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"Four the Boys" is Saturday, Aug. 28

This is the first installment of a two-part story on a dreaded illness called MISC-C which has affected some children here in Bedford County—post COVID-19.

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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There are four families in Bedford County who say they hope no one ever experiences what they've been through this last year with MISC-C (Multiple Inflammatory Syndrome-Myocarditis.) Despite what they've been through during the pandemic, they say in hindsight that they feel blessed their children survived.

Those families are Scott and Kerri Mosier, parents of Alex Mosier, 9; Erin and Josh Puckett, parents of son Cayden Puckett, 18, a senior at Shelbyville Central; Lansanna Young, parent of Jor'den (JoJo) Locke, age 8 and Haden Cox, 18, also a SCHS senior.

Recently, the parents revealed how confident they are now that this community pulls together when the going gets tough. They said the hardest thing about the ordeal was the doctors telling them they just didn't know what they were dealing with.

The families do know there were four males from Bedford County—all athletes in some form or fashion—who were dealing with the same symptoms and were a few weeks post COVID-19 exposure. That was

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T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Rob Lewis, owner of Penalties Sports Bar in Shelbyville, spends some time with local students, Maddox and Alex Mosier and JoJo Locke, before the upcoming "Four the Boys, Part Two" poker run on Aug. 28. Thanks to the efforts by Penalties, the families will be recipients of proceeds, along with the families of Cayden Puckett and Haden Cox (not pictured.) All four local students have battled COVID-19, but worse, MISC-C in recent months.

City manager Ray living in Normandy

Contract issue ongoing

By **ZOË HAGGARD**
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Shelbyville City Council met Thursday night to vote on the new livestock ordinance, an aspect of City Manager Joshua Ray's contract, and the 231 Business Park land purchase.

Motion to defer

The livestock ordinance, which would put into place fowl limitations and prohibit roosters within city limits, was deferred to a future meeting. Council member Marilyn Ewing made the motion to defer the ordinance, requesting that more discussion was needed.

Exceptions like residents raising roosters for 4-H, Tyson Food's industry requirements,

and even the ducks at the Fairfield pond should be considered, she said. The motion was seconded by Council member Henry Feldhaus, who said this needed to be investigated deeper until everyone is clear on it. The motion to defer passed unanimously.

This topic has been discussed in previous Council meetings over the last couple years, but, generally is deferred for further discussion by Council.

New contract

The only item Council agenda item which did not pass was the consideration to change the City manager's contract from establishing a residency in city limits to establishing one within three

miles of city limits.

"Of course, the bleeding from the increased property taxes, that's still going...The majority of people I have spoken with, they're pretty much saying lead by example and, you know, we're electing a little higher tax, but yet, your City Manager is going to escape those," said Council member Ewing.

In response to Ewing's comment, Ray said, "I understand the complete point and I welcome the opportunity to look at it and desire to be within the city limits."

Ray then stated, apparently as a joke, this way he "could have trash collection."

City Manager Joshua Ray said he cannot find a house within city limits. He is looking at property that is half a mile outside Shelbyville City limits

and said he could possibly purchase Ray told the Times-Gazette Friday that real estate prices are a big factor preventing him from moving into the City limits. He said moderate homes—those which could best accommodate his family of five—were \$400,000 last year and are now around \$560,000. He said other newly hired local leaders are also struggling with the same housing issues and are currently having to rent.

The consideration of the motion passed with three yes votes and with Ewing and Council member Gary Haile voting no.

Other business

In other business, Council approved:

- Consideration to pur-

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Woman shot in head

T-G STAFF REPORT

TBI special agents are investigating a shooting that occurred in the 200 block of Temple Ford Road west of Shelbyville early Friday morning.

The victim, a woman, was hospitalized with a gunshot wound to the head, the TBI said in a press release.

The investigation remains "active and ongoing," the TBI said, declining further comment. No further details on the incident were released.

The Bedford County Sheriff's Office also declined comment except to say that no arrests have been made in connection with the incident.



TYSON EMPLOYEES 'STUFF THE BUS'

Tyson Foods employees made a generous donation of school supplies, including a large number of much needed backpacks, for the United Way of Bedford County "Stuff the Bus" program. From left to right are Jack Tubberville, Helen Dennis, David Rhodes, Miah Surber, Sue Ellen Reilly, Jennifer Botello, Sue McBroom, Steve Davidson, Andrew Blair, Steve Murphree and Pat Wilmhoff.

Photo by Mark McGee

OBITUARIES

Mary England Austin

August 11, 2021

Mary England Austin died peacefully at the home of her caregiver and grandson Bart Howard on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 following a brief illness.

Born in White County, Tennessee on August 3, 1936, to Sammie and Leona Clouse England, she was one of six children. She is predeceased by her parents, brothers Eldie, Hilton and Carl and her sisters Ellen and Willie. Bob Austin, her husband of almost 25 years, also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son and grandson, Steve and Bart Howard, as well as 4 stepdaughters, 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She will also be missed by her sisters-in-law Jane England and Patty England of Sparta.

At her request, there will be no services.



Harald Paul 'Harry' Gerhard Ilgner

July 31, 2021

Harald Paul "Harry" Gerhard Ilgner was born in Frankfurt, Germany on March 9, 1928 and passed away on July 31, 2021 at his beloved farm in Manchester, Tennessee at the age of 93.

He was preceded in death by father Gerhard Ilgner, mother Kathy M. Schieffer, sister Eleanor Barringer, wife Willene Ilgner and first wife Kornelia Ilgner (mother of all his children). He is survived by his children Ralph Ilgner (Susan) of Lenoir City, TN, Liane Mescher, Arno Ilgner (Jane) of La Vergne, TN, Berny Ilgner (Diane) of Clinton, TN, Mark Ilgner of Manchester, TN, Ariane Roland (Mark) of Sevierville, TN, and 8 grandchildren; Derrick Ilgner, Kristina Lamons, Aaron Ilgner, Ian Ilgner, Devin Roland, Jessica Ilgner, Emma Ilgner and Micah Roland.

After immigrating from Germany and becoming a U.S. citizen, Harry began his career as a machinist in Tullahoma and eventually started his own company, ATG Industrial Distributors. His hobbies included ballroom dancing for which he and his wife Willene won several awards. He was an avid reader, a student of nature, loved sailing, playing German card games with family and gardening on his farm in Manchester.

The family will receive friends at a small private memorial service on September 25th at Old Stone Fort Archaeological Park. We appreciate your understanding for keeping this service private due to COVID concerns. We also appreciate your love for our beloved father.

In lieu of sending flowers, you can donate to St Joseph's Indian School (give.stjo.org/donate 800-341-2235)

I Am Standing Upon the Seashore

By Henry Van Dyke

*I am standing upon the seashore,
A ship at my side spreads her white sails
To the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean.
She is an object of beauty and strength.
I stand and watch her until at length
She hangs like a speck of white cloud
Just where the sea and sky come
To mingle with each other.
Then, someone at my side says,
"There, she is gone!"
"Gone where?"
Gone from my sight. That is all.
She is just as large in mast and hull
And spar as she was when she left my side
And she is just as able to bear her
Load of living freight to her destined port.
Her diminished size is in me, not in her.
And just at the moment when someone
At my side says, "There, she is gone!",
There are other eyes watching her coming,
And other voices ready to take up the glad shout,
"Here she comes!"*

Manchester Funeral Home is honored to serve the Ilgner family.

Richard 'Dick' Myers

August 8, 2021

Mr. Richard "Dick" Myers, age 82, of Shelbyville, passed away Sunday, August 8, 2021, under the loving care and comfort of his family and Hospice Compassus.

A Celebration of Life service will be 4 PM Saturday, August 14, 2021, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Reverend Steve Murphree will officiate.

The family will receive visitors 2-4 PM Saturday at the funeral home.

He was born December 20, 1938, in York, Pennsylvania, to the late Charles and May Stubbs Myers. Dick was trainer of Tennessee Walking Horses, and one of the founding members, and lifelong member, of the Walking Trainers Association. He was a faithful member of New Beginnings Baptist Church in Shelbyville.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Hanger Myers, of Shelbyville; a brother, George Myers, and his companion Sherrie, of Reno, Nevada; sisters, Pat Copeheaver and Ruth Blumenthal, both of York, Pennsylvania, someone with whom he bonded like a son, Brian Reece, of Pikeville, Tennessee; numerous nieces and nephews; his wife's cousins, Wade Cash, and his wife Phyllis, and Niann Wilmer, and her husband Dickie.

Dick would be honored with memorials to the Tennessee Walking Horse Trainers Association or New Beginnings Baptist Church.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family.



City

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chase the 33 acres to add to the 231 Business Park.

A presentation proclamation for the Keon Johnson Day, which is planned for Aug. 21.

(See story and photo in Tuesday's Times-Gazette.)

No public comments were made during the hearings for the approval of the Global Crossing Subdivision or the annexation of the southeastern corner of 437 by-pass. Both motions passed unanimously.



Fundraiser

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their kids right here in this county.

"It's more prevalent in males," said Erin Puckett. "They're trying to figure out why. Cayden never ran a high fever . . . never put in hospital for that. They think the steroids they gave him with COVID helped enough . . . not enough to make him well though."

Alex's dad added, "That was also one of the things with college football . . . big risk of myocarditis. I didn't put 2 and 2 together with things until we're sitting in a hospital for a week, dealing with heart issues."

They sigh relief now, but are still sad their children suffered so. So are the folks at Penalties Sports Bar.

An event, "Four the Boys" Part II poker run, is being sponsored by Penalties, 1731 North Main, on Saturday, Aug. 28. This is nothing new, that is, for the folks there to do something to help others hurting in the community.

Penalties reaches out

In 2020, Penalties owners Rob and Shondelle Lewis, focused fundraising efforts on four boys whose mother was murdered. Their benefit raised almost \$20,000.

The response was so great before, they are doing it again, Rob said. He said he was fortunate to obtain his thriving business and he will always for that reason give back to this community.

This time the funds, which Penalties hope will amount to at least \$20,000, will be divided between the families of the four boys.

The best way these parents know to describe recent months and all contained is literally like having visited hell and returned. They describe the events as being shocking, emotionally draining and fearful, simply because there's not a lot of information available on this new illness.

Most of all, this involved their sweet children—those they vowed to love and protect. It was impossible, they said, to have protected them from this.

