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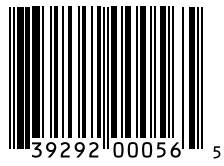
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City studies roosters and Ray's contract

By **ZOË HAGGARD**
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Shelbyville City Council meets 6 p.m. Thursday at the Shelbyville Rec Center to discuss items like the new livestock ordinance, the Carlton land purchase, and over \$960,000 in new equipment purchases.

Council will have a first reading on a new ordinance that would prohibit roosters within the City limits. Chickens must be in a coop and could not roam free.

A public hearing will be held for the approval of the Global Crossing Subdivision, coming in 2022 around Grand Station Boulevard off Highway 41A, and approval for the annexation of the southeast corner of the Highway 437 intersection by-pass, owned by Barlee Ventures.

Also on the agenda is the consideration to amend the City Manager's contract to allow him to live within three miles of City limits, instead of the current requirement to live inside Shelbyville. Council will also consider

a five-year contract for a new cloud-based police in-car and body cam systems, costing \$95,314.80 per year.

As the 231 Business Park expands, the City will consider a motion to purchase 33 acres of Highway 231 North frontage for \$1.05 million. The City plans to discuss vehicle purchases for the cemetery, airport, street and solid waste departments, as well as light installation for the tennis and basketball courts at H.V. Griffin Park, totaling \$967,780.75.

Several items will be listed as surplus on GovDeals.com with purchases going to the highest bidder. Those items include old Celebration Station material/equipment; a 1980 GMC pump-truck; a 2014 Nissan Altima; and a 2003 Ford Taurus.

The full City agenda can be found at https://www.shelbyvilletn.org/government/city_council/city_council.php.

Stabbing suspect wanted 4-wheeler

By **DAVID MELSON**
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An argument over use of a four-wheeler led to a Shelbyville man brutally stabbing his stepfather several times Saturday night, according to the Bedford County Sheriff's Office.

Witnesses said Luke Burton, 27, allegedly began arguing with his girlfriend at a Rabbit Branch Road home over being unable to find the key to the four-wheeler,

which he wanted to drive to a nearby convenience store. The girlfriend told investigators she hid the key because she felt he was too drunk to drive.

Allen Durden, the stepfather, and Burton's mother, Marcie Durden, allegedly grabbed Burton to try and stop him from chasing the girlfriend.

The men allegedly began fighting at that point as Durden tried to wrestle Burton to the

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YOUNG CHAMPION



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Weanling fillies, like this winner taking the blue, were show stoppers Saturday night during the Wartrace Horse Show at Jernigan Field. See inside for more photos.

COVID vaccinations up 47%

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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While COVID-19 vaccinations are on the increase in the state, Bedford County continues to schedule clinics here and encourage the community to participate.

As of Friday, there were 118 active COVID-19 cases in Bedford County-11 new. There are two shots and

they will be scheduled accordingly with the health department or clinic.

Tennessee Department of Health is recognizing August as National Immunization Awareness Month, so the push is really on at the state level to get as many Tennesseans vaccinated against the cor-

onavirus as possible.

While some companies like Tyson Foods recently stated it was making the vaccines mandatory for its employees, the state has not presented any orders from Gov. Bill Lee's office to indicate that a mandate for the vaccine is going to

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Deeds office sets records

T-G STAFF REPORT

Several records were set by Register of Deeds Johnny Reed's office in fiscal year 2020-21, which ended June 30.

The office collected \$2,727,747, representing a 32 percent increase (\$867,885) over 2019-20, which Reed said was also a record-setting year.

The number of deeds

processed grew 33 percent in one year, totalling 14,957.

"During the vast majority of the last fiscal year, which was dominated by COVID-19, our staff set a new record of instruments being processed and recorded," Reed said.

The number is 5,000 over last years record-setting pace.

"Our staff and everyone in this office efficiently performed their jobs during the most difficult and trying situation we have ever experienced," Reed said. "Our entire office had to rotate assignments, we had to adjust to daily health related changes all the while maintaining a steady contact with our

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YOUNG SPECTATOR



T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

This youngster, all fashioned in hat, jeans and boots, had it made with a ring side seat at the show.

STANDING OVATION



Diamond at the Ritz, owned by Kimberly Walden, was honorary flag horse during the 115th anniversary Wartrace Horse Show Saturday night.

OBITUARIES

Clara Belle Grubbs Stovall

August 6, 2021

Clara Belle Grubbs Stovall 83 of Shelbyville died Friday, August 6, 2021.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Monday, August 9th, at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Rev. Jack Carney officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 12:00 P.M.

She was a native of Bedford County; retired employee of Fashion Dry Cleaners and a member of Wartrace United Methodist Church. She loved sewing, quilting, canning and doing puzzles.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents, E. Leron "Buddy" Grubbs and Mary Hazel Shriver Grubbs; her husband, Dorris Lee Stovall; grandson, Jeff Loyd; brothers, Julian Grubbs and Waymon Grubbs.

She is survived by her children, Maria (Steve) Lovvorn, Orien (Shirley) Loyd, Darrell Grubbs; sister, Evelyn Hittson; three grandchildren, Caron (Greg) Burr, Rachael (Jeremy) Trott, Lori (Tyler) Shoemaker; five great grandchildren, Bryan Loyd, McCartney Trott, Harrison Trott, Lucy Trott and Jaxon Shoemaker.

City to make repairs on N. Brittain Street to stormwater system

T-G STAFF REPORTS

The City of Shelbyville has closed off a section of N. Brittain Street to investigate issues with the stormwater system. This section of N. Brittain Street is located between N. Jefferson Street and E. Holland Street.

Initial investigation has shown signs of structural damage to the stormwater culvert. Construction is planned to begin the week of Aug. 16 and is expected to last 3-4 weeks. City crews will work with Shelbyville Power, Water and Sewerage to ensure continuity of services. If any repairs are needed for their systems, further notice will be provided.

For questions or concerns, please contact City Manager Josh Ray at 684-2691.

Stabbing

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ground. Marcie Durden, Allen's wife, told deputies Burton stabbed him several times in the chest and back with a sharp object and pushed his mother to the ground. Burton then allegedly hit her in the face when she tried to stop him from leaving in Durden's truck. After trying unsuccessfully to start a second

vehicle, Burton allegedly broke a barn window and was last seen running into a wooded area looking for the girlfriend.

Allen Durden was airlifted to a Nashville hospital after initial treatment at Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital.

Authorities had not found Burton as of Monday afternoon. Burton will be charged with assault and aggravated domestic assault when found.

COVID

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happen here any time soon.

One likely reason is that Tennessee is reportedly seeing an increase in the COVID-19 vaccination as more Tennesseans are choosing to get the shots. Total vaccinations increased 47 percent from July 12 to August 2, the state reports.

Over the last week, 94 of the 95 counties across the state have experienced an accelerated rate of vaccine administration, THD stated this week.

The Community Clinic of Shelbyville, 200 Dover Street, Suite 2020, continues to schedule free vaccine clinics. Please contact the clinic for more information and to make an appointment. Voice: 931-684-6772; Fax: 931-684-6741; email: shelbyvilleclinic@att.net; website: https://shelbyville-clinic.org.

The Community Clinic is providing this month Kroger gift cards for those clients who follow through with the vaccine schedule.

The state health department, however, said it continues to see an increase in vaccines among all demographics.

As children across the state begin a new school year, many families are scheduling routine check-ups. TDH encourages parents to make sure routine vaccinations are part of that visit.

"Vaccinations prevent the spread of diseases and outbreaks," said TDH Commissioner Lisa

Piercey, MD, MBA, FAAP. "Tennessee has always done well at ensuring routine vaccinations for both children and adults are up to date. However, we know many Tennesseans got off-track with routine medical care during the pandemic and could be at risk for infection or disease. That is why it is so important to talk with a medical provider or visit your local health department to see how your family can get back on track with routine vaccinations."

It is equally important for adults to take the proper steps to ensure they are up to date on recommended vaccines. According to the CDC, some vaccines are recommended for adults based on age, health condition, or other factors.

Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Interactive Vaccine Guide, which provides an Adult Vaccine Assessment Tool. CDC also offers the recommended immunization schedule for infants and children. Parents can find that schedule online at https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/child-easyread.html.

