was blocked during the COVID-19 health emergency rules between March 2020 to March 31. That meant anyone who quali-

fied once for the programs continued to be eligible until this year.

Normally, states are required to check Medicaid eligibility once every year.

Despite the start of redetermination, TennCare still reached a high of 1.8 million enrolled in the program in May. Those who were determined to no longer be eligible for coverage were referred to the federal healthcare marketplace.

TennCare went into a state of emergency with 1.3 million members and expected membership to peak at 1.8 million before the completed redetermination process is

expected to bring that number back down to 1.3 million.

The extra members from the COVID-19 emergency pause is expected to cost Tennessee \$500 million this year.

Overall, 1.3 million in the U.S. have lost Medicaid eligibility since redetermination began March 31 with Florida disenrolling 303,000 and Arizona next at 149,000, according to numbers from the Kaiser Family Foundation.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently announced new rules to prevent those who still qualify for

Medicaid from losing services, including allowing managed care plans to help complete portions of renewal forms and allowing pharmacies and community organizations to help with reinstatement for those recently disenrolled.

"Nobody who is eligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program should lose coverage simply because they changed addresses, didn't receive a form, or didn't have enough information about the renewal process," said U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra.

# Report: Tennessee shows improved prime-age employment rate from before pandemic

By Jon Styf

The Center Square

(The Center Square) - Tennessee is one of 26 states that has improved its employment rate between now and before the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Tennessee saw a 2-percentage point improvement from 79.9% employment for those ages 25 to 54 in the first three months of 2020 compared to 81.9% employment for that age group in the first three months

of 2023.

The states with the largest gain during that time were Utah (3.8 percentage points), Mississippi (3.4 percentage points), and South Dakota (3.3 percentage points).

"Unlike the often-cited unemployment rate, the ratio of prime-age workers to same-age population helps account for older and younger workers' choices about retirement or full-time education," the report said. "It also factors in the total population, including those not actively looking for work."

"Employment tends to be a key driver of state finances, as paychecks help generate individual income tax dollars and fuel consumer spending, which produces sales and corporate income tax revenue."

The report comes at the same time the National Federation of Independent Business said its Small Business Optimism Index increased by 1.6 points in June with the largest concerns continuing to be inflation and labor quality.

The report said that 59% of small business owners reported trying to hire with

92% reporting few or no qualified applicants for the positions they were trying to hire.

"Small business optimism nationwide improved slightly last month, but Main Street businesses are dealing with inflated prices on everything from raw materials to rents and struggling to find and keep qualified workers," said NFIB Tennessee State Director Jim Brown. "That's making it hard for many of them to get back on their feet and plan ahead."

## Tips for Back-to-School Shopping on a Budget

(Family Features) Between navigating store aisles and online sales for everything from clothes and shoes to supplies and sports equipment, back-to-school shopping can be a time-consuming - and expensive - endeavor.

To help stay on budget while still getting everything you need, consider these tips from Vitaly Pecharsky, head of deals for Slickdeals, a one-of-a-kind online community of shoppers working together to shop smarter and save more.

**Take stock of current inventory** - Before you hit the stores, take inventory of items you already have at home or in the office to see what you truly need. Knowing what you already have on hand can help you avoid the temptation of stocking up on items you may not even need just because they were on sale. That 50-cent pack of crayons may be a good deal, but too many of those can add up, especially if you realize later you had the same item sitting unused in a closet or drawer at home.

**Check with teachers** - Don't be afraid to email your children's teachers before classes start to find out what supplies are absolutely necessary. Sometimes a school will put out a list, but the teachers may not require you to have all the items on the list, particularly if students may be sharing and supplies may need to be restocked later in the school year.

**Tap into technology** - Shopping online is a quick and easy way to compare products, services and prices, but it can be overwhelming trying to deter-



Photos courtesy of Getty Images

mine if you're really getting the best option. Before making a final decision on everything from laptops to markers, visiting a site like Slickdeals can help you find the best products at the best prices. With 12 million users who vet and vote on deals from top retailers, you can feel comfortable knowing you're getting the best value. You can also set deal alerts to be notified via email when a deal that matches your criteria gets posted.

**Buy pre-owned** - From uniforms and sporting equipment to clothing and more, not everything needs to be new each school year. Visiting online consignment shops can help you find big savings on like new, often brand name clothing, accessories and more.

**Avoid buying equipment for extracurricular activities all at once** - If your children are trying new sports, clubs or extracurricular activities for the first time, consider waiting to purchase all the necessary equipment. Oftentimes, you may be able to borrow or buy pre-owned items from other parents whose kids have outgrown the equipment or no longer participate. If your children end up deciding a sport or activity isn't for them, you're not stuck with things that may end up collecting dust in the garage or basement.

**Shop without your kids** - Leaving the kids at home when shopping may help save money, according to a survey commissioned by Slickdeals and conducted by OnePoll. The study of 2,000 parents in the United States found 2 out of 3 respondents believe shopping with their kids tends to be more expensive than shopping by themselves with solo ventures costing an average of \$133 compared to \$179 when taking children along.

**Take advantage of student discounts** - If you have children in college, you may be able to use their student ID cards to your advantage to save even more money. Before making purchases on big-ticket items like tablets or laptops, be sure to inquire about discounts available only for students. Some companies even offer student-only memberships for discounted services, such as shipping, video, music and more.

Find deals on supplies and gear for back-to-school season at Slickdeals.com.





**BLOTTER: JULY 15**

**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.

- Samuel Adame-Catalan, 30, Rabbit Branch Rd.; failure to maintain lane of traffic, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, released on recognizance.
- Christopher Charles Anderson, 51, Charlotte Dr.; driving on suspended license, released on recognizance.
- Jessica Dean Barrett, 29, Anngels St., McMinnville; possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of scheduled II, traffic control device (stop sign), \$4,000 bond, released.
- Traci Lynn Beavers, 48, Old Columbia Hwy., Lewisburg; failure to appear, released on recognizance.
- Heaven Sharee Bridges, 21, Griffin Rd., Lynchburg; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, released on recognizance.
- Jennifer Nicole Britten, 32, Fifth Ave., Lewisburg; violation of probation (General Sessions), released on recognizance.
- Daniel Glenn Caudill, 43, Halls Mill Rd.; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, released on recognizance.
- Crystal Renee Cobb, 39, River Rd., Chapel Hill; cruelty to animals, released on recognizance.
- Blondy Envoy Comel, 30, Cumberland Dr.; light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, released on recognizance.
- Houston Seth Degalliford, 30, Bermuda Dr., Christiana; burglary, theft of property, \$75,000 bond.
- Kaitlin Ryann Epperson, 34, Belmont Ave.; bondsman surrender (other), \$15,500 bond.

- Medrano Isabel Esparza, 20, North Point Circle; move over law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, released on recognizance.
- Everaldo Lopez Godinez, 22, Ray St.; following too closely, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, released on recognizance.
- John C. Grandison, 52, Legion Dr.; driving on expired license, light law, released on recognizance.
- Charles Jason Greenwood, 43, Johns St., Lavergne; other, no bond.
- Santiago Guzman-Del Rio, 33, Martha St., driving on suspended license, running red light/stop sign, released on recognizance.
- Herbert Jefferson Harden, 63, Fairfield East Rd., Wartrace; criminal trespassing, \$1,000 bond.
- Kristopher Paul Henson, 25, Barksdale Ln.; burglary, \$5,000 bond.
- Chandler Lacain Hoover, 20, Green Ln; mfg/del/sell controlled substance, \$50,000 bond, released.
- Juan Carlos Hilorio Giro, 23, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, violation registration law, released on recognizance.
- Anthony Juan, 23, Central Ave.; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, released on recognizance.
- Rebecca Haley Kincaid, 26, Tulip Tree Rd.; capias, released on recognizance.
- Ricaró Martinez-Perez, 25, Archery Ln.; theft of property, \$10,000 bond, released.
- Terry Dwight Mooningham, Jr., 40, homeless, burglary (two charges), possession of schedule II, theft of property (three charges), \$35,000 bond.
- Vincentea Dejanira Muse, 25, Keenan Ln.; mfg/del/sell controlled substance, \$50,000 bond, released.
- Arturo Nunez Navarro, 48, Tremont Dr.; light law,

- no driver's license/exhibited on demand, released on recognizance.
- Roberto Nunez, 23, Tanner Circle; possession of handgun/while under influence, possession of drug paraphernalia, reckless endangerment (seven charges), simple possession, \$44,000 bond, released.
- Rubelio Poxtan-Catana, 33, Shelbyville Pike; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding, released on recognizance.
- Eddie Rubi, Jr., 25, Peacock Ln.; driver to exercise due care, driving under influence, failure to appear, no bond.
- Desz Lamar Turner, 31, Richard Rd., Antioch; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, possession of schedule VI, \$4,000 bond, released.
- Kimberly Delinda Vaughn, 49, Herman Branch Rd.; capias, failure to appear, other, violation of probation (General Sessions), \$2,500 bond.
- Luis Pineda Villalobo, 21, Bell Rd., Antioch; light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, violation registration law, released on recognizance.
- Kasie Lynn Villamar, 39, North Madison St., driving on revoked license, financial responsibility, texting while operating a motor vehicle, violation registration law, \$2,500 bond, released.
- Matthew Thomas Vincent, 46, Madison St., driving on suspended license, improper display of registration, possession of schedule II, possession of schedule IV, \$5,000 bond, released.
- Frankie Lee Wilhoite, 43, E. Depot St.; violation of order of protection, \$4,500 bond, released.
- Christopher Jamel Young, 20, Dunnaway St.; driving on suspended license, speeding, released on recognizance.
- Angela Lynette Alford, 35, Markdale Ln.; mfg/del/sell controlled substance,

- \$7,500 bond, released.
- Amanda Leanne Blevins, 43, Troupe Rd., violation of probation (General Sessions), \$2,500 bond.
- Archie Durrel Evans, 43, Vapor Trail, Murfreesboro; failure to appear, to serve time (General Sessions Court), violation of probation (General Sessions), \$5,000 bond.
- Duane Fetter, 51, Hickory Dr.; violation of probation (General Sessions), \$1,500 bond, released.
- Raymond Harold Goad, 54, Jennings Ln.; failure to appear, to serve time (General Sessions Court), \$2,000 bond.
- Kenneth Robert Johnson, 33, Rowlette Cir., Murfreesboro; failure to appear, \$1,000 bond, released.
- Callie Brooke Lynch, 31, Lentz St.; failure to appear, no bond.
- Carl David Mitchell, Jr., Sorrells Rd., Petersburg; violation of order of protection, \$2,500 bond.
- Matthew Edward Pridemore, 39, homeless; hold extradition to another state, no bond.
- Carlos Ramos-Ordenez, 19, Sherwood Ct.; driving on suspended license, failure to yield right of way, financial responsibility, released on recognizance.
- Victor Travis Roggenbusch, Jr., 36, Hawkins Dr.; driving on suspended license, failure to appear, speeding, \$5,000 bond, released.
- Domingo Soliz-Lopez, 29, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding, released on recognizance.
- Tyler Brice Warnack, 20, Lauderdale St.; violation of probation (General Sessions), released on recognizance.
- James O'Neal Wells, 34, Jarrell St.; assault, \$3,500 bond, released.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

**07/05/2023—07/10/2023**

Jordan Williams to Seth Williams—0 money, 0 acres, no address

Jeffrey R. Spears to Karson E. Strite—\$249,900, 0 acres, Enden Ave.

Gladis Lorena Morales Roblero, Marco Antonio Morales Roblero to Gladis Lorena Morales Roblero, Cesar Ortiz—0 money, 0 acres, Cypress St.

Fast Lane Properties LLC, Senad Becic to Cooper Steel Fabricators Inc.—\$350,000, 0 acres, Galland Dr.

Jennette E. Lapslley, Jeannette Lapsley, Michael Lapsley, Michael E. Lapsley to Lapsley Family Revocable Trust Agreement—0 money, 0 acres, Horse Mountain Rd.

Virgil Garrett Beasley Jr, Kathy B. Clark, James William Beasley to James William Beasley—0 money, 47.25 acres, Virgil Beasley Road

Virgil Garrett Beasley Jr, Kathy B. Clark, James William Beasley to Kathy Beasley Clark—0 money, 42.17 acres, Virgil Beasley Road

Virgil Garrett Beasley Jr, Kathy B. Clark, James William Beasley to Virgil Garrett Beasley Jr.—0 money, 52.25 acres, no address

Tory May Homes LLC to Pamela Ellis—\$302,900, 0 acres, no address

SWMP LLC to Dorris Haywood—\$46,000, 0 acres, Rattlesnake Lodge Rd.

Kyle W. Vari, Emily L. Vari to Joshua Rea, Jeremy Rea—\$660,000, 0 acres, Unionville Deason Rd.

Jennifer Adcock, Jason Cultray Adcock to Charmaine Jones—\$175,000, 1 acre, El Bethel Rd.

Esther Alcorn, Larry Wilson Deering, Larry W. Deering, Larry Deering to David Lynn O'Dell—\$150,000, 5.02 acres, Virgil Crowell Rd.

Donald L. Bruce, Donald L. Bruce Living Trust Agreement, Donal L. Bruce Living Trust to Doris Jean Davis—\$50,000, 0 acres, no address

Harry William Cassady to James E. Farrar Jr.—\$100,000, 0 acres, Landers St.

