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Bedford County's Whitney Yoes to lead Cartwright Elementary

Dr. Colt Boyce to fill role at Community Elementary

Educator Whitney Yoes, a product of the local school system, was recently selected by Bedford County School District to be the first principal of the newest elementary in Bedford County.

A pre-k through 5th grade school, Cartwright Elementary is currently under construction and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2024. The school is located at 1753 Fairfield Pike

in Shelbyville.

Director of Schools Tammy Garrett said, "Mrs. Yoes has done an amazing job leading Community Elementary for eight years and shaping it into one of our top-achieving elementary schools in the system. Staffing and opening a new school is a big job, but I have no doubt that Mrs. Yoes is up to the task and will do incredible work."

Prior to becoming principal at Community Elementary, Yoes served as assistant principal for 5 years. She taught her favorite subject, math, at

the middle school level for 19 years before.

She earned her master's in education in administration and supervision and her bachelor of science in mathematics from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, following her graduation from Shelbyville Central High School.

With a passion for technology, Yoes said recently, "I want to see technology integrated even more into students' curriculum as well as STEM (Sci-

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Joe B. Cartwright: A local 'GI Joe'

Drafted at 18, Vietnam vet recalls year of duty, danger

By Dawn Hankins

Joe Ben Cartwright was old enough for the 1965 military draft. But ironically, he wasn't old enough to vote.

That was an ongoing controversy in the 1960s. Still, this was incidental to Uncle Sam, which continued to draft young locals.

Cartwright had graduated in 1963 from Community High. The middle child of 7 was leaving the nest to become a real "GI Joe."

After 8 weeks into his second stint of basic training, he had an accident. While on leave, Cartwright was thrown from a horse and broke his right leg. During his recovery, he lost contact with most local draftees.

"A lot of us were together at boot camp . . . basic training. They began to split us up. I think some from them were located farther north."

After getting out of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Hospital on Feb. 16, 1966, his birthday, he would finish basics at the base.

While training as a combat engineer, he was stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va., where he received his military occupational specialty (MOS) Classified as a floating bridge specialist, he trained for a couple of weeks on a bridge structure in Princeton, West, Va.

After boarding a ship from Virginia for Qui Nhon, Vietnam, the Shelbyville farmer saw for the first time places like the Panama Canal and Okinawa, Japan.

It was one day that it all kind of sunk in for this draftee. "I looked up one day at that big American Airlines plane. . . . I was just wondering if I'd be on that plane, leaving, next year."

He tried to rid himself of such thoughts. "If you worried about going home, you'd never make it."

Doing his duty

Cartwright trained as part of the 100th Engineers Floating Bridge Company in Phu Loi. Their insignia was the same as that of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He also received rifle certification and was trained in machine gun fire.

He served as a radio operator and drove a jeep for a first lieutenant. He later trans-



Drafted at 18 in 1965, Joe Ben Cartwright poses with a military vehicle during his service in the Vietnam War. After training as a combat engineer, he spent a year overseas operating supply trucks and boats in support of U.S. troops.

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- Joe Ben Cartwright on serving in Vietnam

ferred to driving a 2.5 ton supply truck.

This soldier's last duty for the Army was operating a 21-foot power boat on the Mekong Delta. It was a putrid smelling body of tributaries, according to Cartwright. "Though washed . . . odor stayed on my clothes that I sent home."

It was no summer camp out. There was little food and he was often sleep deprived.

"One night, as I was sleeping, I heard a man was saying, listen, listen. All that time I was hearing gunfire. He again

said, listen. When I opened my eyes, a big fire ball went off. I hit that ground, crawling!"

The first enemy fire, he recalled, was during a trip from Cu Chi to Dau Tieng, which was close to an Army base. "Whatever happened, you just took charge of it then, didn't worry about it."

His supply truck picked up everything. "I even hauled several cases of dynamite one day," he advised. "We did that 7 days-a-week . . . got up at 6 o'clock. You could have breakfast or lay in bed until you had

to meet formation. Flat tires had to be repaired that night," the soldier remembered.

"A lot of times, our convoy would get in . . . chow hall would be about to close."

He hauled near the Cambodian border where a U.S. air strip was being built. "They would tell us to follow the truck tracks . . . don't get out of them. Because . . . a land mine might be close by. They ran minesweepers in front of convoys."

Casualties of war

He said a lot of civilians died on the roads his truck traveled. He is sure God was watching over him.

"They [military] ran us ragged," he noted. "I have a couple of pictures . . . looked like I was skin and bones."

Now 78, he can still name,

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Bedford County observes Veterans Day

Bedford County will honor those who have served in the U.S. armed forces this Veterans Day weekend. Veterans Day, observed annually on November 11, commemorates the sacrifices of America's veterans and active service members. This federal holiday originated in the wake of World War I and was initially known as Armistice Day.

Bedford County offices and services will mark the occasion with closures on Thursday and Friday. The county will also host its annual Shelbyville-Bedford County Veterans Day parade beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday along traditional parade routes. Prior to the parade, a 10 a.m. ceremony on the courthouse square will unveil a historic marker honoring Civil War Medal of Honor recipient Capt. Charles Davis.

- Bedford County Highway Department offices will close Thursday to observe the Veterans Day holiday.
- Bedford County Government offices will close Friday to observe the Veterans Day holiday.
- Bedford County Convenience Centers will be open Friday but will close Saturday to observe the Veterans Day holiday.
- The Shelbyville-Bedford County Veterans Day parade begins at 11 a.m. Saturday. Traditional routes will be observed. Prior to the parade at 10 a.m., a historic marker will be unveiled on the east side of the square (near Pope's Café on the square,) honoring Capt. Charles Davis, a Medal of Honor recipient from the Civil War.

Driver Services Center to reopen

The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security will reopen the Shelbyville Driver Services Center located at 200 Dover Street, Suite #108 on Monday, Nov. 13. The Shelbyville Driver Services Center closed after it was damaged by flooding in December of 2022.

The Shelbyville location is a full-service Driver Services Center, open from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday. This center offers driver licenses, REAL IDs, identification card issuance, motor vehicle records, vision testing, knowledge and skills testing, and handgun permits.



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ence, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities for all grade levels. Kids need to learn how to use Excel and to develop projects in Canva or other online platforms. With laptops provided in the classrooms, the possibilities are just endless!”

Yoes said this new opportunity to lead Cartwright Elementary has sparked the same excitement she felt the first day she became principal at Community. “The honor of being the person to lead the merging of students, faculty, staff and parents into one, new building is a blessing and a privilege I don’t take lightly. It’s exciting to imagine all of us walking the hallways and creating new traditions. School should be fun and exciting while maintaining academic excellence.”

Yoes says that while she considers school, like family, it is also a business, believing that trust is a key factor in holding others accountable--while keeping students at the forefront of decision-making.

She attended church with the Cartwright family and feels honored to carry on their legacy at this new school named after the family from which the land was purchased.

“I am beyond grateful for the support I received at Community Elementary and for all the memories, relationships and experiences gained there over 14 years. I am looking forward to this new journey at Cartwright Elementary and to growing teacher and student leaders through knowledge of strengths and weaknesses as well as love and support. We will work together as a team – faculty, staff and parents –to achieve maximum success for our students.”

New Community Elementary principal

Replacing Yoes at Community Elementary will be Dr. Colt Boyce, who has been serving as assistant principal for over 2 years.



Dr. Colt Boyce will be the new principal of Community Elementary.

Prior to being named assistant principal, Boyce was an elementary teacher for 5 years and served as a BCS School Age Care Program employee and site director before that.

Boyce earned his master’s degree in library science and a doctorate in educational leadership after graduating from Community High School. Rounding out this professional experience and education, Boyce was selected as Bedford County School’s 2022-2023 Assistant Principal of the Year by his colleagues.

“My experiences to date have highlighted the significance of vision, shared leadership and the empowerment of those around you,” commented Boyce. “And while we can’t control everything for our students, we can play a significant role in shaping what transpires during those seven hours a day we are

with them. My ‘why’ is simple: I aspire to leave behind a legacy of positive leadership and be remembered as someone who made a profound difference in the lives of those around me.”

Boyce says that he feels called to be in education and that while the career has its unique challenges, he feels it also allows for a building of wealth and fortune that very few get to experience and appreciate.

“I have come to understand that when you embrace your calling, the rest falls into place. Trust the journey, fasten your seatbelt and savor the ride,” said Boyce.



ANOTHER DG - Workers hoisted the official sign to the front of the newest Dollar General in Bedford County on Monday. There are at least nine now, located throughout Bedford County. This one is located off Madison Street, near the 41A South and Wartrace Pike intersection.

T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Parsons is Shelbyville’s newest attorney

David Parsons of Shelbyville was recently sworn into the Tennessee Bar Association by Chancellor J.B. Cox, under the sponsorship of Jody Lambert and Tamra Smith.

He will begin his career working at the law office

of Joe M. Lambert in Shelbyville.

Parsons graduated in May from Belmont University College of Law and passed the bar in July.

David is the son of Fayne H. Parsons III and Christy Howard Womack.



CHANCELLOR J.B. COX (LEFT) AND DAVID PARSONS

Upcoming Events at Shelbyville-Bedford Public Library

Are you looking for new ways to engage with the community and experience enriching events? Look no further than the Shelbyville-Bedford Public Library! Our library is not just a place for books; it’s a hub of community activity where imagination and learning come to life through a series of captivating events. Whether you’re a book lover, a budding astronomer, or someone who revels in the warmth of holiday traditions, there’s something here for you. Mark your calendars for these upcoming happenings:

Saturday, November 18th at 10 AM: C. Rick Vella Read-Aloud & Author Visit

Immerse yourself in the world of storytelling with local author C. Rick Vella as he brings to life his latest children’s book, “The Notorious Rockeater of Rutledge Falls.” This free event promises to be an engaging experience for book enthusiasts of all ages!

Wednesday, November 22nd at 10:30 AM: Morning Storytime with Special Guest Reader Mayor Randy Carroll

Prepare for Thanksgiving with a special storytime session. Our guest reader, Mayor Randy Carroll, will delight young ones and parents alike with festive stories, songs, and activities that are perfect for the holiday season.

Saturday, November 25th to Friday, December 22nd: Letters to Santa at the Library

The holiday spirit is alive at the library! Bring your little ones to drop off their letters to Santa and make their wishes known during this magical time of the year.

Thursday, December 7th @ 1:30 PM: Stories by the Fireplace

Join local authors and longtime residents for an afternoon of heartwarming Christmas tales. As you listen to stories of holidays past, enjoy some festive refreshments in a cozy setting. Remember to reserve

your seat early for this popular event!

Thursday, December 14th @ 6 PM at The Fly Arts Center: The Christmas Star: An Astronomer’s Journey with Billy Hix

Explore the mysteries of the night sky and the wonders of the Christmas story with “The Christmas Star: An Astronomer’s Journey,” led by Billy Hix. It’s a perfect blend of science and the holiday spirit for the entire family.

We can’t wait to welcome you to these special events that are sure to add joy and wonder to your holiday season. See you at the library!

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THE ISSUE

With County Commissioner John Boutwell

Is low per-pupil spending a concern?

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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In the Nov. 1 edition of the T-G, Bedford County Commissioner John Boutwell discussed current and prior budget year per pupil spending. This week, he surmises his thoughts on the county potentially entering into 2025, with no increase on per pupil spending.

Sometimes he believes he's gotten to the saturation point with his research on per pupil per spending. He said he gets frustrated that people worry about many other things in their county, rather than proper education of their students.

Boutwell said the 140 out of the state's 142 school districts, as a whole, are

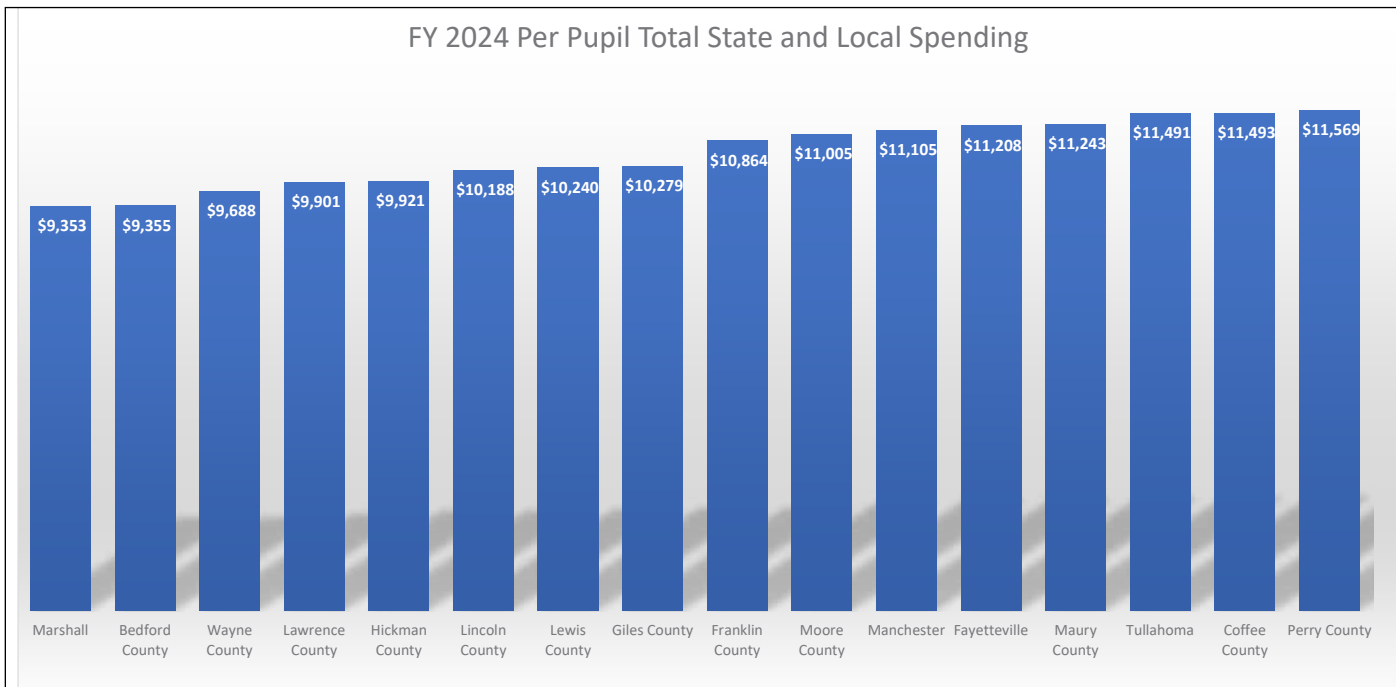
doing 74% more than required in per pupil spending. Bedford County still isn't meeting the state minimum requirements.

