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State Sen. Shane Reeves (right) and State Rep. Pat Marsh were guest speakers during a forum hosted Monday night at the Chamber of Commerce by Bedford County Republican Party.

GOP hosts state's Reeves, Marsh

By ZOE HAGGARD
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Bedford County Republican Party (GOP) hosted a community forum Monday evening at Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce with State Rep. Pat Marsh and State Sen. Shane Reeves giving a state report and fielding questions from several in attendance.

Marsh who's been serving since 2012, is the Republican representative for District 62, which includes Bedford County and parts of Lincoln County. He began by detailing the \$42.6 billion budget that was passed at the 112th

General Assembly in January.

Balanced budget

In that budget: \$100 million for broadband expansion across state; \$435 million for state employee raises; \$163 million increase for teachers—where each county gets a share and gets to decide how it will be spent; \$160 million for criminal justice and public safety, as well as grants to agriculture, local airports, and volunteer fire departments.

But the biggest part of the budget Marsh and Reeves said they worked on was the \$42.4 million budget for the new Tennessee

College of Applied Technology-Shelbyville facility. And even with last year's pandemic shutdowns, the Bedford County district is doing well financially, they stated.

"Nashville being closed, we evidently got a lot of their business down here...I think we did it smart. I think we knew we needed to be safe, but we also knew to protect our economy," Marsh said.

Mandating vaccines

When asked about Tyson's recent decision to mandate the COVID-19 vaccine and how that affects individuals' rights, Marsh defended the private company,

saying the government should not interfere with their decision.

"It's a private company—just like we get the right to do what we want to get to do as private citizens. And if you don't want to work for Tyson, you can go somewhere else...If they mandate it, then you've got a choice: either get it and go to work, or find another job," said Marsh.

Reeves is the Republican senator for District 14, which includes Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall, Moore and parts of Rutherford Counties. Outside of politics, Reeves is a Chief Executive Officer and phar-

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Retired Olympic swimmer calls Shelbyville 'home'

By DAWN HANKINS
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When Loretta Barrious Larsen participated in the 1956 Melbourne, Australia Olympics, synchronized swimming was an exhibition team feature.

Times have certainly changed, says the retired swimmer, who moved here in 2020 to be near family, who had already taken up residency in Bedford County.

Having watched faithfully the recent Olympic games on TV, the Oakland, Calif., native proudly talks about the days she served as one of President Dwight Eisenhower's Goodwill Ambassadors. Her synchronized swimming career, which was pretty fast and furious, took her on a world tour of 22 countries as a very young girl.

"As compared to the way they do synchronized swimming now, ours was so different. Now, it is so much more athletic. That was a criticism of it going into the Olympics, because they said, 'it's more of an art.' They don't call it synchronized swimming anymore; they call it artistic swimming."

She is well aware that cross-training is now necessary to compete. During her generation, it was more about grace and poise, i.e., the style associated with the late swimmer Esther Williams.

Larsen is adamant, however, that her group of swimmers were still physically fit. It was hit the water at 6:30 a.m. and suck up the red eyes by soothing them in milk drops.

The moves of her day were certainly derived as an art form, comparable to ballet. The troupe was in charge of their own costumes; she remembers making those along with her family.

She notes her competi-



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Loretta Barrious Larsen was an Olympic synchronized swimmer in the 1950s—a time when it was considered more of an art than athleticism. The Oakland, Calif., native now makes her home in Shelbyville.

tion attire included thousands of sequins and yes, there was for photo shoots plenty of makeup and finger nail polish. "The costumes they wear now are just very simplistic. Do I wish we had those."

The headdresses back in her day were made out of metal. Then there were the routines—some which aren't allowed today.

"We would form a chain, where you would hook your feet around

the neck of the person in front of you . . . make a circle under water. I don't see them doing that now. What they do now is easier to synchronize."

She said the music accompaniment is certainly different. They had to practice, a lot to their music to stay in, well, sync.

With rule books in hand from the 1950s, she notes how her synchronized era was not for the

faint of heart. You had to be especially like to travel, fast, and be mature.

By the way, she says in photos, such as those of her which were in the Saturday Evening Post of 1955, she was the "skinny, dark-haired one," surrounded by all the blondes. Her group was famous for such stunts in the water as "tandems" and "somersault tucks."

Photos of her gals then ▶ See Swimmer, Page 2

Burglar hits 41A again

T-G STAFF REPORT

Another late-night burglary has occurred along U.S. 41A near Unionville.

The offices of Nash Family Creamery were ransacked with cash, Apple airpods and a jacket taken, a report filed by Deputy Nate Speegle of the Bedford County Sheriff's Office said.

Security video shows a man entering the building after breaking a window with a rock at 2:52 a.m. Tuesday. The masked intruder was wearing gloves and carrying a pry bar, Speegle said.

Two other businesses, near the intersection of U.S. 41A and Old Columbia Road, were entered in a similar fashion in July.

COVID at 142

Bedford County remains over the 100 mark today for active COVID cases.

As of Tuesday, Bedford County had on state health records 142 active—14 which were new cases reported that day.

Neighboring Coffee County has on record through the health department 178 active cases as of Tuesday—15 which are new.

Residents are being urged to continue to use precautions such as masks and hand sanitizers, though no mask mandates are in effect for the county at this time.

Franklin County topped out Tuesday with 170 active COVID-19 cases.

Free COVID-19 vaccination clinics are being held throughout the county.

OBITUARIES

John Alvin McClenney Sr.

August 9, 2021

John Alvin McClenney Sr., 78, of Shelbyville died Monday, August 9, 2021.

Funeral Services will be held 11:00 A.M. Thursday, August 12, at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Rosebank Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Horace Dee McClenney Sr. and Ruby Mae Anderson McClenney; his wife, Shirley Jewell Pittman McClenney; a son, Michael "Shane" McClenney; step-daughter, Melissa Ortega; sister, Frances McClenney; brothers, Horace Dee McClenney Jr. and Frank Kenneth McClenney.

He is survived by his children, John A. McClenney Jr., Sonya (Ken) Vaughn; step-children, Keith Bailiff, Regina (Mark) Graham; three grandchildren, Kari (Daniel) Trail, Stephanie (Chris) Alred, Kenny (Lauren) Vaughn; three great-grandchildren, Raylan Trail, Cooper Alred, Vienna Vaughn and several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Kelly Dyan Reed

July 29, 2021

Kelly Dyan Reed, age 49, of Shelbyville passed from this life on July 29, 2021 at The Waters of Shelbyville after an extended illness.

Born July 10, 1972 in Shelbyville, TN, she was the daughter of Danny Reed and the late Mary Ann Reed.

She is survived by: her father, Danny Michael Reed of Shelbyville; sister, Dana (Phillip) Edwards, of Shelbyville; niece and nephews, Sydnee, Aiden, and Ryan Edwards.

Per request, Kelly chose cremation and her ashes are to be interred at Willow Mount Cemetery with no public services will be held.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family. www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com

STATE STATS



T-G Photos by Zoe Haggard

State Sen. Shane Reeves discussed during a forum Monday, put on by the local Republican Party, that Tennessee is the best state in the country in the way of taxes, finances and tourism. But said sadly, the state ranks 46th when it comes to life expectancy.

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macist for his family-owned business. He's been serving as state senator since 2018.

He advised how its vital to get students back in school. As for vaccine or mask mandates, he gave his opinion. "We certainly don't believe in mandating vaccinations; we're not going to mandate wearing masks...But the math is the math," said Reeves, referring to the

statistic that 95 percent of hospitalization in the state are unvaccinated individuals.

In his "Reeves Report," the senator said Tennessee is the best in the country for taxes and state finances as well as tourism and hospitality. However, Tennessee's worst category is health and crime and safety, he said, giving an example of how Tennessee ranks 46th in life expectancy.

Current events

During the forum,

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE



State Rep. Pat Marsh of Bedford County was invited guest for the Bedford County Republican Party forum held Monday night in Shelbyville. Marsh discussed the \$42 million budget which has been set aside for the new Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Shelbyville site.