"While we are focused on routine vaccination, we must also continue to encourage the COVID-19 vaccine," Piercey said. Tennesseans age 12 and above are eligible to receive the vaccine in the state. Families can make appointments with their local health department or personal medical provider to receive all their necessary vaccines, including the COVID-19 vaccine."

in the work product our office produced."

"I am so proud to share this honor with our dedicated team and all of us look forward to 2021 with great anticipation.

Reed has been Register of Deeds since 2002.



Austin Haithcote, apprentice and scholarship recipient at Bell Buckle Water & Wastewater (seated) is congratulated on his apprenticeship by Eddy Lamb, supervisor and mentor.

Haithcote Bell Buckle Water–Wastewater apprentice

On Wednesday, Aug. 4, Austin Haithcote of Bell Buckle Water & Wastewater System received a \$2,000 training scholarship.

Haithcote is participating in the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD) apprenticeship program. The apprenticeship program pairs on-the-job training and related technical instruction to prepare water and wastewater employees for the state operator certification exam.

The scholarship will pay for nearly half of the

related technical instruction expenses at no cost to the utility. Funding for the scholarship was made possible by the generosity of TAUD Associate Member Hawkins, Inc.

Hawkins is a national supplier and distributor of water treatment chemicals. Haithcote will complete the program with multiple certifications and experience needed to strengthen the utility and the Bell Buckle community.

This unique partnership between TAUD and Bell Buckle Water & Wastewater System is conducted through the leader-

ship and support of Bell Buckle Mayor Ronnie Lokey and Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Eddy Lamb who will serve as Haithcote's mentor throughout the duration of the apprenticeship program.

TAUD currently has eight apprentices across the state. "This program is so unique and beneficial to the utility", said Kevin Byrd, TAUD Workforce Development Coordinator.

At the end of the program the utility receives an employee who is trained, invested and ready to help their system. This is best

possible solution to aid an aging workforce.

TAUD is comprised of America's finest water, wastewater and natural gas personnel and strives to provide the highest quality of service for Tennessee's residents. In addition, TAUD provides training, technical assistance, and advocacy to these industry professionals.

For more information on the Association's apprenticeship program please contact Kevin Byrd at (423) 418-2283 or by e-mail at kevinbyrd@taud.org.

DRIVE IN THE COUNTRY



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Saturday evening drives between Wartrace and Normandy are quite picturesque. It's hay season and farmers are all busy at work working up winter livestock food.

Biden plan to require military vaccines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of the U.S. military would be required to have the COVID-19 vaccine beginning Sept. 15, under a plan announced by the Pentagon Monday and endorsed by President Joe Biden.

That deadline could be pushed up if the vaccine receives final FDA approval or infection rates continue to rise.

"I will seek the president's approval to make the vaccines mandatory no later than mid-September, or immediately upon" licensure by the Food and Drug Administration "whichever comes first," Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin says in the memo to troops, warning them to prepare for the requirement.

He added that if infection rates rise and potentially affect military readiness, "I will not hesitate to act sooner or recommend a different course to the President if I feel the need to do so. To defend this Nation, we need a healthy and ready force."

Austin's plan provides time for the FDA to give final approval to the Pfizer

vaccine, which is expected early next month. Without that formal approval, Austin would need a waiver from Biden to make the shots mandatory. Biden has made it clear he supports that.

In a statement Monday, Biden said he strongly supports "Austin's message to the Force today on the Department of Defense's plan to add the COVID-19 vaccine to the list of required vaccinations for our service members not later than mid-September."

Biden said the country is still on a wartime footing and "being vaccinated will enable our service members to stay healthy, to better protect their families, and to ensure that our force is ready to operate anywhere in the world."

Austin's memo to the force went out Monday.

His decision comes a bit more than a week after Biden told defense officials to develop a plan requiring troops to get shots as part of a broader campaign to increase vaccinations in the federal workforce. It reflects similar decisions by governments and com-

panies around the world, as nations struggle with the highly contagious delta variant that has sent new U.S. cases, hospitalizations and deaths surging to heights not seen since the peaks last winter.

Austin said in his memo says that the military services will have the next few weeks to prepare, determine how many vaccines they need, and how this mandate will be implemented. The additional time, however, also is a nod to the bitter political divisiveness over the vaccine and the knowledge that making it mandatory will likely trigger opposition from vaccine opponents across the state and federal governments, Congress and the American population.

Troops often live and work closely together in barracks and on ships, increasing the risks of rapid spreading. And any large outbreak of the virus in the military could affect itself in any national security crisis.

The decision will add the COVID-19 vaccine to a list of other inoculations

that service members are already required to get. Depending on their location around the world, service members can get as many as 17 different vaccines.

Austin's memo also said that in the meantime, the Pentagon will comply with Biden's order for additional restrictions on any federal personnel who have not been vaccinated. Those restrictions will include wearing masks, social distancing and travel limits.

According to the Pentagon, more than 1 million troops are fully vaccinated and another 237,000 have received one shot. But the military services vary widely in their vaccination rates.

The Navy said that more than 74% of all active duty and reserve sailors have been vaccinated with at least one shot. The Air Force, meanwhile, said that more than 65% of its active duty and 60% reserve forces are at least partially vaccinated, and the number for the Army — by far the largest service — appears to be closer to 50%.

Deeds

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constituents and our essential industry designees. The hard work this office performed is directly reflected

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SPD Photo

Shelbyville Police Department recently congratulated Sgt. Ronnie Blankenship on his promotion to the Professional Standards and Training Division. He will work as Lt. Michael Davis-both who assure all SPD officers receive annual POST training and credits. From left, Major Pat Mathis, SPD Chief Jan Phillips, Sgt. Blankenship and Lt. Davis.

FUN AT FIRE HALL



Submitted Photos

A corn hole tournament was held Saturday at Flat Creek Fire Hall. From dunk tanks to food, those involved said it was a good day. All proceeds benefit fire safety in the community. Sunchaser Market nearby had plenty of food on the menu for the crowd.

Three injured in late-night rollover crash

By DAVID MELSON
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Three people were hurt, one seriously, and the driver charged with two counts of reckless endangerment after a crash shortly before midnight Sunday on Green Lane.

Cidney Antoinette Rodrigues, 22, of Green Lane told Shelbyville police she was driving 40 mph when she crested a hill at Wheeler Street, swerved to avoid something in the road and lost control of her vehicle. The vehicle hit a drain, went airborne and rolled over once before landing on its wheels.

Evidence allowed police to determine Rodrigues was driving at least 48 mph in the 30 mph zone, Officer Darrian Lanier's report said.

All three in the vehicle were taken to Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital. One was transferred to Vanderbilt-Nashville due to fluid in his pelvic region, police said.

Rodrigues was also charged with reckless driving. She was released on \$6,500 bond.

Bicycles taken

Two people reported bicycles stolen for a second time from their residences last week.

•A bicycle was stolen from outside a Neeley Avenue apartment between 4 p.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m. Saturday. The victim said this is the second bicycle stolen from that location.

•A resident of a Barksdale Lane trailer park said his red Hyper 10-speed bike was taken from outside his home overnight Friday. Another bicycle was taken within the past month.

•Two children's bicycles were stolen between 10-10:30 a.m., Saturday from the backyard of a home in the 700 block of East Depot Street. The resident said someone stopped by a lemonade stand at the home earlier in the week and said how much they liked one of the bikes.

Party problems

A couple hosting a Sweet 16 party at a Union Street home Saturday night were charged with 14 counts each of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Nickolas-Lee Reese Shelton, 26, of Union Street and Tina Marie Shelton, 36, whose address is listed on the Bedford County Jail intake as Arnold Road, told Shelbyville police several teenagers brought alcoholic beverages to the party.

The Arnolds told Officer Clint Adams they didn't confiscate the beverages but took the teenagers' car keys to keep them from driving after drinking.

Fourteen of 15 teens at the party admitted to Adams they'd been drinking. Warrants were served on the Arnolds at Bedford County Jail and the state Department of Children's Services was notified.

Drug charges

•Marijuana was found on the driver of an SUV who passed out Saturday afternoon at the drive-through window of McDonald's, Madison Street, police said.

Terrance Preston Eddings, 22, who is listed as homeless in Officer Darrian Lanier's report, allegedly began resisting officers upon awakening before calming down. A companion told police Eddings

had consumed a bottle of vodka and was starting on a second bottle.