For part of this year, there have been no ball-games or school events, but rather rounds of tests and massive shots. They've also participated in genetic tests.

Kerri Mosier, a local teacher, said son Alex collected fluid around his heart. She remembers distinctly it being five weeks following COVID-19 contraction that her son fell ill with MISC-C.

She is concerned how there isn't a mask mandate at the local schools. She isn't sure her son contracted it from school, but it is a good possibility.

Her son also has autism. That was even more serious with all the sensory overload at the hospital.

JoJo's mom said her son's symptoms started with a stomach ache and a fever. From that point, it was downhill; she wasn't sure JoJo, who had been a joyous child participating in local sports, would even survive.

JoJo also had inflammation around his heart. "I hope when we go back, that everything will be gone."

Cayden never had heart congestion, but did get the inflammation around the heart.

Erin Puckett, whose husband is the new football coach at Shelbyville Central, said everyone has different stories. She almost cries, saying they've all been emotionally affected, though each story is a little different.

She and JoJo's mom hug throughout their discussions.

"I think that's why I find this to be so grateful . . . thankful to Rob and Shondelle."

The dreaded symptoms

The Pucketts did know that their son had COVID-19, so she was able to watch for symptoms. Sadly, her son has some life-long health issues which came into play.

"We were kind of grateful when it didn't attack his lungs . . . he's had double pneumonia more times than I can count."

Still, how do parents really prepare for such a fast and furious type of illness—one which intends to invade the whole body.

"It started with a stomach issue," said Kerri Mosier. "All three of my kids had a stomach issue . . . a lot of kids at school had stomach virus."

The families share their appreciation that Penalties is raising funds for them, noting that months following their kids' hospitalizations, they're still paying out bills.

This illness, Erin Puckett says, is not for the faint of heart. She remembers days of merely existing because there was so much stress associated with this sickness. There were some days their children might be visited by 30 doctors at Vanderbilt, ranging from internists to cardiologists.

Haden, 18, in his senior year, also starting with a stomach virus, visited the emergency room several times. Then came the vomiting and the high fever.

The illness took over then.

The blessing, the parents reiterate, is their sons are now out of the hospital. Though, they have no idea if they're completely out of the woods yet, as could more side effects take place in their futures?

These are unknowns which worry these parents. Some of them haven't eaten well, others have stressed so much that they've had mental and physical issues.

What is truly a blessing is that the boys, if all goes well, will be at the upcoming poker run to be congratulated on getting past this horrible ordeal. (See more info about this run on Penalties Facebook Page and in the second story in Tuesday's edition.)

"Alex is actually participating in a study that Vanderbilt is doing," said Kerri Mosier. "Also they're looking at their genetics (Alex is a twin.)"

The parents say they evidently crossed paths at different times during all their children's illnesses. Now, they come together, sharing a lot of the same pain and frustrations—the

Submitted Photo
Penalties Sports Bar will sponsor a new poker run on Aug. 28 to support four local young men who've suffered with MISC-C this year. See the Penalties Facebook Page and Tuesday's Times-Gazette for more details on the upcoming event. Family recipients are still paying out medical bills and continuing with doctor's visits for their children, Alex Mosier, Cayden Puckett, JoJo Locke and Haden Cox. Rob and Shondelle Lewis of Penalties said they invite the community to participate and reach out to these young men and their families.

not knowing and the constant testing and evaluation process—with one another.

Alex's dad said he had never heard of MIS-C, that is, until his son's fever when up to 104 degrees on April 21. It was there after they spent a lot of time and anguish in the corridors of Vanderbilt Medical Center.

Vanderbilt studies

Vanderbilt Medical Center continues to study this new and rare disorder. Children who have experienced the rare and potentially life-threatening multisystem inflammatory syndrome are being followed closely in a multidisciplinary clinic at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

MIS-C can cause different parts of the body to become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes or gastrointestinal organs, often resulting in hospitalization. Many of these children end up on mechanical ventilation support, ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation), and/or inotropic support to stabilize circulation and optimize oxygen supply.

About one in 1,000 children who either have the virus or have been exposed to it, develop MIS-C. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there have been 3,185 cases of MIS-C reported in 48 states since May 2020.

About 50 children (from ages 5 months to 18) have been seen in the Children's Hospital MIS-C clinic at Vanderbilt by a group of pediatric physicians representing the divisions of Infectious Diseases, Cardiology and Rheumatology.

"Most of the kids who have MIS-C do not have a significant initial COVID-19 infection. Some didn't even have symptoms but had either a known exposure with a family member or in the community," said Anna Patrick, MD, PhD, assistant professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Pediatric Rheumatology.

GIFT BAGS



Bedford County Sheriff's Office recently received gift bags from Bell Buckle First Baptist Church. Representing the department were, from left, deputies Clayton Edgill, Jeff Goodrich, Scott Peoples and Donald Purdue. The officers stated in response, "The support we continue to receive from this community never ceases to amaze us and we are deeply humbled and honored to serve you."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

08/03/2021—
08/09/2021
Gloria Throneberry to Nicolas A. Youngblood—\$155,000, 0 acres, Alton Ave.
Alcorn Properties LLC to William T. Pitt Jr., Patricia L. Pitt—\$170,709, 14.78 acres, Old Columbia Rd.
Andrew J. Dearing IV, Shannon Dearing to Lisa Dunagan—\$60,000, 0 acres, no address
SDH Nashville LLC to Carlos R. Castro Caceres—\$249,755, 0 acres, Tines Dr.
Thomas Cebo LLC, Robert Jardine Mullin, Christine Mullin to Realty & Investment Management Roth Plan—0 money, 0 acres, Spring St.
Realty & Investment Management Roth Plan to Allison Family Trust—\$675,000, 0 acres, Spring St.
Zachary Hubbard to Lindsey Gibson—\$174,000, 0 acres, Gowen Dr.
Keith E. Canter, Shannon S. Canter to Thomas R. Insell, Sarah C. Insell—\$670,000, 0 acres, no address
Raymond David Brown to Michael B. Davis, Mary E. Davis—\$225,000, 0 acres, Riverbend Rd.
Martha G. Mendez, Thomas C. Smotherman, Martha G. Mendez, Debra R. Parker, Thomas Crockett Smotherman Jr. to James P. Bowling, Sharyl L. McKenzie—\$180,000, 0.72 acres, Elliott St.
Raymond David Brown, Raymond D. Brown to Michael B. Davis, Mary E. Davis—\$1,262,500, 0 acres, Riverbend Rd.
Brett Scott, Mary Anne Scott, Barton Ayers Scott to Frank Tristan Scott—0 money, 7 acres, Bugscuffle Rd.
Gary Boyce Construction LLC to Timothy P. Stevens, Morgan Faye Stevens—\$474,000, 0 acres, Autumn Cove
Robert F. Kilgore to Jose Leon Onate, Regina Aguirre Onate—0 money, 204.64 acres, Hwy 231
Christopher Lynn Daniel to Christopher Lynn Daniel, Glenda M. Daniel—0 money, 0 acres, Stardust Dr.
Jordan N. Teddleton, Meagan E. Teddleton to William Barnes III, Tori Barnes—\$250,000, 0 acres, Shanna Lane
Sherry Whitaker, Sherry Lynch to Paul Maccagnone—\$270,000, 0 acres, Doak St.
Mary Ellen Cartwright to Christopher Michael Cartwright, Lacey Cartwright, Mary Ellen Cartwright—0 money, 0 acres, no address
Gannon Sanders, Stephanie Sanders to Manuel Navarro Astudillo, Teresa Arellano Gomez—\$184,000, 0 acres, no address

Redbud Lane
Katherine S. Thomas to Ashley Roland—0 money, 1.11 acres, no address
Michael T. Cooper, Mark V. Rippie, Christopher H. Rippie, Stella B. Rippie to Michael T. Cooper, Mark V. Rippie, Christopher H. Rippie— money, 0 acres, no address
Maria Diana Madeo, Jeffrey Cabot Koob, Margretta Elizabeth Morris, Pamela Gurley Carlton to Martha Madeo Martin—\$1, 0 acres, Spring St.
Pamela A. Hesch, Ronald W. Hesch to Jaime Arias—\$370,000, 30.92 acres, Pickle Rd.
Marilyn Hernandez Martinez to Maykel Camargo Hernandez—0 money, 0 acres, West End Circle
Stacy Todd Webb to Shawn Redding—\$397,899, 1.24 acres, no address
Hershell Foster to Christopher W. Simons, Nicole L. Simons—\$1,230,000, 0 acres, Wartrace Creek Rd.
Eric K. Moser, Karen E. Moser to Jeff Adcock, Stella M. Adcock—\$150,000, 5.2 acres, County Line Rd.
Cynthia Ann Carpenter Beck, Jennifer Sue Carpenter Wortham to Eduard Kushnir—\$6,596.42, 3 acres, Hwy 41A
Robert G. Eid, Nancy J. Eid to Rebecca Ann Bobo—\$239,500, 0 acres, Narrows Rd.
Starr Crusie to Ricky S. Whitney—\$43,746, 11.29 acres, Qualls Lane
Betty Jean Langford, Jean Langford to Robby J. Langford II—0 money, 103.49 acres, Whitaker Rd.
James Henry Wilhoite, Anna L. Wilhoite to Amanda Nicole Reed—\$369,000, 0 acres, no address
William Burkhardt, Cheryl Burkhardt to Michael John Copeland—\$385,000, 0 acres, Bell Buckle Lane
Kimberly C. Walden, George Perry Walden to Mark A. Spenny, Renee L. Spenny—\$890,000, 35.84 acres, Naron Rd.
Billy Lee Horn, Billy Scott Horn to Billy Scott Horn—0 money, 0 acres, no address
Robert Garrison Jr. to Robert Garrison Jr., LaWanda Garrison—0 money, 0 acres, no address
Gilbert E. Lord, Sandra K. Lord to Eric Dawson Leverette—\$188,000, 0 acres, Daytona Lane
Michael W. Hart, Ty R. Hart to Alexandra Choras, Elizabeth Choras—\$990,000, 0.34 acres, Hwy 82 E.
Kay Rose, Mike Rose, Tina Rose Townsend to Bedford Builds Habitat For Humanity Inc.—\$4,500, 0.11 acres, no address

Suspect accused of stealing safe, contents

By DAVID MELSON
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Charges have been filed against a woman accused of stealing a safe containing several thousand dollars from a Wade Drive home.
Taylor Nichelle Lankford, 26, of Vine Street in Wartrace allegedly took the safe, which also contained a Springfield XDS 9mm pistol, on July 27, according to warrants filed last week by Shelbyville police.
She was arrested Aug. 3 in a traffic stop by Detective Cody Swift. Several containers of unprescribed prescription drugs, 0.17 ounces of crystal methamphetamine, glass pipes and a grinder were found in her vehicle.
Lankford was charged with theft of property, possession of schedule II, IV and V drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$24,000.

on a revoked license. He was searched and approximately 1.5 grams of crystal meth was found, resulting in an additional charge of possession of a schedule II drug. He was held on \$5,000 bond.