H. Warren Landers, Dena S. Landers to Christopher Mooneyhan, Melody Mooneyhan, Timmy Mooneyhan—\$274,900, 0.24 acres, Methvin Dr.

Old South Properties Inc. to Frank Joel Fernandez Perez—\$304,785, 0 acres, no address

Ole South Properties Inc. to Reece Jordan Rich, Allison Mariah Jent—\$325,812, 0 acres, no address

Jeffrey Lynn Kimbrough, Wanda Kimbrough to Larry Ray Kimbrough, Mary Counts Kimbrough—0 money, 0 acres, Simmons

Joanna Marie Marino to McMillan Farms South LLC—0 money, 62.82 acres, Fairfield Pike

Jose Guadalupe Razo, J. Guadalupe Razo to Jose Guadalupe Razo, Brian Razo Pina—0 money, 0 acres, no address

Jose Guadalupe Razo to Edgar Ramiro Rodriguez Ortiz—0 money, 0 acres, Elizabeth St.

Dustin Glenn Strong, Dustin G. York, Dustin York, Mary Elisabeth Strong, Mary E. Tayman Sinacori, Mary Tayman Sinacori, Mary Sinacori Tayman, Mary E. Sinacori Tayman to Dustin Glenn Strong, Mary Elizabeth Strong—0 money, 0 acres, Champion Circle

Sherry Armistead to Samuel Garrett Chappellear, Lydia Chappellear—\$441,000, 5.01 acres, Kingdom Rd.

Christa M. Spence to JT Souther, JT Souther, Roxanne Southern—\$1,000,000, 0 acres, Nestledown Crossing

George R.Parham, Laura L. Parham to Wayne Parker, Julie Parker—\$522,500, 0 acres, no address

Jacklyn Richards, Jacklyn Richards White to James White—0 money, 9.92 acres, Winding Way

Margaret Rose Smith, Malcolm Rose Jr to Karen D. Carpentier, Scott R. Carpentier—\$150,000, 0 acres, Happy Valley Rd.

JC Builders LLC to Razvan G. Besleaga, Christina Besleaga—\$335,000, 0 acres, Meadowbrook Dr.

ADI Group LLC to Shadi MAA Inc.—\$169,000, 0.751 acres, Lane Pkwy.

**PUBLIC RECORD**

**DIVORCE CASES GRANTED**

**Bedford County Chancery Court**

**June, 2023**

Leticia Muthe Cantero vs Sergio Cazares Molina

Kristina Renee Coggins vs Joseph Allen Coggins

Jason Daniel vs Elissa Daniel

Nicholas Alan Edwards vs Velda Crowell

Sandra Ann Garrett vs Bobby Dwayne Elkins

Charles Douglas Haskins vs Amanda Danielle Haskins

Floyd J. LaPointe vs Cassie Drew LaPointe

Allisha Mae Lee vs Richard Dewayne Lee

Van Gibson Mahan vs Heather Elizabeth Tipton

Tiffany Anne Mansfield vs Jeremy Lawrence Mansfield

Jonie Faye McKenley vs Tiron Rasheem McKenley

Tory James Moore vs Keri Elizabeth Moore

Ashley Nicole Morton vs Evan Acton Moore

Angela Charisse Rael vs Zacarias Nocarío Newell-Rael

Andrew Michael Rice vs Malaine Abigail Rice

Mark Andrew Russell vs Sharon Irene Russell

Cheri Nicole Skeeters vs Larry Vihncent Skeeters

Ashlee Nicole Sons vs Christopher Levoy Sons

Cameron Scot Van Lierop vs Sarah Leanne Van Lierop

Winifred Dale Ward vs Christopher Brian Frost

Takesta West vs Daniel West

Sean Michael Wheeler vs Kelli Marie Wheeler

Kayla Lee Woods vs

Nathan Chance Logan Derting

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Eric Shane Pickler and Cheri Nicole Lemmon Skeeters

Preston James Vincion and Rhonda Viola Harmon

Andrew Timothy Lawson and Julia Catherine Jackson

Brandon Lee Mooneyham and Ashley Brooke Fox

Rafael A. Cabrera and Ana Esther Alcantara

Michael Ray Howard and Whitney Dianne Bush

Aaron Vincent Arquette and Courtney Paige Eager Krueger

**BUSINESS LICENSES**

**BUSINESS LISTINGS—NEW BUSINESSES**

**06/2/2023—07/06/2023**

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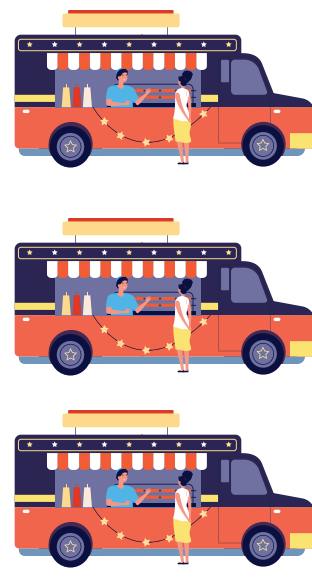
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**Doug Dezotell**  
Musings and Memories

**Running a race**

One day two gas company service-men, a senior training supervisor and a young trainee, were out checking gas meters in a subdivision.

They parked their truck at one end of the street and then they worked their way to the other end, checking the meters all along the way.

At the last house on the street, a woman was watching them through her kitchen window as they checked her gas meter.

Seeing how they had parked at the other end of the subdivision, the senior supervisor challenged his trainee to a race back to the truck, just to show the younger guy what good shape he was in.

So off they ran.

When they made it to the truck, they realized that the lady from the last house was running right behind them.

When she got to their truck, the supervisor asked the lady if something was wrong.

Out of breath, she replied, "Well," she said gasping for air, "when I saw you two gas men, I gasp...gasp, 'running as fast as you were,' gasp...gasp, 'I figured I'd better run, too!'"

The moral of the story: Somebody is watching you, and many times they will follow your lead.

You might not think of yourself as a leader. And you may not think of yourself as important.

But you are! You are somebody's role model. You may even be somebody's hero.

Your children, your spouse, your family members, your friends, your coworkers... they're all watching you.

And many times they will follow in your footsteps. What you do and how you live your life is very important.

Remember: Somebody is watching you! Well, I read about another race.

This one took place many, many years ago. There was a King who had a beautiful daughter.

The Princess had numerous offers of marriage, but she couldn't make up her mind on which one would be the best husband for her. She believed in romance, and she wanted a man who would love her more than he loved anything else.

So, she and her father, the King, devised a way to test the love of her suitors.

An announcement was made and sent throughout the Kingdom that on a certain day, there would be a race.

The winner of the race would marry the Princess. The race was open to

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**Gracie Hensley relaxes between competitions in International Skeet Shooting.**

Submitted photos

**Gracie Hensley aims for the Olympics**

By **MARK MCGEE**  
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Dedication. Discipline. Desire. Devotion.

These four "Ds" sum up Gracie Hensley and her quest to someday be part of the U.S. Olympic skeet shooting team.

In June she finished at the top of the competition in both the qualifying round and final at the U.S.A. Shooting National Junior Olympic Championships in June at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan. She qualified for the U.S.A. Development Team and took home a vest designating her as a member of the U.S.A National Shooting Team and a gold medal.

In May she earned a bronze medal in the finals of the U.S.A. Shooting National Shotgun Championships, also held in Hillsdale. This competition was part 1 of qualifying for the U.S. Olympic Trials to compete Paris, France in 2024.

Most of her time is spent working to one day achieve that goal. She rises at 5 a.m. to work through a variety of training exercises and then heads to the gym for even more workouts. In the afternoons she can be found on the skeet field.

She dribbles a basketball to develop her hand-eye coordination. She juggles and goes through vision

therapy. She uses items like a Vector Ball to refine her hand-eye coordination.

She travels to Alabama to work with her personal trainer Todd



**Hensley finished first in both the qualifying and final rounds at the U.S.A. National Junior Olympic Championships in June in Hillsdale, Michigan.**

Graves a four-time Olympian and a bronze medal winner in the Olympics in 2000.

"The shooting is the easy part," Gracie said. "All of the off the field training is the hard part."

**Started on a whim**

At The Webb High school students are required to be in clubs and skeet shooting caught her eye. She knew there weren't many schools offering the opportunity and nothing else interested her.

"I thought this looks kind of cool so I guess I will try it," Gracie said. "I had no idea what I was getting into. It was a spur of the moment thing."

Two of her friends, Miles Simons and Jonathan Savage, also played a part in her selection of the sport that would soon become her obsession.

"They said we need a third person so why don't you do it?" Gracie recalled. "They thought I had potential for it. That's kind of the way it started."

Gracie had tried basketball, softball and soccer, but in her own words she doesn't classify herself as "being athletic".

She first fired a shotgun on the skeet field at the age of 14. Prior to that her only exposure to shooting had been a couple of times with a pistol.

When she fired her first 12-gauge

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**Mark McGee**  
My Take

**Progress**

Progress is an expensive proposition. It can be painful. It can also be messy as well.

I try to stay out of politics in this column. It is reserved for my personal observations, not a place for editorial content.

But this week I am going to tip my toe into the political realm about the progress and growth of this city and county.

I understand the revelation the city of Shelbyville spent \$300,000 to guarantee a Chick-fil-A would be built here has sent shockwaves through the community with texts, Twitter, Facebook and other social media filled with reactions.

I understand why owners of existing restaurants are upset at the news. But I can also understand why the city did it.

Cities and counties unwilling to pay the price to attract new businesses and industries are going to be passed over in favor of the municipalities willing to make financial commitments.

Middle Tennessee is in a growth mode. Most of us want amenities like more dining choices, more and bigger stores and an opportunity for people to earn higher wages.

Industries look at what a possible location site has to offer in areas from education to housing to amenities. They also are looking for incentives.

Chick-fil-A is going to produce more than its share of tax revenue. A new McDonald's to complement the one on Madison Street will do the same thing.

The Celebration and other entities are working to bring more events to the area. That means restaurants are going to enjoy more business. Convenience stores are going to sell more gas. And the city and county coffers will benefit.

But even these events bring criticism from some who live in the county. I overheard someone complain that the ICS State and Regional contests as part of Summer Southern Chili Days on the square was an inconvenience because it was difficult for people who want to just shop to find a parking spot.

Ironic since the event was designed to bring people to the square for not only chili but for a car show and shopping.

I remember many years ago when I was editor of the Times-Gazette my colleague at a local paper wrote in his column that something "was as dead as the Shelbyville square at 4:30 on a Saturday afternoon."

Thank goodness that isn't the case now. Events like the chili cookoff help. Also, the opening of the Glass Hollow Table & Tavern and the Grindstone Cowboy projects as well as the Duck River overlook are going to attract even more people to the square. There might even be a need for a parking garage.

Progress is here folks. It may not make everyone happy, but even more is on the way.

**Kyle Thomas 'plays' with theatre success**

By **ZOË WATKINS**  
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Shelbyville native Kyle R. Thomas remembers becoming fascinated with theatre at the age of four years old.

His father had brought home a copy of Phantom of the Opera; watching it opened up the stage for him. From there, Thomas recalls going to the Tennessee Performing Arts Center to watch "Phantom" throughout his childhood. It encouraged him to perform in theatre at Shelbyville Central High and a minor in it at Middle Tennessee State University.

"There's something very familial about putting a production together. You spend months together at a time. There are fights and relationships and breakups. But when the lights go down, we're all rowing in the same direction," he said.

Though Phantom is Thomas' "OG" (original gangster, not Opera Ghost), he has grown in his tastes to include some of his favorite playwrights such as David Mamet, Simon Stephens, and Jez Butterworth, as well as watch plays like "Red" by John Logan.

And today, Thomas has seen his own play, "This House is Not

a Home," hit the real-life stage in Murfreesboro. The first performance is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Walnut House Event Venue in Murfreesboro. The second will be Saturday, Aug.



**Kyle Thomas**

19, at Oaklands Mansion. Tickets for the August performances are available at mlarts.com and the Murfreesboro Little Theatre Facebook page.

Thomas has been writing plays for eight years and has produced other works such as "Portrait of a Young Man." It's a character study about a father and son tak-

ing a journey to Florence for a long-lost Renaissance artist.

It will also be performed this weekend in Murfreesboro at Mills-Pate Art Center this Saturday by Ghost Light Studios.

As the father-son characters may reveal, Thomas said his own father is his hero. It's just one of many characteristics of his life growing up in Bedford County that inspire his works today.

You could describe his plays as modern, minimalist, close-set, and full of witty retorts, though not really comedic.

For his newest play, "This House is Not a Home," Thomas writes about two characters—an older man who owns a shoe repair shop and a younger man who is the son of his former business partner.

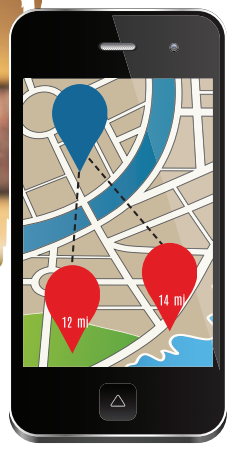
The setting is key. Thomas explained he wanted to find a "dying business."

"It's really the hatred of all things Amazon, because art and craft matter," he joked.