Reeves emphasized the need to "keep Tennessee, Tennessee," and said how he's excited to see where the area of Shelbyville-Bedford is headed. "I think it's wonderful people are moving here from California—probably buying farms across Bedford County...I'm fine with people moving here. But you need to be Tennessean," he said.

Also, the senator mentioned he's been in contact with the new Celebration CEO Warren Wells who he quoted as saying during

their conversation "wait 'til next year," in which Wells said he wants the Celebration to be standing room only in 2022.

Reeves finished his talk at the forum by explaining four main concerns which "keep him up at night." That is, the attacks against faith, history, the Constitution, and capitalism.

"I hope as a party, overall, we can continue to work on the big things and continue to work on the more local things like we are in Shelbyville-Bedford," he said.

Swimmer

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seemed to emphasize the gams. The whole idea, she says, was something the older generations frowned upon.

"The first trip I took to Japan, my grandmother was just having a fit about it," she said. "We had chaperones. My father said to her 'I can't afford to send her to those places, so I'm going to let her go. If she doesn't know right from wrong by now, it's too late.'"

But the family grew to be very proud of her accomplishments, she recalls. Even her dad, who would suffer from ill health, supported her endeavors.

It was through her neighborhood and events that she became involved in swimming. She was asked to swim at a private club with a training card, then the opportunity came to help others.

"In my era, you either became a nurse or teacher."

The rest is history for this Olympic medal winner. She was soon invited to be a part of synchronized swimming—something that would change the course of her entire life.

She cherishes those days of her family's support, though none of her family ever saw her perform live. There was no extra money, so she had to get creative with many of the costumes.

Larsen did something almost unheard of for her time; she started performing synchronized swimming at the young age of 14.

"I still have some of the names of some of the stunts we did. There were anywhere from four to five . . . later on, eight. I noticed now in the Olympics there are now teams of eight."

An Oakland, California native, the retired Olympian is now a southerner, making her home in Shelbyville since 2020. Her husband of 55 years passed away and she decided to move here to Bedford County to be near her children.

She has met several friends and says Kay Bartley has become one of her "besties" and swimming partners at the Rec Center. Larsen and Bartley recently talked about her story, that is, what it was like being a young girl traveling all over the world, representing her country in

such a glamorous role.



Despite having to "hit the water at 6 a.m." Larsen embraced the ability to represent her country. She was also in Special Services with the U.S. Military Far East Tours in 1954-1955 and in 1960. For this reason, this year's Tokyo Olympics had her really interested.

She talked about how Special Services was unlike USO, as those performers were paid. "We were part of the military. If there was a military pool in Japan, Korea . . . I was in it. We went three or four years in a row. We were in Tokyo so many times. That was so many years ago and everything has changed."

The former Olympian swam in a diving pool in Korea, because the main pool had been bombed out during the war. Her group became more and more recognized as they traveled.

Her troupe was so glamorous to the world, they appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show and were in a movie called, "Dancers of the Deep." They were also seen on various game and talk shows of the era.

She admits the synchronized swimming in 2021 is much more athletic. Though, because she stayed so physically fit, Larsen said she's still swimming laps with ease at the Shelbyville Recreation Center pool.

"She's 83, with no arthritis or those gimps," adds Bartley.

Larsen says locals may not believe it, but they have one of the best recreational pools around at the Rec Center. She knows as she's been in many world-wide.

Having had the opportunity to travel like she did to so many places was no doubt the opportunity of a lifetime. She admits some of the trips turned out better than others, of course.

She remembers her group being escorted quietly out of the Middle East once for various political reasons at that time.

Larsen's team was one of the pioneers in the area

of synchronized swimming. Before completing her college degree, Loretta was "All American" in synchronized swimming for each year of her career, which was 1955-1960.

In 1955, she and her team received a gold medal at the Pan American Games at Mexico City. She performed at the Olympics and did many exhibitions in synchronized swimming all over the world following that event.

She was an exhibitor at the 1958 Brussels World's Fair. At the International Sports Festival in 1958 in Spain, she won the gold medal and a trophy. She won championships in Mexico, each year, through 1958.

Like all great athletes of her time, Larsen said it was finally time for her to retire and take up another career around 1960. In 1961, she completed her bachelor of arts degree in physical education in California and later taught.

Upon moving to Hawaii in 1966, she coached synchronized swimming and put on swim shows at the YMCA in Kaneohe, Hawaii. She would later become an accredited gymnastic judge.

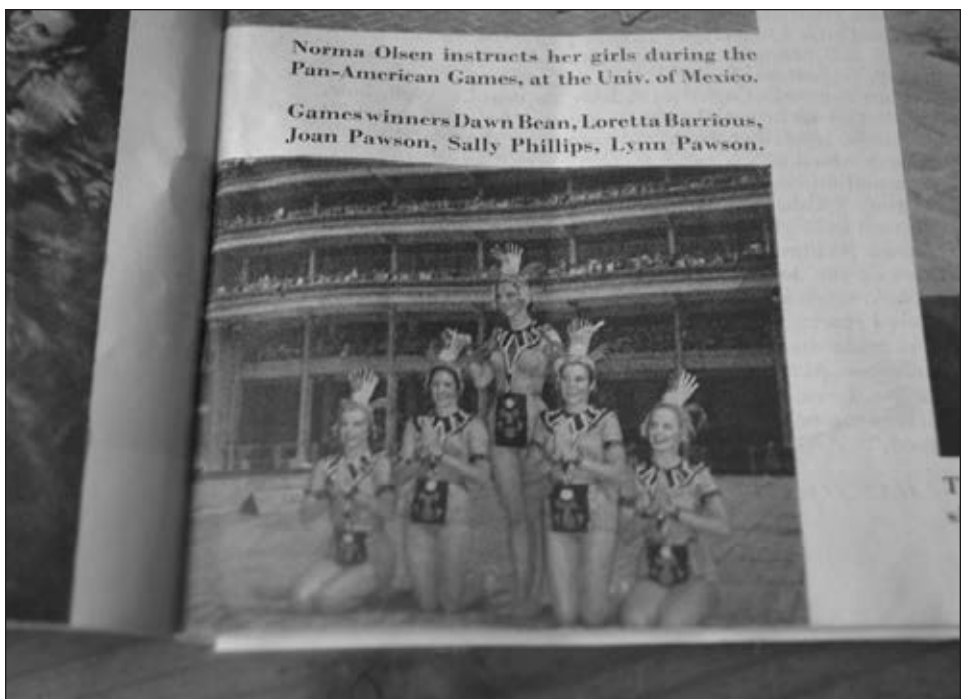
Upon returning to California, she would teach special education in an elementary school. Her talents don't stop there.

Larsen worked for a design production department in linen and hand embroidery—all from China. She was able to use her life-long hobby of sewing in that work.

While she never thought of settling down as a very young girl, like most of her peers, the time came, she says, when marriage did become a reality. She now misses her husband, she says, who passed from Leukemia; they had many great memories together, but she's starting new ones here.

With such a fulfilling life, some have asked Larson if there is anything

GOODWILL AMBASSADORS



Submitted photos

Loretta Barrious Larsen was one of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Goodwill Ambassadors in 1956, traveling all over the world representing her country. She was also in the Special Services with the U.S. Military as a very young woman.

NEW SHELBYVILLE RESIDENT



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Loretta Barrious Larsen is originally from Oakland, Calif. She moved here last year and has already made friends with Kay Bartley. They enjoy swimming at Shelbyville Recreation Center.

GOLD MEDAL WINNER



Larsen received a gold medal at the Pan-American Games in Mexico City in 1955. She is seen here with her synchronized swimming team and dignitaries. Larsen says in pictures of her troupe, she's the tall thin one with dark hair.

she'd change. From the water to having her family now by her side, she says,

"No." "I loved every minute of it," she says with a smile,

noting many of her synchronized teammates remain in touch.