Angry response

A woman has been charged with domestic assault for allegedly hitting her boyfriend in the head after finding a swimsuit calendar in his truck.
The victim told a deputy Janice Ann Martin, 39, of Manchester struck him in the back of the head with a hard object at his home on U.S. 41A North. Martin refused to talk to a deputy, who said he was also unable to get her side of the story because the victim kept interrupting.
Martin was held on \$3,500 bond.

Pot found

The discovery of 82 grams of marijuana in a vehicle resulted in the arrest of a passenger early Wednesday morning.
Matthew Jordan Wallace, 20, of Jennifer Circle told Sgt. Tory Moore marijuana he smelled was in a bag underneath one of the seats. A scale and \$479.03 were recovered.
Wallace was charged with possession of a schedule VI drug with intent to sell and held on \$20,000 bond. The driver, who was stopped for swerving and swaying into the median on U.S. 231 North, was not charged after passing field sobriety tests.

Thefts

•A diesel particulate filter system was removed Tuesday or Wednesday from a Bedford County school bus in the parking lot of Community Elementary School. U.S. 41A North. The system is valued at \$5,000, a Bedford County Sheriff's Office report said.
•A bicycle was stolen from the front porch of a Lentz Street home while its owner was in school between 7 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Tuesday, police said.
The bike is a red Dynamite Wipe Out brand with a rusty chain.

Jail intake

The following were charged since Tuesday

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.
•Alexander Clayton Allison, 18, Highway 64 East; simple possession of schedule VI drug; summons issued
•Kyle Lawrence Bramer, 25, Brentwood; jail escape, possession of schedule II drug, possession of drug paraphernalia, violation of parole, assault (two counts); held, \$27,500 bond
•Miles Wilson Cole Jr., 32, Stonefield Circle; show cause hearing (contempt of court); released, \$500 bond
•Christian V. Arriaga Escabedo, 39, Wartrace Pike; no driver's license, speeding; summons issued
•Demarious Alavontie Brown, 27, Murfreesboro; violation of probation; held, \$500 bond
•Nesya Dessence Buchanan, 23, Fayetteville; show cause hearing-contempt of court; released, \$5,000 bond
•Jayden Curtis Burns, 18, Loop Road; light law, simple possession of schedule VI drug; released, no bond
•Jeffrey Chandler Byrom, 18, Woodland Avenue; simple possession of schedule VI drug; summons issued
•Christopher Adam Duggin, 25, Fairway Green Drive; violation of probation, failure to appear; held, \$50,000 bond
•Michael Hamzadon Eddings, 24, West Lane Street; probation revocation; released on recognizance
•Amanda Marie Mason Evans, 38, Madison Street; violation of probation; released, \$1,000 bond
•Falicia Nicole Fletcher, 21, Unionville-Chapel Hill Road; harassment, unlawful exposure; summons issued
•Jeremy James Gamblin, 37, Collier Avenue; violation of probation; held, \$1,000 bond
•Mark Edward Grogan, 49, White Street; simple possession of schedule III drug, driving on revoked license; held, \$2,000 bond
•Scott Paul Hargrove, 41, homeless, Shelbyville; failure to appear, theft of property; held, \$1,000 bond
•Jazmin Rose Heilbrunn, 23, homeless, Shelbyville;

possession of schedule II drug, possession of drug paraphernalia; held, \$5,000 bond
•Micah Cameron High, 37, Sparta; probation revocation; held, \$1,000 bond
•Veronica M. Williams Hudson, 39, Glendale Road; show cause hearing; summons issued
•Caneisha Schanta Johnson, 34, Barksdale Lane; failure to appear; held, \$2,500 bond
•Ginger Diana Lamb, 44, homeless; shoplifting (theft involving merchandise); held, \$1,500 bond
•Jamarcus Lacre Leach, 28, Barksdale Lane; probation revocation; released on recognizance
•Janice Ann Martin, 39, Manchester; domestic assault; held, \$3,500 bond
•Lamont Jamar McCullough, 38, Madison Street; possession of drug paraphernalia, DUI; held, \$2,500 bond
•Terry Wayne Moore, 35, Nashville; failure to appear, theft, criminal trespassing; held, \$5,000 bond
•Seth Vaden Neese, 36, Railroad Road; attachment; summons issued
•Matthew Shayne Newell, 26, Anthony Lane; failure to appear; held, \$2,500 bond
•Alyssa Lyona Peacock, 18, Horse Mountain Road; no driver's license, violation of order of protection; released, \$3,000 bond
•Vanessa Annette Porterfield, 53, Regent Drive; aggravated assault; released, \$1,000 bond
•Francisco Garcia Ruiz, 28, Nashville; driving without license; summons issued
•Meredith Shelby L. Seibers, 25, East Depot Street; theft of merchandise (three counts); summons issued
•Briana Ray Stipe, 24, homeless, Shelbyville, material witness; held without bond
•Tamrana Tiffany Tillman, 26, Murfreesboro; failure to appear (two counts); held, \$1,500 bond
•Matthew Jordan Wallace, 20, Jennifer Circle; possession of schedule VI drug with intent to sell; held, \$20,000 bond
•Vincent Richard Wiseman, 32, Nashville; reckless driving, speeding; summons issued

PUBLIC RECORD

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Vernon Ronald Reid and Janelle Ann Wood Reid
Benito Rodriguez Ventura and Brittany Nicole Wisner
Joyce Ann Jennings and Christina Maria Lagasse
Michael Shane Christie and Alicia Nicole Ray Moss
John Patrick Schultz and Bridget Nicole Smetters Manolis
Manuel Zarraga Bautista and Maria Campos Mendoza
Randy Scott Reynolds and Ariana Alys Schafer
Herschel D. Moore and Sherry Rose Dixon Maple
Danielle Alexandra Kankle and Jamie Logan Bailliff Harrell
Ryan Steven Nevens and Shelby Rene Luther

Group, LLC—709 Greenwood Ave., Shelbyville, Tammy L. Smith
Tristar Metals LLC—225 Anthony Lane, Shelbyville, Mark Hasty

BUSINESS LISTINGS—NEW BUSINESSES

08/05/2021—
08/12/2021
Angela Thomas Photography—Taylor Creek Lane, Chapel Hill, Angela Thomas
Cameron Construction & Plumbing Company LLC—400 Barksdale Lane, Shelbyville, Donald Cameron
Custom Designs By Charm—LaFayette St., Shelbyville, Lori Moser
DCW Trucking—119 Haley Lane, Wartrace, David Wiser
Potts Electric, LLC—110 Riverlake Rd., Shelbyville, Joseph Potts
RAD Enterprises LLC—121 Hazelnut Lane, Unionville, Robert Delucia
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What are you doing this weekend?

Dear Readers: How's your weekend game? Do you get a lot done, or do you feel that you're entitled to relax? Everyone needs some downtime, but can you be more efficient and purposeful on the weekends? Ask yourself these questions and examine these areas of your life. Should you:

- Sleep until noon, or wake up bright and early?
- Take a pass on the gym, or get in a good workout or brisk walk outside?
- Eat greasy, salty, sugary fast food, or be deliberate about eating healthy?
- Drink and party all hours into the night, or pick up a side hustle to showcase your talent and to make a few extra dollars?
- Blow lots of money on wildly expensive items, or limit your spending, create a budget and manage your finances?
- Neglect your health, or laser beam in on self-care?

Hints from Heloise

Heloise



check and check. Once every two weeks, my plants get a big glug of this drink. From my experience, it's better for the plants and a lot cheaper than store-bought chemical plant foods! -- Mary T. in Texas

Mary, don't toss banana peels either. Chop into 1-inch pieces and cover in water. Potassium, phosphorus, calcium and magnesium are all present and accounted for. Soak for one hour. Strain the water, and feed plants with it, two times per month. -- Heloise

DOG GONE GOOD FOODS, FRUIT EDITION

Readers: Here's a list regarding dogs and eating fruit.

Yes: Bananas, blueberries, kiwi, pineapple, strawberries.

Yes, but: apples (no seeds), lemons (may not like taste), oranges (high in sugar), peaches (no pit), watermelon (no rind).

No: Avocados, cherries, grapes, raisins. -- Heloise

DONATIONS NEEDED

Dear Readers: These items are needed at animal shelters:

- Baby gates and baby wipes
- Blankets, towels, cotton balls, cotton swabs
- Flea combs, grooming brushes
- Replacement milks
- Laundry baskets, HE detergents
- Newspapers
- Cat litter
- Pet beds and crates
- Training pads
- Zippered plastic bags

And cash is always appreciated. All of these donations are probably tax-deductible; ask your tax preparer. -- Heloise

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

PET PAL

Dear Heloise: I thought you might enjoy these pictures of the baby squirrels in our squirrel house. My husband built it, and for several years a female squirrel has chosen to nest in the house and give birth to the sweet babies who emerge in the spring. -- Joyce R. in Manchester, N.H.

Joyce, too precious! Readers, would you like to see Joyce's squirrels and our other Pet Pals? Visit www.Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week."

Do you have a funny and furry friend to share? Email a picture and description to Heloise@Heloise.com. -- Heloise

CHEAP AND HEALTHY

Dear Heloise: Used coffee grounds are powerfully nutritious for houseplants. Here's how I use them: I soak the coffee grounds in club soda with some cinnamon added. Potassium, phosphorus and nitrogen? Check,

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

AUGUST 27

Cruise-in

Celebration City Car Club's monthly cruise-in will be 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27 on the Shelbyville square. Chase Clanton and Vintage Vibes will perform and food trucks will be present.