"How does everybody do it and we can't?" he said recently.

Boutwell said, yes, there's more money coming into education from the state under the new education funding formula, (TISA) but most of that money supports non-English-speaking and poverty-stricken children.

"We have approximately 1,200 students that can't even speak English," said Boutwell.

While the State Education Department currently applies the county's available debt service to offset its shortage in per pupil expenditures, those dollars aren't used fund classrooms or pupils. It's used for buildings.



Boutwell

with finding the per pupil numbers. While public, he said there are a lot of areas to wade through to find it all.

"We [Bedford County] do give a lot of money for education. I got that. But the issue is, we've got so many [more] students than other school systems in the South Central District. For example, Maury County has more students."

He said Bedford County has probably grown several hundred students since the 2024 numbers were released by the state. Total student population is nearing the 9,000 here.

The former Bedford County Board of Education member advised, "If all these other counties and cities have been able to do this [fund education well beyond

what the state requires], then how do they spend their money differently than we do ours?"

He said he just wonders how all other districts are "juggling it all. While some districts may not have as many students as Bedford, they may also not have as large a population (50,000) to pay into its tax base.

Boutwell said Bedford County is currently only behind about \$69,000 on the local amount required per pupil spending. He said this is certainly a great improvement over the previous fiscal year.

"There's probably one major reason . . . the state is giving more money toward their share."

Boutwell said his research shows that the other 141 school districts are comparatively giving about 71 percent more than Bedford County per pupil.

Boutwell said he's not trying to point fingers.

Yet, as a County Commissioner, he believes this issue needs to be addressed by the Commission. He said certainly, it might not be at

requirement in one year.

Having been involved in local planning, and a retired industry human resources leader, he is well aware of what new companies look for in a city or county. They want to know about the education system, according to Boutwell.

"It's something that needs to be addressed . . . should be addressed. I'm not necessarily saying more taxes, but maybe [find dollars] in some other areas.

Maybe you need to change the way you budget. You've got this pie, how are you going to slice it?"

Editor's note - South Central Core District School Systems: Bedford, Coffee, Manchester, Tullahoma, Franklin County, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Fayetteville, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Perry, and Wayne.

PENCIL SHAVINGS

R.I.P. Coach Bobby

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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Sadly, legendary Bobby Knight passed away last week. He kept it real, interesting, that is.

It made me realize with Knight's passing that perhaps, we, as a society, just aren't as compassionate as we once were about, well, life. Social media might be an exception, for some.

But I think more in terms of personal commitment to a cause larger than ourselves. Basically, you give to others without expecting a return on your investment, so to speak.

I think about this also being Veterans week. Many, many soldiers served, putting their own lives at risk for us, America. Joe Ben Carwright, who is featured in our T-G today, was one of those.

The late Coach Knight was also a veteran. Knight enlisted in the U.S. Army and served on active duty from June 1963 to June 1965 and in the U.S. Army Reserves from June 1965 to May 1969. He conducted initial training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and was transferred to West Point, New York, in September 1963. He became a private first class.

My Dad loved to watch Bobby Knight coach. But who didn't, if you loved basketball. As a junior pro coach, Dad used a lot of Knight's plays, not other aspects of his coaching techniques, however.

I was never very fond of Coach Bob's courtside antics. But it is fun, I must admit, to watch some of the videos now on YouTube. Like the time he said chicken . . . defense on live TV.

I knew from being a basketball player that antics like Bobby's often cost a team a whole lot, after it was all said. And, he walked off the court after being thrown from a game.

Knight was certainly compassionate about his work and about making sure things were done right. No NCAA violations. He knew the game; he loved it.

He was nicknamed "The General," for a good reason. And his trademark temper also cost him his job at Indiana in 2000. He's been charged with everything to abusing police officers to throwing chairs across gym floors.

While he had critics, Knight was respected for his work in NCAA men's basketball. Like a lot of people, his passion sometimes got the best of him.

But, I think, there was this side of Knight as well: He took pride in his players and their accomplishments. When he passed, he was 83-a man that was certainly from a different generation.

Maybe today it is not politically correct to act as Knight did. But one thing we can learn from this Hall of Famer is that we should have something we feel passionate about in life. We should want to make a difference in the lives of others.

While he made a lot of mistakes, oh boy did he, Knight is being remembered as the guy who really did . . . care.

OPINION

In the Face of Rising Antisemitism, Jews Must Be Able to Defend Themselves

Many Jews no longer feel safe in America. Since the Hamas massacre in Israel, Americans have seen a 388% increase in antisemitic acts of harassment, vandalism, and assault. Antisemites vandalized the building across from a media company headed by a prominent Jewish journalist with hateful graffiti. In a show of support for Hamas, it has become a trend across our country and the world for people to rip down posters of Israelis held hostage. As a result of the spike in antisemitism around the country, Jews are rightfully buying firearms and taking firearms classes.

The right to bear arms has never been more important for our nation's Jewish community. I have always been a fierce defender of the Second

Amendment because people must have the capacity to defend themselves when the government cannot. I have fought for our veterans to maintain the right to bear arms without being subject to arbitrary regulations, and this past March, I led 30 of my congressional colleagues in filing an amicus brief challenging the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' (ATF) pistol brace rule. Unfortunately, in their rush to enact over-arching and ineffective gun control rules, Democrats have ignored the reality that police often cannot be there in time to protect citizens. At a time when Jews are facing widespread threats, the last thing we should be doing is making it more difficult for them to defend themselves.

Democrats continue to advocate for more gun control even when they know their policies will only disarm law-abiding citizens while allowing criminals to commit crimes with abandon. Left-wing lawmakers continue to push for a ban on "assault weapons" and high capacity magazines, a gift to criminals. In the current atmosphere of pervasive antisemitism, it is essential that we stand for Americans' Second Amendment rights.

One immediate step our government can take to crush the threat to Jews in America is to call out the virulent antisemitism festering at home and abroad. Democrat leadership must condemn this age-old hatred that is spreading throughout the country. For the first time, more Dem-



SEN. BLACKBURN

ocrats now sympathize with the Palestinians than the Israelis, demonstrating just how much Democrats have bought into the anti-Israel slander propagated by leftists. For far too long, Democrats have shielded antisemites within their own party,

arguing that they are only anti-Israel, not antisemitic. However, anti-Zionism is the modern form of antisemitism, full stop. And if Democrat politicians cannot admit that reality after witnessing the pervasive genocidal calls to obliterate Israel by radical leftists, they are part of the problem. Hatred of Israel translates to hatred of Jews, and as a result, many Jews do not feel safe.

41% of Jewish Americans say their status in the U.S. is less secure than it was a year ago. This is simply unacceptable. Jews must be able to do everything possible to defend themselves and their families. Safeguarding our Jewish community means protecting our Second Amendment rights.

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UNIONVILLE FIREMEN VISIT SCHOOL

Unionville Fire Department recently visited Community Elementary to talk to the K-1st graders about fire safety. The biggest excitement came from the students when the firemen announced they would get to tour the big, red firetruck.



SCSK VOLUNTEER - Gayla Sanchez, a volunteer with Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen, prepares supplies for Sunday's big fall fundraiser. The public is invited to eat a Thanksgiving meal between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.. Donations appreciated. No reservations necessary.

Your local events

- Local Veterans Parade**
11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. Traditional route
- Trees Holiday Craft Fair**
Saturday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Public Library**
Thanksgiving story time with Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll. Children ages 0 to 6. Wednesday, Nov. 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Bell Buckle**
A quilted Christmas Dec. 1 and 2, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Fly Arts Center**
27th Annual Festival of
- Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen**
336 South Cannon Blvd. Annual Thanksgiving meal. Donations appreciated. Sunday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TCAD Awarded Federal Grant to Aid Tennesseans with Dementia

The Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability (TCAD) announced today the agency was awarded an \$800,000 Alzheimer's Disease Program Initiative (ADPI) grant from the U.S. Administration for Community Living to assist Tennesseans who have cognitive impairment or those living with a dementia diagnosis.

"Cognitive decline is common among older adults, but it does not have to be a burden on an individual or their caregivers," said TCAD Executive Director James Dunn. "As the state agency leading on issues impacting older adults, we want to ensure resources are available to aid those affected by illnesses that are a part of aging. I look forward to the relief this grant will bring to Tennesseans and their families that are impacted."

"The resources this grant provides will be a helping hand for those who may find themselves facing one

of aging's biggest challenges—cognitive decline," said TCAD Dementia Services Coordinator Keita Cole. "Instituting the grant will establish a person-centered approach to caring for those experiencing cognitive decline by expanding a dementia-capable home- and community-based service system in Tennessee."

The ADPI grant is a three-year grant to increase dementia outreach and education in the state and implement Dementia Health Navigators.

Dementia Health Navigators are community-level individuals working in conjunction with Area Agencies on Aging and Disability to assist individuals who have mild cognitive impairment or those living with a diagnosis of dementia and their care partners through the disease journey.

The goals of the grant include education, long-term planning, establishing end-of-life goals and care, resources for disease



FRAN GRAY AND BEDFORD COUNTY MAYOR CHAD GRAHAM

management, and behavior management. This project is supported, in part by grant number TN 90ADPIO113, from the U.S. Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. 20201.

OFFICE MANAGER

Open Position: Office Manager

Job Description:
The *Shelbyville Times-Gazette* is seeking an organized and detail-oriented Office Manager to oversee daily administrative operations. As the Office Manager, you will play a critical role in maintaining office efficiency, managing office supplies, and providing support to staff members.

Key Responsibilities:

- Manage office logistics, including mail, phone calls, and office supplies.
- Handle scheduling, appointments, and meetings for the editorial and sales teams.
- Assist in budget management and financial recordkeeping.
- Coordinate with vendors and service providers.
- Help with human resources tasks such as onboarding and payroll.
- Maintain a clean and organized office environment.
- Support the publisher and editor with administrative tasks as needed.

Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent; associate or bachelor's degree is a plus.
- Previous office management or administrative experience preferred.
- Strong organizational and multitasking skills.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and basic computer skills.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

To apply:

Email your resume and cover letter to daniel@t-g.com

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Attention: Agriculture exemption holders

Verify tax-free status by Dec. 31

Currently, there are about 110,000 agricultural certificate of exemption holders in

Tennessee. The Department of Revenue reminds those that they must verify their exemption with the department by Dec. 31 to keep buying certain agricultural items tax-free.

Agricultural certificates of exemption allow holders to buy certain agricultural items used primarily in agricultural operations, such as fertilizer and farming equipment, without paying sales tax. These exemptions expire every fourth year, and certificates for the current period expire Dec. 31.

Exemption card holders can renew their cards online by following these directions, or by contacting the department at 615-253-0600 or revenue.support@tn.gov. Exemption holders should have also received a letter in the mail with instructions on how to renew their cards.

"We recognize the importance of agriculture



in Tennessee, and we're happy to provide this tax relief," Revenue Commissioner David Gerregano said. "We want to make this process as easy as possible for exemption holders, while also keeping our own records up to date."

According to Commissioner Charlie Hatcher,

"Agriculture remains the top industry in Tennessee and equipment and supplies are central to successfully operating farming and forestry businesses. Please renew your agricultural exemption as soon as possible so you don't jeopardize your ability to purchase what you

need, tax free." For more information about the agricultural tax exemption, visit the Revenue's website. Currently, there are roughly 110,000 agricultural certificate of exemption holders in Tennessee.

SPORTS EDITOR

Position: Sports Editor

Job Description:
The *Shelbyville Times-Gazette* is seeking a passionate and experienced Sports Editor to join our team. As the Sports Editor, you will be responsible for curating, editing, and creating compelling sports content for our newspaper. You will lead the sports department, manage a team of writers, and ensure that our coverage of local and regional sports is comprehensive, accurate, and engaging.

Key Responsibilities:

- Plan and coordinate sports coverage, including local high school and community sports events.
- Write, edit, and proofread sports articles, features, and columns.
- Manage and mentor a team of sports reporters and correspondents.
- Collaborate with photographers and videographers to enhance sports coverage.
- Develop and maintain relationships with local sports organizations, coaches, and athletes.
- Stay updated on sports trends and events to provide insightful commentary and analysis.
- Participate in editorial meetings to brainstorm story ideas and coverage strategies.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in journalism, communications, or a related field.
- Strong writing, editing, and proofreading skills.
- Knowledge of local sports and the ability to connect with the community.
- Leadership and team management experience.
- Proficiency in digital media and social media platforms.
- Flexibility to work evenings and weekends as needed.