Doorbell camera shows suspect taking gas can

By DAVID MELSON
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A video from a doorbell camera led to the arrest of a Shelbyville man Monday.

Quinton Deon Hiles, 33, was captured on camera taking a gasoline can from a neighbor's front porch without permission, a report by Officer Dylan Farrar said.

The video shows Hiles picking up the can and knocking on the home's door before leaving, police said.

Hiles told police he had "borrowed" gasoline from the victim before and didn't think it would be an issue. He was charged with theft and held on \$500 bond.

Also reported to area authorities:

•Two men and a woman ran into El Palicio Restaurant, South Cannon Boulevard, and stole the tip jar on July 22, Shelbyville police were informed Monday.

The theft wasn't noticed until video was being reviewed last week.

•Several tools were stolen from a barn on Virgil Crowell Road within the past two-and-a-half weeks, a Bedford County deputy was told Monday.

Drug charge

Marijuana and crystal methamphetamine were found in a vehicle during a traffic stop Monday on Madison Street.

Tommy C. Parker, 53, of

West Lane Street had a bag containing three marijuana buds and shards of meth within a bag in his car, Officer Michael Taylor's report said.

Taylor said he stopped the car for an expired tag. Parker allegedly made "furtive movements" and Taylor smelled marijuana, resulting in a vehicle search.

Parker said he had just purchased the marijuana but was unaware of the meth's presence. He was charged with possession of schedule and VI drugs, driving on a revoked license with nine previous convictions, and violation of probation. He was held on \$17,500 bond.

Jail intake

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

•Sarah Lee Bain, 23, North Jefferson Street; financial responsibility, no driver's license; summons issued

•James Ray Bartlett, 56, Winchester; probation revocation; released on recognizance

•Candace Marie Bowman, 29, Murfreesboro; violation of probation (two counts); held, \$5,000 bond

•Robie Allen Groves, 41, Wheel Road; failure to appear; held, \$500 bond

•Scott Paul Hargrove, 41, Shelbyville; failure to appear, theft of property; held, \$1,000 bond

•Quinton Deon Hiles, 33, White Drive; theft of property; held, \$500 bond

•James Eric Lynch, 41, Rancho Drive; leaving scene of accident, possession of schedule II drug, driving on revoked license, show cause hearing; held, \$5,000 bond

•Jose Felix Menjivar, 64, Orchard Valley Drive; driving on suspended license, speeding; summons issued

•Madelmis Malinero Moraga, 52, Cedar Circle; shoplifting; summons issued

•Justin Dewayne Neeley, 26, Sandusky Road; theft of property over \$1,000, aggravated burglary, violation of probation; released, \$4,500 bond

•Noel Marie Overstreet, 36, Bell Buckle-Wartrace Road; no driver's license, simple possession, light law, financial responsibility; summons issued

•Tommy C. Parker, 53, West Lane Street; violation of probation, registration law, driving on revoked license (10th offense), simple possession of schedule II drug, simple possession of schedule VI drug; held, \$17,500 bond

Help available for families needing food

The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) wants Tennesseans to know additional benefits will be available for families who need help purchasing food this summer.

The state's fourth round of benefits made available as part of the Summer Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program will provide hundreds of dollars in benefits to qualifying families so they can immediately begin purchasing food.

"Research shows well-nourished children are healthier, more attentive, and have better mental performance," said TDHS Commissioner Clarence H. Carter. "The launch of this additional round of support will enhance the well-being of Tennesseans by providing benefits to families who didn't qualify for earlier rounds of P-EBT, as well as by providing additional benefits to those families who still need our help. We are grateful we can provide this additional assistance to our fellow Tennesseans."

Summer P-EBT is an extension of Tennessee's successful P-EBT program, which provided food benefits to approximately 800 thousand children who received free and reduced meals at school.

Two categories of children are eligible for Summer P-EBT benefits:

- School-aged children who qualified for the National School Lunch Program as of the last day of July. Beginning August 6, 2021, eligible school-aged children will receive a single disbursement of \$375 in food benefits on their existing P-EBT card. Children who qualified for Summer P-EBT in June or July will receive their deposit by the end of September.

- Children under the age of 6 whose family received benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

Program (SNAP) in June and/or July. Eligible children under 6 who qualify through their family's SNAP participation will receive a disbursement of \$375 on their regular SNAP EBT card later this month.

Qualifying children who don't already have a P-EBT card will be issued one. Parents can check to see if they're eligible for Summer P-EBT and verify their mailing address on the Parent Portal on this website. Parents with incorrect addresses on the portal and those who need additional assistance are encouraged to call the P-EBT Hotline at 833-496-0661.

P-EBT cards are used like a debit card to purchase food at participating local establishments, online with Amazon, Walmart, Aldi, Food Lion, Publix, H.G. Hills, or at Superloo in Memphis. No application will be required to receive Summer P-EBT.

P-EBT benefits were provided to more than 765,000 children during the first round of P-EBT for the spring 2020 school semester and 368,000 children were mailed cards for the second round that ended in September. The third round of P-EBT covered the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year, with benefit cards being sent to more than 576,000 students.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020 (PL 116-127, the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021 (PL 116-260), and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (PL 117-2) provides the Secretary of Agriculture authority to approve state agency plans to administer P-EBT. Approved state agencies may operate P-EBT when a school is closed for at least five consecutive days during a public health emergency designation when the school would otherwise be in session.

Chip shortage closes Nissan

DETROIT (AP) — Nissan says its huge factory in Smyrna will close for two weeks starting Monday due to computer chip shortages brought on by a coronavirus outbreak in Malaysia.

The shutdown is among the longest at any U.S. auto plant of this size since the semiconductor shortage, which has hobbled auto production worldwide, started to hit late last year.

Nissan said Tuesday that it ran short of chips due to a COVID-19 outbreak at a chip factory in Malaysia. It expects production to resume Aug. 30.

The 6 million-square-foot Tennessee factory employs 6,700 people and makes six Nissan models, including the Rogue small SUV, the company's top-selling U.S. vehicle.

Analysts say the closure of the large Nissan factory for two weeks is a sign that the semiconductor shortage may not be coming to an end late this year as many auto executives had hoped.

Few U.S. factories have been down for two weeks in a row, and they usually are plants that make lower-volume, less-profitable vehicles, such as sedans. Automakers have tried to conserve chips for plants that make their top sellers, largely SUVs and pickup trucks. Although pickup truck plants have been shut down sporadically as well.

Guidancehouse Research Principal Analyst Sam Abuelsamid said Smyrna is a crucial factory for Nissan and its shutdown is a sign

that the end of the semiconductor shortage may not be in sight.

"It's looking like it's going to stretch at least into the new year," he said.

With continuing COVID-19 outbreaks across the semiconductor supply chain in Asia and other regions, supply problems may last even

longer than that, Abuelsamid said.

The shortage and plant closures, coupled with strong consumer demand in the U.S., have caused shortages of new vehicles across the nation. That has driven up prices, and the shortage has spilled into the market for used vehicles.

Hospitals run short on nurses

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The rapidly escalating surge in COVID-19 infections across the U.S. has caused a shortage of nurses and other front-line staff in virus hot spots that can no longer keep up with the flood of unvaccinated patients and are losing workers to burnout and lucrative out-of-state temporary gigs.

Florida, Arkansas and Louisiana all have more people hospitalized with COVID-19 than any other point in the pandemic, and nursing staff is being stretched thin.

In Florida, virus cases have filled so many hospital beds that ambulance services and fire departments are straining to respond to emergencies. Some patients wait inside ambulances for up to an hour before hospitals in St. Petersburg, Florida, can admit them — a process that usually takes about 15 minutes, Pinellas County Administrator Barry Burton said.

One person who suffered

a heart attack was bounced from six hospitals before finding an emergency room in New Orleans that could take him in, said Joe Kanter, Louisiana's chief public health officer.

"It's a real dire situation," Kanter said. "There's just not enough qualified staff in the state right now to care for all these patients."