AUGUST 28

Brannon reunion

The 51st annual Brannon family reunion is scheduled Saturday, August 28 beginning around 10-10:30 a.m. at

the William Ralph Brannon Memorial Pavilion on Arnold Road. Masks are recommended. Attendees should bring enough food to feed their family for a potluck dinner at noon.

SEPT. 4

Fish fry

Bedford County Rescue Unit, 433 E. Depot St., is having a carry-out only fish fry 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4. French fries and hush puppies will also be available. Plates are \$8. Call Charles Grant, 931-580-1142, or Phillip Grant, 931-205-4168, for more information.

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.

Storms ahead as new week begins



Steve Norris

Weather

It is a very unsettled forecast that I bring you

this week with showers and thunderstorms on the increase through the week-end and into the early and middle part of next week.

Lots of Gulf moisture is flowing northward into Tennessee and associated with Tropical Storm Fred is likely to bring some heavy rainfall amounts from some of these thun-

derstorms along with strong gusty wind and frequent cloud-to-ground lightning, which is common for August.

We have had several days recently with the heat index soaring to near 105 degrees but things can change quickly once we get into September and can you believe that it would

not be unusual at all to have some scattered frost within two months or even see some snowflakes in three months.

If you have any weather questions or need data of any type, you can reach me anytime at weather1@charter.net.

• Steve Norris is a trained meteorologist.

VANDERBILT-BEDFORD HELPS STUFF THE BUS



Submitted Photo

Mark McGee, executive director of United Way of Bedford County, accepted a donation of school supplies and cash from Vanderbilt-Bedford for the "Stuff the Bus" campaign. "We can't thank the employees of Vanderbilt-Bedford enough for their participation," McGee said. "We are especially pleased with the \$205 raised during their July Jeans/Fun Scrub Friday promotion in July."

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.

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

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

Christian (Disciples of Christ)

First Christian will continue the sermon series called "Faithful" with a study on "The Life of Joseph - A Man of Conviction" from Genesis 39:1-6.

Church of Christ

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

Southside: "Love is the Glue" from John 13-34,35 will be the lesson in the "Fellowship 101" series. Kevin Collier will speak on Boaz next Wednesday in the Summer Series., Services at 10 a.m. Sunday and 6 p.m. Wednesday are livestreamed at cofcsouthside.com

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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SCHS CLASS OF 1965 REUNITES

Submitted photos
Shelbyville Central High School's Class of 1965 held its 56th reunion on July 24 at the VFW on East Depot Street. The gathering was originally scheduled in 2020 but postponed due COVID-19 concerns. Wayne Orr, Gary Leverette, and Rowdy Ranch Catering organized the event, which drew 44 classmates plus spouses and guests. Those who served in the military and the 67 classmates who have passed on were honored. The next reunion is planned for 2025.



Family food that fits your fall schedule

(Family Features)

Finding time for a family meal during fall means navigating busy schedules full of school, jobs, social events and more. Squeezing in dinner together calls for an easy dish that takes less than an hour so you can catch up with loved ones.

Let your oven do the work for you with this Build-Your-Own Sausage Foil Packet Dinner recipe that requires just 10 minutes of prep before 30 minutes of baking, leaving you plenty of time to help little ones with homework. It all starts with Coleman Natural Uncured Polish Kielbasa, a traditional Polish sausage rope smoked and fully cooked so all you need to do is slice into 1/2-inch pieces and toss together with veggies and seasonings. You can feel good you are serving pork sourced from American family farms that raise their animals crate free with no antibiotics or added hormones ever.

An added benefit of this simple recipe is that it's customizable, allowing you to substitute your family's favorite flavors to satisfy everyone at the table. Or, if your loved ones are easily pleased and open to a variety of ingredients, you can try different veggies each time so it tastes like a new dish over and over again.

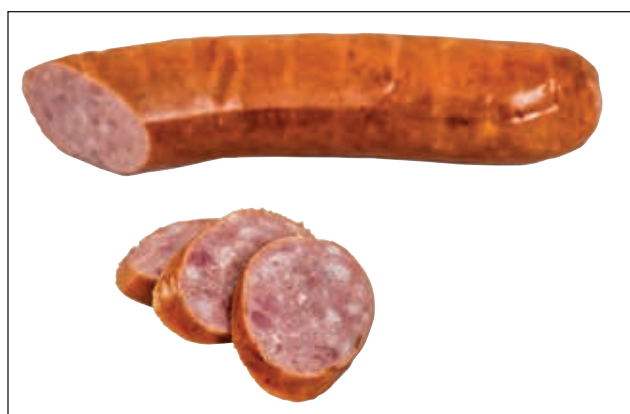
sheets. Drizzle with oil then season with salt and pepper, to taste. Toss gently to combine.

Top each packet with parsley and fold crosswise over kielbasa and vegetable mixture to completely cover food. Roll top and

bottom edges to seal.

Place foil packets on baking sheet and bake 30 minutes.

Variations: Customize ingredients for personal preferences. Use broccoli in place of corn or substitute peppers for onions.



Build-Your-Own Sausage Foil Packet Dinner

Prep time: 10 minutes
 Cook time: 30 minutes
 Servings: 4

- 1 package Coleman Natural Uncured Polish Kielbasa, sliced 1/2-inch thick
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 2 ears corn, each cut crosswise into four pieces
 - 2 large tomatoes, chopped
 - 1 medium red onion, thinly sliced
 - 1 pound Yukon Gold potatoes, cubed into 1-inch pieces
 - 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 - salt, to taste
 - pepper, to taste
 - 2 tablespoons parsley, chopped
- Preheat oven to 425 F. Cut foil into four sheets about 12 inches long. Divide kielbasa, garlic, corn, tomatoes, onion and potatoes evenly over foil

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Baylor ready to move forward

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

Dave Aranda became Baylor's coach about 19 months ago knowing that NCAA penalties were coming for a scandal that embroiled the football program long before he arrived.

It had been much longer for athletic director Mack Rhoades, who found "an institution and athletics department in turmoil" when he took over five years ago in the wake of the revelation of a sprawling sexual assault scandal that cost two-time Big 12 champion coach Art Briles his job.

With the NCAA case against the Bears finally resolved, and without any major program-crushing penalties, they can move forward without that lingering unknown.

"It's been hanging around. It's been a black cloud since I arrived on this campus," Rhoades said. "We're glad to have some closure and to be able to look forward and move forward. And again, remember our mistakes, learn from our mistakes, learn from our past. And then we'll navigate whatever comes in front of us."

With no players or coaches remaining from Briles' tenure, Baylor was placed on four years of probation, but could still play in a postseason bowl game. There will be recruiting restrictions in place for Aranda and his staff during the 2021-22 academic year, including a reduction of 30 official visits and a three-week ban on unofficial visits.

The penalties could have been much worse considering the scope of the allegations, but the actual mishandling of sexual assault claims by Baylor was deemed out of the NCAA's jurisdiction.

Aranda knew about the case when he took over at Baylor in January 2020, fresh off a 15-0 national championship as LSU's defensive coordinator. He attended the school's two-day virtual hearing with NCAA officials last December, four years after the school received a notice of inquiry from the NCAA enforcement staff.

The coach said he never thought in terms of feeling a sense of relief that the penalties weren't harsher. The survivors were the first thing he thought about when he heard this week that the penalties were forthcoming.

"I was at the trial in December, so listening to it and just hearing the details and being part of it gave me greater insight to it, and I was able to put myself in a lot of people's shoes. I spent most of my time on that," Aranda said.

The NCAA did find secondary rules violations that occurred between 2011 and 2016, including impermissible benefits for a player who failed to follow an academic performance plan following an academic violation. There were also a predominantly female student host program that improperly operated outside of recruiting protocols.

Rhoades and Aranda met with the team on the middle of the field during practice Wednesday, after the penalties were revealed. The AD kept what was said between them private, but said he was proud of the players.



T-G Photos by Rickey Clardy

Chloe West stops a shot on goal during a recent Viqueen practice.

Viqueens hope to build on 2020 momentum

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
For the T-G

After claiming the first district soccer championship in school history last season and despite losing 10 players to graduation, the 2021 Community Viqueens will be looking to follow on the success of last year's squad.

The Viqueens finished 14-2 last year and were just one game from the Class A state tournament.

Community's two losses occurred late in the postseason to the two teams that reached the state championship game.

"We had a great season last season and you couldn't ask for much more," Coach Chris Brothers of the Viqueens said.

"I was really proud of our accomplishments."

"We lost 10 seniors that took a big chunk out of our team," Brothers added.

Brothers will be looking for the leadership of lone senior Jemima Ramos, who is recovering from ACL surgery and is not expected to play until September, as well as a strong junior class.

"As we're getting started, we knew we had a good junior class coming up this year and some of the freshmen will now be sophomores," Brothers said. "We knew we would have at least six or seven



Junior Addison Brothers delivers a shot at goal for the Viqueens.

players that would help us be strong again."

"I think we've got a shot at the district championship so I'm really excited," Brothers added.

Brothers will be looking for a new person in goal as Kelsea Kupczyk graduated last season.

"Chloe (West) did a good job as backup last year and she's working hard this year," Brothers said.

With Cornersville, Huntland, and Fayetteville leaving the district this season, District 6-A will consist of four teams with Cascade and Forrest joining Community as the returning teams.

Cannon County will join the district as the fourth team.

The Viqueens will play each district opponent twice and will keep Cornersville, Huntland,

and Fayetteville on the schedule for home-and-home series.

A home game against the Middle TN Golden Eagles completes the 13-game regular season schedule.

Brothers hopes the work ethic of his team will pay dividends, especially around postseason time.

"We've got a lot of hard work to do and we're just

getting started," Brothers said. "The atmosphere is great and the girls are all very cooperative and want to learn and work hard every practice. That goes a long way."

The Viqueens start the season with a district road game at Forrest on August 19. After playing its first five games on the road, Community will then be at home for seven straight contests.

Saints, Tulane: Vaccinations or negatives required

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Superdome remains on track to open at full capacity for New Orleans Saints games this season, but only to fans who provide proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test taken 72 hours prior to games, and who wear masks.

The City of New Orleans enacted new rules Thursday for entertainment venues and indoor facilities hosting large social gatherings on the heels of spiking COVID-19 related hospitalizations in the state in recent weeks. That came after the State of Louisiana enacted a mask mandate for such venues.