Records show Eddings' license is revoked due to a DUI conviction.

A bag containing 1.3 grams of marijuana and a pipe with methamphetamine residue were found on Eddings, Lanier said.

Eddings was charged with second offense DUI, driving on a revoked license, open container and possession of a schedule VI drug and paraphernalia. He was held on \$8,000 bond.

•Marijuana, suboxone pills and Xanax pills were allegedly found on a woman arrested after allegedly causing a disturbance Saturday night in a North Main Street laundry.

Felisha Claudette Elliott, 27, whose address was listed as Shelbyville Inn, North Cannon Boulevard, was charged with public intoxication and possession of schedule III, IV and VI drugs and held on \$2,500 bond.

•Jacob Christian Ward, 23, of Hunters Lane was charged with possession of a schedule II drug and paraphernalia when the driver of the car he was riding was stopped for running a stop sign on Tyne Road at Kayden Street Sunday morning.

Officer Brock Horner found a bottle containing "a large amount" of methamphetamine on the ground where he'd checked Ward for weapons earlier. A bag of meth was found in Ward's backpack, the report said.

Ward was held on \$2,500 bond.

•Maria Leverette was cited for possessing 4.9 grams of marijuana after running a traffic light Thursday on North Main Street, police said.

•DeMarco LaTroy Marsh, 35, of Hilltop Road was charged with having a small bag of meth due to a traffic stop for a nonfunctioning light Friday on Madison Street, a sheriff's office report said.

Marsh was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and simple possession of a schedule II drug and held on \$2,500 bond.

Shoplifting

A man with a track history of shoplifting from Walmart stores allegedly tried to steal more than \$150 from the Shelbyville store Thursday

night, police were told.

David Brett McAfee, 29, of New Market in Jefferson County near Morristown, allegedly gave police a fake Shelbyville address. Davis is accused of faking self-scans of items ranging from jalapeños to heartburn medication.

A computer check indicated McAfee has been banned from two other Walmart stores and has a shoplifting charge pending at a third store.

McAfee was charged with theft under \$500, criminal impersonation and criminal trespassing. He was held on \$2,500 bond.

App to blame?

A wallet was stolen from a Nissan Rogue at Dollar General Market, North Main Street, early Saturday night.

The victim said someone is using the MyNissan app to unlock the SUV's doors, interfere with the brakes while she's driving, and drive the car at night while she's asleep.

Jail intake

The following were charged since Friday by the Shelbyville Police Department, Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee Highway Patrol or 17th Judiciary District Drug Task Force. They are only charged; guilt or innocence will be determined by the courts.

•Gary Wayne Adams, 54, Chockley Street; violation of probation; held, \$500 bond

•Juanita Angel Basurto, 21, Hoover Street; failure to yield, no driver's license,

financial responsibility; citation issued

•Jessica Faith Burns, 37, Coop Road; theft under \$500; summons issued

•Odilo Pablo Castro, 24, King Arthur Court; financial responsibility, no driver's license, due care; released, \$500 bond

•Shannon Lynn Curtis, 51, Fay Creek Road; probation revocation; held, \$2,500 bond

•Terrance Preston Eddings, 22, homeless, Shelbyville; driving on revoked license, DUI (second offense), open container, possession of schedule VI drug, possession of drug paraphernalia; held, \$8,000 bond

•Felisha Claudette Elliott, 27, North Cannon Boulevard; public intoxication, possession of schedule VI drug, possession of schedule IV drug, possession of schedule III drug; held, \$2,500 bond

•Melissa Escam Ila, 41, Huntsville, Alabama; public intoxication; released, \$1,500 bond

•Miriam Trinidad Flores, 38, Maplewood Drive; no driver's license/expired, light law; summons issued

•Landon Scotell Gillow, 18, Greenwood Avenue; DUI by allowance; released, \$1,500 bond

•Kevin Lee Grays, 39, Fayetteville; light law, driving on suspended license; summons issued

•Matthew Blake Haynes, 18, Earhart Circle; DUI; released, \$1,500 bond

•Benjamin Thomas Lambert, 24, Belmont Avenue; theft of property; released, \$500 bond

•Jamarcus Lacre Leach,

28, Barksdale Lane; aggravated domestic assault, interfering with 911 call, DUI (second offense), driving on revoked license, open container; held, \$10,000 bond

•Coy Chance Leverette, 33, Big Springs Road; possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia; held, \$4,000 bond

•DeMarco LaTroy Marsh, 35, Hilltop Road; possession of drug paraphernalia, simple possession of schedule II drug, attachment; held, \$2,500 bond

•Jose Gabriel Melgoza, 21, King Avenue; financial responsibility, no/expired driver's license, speeding; summons issued

•Santiago Morales, 26, Kingree Road; running traffic control device, no driver's license; released, \$1,000 bond

•Joshua Michael Navarrette, 24, Walnut Street; two bench warrants, failure to appear, violation of probation (two counts), driving on revoked license; held, \$9,500 bond

•Nicholas Perrin Norris, 27, South Brittain Street; domestic assault, interference with 911 call; held, \$6,000 bond

•Courtney Patricia Parsons, 51, Enden Avenue; simple possession; summons issued

•Ernesto Hernandez Pedro, 40, Archery Lane; registration violation, driving on suspended license; summons issued

•Areli Moreno Perez, 42, Cottonwood Drive; no/expired driver's license; citation issued

•William Omar Petway, 25, Goodlettsville; failure to appear; held, \$2,500 bond

•Cidney Antoinette Rodrigues, 22, Green Lane; reckless driving, reckless endangerment (two counts); released, \$6,500 bond

•Beth Ellen Sears, 57, Webb Road West, Bell Buckle; financial responsibility, no driver's license (expired), speeding; summons issued

•Nickolas-Lee Reese Shelton, 26, Union Street; contributing to the delinquency of a minor (14 counts); summons issued

•Tina Marie Shelton, 36, Arnold Road; contributing to the delinquency of a minor (14 counts); summons issued

•Rogel Martinez Teodoro, 36, Sunlite Road; no driver's license; summons delivered

•David Kent Utz, 56, Cedar Circle; public intoxication; released, \$500 bond

•Fernando Villegas Perez, 27, Antioch; DUI (second offense), driving on revoked license; released, \$6,000 bond

•Jacob Christian Ward, 23, Hunters Lane; possession of schedule II drug, possession of drug paraphernalia; held, \$2,500 bond

•Kyana Rene White, 20, Stonefield Circle; aggravated assault, possession of drug paraphernalia, vandalism; released, \$1,000 bond

•Xavier Antwan Williams, 29, North Cannon Boulevard; domestic assault; held, \$2,500 bond

•Jessica Morgan Yost, 24, Harrison Road; driving on suspended license; citation issued

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Julie Lamb
Consumer Loan Officer

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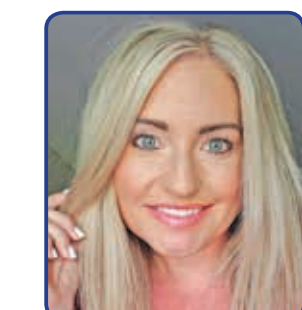
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Turn around, don't drown

Dear Readers: Have you heard the lifesaving driver's mantra "Turn Around, Don't Drown" where you live? We've heard it here in Texas. This is the middle of hurricane season, and that can mean torrential rains and wind, lightning strikes, debris falling, tree limbs, the list goes on.

The problem with standing water in the road from heavy rains is there's often no accurate way to tell how deep the water is. Driving through it is extremely dangerous. Your car could get stuck, you'd flood and ruin the engine, and the car may be swept away. It could even turn upside down. These waters are powerful; more powerful than you might realize. The National Weather Service (www.weather.gov), the U.S. Department of Transportation (www.transportation.gov) and the Federal Highway Administration (www.fhwa.dot.gov) all have more information on Turn Around, Don't Drown. -- Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Heloise



about discounts. They aren't necessarily advertised. Don't be afraid to ask. The money is there for you to save.