To apply:

Email your resume and cover letter to daniel@t-g.com

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George Charles
1941-2023

George Freddie Charles, known and loved by many as simply George, peacefully went to be with the Lord on November 6, 2023, in Unionville, Tennessee. Born on April 16, 1941, in Pikeville, Kentucky, George lived a fulfilling and rich life defined by deep faith, unending love, resolute courage, and perpetual wisdom.

George was not just a man but also a monumental figure within his family. With his loving and devoted wife of 57 years, Melda Charles, and his two adored daughters, Ruth C. (John) Yates and Beverly C. (Tim) Bowling, George built a legacy that is sure to stand the test of time. He was also a cherished grandfather, loved by all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will ensure his memory carries on.

Never one to shy away from work, George was a dedicated dairy and cattle farmer for most of his life and also enjoyed a long, fruitful career at General Motors from which he later retired. He was not only renowned for his strong work ethic but also for his unwavering devotion to his faith as a member and deacon of Parkview Baptist Church.

Remembered most notably for his infectious laugh and radiant smile, George had a knack for lighting up any room. His joyous spirit and his ability to bring mirth to any situation will be greatly missed. He leaves behind a profound legacy of a life marked by faith, love and dedicated service to his family and country.

George's life will be celebrated in a funeral service at 11 a.m., Saturday, November 11, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. The service will be led by Dr. Lucas Bowling, and will be followed by a burial ceremony in Cothran Cemetery. The Charles family will welcome visitors at the chapel from 5 to 8 p.m., Friday, November 10, 2023, and again Saturday, one hour before the funeral ceremony. Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is honored to be assisting the family with these arrangements.

Anyone wishing to extend their expressions of sympathy, are welcome to send flowers or memorial gifts to the Charles family through the Sympathy Store. George Freddie Charles, often endearingly referred to as "The Godfather" by his daughters and grandchildren, will be deeply missed. His memory, however, will remain as a joy and a blessing to all who were fortunate to know him.

*"In the quiet of the sunset,
In the whispers of the breeze,
Remember me with fondness,
And find your heart at ease."*

*Though I've journeyed
on from this world,
In your memories, I'll stay.
Embraced by love and cherished moments,
That will never fade away.*

*So, lift your hearts
and dry your tears,
Celebrate the love we've known.
For in the garden of your heart,
I've found a forever home."*



Fransuelle Woodard Castile
1935-2023

Fransuelle "Fran" Woodard Castile, 88, formerly of Shelbyville and last a resident of Murfreesboro, passed away on Nov. 3, 2023, at Community Care of Rutherford County following an extended illness. Born in Moore County on Nov. 1, 1935, Fran was the daughter of the late Henry L. Woodard and Olive Burrum Woodard. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert "Bob" Bryant Castile, her brothers, John Burrum Woodard and George Douglas Woodard, her sister, Virginia Woodard Rhodes, brother-in-law Wayne Rhodes, sister-in-law, Wenzola Woodard, and nephew, Carl Rhodes.

She is survived by her son, Edwin Bryant Castile and his wife Nancy Lynn of Alabama; daughter, Nancy Sue Osteen and her husband Jerry of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; grandchildren, Jonathan Castile and wife Lisa, Alicia Castile and husband Federico, Natalie Rader and husband David, and Allison Bobo and husband Michael. She also leaves behind her great-grandchildren, Beau Castile, Adeline Bobo, Halie Grace Rader, and Abi, Oli & Sofi Brownlee.

In addition, Fran is survived by her nieces, Diane Clay and husband Vance, Shedra Sells and husband Dr. Samuel, and Linda Rushing and husband Joe. Fran's family and friends will celebrate her life with a funeral service scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home, with Larry Hames officiating. The burial will follow at Lone Oak Cemetery in Lewisburg, Tenn.

Visitation hours are scheduled for the evening of Thursday, Nov. 9, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. The family wishes to express gratitude to the staff at Community Care of Rutherford County for the loving care given to Fran.

In memory of Fran, donations may be made to the Unionville Church of Christ, in care of Larry Hames, 2398 Hwy 130 W, Petersburg, TN 37144. Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family. To leave memories or condolences, visit www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com.



Bryan Jeffrey Adams
1961-2023

Bryan Jeffrey "Jeff" "Bubba" "PawPaw" Adams, of Shelbyville, passed away at 61 on Oct. 31, 2023, while at home surrounded by his family, under the care of Hospice Compassus. Adams, born on Dec. 25, 1961, was a Bedford County native. His parents, the late Howard Douglas Adams and Emma Jean Loyd Adams, welcomed him into their family.

Adams dedicated himself to Albea for over 36 years. He was known by his loved ones as a family man with an enthusiasm for Harley Davidson motorcycles, most widely addressed as Jeff, and affectionately known as Bubba and PawPaw, especially to his beloved grandchildren.

Surviving him is his wife of 32 years, Diane Adams, two children Andrea McCullough and her husband Stan, and Lonnie Leftrick and his wife Kimberly, both of Shelbyville. He leaves behind grandchildren Savannah Wisener and her husband Jackson, Gracie Beth McCullough, Slade & Greyson Leftrick, Summit, Jennings, Adley, and Calloway Leftrick. He is also survived by his brother, Howard Dwayne Adams of Columbia, and his close friend Brooke Cunningham.

Funeral services will be held at Doak Howell Funeral Home Chapel on Nov. 3, 2023, at 1 p.m., officiated by Stan McCullough. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Prior to the service, visiting hours will commence at the funeral home at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Shelbyville-Bedford County Humane Society at www.shelbyvillebedfordhumane.org or by mail at P.O. Box 391, Shelbyville, TN 37162, or to the Middle Tennessee Spay & Neuter Clinic at www.mtsnc.org. All arrangements are handled by Doak Howell Funeral home, more information is available at www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com.



Margaret Sue Brown Clanton
1942 - 2023

Margaret Sue Brown Clanton, a long-term resident of Shelbyville, passed away at the age of 81 on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023. Her family, the staff of the Waters of Shelbyville, and Hospice Compassus encircled her with love and care at her time of passing.

Mrs. Clanton was born on Sept. 1, 1942, in Bell Buckle. She was one of 13 children born to the late Elmer and Lila Pearl Nobles Brown. A retiree of Century Mold, she was fond of sewing, spending quality time with her grandchildren, and conversing on the telephone. She also held membership at Faith Baptist Church.

Unfortunately, several of her family members predeceased her, including her daughter Donna Woodson; siblings Evelyn Gregory, Helen Benson, Maggie Dalton, Peggy Spence, Raymond Brown, Carolyn Prater, and Judy Grogan.

A life, however, is not just mourned but celebrated. Thus, her survivors mourn her as much as they remember the joy she brought. Her surviving kin include her husband of six decades, John Wayne Clanton, her daughter Penny Cooper (Brent), grandchildren Tabitha Philpot (James), Mary Cooper (Jon Evans), and Emma Cooper; as well as great-grandchildren Tyler Philpot, Hailey Philpot, and Mayalana Philpot. Mrs. Clanton also leaves behind her great-great-grandchildren Addison Philpot, Caleb Moses, and Jasper Justice; her son-in-law Eddie Woodson; siblings Lawrence (Jean) Brown, Mildred Reed, Brenda (Wayne) Roddy, Jane (Larry) Rollins, and Ricky (Pam) Brown; her brothers-in-law Mickey Dalton, Clarence Prater, and Doyle Grogan, sister-in-law Mildred Brown, and her dearly loved cat, "Tiger Clanton."

Mrs. Clanton's funeral was held on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, at 3 p.m. at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. The burial followed at Willow Mount Cemetery. From noon until the service, the family welcomed visitors at the funeral home.



Nancy Boyer Walsh
1930-2023

Nancy B Walsh, 93, from Shelbyville, TN, formerly of Fairfield Glade, TN and Augusta, GA, passed away on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023. Prior to her passing, she was tenderly supported by her family, the attentive staff of Celebration Way, and Aveanna Hospice.

Walsh, born on Feb. 11, 1930, in York, PA, lived a life full of vitality and creativity. As the only sister among three brothers, she led the way as a head drum majorette, displayed her grace in ballet and ballroom dancing, and showcased her creative side as an artist. Her zest for life continued into her later years when she contributed to society as an interior designer and taught dance to adults for local showcase events into her eighties.

She is reunited in death with her beloved husband of 45 years, James H. Walsh and her three brothers, Paul, Mart and Fred Boyer. She leaves behind a loving and robust family composed of her four children, Karen E. Carrington of Shanghai, China, Debra C. Carter (David) of Boca Raton, FL., Krista C. Gilham (Brad) of Bell Buckle, TN, and Kenneth W. Carrington of Charleston, SC. She is also survived by two step-children, Mark T. Walsh of Redondo Beach, CA. and Craig A. Walsh (Lisa) of Louisville, KY., along with 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no public services held. Doak-Howell Funeral Home is handling the family's arrangements.



Horace Wilson Arnold
1944-2023

Horace Wilson Arnold, a long-time Shelbyville resident, has passed away at the age of 79 on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023. His life will be celebrated on Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at 2 p.m., at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel, with Pastor Glenn Sutton serving as eulogist. Mr. Arnold will be laid to rest in Willow Mount Cemetery following the service.

Arnold's family will welcome visitors at the funeral home from 1 p.m. until the start of the ceremony. Born on Sept. 22, 1944, in the Flat Creek Community of Bedford County, Arnold was the son of the late Reverend Hoyle and Cora Holbert Arnold. He spent his career as a truck driver in the gas and oil distributor business.

His memory will be cherished by a large family which includes his children Kenneth (KennZiah) Arnold, Mitchell (Pamela) Buchanan, Marilyn (Eddie) Sanders, Ken (Karmen) Buchanan, James "Pop" Buchanan, Iwanda Buchanan, Felicia (Mark) Anthnoy, Whitney (Ricardo) Brandon, Leontyne Washington, Christa Alexander, Shirley (Duke) Sutton, and Judith Brandon. He is also survived by two brothers, Henry (Nora) Arnold and Rufus Arnold, and his sister, Virgie Arnold, along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arnold was predeceased by his wives Renaecker Arnold and Jeanette Strod Arnold, siblings Minnie Thompson, Martha Tharpe, Dorothy McGee, Doris Swader, Wilma Smith, Thomas Arnold, Patricia Murray, and Lanny Buchanan, as well as grandchildren DeShawn Arnold and Charlie Morkie Murray, and great-grandchild Trevor Murray.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is overseeing the arrangements.

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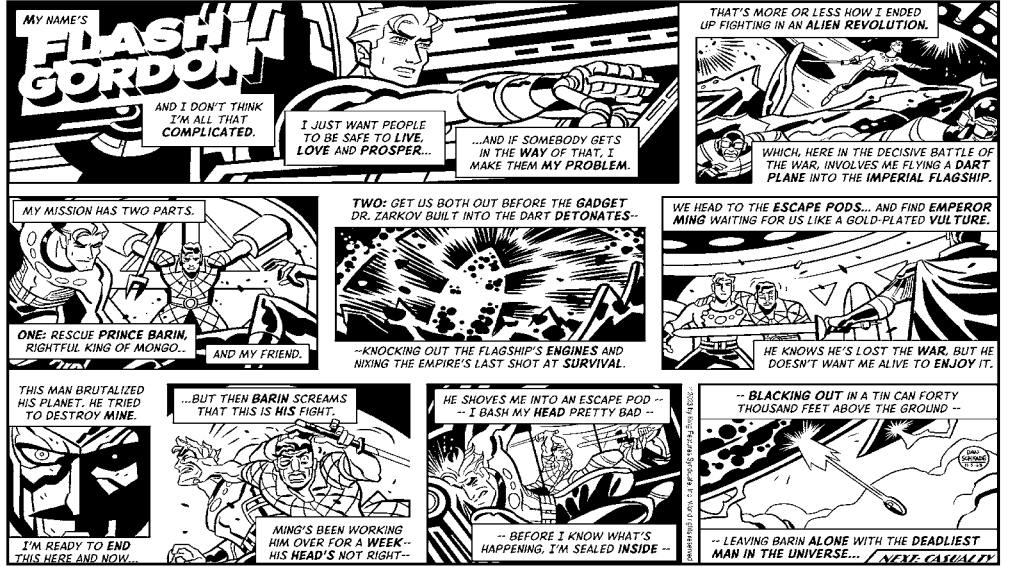
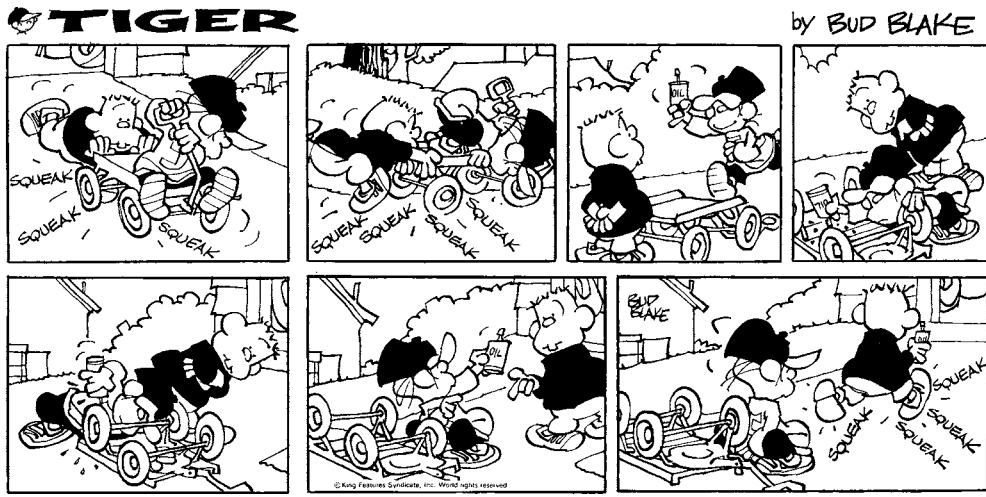
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King Crossword