Tulane, a private college located in New Orleans, said it will have the same vaccination and testing requirements to attend its home sporting events, becoming the first major college football team to make such a move.

In a statement Thursday, the Saints expressed both an intent to enforce the new rules at home games, but also empathy for fans who might be frustrated by the new hurdle to enter games.

Last season, fans could attend games with masks and temperature checks, but only sold a few thousand tickets per game to the 73,000-seat Superdome.

“We are committed to doing everything we can in the current environment to protect your health and safety while at the same

time providing the best game day experience in the NFL,” the Saints’ statement said. “We understand some will be frustrated, as are we, that we find ourselves in this position.”

The Saints play their first home exhibition game Aug. 23.

The club also said it would be joining with Ochsner Health System, one of the club’s chief sponsors, to stage vaccination events in the New Orleans area as well as outside the Superdome on game days.

“We remain optimistic that, with our community’s help and as vaccination rates increase, these restrictions will no longer be necessary as the season progresses,” the team said.

Tulane plays its home football games at Yulman Stadium, a 30,000-seat venue on campus.

Athletic director Troy Dannen told AP the school had been moving toward requiring proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 to attend games, but having the city enact a rule made the choice for the university.

Tulane has required students to be vaccinated to attend fall classes or apply for a waiver. The school has said its student body has a vaccination rate of more than 90%.

The Green Wave football team opens this season at home against Oklahoma on Sept. 4.

EAGLETTES WIN PRESEASON TOURNEY



The Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes recently won the Div. I championship at the Muletown 7-on-7 tournament. The event took place over the course of three days against five other teams.

EAGLETTES HONORED

While the season has been over for several months, Eaglettes Kate McKamey (left) and Sara Margaret Housch were recognized for their all-district efforts during the 2021 season.

Submitted photo



Matured Mayfield leads Browns amid ‘Super’ expectations

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Baker Mayfield has grown up. There was no other option.

“I had to hit rock bottom for a little bit,” he said.

He’s rising, and judging by last season, so are the Browns.

As he picked at lunch during a break last month while shooting commercials at FirstEnergy Stadium, Mayfield exuded some of that chip-on-his-shoulder confidence that transported him from college walk-on to NFL starting quarterback.

That will always be on display, defining him, driving him. The brashness, though, has been muted.

While discussing the stuttering start to his pro career, his future in Cleveland and expectations for this season during a sit-down interview with The Associated Press, there was something noticeably different about Mayfield.

He’s changed.

It’s not a 180-degree turn by any means, but Mayfield is more measured with his actions and words: business Baker. More of a leader, a role model, franchise quarterback.

“Experience,” he said, “definitely teaches you.”

Mayfield crashed after a record-setting rookie year, only to bounce back in 2020 under first-year coach Kevin Stefanski. On the eve of his fourth training camp, he was relaxed and reflective as he prepared for a season Browns fans have awaited for a generation.

Mayfield helped Cleveland end the playoff drought. Next challenge: the Super Bowl, which the Browns never have reached.

He’s physically fit, having dropped “bad weight,” and in a good place mentally. He’s found inner peace, and the 25-year-old feels a strong connection with this football-crazed city and its fans. Cleveland is where he wants to play his entire career.

“We’ve talked about it, Emily and I,” Mayfield said, referring to his wife, who co-stars with him in those TV ads for Progressive Insurance. “It wouldn’t be the same if we lived in a city where they didn’t live, breathe and die football. That’s the atmosphere we want — and it’s here.”

There’s an unmistakable bond between this Ohio city and this Oklahoma quarterback. Both underdogs, they’ve been through good years and bad ones. Knocked down and counted out, they’ve fought back.

“When I say that my work ethic and mentality fits right in here,” he said. “I genuinely mean that.”

Even before being drafted first in 2018, Mayfield sensed Cleveland was where he belonged.

“If anybody’s going to turn that franchise around it would be me,” he boasted at the combine that year.

He was right.

The Browns went 1-31 in two seasons before he arrived and spent two decades discarding quarterbacks and coaches at dizzying speed. In Mayfield, they have seemingly found the leader missing since Bernie Kosar led Cleveland to three AFC title games from 1986-89.

He’s eligible for a contract extension, but to this point his agents and the Browns have not had formal talks.

It’s possible the team wants Mayfield to replicate his strong 2020 — or the Browns are spooked by the massive deal Buffalo gave Josh Allen, who signed a six-year, \$258 million package.

Mayfield is under contract for two more years and insists his focus is solely on winning, another sign of development.

For a while, though, it looked as if he might be another bust.

After breaking Peyton

Manning’s rookie record for TD passes and going 7-8-1, Mayfield took things for granted. He didn’t spend nearly enough time working on his craft, got heavy and threw nearly as many interceptions (21) as TDs (22) in 2019.

Picked to contend for the AFC North title, the Browns disintegrated. They went 6-10, fired coach Freddie Kitchens and Mayfield’s critics circled with sharpened knives.

“For the first time in my life, I was kind of listening to the outside noise and I let that affect me too much,” he said. “I was so worried about what type of picture I needed to portray as a franchise QB because everybody was telling me I had to be a certain way, instead of just doing how I’ve always done it — which is how I’m here.”

Mayfield quickly interjects he doesn’t want to “sound cocky or conceited.” It’s just that others wanted him to be someone he’s not.

“Aaron Rodgers and Tom Brady aren’t the same people,” he said. “I listened to too much of that for too long, had a few losing seasons and then realized, OK, I’ve got to find a peace on the inner side before I can lead this team to where it needs to go.”

While it would have been easy

to blame Cleveland’s ceaseless dysfunction, Mayfield held himself accountable.

“The whole 2019 season was just kind of a miserable year,” he said, glancing at a “Believe In Yourself” tattoo on his left forearm. “I expect a lot of things out of myself and I just didn’t play well. That was a humbling experience.”

Then came 2020’s strangeness. But in the midst of masks and mandates, Mayfield found stability and kinship with Stefanski, his third coach in three years. Shortly after being hired, Stefanski visited Mayfield in Texas, not imagining he wouldn’t see him again in person for five months.

Although most of their interactions came over Zoom, coach and QB bonded.

“He’s a sports junkie and not the biggest guy ever,” Mayfield said, smiling when asked about their connection. “We agree on the work-ethic mentality. You can’t just show up. He loves the grind and so do I. When you put two people together with the same inner values and drive, that’s pretty special.”

Expectations for the 2021 Browns are enormous, even excessive. Mayfield says he isn’t fazed by them.

New Colts, Panthers QBs face first tests at joint practice

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

WESTFIELD, Ind. — Indianapolis quarterbacks Jacob Eason and Sam Ehlinger finally got to throw some passes against a different defense Thursday.

Sam Darnold faced the first real challenge with his new Carolina teammates, too.

And after finishing the first of two joint practices at the Colts training camp facility, it’s clear everybody still has some finetuning to do before Friday’s next workout and Sunday’s pre-season opener.

“They’re an 11-5 team, they were a playoff team last year, so I guess that’s one of the reasons we wanted to come here,” Panthers coach Matt Rhule said. “We want to see how far away we are from them.”

Rhule wasn’t impressed with the Panthers’ slow start but applauded the team’s reaction by picking up the pace later and perhaps setting up a better workout Friday.

But this week will largely be graded on the quarterback play.

Both teams made big offseason moves to acquire what they hope will be foundational pieces.

Carolina obtained Darnold in a deal with the New York Jets, who swapped first-round picks with the Colts in 2018 to take the former Southern California star No. 3 overall. Darnold is trying to revive his career after going 13-25 with the Jets, and the long weekend in Indy started with mixed results.

While he scrambled to extend plays, he also missed

receivers down the field, and the drops didn’t help.

“There’s also a lot of plays our tight ends left out there today, too, and you can’t always tell it, but we’re not probably where we’re supposed to be, and when the play’s not there, Sam’s got to turn and throw the ball away,” Rhule said. “All of us have got to be a little better in the passing game tomorrow.”

Meanwhile, the Colts found themselves working in two youngsters.

Carson Wentz, the projected starter after a trade with Philadelphia, hasn’t practiced in almost two weeks because of an injured left foot. Wentz was walking around on the field with a mask — and no protective gear around the surgically repaired foot.

Team owner Jim Irsay

told reporters the Colts would be cautious with Wentz for the Sept. 12 season opener against Seattle.

“In talking with Carson, I told him ‘Look, you have to be right. We need you to be 100%, don’t rush it,’” Irsay said. “He’s a competitor, but I told him don’t come back until you’re truly, truly ready.”

If Wentz doesn’t play against the Seahawks, Irsay believes the likely replacement may already be in camp.

The strong-armed Eason is in his second season out of Washington, but his rookie year was a washout. Joint practices and the preseason were canceled, and as No. 3 on the depth chart he never took a regular-season snap. When Wentz went down, the former Washington star initially inherited the No.

1 job.

But he’s been splitting reps this week with rookie Sam Ehlinger, a sixth-round draft pick, and that’s the plan for Friday and likely Sunday. Ehlinger is more athletic and has better touch, which were evident again Thursday.

“Both Sam and Jacob, I thought, were really solid,” coach Frank Reich said. “They both had touchdown passes in that last period. I just felt like there was some pretty good execution, all things considered. It was their first go-around ... going against an NFL defense.”

The already short-handed Colts started the day without All-Pro guard Quenton Nelson (foot), starting center Ryan Kelly (elbow), projected left tackle Eric Fisher (Achilles tendon) or

this year’s top two draft picks, defensive linemen Kwity Paye (ankle) and Dayo Odeyingbo (Achilles tendon) among others. Running back Nyheim Hines joined the list when he appeared to suffer a lower leg injury during a special teams period.

And, naturally, there was a minor skirmish when Colts receiver Michael Pittman Jr. was grabbed from behind as he was walking toward the Colts huddle.

Still, both coaches — and the three quarterbacks — managed to see what they needed.

“I thought early on, on offense, we were really sort of hesitant,” Rhule said. “I think guys like Christian (McCaffrey) got real upset about that and helped us kind of get out of that and wake up a little bit.”

Americans, it's time to go to work

Yesterday I went to my urologist for one of my regular checkups.

I'll spare you the medical details, but my trip to the doctor gave me a quick lesson in why there are still millions of Americans who are not returning to their jobs.