And teachers, you're in this too! Take advantage of discounts for books, travel, rental cars ... the possibilities are endless. -- Heloise

FURNITURE FUNDING

Dear Heloise: I was in the market for some furniture. At the store, the salesperson offered me the floor models of the couch and loveseat that I wanted -- for a savings of \$300! It's something to consider. -- Marie H., via email

Maria, the store may have the ability to steam clean the furniture. Inquire about that. -- Heloise

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME

Dear Heloise: I no longer use the term "makeup." I'm not "making up" for anything; I am enhancing my own beauty. Enhancements. -- Heather O. in Texas

TURNING CIRCLE

Dear Heloise: Let your readers be aware: When an 18-wheeler is turning right from, say, an access road into a driveway, he will need to turn from the middle lane, not the right lane.

Do not get stuck in the right lane when the truck is turning. It can get dangerous. -- Mike W., via email

PICK IT UP

Dear Readers: Here is a new trend from Sweden: plogging. This is picking up litter and debris on the road while jogging! It's good for you and good for the environment. -- Heloise

TECH TALK TUESDAY

Dear Readers: Are you or anyone in your family experiencing hearing loss? Is communicating on the telephone difficult, if not impossible? Take heart -- there's a fix: the captioned telephone.

You can read the text of everything the caller is saying on a bright screen. You might find these telephones at little or no cost to you. Look for them online, or ask your telephone service provider. -- Heloise

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

Dear Readers: Well, summer flew by, and now it's time for back to school, and hopefully back to a sense of normalcy. Got your student ID card? You can use your student ID to rack up the savings. Restaurants, athletic stores, movie theaters and a multitude of online retailers offer student discounts. The options can be endless. But the hitch? You might have to inquire

Send calendar items to tgnews@t-g.com, notify us on Facebook, call 931-684-1200 or drop by our offices, 323 E. Depot St., during weekday business hours.

WEDNESDAY

Senior bowling

The fall Swinging Seniors Bowling League will hold an organizational meeting 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 11 at Shelbyville Lanes to organize the fall league.

SATURDAY

Democratic convention

Bedford County Democratic Party's convention is scheduled Saturday, August 14, 10:30 a.m., at Shelbyville-Bedford County

Chamber of Commerce, 100 N. Cannon Blvd. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. Officers and executive board members (two citizens from each district) will be elected. This event is open to the public and no membership is required. Contact Kay Janosik, 763-227-3090, for more information about the party or volunteering.

SUNDAY

Food giveaway

A food giveaway will be held noon Sunday, August 15 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, U.S. 41A North between Rover and Unionville.

Kellys in concert

Longview Baptist Church, 101 Cooper Road, will have The Kellys in

concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, August 15.

ONGOING

Soup kitchen

Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen serves meals from 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays at the old Save-A-Lot building on South Cannon Boulevard. One take-away meal per person present, with come-and-go service only. Donations may be made to Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen, 122 Public Square N., Shelbyville, TN 37160 and are tax deductible under its 501c3 non-profit designation.

DesJarlais forum

Lynne Davis, field representative for U.S. Rep. Scott DesJarlais, is available from 10-11 a.m. each Thursday at the Bedford

County Courthouse to field constituent questions. DesJarlais, who represents the 4th District, will not be present.

Seniors meals

Shelbyville-Bedford County Senior Citizens Center will have meals available for curbside pick-up until further notice. Call April, 931-684-0019 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays for more information or to place an order. A two-day notice is required.

County meetings

Bedford County Courthouse is closed for government meetings until November due to remodeling. Meetings of the full County Commission are held at Shelbyville Central High School auditorium on Eagle Boulevard and committee meetings at Bedford County Office Complex on Dover Street.



Slow Cooker Chicken Burrito Bowls

A weeknight meal solution

(Family Features)

During the hustle and bustle of the school year, it can be difficult to find time to sit down for dinner together as a family. However, on weeknights filled with extracurricular activities, homework,

meetings and more, it's still important to put delicious and nutritious meals on the table that can be served whenever your family members can find a few minutes to grab a plate.

Dairy foods like milk, yogurt and cheese are on

hand in many kitchens and provide nutrients people of all ages need to grow and maintain strong bodies and minds. These Slow Cooker Chicken Burrito Bowls combine dairy with chicken, beans, corn and rice plus colorful garnishes for a meal you can set in the slow cooker at the beginning of the day and serve whenever hunger strikes that evening.

Slow Cooker Chicken Burrito Bowls

Recipe courtesy of Lori Yates of Foxes Love Lemons on behalf of Milk Means More

- Prep time: 20 minutes
- Cook time: 4-8 hours
- Servings: 6
- 1 ar (16 ounces) chunky salsa
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 2 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 can (15 1/2 ounces) black beans, rinsed and

- drained
- 2 cups instant brown rice
- 1 cup corn kernels, fresh or frozen
- chopped avocado, for garnish
- chopped cilantro, for garnish
- chopped red onion, for garnish
- chopped tomatoes, for garnish
- lime wedges, for garnish
- sour cream or Greek yogurt, for garnish
- shredded colby jack cheese, for garnish
- In slow cooker, stir together salsa, chicken, broth and chili powder. Cook 3 1/2 hours on high or 7 1/2 hours on low.
- Transfer chicken to cutting board and coarsely shred; return to slow cooker. Stir in beans, rice and corn. Cook 30 minutes on high, or until rice is cooked through.
- Serve garnished with avocado, cilantro, onion, tomatoes, limes, sour cream and cheese.



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The Public Hearing will be held as follows:
Date: September 29, 2021
Time: 12:00 Noon
Location: Tate Street Community Center
539 Tate Street
Shelbyville, Tennessee

Comments should be addressed to **Mr. Ronald Tillman, Executive Director, Shelbyville Housing Authority, P.O. Box 560, 316 Templeton Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160.** Comments should be sent on or before the date of the Public Hearing.

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LITTLE COWBOYS



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CIVIC SHOW



T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

AG NOTES



ABOVE: adult moth and the army worm.

By John Teague
UT/TSU Extension

FARMERS MARKET

It's still doing well. We had sixteen vendors last week and a lot of variety. Our customers came out in the heat in good numbers, and it was an active market.

If you need fresh produce, baked goods, jams and jellies, honey and other items, all farm fresh and produced in the middle Tennessee area, come to the market on Thursday at the Pavilion on Celebration Drive next to the big blue water tower at the Celebration Grounds.

We have a starting time of 2:30, with no early sales. This makes it fair to all of the vendors to be able to set up in time. See you there!

ARMYWORMS AGAIN

I'm repeating myself some here. I had a friend not far from here that went off for a four-day trip last week and came back to a hay crop that had been stripped and devoured.

That's not a good thing at all. I wanted to share again the pictures of the adult moth and the armyworm so that you can be aware of what they look like. We need to be alert and scout for these critters.

And I am able to share

the several references from Dr. Scott Stewart, who is the director of the Research and Education Center at Jackson. And Dr. Stewart is an entomologist as well and is a wealth of information on treating for these armyworms. I'll be glad to share with anyone, just give me a call at 684-5971 or email me at jteague1@utk.edu. There are several options and too much to put here, but I'll be glad to send them on request. Also, here is a link to one of our insect control guides for field crops.

<https://utbeef.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/127/2021/03/PB1768.pdf>

Armyworms can show up literally in a matter of hours and devour a hay field or soybeans or many other crops in a relatively short time. They eat many types of plants as growing larvae and have a huge appetite. When they are anywhere in the state, they can pop up anywhere due to migration of the adult moth and we've had them here in the past. Be on the lookout. I've attached photos for identification. If you see the adult moth, the larvae won't be far behind.

HAY CROP

This hay crop looks pretty good to me. We've gotten rain for the most part and we've seen a lot of bales, both round and

small bales. In contrast, the folks in the west have been fighting the drought and they have been very short on hay. I have not heard much about them looking for hay from our area, but if and when I do, I'll pass it on.

I did have one conversation with a local farmer that had some information, but it's too early to really know what the need is and how we may be able to address it. There may be a market, and there may be opportunity for donations. Either way, I'll let you know.

And we may be experiencing some dry weather and who knows, it may go on for a long time, causing us to hold on to what we've got. Let's hope not.

FALL SEASON GARDENS

We've got some vegetables that do well in the fall. Here is the link to a handy publication on fall season vegetables that you might want to consider to extend your garden season. This is a really good source of information.