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

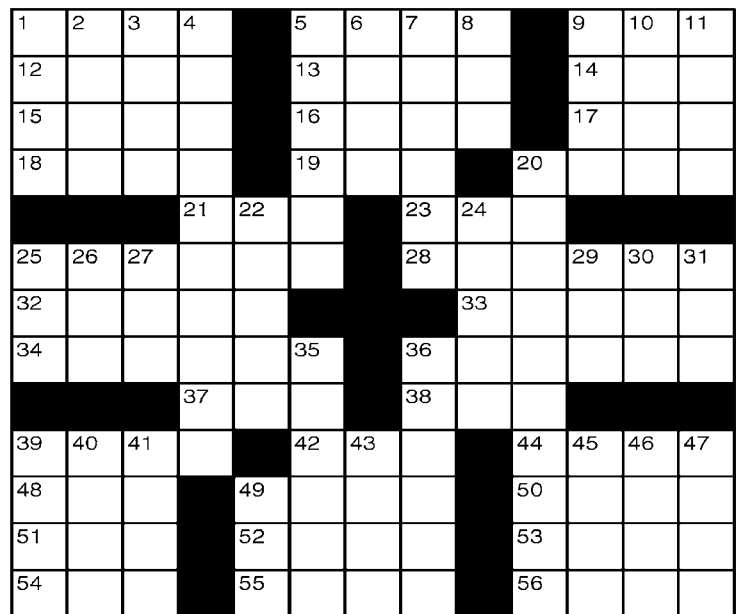
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Race obstacle | ___ R ___ | Football meeting | ___ D ___ |
| 2. Falsify a signature | ___ G ___ | Potency | ___ C ___ |
| 3. Actor DeVito | ___ A ___ | Performer Osmond | ___ O ___ |
| 4. Runway participant | ___ D ___ | Traveler's rest stop | ___ T ___ |
| 5. Lone Star capital | A ___ | Timberlake or Bieber | J ___ |
| 6. Reverse of concave | ___ X ___ | Carry goods | ___ Y ___ |
| 7. Baseball hill | ___ D ___ | Sinai or Vesuvius | ___ T ___ |
| 8. White cliffs port | ___ O ___ | Frogman | ___ I ___ |
| 9. Fly or beetle | ___ C ___ | Loose page | ___ R ___ |
| 10. Noble title | ___ R ___ | Twirler's wand | ___ T ___ |

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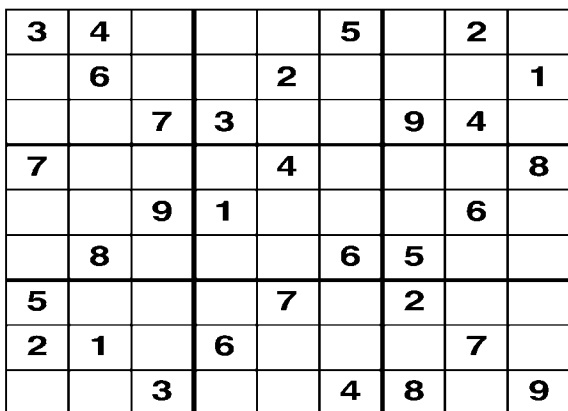
- 1 Netting
- 5 Composer Porter
- 9 "I'm not impressed"
- 12 Dog food brand
- 13 Send forth
- 14 Chopper
- 15 "Arrivederci!"
- 16 Marathon fraction
- 17 Blemish
- 18 Difficult
- 19 JFK info
- 20 Gentle soul
- 21 Victory
- 23 Greek X
- 25 Quick run
- 28 Cry of distress
- 32 Exact



- 33 Broadcast again
- 34 Rouse
- 36 Caviar provider
- 37 "Xanadu" band
- 38 "— Blue?"
- 39 Family fight
- 42 Zodiac animal
- 44 Frost
- 48 Hostel
- 49 Future tulip
- 50 Tex. neighbor
- 51 Scribble (down)
- 52 Regarding Paris airport
- 53 Paris airport
- 54 Equi-
- 55 "Scram!"
- 56 Calendar squares
- 7 Fragrant flowers
- 8 Summer on the Seine
- 9 Crib cry
- 10 Physical
- 11 Basil or thyme
- 20 Bread and butter, so to speak
- 22 Chip giant
- 24 Seraglio
- 25 Resort
- 26 "Wham!"
- 27 Estuary
- 29 — de cologne
- 30 "Top Gun"
- 31 Historic time
- 35 "Take your time"
- 36 Panda's diet
- 39 South Pacific nation
- 40 Eve's grandson
- 41 "Do — others ..."
- 43 Sax range
- 45 Gumbo veggie
- 46 Friend
- 47 Beams
- 49 Some coll. degrees

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



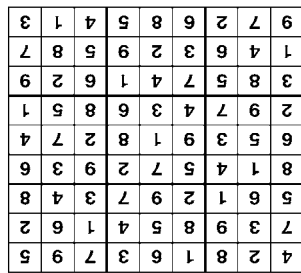
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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See This Week's Answers In Next Week's Edition



Answer

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Answer

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Answers

Even Exchange

Solution time: 21 mins.

1. Scorn, Acorn
2. France, France
3. Gauge, Gauge
4. Bubble, Bubble
5. Manor, Manor

6. Dream, Dream
7. Grass, Grass
8. Center, Center
9. Joint, Joint
10. Treaty, Treats

CryptoQuip

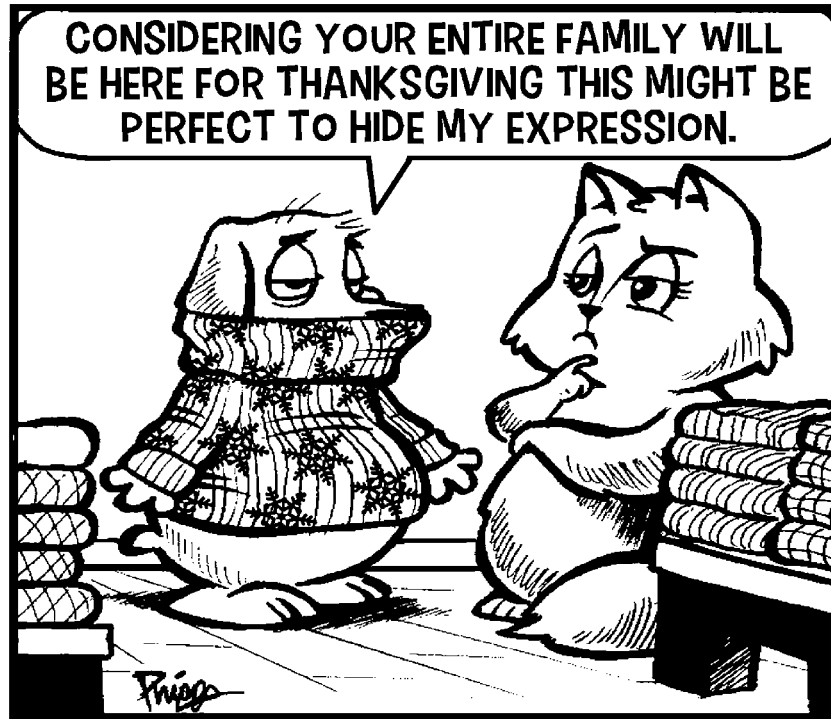
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: B equals M

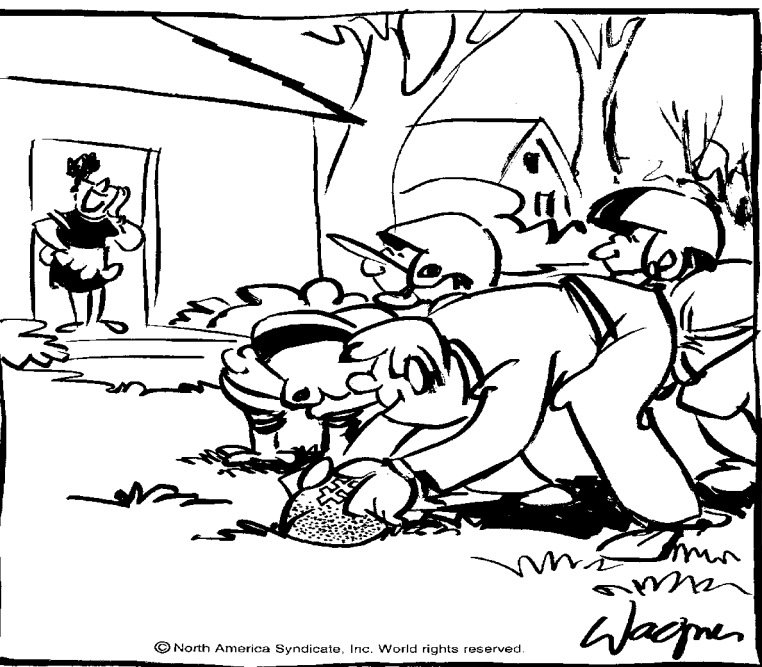
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Dear Abby's fan club? the top official leader of what would everybody call the answer
CryptoQuip

With four straight lines, the maximum number of parts is 11.
Sticklers Answer

SCRABLERS
Today's Word
1. Grippe 2. Maker; solution
3. Clean; 4. Course
SPOKEN

STICKELLERS by Terry Stickels

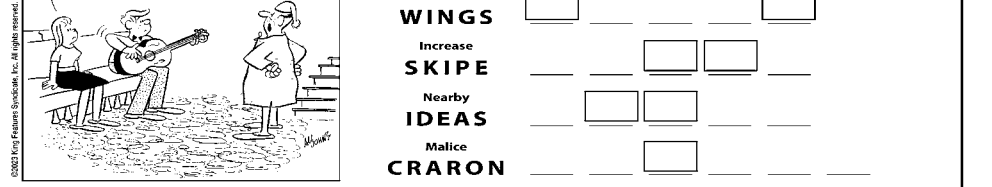
Match the proper name on the left with the occupation associated with it on the right.

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|-------------|---------------------|
| 1. Warren | a. roofer |
| 2. Wright | b. woodworker |
| 3. Kellogg | c. dancer |
| 4. Thatcher | d. overseer of game |
| 5. Hopper | e. hog butcher |

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



"I changed my mind — go back to _____"
TODAY'S WORD

Shelbyville Police Reports

Editors Note: The police reports featured in this section are provided by the Shelbyville Police Department and have been summarized by our editorial team for the convenience of our readers. The Shelbyville Times-Gazette underscores the importance of recognizing that all individuals mentioned are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law, and not every report necessarily leads to an arrest or charges being filed.

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Florida Woman Arrested for Multiple Violations Including Drug Possession

Date: November 2, 2023
Reporting Officer: Benjamin Cobb
Summary: On November 2, 2023, at approximately 00:44 hours, Officer Benjamin Cobb initiated a traffic stop on a blue SUV traveling eastbound on Madison Street with no license plate displayed. The driver, identified as Amanda Lucille Clemmons from Florida, admitted to not having a valid driver's license or vehicle registration. A systems check confirmed her statements.

Clemmons was taken into custody and transported to Bedford County Corrections without incident. During an inventory of the vehicle conducted by Officer Presley, a clear canister containing a crystal-like substance was found in the passenger seat. Field tests confirmed the substance as methamphetamine. The substance, container, and field test were photographed and logged into evidence at the Shelbyville Police Department.

The vehicle was towed from the scene by Mike's Towing. Clemmons was charged with registration violation, no driver's license, financial responsibility, and possession of a Schedule II substance. Body-worn cameras were active during the incident.

Domestic Assault Incident Leads to Aggravated Assault Charges

Date: November 2, 2023
Reporting Officer: Joseph Cleek

Summary:
On November 2, 2023, Officer Joseph Cleek responded to a domestic altercation at 408 Regent Drive. Upon arrival, he made contact with the victim, Sherry Harmon, who reported that her husband, Justin Stanley, had been physically assaulting her throughout the night. Harmon also stated that Stanley had threatened to kill her during the altercation. Visible injuries on Harmon, including marks on her neck and significant swelling and bruising on her left hand, were consistent with her account of the incident.

Harmon was transported by EMS to Vanderbilt Bedford for medical evaluation. Stanley had left the scene before Officer Cleek's arrival but was later located by Officer Lashwood in the vicinity of 300 Regent Drive. Stanley was taken into custody and admitted to being upset with Harmon, claiming the marks on her neck were scratches from him attempting to take her phone.

Due to the severity of Harmon's injuries, Stanley was charged with Aggravated Assault and transported to corrections. He was issued a 24-hour hold and a \$5,000 bond. The offender, Justin Keith Stanley, is a white male. The case is considered completed with no further information available at this time.

Hit and Run Incident Causes Property Damage on Northeast Side

Date: November 2, 2023
Reporting Officer: Carter

McAnally
Summary: On November 2, 2023, Officer Carter McAnally and FTO. Grubbs were dispatched to 708 Industrial Pkwy in response to a hit and run incident. Upon arrival, they made contact with the complainant, Victor Sabanilla, who reported witnessing a silver Infiniti veer off the road and collide with three mailboxes and a carport at lot 20 of the same address. The vehicle left behind part of its bumper at the scene.