Thomas says he has a fascination with the past. The first play he wrote was about the first televised debate between Nixon and Kennedy.

And as someone who grew up in the Walking Horse industry,

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Wendell Miller has retired from Kroger after 56 years. He worked as an associate and grocery manager, and those who worked with him say, "Wendell has served generations of customers during his time at that store and he will be sorely missed!" A small celebration with staff members and family was held on Monday in the Kroger parking lot in Shelbyville.

T-G Photo by Zoe Watkins

**FCE CLUBS MEET**

**Butler's Creek FCE Report**

Butler's Creek FCE Club held their regular meeting at the Extension Office at 6:00 on July 10, 2023, to celebrate national grilling month. Members enjoyed a "picnic" dinner hosted by Amy Martin, Pat Crick, and Gloria Crick.

President Vicky Falkner opened the meeting with a hint about grilling meats. Sixteen members and a visitor, Jana Hogan, were present. The June minutes, treasurer's report, and sunshine report were given and approved.

Members who participated in the May Marathon walk were awarded their well-earned medals. Members who finished their marathons were Pat Crick, Gloria Crick, Vicky Faulkner, Susie Henderson, Melissa Turrentine, and Cindi Lindsey.

The April food collection to be donated to Good Samaritan from Butler's Creek members provided 420 pounds of food. That equals 349 meals for those in need! The members voted to do a second donation at their August meeting due to the great need for food that Good Samaritan has at present.

**Upcoming events:**

July 25 will be the next Leadership Training to be held at the Extension office at 10 a.m. The topic to be discussed is "Aging Skin."

Sept. 11 is their next date to serve dinner to the Farm Bureau members. The menu was planned and volunteers were scheduled to cook various items for the meal.

Sept. 19 is the next county-wide meeting to be held at 4 p.m. at the Extension Office. The topic to be presented will be "Cooking For 1 or 2."

The Bedford County Fair dates are July 17-22. Entry items will need to be brought in on Sunday, July 16. Those members who are assisting with entries, displays, and hosting during the fair were given their schedules.

**Club demonstrations:**

Pat Crick brought and shared a "made from scratch pineapple cake that was delicious.

Gloria Crick demonstrated a quilted project bag, a small "hum" bag that was the perfect size for scissors, and a very clever craft of flowers made from green soda straws and yellow cupcake papers.

Debbie Crosslin brought several lap afghans each made with



May Marathon participants: Susie Henderson, Vicky Faulkner, Cindi Lindsey, Gloria Crick. Not pictured Melissa Turrentine.

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Gloria Crick's quilted project bag

donated fabric from the stash of Linda Glenn who passed away a year ago.

Amy Martin demonstrated a lap blanket also made from donated fabrics and a fireman's memorial afghan which she had completed.

Susie Henderson demonstrated an Icelandic wool shawl and a lighter-weight cotton shawl that she had knit. She also showed a bright-colored hat that she had crocheted.

Vicki Faulkner adjourned the meeting and members began

crafting tote bags made from plastic placemats.

**Fairview FCE**

Fairview FCE Club met Wednesday, June 21, at the UT/TSU Extension Office. Sandra Smith opened the meeting.

Debbie Perryman read the call to order. The devotion was given by Carolyn Jones.

Sixteen members responded to the roll call, and the treasurer's report was given. Club hours, donations, and goals accomplished were recorded. The



Susie Henderson's cape knitted with unspun Icelandic wool pencil roving.

minutes of the last meeting were waived.

**Business discussion:**

Whitney Danhof had a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the Bedford County Fair which will be July 17-22. Final plans were made for the club's display at Share Fair on July 20.

Members were asked to be thinking about a project for the next workday.

Nash Creamery in Unionville was selected for the July outing, at 11a.m., July 19.

Club member demonstrations; angel by Mary Frances Gordon, and cuddly throws for children at DHS by Marilyn Lewis.

The educational lesson presented by Danhof, "Flowers and Bows," included ideas to make store flowers look stunning and each member made a bow using a fork.

The meeting was adjourned.



Vicky Faulkner, Cindi Lindsey, Patty McEntire, Debbie Crosslin, and Gloria Crick display some of the many tote bags created at their FCE meeting.



Nancy Brothers and Patty McEntire cutting placemats to create a useable tote bag.





Hensley is happiest on the skeet field as this celebration with a couple of fellow champion shooters shows.

## Gracie

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shotgun blast on a skeet field she hit her first target. It was love at her first shot.

"I was like this is great," Gracie said. "I am an adrenaline junkie. I love it.

"I got that adrenaline rush that I am always looking for. I was like I am going to do this. This is what I like."

### Looking for challenges

Gracie classified herself as "decent" after competing in American skeet shooting for a year. But Gracie likes being challenged, and she was looking for more. She decided to switch to International skeet shooting which is more challenging for several reasons.

An added plus is International skeet shooting is what the Shotgun Division of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Team competes in. Her next stop will

be the U.S. Army after she earns a high school diploma.

"International looked harder so I decided to try it," Gracie said. "In International skeet when you call 'pull' there is going to be a zero to three seconds delay. If is longer than three seconds, it is called a no target and you have to reset. In American skeet when you call 'pull' you know the target is going to fly immediately.

"In International skeet the target travels 55 to 60 miles per hour. In American skeet the target travels around 45 miles per hour. In American skeet you can start with your gun already mounted. In International the gun has to be at your hip."

### A different approach

Gracie admits she isn't the typical International skeet shooter in terms of her personality. She is focused, but not intensely

so. "You would think I would be intense because a lot of International skeet shooters are very stoic and very focused looking when they shoot," Gracie said. "But anybody who knows me wouldn't say that I'm like that. I like dancing on the field.

I don't get nervous. I stay relaxed."

She may not be intense in competition but her attitude in preparation is completely focused.

Her next stop is a Junior Olympic qualifier in Tucson, Arizona in March where she would like to duplicate her performance in Michigan. There is no doubt she will do everything she can to be ready. At 17 she often has to turn her back on being with her friends.

"I don't get to go out much," Gracie said. "I want this so bad. It not hard



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Hensley plans to join the U.S. Army after high school graduation to participate in the marksmanship program in the shotgun division.

for me to say, 'sorry guys I can't go out'. I know I have to get up, get my work done and keep going."

She has no problems tak-

ing the less traveled road in the way to earning her ultimate prize.

"I never give half energy to anything," Gracie said.

"If I am going to do something I am going to give all that I've got. I do have the mentality that I am going to be the best at this."

## Thomas

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which has seen its share of trials and decline in participation through the years, Thomas said he wanted to look into the question "Is there a place for someone? Or, are those who rendered their craft now considered antiquated?" Like a shoe repairman.

"In a lot of ways, I write about family and relationships...it seems to me in this area there's a lot of family-forward thinking. The dynamics of that are one of the driving forces of drama," Thomas explained. Think arguing around the dinner table.

There's a strong paternal connection in these two plays. Thomas wrote early versions of "Portrait of a Young Man" through the lens of a son. But then he became a father himself and rewrote it as a father.

Thomas explained writing a play is a "very slow process."

"By the time I get an idea, I wait a long time before I put pen to paper



Alec Lanter (right) performs with Jack Seage in Murfreesboro Little Theatre's production of "This House is Not a Home" in New York on June 13.

because I like to let the idea stew," he said. The most fundamental question running through his plays is, "What does each character want and why can't they get it?"

"Some writers can start and don't know where it ends. I have to know where I'm going because I like to sprinkle in Easter eggs."

With a legal pad and

pen, Thomas said he doesn't make his first edits until typing it. The process can often take up to two years or more.

But what happens when the play goes from the page to the stage?

Once he hands the play over to the director, the room becomes the director's room. If the director changes stage directions,

Thomas often goes along with it. He said his job is to make sure the lines are correct and that they flow and hold a musical quality to them.

"There is something about the live experience you can only get in a theatre. It's one of the only places you have to turn the phone off," Thomas said.

For Thomas, a scene is

more impactful being in the same room as the character crying on stage, versus viewing them on screen. This is something he recalled after seeing a play called "Morning Sun" in December 2021. "I couldn't talk after watching it," he said.

But like the dying business of a shoe repair shop, Thomas said he doesn't

know the exact future of where playwrighting and live performance is going. With AI like ChatGPT threatening the writer's room, Thomas said, "I don't know. No one knows...But I think theatre is going to survive. Even with people who don't have a relationship with it. I believe in the power of theatre."

## Doug

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every man in the Kingdom, regardless of their position in life.

All that was required was that the man had to profess to love the princess more than he loved anything else.

On the chosen day, men of all walks of life, nobility and lower class, the rich and the poor, young and old alike, all gathered for the race.

Each of these men professed wholehearted love for the Princess.

They gathered at the starting line, prepared to run the course of many miles that had been marked for the race.

They were all told that the Princess waited for her husband-to-be at the finish line. Whoever reached her first would take her as his bride.

Just before the race was to begin, an announcement was made.

The King, they were reminded, was a wealthy man with treasures gathered from all over the world.

Not wanting any man to run in vain, it was announced that the King had liberally scattered some of his finest treasures all along the course.

The runners were told they could take as many of these treasures as they could carry.

Then, the race started, and the runners took off.

Right away the runners began to come across beautiful gems and bags of gold. There were necklaces and pendants and jewel encrusted cups and swords and knives.

One by one, the runners, princes and paupers alike, turned aside to fill their pockets and they carried off whatever treasures they could.

Blinded by the immediate thought of riches and wealth, these men forgot about the Princess. Their so-called love for her fell by the wayside.

All except one fellow. This man pressed on.

He ignored what to him were but mere trinkets, compared to the incomparable beauty of the Princess and the prospect

of gaining her hand in marriage.

He finally crossed the finish line, and gained a Royal Wife.

That's the way temptation works isn't it. The Tempter (the devil) places all kind of things in our pathway that are meant to blind our eyes to the kind of life God wants for us.

With God's grace we can learn to avoid temptation.

We can learn to walk away from the things that could become 'gods in our life.'

But, with The One True God's grace and assistance, we can keep our focus on Him and the love we have for Him.

With God's grace, we can learn to love others

instead of loving ourselves.

You too are running a race. We all are. Are you going to cross the finish line?

Those who have run the Race before us, those who reached the Goal that was set before them, are there in the Bleachers of Glory, cheering us on.

The writer of the Book of Hebrews reminds us: "Therefore, since we also have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let's rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let's run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the

cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 1:1-2)

Run...run...run the race that is set before you! The Heavenly Father is waiting for us at the Finish Line.

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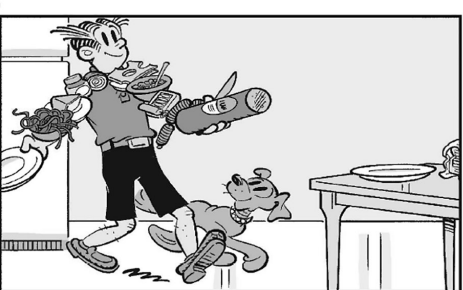
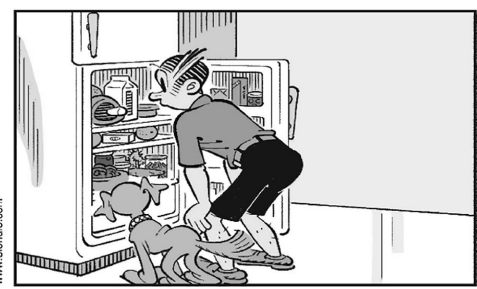
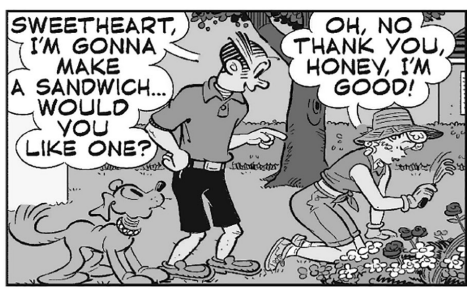
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WHOA, THAT'S WEIRD.

WHAT'S WEIRD?

IT'S JUST THAT EVERY SUMMER MR. FORTH ALSO UNVEILS A "SPECIAL BURGER."

THERE IS NO SPECIAL BURGER EXCEPT MY CULINARY MASTERPIECE!

DAE, ARE YOU OKAY?

I'M BETTER THAN OKAY, JOON! AS I BREATHED IN THE GRILL'S FUMES I REALIZED I NEEDED TO MAKE A BURGER AS MAGICAL AS IT IS MEATY!

AS TRANSCENDENT AS IT IS TASTY! AND AS FLUORESCENT AS IT IS FLAVORFUL!

SO WAS MY MISSION!

IT WAS THE GRILL'S PROPANE FUMES ALL ALONG!

NOW, BEFORE I UNVEIL THE BURGER, AVERT YOUR GAZE.

THIS COULD BE BLINDING.

NEEKEE

# The PHANTOM

by LEE FICK

I'VE SEEN A RING LIKE THIS... WORN BY A MAN LIKE NO OTHER. A MAN NOT OF THIS WORLD.

WHEN THAT FEVER FELLED ME IN THE JUNGLE I THINK I MAY HAVE... HAD A DREAM ABOUT HIM...

OF COURSE... THAT ASSUMES MINA WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO BRING YOU THE NEWS IN PERSON, WHATEVER THE... EMERGENCY MIGHT BE.

IT'S A DRAWBACK, ISN'T IT? EVERY PLAN HAS ONE.