Go to <https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/SP291-G.pdf> I will be happy to help you get a copy if you aren't able to get this online. Send me an email or call me at the office at 684-5971.



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BIG GAIN



Maki Fleming picks up a handful of yards during Friday night's scrimmage at Cornersville.

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Bowden revered as legendary college coach

By STEVE REED
AP Sports Writer

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney called Bobby Bowden a "model" that other college coaches should follow.

"He was such a great example of not losing sight of the main thing: a man of faith, a great husband, a great father," Swinney said in a statement posted on Clemson's football Twitter account.

College football mourned the loss of one of its greatest coaches as the nation awoke to the news Sunday morning.

Bowden, who won 377 games over four decades leading programs and built Florida State into one of college football's great dynasties with two national championships, died at 91.

Alabama coach Nick Saban said Bowden showed that coaches can compete against one another with respect, admiration and even friendship.

"That ... example of being a good person is something that can help us all professionally," Saban told reporters. "He wasn't always just about him; he was always about helping other people."

Texas A&M coach Jimbo Fisher followed Bowden in 2010 at Florida State after spending a few seasons as his offensive coordinator.

"He was so normal," Fisher said about his former boss. "He could make you feel like you knew him for 20 years in the first two minutes you ever talked to him. He was so genuine and honest just sitting there telling stories about ball and coaching."

Jacksonville Jaguars coach Urban Meyer coached against Bowden five times during his tenure as Florida coach from 2005-10.

"Today, we lost a legend," tweeted Meyer, now the head coach of the



Bowden

NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars. "Bobby was a great friend and mentor to me, and his impact transcended the coaching profession in so many ways."

Family, friends and fans had known for weeks that Bowden had little time left.

He announced on July 21 he had a terminal illness and his son Terry Bowden later said it was pancreatic cancer. In recent days, family had gathered in Tallahassee, Florida, to be around him.

Terry said in a statement his father died with all six children by his side.

"I couldn't have asked for a better personal mentor than my father," Terry said. "He was a wonderful husband and father, who relied on his strong Christian faith to provide the foundation for his life. I also was fortunate to be raised by a football coach who had a reputation for coaching the right way for his career. He was admired by everyone who played for him or coached against him. As a family, we will embrace all of those wonderful memories and celebrate a life well lived."

Florida State president John Thrasher said in a statement Bowden raised the national profile of the school, doing it with "class and a sense of humor."

"While he leaves an

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Manning tamed doubts, injuries to secure Hall of Fame status

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER — Peyton Manning was coming off a series of neck operations in between the storied chapters of his Hall of Fame career in 2012 when former college teammate and then-Colorado Rockies slugger Todd Helton invited him to a private workout at Coors Field.

The two superstars of their respective sports who played together at Tennessee in the 1990s headed to the batting cages under the stands to throw the football around.

Helton thought Manning was goofing around when his first throw fluttered and fell short.

It was no joke.

Manning was in the midst of retraining his brain to release the ball on time and on target after missing the entire 2011 season and undergoing several cervical spine surgeries that left him with unyielding numbness in the fingertips of his right hand.

"He had nothing," Helton recounted several years ago. "But I knew he'd come back and be Peyton Manning again because nobody else works that hard."

That work ethic allowed Manning to overcome the heartache of his split with the Indianapolis Colts, the doubts about his football future and nerve damage in his right arm to go 50-15 in Denver and set numerous passing records while burnishing his lofty credentials as one of the greatest passers in NFL history.

Manning overcame his neck problems to throw 140 of his 539 career touchdown passes for Denver, including a record 55 in 2013. In four years, he led the Broncos to four AFC West titles, two conference championships and a Super Bowl 50 triumph after overcoming a serious foot injury to go with the Super Bowl he won with the Colts nearly a decade earlier.

Manning retired a month after becoming the first starting quarterback to win Super Bowls with two franchises, and he was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame 24 hours before his friend and longtime nemesis Tom Brady joined him in the exclusive club by leading Tampa Bay over Kansas City in Super Bowl 55 six months ago.

"I certainly wanted to play for the Indianapolis Colts my entire career



Manning

because they were the team that drafted me" No. 1 overall in 1998, Manning said as he reflected on his upcoming induction into Canton. "I was fascinated by John Elway being only a Bronco, Dan Marino being only a Dolphin, Troy Aikman-Cowboys, my dad drafted by New Orleans, majority of his career lived in New Orleans. So, that was my plan all along."

The Colts moved on to Andrew Luck after Manning missed the 2011 season and Indianapolis secured the No. 1 overall pick in the 2012 NFL draft. After an emotional farewell to Indy, Manning embarked on the most anticipated free agency tour since Reggie White bolted Philadelphia for Green Bay in 1993.

"And Denver just, boy, they just welcomed me with open arms," Manning recounted. "They were the only team that understood I think what I was going through emotionally, physically, and I think a lot of that is Elway. Elway flirted going to other teams, rumors or whatnot and I think he knew how probably that would have affected him. He certainly knew injuries."

Manning said only the Broncos were willing to meet him halfway.

"They were the only team that said, 'Hey, Peyton, give us your Indianapolis Colts playbook, we will form this hybrid offense with the plays that we like here in Denver that we think will help you at this point of your career, we'll form this mesh of an offense and really give you a chance to get back going again,'" Manning revealed. "And not every other team was doing that."

Manning said he felt like a visitor

in his own locker room for his entire first season in Denver, but he soon came to embrace the city where he and his family still live.

"I have a great relationship with Indianapolis and still very involved there in the community, just like I am in Knoxville and New Orleans," Manning said. "But you can only live in one place and Denver's just been a great place to live and I've enjoyed being a part of the community and really couldn't have made a better decision ... back in 2012."

Almost from his pro debut in 1998, Manning was a pioneer in the way he deciphered defenses and directed play at the line of scrimmage, a mastermind pacing from tackle to tackle, pointing and hollering, as he became a model for every quarterback who has come along since.

Manning was never the best athlete, but his off-the-charts preparation and other-worldly memory recall made him rise above the rest.

"He beat you mentally," said DeMarcus Ware, who came to Denver like so many others for the chance to play with Manning. "That was his guide: Physically you might be faster than me, you might be more athletic than me, but I'm going to outsmart you every time."

When Manning retired, his father, Archie, said he was more impressed with the way his son had won his second Super Bowl "with his mind after winning his first one with his body."

Manning picked his dad to introduce him in Canton.

"Never was my coach but always my mentor," said Manning, noting that his father's rule was that he'd gladly provide any advice so long as he was asked.

Manning said he was hard-pressed to trim his acceptance speech to the allotted 8 minutes because so many people played a part in his fantastic football journey.

"Unfortunately, it's just not enough time to thank everybody," Manning said. "The good thing is for the past five years, either on a handwritten note or a phone call or in person, I've had a chance to thank the people personally. So, even though I won't get to repeat them all in the speech, the thank-yous are as heartfelt now as they were then."

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incredible legacy as one of the best football coaches in collegiate history, he also will be remembered for his great faith, his love of family and his mentorship of countless young people,” Thrasher said.

Current Florida State coach Mike Norvell called the folksy Southerner the program’s “patriarch.”

“It was the honor of my lifetime to know him and beyond anything I could dream to have a relationship with him,” Norvell said.

Jackson State coach Deion Sanders was maybe Bowden’s greatest and most famous Florida State player. The list also includes former NFL stars Warrick Dunn and Derrick Brooks and Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward.

Sanders, the All-America cornerback and Pro Football Hall of Famer, tweeted “God bless the Bowden Family, Friends & Loved ones. My Prayers are with u. I’ve lost 1 of the best coaches I’ve ever had.”

Former Florida State running back Amp Lee recalled Bowden’s pep talks the night before a game.

“He’d always say, ‘Amp, where are you?’ ... ‘I’m right here Coach.’ He’d look me dead in my face and say

‘Amp, I need you to be the best running back on that field tomorrow. Light it up.’ I’d always respond, ‘I got you Coach,’” Lee said.

Chris Weinke, Florida State’s second Heisman Trophy winner and quarterback of the Seminoles’ second national championship team under Bowden in 1999, used the hashtag “greatestofalltime.”

“We lost a great one today!” Weinke tweeted. “FAITH, FAMILY & FOOTBALL- nobody did it better than Coach Bowden. I will forever be grateful to have had the opportunity to play for this man.”