Sabanilla was unable to identify the driver, only noting that it appeared to be a young male. He also could not provide the license plate number of the vehicle. The property owner, Russell Bryant, was in the hospital at the time of the incident and could not provide contact information for the person from whom he was renting the trailer. Bryant promised to provide this information upon his return from the hospital.

The offender remains unknown and the investigation is ongoing. The body-worn camera (BWC) was active throughout the entire process. No further information is available at this time.

Woman Reports Constant Harassment After Custody Dispute

Date: November 2, 2023
Reporting Officer: Joseph Cleek

Summary: On November 2, 2023, Officer Joseph Cleek spoke with Jaleesa Henderson who reported being harassed by her cousin, Danyella Ransom. Henderson had previously given Ransom temporary custody of her son, Zakyus Jordan, but recently revoked the agreement. With the assistance of the Tullahoma Police, Henderson was able to retrieve her son from Ransom's residence in Tullahoma.

Since then, Henderson reported that Ransom has been constantly harassing her through texts, calls, and visits to her home and workplace. Henderson is currently seeking a temporary Order of Protection against Ransom. The case is classified under "All Other Offenses" and is marked as completed. No further information is available at this time.

Driver Involved in Accident Found Driving on Suspended License

Date: November 2, 2023
Reporting Officer: Andrew Le Roy

Summary:
On November 2, 2023, at 11:45 am, Officer Andrew Le Roy was assisting Officer Holt with an accident involving a 2012 Mitsubishi Outlander with Tennessee registration BNR7466. The driver, identified as Jayln Laye, was found to be driving on a suspended license. Upon questioning, Laye admitted that he was aware of his license suspension and was currently dealing with traffic violations in court. Officer Le Roy confirmed the suspension with dispatch using Laye's name and date of birth.

Laye was issued citation #85304 for driving on a suspended license and given a court date of December 12, 2023, at 9:00 am in the general sessions court. He was released at the scene. The incident was recorded on Officer Le Roy's body-worn camera.

Theft at North Main Laundry: Two Suspects Arrested

Date: October 31, 2023
Reporting Officer: Michael Taylor

Summary: On October 31, 2023, a theft incident was reported at North Main Laundry located at 517 North Main Street. The owner, Mr. Miller, reported the theft of a stool from his business premises. Mr. Miller provided video evidence of the theft, which clearly showed two individuals, identified as Eric Lynch and Jesse Currier, taking the stool.

Officer Michael Taylor took the report and provided Mr. Miller with a report status form, assuring him that he would be notified by detectives as the investigation progressed. On November 4, 2023, both suspects, Lynch and Currier, were taken into custody by Officer Nathaniel Everhart. The case is classified under UCR code 23D - Theft From Building. The investigation is ongoing.

Unlicensed Driver Arrested for Speeding and Lack of Insurance

Date: November 2, 2023
Reporting Officer: Mackenzi Kowalski

Summary: On November 2, 2023, at 20:14, Officer Mackenzi Kowalski observed a blue Honda, with plate number 056BLJS, exceeding the speed limit on North Main St. The vehicle was traveling at 45mph in a 30mph zone. Upon initiating a traffic stop, the driver, identified as Juan De Dios Gonzales Hernandez, admitted to not possessing a driver's license. Mr. Hernandez, who resides in Smyrna but works in Shelbyville, could only provide a Mexican ID card for identification. He also confirmed that he did not have insurance for the vehicle.

A license check conducted by Dispatch confirmed that Mr. Hernandez indeed did not have a license and had no prior record in the system. Consequently, Mr. Hernandez was arrested for driving without a license and was transported to the Bedford County Jail. He was issued a summons with a court date set for December 5, 2023, at 9 am for charges including driving without a license, speeding, and lack of financial responsibility. The vehicle was later picked up by a licensed driver. The entire incident was recorded on Body Worn Camera (B.W.C).

Domestic Assault Incident on Southeast Side

Date: November 2, 2023
Reporting Officer: Alexandra Presley

Summary: On the evening of November 2, 2023, Officer Alexandra Presley responded to a domestic disturbance call at 417 Regent Dr. The caller, Penny Morales, reported that her cousin, Leslie Simmons, was being assaulted by her boyfriend, Jalil Singleton. Upon arrival, Officer Presley encountered an intoxicated and agitated Mr. Singleton who refused to cooperate with the police. Despite his resistance, Ms. Simmons was able to leave the residence after gathering her belongings.

Ms. Simmons initially denied any physical abuse but later admitted that Mr. Singleton had shoved her, causing her to fall and hit her face. She expressed fear but was adamant about not pressing charges against Mr. Singleton. A juvenile was present during the incident, prompting a referral to the Department of Children's Services. The situation was diffused with Ms. Simmons and Mr. Singleton agreeing to separate for the night. Officer Presley's body-worn camera was active throughout the incident, providing a recorded account of the events.

Repeat Offender Arrested for Criminal Trespassing and Disorderly Conduct at Circle K

Date: November 2, 2023
Reporting Officer: Brad Evans

Summary: On November 2, 2023, Officer Brad Evans responded to a reported fight at Circle K #485. Upon arrival, Officer Evans spoke with Lemarcus Booker who claimed that Eddie Ray had initiated an argument and subsequently punched him. Booker, however, did not wish to press charges and quickly left the scene.

Officer Evans then interacted with Eddie Ray, who was notably combative. Ray had been previously trespassed from Circle K on multiple occasions. Due to his history of trespassing and his involvement in the fight, Ray was arrested for criminal trespass and disorderly conduct.

Ray was transported to BCSO where he was issued a bond of \$4,000. The entire incident was recorded on the department-issued body camera. The offender, Eddie Dorris Ray, is a male of African American descent. No further incidents were reported.

Homeless Man Arrested for Drug Possession and Paraphernalia Behind Trucking Company

Date: November 3, 2023
Reporting Officer: David Dye

Summary: On November 3, 2023, Officer David Dye responded to a call from K-9 Officer Brock Horner regarding a suspicious vehicle parked behind Nationwide Trucking Company. The vehicle's oc-

cupant, Anthony Reid, was found sleeping inside. Reid, who claimed to be homeless, was unable to provide any form of identification or a valid driver's license.

Upon arrival, Officers Dylan Farrar and Josh Graves detected a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Despite Reid's denial of possessing any marijuana, a search of the vehicle revealed a small box containing .19 grams of methamphetamine, 1.56 grams of marijuana, and a burnt glass pipe. Reid denied ownership of these items.

Reid, who was already out on bond for an assault charge in Murfreesboro, was detained and charged with simple possession of a schedule II drug, possession of a schedule VI drug, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was transported to Bedford County Corrections without incident and held on a \$4,000 bond. A partially smoked marijuana cigarette, believed to have been dropped by Reid, was also found in Officer Graves' patrol vehicle and placed into evidence.

Domestic Dispute Erupts at Local Post Office

Date: November 3, 2023
Reporting Officer: Jerry Lawrence

Summary: On November 3, 2023, Officer Jerry Lawrence was dispatched to the U.S. Post Office located at 600 North Main Street following a report of a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, Officer Lawrence made contact with Ms. Amber Brimhall, who reported that she and her boyfriend, Mr. Marcel Simon, had been involved in a heated argument.

The dispute reportedly began when Ms. Brimhall suggested a place to eat, which angered Mr. Simon. He accused Ms. Brimhall of infidelity, leading to the argument. Mr. Simon then pulled into the post office parking lot, threw food out of the vehicle, and told Ms. Brimhall to exit the vehicle. When she did, he drove off.

Despite attempts, officers

were unable to locate Mr. Simon following the incident. Officer Lawrence explained Ms. Brimhall's rights to her and documented the incident. The entire interaction was captured on Officer Lawrence's body camera. No further action was taken at the time of the report.

Theft From Building Incident at Lamp Lighter Apartments

Date: November 3, 2023
Reporting Officer: Jerry Lawrence

Summary: On November 3, 2023, Officer Jerry Lawrence was dispatched to Lamp Lighter Apartments at 1900 Madison Street following a report of theft. The complainant, Mr. Doyle West, reported that his wallet, which contained his Tennessee identification card and \$900 in cash, was stolen by his friend, Ms. Kimberly Stone.

According to Mr. West, he and Ms. Stone were visiting an apartment in the complex when the incident occurred. Mr. West had removed his hoodie, which contained his wallet, due to the heat. After briefly leaving the room, he returned to find Ms. Stone had left and his wallet was missing. With the help of a neighbor, Mr. West found his wallet in a nearby garbage can, but his identification and cash were missing.

Officer Lawrence advised Mr. West of his rights and recorded the interaction on his body camera. The suspect, Kimberly Lee Stone, is currently under investigation for theft of property valued at \$1000 or less.

Unidentified Individual Attempts Unlawful Entry, Vandalizes Rental Home

Date: November 3, 2023
Reporting Officer: Jerry Lawrence

Summary: On November 3, 2023, Officer Jerry Lawrence was dispatched to the police department to investigate a reported vandalism incident. The complainant, Ms. Mariel Wingo, reported damage to a home she rents on the Northeast side of the city. The in-

cident's exact timing remains uncertain, but it appears that an unidentified individual unlawfully entered Ms. Wingo's garage and attempted to break into her home.

The perpetrator damaged the door by prying at it, destroying the lower lock and the wooden door. However, they were unsuccessful in their attempt to gain entry into the house. Ms. Wingo was fully informed of her rights, and the interaction was recorded on Officer Lawrence's body cam. The offender remains unknown, and the investigation is ongoing.

Wrong Way Driver Arrested for Drug Possession and Driving with Suspended License

Date: November 3, 2023
Reporting Officer: Ramon Castillo

Summary: On November 3, 2023, Officer Ramon Castillo observed a silver Jeep driving against traffic in the Public Square and W. Depot Street area. The officer stopped the vehicle, driven by Dylan D. Pardon, after noticing an expired license plate. Upon interaction, Officer Castillo detected a faint odor of marijuana from inside the vehicle. A check on Pardon's driver's license revealed it was suspended and he had a prior failure to appear in court in 2022.

Pardon was arrested for driving with a suspended license. He consented to a search of his vehicle, which resulted in the discovery of a glass-like smoking pipe with burnt marks and marijuana, as well as additional marijuana in the vehicle's center console and carpet area. Pardon was transported to Bedford County jail and booked for simple possession of Schedule VI drugs, driving while suspended, and a registration violation. The seized marijuana and pipe were placed in an evidence locker at the Shelbyville Police Department. Pardon's vehicle was driven away by another licensed driver. His court date was set for December 12, 2023, and his bond was set at \$1500.

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The incident was captured by the officer's body-worn camera.

Domestic Dispute Over Bedroom Situation Resolved Peacefully

Date: November 3, 2023
Reporting Officer: Lane Jernigan

Summary: On November 3, 2023, at approximately 6:52 PM, Officer Bliss and Officer Lane Jernigan were dispatched to a potential domestic dispute at 300 Barksdale Lane, lot 30. Upon arrival, they spoke with Edwin Francisco-Amaya and Belen Fuentes-Ramos, who are in a romantic relationship. The couple was engaged in a verbal argument over a situation in their home, specifically regarding the allocation of bedrooms. Francisco-Amaya expressed his dissatisfaction with being assigned to the back room due to a non-functional light, which sparked the disagreement.

Officers provided both individuals with report status forms and explained their rights pertaining to domestic violence. No arrests were made as the dispute was verbal and did not escalate to physical violence. The situation was resolved on-site, and the officers' body-worn cameras were activated throughout the incident for transparency and record-keeping.

Intoxicated Man Assaults Mother and Resists Arrest

Date: November 3, 2023
Reporting Officer: Lane Jernigan

Summary: On November 3, 2023, officers were dispatched to a possible domestic assault at the Police Department's front office. The victim, Kimberly Sheehy, reported that her son, Colin Sheehy, had struck her multiple times in the face while she was driving. She had visible injuries, and her son was reportedly intoxicated and still in the car in the police department's parking lot.

When officers approached Colin Sheehy, he became aggressive, threatened the officers, and made a hand gesture mimicking firing a gun. He then physically resisted arrest, grabbing an officer's vest and kicking him several times. Despite multiple warnings, Colin continued to resist, leading to an officer deploying his taser. Colin Sheehy was eventually subdued, handcuffed, and transported to Bedford County Jail. The entire incident was captured on the officers' body-worn cameras.

Unidentified Vandal Keys Car on Southeast Side

Date: November 4, 2023
Reporting Officer: Brandi Merlo

Summary: On the morning of November 4, 2023, Officer Brandi Merlo was dispatched to 300 Neely Ave following a report of vandalism. The complainant, Alexis Altice, discovered that her 2021 red Toyota Camry had been keyed on the driver's side. The damage was first noticed by her husband, Jacob Altice, as he was leaving for work.

The incident occurred between the hours of 8PM on November 3 and 7AM on November 4, while the vehicle was parked outside of the couple's apartment (4B). Alexis Altice was unable to identify any potential suspects. Officer Merlo provided Alexis with a copy of the re-

port number and status report form. The officer's Body Worn Camera (BWC) was activated during the incident.

The offender remains unknown and the investigation is ongoing.

Shed Burglary Incident Reported at Fairview Ave, Suspect Identified

Date: November 4, 2023
Reporting Officer: Graves, Josh

Summary: On November 4, 2023, Officer Josh Graves was dispatched to 404 1/2 Fairview Ave following a report of a burglary. Upon arrival, he spoke with the property owner, Frankie Fuller, who discovered that the door to his shed had been broken and several of his tools were missing. Fuller, who had not accessed the shed for over two years, was informed of the incident by his tenant, Summer Bates.