AND THE MAP COULD FALL INTO OTHER HANDS... SOMEONE YOU WOULDN'T WANT TURNING UP AT THE SECRET WATERFALL...

DRAWBACK NUMBER TWO.

DARLING, I'M A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT MINA... SHE'S SO ALONE OUT HERE.

I TOLD HER SHE CAN REACH OUT TO YOU AT BOX 7, BUT...

I KNOW... IT'S NOT AS IF THERE'S A MAILBOX HANDY IN THE DOMAIN OF THE ALMOST HUMANS.

SO MAYBE NOT A MAP TO THE DEEP WOODS BUT TO THE...?

NEAREST MAILBOX?

NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHERE TO PLACE THE STONE LIONS ON A MAP—THAT MAP MIGHT BE A GOOD THING FOR MINA TO HAVE AS WELL!

A MAP FROM THE STONE LIONS TO THE DEEP WOODS!

SIGH...

SO YOU'RE SAYING I SHOULD GET USED TO THE IDEA THAT MINA'S OUT HERE ALONE.

IT'S WHAT ADVENTURERS DO, ISN'T IT?

Tony DePaul & Jeff Weigel 7-16-23

NEXT: NEW ADVENTURE!

# Hi and LOIS

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

DI'TO'S IN LOVE!

PLAYING CATCH...

GOING SWIMMING...

YOU'VE BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME WITH JENNY LATELY.

ARE YOU TWO HAVING A SUMMER ROMANCE?

TELL MY STUPID BROTHER THAT WE'RE NOT IN LOVE!

RIDING BIKES...

# ZITS

OW. OW.

JEREMY? WHAT HAPPENED?

HOP. HOP!

SKATEBOARDING FAIL.

THAT LOOKS BAD!

SIT DOWN WHILE I GET THE FIRST-AID KIT.

THERE! HOW'S THAT?

MM...

YOU ALWAYS USED TO KISS IT TO MAKE IT BETTER.

I'LL FIRE OFF AN EMOJI.

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

# THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"YOU DON'T WANT TO INSULT MY INTELLIGENCE? THAT MEANS YOU ADMIT I HAVE SOME."

"WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA... IT MAKES OUR LIVES SEEM SO EXCITING!"

"YOUR CARGO PANTS HAVE EXCEEDED THEIR LOAD LIMIT."

# CANDORVILLE

THE OTHER DAY, MY NEIGHBOR YELLED "SHUT UP" AT MY DOG...

...JUST 'CAUSE MY DOG HAS BARKED AT HIM AND TRIED TO BUST THROUGH THE FENCE AT HIM EVERY SINGLE TIME HE'S SET FOOT IN HIS BACKYARD OVER THE PAST DECADE.

HE ASKED ME TO TRAIN MAULER NOT TO DO THAT, SO I SAID, "SOUNDS LIKE YOU DON'T RESPECT MY DOG'S FREEDOM OF SPEECH."

I TOLD HIM I'M NOT GOING TO TRAIN MAULER TO CENSOR HIMSELF TO PROTECT SOMEONE ELSE'S FEELINGS.

IF THERE'S ONE THING I CAN'T STAND, IT'S A WOKE DOG.

I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU HAD A DOG.

DOG... WOLF I FOUND IN THE MOUNTAINS... SAME DIFFERENCE.

BY DARRIN BELL

# SLYLOCK FOX

A witness saw one of the Weiridly identical twins shoplift a jar of sauerkraut from the Forestville Food Mart. The twin evaded store security, but while fleeing, she dropped her hand-written grocery list. Both sisters insist they are innocent. How might the grocery list help Slylock Fox determine which identical twin is the sauerkraut crook?

... SEEN ANY SAUERKRAUT AROUND HERE, LIL' FELLA?

Spot six differences between these panels.

HOW TO DRAW an angry gorilla

YOUR DRAWING

The hummingbird's wings beat up to 80 times per second. How many times does a bee's wings beat per second?

Submit your drawing to [www.slylockfox.com](http://www.slylockfox.com)

Answer: (d) 230

BY BOB WEBER JR.

"I THOUGHT GOLF INSTRUCTORS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO LAUGH."

"THE DEFINITION OF INSANITY IS LORETTA MAKING HER MEATLOAF AGAIN AND AGAIN EXPECTING THE RESULTS TO BE EDIBLE."



# Donors needed in July to prevent a blood shortage

NASHVILLE — The American Red Cross continues to see a concerning trend – blood donations are being sent to hospitals faster than they are coming in. The Red Cross has collected about 50,000 fewer blood donations than needed over the last two months. Donors are asked to make an appointment to give blood or platelets now to avoid a looming blood shortage.

To help head off a more serious situation, the Red Cross is teaming up with Warner Bros. Discovery for the 35th anniversary of *Shark Week* and the theatrical release of *Meg 2: The Trench*. The public is encouraged to celebrate a summer of sharks and help shore up the national blood supply by giving in July.

In thanks for helping, the Red Cross is offering several incentives to donors who come out to give blood or platelets in the coming weeks. Additionally, in response to the great need for blood, those who hurry in to help by coming to give July 1-16 will receive a limited-time bonus \$15 gift card by email to a merchant of their choice.

- July 1-11: All who come to give will get an exclusive Red Cross dry bag, while supplies last. Details are available at [RedCrossBlood.org/Gifts](https://www.redcrossblood.org/Gifts).

- July 12-Aug 12: Those who come to give will be automatically entered for a chance to win a three-night New York getaway for two with a private shark dive adventure at Long Island Aquarium. Details are available at [RedCrossBlood.org/Shark](https://www.redcrossblood.org/Shark).

- July 17-31: Presenting donors will receive an officially licensed Shark Week T-shirt, while supplies last. Donors will also be automatically entered for a chance to win a three-night New York getaway for two with a private shark dive adventure at

Long Island Aquarium. Details are available at [RedCrossBlood.org/Shark](https://www.redcrossblood.org/Shark).

By scheduling and keeping appointments in July, donors can help provide for those in immediate need of lifesaving care. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

## Upcoming blood donation opportunities July 11-31:

### TENNESSEE

**Bedford**  
Shelbyville  
7/26/2023: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Shelbyville Community, First Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Britain Street

**Cannon**  
Woodbury  
7/20/2023: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Lions Club Building, 634 Lehman Street

**Coffee**  
Tullahoma  
7/11/2023: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., First Baptist Church, 200 NE Atlantic St

**Lincoln**  
Fayetteville  
7/28/2023: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., City of Fayetteville Parks & Recreation, 1203 Winchester Hwy

### Marshall

Cornersville  
7/12/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., United Methodist Church, 100 S Mulberry St

**Rutherford**  
La Vergne  
7/14/2023: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.,

Laverne First United Methodist Church, 248 Old Waldron Road  
7/31/2023: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Miracle Baptist Church, 205 Easy Street

Murfreesboro  
7/11/2023: 12:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

7/12/2023: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Patterson Park Community Center, 521 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd

7/13/2023: 10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

7/14/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

7/14/2023: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Rutherford County Health Department, 100 West Burton Street

7/15/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

7/16/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

7/17/2023: 12:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

7/18/2023: 12:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

7/20/2023: 10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

7/21/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

7/21/2023: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., World Outreach Church, 1921 New Salem Highway

7/21/2023: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital, 1700 Medical Parkway

7/22/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

7/23/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation

Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.  
7/24/2023: 12:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

7/24/2023: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Church, 7004 Burnt Knob Road

7/24/2023: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Fellowship Bible Church, 4236 Veterans Parkway

7/25/2023: 12:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

7/27/2023: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., River Oaks Community Church, 210 Rucker Ln

7/27/2023: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Carbon Culture - Murfreesboro, 1311 Gresham Park Drive

7/27/2023: 10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

7/28/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

7/28/2023: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., North Boulevard Church of Christ, 1112 North Rutherford Boulevard

7/29/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

7/30/2023: 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

7/31/2023: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Blackman United Methodist Church, 4380 Manson Pike

7/31/2023: 12:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., Murfreesboro Blood Donation Center, 501 Memorial Blvd.

Smyrna  
7/18/2023: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Science & Technology Building, 5002 Motlow State Blvd.  
7/27/2023: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Lowes Smyrna, 410 Genie Lane

**Williamson**  
Nolensville  
7/13/2023: 1:15 p.m. - 7:15

p.m., Nolensville First United Methodist Church, 7316 Nolensville Road  
7/26/2023: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Nolensville First United Methodist Church, 7316 Nolensville Road

### How to donate blood

To make an appointment, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

### Amplify your impact – volunteer!

A stable blood and platelet supply is critical to national preparedness. Additionally, as we approach the beginning of what is expected to be another active hurricane season, the Red Cross urges everyone to get ready now and consider becoming a volunteer to help people affected by the growing number of climate-driven disasters.

Support impacted communities by assisting at Red Cross shelters, using your professional skills as a licensed health care provider or becoming a member of the Red Cross Disaster Action Team. To learn more, visit [redcross.org/volunteertoday](https://www.redcross.org/volunteertoday).

# Summer of Caesar and Grapes

(Family Features) Summer celebrations come in many forms – backyard games, fun at the pool, time with family – but perhaps a favorite is enjoying fresh, delicious foods that are easy to prepare. Put a twist on the classic Caesar salad this summer with crunchy textures and energizing flavors to keep the excitement rolling all season long.

Capitalize on a food trend that's all the rage with this easy-to-assemble Chicken Caesar Salad Charcuterie Board for a unique way to share a meal. Sliced chicken provides that familiar taste of grilled summer fare combined with hard-cooked eggs, fruits, veggies, cheese and crostini.

At the heart of the dish is the Fresh Express Twisted Lemon Caesar Chopped Salad Kit, which provides a spin on traditional Caesar flavor by adding in bright notes of lemon. The kit features crisp iceberg lettuce, colorful and sweet dried cherries, crunchy Parmesan cheese crisps and lemon white wine Caesar dressing to bring a little sunshine to each bite.

A convenient, ideal bed for this salad charcuterie board, the kits can also be enjoyed as an easy summer salad on their own and are available in the refrigerated produce department at grocery stores.

Visit [FreshExpress.com](https://www.freshexpress.com) for more mealtime inspiration and to find salad kits near you.

## Chicken Caesar Salad Charcuterie Board

- Prep time: 25 minutes
- Servings: 8
- 3 packages (9.1 ounces each) Fresh Express Twisted Lemon Caesar Chopped Salad Kits
- 2 pounds sliced grilled chicken
- 16 slices crostini
- 1 cup chopped hard-cooked eggs
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup diced cucumber
- 1 cup chopped red

- onion
- 1 cup chopped apple
- 1 cup chopped tomato
- 1 cup shaved Romano cheese
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 1 lemon, sliced

1. Place lettuce from salad kits in large bowl; place in center of large round cutting board or platter.

2. Arrange sliced chicken and crostini around bowl of lettuce.

3. Place salad dressings and toppings from salad kits in individual small bowls. Place eggs, celery, cucumber, red onion, apple, tomato, Romano cheese, pecans, raisins and lemon slices in individual small bowls.

4. Arrange bowls in circle around lettuce, chicken and crostini.

### Flavorful grape recipes

Summertime celebrations with friends, family and neighbors are a perfect way to enjoy the sunshine, warm weather and camaraderie. To satisfy a hungry crowd, though, you'll need recipes fit for the occasion.

Turn to a versatile signature ingredient like Grapes from California, which can be used in dishes of all kinds from refreshing salads and entrees to flavorful condiments and sweet desserts.

Grapes are crisp, juicy and sweet, making them a fantastic addition of flavor and texture for a wide range of recipes. Whether fresh, sauteed, roasted, grilled or even pickled, grapes make it easy to take meals to the next level.

For example, you can start the festivities with grapes as an easy, portable and healthy snack perfect for summer days or use them as a juicy addition to this all-in-one Honey-Lime Quinoa and Grape Salad that's ideal as a light appetizer or a meal all on its own. Follow it up (or pair it) with a summertime staple – hot dogs – given a sweet-tart twist from pick-



led grape relish that takes these Sweet and Tangy Pickled Grape Hot Dogs to new heights.

Dessert can't be much easier than Creamy Vegan Grape Ice Cream as a dairy-free alternative to traditional summer sweets. Oat coffee creamer and pureed grapes are all you need to create this delicious frozen treat. Simply freezing whole grapes also makes for an easy and healthy frozen dessert.

### Honey-Lime Quinoa and Grape Salad

- Prep time: 15 minutes, plus at least 1 hour chill time
- Cook time: 22 minutes
- Servings: 6 (1 1/3 cups per serving)
- Lime Vinaigrette:
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/3 cup lime juice
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 3/4 teaspoon sea salt
- freshly ground pepper, to taste
- Salad:
- 1 1/2 cups quinoa
- 2 cups vegetable broth
- 2 cups halved Grapes from California
- 1/2 cup minced red onion
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

- 2 tablespoons minced jalapeno pepper
- 1 large firm, ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and cut into bite-size pieces
- 1/2 cup chopped peanuts (optional)

1. To make lime vinaigrette: In medium bowl, whisk olive oil, lime juice, honey, sea salt and pepper, to taste.

2. To make salad: In fine mesh strainer, rinse quinoa; drain well. In medium saucepan, bring broth and quinoa to boil; reduce heat and simmer, covered, 12 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand 10 minutes then fluff with fork and let cool. Transfer to large bowl.