At last month’s ACC media days, Swinney recalled a memory of Bowden from earlier in his career at a coaches’ meeting.

He said the laid-back Bowden would often be flipping through a newspaper while coaches were discussing different topics, including one about the merits of adding the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas, to the league’s postseason lineup.

Seemingly oblivious to the conversation, Bowden put the newspaper down on his chest and in his Southern drawl chimed in.

“He goes, ‘Boys, y’all going to be doing this a lot longer than me, but y’all want the Sun Bowl. That’s a great trip right there,’” Swinney said with a laugh.

US looks back at unusual Olympics

By **EDDIE PELLIS**
AP National Writer

TOKYO — Kara Winger is the American record-holder in the javelin throw who just wrapped up her fourth Olympics. She has never finished higher than sixth place.

When she got the call over the weekend telling her she would be carrying the flag Sunday for the United States at the closing ceremony of the Tokyo Games, her first reaction was “shock.”

“I expected tweets with people saying ‘What has she done?’” Winger said.

Turns out, an awful lot over a career that has spanned two decades. That the American athletes chose her as flagbearer is a fitting lens through which to view the U.S. accomplishments at these Games.

The Americans won 113 medals, which, for the fifth straight Summer Games, was double-digits more than the nearest competition. It was, however, eight fewer than what they won five years ago in a Rio de Janeiro Olympics with fewer events.

When the athletes voted for Winger to represent them, they tapped into the core message resonating inside a fractured, fractious U.S. Olympic family over the last few years: The medals shouldn’t matter more than the athletes who win them. Or sometimes not matter at all.

“We spent a ton of energy on creating an environment where people could be heard, and feel safe to be heard,” said Sarah Hirshland, who came on as the CEO of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee in 2018.

She was tasked with repairing the damage from sexual-abuse cases that led athletes to wonder if they were valued for more than simply what they won.

If Winger as flagbearer is one sign that the USOPC has made some headway, then Simone Biles gets credit for making sure the message stayed front-and-center despite the hectic, pandemic-tainted run-up to an Olympics.

The willingness of the highest-profile athlete at the Games to step away because it didn’t feel right, and to place her personal welfare over victory for herself and country, was startling at first.

Much more than cost-

ing medals, what Biles did was re-center the focus. As the Olympics moved into their second week, all but the most cynical observers started celebrating athletes for winning bronze — or nothing — even if they were picked to win gold.

“These are not the USOPC’s medals, these are the athletes’ medals,” Hirshland explained as the Biles decision was still reverberating.

That was part of what Hirshland pitched as a new outlook for the USOPC.

Leading up to the Games, the USOPC introduced new mental-health offerings and created a new athlete-service division — first as a nod to the fallout from the sex-abuse cases, then as a resource to help athletes cope with a yearlong delay and the COVID pandemic.

Their offices stayed busy over the 17 days in Tokyo.

In the end, COVID-19 knocked out only four of the 600-plus athletes officially named to the team, a remarkable logistical challenge in a pandemic that came with its share of stumbles and critiques. Some athletes who worked all their lives to get to this point were bitter that they couldn’t share the trip with friends, family or fans.

That was largely a decision by local organizers that left the USOPC with limited options.

Still, Hirshland and the rest of the federation leaders are bound to hear their fair share of critiques — if not about Tokyo, then about what lies ahead.

The Beijing Games start a scant 180 days from Sunday’s closing act in Tokyo. Much as the USOPC was forced into playing a lead role in changing the outlook on the IOC’s rule banning demonstrations, it will be pressed by some to boycott those Games as a sign of protest of China’s much-criticized human-rights record. The federation almost certainly won’t go down that road, but the questions will persist.

So will doubts about its effectiveness in putting athletes first. A snapshot: One program designed to funnel more money into athletes’ pockets through sponsorship deals has been lauded by some, but criticized by others in the tightly knit world of agents who deal with Olympic clients.



Photo by Sean Gardner/Getty Images

Kyle Larson inched closer to claiming the regular season title with Sunday’s win at Watkins Glen.

Larson inches closer to season title, wins at Watkins Glen

By **JOHN KEKIS**
AP Sports Writer

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Kyle Larson took another step toward a regular-season NASCAR Cup title. Chase Elliott lamented a race that he let get away.

Larson gained the lead from Martin Truex Jr. during green flag pit stops in the final stage Sunday, built a big lead and kept his hard-charging Hendrick Motorsports teammate at bay over the final laps to win at Watkins Glen International.

“I knew my car was good and the strategy worked out,” said Larson, who was constantly reminded by his crew that his lead was quickly shrinking over Elliott in the No. 9 Chevrolet. “We were able to maintain that gap for a while and eventually start to pull away. Good thing the nine wasn’t close enough. He was really, really fast. He’s the guy to judge off of. I was definitely worried about him all day. He was so fast.”

Elliott was seeking his eighth road course victory and third in a row at The Glen, which would have tied Jeff Gordon and Mark Martin for the Cup record at the historic road course in upstate New York’s Finger Lakes.

Elliott was relegated to the back of the field before the race when his No. 9 Chevrolet failed inspection twice and crew chief Alan Gustafson was ejected.

But just as he did at Road America a month earlier when he won from 34th on the starting grid, Elliott made a gallant charge but couldn’t overcome Larson’s big lead and crossed the finish line 2.45 seconds behind.

“I just hate it. I made too many mistakes to win,” Elliott said. “It was too late in the race to recover from it. That’s what cost us.”

Martin Truex Jr., Kyle Busch, and Denny Hamlin rounded out the top five.

Larson also held off Elliott in overtime to win on the road course at Sonoma in June and leaves Watkins Glen tied with Denny Hamlin with 917 points for the series lead.

“It’s fun racing him,” Larson said after his series-leading fifth victory of the season. “I look forward to the next few weeks and even into the playoffs. There’s still a lot of racing left. It’s going to be fun. I’m glad there’s a fun little points battle. I feel like in years past it’s kind of been a blowout.”

It was the first Cup race after a two-week break for the Tokyo Olympics and there was no practice or qualifying.

Larson and Truex were together at the front of the field with 20 laps to go in the 90-lap race around seven-turn, the 2.45-mile layout. Kyle Busch in third was nearly 10 seconds behind and just ahead of Elliott.

Larson had a lead of nearly three seconds on Truex as the laps began to wind down as Elliott continued to charge. The grandstands were sold out and cheers for Elliott grew as he continued his surge. He passed Truex for second at the top of the esses with eight laps to go and set his sights on his teammate just over five seconds in front with lapped traffic ahead.

Elliott’s surge fizzled over the final five laps and Larson negotiated a gaggle of four lapped cars, overcoming a mistake in the first turn, and cruised to the finish.

Elliott had surged hard in the first stage but flat-spotted his tires in turn 1 and dropped to 36th near the end of the second stage before rallying.

Truex, Christopher Bell, and Larson were in a three-car breakaway early on the 50-lap final stage. Christopher Bell challenged Truex for the lead with Larson on lap 48 but couldn’t make it stick and backed off.

Eight laps later, Larson took out Bell entering the first turn, a downhill 90-degree right-hander, dropping Bell to eighth as Elliott continued to make a strong comeback from last. Bell, whose No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing team was hit with the same penalty as Elliott, rallied to finish seventh.

Ericsson wins 1st Music City race

By **DAN GELSTON**
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE — Marcus Ericsson used the slowed car in front of him as a launching ramp and shot up and over — with a dangling wing — Sebastien Bourdais’ Chevrolet.

“I thought my race was over there,” Ericsson said.

Not in this wreckfest. Call the latest IndyCar race winner Marcus Ericsson.

Ericsson stuck the landing on his early race flight and avoided further disaster on the perilous city streets of Nashville on Sunday to win the inaugural Music City Grand Prix.

“I’m just trying to figure out how I ended up winning the race after flying and seeing the sky,” he said.

Ericsson conserved fuel and survived hard-charging runs from Colton Herta and Scott Dixon and won his second race of the season. He moved to fifth in the IndyCar points race with five race left — 79 points back of leader Alex Palou.

Ericsson doesn’t have a deal with Chip Ganassi Racing for 2022 and said “I hope Chip was watching today.”

“My biggest wish is continue here in the 8 car,” Ericsson said.