Bates suggested that her father, Marty Sean Bates, could be the potential suspect behind the burglary. Fuller was advised of his rights and assured that a formal report would be filed regarding the incident. The entire interaction was recorded on Officer Graves' body camera. As of now, no further information is available and the investigation is ongoing.

Domestic Dispute Leads to Separation on Southeast Side

Date: November 4, 2023
Reporting Officer: Graves, Josh

Summary: On November 4, 2023, Officer Josh Graves was dispatched to 238 Anthony Ln following a report of a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, Officer Graves spoke with Ronald Orzel and Lisa Pugh. Orzel claimed that Pugh, who has been out of work for over three weeks, leaves the house in a mess and gets upset when asked to clean. Pugh, on the other hand, accused Orzel of yelling at her for leaving the house and speaking to her family, even going as far as calling her derogatory names.

Pugh also alleged that Orzel had previously assaulted her, but she had not reported it due to fear. She expressed her intention to move out as soon as her family arrived to help her. Orzel agreed to leave the house to allow Pugh to gather her belongings.

However, Officer Graves was called back to the scene an hour later due to another verbal argument. Pugh claimed that Orzel had returned and started yelling at everyone. Orzel, in his defense, stated that he was yelled at upon his return. Pugh was advised to get a U-Haul to move her belongings, and Orzel agreed to stay outside to prevent further incidents. Both parties were advised of their rights and a report was filed regarding the incident.

Domestic Dispute Between Father and Son Reported on Northeast Side

Date: November 4, 2023
Reporting Officer: Dylan Farrar

Summary: On November 4, 2023, Officer Dylan Farrar responded to a call at 303 Meadow Dr. concerning a dispute between a father and son. The son, John Oglesby, who is known to have mental health issues, believed that people were tampering with his motorcycle and confronted his father, William Oglesby.

John left the house to avoid escalating the argument.

Officer Farrar then spoke with William and his wife, Therri Oglesby, at their residence. William's account of the incident was similar to John's. He explained that John has been paranoid, frequently questioning who has been in the house and accusing people of messing with his belongings. William also mentioned that John has been disrespectful, but he was unsure of where else John could go. Therri confirmed William's account.

William was informed of his rights during the encounter, which was recorded on Officer Farrar's Body Worn Camera (BWC). No arrests were made, and there is no further information at this time.

Vehicle Strikes Pillar at Shelbyville Inn, Causes Property Damage

Date: November 4, 2023
Reporting Officer: Brandi Merlo

Summary: On November 4, 2023, Officer Brandi Merlo responded to a call at the Shelbyville Inn, located at 317 North Cannon Blvd., regarding property damage caused by a vehicle. Upon arrival, Officer Merlo was directed by the property manager, Dustin Ray, to the damaged pillar which had been pushed back at an angle.

The vehicle involved was a gold 2000 Infiniti, driven by Crystal Hammock. Hammock explained that the car had idled forward while she was parking, causing it to strike the pillar. She also mentioned that the car had been experiencing mechanical issues. Brian Morgan, Hammock's boyfriend, was also in the vehicle at the time of the incident.

The pillar, located between rooms 115 and 117, was detached from the building as a result of the collision. Photographs were taken of the damaged pillar and vehicle for further investigation. The incident was recorded on Officer Merlo's Body Worn Camera (BWC). No further information is available at this time.

Couple Arrested for Criminal Impersonation and Trespassing in Northeast Side

Date: November 4, 2023
Reporting Officer: Dylan Farrar

Summary: On November 4, 2023, Officer Dylan Farrar responded to a complaint from Kelley Leslie about her neighbors trespassing on her property at 958 Horse Mountain Rd. The neighbors, who initially identified themselves as Cassie and Justin Ross, were warned that they would be charged with criminal trespassing if they returned to the property.

Upon further investigation, Officer Farrar discovered that the couple had provided false information about their identities. The woman, who initially identified herself as Cassie Ross, later clarified her name as Cassandra Ross-Deaton. The man, who initially identified himself as Justin Ross, was later confirmed to be Justin Deaton.

The couple's deception was believed to be an attempt to avoid legal consequences, as Justin Deaton had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear and a capias. Following the incident, warrants were obtained for Cassandra for false reporting and for Jus-

tin for criminal impersonation. Both individuals were taken into custody on November 5, 2023. The officer's body-worn camera was active during the encounter.

Speeding Driver Arrested for Suspended License

Date: November 4, 2023
Reporting Officer: Jeremiah Guinn

Summary: On November 4, 2023, Officer Jeremiah Guinn was patrolling East Lane Street when he noticed a vehicle traveling at a high speed. The vehicle was clocked at 50 mph in a 30 mph zone, prompting Officer Guinn to initiate a traffic stop. The driver, identified as Shondon Williams, was found to be driving on a suspended license. The suspension was due to unpaid fines. This incident marked Williams' first offense for driving on a suspended license.

Williams was subsequently charged with driving on a suspended license and speeding. He was summoned to appear in General Session Court on December 5, 2023, at 9:00 am. Williams was also informed about the booking process at Bedford County Jail and given ten days to complete it. He stated that he understood the process and had no further questions. The vehicle was left in the parking lot of The Circle of Friends. The entire incident was recorded on Officer Guinn's body camera.

Unlicensed Driver Caught in Traffic Stop

Date: November 4, 2023
Reporting Officer: Aaron Tankersley

Summary: On November 4, 2023, at 18:53 hours, Officer Aaron Tankersley initiated a traffic stop on a silver Ford Focus on Madison St. The driver, identified as Neftali Vazquez, was not wearing a seatbelt. Upon request, Vazquez was unable to produce a valid driver's license, instead providing a Mexican ID. A subsequent computer search confirmed that Vazquez did not possess a valid Tennessee driver's license.

Vazquez was informed that he must have a valid Tennessee driver's license to operate a vehicle on a public road. He was then briefed on the booking procedure. Vazquez's charges include driving without a license and a seatbelt violation. His court date is set for December 5, 2023, at 09:00 hours. The vehicle was left at the scene for a licensed driver. The entire incident was recorded on Officer Tankersley's body-worn camera.

Guatemalan National Arrested for Multiple Traffic Violations

Date: November 4, 2023
Reporting Officer: Andrew Koehler

Summary: On November 4, 2023, Officer Andrew Koehler conducted a traffic stop on North Main Street after noticing a white van with blue headlights driving in the opposite direction. The vehicle's registration had expired in February 2023. The driver, identified as Herrera Gustavo, was unable to provide a valid driver's license but presented a Guatemalan Identification card. A records check conducted by dispatch found no driver's license information for Gustavo.

Officer Koehler issued Gustavo a criminal summons for driving without a license, reg-

istration violation, and light law violation. Gustavo was informed of his rights and instructed on how to book himself into Bedford County Corrections. His court date is scheduled for December 5, 2023, at the Bedford County Judicial Complex. The vehicle was left in the parking lot for a licensed driver to retrieve. The incident was recorded on body-worn cameras.

Man Cited for Driving Without a License and Registration Violation

Date: November 4, 2023
Reporting Officer: Aaron Tankersley

Summary: On November 4, 2023, at 9:15 PM, Officer Aaron Tankersley initiated a traffic stop on a grey Toyota Sienna with an expired tag on North Main St. The driver, identified as Jesus Olivares, pulled into the Dollar General Market on North Main St. Upon request, Olivares provided his insurance and a Mexican ID but failed to present a valid Tennessee driver's license.

A computer check revealed that Olivares's Tennessee driver's license was expired. Officer Tankersley informed Olivares that he must possess a valid Tennessee driver's license to operate a vehicle on public roads. Olivares acknowledged understanding the reason for the stop and the booking procedures.

Olivares was cited for driving without a license and a registration violation. His court date is set for December 5, 2023, at 9:00 AM in general sessions. The vehicle remained at the scene awaiting a licensed driver. The entire encounter was recorded on Officer Tankersley's body-worn camera.

Man Arrested for Driving on Suspended License

Date: November 4, 2023
Reporting Officer: Diaz, Letisia

Summary: On the evening of November 4, 2023, Officer Letisia Diaz observed a white Dodge truck driving without headlights on North Main Street. After initiating a traffic stop in the Lowe's parking lot, the driver, identified as Brian Lightfoot, 2nd, admitted to not having insurance and suspected his license was suspended. A check confirmed that Lightfoot's license was indeed suspended due to unpaid fines and a history of failing to appear in court.

Lightfoot, who claimed to be living in his truck in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, was arrested for driving on a suspended license. His truck was left in the parking lot for someone else to collect. Lightfoot was transported to Bedford County Corrections and given a bond of \$1,500. In addition to the suspended license charge, he was also charged with financial responsibility and light law violation, and was issued a summons for each of these charges. He is due to appear in Bedford County General Sessions Court. The incident was recorded on the officer's body camera.

Woman Suspected of Vehicle Theft and Larceny on Southeast Side

Date: November 4, 2023
Reporting Officer: Lane Jernigan

Summary: On November 4, 2023, at approximately 11:58 PM, Officer Bliss and Officer Lane Jernigan were dispatched to 334 Maplewood Drive following a report of a possible stolen vehicle. The complainant, Daniel Torres, reported that his friend's 2002 GMC Envoy, which he had borrowed for repairs, was stolen from his driveway. Torres also reported that a woman named Kimberly Smith, who he later identified as Kimberly Stone, had stolen \$500, a wallet, and his pants from his residence before allegedly driving off with the vehicle around 10:30 PM.

Officers Bliss and Jernigan proceeded to 205 Alta Avenue to speak with the vehicle owner, Victor Bustamante, and confirmed that the title was in his name. The officers later located the stolen vehicle at 1900 Madison Street, in front of Building D. However, they were unable to locate Stone at either Building D or Building E, where her grandmother resides. Bustamante was contacted to retrieve his vehicle.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Kimberly Stone in connection with the vehicle theft and the theft of

the wallet, pants, and \$500 in cash. The case remains open as the investigation continues.

Woman Caught Speeding Without a Driver's License

Date: November 5, 2023
Reporting Officer: Andrew Koehler

Summary: On November 5, 2023, Officer Andrew Koehler was patrolling Union Street when he noticed a vehicle speeding at 65mph in a 45mph zone. Upon stopping the vehicle, the driver, identified as Lisbeth Romero, admitted to not having a driver's license and provided her passport for identification. A check with dispatch confirmed that there was no driver's license information available for Romero.

Officer Koehler issued Romero a criminal summons for not having a driver's license and for the speeding violation. He informed her of her rights and explained the process of booking herself into Bedford County Corrections. Romero's court date is scheduled for December 5, 2023, at the Bedford County Judicial Complex. The vehicle was driven away from the scene by Kimberly Mercado, who had a valid driver's license. The entire incident was recorded on body-worn cameras.

Unlicensed Driver Charged After Traffic Stop

Date: November 5, 2023
Reporting Officer: Jeremiah Guinn

Summary: On November 5, 2023, Officer Jeremiah Guinn was on patrol on Highway 231 North when he noticed a silver Dodge with an expired registration. The officer initiated a traffic stop and identified the driver as Benjamin Alejandro Hernandez. Hernandez provided a passport for identification, but a computer check revealed that he did not possess a valid driver's license.

Hernandez was subsequently charged with driving without a license and a registration violation. He was summoned to appear in General Sessions Court on December 5, 2023, at 9:00 am. Due to a language barrier, Officer Diaz translated and explained the process to Hernandez. He was also informed about the booking process at Bedford County Jail and was given ten days to complete it. Hernandez's vehicle was left in the parking lot of the North Point Animal Hospital. The entire incident was recorded on Officer Guinn's body camera.

Domestic Dispute Reported on South Main Street

Date: November 5, 2023
Reporting Officer: Andrew Koehler

Summary: On November 5, 2023, Officer Andrew Koehler responded to a 911 check at 315 South Main Street after dispatch reported hearing a male and female arguing in the background. Upon arrival, Officer Koehler identified the individuals as Humphrey Garcia and Bianca Lyle. Lyle informed the officer that they were in the process of breaking up and were having a disagreement. She also confirmed that she was in the process of moving out and that the argument had not turned physical.

Garcia corroborated Lyle's statement, confirming that they were breaking up. Officer Koehler advised both parties of their rights. The entire incident was recorded on body-worn cameras. No arrests were made, and no further action was deemed necessary at the time of the report.

Verbal Domestic Dispute Resolved at Magnolia Village Apartments

Date: November 5, 2023
Reporting Officer: Brandi Merlo

Summary: On November 5, 2023, Officer Brandi Merlo was dispatched to Magnolia Village apartments B2, located at 609 Landers Street, in response to a verbal domestic disturbance between a mother and daughter. The complainant, Shakira Dunehe, reported that her mother, Cindy Baker, had started yelling and name-calling upon her return from the hospital. Dunehe's fiancé, Michael Bobbitt, managed to convince Baker to leave the apartment with him.

Baker, who had been staying at the apartment to watch the place while Dunehe and Bobbitt were away, expressed concerns about her daughter's mental health. Dunehe

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admitted to having suicidal thoughts in the past but denied currently feeling suicidal. Officer Merlo provided Dunehew with a copy of the status report form and report number. The incident was resolved with no arrests made.

Man Arrested for Domestic Assault and Drug Violations in West Side

Date: November 5, 2023
Reporting Officer: Dylan Farrar

Summary: On November 5, 2023, officers responded to a report of a domestic assault in progress involving a male and female in a black station wagon. The female, identified as Deana Peary, was found at 609 Ridgeway Ave. with red markings on her chest. She reported that her boyfriend, Ronald "Blake" Whitehead, had been yelling at her and physically assaulted her. Deana's mother, Kimberly Buchanan, also reported previous incidents of physical abuse.