Miami's Jackson Memorial Health System, Florida's largest medical provider, has been losing nurses to staffing agencies, other hospitals and pandemic burnout, Executive Vice President Julie Staub said. The hospital's CEO says nurses are being lured away to jobs in other states at double and triple the salary.

Staub said system hospitals have started paying retention bonuses to nurses who agree to stay for a set period. To cover shortages, nurses who agree to work extra are getting the typical time-and-a-half for over-

time plus \$500 per additional 12-hour shift. Even with that, the hospital sometimes still has to turn to agencies itself to fill openings.

"You are seeing folks chase the dollars," Staub said. "If they have the flexibility to pick up and go somewhere else and live for a week, months, whatever and make more money, it is a very enticing thing to do. I think every health care system is facing that."

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott on Monday directed state officials to use staffing agencies to find additional medical staff from beyond the state's borders as the delta variant overwhelms its present staffing resources. He also has sent a letter to the Texas Hospital Association to request that hospitals postpone all elective medical procedures voluntarily.

Parts of Europe have so far avoided a similar hospital crisis, despite wide circulation of the delta variant.

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Pope answers cell phone at Vatican

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Maybe heaven can wait, but a phone call for the pope could not.

In a decidedly unusual break from protocol, Pope Francis took a cellphone from an aide while standing at center stage in a Vatican auditorium for his weekly Wednesday audience with the public. Francis, who had blessed the attendees near the event's end, chatted animatedly for a couple of minutes with whom-ever was on the other end.

The pope gestured with his free hand as if the caller could see him - a common impulse for many

people when talking on the phone - while he held the device to his left ear with his other hand. Francis seemed to be explaining something and did most of the talking.

He twice moved his right hand as if he were signing something.

The Vatican declined to comment about the nature of the very public call.

After blessing the members of his audience, the pope typically wades into the crowd to greet many of them affectionately. But in another departure from the routine, Francis on Wednesday abruptly

changed direction while chatting with another aide as he was about to descend the stage steps. Instead of greeting the faithful, he headed toward a closed exit

First the aide, then the pope, gestured to the participants that they should wait. The aide opened the door, and the pope walked briskly off the stage. After a few minutes, Francis returned and went down the marble steps to the audience section to mingle with people who wanted to shake his hand or take selfies with him.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Send church news to tgnews@t-g.com.

Baptist

Calvary: Services will be held by interim pastor, Bro. Jimmy Gray at 10 a.m., livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Edgemont: "Taking on Giants" from I Samuel 17:45-51 will be the sermon.

Grace: The Kellys will sing in the 10 a.m. service.

Church of Christ

Fairlane: The Prayer series continues. The sermon will be "Simple Prayer" Matthew 6:5-8.

Methodist

First UMC: The message will be "Here I Am, Lord . . . Send Aaron!" from Exodus 3-4. The service will be livestreamed on Facebook page and broadcast on WLII (98.7 FM/1580 AM).

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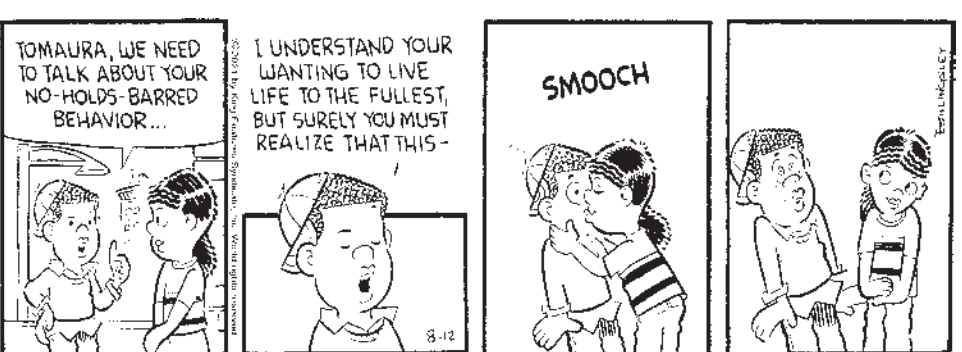
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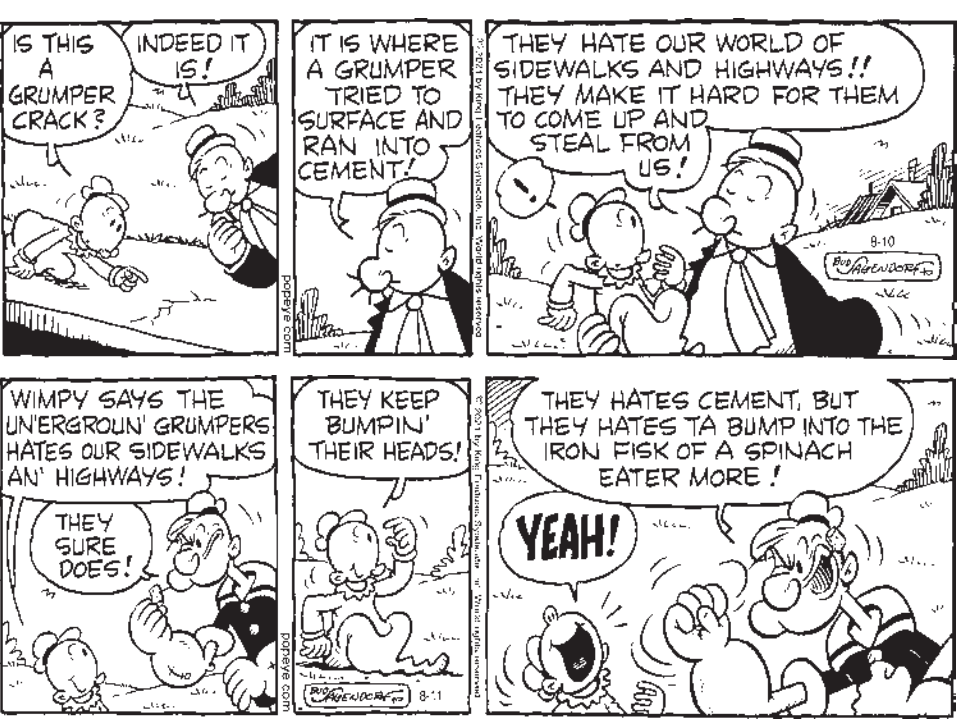
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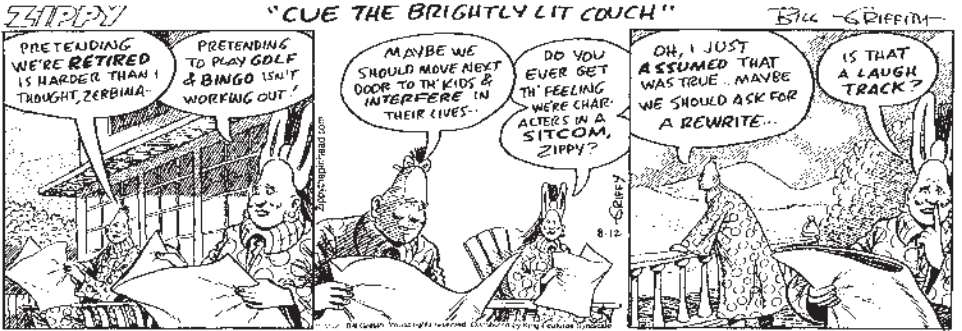
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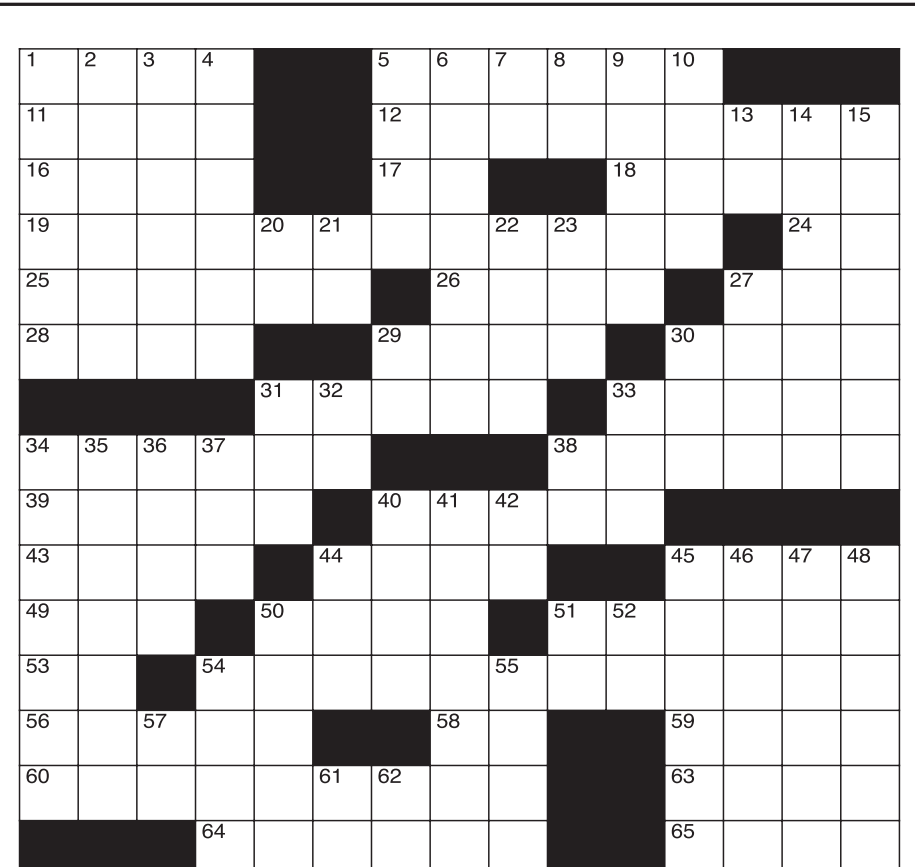
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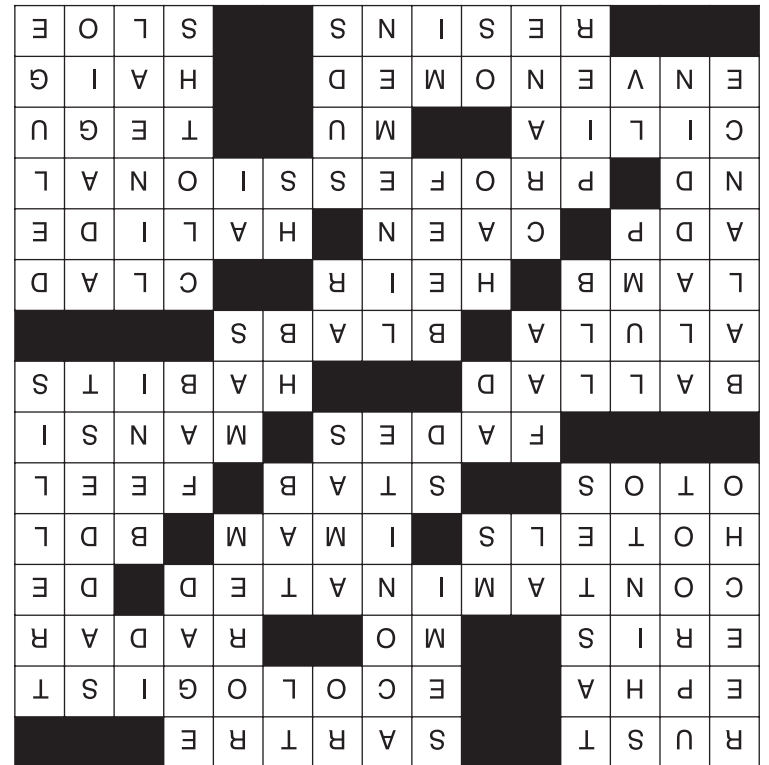
CLUES ACROSS