He made the IndyCar highlight reel long before the checkered flag when he jumped the backside of Bourdais’ Chevy and knocked the Frenchman out of the race. Ericsson’s airborne Honda needed a new front wing only five laps into the race and said he thought the car was going to snap in half.

The 30-year-old Swede won as darkness fell in Nashville with Dixon, the six-time IndyCar champion, making a late run.

Ericsson caught a break when Herta clobbered his car into the tire barriers with five laps left, ending his dominant weekend for Andretti Autosport. Herta topped the first two practice sessions, won the pole and his team was in “a league of our own.” He was gaining on Ericsson and had a potential go-ahead pass on the horizon when he crushed his car. Herta buried his head in his hands in stunned disbelief.

“We had the car all weekend to win,” Herta said. “I just threw it away.”

Dixon was second to give Chip Ganassi Racing a 1-2 finish. James Hinchcliffe, Ryan Hunter-Reay and Graham Rahal rounded out the top five.

The Grand Prix was the first new street course race added to the schedule in 10 years and enough fans to fill Nissan Stadium packed grandstands, partied near live music stages, and lined fences 10 rows deep with cameras raised to snap a picture of the fastest newcomers in town.

“If there’s enough alcohol out there, it’s going to be a good show no matter what,” Dixon said.

The best seat in the house might have come without one, when fans stood high on the stadium concourse for a bird’s-eye view of one of the 11 turns on the track.

The 2.17-mile course weaved through the stadium parking lot and over a 3,500-foot straightway that spanned over the Korean War Veterans Memorial Bridge and suspended 80 feet over the Cumberland River.

“The track going downtown was so cool to race on,” Ericsson said.

Better safe than sorry, dive teams and boats were

on standby in case of emergency.

The chaos was contained to the asphalt streets.

Team Penske drivers brought the race to a halt only a few laps later from Ericsson when Will Power dipped inside Simon Pagenaud and drove his teammate into the wall. That led to a massive 10-car pileup and the red flag was out for roughly 20 minutes.

There were nine cautions and two red flags in the race.

“There was no flow to the race. It was like we had six

aces,” Dixon said.

Jimmie Johnson continues to hit bumps in the road — or in his case, on a bridge — in his rookie season in IndyCar. Johnson destroyed his car in the morning practice session for his second wreck of the weekend and was forced to use a backup car. He used a backup car shared by teammate Palou. He was collected in the Penske crash and was disqualified when the No. 48 crew worked on his Honda — Johnson even helped carry spare parts — under the red flag. Johnson was 26th.

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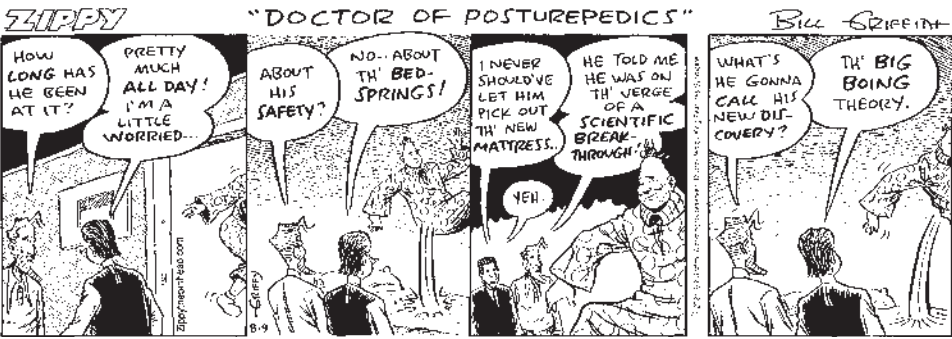
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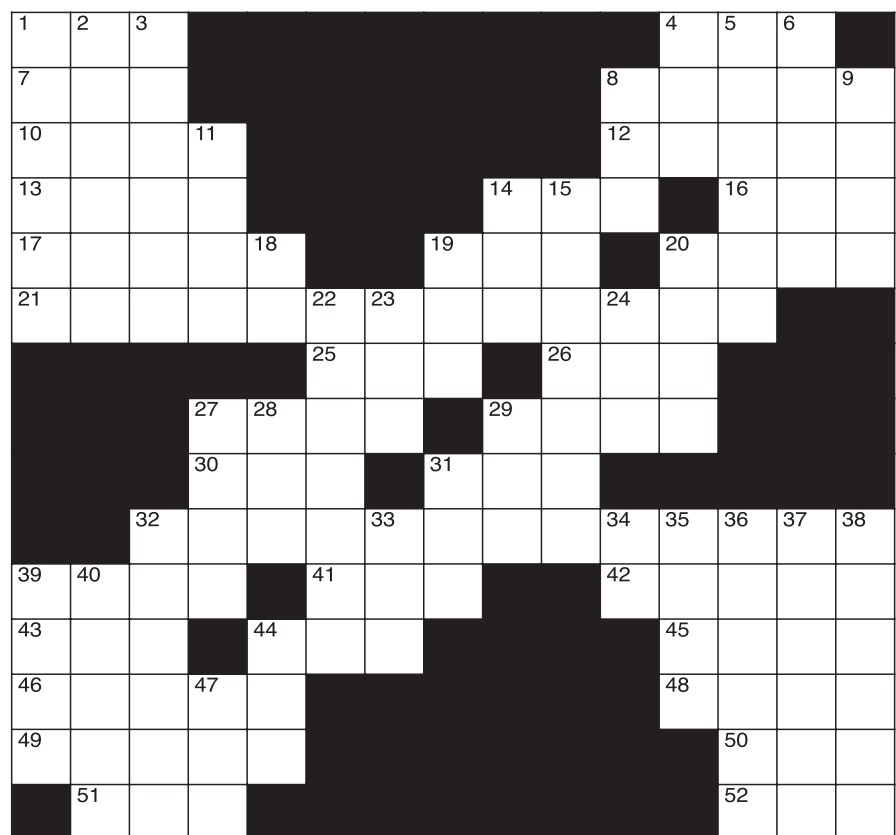


Guess Who?

I am a rock singer born in England on August 20, 1948. I quit my training as a chartered accountant to pursue blues music. I went on to be an iconic star heading one of the most influential bands of the 1970s.

Answer: Robert Plant

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Midway between east and southeast
- 4. Sun up in New York
- 7. Japanese honorific
- 8. Czech name for Prague
- 10. Ochocinco's first name
- 12. Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)
- 13. Scots word for "home"
- 14. Upper class young woman (abbr.)
- 16. Monetary unit of Albania
- 17. Raise
- 19. Drain of resources
- 20. Uncultured, clumsy persons
- 21. Hikers use them
- 25. Retrospective analysis (military)
- 26. Tibetan form of chanting
- 27. Influential European statesman
- 29. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 30. Monetary unit of Romania
- 31. Round green vegetable
- 32. Well acquainted with
- 39. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 41. Basics
- 42. "The Godfather" actress Keaton
- 43. Snakelike fish
- 44. Tall deciduous tree
- 45. Russian river
- 46. Long Balkans river
- 48. Ancient Greek coin
- 49. Senegal's capital
- 50. Unwell
- 51. Snout
- 52. Low bank or reef of coral

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Abstain from
- 2. Vast desert in North Africa
- 3. Cover the crown of a tooth
- 4. A major division of geological time
- 5. Urban center
- 6. Crook
- 8. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 9. Questions
- 11. A pack of 52 playing cards
- 14. Recording of sound
- 15. Pithy saying
- 18. Atomic #22
- 19. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 20. Plant with ridged seedpods
- 22. Innate
- 23. Investigative body for Congress (abbr.)
- 24. Soda receptacle
- 27. Spanish stew: __ podrida
- 28. Viet Cong offensive
- 29. Large body of water
- 31. Beginning military rank
- 32. Dissimilar
- 33. Counteroffensive system (abbr.)
- 34. Shows who you are
- 35. Chinese dynasty
- 36. Type of verse
- 37. African nation
- 38. Quite
- 39. Former Bucks star Michael
- 40. Showed again
- 44. Body part
- 47. Steal