Officer Farrar then located Whitehead at the SERV-N-GO, 801 Union St. Upon approaching Whitehead, the officer detected the odor of marijuana emanating from his vehicle. Whitehead was arrested for domestic assault. A subsequent search of his vehicle revealed 11.28 grams of cocaine, 4.22 grams of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia.

Whitehead was transported to the Bedford County Jail where he was charged with possession of Schedule VI and II with the intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia, and domestic assault. His bond was set at \$11,000, and a 12-hour hold was placed. A no-contact order was obtained and served with Deana as the protected party. All evidence was secured in evidence locker 4 at the Shelbyville Police Department.

License Plate Theft Reported on Southeast Side

Date: November 5, 2023
Reporting Officer: Brandi Merlo

Summary: A theft of a license plate from a 2015 black Ford F350 was reported on November 5, 2023, on 204 Charlotte Drive, according to Officer Brandi Merlo. The complainant, Joel Brandhorst, discovered the license plate missing when he attempted to take a picture of it on November 4, 2023. Brandhorst stated that he had not checked the license plate for a couple of months, but he was certain it was there at the beginning of August. The license plate has been entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database. The suspect remains unknown at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

Car Wash Malfunction Leads to Property Damage

Date: November 5, 2023

Reporting Officer: Tracy Teal

Summary: On November 5, 2023, Officer Tracy Teal was dispatched to Magic Spray Car Wash, located at 1031 Colloredo Blvd, in response to a reported property damage incident. Upon arrival, Officer Teal met with the complainant, John Lee, who claimed that a malfunctioning spray arm in the touchless car wash had struck the trunk of his vehicle, resulting in visible damage. Two scratch marks were observed on the top of the vehicle's trunk. Lee was provided with a report status form. The entire interaction was recorded on Officer Teal's Body Worn Camera (BWC). The case is currently marked as completed with no further information available.

Man Arrested for Public Intoxication on Southeast Side

Date: November 5, 2023
Reporting Officer: Aaron Tankersley

Summary: On November 5, 2023, at 19:27 hours, Officer Aaron Tankersley responded to an incident involving a man causing a disturbance in the middle of the roadway on the Southeast side. The man, identified as Christopher Dowell, was reportedly yelling at a family across the road, prompting vehicles to stop to avoid an accident. Upon approach, Officer Tankersley noted signs of intoxication including the smell of alcohol, glassy eyes, and slurred speech. Despite Mr. Dowell's claim of having consumed only two alcoholic beverages, the officer placed him under arrest due to his disruptive behavior and apparent intoxication.

Mr. Dowell was transported to Bedford County Jail, where he became emotional and requested to be placed in a cell alone. He has been charged with public intoxication and is set to appear in court on December 12, 2023. His bond has been set at \$1500. The entire incident was recorded on Officer Tankersley's body-worn camera.

Domestic Dispute Leads to Traffic Stop, No Arrests Made

Date: November 6, 2023
Reporting Officer: Bryan Lashwood

Summary: On November 6, 2023, Officer Bryan Lashwood conducted a traffic stop near Southside Elementary involving Rollie Reynolds II and his live-in girlfriend, Jada Wildman. Reynolds reported that an altercation had occurred between the two, with Wildman allegedly striking him in the face. However, Officer Lashwood observed no visible injuries on Reynolds, except for a bruised nose which Reynolds attributed to acne treatment.

The dispute reportedly arose when Wildman ex-

pressed her unwillingness to go to work that day. Officer Andrew Le Roy visited the couple's residence at 1512 Raby Avenue and spoke with Wildman, who claimed that Reynolds had pulled her from the vehicle. Officer Le Roy found no physical marks on Wildman. Both parties were issued a status report form and informed that a report would be filed. The entire incident was recorded on the department-issued body-worn camera. No arrests were made in relation to the incident.

Verbal Domestic Dispute Leads to Request for Protection Order

Date: November 5, 2023
Reporting Officer: Letisia Diaz

Summary: On November 6, 2023, Nichole Quinlan approached the Shelbyville Police Department seeking advice on a family matter. Quinlan, who had severed ties with her family in June 2021 due to a history of sexual assault, reported an unexpected visit from her grandmother, Lavannah Verburg, on November 5, 2023. Quinlan stated that Verburg, who lives in Moore County, Tennessee, had been blocked from any contact since June 2021.

According to Quinlan, Verburg arrived unannounced at her home, entering without permission. Verburg reportedly offered to return some of Quinlan's children's belongings, which Quinlan declined. A verbal altercation ensued, with Quinlan expressing her desire for Verburg to stay away from her and her children.

Officer Letisia Diaz advised Quinlan to seek an order of protection from the Haven of Hope. The incident, which was purely verbal, was recorded on Diaz's body camera and the front lobby surveillance system. No arrests were made at the time of the report.

Woman Involved in Single Vehicle Accident Found Driving on Suspended License

Date: November 6, 2023
Reporting Officer: Joseph Cleek

Summary: On November 6, 2023, Officer Joseph Cleek responded to a single vehicle accident on Highway 437. The vehicle was operated by Regina Williams. Upon checking Williams' driver's license, it was discovered that it was currently suspended. Williams was issued a summons and given a court date of December 12, 2023. She was also informed about the booking procedure and the timeframe within which she needs to do so. Williams, a white female, was not arrested but was summoned and cited for driving on a suspended license. The case is now completed with no further information available at this time.

Ag crime unit adds three special agents

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M. has commissioned three new Agricultural Crime Unit (ACU) Special Agents, bringing the unit to full staffing of nine special agents and one Special Agent in Charge.

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture's (TDA) ACU is a team of law enforcement officers charged with investigating and enforcing state laws related to agriculture, forestry, animal health, and agribusinesses in Tennessee. Additionally, ACU is the chief agency responsible for investigation of suspected wildland arson.

"ACU Special Agents work in the field every day to investigate and protect agricultural and forestry operations," Hatcher said. "Our agents are stationed throughout Tennessee to investigate crimes such as livestock and equipment theft, livestock cruelty, and rural fire threats. We are pleased to add these three seasoned law enforcement agents to our team, equipping us to serve citizens more efficiently and timely."

Marvin Braden brings 26 years of experience in law enforcement from the Knox and Grainger County Sheriff Departments and was a former Knox County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Grainger County Employee of the Year, and has served as the Mayor of Blaine, Tenn. He is a Certi-

fied Fire Investigator and has worked numerous livestock welfare cases with TDA. Braden will serve TDA in Knox County and surrounding counties.

Clint Brookshire comes to TDA with 20 years of experience in law enforcement with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. He served as a K-9 handler for the last 10 years and worked part-time for TDA's Division of Forestry for 8 years as a wildland firefighter. Brookshire volunteers for the Notchey Creek Volunteer Fire Department and Monroe County Rescue Squad. He will serve TDA in Hamblen County and lower East Tennessee.

Cheshier Crihfield brings seven years of experience in law enforcement from the Lauderdale County Sheriff's

Department and other law enforcement qualifications from previous training. He is also active in training dogs and birds of prey that he uses in the sport of falconry and is a licensed drone operator. Crihfield is working towards a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business from the University of Tennessee-Martin. He will serve TDA in Shelby County and lower West Tennessee.

Since July 1, 2023, ACU has investigated 395 cases and offenses statewide. More than half of the 85 cases investigated in October were livestock cruelty cases. Other farm crimes and criminal activity on state forest lands make up the case load. Learn more at www.tn.gov/agriculture/consumers/ag-crime-unit.

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F-15C Eagle display at Arnold AFB honors Duricy

ARNOLD AIR FORCE BASE, Tenn. — The significance of the static aircraft displayed outside the Main Gate and Gate 2 of Arnold Air Force Base goes beyond decorative purposes.

The displays symbolize the importance of the work performed across Arnold Engineering Development Complex, headquartered at Arnold AFB. Testing conducted within AEDC facilities played a role in either the development or advancement of each type of aircraft exhibited.

But there is an additional meaning behind the displays. Each serves to honor the memory of those who sacrificed. They are dedicated to members of the U.S. military who gave their lives in service to the country.

The displays are publicly accessible, and it's not uncommon to see members of the community or other visitors stop for an up-close look at the aircraft. Many have likely taken the time to read the commemorative plaques installed in front of each to learn about those the displays honor. However, others who catch a glimpse of the planes while passing by Arnold on Watterdorf Memorial Highway may be unaware of what the displays represent.

This is the fifth in a series of six stories focused on those to whom the displays are dedicated. Information on work performed at Arnold to field the safest and most effective version of each aircraft displayed will also be provided.

This feature focuses on the F-15C Eagle displayed at the Main Gate, dedicated in memory of Maj. Jim Duricy during an Aug. 9, 2007, ceremony.

Duricy died April 30, 2002, when he was forced to eject at a high speed as the F-15C he piloted crashed into the Gulf of Mexico. His body was never found.

A 12-year test pilot, Duricy was assigned to the 40th Flight Test Squadron based at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, at the time of his death. He was on a captive flight development test of a new missile when the aircraft crashed.

According to an obituary published May 24, 2002, in *The News-Herald*, a newspaper based in Willoughby, Ohio, Duricy was born in 1967 in Euclid, Ohio. He graduated as valedictorian of Euclid High School in 1985, where he also lettered in three sports. He entered the Air Force in 1989 after being commissioned from the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Duricy earned his master's degree in aeronautical engineering in 1991. The following year, he graduated from pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona.

Serving as a pilot, instructor, flight commander and experimental test pilot, Duricy served at Air Force bases in Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, Alaska and California, according to *The News-Herald* obituary. He eventually returned to Florida, taking up residence in the Niceville area around a year-and-a-half before to his death.

"The father is the hero, or he hopes to be. Jim was my hero," Art Duricy, Maj. Duricy's father, said during

the August 2007 dedication ceremony at Arnold. "We are very proud of him. He never ceased to amaze me."

Maj. Duricy's mother Irene also spoke during the ceremony. She said although her son's life was cut short, he led a full and rewarding life. She also commented that her son showed a love of flying at an early age.

"When he was about 14, he came home one day and said he wanted to fly jet planes," she said. "Like every other mom, I said, 'What in the world do you want to do that for?'"

"He loved all of his jobs in the Air Force, from his first job as an instructor pilot to his last job in the test wing. But, above all, he just loved to fly."

Brig. Gen. C.D. Moore II, then-commander of the 478th Aeronautical Systems Wing at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was the guest speaker for the dedication ceremony. At the time of Duricy's death, Moore served as commander of the 46th Operations Group at Eglin AFB.

"I really am humbled and grateful to be here today as we honor a fighter pilot, a test pilot, loving husband, father, devoted son and truly an outstanding American — Maj. Jim Duricy," Moore said. "It's an honor to be here, not only to help dedicate this 46th Test Wing aircraft, but in recognition of the sacrifice Jim and his family have made for our nation."

The F-15 dedicated in Duricy's honor has been on display at Arnold since 2003. It was assigned to the 46th Test Wing, the same wing Duricy flew with at the time of his death. The 46th was part of the now-inactive Air Force Air Armament Center at Eglin AFB.

During his speech, Moore touched upon some of Duricy's accomplishments.

"From the moment I met Jim, there was no doubt that you were in the presence of a really remarkable test pilot and individual," Moore said. "He was the kind of person you would expect to rise to that level — a valedictorian in high school and star athlete who went off to the Air Force Academy and graduated with honors. Just a handful of the graduates are sent to graduate school — only the smartest. Jim went on to George Washington University, not an easy school."

Moore also expressed his appreciation for those who work at AEDC.

"I also want to thank all of you at Arnold for your role in preserving our freedom and national security," he said during the 2007 ceremony. "Five years ago, I was the commander of the 46th Operations Group. That's where I first met Jim. We worked together to test and integrate the new weapon onto our fight force — F-15s, F-16s, A-10s — and Jim was one of our premier F-15 test pilots."

AEDC support of the F-15 program began before the first Eagle ever took to the skies and remained extensive throughout the ensuing decades.

Design work on the F-15, deployed in July 1972, began in the late 1960s. Efforts at Arnold involving



Maj. Jim Duricy's parents Art and Irene Duricy, sister Christine Benigar and her son; widow Elaine Johnson and daughters Erin and Kate stand in front of the plaque honoring Maj. Duricy following the August 2007 ceremony to dedicate the F-15 Eagle static display at Arnold Air Force Base, Tenn., in memory of Maj. Duricy. Maj. Duricy died April 30, 2002, when he was forced to eject at a high speed as the F-15C he piloted crashed into the Gulf of Mexico. His body was never found. A 12-year test pilot, Maj. Duricy was assigned to the 40th Flight Test Squadron based at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., at the time of his death. He was on a captive flight development test of a new missile when the aircraft crashed. (U.S. Air Force photo by David Housch)

the F-15 started prior to the selection of the final design when scale models of various configurations of the F-15 were tested in Arnold wind tunnels. This was done to help determine optimal aircraft design, and data obtained helped engineers make design alterations and refinements to ensure peak aircraft performance. When the F-15 was unveiled in 1972, it featured several of the changes that had been validated during testing at Arnold.

In the late 1960s, two companies were competing for an Air Force contract to build the engine for the F-15. Using engine test facilities at Arnold, the Air Force was able to evaluate the systems side-by-side in identical conditions. The contract was awarded to Pratt & Whitney in 1970.

Near the beginning of the 1970s, the Pratt & Whitney F100 engine, the power plant of the F-15, underwent evaluation at Arnold. Wind tunnel tests demonstrated the compatibility of the engine with the F-15 inlet prior to the first flight of the aircraft.