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- 5. Jean Paul __, author
- 11. Hebrew unit of dry measure
- 12. A type of scientist
- 16. Greek goddess of discord
- 17. For Red Sox MVP
- 18. It checks your speed
- 19. Made dirty
- 24. The First State
- 25. Lodgings
- 26. Spiritual leader
- 27. Bradley Int'l Airport code
- 28. Native American people
- 29. Sharp pain
- 30. Touch
- 31. Slowly disappears
- 33. Indigenous Russian people
- 34. Narrative poem
- 38. Some are bad
- 39. Small quill feathers
- 40. Tattles
- 43. Popular Easter entree
- 44. Beneficiary
- 45. Clothed
- 49. Payroll firm
- 50. Lower Normandy's largest city
- 51. Binary compound of halogen
- 53. The Fighting Irish
- 54. Skilled, paid worker
- 56. Eyelashes
- 58. The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 59. Large, stocky lizard
- 60. Made poisonous
- 63. Former US Secretary of State
- 64. Sticky substances
- 65. A type of gin

CLUES DOWN

- 1. To return an echo
- 2. Displace
- 3. Japanese religion
- 4. Predilections
- 5. Partial
- 6. Poisonous plant
- 7. Road open
- 8. Atomic #81
- 9. Accomplished American composer
- 10. Oh, God!
- 13. Potato state
- 14. Most melancholic
- 15. Supportive framework
- 20. Hollywood's Pacino
- 21. A title for women
- 22. Popular Grammys alternative
- 23. Check
- 27. Bolivian river
- 29. South Dakota
- 30. Wonderful
- 31. Supervises flying
- 32. Commercial
- 33. More (Spanish)
- 34. Even distribution of weight
- 35. "Arabian Nights" hero
- 36. Compact mass of a substance
- 37. Bachelor of Laws
- 38. Halfback
- 40. Some of it is ground
- 41. They play in the trenches
- 42. Atomic #18
- 44. Chinese Prefecture
- 45. Fabrics
- 46. Being in a direct line of descent from an ancestor
- 47. In slow tempo
- 48. Flood
- 50. Long-necked bird
- 51. Secondary school
- 52. Artificial intelligence
- 54. Structure by the water
- 55. Lather
- 57. What happens there stays there
- 61. A bone
- 62. The Great Lakes State

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Guess Who?

I am a cook and TV personality born in New York on August 25, 1968. I started working at a candy counter in Macy's department store. I gained a following for making quick meals and eventually scored various television deals.

Answer: Rachael Ray

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ROOFING AWARD

Quality Exteriors of Murfreesboro recently received the GAF Roofing Award—the GAF Triple Excellence Award for middle Tennessee. General Aniline & Film (GAF) is a national roofing materials manufacturer in North America.

To be considered for the GAF Triple Excellence Award, a roofing contractor, like Quality Exteriors, must first be a GAF Master Elite Certified contractor. Only 2% of all roofing contractors in the U.S. are invited to become Master Elite Certified contractors, and this distinction cannot be bought, it must be earned, company officials said.

Quality Exteriors has held this distinction since 2009. The GAF Triple Excellence Award is a stringent award that evaluates a roofing contractor's performance in three main areas, including installation excellence.

**PHYSICIANS JOIN
 MMC**

This past month two leading groups of local physicians joined forces to serve the area. Warren Langworthy, M.D., Scott Eller, M.D., their associates, and the staff of Middle Tennessee Family Medicine joined Murfreesboro Medical Clinic and Surgi Center.

“Over the years, MMC has considered opportunities to reach out to other physicians in the community to join MMC, and Dr. Langworthy's name always came up,” noted Joey Peay, MMC's Chief Executive Officer. “He and Dr. Eller have such similar practice styles and a commitment to clinical excellence for their patients just like our Internal and Family Medicine Physicians. It just made too much sense!”

Peay continued, “When the pandemic began last spring, we began working with Drs. Langworthy and Eller to help get COVID-19 testing for their patients. Things took off from there and ultimately resulted in their decision to join MMC.”