3. Pour vinaigrette over quinoa; stir well to coat. Add grapes, onion, cilantro and jalapeno pepper; cover and chill at least 1 hour.

4. Lightly stir in avocado and transfer to decorative bowl. Sprinkle with nuts, if desired.

Notes: Salad may be prepared and refrigerated up to 2 days ahead without avocado and peanuts. Add avocado and peanuts just before serving.

Nutritional information per serving: 520 calories; 10 g protein; 52 g carbohydrates; 32 g fat (55%

calories from fat); 4 1/2 g saturated fat (8% calories from saturated fat); 0 mg cholesterol; 490 mg sodium; 7 g fiber.

### Sweet and Tangy Pickled Grape Dogs

Prep time: 15 minutes, plus 1 hour marinating time  
Cook time: 5 minutes  
Servings: 8 (1/4 cup relish per serving)

- 1/2 teaspoon mustard seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon coriander seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon black peppercorns
- 1/2 cup wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 1/4 cups quartered or coarsely chopped Grapes from California (red, green, black or combination)
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 8 turkey or chicken hot dogs
- 8 hot dog buns, lightly toasted

1. Place mustard seeds, coriander seeds and black peppercorns in small resealable bag. Using meat mallet or rolling pin, crush seeds and peppercorns.

2. In small saucepan, stir vinegar, sugar, seeds and peppercorns; bring to boil. Remove from heat and stir

to dissolve sugar; let cool. Stir in grapes and onion; set aside to cool and marinate 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

3. Heat grill to medium heat.

4. Grill hot dogs 5 minutes, turning occasionally, or until charred and heated through.

5. Place hot dogs in buns. Using slotted spoon, top with pickled grapes.

Nutritional information per serving: 280 calories; 10 g protein; 39 g carbohydrates; 10 g fat (32% calories from fat); 2 g saturated fat (6% calories from saturated fat); 35 mg cholesterol; 630 mg sodium; 1 g fiber.

### Creamy Vegan Grape Ice Cream

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 10-15 minutes  
Servings: 8 (1/2 cup per serving)

- 1 pound stemmed black Grapes from California
- 12 ounces vanilla oat coffee creamer, well chilled
- 12 ounces unsweetened oat coffee creamer, well chilled

1. In high-speed blender, puree grapes until smooth. Transfer to medium saucepan and bring to simmer. Reduce heat to low and cook 10-15 minutes, or until reduced to 1 cup. Cover and refrigerate until well chilled.

2. Stir creamer into pureed grapes and pour into bowl of ice cream maker. Freeze according to manufacturer's directions. Transfer to freezer-safe container; cover and freeze until firm.

Substitution: For lighter color, use 3/4 pound black grapes and 1/4 pound red.

Note: Make sure ice cream maker bowl is well chilled or frozen before making ice cream.

Nutritional information per serving: 140 calories; 0 g protein; 22 g carbohydrates; 6 g fat (39% calories from fat); 0 g saturated fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 45 mg sodium; 1 g fiber.



# WGU Tennessee celebrates 10 years in the state



Kim Estep



NASHVILLE — July marks the 10th anniversary of WGU Tennessee. The online university's competency-based learning has been key to its success and popularity among working adults, as well as its leadership in responsible borrowing and rural outreach.

On July 9, 2013, then Gov. Bill Haslam launched the Drive to 55 Initiative and signed legislation that established WGU Tennessee as an official state affiliate of Western Governors University. Since then, WGU Tennessee has grown to be the third-largest private, nonprofit university in the state.

"For the past 10 years, WGU Tennessee has strived to provide access to affordable higher education to thousands of working Tennesseans, helping more than 10,000 graduates achieve their dreams," said Kimberly K. Estep, WGU Southeast Regional Vice President. "We continue to work every day to help Tennesseans attain their goals to improve their lives through the attainment of postsecondary degrees that lead to career advancement and longevity."

In the decade since its launch, WGU Tennessee has seen:

- Growth from roughly 700 active students in 2013 to 4,629 in June 2023
- 10,061 degrees conferred
- More than 2,000 nurses upskilled
- More than 1,000 new teachers trained
- \$5.1 million in scholarships awarded to Tennesseans
- Tennessee's Responsible Borrowing Initiative (RBI) Act modeled after WGU's RBI
- Graduates from all 95 Tennessee counties
- 95% of graduates live in the same county after graduating
- Partnerships with major employers such as HCA, FedEx, Knox County Schools, First Horizon National Corporation, and more

- Partnerships with all 13 community colleges in the state

- More than 200 faculty and staff employed throughout Tennessee

"We're just one piece of the larger higher-education puzzle in Tennessee; but as we look back at our accomplishments from the previous decade, we should be proud of what we've already achieved," Estep said. "Our early success has been a result, in large part, of the support we've received from our partner organizations, our advisory board, our students, and alumni. We can't wait for what's to come in the next 10 years."

WGU offers more than 80 online undergraduate and graduate programs in business, K-12 education, health, and information technology. To learn more about the university, please visit [www.wgu.edu](http://www.wgu.edu).



WGU Tennessee Commencement



Gov. Bill Haslam at WGU Tennessee launch

# How's that honeymoon working for you?

"Have you seen everything you want to see?"  
"Yeah. You?"  
"Me too. Let's go back home."

That's a paraphrased version of my parents' conversation midway through their honeymoon in 1958. Unimpressed by the hype of an out-of-state adventure, they chose to hightail it back to the real world.

(The real worlds of 1958 and 2023 are strikingly different. Today's "reality" is that your new father-in-law offers to chest-feed any future babies. And pull a bitcoin from their ear.)

How many of the people who giddily tied the knot in June have already settled for the humdrum? Folks who were all

lovey-dovey during the courtship phase are suddenly growling, "You could write wedding vows in the form of an Elizabethan sonnet, but you can't write 'milk' on the shopping list?"

The partner who was with them on Cloud 9 is suddenly, sadistically emitting thunderous noises.

People who were on their best behavior are now letting it all hang out. ("You did a good job of faking things. Well, I've been faking having a work ethic!")

A few ultra-realistic couples may have scrubbed "Just Married" off their car and replaced it with "Just Waiting for the Sweet Embrace of Death." Like Johnny and June

Carter Cash, many of these people got married in a fever. It's only once the hoopla dies down that they realize, "Your lousy health insurance policy treats fever as a preexisting condition!"

Most couples grudgingly admit that the honeymoon is over once they've returned to work and the million-and-one responsibilities of daily living rear their ugly heads. ("There's one rearing its ugly head now. No, wait — that's just your great-aunt Agatha.")

Communication is a big problem for many newlywed couples, although some do remarkably well reading smoke signals. ("Hey! You've got the credit cards smoking!") Some people experience

a smooth transition from romantic love to mature love, but others are blindsided because they were so busy Being in Love with Being in Love. They never got around to discussing whether to have children, which family to spend the holidays with, which relatives to co-sign a loan for, the division of chores, etcetera. ("Hey, I never noticed you have a conjoined twin with a swastika birthmark on their forehead...")

I encountered an online article listing ways to keep the romance alive in a marriage. One pearl of wisdom was "Spend at least 10 minutes a day facing one another with concentrated eye contact." There's quite a bit of incen-

tive there, because the first one to blink has to fill out all the "thank you" cards for wedding gifts!

Even newlyweds who cohabitated for years before finally making it official know that the status quo will change, however subtly. They know that their delightful eccentricities and quirks will become fodder for Dear Abby. You can recognize these men and women at social events because they're the one who always introduces themselves with greetings such as "Hi! I'm Frank (not his real name)."

But you'll occasionally meet seniors who have been wed to their soulmate for 50 or 75 years and swear they're still in their honeymoon phase. I never

**Danny Tyree**

*Tyrades*



know how seriously to take these sweethearts.

"We HAVE to stick together, because we've been holding Elvis, Bigfoot, Amelia Earhart and Jimmy Hoffa hostage in the basement. Did you say you're a Tyree? Ah, the Tyrees — the ones who got away..."

• *Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at [tyreetyrades@aol.com](mailto:tyreetyrades@aol.com) and visits to his Facebook fan page "Tyree's Tyrades."*





**Roho**

**DOG OF THE WEEK: ROHO**

This little "firecracker" is Roho. He is a 10-month-old cattle mix with an amazing personality. He is a working boy, so he will need lots of room to run and play and things to keep him busy. But he is lots of fun! He loves to chase his tennis ball and play with his toys. He is very smart so learning new things comes easy for him. He is neutered, microchipped, fully vaccinated, and available for adoption at the Bedford County Animal Control shelter.

Submitted photo

**5 tips to help you prioritize your pet's health**

(BPT) - A healthy pet doesn't happen by accident. Even a dog or cat without preexisting health conditions needs their owner's help to live their best life and maintain their well-being. Check out these five tips from pet experts at Purina who explain how to prioritize your pet's health to keep your four-legged companion happy and healthy.

- 1. Provide complete and balanced nutrition**  
When you see "complete & balanced" on your pet's food, it means that it provides your pet the right amount of all essential nutrients and in the right proportions that their bodies need.
- 2. Get plenty of exercise**  
Whether you take your dog for a walk in a place you both love or play a new game with your cat, spending quality time together is top of the list
- 3. Take care of their skin and coat**  
Regular brushing. A dog's skin and coat are their largest organs and protect their bones, muscles, and other organs. It also plays a vital role in maintaining body temperature.
- 4. Teach them new skills**  
Investing time in your pet is a wonderful way to show them how much you care, and it's another great way to care for their physical and mental health.
- 5. Consider using supplements**  
Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Supplements offers options to help with a variety of circumstances pet parents may encounter.



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**BOMBERS TAKE 2ND**

The Unionville Bombers recently took second in the Shelbyville 8U baseball tournament in the gold bracket. Team members are (back, from left): Weston Cook, Jase Yancey, Emmett Mohrmann, Grady Smotherman, Julian Haywood; (front, from left): Barrett Holder, Camden Layne, Carter Whitehead, Bristen McGee and Avery Simmons.

## MLB's hypocrisy continues by denying Hit King

Let me be very clear, Pete Rose is the Hit King and it's a crime against baseball that he continues to be excluded from the Hall of Fame.

For 34 years, the best hitter to ever play the game has been banned from baseball for sports betting.

For some reason, a game that embraces the change of banning shifts, implementing a pitch clock, adding a universal designated hitter slot in the lineup and is exploring the ideas of other contemporary changes like the idea of robot umpires is stuck in the ancient ways and refuses to reinstate Rose to baseball.

Yes, he bet on baseball. I'm pretty sure there's nobody with any respect to the integrity of the game that condones what Rose did—and I don't say that as a Reds fan.

I love the game of baseball and anyone who is willing to blemish the game I love, should be held accountable.

But enough is enough. Rose has spent 34 years in baseball purgatory and it's beyond time to end his sentence—especially now that betting on baseball is not just legal, but widespread.

On Tuesday night, Manfred stated that, "Pete Rose violated what is Rule 1 in baseball, the consequences of that are in the rule. We continue to abide by our own rules."

The thing about baseball is, there are written rules, and unwritten

**Chris Siers**

*The Extra Point*



rules.

Over the better part of the last decade, online betting companies have created their own legalized gambling market and have become available to millions of sports fans.

You can bet on football, basketball, soccer, baseball, hockey, water polo, baseball, rugby, golf, and did I mention...baseball?

But to continually ban someone who dedicated his life to the game of baseball for 23 years, and to do the things he did for the game, which include being a 17-time All-Star, a three-time World Series Champion, including two rings with the "Big Red Machine," and perhaps the biggest accomplishment of all in becoming the all-time hits leader by recording 4,256 hits, is a crime against the game itself.

Manfred should be ashamed of himself for doubling down on his hypocrisy by ignoring the impact legalized gambling has on baseball, while continuing to reinforce the idea of banning one of the game's best players.

How does the hypocrisy affect the game today?

Well, the fact betting on baseball is plenty legal for millions is the big

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## Marquee Matchups: 2023 SEC Football

By **WILL CARTER**  
Sports Writer

The best time of the year is almost here.

College football is less than two months away, and with it come some games to watch for across the entire NCAA, but especially in the Southeastern Conference.

Last season the SEC blessed everyone involved with exciting games including LSU versus FSU, LSU versus Alabama, and Tennessee versus Alabama, among many others.

While no one can predict what will happen in college football, even on a week-to-week basis, there are plenty of matchups that have the potential to be exhilarating experiences.

So let's take a look.

### LSU vs FSU (Orlando), September 3

While there is no real rhyme or reason to the order of this list, the rematch between the Tigers and Seminoles in Week 1 could set a high mark for the rest of the season, much like it did last year.

A year ago the Seminoles danced their way out of New Orleans with a narrow 24-23 victory after the Tigers drove the length of the field to score and tie the game with no time remaining on the clock, and the ensuing extra point was blocked.

It wasn't the result the LSU faithful was hoping for in Brian Kelly's debut as head coach, but Kelly and the Tigers were able to bounce back and put together a 10-4 record that included a berth to the SEC Championship game against Georgia in Atlanta — a place no one expected them to land.

The Seminoles had a similar season, finishing with a 10-3 record that was capped by a 35-32 victory over the Oklahoma Sooners in the Cheez-It Bowl.