In 1972, an F100 engine attached to a multi-ton inlet simulator was installed in an Arnold jet engine test cell. The latter simulated the aircraft's variable air inlet and the ducting that separates the inlet from the engine. The purpose of these tests was to eliminate inlet compatibility issues before the aircraft was flown. During testing, speed, altitude and attitude were varied to match conditions the engine was expected to encounter in flight to ensure the quality of air reaching the face of the engine would not cause it to stall.

By the following year, testing in Arnold turbine engine test facilities had figured in all phases of the F100 development cycle. More than 23,000 hours of engine tests followed these early efforts on all variant upgrades to the F100



The static F-15 Eagle on display outside the Main Gate at Arnold Air Force Base, Tenn., is dedicated to Maj. Jim Duricy. He died April 30, 2002, when he was forced to eject at a high speed as the F-15C he piloted crashed into the Gulf of Mexico. His body was never found. A 12-year test pilot, Duricy was assigned to the 40th Flight Test Squadron based at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., at the time of his death. He was on a captive flight development test of a new missile when the aircraft crashed. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kali Bradford)

engine, including tests conducted throughout the 1980s into the 2010s.

Several years after the initial engine tests, advanced techniques were employed in an Arnold wind tunnel to determine whether the F-15 could jettison a store during high-speed flight. The store model was successfully dropped from the parent aircraft. Along with the free-drop technique, the computer-controlled support system of the wind tunnel was used to measure forces on the store model to ensure it would respond to these forces the same way an actual sized store would when released.

In 1974, the same year as this store test, miniature stores of various missiles and bombs were assessed at various speeds in an Arnold wind tunnel. These tests were conducted using a 1/20th scale model of the F-15, as the stores tested represented potential payloads for the aircraft. This work was performed to determine the effects of

external payloads on the flow field characteristics beneath the armament stations of the F-15 and was done in preparation for weapons separation flight tests scheduled at another Air Force installation.

Munitions testing would continue to comprise a large portion of work involving the F-15 in Arnold wind tunnels.

Additional store separation and aerodynamic testing involving the F-15E Strike Eagle, a variant of the F-15 introduced in the latter part of the 1980s, followed during the 1990s and into the 2010s.

In July 2021, Jet 025, an F-15C Eagle, completed its final flight at Eglin AFB. The retirement flight also recognized Duricy as it was Jet 025 that replaced Jet 022, the F-15 lost during the mishap resulting in Duricy's death. Following its final flight, Jet 025 was hosed down by the Eglin fire department, memorializing both the touchdown of the aircraft and Duricy's

last flight.

During the August 2007 ceremony at Arnold, then-AEDC Commander Col. Art Huber said that in the 1990s, he also flew the F-15 and was involved as a flight test engineer in the initial planning for the missile test program for which Duricy was performing a mission when he lost his life. Huber added he performed this work with the 46th Test Wing, the same unit that oversaw the last mission Duricy flew.

"While I never met Jim, I did meet his widow when she graciously and courageously shared her experiences at my group commander's course at Maxwell Air Force Base," Huber said. "From my perspective, Maj. Duricy was clearly the right choice for this memorial."

The next article in the series will feature the F/A-18 Hornet dedicated to Navy Lt. Cmdr. Frank Wittwer.



USMC Iwo Jima Memorial is a tribute to valor

On the outskirts of Arlington National Cemetery stands a monument of profound significance—the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, also known as the Iwo Jima Memorial. This iconic statue captures one of the most enduring images of World War II and the American spirit: six Marines raising the U.S. flag atop Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

The memorial is inspired by the Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph “Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima,” taken by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal. The image, which has become a symbol of courage and camaraderie, led to the creation of the memorial, which was dedicated on November 10, 1954, coinciding with the Marine Corps’ 179th anniversary. Designed by sculptor Felix de Weldon, the monument is mammoth, with figures standing 32 feet high and the flagpole reaching 60 feet into the sky. The

soldiers’ postures reflect the struggle and fortitude required to plant the flag, symbolizing the triumph of the forces against insurmountable odds. The base of the monument is inscribed with the names and dates of every principal Marine Corps engagement since the founding of the Corps, reminding onlookers of the storied history of this branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. The Battle of Iwo Jima, a crucial conflict in the Pacific Theater, was one of the bloodiest battles in Marine Corps history. Over 6,800 U.S. servicemen died, and nearly 20,000 were wounded in the five-week assault on the volcanic island, which held strategic significance. The captured airfields on Iwo Jima later provided a launching point for attacks on the Japanese main islands, playing a pivotal role in the war’s Pacific campaign. The raising of the flag was a moment of encouragement for the American

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In commemoration of Veterans Day, Blood Assurance will salute our nation’s heroes this Saturday by donating money to The Blood Center of America’s Special Forces Wounded Warrior Fund (SFWWF). For every blood donor who gives at a mobile blood drive or donor center on Nov. 11, Blood Assurance will donate \$5 to the SFWWF. The SFWWF raises money and awareness for those who serve in the U.S. Special Forces and have been injured in battle or fallen ill. “Help a hero by being a hero this Saturday,” said J.B. Gaskins, CEO of Blood Assurance, and a 30-year Army veteran. “I know what this initiative means to our courageous wounded warriors. It’s a very easy way for members of our community to rally around and give back to the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.” Blood Assurance has set a goal of at least 300 donors this Saturday. “We certainly hope to see more donors than that,” said Gaskins. “The money will help cover costs for veterans and their families

just in time for the holiday season.” schedule an appointment or find a donor center or mobile drive, visit www.bloodassurance.org/veteran2023, call 800-962-0628 or text ‘BAGIVE’ to 999777. To be eligible to donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent), weigh 110 pounds or more and be in good health. Donors are asked to drink plenty of fluids — avoiding caffeine — and eat a meal that is rich in iron prior to donating. About Blood Assurance Blood Assurance is a non-profit, full-service regional blood center serving more than 70 health care facilities in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, and Kentucky. Founded in 1972 as a joint effort of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society, the Chattanooga Area Hospital Council and the Chattanooga Jaycees, the mission of Blood Assurance is to provide a safe and adequate supply of blood and blood components to every area patient in need.

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41st 'Salute game' honors veterans, military personnel Nov. 11 at MTSU

The Middle Tennessee State University Charlie and Hazel Daniels Veterans and Military Family Center and the Blue Raider football team will host the 41st annual Salute to Veterans and Armed Forces Football Game on Saturday, Nov. 11 — the longest-running event honoring veterans and active-duty military in the NCAA.

Kickoff against the FIU Panthers is slated for 2:30 p.m. in Floyd Stadium. Thanks to MT Athletics' partners at Mid-South Ford Dealers and the Daniels Center, the day will be filled with events and activities to honor and recognize our veterans, current service members and their families.

Veterans, current service members, and their families will receive a complimentary ticket to the game. Tickets will be available for pickup at the pregame picnic located this year outside the Tom H. Jackson Building starting at noon.

Any current military service members or veterans groups wishing to secure tickets prior to game day should email mtmarket-ing@mtsu.edu no later than Thursday, Nov. 9, with the group name and quantity of tickets requested.

Numerous activities are

planned, including:

- Static displays provided by the Tennessee National Guard will be scattered around Walnut Grove and Floyd Stadium for fans and visitors to tour and take pictures.

- 11 a.m. — Veterans Memorial Service at the Tom H. Jackson Building. This year MTSU, the Daniels Center and MT Athletics will be paying tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of our military heroes. The ceremony will include a moment of silence, guest speaker and the announcement of the recipient of the 2023 Dr. Joe Nunley Award.

- Noon — Pregame Picnic, featuring MT Athletics tailgate outside the Tom Jackson Building for all veterans, current service members and their family members. There will be free food and drinks, live music by the 129th Army Band and the recipient speech of the Dr. Joe Nunley Award.

- Retired Judge Ben McFarlin Jr. an MTSU alumnus, is this year's Nunley award recipient. For many years he presided over Veterans Court, a position where he was able to turn around the lives of many veterans who were suffering from PTSD that often-included substance,

mental and physical abuse to themselves and those around them.

- Noon — Raider Walk in Walnut Grove. Fans can make their way to Walnut Grove to cheer alongside the Band of Blue and Spirit Squad as they welcome the Blue Raider football team to campus. Military static displays provided by the Tennessee National Guard will be available in Walnut Grove.

- 2:30 p.m. — MT Blue Raiders vs. FIU Panthers. Arrive early for a special flyover presentation by the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and a special game ball delivery by the Tennessee National Guard.

- Halftime — All current service members and veterans are encouraged to participate in the halftime parade honoring all branches of the military. The MTSU Band of Blue will perform military theme songs for all branches.

Angel Tree donation drive

Blue Raider fans are encouraged to bring a new, unopened, and unwrapped toy for the Angel Tree Donation Drive. Student Veterans of America MTSU BRAVO chapter is partnering with other Midstate schools to collect toys for the season. All fans can drop items at the customer service tents inside Floyd Stadium.

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Joe B. Cartwright: A local 'GI Joe'

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and pronounce, all those cities and areas in South Vietnam—many that don't hold the best memories.

He recalled how one of his buddies from another outfit tried to get him to stay one night. Sadly, those troops would be overrun on Christmas Eve.

Another managed to lay down flat in a ditch. The enemy, unknowingly, ran right over him.

"One of my buddies . . . others got killed," the veteran shared. "The only way they knew how to identify

he brought out candy sent from home. Then, he was "GI No. 1." The Vietcong, he advised, would cut off children's limbs and sever tendons if it was suspected any sympathies to American troops.

"It really was a third . . . fourth world country," he said. "We had Viet Cong working for us during the day and fighting us at night."

Sadly, this Vet spent Christmas overseas in 1966. A cherished letter home in 1966 stated that he



"I prayed for those still in Vietnam the day I was transported out. Many people I had met were likely still there."

- Cartwright reflecting on leaving Vietnam in 1967

them was their weapons under their cots . . . dog tags."

There were also injuries. "The Vietnamese had drilled some nails into the ground, a cluster of them, about the size of a large can of vegetables. It was a perfect circle . . . stumped my toe and split it right open. I still have trouble with that foot."

Working on a boat

One day in the Mekong, weeds wrapped around the boat prop, so he had to work under the boat. So sunbaked after working in the water, he had to lie on his stomach for days, he advised.

Everything from sand fleas, to rats—some as big as cats—to thieves trying to steal camp rations—all part of his life while stationed in Vietnam.

Cartwright admits with some emotion that he had a soft spot for the native children. He was known as "GI No. 10," that is, until

had a "pretty fair one," because comedian Bob Hope was there.

Cartwright finally finished his duties with the U.S. Army in early fall, 1967. "That's when they called me in . . . said to get ready to go home."

But "Sam," (his family nickname) was informed there was a "stripe" waiting for him, that is, if he wanted to re-enlist. Only serving 2 years, he would have to re-enlist.

"I decided to go home," he said. But he added, "I liked the military. Sometimes, I wish I had just stayed in."

According to military history, on the same roads Cartwright traveled with his truck, there was a convoy ambush on Sept. 2, 1967, which killed nine soldiers, wounded 19, destroyed 12 vehicles and damaged 18. Other ambushes followed.

He prayed for those still in Vietnam the day he was transported out. Many people he had met were likely



still there.

Referring to his first meal state-side, the soldier said, "Nothing that tastes better than fresh milk, rather than that old frozen milk."

He recalled being so tired on the way home from Nashville (before I-24) that he took a nap in the back seat of his mother's Plym-

outh. He was greeted with love by his family he got back to his Halls Mill farm late one August, 1967.

Cartwright married the former Elaine Prince, who passed in November 2022. They worked jobs in Shelbyville and reared 2 children, Eugene and Dianne (Ratley.) Now a grandfa-

ther, he has bragging on his grandson, Samuel "Sam" Cartwright, a medical student.

The veteran still shares reels, pictures, and memories. But he still doesn't want to talk about gunfire and the bloodshed he witnessed.

Time, he advised, has

healed any of the painful memories of the Vietnam War. While some people may still look upon that era with disdain, Cartwright says with a smile, "I've taken my mission trip."

Honoring Service: The History of Veterans Day

Veterans Day, celebrated annually on November 11th, is a solemn occasion in the United States dedicated to honoring military veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or deceased—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

The roots of Veterans Day trace back to the end of World War I, "the war to end all wars." The armistice that halted the fighting between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. This momentous event is commemorated as Armistice Day around the world. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson marked the first anniversary of the armistice with a message of reflection and gratitude toward the nation's servicemen and women.

It wasn't until 1938 that the United States Congress officially recognized Armistice Day as a national holiday, a testament to the enduring peace following World War I. However, the scope of the holiday expanded after World War II and the Korean War, recognizing the need to honor all veterans, not just those who served in World War I.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation changing the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day, thereby ensuring that American veterans of all wars are included in this special recognition. This change reflected the nation's desire to acknowledge the sacrifices of its service members in an increasingly complex geopolitical landscape.

The observance of Veterans Day has varied over the decades. At one point, the holiday was moved to the fourth Monday in October as part of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which sought to create more three-day weekends for workers. However, due to the historical significance of the November 11 date, President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to its original date in 1975, where it has remained ever since.

Veterans Day continues to be a day for Americans to come together and say thanks to those who have served. It's a day of parades, ceremonies, and moments of silence, offering a pause in everyday life to recognize the bravery and sacrifice that underpin the freedoms and way of life enjoyed in the United States. As a nation, it's a time to reflect on the immense contributions of our military veterans and to uphold the values for which they fought with valor.

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