**STATE FARM
 ASSISTS**

Communities across the United States answered the call from State Farm Insurance to submit causes that would make a positive impact in their neighborhoods. Now, these projects need more help. From Aug. 18-27, (starting at 12 a.m. ET) U.S. residents age 18 and older with a valid email address, may vote for their favorite cause at www.neighborhoodassist.com to help bring a \$25,000 grant to each of the top 40 vote-getters. Go to the website for more information about getting involved. The four Tennessee causes in the Top 200 are from Murfreesboro and East Tennessee.

MooVille Cookies & Cream: A Shelbyville hub

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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The MooVille Cookies & Cream food truck with its bovine-inspired exterior isn't hard to spot driving into town.

Kids, and well, adults too, have been happy this summer, judging from Facebook and Instagram posts, when they see the ice cream truck from MooVille Cookies & Cream pull up at The Dinner Table parking lot.

The dairy-laden food truck is owned by Robin DeMaio and daughter, Emily DeMaio. Robin moved here in 2019 with her boyfriend, Bryan Williams, and Emily moved here the next year.

COVID-19 by no means slowed down these local food truck entrepreneurs. The joy of getting an ice cream from a truck lives on here, because of their business venture.

What started out west now belongs to Shelbyville. “Bryan and I had a restaurant and an ice cream truck in Wyoming. Bryan is a master mechanic and he built the MooVille truck here in Shelbyville.”

Emily is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America with a baking and pastry degree, and 10 years of professional baking. So the mother-daughter team decided to start MooVille Cookies & Cream shortly after Emily arrived in Shelbyville.

MooVille bakes fresh its cookies and uses Blue Bell brand premium ice cream. “We bake the cookies in small batches to insure freshness and to insure that we have a rotating flavor profile for our customers. So far, we are selling them here in Shelbyville. We are working hard to increase the number of sandwiches we can produce each week, because we are selling out each time we have been out.”

Their current customer spot, Robin says, is in the parking lot of The Dinner Table restaurant, which she says is a great location right on the corner of Lane Parkway and South Cannon Boulevard.

The team uses Facebook to announce the days they'll be in town, using both their own page and the Catch the Wave-Food Mob Facebook page. (A group which encourages followers to “mob” or support local restaurants.)

“Currently, we are hoping to be out twice a week; we will be planning to have enough on the truck to serve people after work and even after dinner,” Robin says. “We are also interested in doing private events, such as birthday parties and corporate functions.”

She says with a smile that it feels great to have a business here that's “moo-ving” in a direction in which it can further serve the community.

What item sells out the fastest on the truck? That would be hands down, she says, their unique, multi-flavored ice cream sandwiches.



Moo-ving right along to Shelbyville is the MooVille Cookies & Cream food truck. Customers easily recognize the food truck with its cow spots.



Submitted Photos

Bri, who works with MooVille, tastes one of the new creations of ice cream sandwiches.



MooVille Cookies & Cream can be located at The Dinner Table restaurant on South Cannon Boulevard. See the Mooville Facebook page for more information and schedule.

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Get those kids to school on time

People that know me . . . brevity is not my strong-suit. But I assure you this week's column is going to be short and sweet to-the-point. I promise.

I have titled it, "Get your kids to school on time, please!"

Set the alarm an hour earlier. Have the neighbors make a wake-up call. Do something!

One of my co-workers got up at 5 a.m. She made it to work on time.

For those already play-

ing beat-the-clock. That's sad. We've only been in school a couple of weeks!

On Tuesday morning, I passed by a middle school in another county, only to notice parents, with kids in tow, driving like mad to the middle school entrance. (Quite possibly this is already happening in Bedford County, so worth the words, I think.)

By the way, there was a line of cars, not just a couple. Having driven out the direction they came, nope, there were no accidents or

traffic hold ups.

Folks, it was a later day for me to the office. I looked at the clock and noticed it was 7:55 a.m. OK, granted this school doesn't open until 8 a.m., but is this really fair to their kids, especially those middle school age? Shouldn't they be getting to school at least 15 minutes early, not 5 minutes 'til the bell rings?

This means they have to do the "Run, Run Rudolph" not to be late. (That's an old song, made

more popular by the "Home Alone" movies.) If you haven't watched those . . . well, what can I say?

My point is that the students have to deal with the stress and worry of possibly being tardy for class. Some teachers are more forgiving than others, as well as some schools.

Still, do your kids a favor and get them to school on time. If there's no time for breakfast, leave early enough to get them something in

drive-through. (Another column.)

I must say that my daughter got her three kids ready for school on Tuesday in plenty of time. They had time to make a picture and drive 20 minutes to the front door—one time. I might note she has three children under the age of 8 . . .

OK. No excuses. Let's get going.

I told you this might be the shortest column I've ever written. Perhaps, if one parent reads it, a



Dawn Hankins
Pencil Shavings

life could be changed for a student. Who knows? Thanks for listening.

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Frankensteak

Humans love meat. For every 1 human on the planet, there are about 3 chickens. The total number of farm animals for slaughter outnumber wildlife 15 to 1. This is a problem.

Just this past week, another international report added to the growing pile of evidence that humans are causing climate change, and meat consumption is a large part of this. Meat and dairy make up around 15% of all greenhouse gas emissions—that's about the same as all cars, trucks, ships, and planes combined—and that's to say nothing of the land and water used.

Also, packing thousands of animals into tiny warehouses requires the use of antibiotics as diseases run rampant and mutate. Not only does factory farming contribute to greenhouse gas emissions and resource depletion, but also to antibiotic resistance and pandemic risk.

For these reasons and more, many activists advocate for lowering meat consumption or stopping it altogether. This is definitely possible, but most people (myself included) aren't doing a great job at this.

Rather, meat consumption is actually increasing globally. I don't think banning meat is a reasonable solution, nor do I think that would go over well. So what can we do? Maybe we could eat cultured meat.

"What on earth is cultured meat?" you might be wondering.

Well, normal meat is a connection of muscle, fat, bones, tendons, and ligaments. Normally, we get it by raising animals then slaughtering them. But scientists have also been growing these types of cells in the lab for decades. Cells taken from adult animals can be fed with nutrients and grown in a dish just as they can be grown in a body. With the right combinations, you can even recreate meat with lab-grown cells. This is cultured meat.

A number of companies around the globe are developing cultured meat products. In fact, in 2020, chicken nuggets became the first cultured meat product to hit the markets, being approved for sale in Singapore.



Brian Young Jr.
Science Club

Made from the same materials as normal meat, cultured meat in theory should be no more or less safe. There are a number of risks that need to be addressed on the production side of things, but the US actually has fairly stringent food safety standards, so these items won't be available until it is crystal clear that they are at least as safe as other foods.

The next question you might be wondering is how it tastes. Reviews of the chicken nuggets recently approved in Singapore claim they taste like chicken. That makes sense because they are made of chicken cells, just like traditional chicken nuggets. The texture is an area that cultured meat is still working to perfect, but given time, it is likely that cultured meat will become indistinguishable from traditional meat in flavor and texture.

While lab grown meat isn't the solution to all of our problems, it may be more eco friendly. Cultured meat uses more than 90% less land and water and may emit significantly less greenhouse gas, especially if renewable energy is used to power the production.

This is just one of many examples of how scientific advances allow humans to keep doing what they love, for better or worse. Maybe we do all need to stop eating meat, or at least eat much less of it. But I don't see that happening anytime soon, so we must rely on technology to mitigate the damage in the meantime.

So in the coming years, when cultured meat has been proven safe and can be efficiently produced, I encourage you to give it a try. I certainly will.

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Pets provide a daily dose of empathy

My Lab puppy, Thurber, makes me laugh out loud every day.

The writing life requires you to sit still for long periods of time, but those days are long gone.

As I write this column — attempt to write it, that is — my seven-and-a-half-month-old buddy keeps dropping his ball at my feet, hoping to get me to play with him.

Which makes me laugh out loud.

He usually doesn't give up until I take him outside for a good run — or we go to the park, so he can greet strangers with enthusiastic joy.

I knew getting a dog would change my daily routine, but I had no idea how much he would change and brighten up my life.