ASTROGRAPH SECOND WEEK OF AUGUST

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Try to dig a little deeper and not take things at face value this week, Aries. Some surprising elements that you may not initially recognize are just waiting to be discovered.
TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
It's good to have a rich fantasy life to envision plans for the future, Taurus. Some of these ideas may come to fruition this week as you dig down deep into your creative side.
GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Avoid jumping to the

conclusion that a romantic partner is looking to move on, Gemini. There may be another underlying factor at play that will soon come to light.
CANCER – Jun 22/July 22
Some major news is the catalyst that ignites the flame for your motivation to change, Cancer. You may find you're interested in volunteerism or another worthy project.
LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Enjoy time spent connecting with some new people this week, Leo. It is a fine time to branch out of your typical social circles

and embrace new friendships with confidence.
VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
You gravitate toward people who prefer to see life through rose-colored glasses this week, Virgo. Enjoy this optimistic outlook and make the most of it.
LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
An intense phone call may put you on edge for a little while, Libra. But once you get to the heart of the matter and think things through, you can work it out.
SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Nov 22
Scorpio, your desire to socialize will be stronger than ever, so get out there and make a new friend or two. You will enjoy sharing ideas with others and trying some new things.
SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Appreciate all of the good things you have going in your life now, Sagittarius. Pay homage to those who have lent a hand or offered support that went above and beyond.
CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
You may be on the brink of making a major move

Capricorn. Try not to focus too much on all of the small details; look at the bigger picture.
AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
A short trip out of town might be necessary to clear your head, Aquarius. Schedule some time to get away so you can rest, relax and recharge free of distraction.
PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Take some time alone this week to reorder your priorities, Pisces. You may have made commitments that no longer are vital.

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Shawn Mendes, Singer (23)
AUGUST 9
Anna Kendrick, Actress (36)
AUGUST 10
Asia Ray, Dancer (16)
AUGUST 11
Chris Hemsworth, Actor (38)
AUGUST 12
Cara Delevingne, Model (29)
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Owner requests a special exception on 2546 Hwy 64-W, Shelbyville Old Business. Adjourn. (August 10)

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This project is funded by an agreement with TDOT (#02005-2258-94). (August 7, 10, and 12)

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Hagerty stands in way of infrastructure bill

By **BRIAN SLODYSKO**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One by one, Democrats and Republicans trekked to the Senate floor on Sunday touting a \$1 trillion infrastructure proposal and argued that, after months of haggling, it was time for a final vote on the measure.

Standing in their way: Republican Sen. Bill Hagerty of Tennessee.

The freshman senator spent the weekend using a procedural maneuver to essentially grind the chamber to a halt. A final vote that could have happened days ago could now linger into the early hours of Tuesday morning, forcing lawmakers to give up their second consecutive summer weekend to plod through the minutia of Senate rules.

More than a dozen Republicans have joined Democrats to clear initial hurdles on the infrastructure bill, meaning the legislation will almost certainly pass despite Hagerty's protest. But the effort could raise the profile of a one-time Trump administration official eager to align himself with the former president, who has stepped up efforts to derail the package.

"I think he's doing Trump's bidding. I don't think there's any doubt about it," Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., one of the lead negotiators of the package, said in an interview. "I think they want to try to draw this out as long as they possibly can and hope and pray that Congress fails."

In Hagerty's telling, his reasoning for taking a stand has less to do with Trump and more about the measure increasing the federal deficit by about \$256 billion over the next decade, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Once Congress approves this legislation, Democrats are planning to take up an even more ambitious — and expensive — spending measure on their own.

"Democrats' true intention is to rush this bill through," Hagerty said Sunday, adding that Democrats want to pass the bill quickly so they can pivot to the separate \$3.5 trillion spending plan, which he derided as "a socialist debt bomb."

The overwhelming majority of Americans — about 8 in 10 — favor plans to increase funding for roads, bridges and ports and for pipes that supply drinking water, according to a new poll from The

Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

But that hasn't stopped Trump from blasting the proposal and discouraging Republicans from supporting it, even though Trump himself tried and failed to pass a pricier infrastructure package as president.

In Hagerty, a 61-year-old businessman and financier, Trump has found a willing ally whose affinity for the former president marks a notable transition from orthodox Republican to ardent Trump supporter.

Trump called Hagerty on Sunday morning, said a person familiar with the call who requested anonymity to discuss it. Later in the day, Trump egged Hagerty on in a statement, while criticizing Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell for failing to help pass Trump's own infrastructure proposal when he was still in the White House and Republicans held a Senate majority.

"Congratulations to Senator Bill Hagerty in remaining true to 'AMERICA FIRST!'" Trump said.

A private equity investor, Hagerty had long been enmeshed in Republican politics. He previously served in the administration of George H.W. Bush and went on to work for the failed presidential campaigns of Republicans who later became Trump critics — John McCain and Mitt Romney, to whom he and his wife donated \$100,000. He also served as economic development commissioner under a Republican governor of Tennessee, Bill Haslam.

Like many in the GOP, Hagerty hopped from candidate to candidate in the 2016 election cycle before it became clear Trump would become the nominee and his confrontational approach would reshape the party. Hagerty had been for Jeb Bush, then Marco Rubio, and ultimately, Trump.

He joined Trump's Victory Committee as finance chairman and donated about \$11,000 to Trump, disclosures show. After Trump's win, he served as a key transition team leader and, in 2017, became ambassador to Japan.

Months before Hagerty launched his 2020 Senate bid to succeed the retiring Sen. Lamar Alexander, Trump preempted his announcement by tweeting that he would endorse

him, which Hagerty used as a centerpiece of his self-financed run, which he funded with \$7.3 million in loans, records show.

"The president knew where my heart was. He and I had been talking about this for some time and he had encouraged me strongly to do it," Hagerty told the AP in 2020.

His campaign leaned heavily on a Trump-style of politics that was a turn-off to some of his previous bosses.

On top of traditional GOP issues like gun rights, opposition to abortion, low tax and regulatory burdens and a tough stance on immigration, Hagerty adopted Trump's brash tone when talking about Democrats, the Black Lives Matter movement, and others in the then-president's crosshairs.

Before the coronavirus outbreak, Donald Trump Jr. went to Tennessee to boost Hagerty. Other Trump world figures who supported his bid include Kellyanne Conway, Lara Trump and Larry Kudlow.

"I've known Bill for a long time. He was one of my earliest supporters," Trump said during the 2020 tele-town hall event for Hagerty at the height of the pandemic. "He's been so great in so many ways. We need to send great conservative voices out there."

After taking office in January, Hagerty hired over a dozen former Trump administration officials to serve on his Senate staff.

Some Republican have cheered Hagerty on.

Indiana Sen. Mike Braun applauded Hagerty for "standing on principle," though he conceded that the days have gone by slow and he's bided his time by reading a book and doing crosswords.

"What I'd rather be doing? Back home on my farm picking weeds," Braun said.

To other colleagues, however, the effort amounts to a waste of time.

"We have squandered not minutes, not hours, but several days," said Republican Sen. Kevin Cramer of North Dakota, who supports the measure.

Romney, R-Utah, also sought to blunt the campaign against the bill.

"Criticism is expected. And, I note, criticism is also pretty easy," Romney said. "If you don't like this bill, what bill do you like instead? What would you do instead?"

Air firefighters return to Western blaze

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Thick smoke that held down winds and temperatures in the zone of the largest single wildfire in California history cleared Monday, allowing firefighting aircraft to rejoin the battle to contain the massive Dixie Fire.

The newly clear skies will allow more than two dozen helicopters and two air tankers that have been grounded to fly again and make it safer for ground crews to maneuver.

"With this kind of weather, fire activity will pick up.

But the good thing is we can get aircraft up," said fire spokesman Ryan Bain.

Winds were not expected to reach the ferocious speeds that helped the blaze explode in size last week. But they were still a concern for firefighters working in unprecedented conditions to protect thousands of threatened homes.

Fueled by powerful gusts and bone-dry vegetation, the fire incinerated much of the small community of Greenville last Wednesday and Thursday. At least 627 homes and other structures had been destroyed by

Monday and another 14,000 buildings were still threatened in the northern Sierra Nevada.

Damage reports are preliminary because assessment teams can't get into many areas, officials said.

The Dixie Fire, named for the road where it started nearly four weeks ago, grew to an area of 765 square miles (1,980 square kilometers) by Sunday evening and was just 21% contained, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. It had scorched an area more than twice the size of New York City.



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