Heading into the 2023 matchup both teams are highly touted as LSU is ranked in the Top 5 and FSU in the Top 15 of numerous preseason rankings.

Both teams are also bringing back their starting gunslingers in Jayden Daniels for LSU and Jordan Travis for FSU which makes things even more enticing.

In last year's affair, Daniels threw for 209 yards and two touchdowns while running for 114 yards on 16 carries to lead the Tigers through the air

and on the ground.

Travis did most of his work through the air with 260 passing yards and two touchdowns while rushing for 31 yards on eight carries.

The entirety of the season will obviously be taken into account when it's time for end of the year awards, but both quarterbacks have the potential to be up for the Heisman Trophy when the season comes to a close.

And Week 1 will be a great litmus test for that.

### Alabama vs Texas, September 9

In Week 2 of college football last season, Alabama and Texas followed up LSU and FSU's wire-to-wire finish with one of their own as the Crimson Tide skated by the Longhorns with a 20-19 victory behind two late-game drives by Bryce Young and the Alabama offense.

It was tied 10-10 heading into halftime, but Longhorns' starting quarterback, Quinn Ewers, wouldn't return in the second half after going down with a shoulder injury early in the second quarter.

Alabama was set up to take over the game from that point on, but Texas had other plans as they took a 16-10 with just under 13 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

Then Bryce Young happened, and the Tide walked away with the close victory that was capped by a go-ahead field goal with five seconds left.

Alabama went on to finish the season with an 11-2 record, but it didn't result in a spot in the College Football Playoff like they plead for and they settled for a Sugar Bowl victory over the Kansas State Wildcats.

Texas, on the other hand, slid to an 8-5 record with Ewers being sidelined for an extended period of time.

Now that Young has moved on to the NFL as this year's number one overall pick, questions are looming around the Tide's quarterback situation and who will get the nod in Week 1.

Will it be Jalen Milroe who filled in for an injured Young throughout last season, Notre Dame transfer Tyler Buchner, or Tennessee native Ty Simpson?

Nick Saban has some decisions to make.

On the Longhorn side, there's a blessing of abundance as Ewers remains the so-called top guy in the

quarterback room with top prospect Arch Manning waiting in the shadows.

Ewers proved in spurts last season that he has the talent and ability to lead the Longhorns to where they want to go, but the Manning name transcends any other name at the position, and fans want to see what the next installment has to offer.

There's still plenty of time for each team to figure it out, but if this year's matchup is anything like the last, then Saban and Steve Sarkisian will need their best guy on the field taking snaps and making the throws in Week 2.

### Alabama vs Tennessee, October 21

A 500-word novel illustrating the Third Saturday in October still wouldn't be long enough to accurately encapsulate its magnitude year in and year out.

There's a plethora of heated rivalries across college football, but not many can compare to when Tennessee and Alabama meet on the gridiron.

Even when the Volunteers recently went over a decade without getting the best of the Crimson Tide, it was circled on everyone's calendar.

Now the playing field is a little bit more level since Josh Heupel arrived in Knoxville in 2021.

Last season's 52-49 thriller that saw the Vols knock down a game-winning field goal as time expired, among many other highlights, was their first win over the Tide since 2006 and the first ever over a Nick Saban coached Tide team.

Of course it's Saban and Alabama, and they're going to be near the top of the SEC until they prove otherwise, but long gone are the days of complete dominance in Tuscaloosa.

The SEC is getting stronger and stronger every year, and the Vols are threatening to take over at the top of the totem pole.

With this season's meeting being in Tuscaloosa, and taking into account the drama from a year ago, the Tide are sure to want revenge in the biggest way possible, especially since history could be made.

A win on the road for the Vols would be the first of the rivalry since 2003 when it took five overtimes for them to top the Tide 51-43, and it would be their first back-to-back victories since the '03 and '04 seasons.

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starting point.  
 Not only that, but for Manfred to justify Rose's continual ban by saying, "[Rose] violated what is Rule 1 in baseball... We continue to abide by our own rules."  
 You mean the rules that continually change for the betterment of the game? Like...banning shifts? Implementing pitch clocks?  
 Universal designated hitters?  
 The list goes on.  
 Manfred and the game tries to portray itself as progressive in the sense that changes are made for bettering the game.  
 Somebody tell me how keeping the best hitter to ever step to the plate out of the hall of fame with a list of accolades that include being a 17-time All-Star, the all-time hits leader, a three-time world series champion, the 1963 Rookie of the Year, the 1973 NL MVP and the 1975 World

Series MVP—it's time to be progressive in the sense Rose has served his time and let the man in the Hall of Fame.  
 There will never be another Charlie Hustle.  
 His hits record will never be touched.  
 But the level of being ostracized this man has faced is virtually unmatched.  
 There's not a comparable athlete to Rose in sports history and it's past time Manfred and the MLB get over it and move on.  
 If the game is good enough to consider robot umpires, pitch clocks and shift bans, why is it not good enough to move past one of the best players to ever step on the diamond, who bet on the game (not his own team) and served a 34 year banishment?  
 As long as the MLB continues to allow betting on baseball, the justification for Rose's banishment will continue to be sports' greats hypocrisy.  
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# SEC

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And of course it would be Saban's first time losing to the Vols in back-to-back years.  
 There's still a lot to be proven by Joe Milton as the primary gunslinger for the orange and white, but with Heupel's offensive genius and creativity, Tennessee shouldn't have any issues putting an abundance of points on the scoreboard this fall.  
 And hey, if Milton isn't the guy, they can always just turn to true freshman and No. 1 player in the 2023 recruiting cycle – Nico Lamaleava.  
 What a luxury.

## Missouri vs Memphis (St. Louis), September 23

Many people won't see the entertainment value of a neutral site game between the Tigers of Missouri and Memphis, especially since both ended last season a game below and above .500 respectively.  
 Don't succumb to assumptions because this game is going to be a lot of fun.  
 Despite their records from a season ago, both teams were one score away in many games that would have landed each of them with a 10-win season.  
 The most notable of those for Missouri came on the first day of October when they took the National Champion Georgia Bulldogs to the wire, but ultimately fell 26-22 after Georgia took the lead with four minutes to go in the game.  
 For Memphis, it was a 35-28 loss in November to UCF, who went on to lose to Tulane in the American Athletic Conference (AAC) Championship.  
 Or it could have been the one-point loss at home to Houston that was followed up by a two-point, four overtime loss to ECU on the road.  
 Regardless, every year the AAC provides some highly entertaining games, and Memphis is normally in the mix of it all.  
 Match that with an Eli Drinkwitz coached Missouri team that is still trying to climb the ladder, and you get what could be a competitive and high-scoring Saturday in September.

## South Carolina vs North Carolina (Charlotte), September 2

Last, but certainly not least, is the battle of the

Carolinas and who "The Real Carolina" is as they say.  
 This upcoming season's meeting between the Gamecocks and Tar Heels will be the first since 2021 when South Carolina secured a 38-21 victory, and it will be only the 60th meeting since the first in 1903 when North Carolina shut the Gamecocks out 17-0.  
 The Tar Heels have a hefty lead in the series with an overall record of 35-20-4 thanks to a stretch of dominance in the first 30 years of the rivalry, but the Gamecocks have won 13 of the last 19 meetings between the two.  
 Since Shane Beamer accepted the head coaching job at South Carolina after the 2020 season, the Gamecocks have been on a slow, but steady climb in the SEC and college football as a whole.  
 Just last season, Beamer and South Carolina took down No. 13 ranked Kentucky on the road, blew out No. 5 ranked Tennessee and ended their playoff hopes, and slid past No. 7 Clemson the following week to keep them out of the playoff as well.  
 They obviously haven't reached the level that Tennessee has in the same amount of time, but if Spencer Rattler can take the next step at quarterback for the Gamecocks, then they could be a force to be reckoned with all season.  
 The matchup with the Tar Heels in Week 1 will be more than a proper test for them as North Carolina has one of the top prospects of the 2024 NFL Draft in quarterback Drake Maye.  
 Oh, and they have a future hall of famer for a head coach in Mack Brown.  
 Maye carried North Carolina to a 9-1 record last season before a loss to Georgia Tech derailed their season, and was the start of a four-game skid that saw them finish with a one-point bowl game loss to Oregon and a 9-5 record.  
 Deservedly, Maye is near the top of various way-too-early Heisman candidate lists for the 2023 season, and while Rattler isn't on those same lists, he very well could work his way there early in the season.  
 Especially if he and the Gamecocks can get the best of Maye and the Tar Heels in Week 1.  
 Rivalries are normally reserved for later in the college football season, but who's to say there can't be some drama before the first college football Saturday of the season?

## On this day in sports history...

- **1876:** St. Louis Brown Stockings pitcher throws baseball's first official no-hitter against the Hartford Dark Blues.
- **1961:** Arnold Palmer wins the British Open at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, marking the first of two consecutive Open victories.
- **1973:** Nolan Ryan pitches a no-hitter against the Detroit Tigers, striking out 17 in the process.
- **1980:** Johnny Bench hits his 314th career home run to pass Yogi Berra on the all-time catcher's list.
- **2002:** Titans' offensive guard Bruce Matthews announces his retirement.

## TSSAA: Schools now fined for ejected fans

**TSSAA Media**  
 The Legislative Council met via a virtual meeting on Thursday to take action on six proposed changes to the bylaws. Several clarifications were made to existing rules, but two of the approved changes were related to unsportsmanlike conduct by spectators.  
 The Council added language allowing the association to fine a school a minimum of \$250 when it has a fan ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct during a contest. The new rule also includes the possibility of other non-monetary disciplinary action, including but not limited to probation and/or restrictive probation for the entire athletic program.  
 Article I, Section 10 pertaining to sport rules meeting attendance is now more specific about the deadline for completion of the state rules meetings, specifying it to be the "TSSAA Date of First Contest". It also clarifies the penalties for non-compliance with rules meeting attendance.  
 The Council voted to move the first date of practice and first date of competition for Wrestling and Girls' Wrestling one week earlier to NFHS Week 17 and NFHS Week 20, respectively, beginning with the 2024-25 school year. All TSSAA sports calendars are based on a standardized NFHS week numbering and the change will ensure that wrestling finishes its seasons in February every year.



Photo by Adam Glanzman/Getty Images  
**Seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson highlights the NASCAR Hall of Fame 2023 class with his nomination.**

## Johnson highlights NASCAR Hall of Fame class

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR today announced the 15 nominees for the NASCAR Hall of Fame's Class of 2024 and the five nominees for the Landmark Award for Outstanding Contributions to NASCAR.  
 Seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion duo Jimmie Johnson and Chad Knaus join the Modern Era ballot together in their first year of eligibility. Donnie Allison, an original member of the fan-favorite Alabama Gang joins the Pioneer ballot for the first time.  
 Ten nominees appear on the Modern Era ballot, five on the Pioneer ballot – designed to honor those whose careers began more than 60 years ago. Two Modern Era candidates and one Pioneer candidate will be elected as the Class of 2024.  
 Longtime NASCAR executive Les Richter joins the Landmark Award ballot for the first time after being on the Hall of Fame ballot three times before the award was created. The Landmark Award honors those who made significant contributions to the growth and esteem of NASCAR.  
 The NASCAR Hall of Fame Voting Panel will meet in person to discuss and vote for the Class of 2023 and Landmark Award on Wednesday, Aug. 2. The 61-person panel remains unchanged from last year, apart from reigning champion Joey Logano who replaces Kyle Larson and Chase Elliott (both voted last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic delay). The 62nd vote goes to winners of a NASCAR.com Fan Vote ([www.nascar.com/halloffame](http://www.nascar.com/halloffame)). The Fan Vote is currently open and will close on July 30 at 12:00 a.m. ET.  
 The Modern Era Ballot and Landmark Award nominees were selected by the Nomination Committee, which consists of representatives from NASCAR and the NASCAR Hall of Fame, track owners from major facilities and historic short tracks. The Honors Committee, largely comprised of all living Hall of Famers, Landmark Award winners and Squier-Hall Award winners, selected the Pioneer Ballot.  
 Following are the NASCAR Hall of Fame Class of 2024 nominees and Landmark Award nominees  
**Modern Era Ballot**  
 Neil Bonnett, won 18 times in the NASCAR Cup Series including consecutive Coca-Cola 600 victories  
 Tim Brewer, two-time NASCAR Cup Series champion crew chief  
 Jeff Burton, won 21 times in the NASCAR Cup Series including the Southern 500 and two Coca-Cola 600s  
 Carl Edwards, winner of 28 NASCAR Cup Series races and 2007 Xfinity Series champion  
 Harry Gant, winner of 18 NASCAR Cup Series races, including two Southern 500 victories  
 Harry Hyde, 1970 NASCAR Cup Series championship crew chief  
 Jimmie Johnson, seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion  
 Chad Knaus, seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion crew chief  
 Larry Phillips, first five-time NASCAR weekly series national champion  
 Ricky Rudd, won 23 times in NASCAR Cup Series, including the 1997 Brickyard 400  
**Pioneer Ballot**  
 Donnie Allison, ten-time NASCAR Cup Series winner, 1967 Cup Series ROY  
 Sam Ard, NASCAR Xfinity Series pioneer and two-time champion  
 AJ Foyt, won seven NASCAR Cup Series races including the 1972 Daytona 500  
 Banjo Matthews, built cars that won more than 250 NASCAR Cup Series races and three championships  
 Ralph Moody, two-time NASCAR Cup Series owner champion as mechanical genius of Holman-Moody  
**Landmark Award**  
 Janet Guthrie, the first female to compete in a NASCAR Cup Series superspeedway race  
 Alvin Hawkins, NASCAR's first flagman; established NASCAR racing at Bowman Gray Stadium with Bill France Sr.  
 Lesa France Kennedy, NASCAR Executive Vice Chair and one of the most influential women in sports  
 Dr. Joseph Mattioli, founder of Pocono Raceway  
 Les Richter, long-time NASCAR executive oversaw competition, helped grow the sport on the West Coast