I didn't realize until after he arrived five and one-half months ago, but I used to go for days without laughing — certainly without laughing out loud.

Now Thurber's antics make me laugh so hard and so often, I can only imagine how much public civility would be improved if everyone in our country

could experience the daily joy he brings me.

Civility is "the foundational virtue of citizenship," developmental psychologist Marilyn Price-Mitchell wrote a decade ago in Psychology Today.

It's behavior "that recognizes the humanity of others, allowing us to live peacefully together in neighborhoods and communities."

She explained that the psychological elements of civility include awareness, respect, self-control and empathy — the very characteristics a professional dog trainer is currently helping me develop in Thurber.

Empathy — the ability to understand and share the feelings of another — is certainly a skill we Americans are losing in our increasingly isolated, angry, social-media-driven world.

But pets like my best buddy Thurber can help bring us together and help us restore our argumentative nation to a civil, well-functioning republic.

Child development specialist Denise Daniels explains in The Washington Post that

"emotional intelligence," or EQ, is a measure of empathy.

She points to the findings of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, which researches EQ and teaches people how to improve it, and notes that a high EQ score is the best indicator of a child's success — as well as an adult's.

Which brings us back to the value of pets.

Daniels writes that a variety of research in the U.S. and U.K. has shown a correlation between attachment to a pet and higher empathy scores.

I know my buddy Thurber has certainly improved my empathy and EQ score.

I didn't realize that my emotions for the little guy would run so deep, or that I would work so hard and do so many things to give him the happiest, healthiest life he can experience.

Plus, everywhere we go — and he loves few things more than jumping into the backseat of my truck — he makes total strangers smile, laugh and converse with me.

His simple presence can bring human strangers



Tom Purcell
Review Columnist

together.

He not only makes us forget the petty human world — for a little while, at least — but he reminds us that a simple but magnificent creature like him can turn the most hardened souls back into an empathic, laughing, happy child.

As I work hard to train Thurber to be a great dog who exhibits compassion, self-discipline, courtesy and empathy, he is training me right back to improve all of those very same skills.

I can no longer imagine what my world would be like without my lovable Labrador enriching it for me — and everyone else who meets him every day.

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Many years of smiles, insights

It was 73 years ago this month that my dad, Allen Funt, brought "Candid Camera" to television. Remarkably, between his career and mine we hold a record with the only entertainment show to have produced new episodes in eight different decades.

I still don't have all the answers, but I've heard most of the questions.

Are people harder to fool these days? No! Folks are easier to fool. That may seem counterintuitive, but I'm certain it's true. Much of it has to do with multitasking. When my father did the show he had to work at distracting people. These days they do it to themselves. Many people we now encounter are fiddling with personal devices, tackling routine activities with less-than-full focus. That makes them easier targets for our little experiments, but also more vulnerable to mishaps and genuine scams.

Is the show really real? Of course. The entire concept—and our reputation—is based on making "Candid Camera" real. Some competitors have faked hidden-camera scenes. Not us. Frankly, much of our material is only funny because it is spontaneous and unhearsd.

As part of our birthday celebration I've written a book called "Self-Amused," drawing upon many of our adventures

and insights.

In doing recent versions of our show I worried briefly that people are now so tech-savvy that some of our props and fake setups wouldn't be believed. Instead, we found that the omnipresence of technology has reached a point where people will now accept almost anything.

We showed customers at a salon an "un-tanning machine" that ostensibly sucked off dark pigment in seconds. We notified residents in a Denver suburb that they would be getting mail delivery via drone. We told patients at a dentist's office that they'd now be performing a DIY dental exam. In each case, just about everyone bought in. At the dental office, several people were even prepared to give themselves a shot of Novocain before we intervened.

I don't necessarily believe 21st-century Americans are more gullible, but they tend to give that impression by protesting life's little insults without taking time to fully digest the situation.

For instance, we told shoppers in Seaside, Calif., they would be charged a "\$10 in-store fee" for not buying online. We told customers at a New York City food store that to pay with a credit card they would need "three forms of photo ID." We hired a cop in Scottsdale, Ariz., to enforce a "2 m.p.h. pedestrian speed limit."

Most people took these propositions to be true. They shot back quickly at big government, big business or any other entity that seemed to have too big a role in managing their lives.

We tried a few political experiments and the results were predictable. We showed New Yorkers petitions to recall state officials, but the names were all fictitious. Many people supported the effort, among them a lawyer who carefully explained that one should never sign anything without complete knowledge of the facts, and then signed anyway. In California, our fake candidate obtained dozens of campaign signatures without ever stating a position, a party or even her full name.

In Arizona, we hired two actors to portray "illegal immigrants." One played a well-dressed gentleman from England, the other a blue-collar worker from Mexico. The British fellow got plenty of signatures to "vouch for good character," while the Mexican guy had difficulty just getting people to stop and listen.

Much hasn't changed over the years. For example, I expected to encounter more profanity in everyday conversation, but it's really not there. I also wondered whether young people would be less spontaneous and engaged when caught in our scenarios,



Peter Funt
Syndicated Columnist

yet there's no hint of that whatsoever. I thought in these litigious times fewer people would sign a waiver to appear on our show, but the percentages have stayed about the same over the years.

I do note that today more people step out in public looking a bit disheveled and unkempt and are then hesitant to sign because they're not happy with their appearance. Fortunately for our show, people are still, for the most part, willing to engage a stranger and to smile when a little joke is revealed.

One more question I'm often asked: How many Emmy awards has "Candid Camera" won?

None. No Emmy, Golden Globe or Peabody. We haven't even received a TV Guide viewers' honorable mention certificate.

We did, however, win one special award. A national plumbing supply company gave us a trophy because our slogan—"Smile, you're on Candid Camera"—was found to be the most popular graffiti above restroom urinals.

EAGLE ON THE RUN



Shelbyville Central sophomore running back Theo Washington breaks loose for a touchdown run in the Eagles 22-14 win over Page in a preseason scrimmage at home last Friday night.

T-G Photo by Gary Johnson

Community golfers open busy week

T-G STAFF REPORT
 ROCKVALE — The Community golf teams have had a busy start to the week, participating in two matches on Monday and Tuesday.

Most recently on Tuesday, the Vikings and Viqueens took on Eagleville in a dual-team match at Champions' Run.

Logan Miller was one stroke off medalist honors and finished with a 45 to lead the Vikings.

Braxton Thompson and Stratton Lovvorn carded a 54 and 56, respectively, while Cason Neill concluded varsity scoring with a 61.

As a team, the Vikings finished with a 216.

Eagleville's Eli Driver had the lowest score in the match with a 44.

In the girls' side of the match, Eagleville took the victory, beating the Viqueens, 104-138.

Haley Mitchell and Sara Brooke Neill each shot a 68, while Breanna Whitaker finished her round with a 70.

On Monday, Community faced Giles County at Hill Crest Country Club.

Like his performance on Tuesday, Miller led the Vikings with a 45.

Thompson followed with a 54, while Cason

Neill finished with a 58. Lovvorn finished his round with a 68.

For the Viqueens, it was Mitchell's 69 that led the way for the Purple and Gold, with Whitaker chipping in a 72 final score.

Community will make a return trip to Hill Crest Country Club on Monday to face Richland at 3:30 p.m.

- Community (216)**
 Logan Miller 45
 Braxton Thompson 54
 Stratton Lovvorn 56
 Cason Neill 61
Eagleville (197)
 Eli Driver 44
 Cason Lamb 49
 Kolt Bassham 53
 Corbin Hearst 53

- Girls**
Community (138)
 Breanna Whitaker 70
 Haley Mitchell 68
 Sara Brooke Neill 68
Eagleville (104)
 Alex Klarer 49
 Abigail Pennington 55

- Monday:**
Community (221)
 Logan Miller 45
 Braxton Thompson 54
 Cason Neil 58
 Stratton Lovvorn 68

- Giles Co. (169)**
Girls
Community (141)
 Haley Mitchell 69
 Breanna Whitaker 72
 Giles Co. (94)



Lady Champion senior Rachel Phillips pushes the ball upfield on Tuesday against Zion Christian.