What normally happens at the urologist's office is that after I pee in a bottle, a staffer or assistant takes my blood pressure, draws a sample of my blood and does an ultrasound on my bladder.

Then the doctor himself comes in, we have a quick conversation, he inspects me, tells me I'm fine and I'm out the door.

But yesterday, no one took my blood pressure or gave me an ultrasound.

When I asked the doctor why that was, he said, "We don't have the help anymore. We're so short-handed we can't do all the normal things."

The clinic was understaffed because its workers can "earn" more sitting on their butts opening state and federal unemployment checks than they could if they returned to their jobs.

If you recall, starting at the end of March 2020, the Trump administration's \$2.2 trillion Cares Act included \$600 a week

for Americans who lost their jobs because of the COVID-19 lockdowns.

Added to existing state unemployment benefits, millions of restaurant workers, retail workers and even part-time Uber drivers found themselves on easy-chair street.

This March Biden's American Rescue Plan cut the unemployment relief check to \$300 a week, but his regime kept the generous federal gravy train running until Sept. 4.

Given the way everyone's talking about lockdowns again because of the delta variant, don't be surprised if those \$300 checks keep coming till Christmas.

What was so sad, my urologist said, is that despite having no patients during the early days of the pandemic, his medical group decided to stay open so its employees would have a paycheck.

"Then one day the federal government decided to send checks to them," he said, "and they went home – and never came back."

You wonder why those federal employment numbers keep coming in lower than expected while so many restaurants and small businesses are clamoring for workers?

To put it simply, people are being paid too well by the feds not to work.

It's not that they can't find a job. Every storefront in America has a "Help Wanted" or "Hiring for All Positions" sign in its window.

They just can't get their backsides off the couch – if they're actually at home.

A lot of unemployed Americans apparently are in Vegas, which is so crowded you can't find a hotel room and the average wait for an Uber is more than half an hour.

Restaurants everywhere are really hurting because no one wants to take a pay cut and go back to work.

This week I saw the owner of a restaurant in New York crying on TV that he was so short of help he had to clean the toilets himself.

And now in New York City and LA they're saying no one will be allowed to eat indoors unless they can prove they've had a COVID shot.

The health Nazis in charge want restaurants to start checking people at the door to make sure their vaccination papers are in order.

So who does Mayor



Michael Reagan
 Syndicated Columnist

De Blasio actually think will fill those new door-man jobs, the chef, the bartender or the restaurant owner?

I guarantee whoever thought up that stupid idea never gave a second's thought to how it would affect the restaurants in New York City that already are understaffed and barely breathing.

If I ran a restaurant in LA, I'd go straight to the Southern border and hire a dozen illegal aliens – and I guarantee you they'd be happy to go to work.

I'd rather hire someone who walked here from Central America than some lazy American who won't get off their couch.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wrong decisions

To the Editor:
 Every year I enjoy reading about the latest winners of the "Darwin Awards." To those who are unacquainted with them, they are the awards given to people who have killed themselves in the most idiotic, brainless ways, and in so doing, have helped to remove the "idiot gene" from the human gene-pool (for example, the nitwit who sawed a high limb from his tree, forgetting that he was sitting on it).

Lately, it seems there have been droves of people competing for the top slots in the Darwin Awards. I am speaking, of course, of the millions of people in this country who, for unfathomable reasons, have refused to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

Even with the new Delta variant marching across the globe killing millions in its wake, and with safe, effective vaccines free and readily available to all, there are still multitudes of people who insist on invoking their "right" to endanger their communities, their children and their own lives, not to mention overloading the health care system, all so they can wave their flags and pretend they are protecting freedom. The only freedom they are really protecting is the freedom to select their own grave sites.

There is one bright side to this debacle, however. Eventually, many of these freedom protectors will succumb to the virus, thereby taking a big step to eliminating the idiot gene from our collective gene-pool. Regardless of whether or not they win awards for this, they will deserve appreciation for that much.

William Davis
 Shelbyville

Take a hike, save a tick

With blistering summer weather in full force and shiny new COVID-19 variants emerging like another season of "The Bachelor," many Americans have taken to the great outdoors—despite recently reported attacks by grizzly bears, alligators, and President Joe Biden's surviving German shepherd, Major (R.I.P. Champ).

And speaking of cantankerous canines, I normally limit my own experiences with nature to mowing my yard and taking evening walks with my wife around our subdivision—where we sometimes encounter local mongrels whom the neighbors have let out to marinate the mailboxes. These loving pets often use their potty breaks as a chance to threaten us with a good old-fashioned scalp mauling. In these perilous moments, I always do the gallant husband-type thing and position myself between the lunging lawn sausages and my wife – while praying that if I do soil myself, it won't be caught on video and uploaded to TikTok.

It may surprise you, then, that when I accompanied my wife on a recent business trip to the beautiful Tanglewood Resort and Conference Center at Lake Texoma on the border of Texas and Oklahoma, I willingly risked life, limb, and my clean, fresh scent to go hiking. Yes, hiking – also known as walking in places you shouldn't.

While my wife was in meetings, I could have participated in striped bass fishing, pontoon boating, or having my back hairs moisturized at Tanglewood's Tranquility Spa and Salon. But since most of these activities required that I get out of bed before noon, I decided, instead, to sleep late, put on my "Welcome Ticks!" sandwich board and head out to the hiking trails.

When I asked the front desk clerk for directions to the trails, she replied, "Well, we're not really recommending the hiking trails at the moment due to the snakes and the hogs, but you can do what you want."

The Snakes and the Hogs? Weren't those the gangs in "West Side Story"? Anyway, I wasn't about to let a bunch of woodland hoodlums and their homies deter me from possibly getting a heat rash and dislocating my pinky toes.

Once I found the trail-



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head and noticed that it introduced a steep, gravely descent through the woods and toward the lake, I immediately began to question my choice in footwear – a pair of Nike Air Assault sneakers purchased five years ago in the dad-shoe section at Academy Sports + Outdoors. Luckily, I only did the slipping-splits a couple of times, which made my groin feel like I had just lost to Simone Biles on the balance beam.

I was actually hoping I might spot some forest wildlife, but I guess the snakes and hogs were napping after preying on the hikers who got up before lunch. I did, however, notice a few feral beer cans and one rare North American toilet seat that some nature-lover had mercifully released into the wild.

When I finally stumbled to the trail's end that revealed a vast marina on the lake, the air temperature was roughly the same as the Walmart parking lot in mid-August, which called for extreme life-saving measures. In other words, I took off my shirt—in public—a shocking act of exhibitionism that scandalized a nearby flock of Canadian geese who promptly regretted their migration decisions.

After I had hiked back up the trail and made it to the safety of air-conditioning, I felt proud and invigorated. In fact, I somehow convinced my wife to go hiking with me the next day. (We're still feeling hopeful about the marriage counseling.)

Seriously, though, hiking did give me a chance to get in touch with the natural world for a change. Most of all, it made me thankful that the good Lord designed His beautiful creation in all its variety for us to enjoy—except for, maybe, the snakes and the hogs.

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Drought, border surge are incompatible

The federal government's U.S. Drought Monitor indicates that nearly half the nation is suffering from abnormally dry drought conditions.

States in the West are the most adversely affected, but parts of the Midwest and the East are classified as experiencing extreme, severe or moderate drought. The Pacific Northwest has not seen a spring this dry since 1924, and this is the second driest March to June on record for Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

In California and Nevada, reservoirs are low, approaching 2012 to 2016 levels. Continued drying increases wildfire risk throughout the region, reflected in several recent out-of-control incidents in northern California, which has more than 200 vulnerable communities. The Dixie Fire, California's second largest in the state's history, destroyed hundreds of homes and forced evacuations in the adjacent 48,000 acres. As of August 8, Dixie has torched more than 463,000 acres and is only 21 percent contained.

Nevada and California, both states in 100 percent drought conditions that range from moderate to exceptional, had record warm temperatures in June which escalated the severe effects, including

fire potential, water temperature impacts on fish and increased evaporative demand. Drought impacts on pasture conditions, ecosystem health, water supply, recreation and fire potential have intensified and expanded.

Just as the National Weather Service predicts no relief in sight, neither do population analysts foresee a reduction of the numbers of new arrivals that will drink, cook with, bathe in, irrigate or flush with the increasingly scarce water normally available for everyday activities.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom asked residents to voluntarily cut water use by 15 percent. Many but not all will comply. Posh resorts, golf clubs, baseball diamonds, college football fields as well as the rich and famous like the Kardashians likely won't do their share. Post-pandemic California anticipates millions of visitors this summer season, and through 2023. Out-of-state tourists who pay an average \$2,757 per week to visit California may take their 15-minute shower and opt for freshly laundered linens.

Whether California residents heed Newsom or whether visitors pay attention to their lodgings' pleas to consume less water is beyond anyone's control. But controlling the millions of future water consumers pouring

across the Southwest border is well within the federal government's power. At the current pace, by the end of his first year in office President Biden will have overseen and unconstitutionally sanctioned the unlawful entry of more than 2 million illegal immigrants. Add those 2 million to the autopilot annual 1 million lawful permanent residents and hundreds of thousands who arrive on employment-based visas but rarely return home, and more than 3 million new arrivals will join the country's already overcrowded 330 million.

Here's the simple formula: too many people will equal not enough water. Some areas have been dramatically hurt by too little water, and too rapid population growth. The Texas Commission on Environmental Equality found that since 1940 the population of the 10 largest sister cities that straddle the U.S.-Mexican border, an arid region already short of water, has exploded twentyfold, from 560,000 people to roughly 10 million today.