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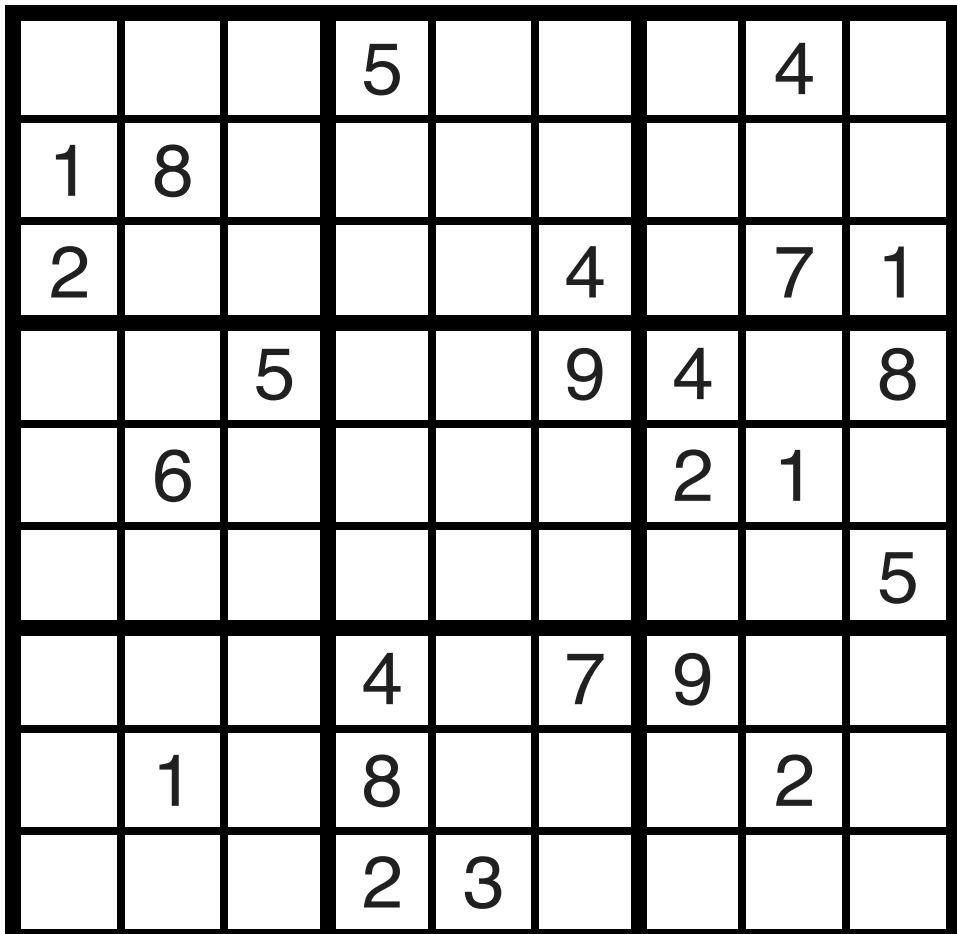
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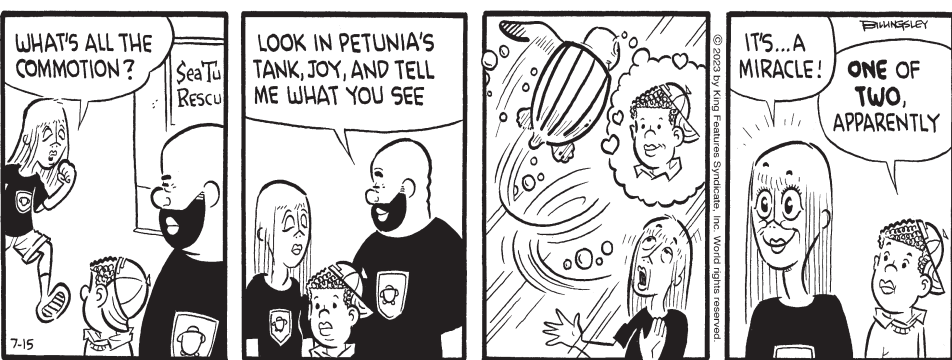


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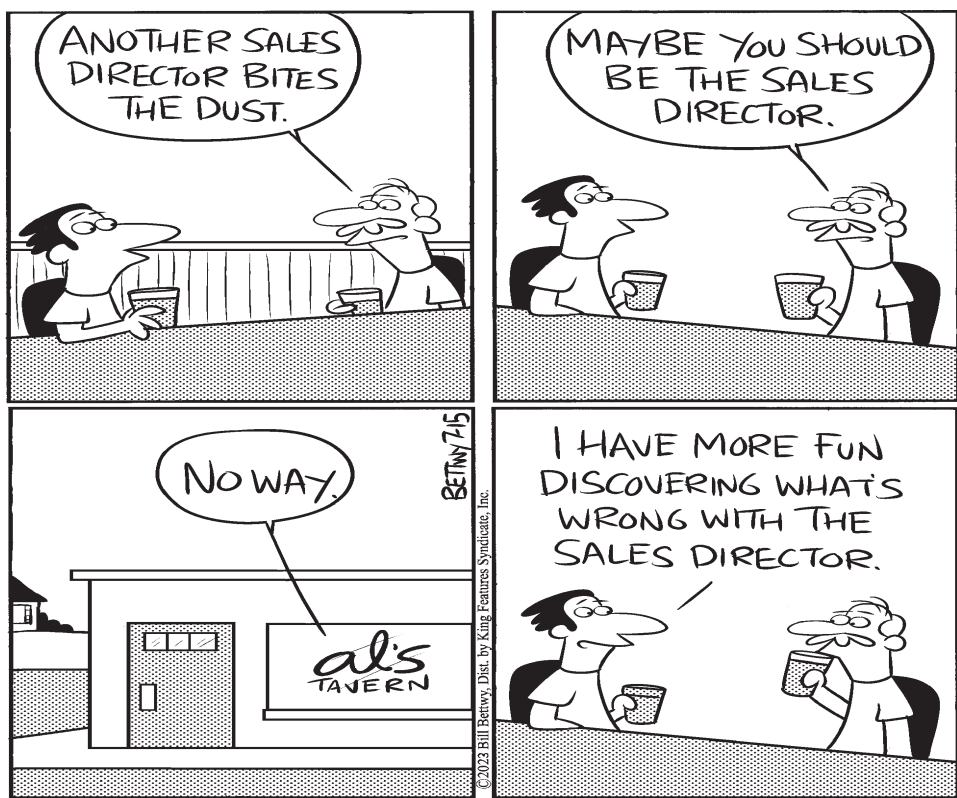


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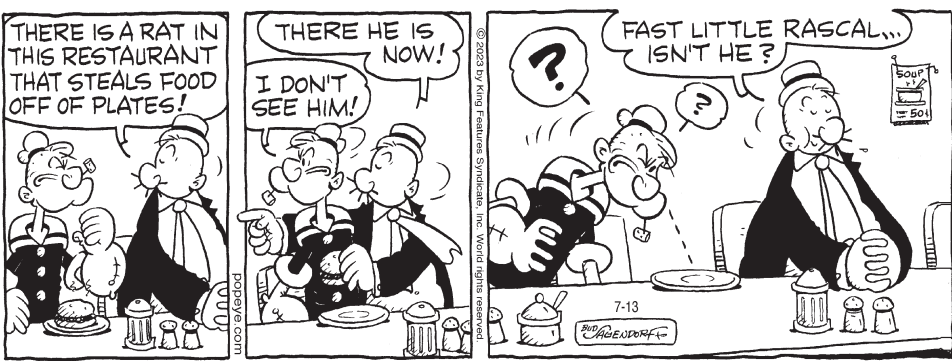
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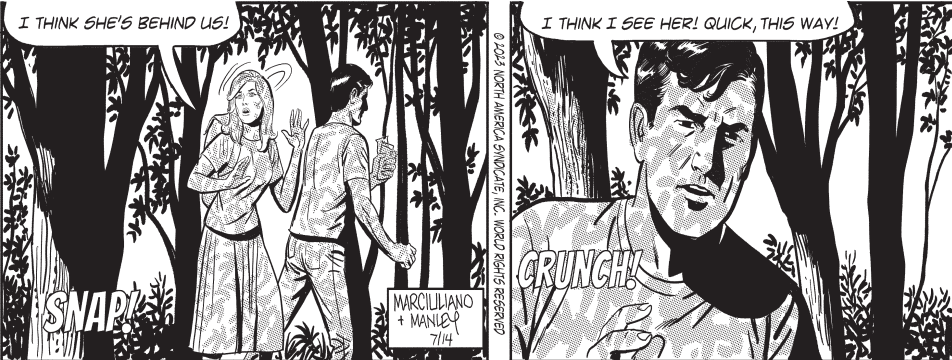
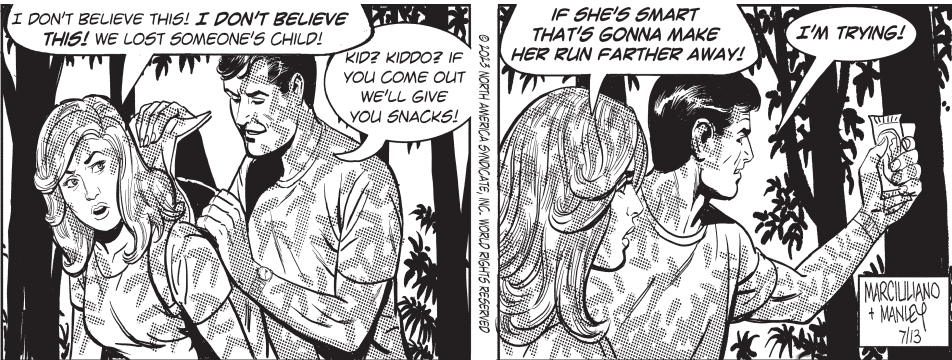


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**2. Petitioners have conducted a diligent inquiry for Respondent, Toni Hardiman as presented to this court with particularity in Petitioners' sworn petition or affidavit.**  
**3. The best possible notice under the circumstances and notice reasonably 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**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**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 appears 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 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)

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
Default having been made in the payment 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 instrument recorded in

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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.

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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)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Shelbyville is seeking applicants for the position of full-time Assistant Aquatics Coordinator for the Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Dept. The employee will be primarily responsible for executing programs and maintaining daily operation of the City's aquatic facilities in the absence of the Aquatics Coordinator. Duties include but are not limited to being responsible for indoor and outdoor pool management, customer service involving considerable public interaction, staff supervision, lifeguard duties, general maintenance tasks, water quality control, pump room maintenance and any other tasks as may be required to accomplish the essential functions of the position as set out herein. Minimal qualifications must include the following: 18 years of age or older, with High School Diploma or GED Equivalent and valid TN Driver's License.  
This is a full-time position with an hourly rate of \$15.90. The City provides a comprehensive benefits package. See job description for more information. Applications and a copy of job description may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City Website: www.shelbyvilletn.org. Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring Street or emailed to stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org and will be accepted until position is filled.  
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2009 CHEVROLET VIN # 3GNCA53V99S576455 (July 15, 2023)

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Charles Curtis Blessing Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 29 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of **Charles Curtis Blessing** who died 6/15/2023 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: 6/29/2023  
Kimberly May, Executrix  
Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master  
Megan K. Trott, Attorney (July 15 & 22, 2023)

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The Shelbyville Municipal Planning Commission will meet on 7/20/2023 in a Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Shelbyville Recreation Center, Meeting Room B, 220 Tulip Tree Road. Call City Hall with questions 931-684-9001.  
Agenda: 1. Call to Order; 2. Roll Call; 3. Approval of Agenda; 4. Approval of Minutes from PC Meeting of June 22, 2023; 5. Constituents' comments; 6. New Business: A. Consideration for a Final Plat for Phase 3 of the Wheatfield Subdivision; B. Consideration for a site plan application for a new building for a steel processing robot facility; 7. Administratively approved applications: A. Site plan application for paving the parking

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### PUBLIC NOTICE Bedford Railroad Authority Board Meeting

Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 10:30a.m. Duck River Meeting Room, 1st Floor Bedford County Historic Courthouse 1 Public Square Shelbyville, TN 37160 (July 15, 2023)

### Board of Mayor and Aldermen

July 20, 2023 Work Study Agenda for July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting  
Wartrace Board of Mayor and Alderman will hold it's monthly workshop meeting on Thursday July 20, 2023 and the Voting meeting on Monday July 24, 2023 and both meetings will be held at 5:30PM at Wartrace Town Hall.