Submitted photos



Sophie Ray battles a Zion Christian defender for possession in Tuesday night's preseason match.

Lady Champions notch preseason victory

T-G STAFF REPORT

If Tuesday's 7-2 preseason win over Zion Christian is a thing to come, the Cascade Lady Champions are certainly on the right course as they prepare for the regular season kickoff next week.

Cascade scored early and often and dominated visiting Zion in an offensive showcase that saw six

different Lady Champions find the back of the net.

Cascade needed just three minutes to get on the board as Savannah Soto found the back of the net in the third minute.

Caroline Stone doubled the Cascade advantage seven minutes later.

From there, Cascade endured its longest scoring drought of the

first half—which lasted roughly 15 minutes.

Abby Harris broke the drought with a score in the 25th minute and for the remaining 15 minutes of the first half, Cascade was able to break through the Zion defense with regularity.

Angelina Rodriguez sliced a shot to the back of the net in the 30th minute, while Abby Clare

Lamb and Ellie Chappa both scored in the final four minutes.

Zion did manage a pair of first-half strikes—both of which came on lengthy shots from outside the 18.

The Lady Champs added one final score in the second half off the toe of Soto in the 47th minute.

Cascade has one final tuneup

match on Thursday at Huntland before kicking off the regular season on Tuesday at home against Cannon County.

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| C — Caroline Stone goal, (10th minute). | | | | |
| C — Abby Harris goal, (25th minute). | | | | |
| C — Angelina Rodriguez goal, (30th minute). | | | | |
| C — Abby Clare Lamb goal, (36th minute). | | | | |
| C — Ellie Chappa goal, (37th minute). | | | | |
| Second Half | | | | |
| C — Soto goal, (47th minute). | | | | |

Ryan Womack busy as schools' IT guy

The Times-Gazette recently had an interview with Ryan Womack, who's beyond busy right now meeting the technology needs of 16 schools in Bedford County.

Through recent surveys, what are you all finding about families and their access to technology, broadband, etc.?

"We conducted and are utilizing the survey to assess the technology needs of Bedford County families and what needs are priority. We received a small sampling of responses from different areas in the county, but the most notable need was for laptops to utilize for virtual learning or for homework. The biggest response was from homes with multiple school age-children for needing devices; however, there was not a large response of people in need of hotspot technology."

For those needing hotspots (which will be provided by school system to those families without internet service) are they through cellular data or how will this work?

"This is an issue that is being investigated further. There is no simple answer with just one service.

Rural areas using hotspots require a cellular connection and in some areas, no providers work or different providers work in different areas. The BCS Information Technology (IT) department is continuing to work diligently on solutions and funding resources for internet access for our virtual school students who need high-speed internet access. For others, we still have the option of using outdoor WiFi at all Bedford County school locations when students need to access the internet."



RYAN WOMACK

What's the best advice--concerning technology--you can give parents who may have enrolled their students in the virtual learning school?

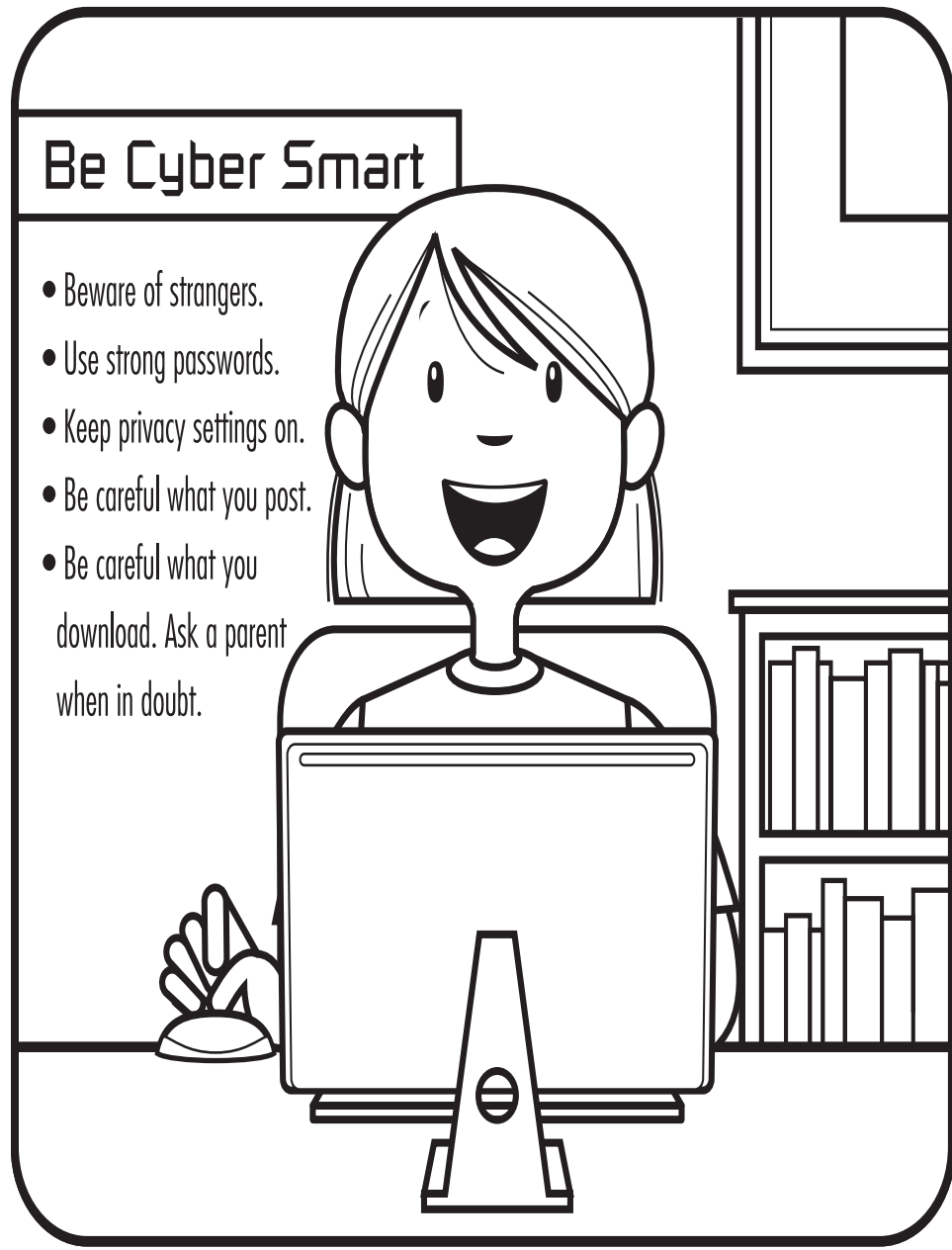
"Knowing what their children are doing on technology and what they are supposed to be doing is key. This ensures children are acting appropriately and safely in a virtual environment. Virtual learning does not require large, expensive computers to complete, but we do suggest a Windows OS desktop or laptop computer for best compatibility. The priority for students is to concentrate on learning, and parents' priority should be to provide an environment that supports learning; this does not require a large amount of money on the part of the student's family."

Will our school system be able to continue to handle virtual learning adequately with available resources?

"We are always looking to improve our technology whether students are attending in-person or virtually. Whether it be the pursuit of additional federal and state funding or other sponsorship opportunities, our goal is always to provide good educational technology for students throughout Bedford County. The challenge is that this can be an ever-changing, daily-evolving target!"

What are some needs the technology department might have at this time?

"We always welcome working with partners in the area and would appreciate growing our technol-



ogy offerings for Bedford County students. Joining hands with area corporations and organizations means we are that much closer to fulfilling our

mission of providing an environment that encourages every student to learn and every student to become a successful, productive citizen. If anyone

is interested in partnering with us to do so, please contact the IT department at the central office at 931-684-3284 and ask for IT Manager Ryan Womack."



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