Without taking into consideration the ongoing border surge, the Census Bureau predicts that the nation's mid-century population will exceed 400 million, a 25 percent increase from today's level, and about 90 percent driven by



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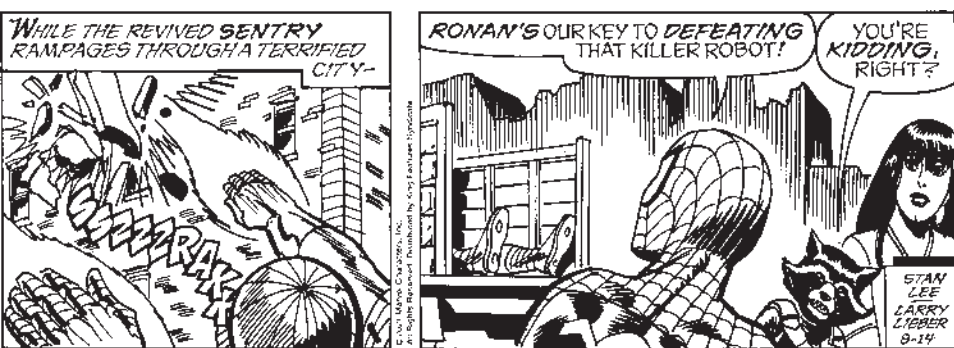
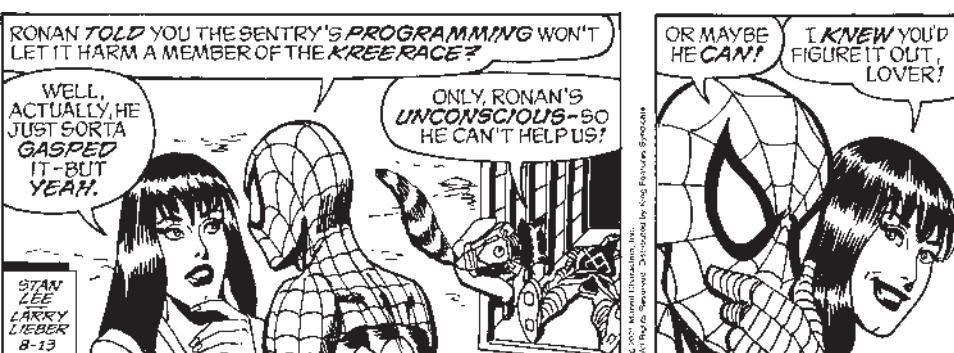
immigrants and births to immigrants.

Don't blame immigrants for the water crisis. The Biden administration graciously invited border crossers to live in the U.S., and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas facilitated their safe and orderly dispersal throughout the nation. After immigration officials apprehend the aliens, they're released into the interior, often on charter flights. Eventually, they'll receive the government's full complement of affirmative benefits. Those who have come, and those who will continue to come, are here to stay. But the water that they'll need can't be manufactured.

The looming, acute water shortage will create a hard time for all, immigrants and citizens alike.

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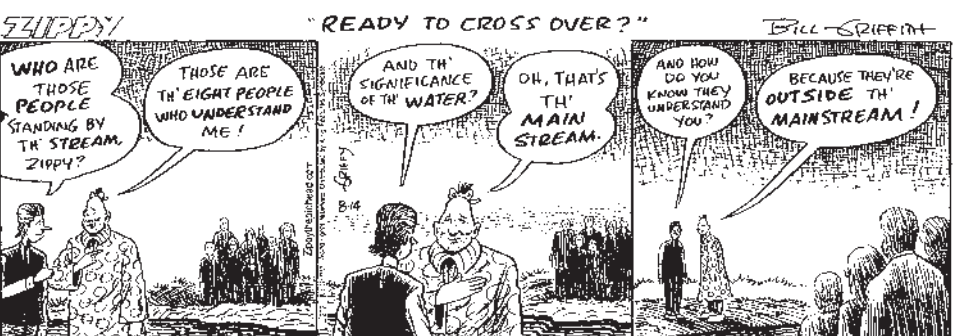
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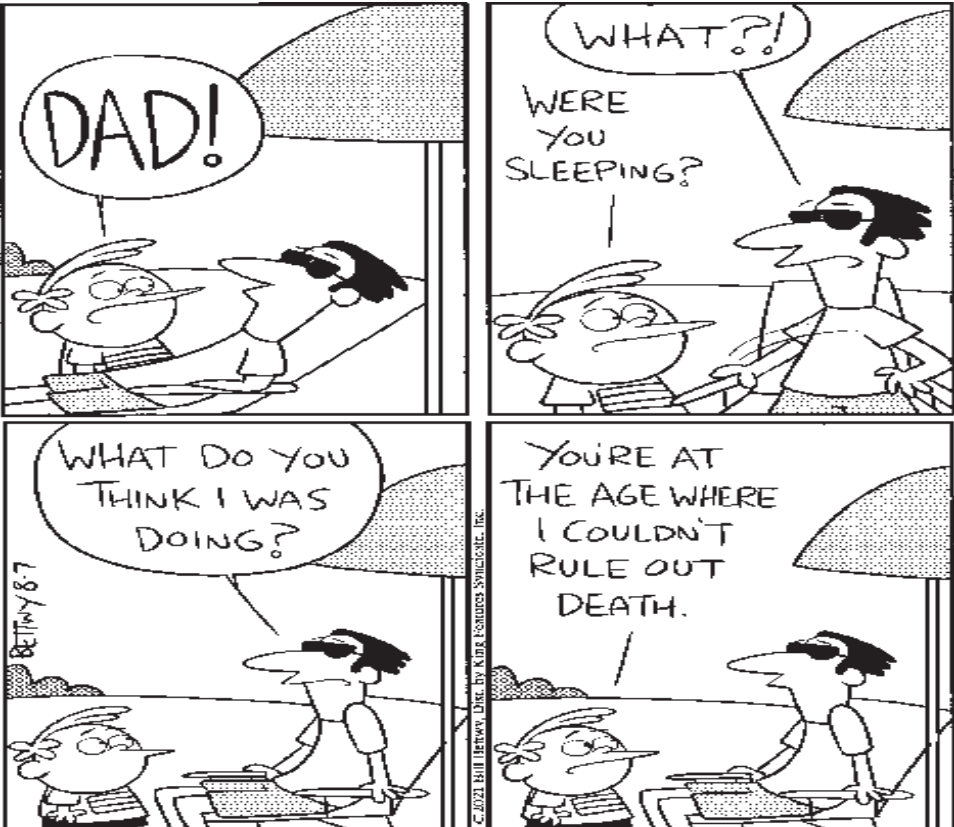
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See answers to the Sudoku on Saturday's 4A page

Great Outdoors Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

- CAMPING
- COAST
- HIKING
- LAKE
- MOUNTAIN
- NATURAL
- OCEAN
- RIVER
- TRAVEL
- TREES
- VISTA
- WILDLIFE

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What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A



B



Answers: 1. Tire is black 2. Extra letter on cart name 3. Golf ball on green 4. Extra clubs



Doug Dezotell
Musings and Memories

Caring can transform

One of the truisms of life is that you can't judge a book by its cover.

I want to share a story that I have shared before. I don't know if this is a true story.

I don't care, because it's a beautiful story

And I wanted to share it again for all of you teachers, active and retired, who may be reading today.

I know there are probably certain students who stand out in your hearts and minds just like this one did for Mrs. Thompson...

This one is for you...

...As Mrs. Thompson stood in front of her fifth grade class on the very first day of school, she told the children a lie.

Like most teachers, she looked at her students and said that she loved them all the same.

But that was impossible, because there in the front row, slumped in his seat, was a little boy named Teddy Stoddard

Mrs. Thompson had before and noticed that he didn't play well with the other children. His clothes were messy and he constantly needed a bath. And Teddy could be unpleasant.

It got to the point where Mrs. Thompson would actually take delight in marking his papers with a broad red pen, making bold X's and then putting a big "F" at the top of his papers.

At the school where Mrs. Thompson taught, she was required to review each child's past records and she put Teddy's off until last.

However, when she reviewed his file, she was in for a surprise.

Teddy's first grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is a bright child with a ready laugh. He does his work neatly and has good manners...he is a joy to be around."

His second grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is an excellent student, well-liked by his classmates, but he is troubled because his mother has a terminal illness and life at home must be a struggle."

His third grade teacher wrote, "His mother's death has been hard on Teddy. He tries to do his best but his father doesn't show much interest and his home life will soon affect him if some steps aren't taken."

Teddy's fourth grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is withdrawn and doesn't show much interest in school. He doesn't have many friends and sometimes sleeps in class."

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Janice Womble delivered a devotion Wednesday at Shelbyville Woman's Club meeting which which connected with the fall theme.

Woman's Club provides program



Shelbyville Woman's Club member Dena Landers introduced this month's guest speaker, Leanne Moore, owner of Leanne's Flowers, as guest presenter.

Shelbyville Woman's Club members were treated to a program themed, "Fall Centerpiece" on Wednesday at Riverbend Country Club. Leanne Moore was guest presenter.

Moore demonstrated for the women how simple garden pleasures from home, like Hydrangeas and roses, can make outstanding fall decor items. She demonstrated how to best assemble those fall centerpieces with items that will last the season.

Decorations were provided by Faye Womble and place cards were by Rachel Arnold and Lynda Phillips.

Janice Womble delivered a heart-felt devotion before the packed house of members and guests.

Judy Day did an outstanding job with reservations this month, considering there was a waiting list to attend.

Joan Gray and Betty Farrar brought their smiles to the meetings as they served as hostesses.

The next meeting is planned at River Bend on Wednesday, Sept. 8. The program will be themed, "To Hair or Not to Hair." Presenters will be from Infinity Hair Salon.

Next month's reservations will be made by Patricia Shavers at 684-4023.



Leanne Moore assembles some bright flowers for the Woman's Club members.



Mark McGee
My Take

"New Normal"

I have a T-shirt with the words "New Normal" crossed out by a red "X".

I don't want a new normal. I just want to get back to the old normal. Whoever thought that 2019 would be looked upon with such nostalgia.

As an only child, I often got what I wanted. But most experts are telling me we will never return to the old normal.

Never.

I don't want to accept those predictions.

The "New Normal" appears to be centered around division pitting the unvaccinated and the masked against the unmasked. Whichever side of these issues you find yourself is a personal decision. In America you have always been allowed to make your own decisions and Covid-19 shouldn't restrict that right.

There were several reasons why I made the decision to get the vaccination. I have some of the co-morbidity issues. I received the vaccine to protect myself, not to protect others. There has never been a guarantee the vaccine would be 100 percent effective. We have been told if we received the vaccine and then became infected with Covid-19 the effects would be milder. So far, that appears to be true.

But even if I did not have any comorbidities I was willing to do whatever it took to allow me to go back to fully packed Nashville Predators hockey games at Bridgestone Arena, to watch a movie on a large screen in a public theater, to travel at will without having to deal with a laundry list of restrictions or to eat at the restaurant of my choice.