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**Agenda**  
• Call meeting to order and determine quorum  
• Prayer and Pledge  
**ORDER OF BUSINESS**  
1. Approve Minutes: June 22, 2023 Work Study Meeting and June 26, 2023 Regular Meeting  
2. Communications from the Mayor  
3. Citizen & Public Comments  
4. Approve Department, Financial, and Commission Reports  
A. Financial Report, May 2023  
B. Board of Zoning Appeals (No meeting)  
C. Economic Growth Committee  
D. Parks & Recreation Committee  
E. Planning Commission  
F. Public Safety  
i. Police Report  
ii. Fire Report  
G Public Works Committee  
H. Utility Advisory Committee  
**OLD BUSINESS**  
5. Committee and Board Vacancies  
A. Parks & Recreation Committee (1 vacancy): One applicant: Will Leverette  
B. Public Works Committee (2 vacancies): No applicants  
C. Gymnasium Committee (0 vacancies): Committee Full  
D. Planning Commission (0 vacancies): Committee Full  
6. Second Reading: Ordinance Establishing Purchasing Policy  
7. Water Storage Tank: Cleaning, Sanitizing & Repainting (TDEC Director's Order)  
8. Contract with Chamber for new events (Vendor applications, cost to Chamber)  
9. Update Official Zoning Map  
10. Establish Historic Review Commission (Favorable recommendation by Planning Commission)  
11. Amend Zoning Ordinance to Allow For Religious Organization with Conditions in Residential-1 (R1) (Favorable recommendation by Planning Commission)  
12. Surplus Property Auction (determine date, time and method)  
13. Review Personnel Policy  
**NEW BUSINESS**  
14. Discussion of Staff  
15. Railroad Repair  
**Other Business Items**

### ALDERMAN COMMENTS

### ADJOURN (July 15, 2023)

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**LaVergne High School Graduates** - Front row from left to right: Jorgan Petit Cabrera, Kevin Rodriguez, Zion Griffin, Henry Bello, Luis Pineda, Carlos Serrano, Muhammad Israr, Briley Hutson, Justin Arrango Aroyo. Second row: Kori Grimes, Tatiana Torres, LaNya Woods, Mia Bush, Motlow College President Dr. Michael Torrence, Olivia Gross, Aryana Nhon, Mia Nicholson, Marya Ayoub, Karen Barsoum, Nataly Rezk. Third row: Madonna Isaac, Makieya Bush, Kira Tyus, Rhian Hodge, Leisly Moran, India Ivory, Tremylah Harris, Jennifer Remy, Adajha Jackson. Graduates not pictured: Keziah Liggon, Hannah Juca, Jocelyn Mancilla, Dannette Enriquez.

# Bar raised for incoming high school students

**LYNCHBURG** — Graduating college before high school may sound like an impossible task, but student commitment, secondary vision, and post-secondary collaboration makes this feat increasingly possible.

This year, Motlow saw 87 dual enrollment students receive a college degree before a high school degree. This unique group of high school college graduates is the new benchmark for rising classes. Their ability to graduate college before graduating high school is a testament to the opportunities now available to all students. According to Sally Pack, Director of High School Initiatives, “These students walked in graduation at Motlow in early May and then walked in graduation later the same month at their high school. That’s huge! They all worked very hard and followed a plan we all helped to outline for them so that they could receive dual credit in classes for high school and college. This allowed them to receive a two-for-one value, and those short-term gains helped them achieve many long-term benefits.”

The state of Tennessee is committed to raising college-going aspirations among all high school students by requiring that all high school students receive early post-secondary opportunities (EPSOs). These EPSOs can include Advanced Placement classes, Cambridge International Exams, College Learning Examination Programs, International Baccalaureates, Local Dual Credits, Statewide Dual Credits, and Student



**Rockvale High School Students** - Front row from left to right: Nolan Harding, Nina Taylor, Adrianna Mercado, Mera Ishak, Aastha Oza, Madilyn Ackerson, Rockvale High School Health Science CTE Stormer Dicola. Back row: Motlow EMS Director Houston Austin, Korry Bradley, Danielle Dunaway, Caity Griffin, Broz

Industry Certifications. Through the collaboration between Motlow and high schools throughout its service area, regional EPSO experiences have also become the gateway to graduating college before high school.

Research reveals that dual enrollment benefits both the student and the school by reducing tuition costs, raising high school graduation rates, elevating college-going aspirations, raising cumulative GPAs for first-time/full-time college students, and increasing engagement with underserved populations. Students who complete dual enrollment are more likely to enroll in college after high school and be more persistent in their pursuits. Dual enrollment

reduces the need for remediation when matriculating to full-time college-student status, increases graduation rates, and raises the likelihood of graduating on time. Students can also reduce the time necessary to complete a degree, increase their confidence in their choice of major, gain student success in matriculating from a two-year college to a four-year university, and lose fewer credits through program alignment.

All high school students within Motlow’s 11-county service area have the opportunity to take dual enrollment classes to get a head start on their college careers. Many students have the option to take dual enrollment classes at their local high schools. As a result of this, many high

schools all over the surrounding areas were represented in the 87 dual enrollment graduates this year. Two outstanding examples of high schools that have worked with Motlow to promote dual enrollment excellence are LaVergne and Rockvale High Schools. They have both invested in a dual-enrollment relationship with Motlow and consistently see a growing number of students graduate both college and high school each May.

LaVergne began offering dual enrollment courses in 2012 and added the option to complete an associate degree in 2018. The Early College Program began in 2021 and has grown to become a powerful pathway for LaVergne students, many of whom have gone

on to achieve acceptance at the nation’s leading 4-year universities. This year, LaVergne saw 28 students take advantage of these resources and get an early start on their professional careers. In addition to many of its students achieving acceptance at major universities, several LaVergne students in the program’s short history have also been offered full scholarships at Ivy League institutions such as Princeton and Yale.

Eleven students from Rockvale High School (RHS) took advantage of the opportunity to earn an EMS certification, allowing them to leave high school and transfer directly to the workforce. Through the efforts of Motlow’s EMS Director Houston Austin, RHS gave its students the

opportunity to earn life-saving knowledge that gave them an opportunity to graduate college and high school and take advantage of early career opportunities.

These students embody Motlow’s mission of student success and workforce development by meeting high academic standards and entering the workforce sooner through their effort and dedication. Their accomplishments are a testament to the many benefits of dual enrollment.

For more information on how to enroll in dual enrollment classes, visit Motlow at Motlow.com/dualenrollment.

# Daniel Williams to head TPA

Daniel Williams, publisher of The Paris Post-Intelligencer, is the new president of the Tennessee Press Association (TPA).

TPA is the trade association of the state’s daily and non-daily newspapers. It is composed of 131 newspapers and online publications.

Williamson succeeds Chris Vass, public editor of the Chattanooga Times Free Press.

Other officers elected at TPA’s Business Session during the Concurrent Board of Directors Meeting and Business Session on July 12 are Darrell Richardson, advertising director of The Daily Times, Maryville, elected first vice president, Keith Ponder, publisher of The Tullahoma News, elected second vice president; Dave Gould, owner of Main Street Media of Tennessee, re-elected secretary; and Eric Barnes, publisher of The Daily News, Memphis, re-elected treasurer.

Directors elected for two-year terms representing District One are Calvin Anderson, publisher of The New Tri-State Defender, Memphis; Melanie King, publisher of the McNairy County News, Selmer; and Victor Parkins, publisher of The Mirror-Exchange, Milan.

Directors elected for two-year terms representing District Three are Sandy Dodson, publisher of The Bledsonian-Banner, Pikeville; Dale Gentry, publisher of The Standard Banner, Jefferson City; and Paul Mauney, The Greenville Sun.

Also elected to the board are Lindsay Pride, editor of the Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, and Alison Gerber, editor of the Chattanooga Times Free Press, both to serve one-year terms as District Two directors.

Chris Vass will continue on the board for one year as the immediate past

president. Also continuing on the board is David Plazas, director of opinion and engagement of The Tennessean, Nashville, who is serving as a District Two director.

The TPA Board of Directors re-elected six trustees to serve on the Tennessee Press Association Foundation (TPAF) Board of Trustees for three-year terms. The re-elected trustees are Jim Charlet, Brentwood; John Finney, Culleoka; Doug Horne, Republic Newspapers, Knoxville; Victor Parkins, Gibson County Publishing; and Michael Williams, The Paris Post-Intelligencer.

## About Daniel Williams

Daniel Williams is a fifth-generation publisher of The Paris Post-Intelligencer, a family-owned newspaper in Paris, Tennessee. He began his

newspaper career in 1996 as a newspaper carrier for The P-I where he delivered about 250 papers in downtown Paris five afternoons a week. He continued that bicycle route through high school. He began working as a part-time sportswriter in 2001 after obtaining his driver’s license.

After high school graduation, he moved to Henderson, Tennessee to attend Freed-Hardeman University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in marketing. While at FHU, Williams was the editor of the school paper and did some freelance sports reporting and photography for the Chester County Independent, Henderson.

He worked as a newsroom intern at The P-I for a couple of summers during his college years and accepted a position as a general assignment reporter with the responsibility of the education beat for the newspaper in 2009. He

later covered crime and sports before moving to the business office in 2011 becoming office manager where he began working more with other departments such as advertising, circulation, and production. After working for several years and growing responsibilities in each department, he became the P-I general manager, where he ran many of the day-to-day operations. He was promoted to publisher earlier this year.

Daniel Williams represents the fourth generation of the Williams family to serve as TPA president. He is married to the former Jordan Shelton of Fruitland, Missouri and they have one son, Sterling, who is 3.

In his spare time, he can be found on a golf course, on a driving range, or otherwise daydreaming about playing golf.

## About TPA

The TPA was founded



Daniel Williams

in 1870-71 for the purpose of creating a unified voice for the newspaper industry in Tennessee. Today, TPA continues to provide assistance to its 131 members by monitoring legislative activities, providing training programs, issuing press credentials, and providing regular meetings and forums to foster the exchange of information and ideas.

The TPA presidency rotates among TPA’s three divisions of Tennessee — East (District 3), Middle (District 2), and West (District 1).





Historical Society Treasurer Hazel Foster (sitting) signs up Tom Bruning of Franklin, Tennessee, as the newest member of the Historical Society at the summer quarter Society meeting.

# Historical Society Meeting

The Bedford County Historical Society held its summer quarter meeting on June 19, 2023, in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church on the Square in Shelbyville. Guests included Sherry Keiffer, Sandra Daniel, Pam Constantine, Alan Dukes, Becka Campbell, Jordon and Bowie Campbell, Tom Bruning, and Steve and Ann Cortner.

A potluck supper kicked off the meeting at 6:30 p.m., hosted by members Randy & Freda Head, Louanne Neeley, Daniel Jackson, Carolyn Jones, and Marty Davis. The hall was decorated in a patriotic Memorial Day theme with red, white, and blue serving and dining table décor.

Following the potluck meal, the Society held a business meeting to inform members of current Society business initiatives and current status of affairs. Recording Secretary Faye Fuller gave the secretarial report, followed by Treasurer Hazel Foster's financial report. President Al Simmons reported that membership was steady and urged members to recruit friends and family as new members.

Simmons thanked Phillip Coop, Claudia Curl, and Carolyn Smotherman for materials and articles used in the summer issue of the Quarterly. He reported that the Society is progressing toward electronic availability of past issues of the Quarterlies and should be completed by late fall. The Society provided free, excess copies of remaining past issues of the quarterlies to attendees.

Simmons announced the Poplin Memorial History Award winners at each county high school. Cascade High School's honoree is Nia Hiles, daughter of Antonio and Sylvia Hiles. Alyssa McBay, daughter of Brian and Kristin McBay, is the honoree at Shelbyville Central High School. Community High School's honoree is Abigail Brown, daughter of William and Heather Brown. Each honoree received a \$1,000 cash award and a copy of the Society's Postcard Memories book at their school's senior honors day program in May.

The Society designed and ordered a historical marker for the old Shelbyville Central High School. The marker will be dedicated in late September by the SCHS Class of 1962, the sponsors of the marker. In other business, Simmons noted that the Society will be 50 years old next year and requested recommendations from attendees on celebratory activities. He also noted that the next meeting of the Society Board of Directors is on July 12, 2023, at the Public Library at 2 p.m.; anyone with inputs or questions may attend the meeting and present their concerns.

After the business meeting, Simmons introduced Dr. Stephen Murphree who presented the evening's program. He is a native of Bedford County and owns property in Rover once owned by the Dick Poplin Family. Murphree, a medical/veterinary/structural entomologist, and member of the biology faculty at Belmont University, presented the story of "Thankful Taylor of Christiana," an individual of the 1880s who suffered a severe digestive system problem. The story featured the unusual efforts to cure her and the historic documentation surrounding the doctors and their efforts.

Simmons concluded the meeting, reminding members that the next meeting is scheduled for September 19 at the same place and time with David & Liz Sherrill, James Houle, Carole Roberts, Tim & Debbie Parker, and Kay Madden hosting.



From left - Summer meeting hosts and hostesses Carolyn Jones, Randy Head, Freda Head, Louanne Neeley, and Daniel Jackson pause for a moment before serving up the Historical Society's potluck supper.



From left - Society members Randy Crowell and David Sanders, Historical Society program Stephen Murphree, and Society members Roger and June Debatin discuss an exhibit showcased during the Murphree program presentation.