Just when we thought it was safe to venture back outside the "Delta" variant of Covid-19 reared its ugly head. It is highly contagious and appears to be causing real problems with children. People, even vaccinated, are getting sick. Will we need a booster? When will the vaccines receive final approval?

We don't know. Adding to the intrigue is speculation another vaccine is on the horizon.

"Follow the science" has become the catchphrase. The science indicates Covid-19, like any virus, is never going to completely go away. But it can be controlled. How we go about controlling this virus is also prompting division.

Mask mandates are returning. Whether or not students should wear

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Normandy's Jerry Fox sings a different tune

"Gospel Journeyman" CD is his testimony

By STAFF REPORT
 Jerry Fox of Normandy began working on his "Gospel Journeyman" album, which just debuted in 2021 with New Freedom Records, at age 61.

Decades ago, his uncle was showing him guitar chords on a \$12 Stella guitar. He attended church and attended singing conventions throughout his young life.

At 16, he began composing original melodies accompanied by what he calls the "monotonous sound of a tractor." He drove one all summer as a teen in the western Oklahoma heat.

He professes how he knew Jesus, but would soon move on to what he thought was a better way of life, that is, Nashville. "Eventually, I made it to the Nashville school of hard knocks, where, in pursuit of a hit song, I signed a Warner Brother's recording contract with a band and co-wrote a Billboard top 20 song which served as my diploma. But adolescent dreams of stardom never quite turn out as planned."

The born-again-Christian

Fox says the attention and adulation, easy money, yes, alcohol and drugs, among many other things, pulled him off into the wrong direction of life. "It was nothing more than idolatry," he says, "pulling me away from my Christian upbringing, breaking up my marriages and giving me an excuse to hide from the truth."

Fox says at that point in his life, sure, he was willing to live in "la la land" with the devil-one which he believes often whispered in his ear to 'live it up!'

"It took over half my life to finally realize there was only one who really loved and cared for me; His name is Jesus Christ." Now, he says he is inspired that his new CD of songs like "The Encounter" and "Who Am I?" will be a witness to others, possibly some following his former path in life.

The musician's life

Fox has spent most of his musical life sharing the stage with nationally recognized recording artists and musicians. In Nashville, he played bass on stage or in recording



studios, or had his original songs recorded, by the likes of artists, Crystal Gayle, Don Gibson, Terri Gibbs, Charly McClain, Jimmy C. Newman, Billy Jo Spears, Del Reeves, Ferlin Huskey, and the legendary Merle Travis.

Fox played on the Grand Ole Opry and performed music in all the lower 48 states, as well as in Germany, New Zealand, Belgium, and Canada.

In the 1980's Fox was a founding member of the Nashville country band Bandana. The group was signed to Warner Bros. Records and scored six national Billboard top 40 hits, including "Outside Looking In," — a top 20 record co-written by Fox. Bandana was nominated by the Academy of Country Music (ACM) membership as vocal group of the year.

Late-in-life revelation

Fox says he experienced what he calls a "late-in-life revelation"—one which had an impact on his life and caused him to return, like the lost son in the Bible in Luke 15:11-22, to his faith in the early 2000's.

Fox says he re-dedicated his life to serving his Savior. A part of that com-

mitment was a promise to use his songwriting talent solely to praise the Lord and further His Kingdom.

Gospel Journeyman

Fox's commitment has resulted in "Gospel Journeyman," an album of original songs in varied styles including contemporary praise and worship, Southern Gospel quartet, reggae influenced, Christian rock, and a western cowboy ballad.

Produced and arranged by Fox, the CD, which includes a picture of him walking along the Normandy railroad tracks, was released July 2 and is available worldwide for download on all the major digital music platforms including Amazon Music, iTunes, and Apple Music. CDs can be ordered at jerryfoxmusic.com.

The new album is full of original songs the artist has written over the past six years. Some of the songs, he truly believes, are divinely by the Holy Spirit.

"When melody, chords, and lyrics just spontaneously pour out of you, it's a revelation about how God can use one's talent, whatever that may be, to reach the lost and invite them into His Kingdom. For me, it's a refreshing change

from my previous attempts at writing calculated commercial secular songs. I don't plan to ever go back."

Fox explains his songs

"More Like Jesus" . . . I wrote this in 2019 and immediately heard the vocal arrangement in my head. As a bass player I've always enjoyed hearing and playing the relaxed infectious groove of reggae music from Jamaica. One of my favorite Christian groups is Christifari with singer David Fohe. My friend Angie Brown and I did all of the harmony vocal tracks with the multi-talented Michael Rudder doing the scat vocal on the fade as well as adding steel drums."

"The Encounter" . . . tells the story of a man's supernatural encounter with our Savior after he has all but given up hope. I believe that even when we're seeking the truth we are often in denial about our mortality and the eternal existence beyond. Because God gave us free will it's our nature to resist giving up control when it's actually the most freeing thing we can do. Fortunately, amidst the noise of our everyday living Jesus never gives up on



us and is always calling on us to accept His gift of salvation and eternal life.

"Saved" . . . my personal testimony. Although I grew up in a Christian church-going household and had no doubt there was a God, I didn't turn my life over to Him until I was 20 years old on my knees in a hotel room in Washington, D.C. It was the first time I could recall him speaking directly to me. Within a few years I fell under the worldly influence of the 60s and drifted off into new

age mysticism and Eastern philosophy. My pursuit of a career in the music business offered even more distractions from the truth I had been raised to know.

It took some setbacks in my life for Jesus to get my attention and draw me back to the shelter of His love where I should have been all along. I'm so grateful that He kept me alive and reasonably healthy during those years I was lost in the wilderness, and thankful that He has allowed me to use my talent for His Kingdom."

Couple exchange vows

Jennifer Reese Pasalakis and CT Wessner of Shelbyville were united in marriage during a solemn, elopement ceremony on July 2 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

She is the daughter of Micky and Jill Reese of Shelbyville and the granddaughter of Betty Reese of Tullahoma, the late Douglas and Greta Noble, the late Ralph Reese and the late Lee and Eula Epperson.

The groom is the son of Kenneth and Carla Wessner of Shelbyville. He is the grandson of the late Irvin and Delores Wessner and the late Billy and Betty Brannon.

The couple chose to repeat double-ring vows.

The bride wore a white, V-neck, eyelet dress fashioned with tied sleeves. She carried a bouquet of Stargazers and Casablanca flowers.

The groom was attired in a crisp, white linen summer outfit. He wore as his boutonniere a single, pink lily from the bridal bouquet.

A wedding reception was held Aug. 7 at the couple's barn in Shelbyville with close family and friends in attendance. The reception was catered by Robert

Martin of Koffee Beanz and the cake was made by Ruth Lawson of Shelbyville.

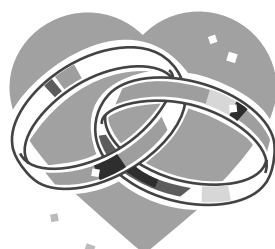
The couple have three daughters, Ashley and Emily Wessner and Molly Kate Pasalakis. They attend Experience Community Church.

The bride is a graduate of Shelbyville Central High School and Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, where she obtained an accounting degree. She is a certified public accountant and is employed as a national executive director with Thirty-one Gifts.

The groom is a graduate of Shelbyville Central High School and the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, where he earned an engineering degree. He is currently a lead engineer with Nissan, Smyrna.



JENNIFER AND CT WESSNER





Hazel prefers homemade, family agrees

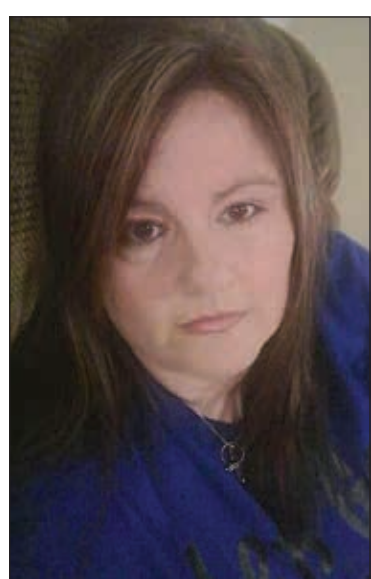
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While some moms might dread making weeknight dinners for their family, that is, meals made fresh from scratch, Hazel George Matthews says she considers the job a blessing. Hazel's family agrees.

She categorizes her menu—one which she's sharing today—as comfort food. When Hazel cooks, it's not just a meat and side, but a meat and a lovely and hearty servings of vegetables—fresh slices of tomato or other summer produce—cornbread, rolls or biscuits.

Hungry yet? Her homemade hamburger casserole tops any commercial, pre-packaged brands, she says. It just takes a little more preparation time, which in the end, is well-worth it.

Need-less-to-say, she cooks enough for any incoming family members, or friends for that matter, who might want to sit down to a home-cooked meal. Her husband, Robert, rarely, if ever, complains about the full course



Hazel George Matthews

Looking at the full course meals served, who would? Hazel grew up in a family of 8 in Bedford County and graduated from Community High School. Having reared her own family, she works at the local Head Start—something she's done for 14 years.

In her "spare time," Hazel is studying to be a teacher. In addition, she and a friend recently began at Facebook page of inspiration. "We are trying to be an uplifting group," she advises.

Hazel attends church regularly and believes in putting God first in her life.

Actually, it was her strong faith, she says, which helped her to decide to follow her calling of being an educator. "What impressed me . . . was a calling from God."

Enjoy some of Hazel's favorite weeknight meals below. These are dishes also good for Sunday lunch, Hazel notes, because they can be prepared ahead of time and re-warmed.

The dog days of summer are upon us, so she's using as much local produce as possible in her meal planning. She learned that growing up on her family's farm—one which was doing sustainable farming long before it became popular.

Hazel says her country-style cooking is simple and hearty. This suits her hard-working fam-

ily well.

She always tries to make the plates look pleasing too. A blue and white simple plate is the perfect backdrop for her family favorite meatloaf. Her recipe is standard with the exception of the 2 tsp. of cumin, which is original.

By now you've likely figured out that's a favorite spice in Hazel's kitchen. Cumin accentuates the flavor of vegetables, which plays perfect in Hazel's home cooking.

Her family calls her food "yummy." That's complimentary enough for this Bedford Countian.

Hazel's Spicy Tacos

- 1 to 2 lb. lean ground beef, cooked and drained
- 2 medium, minced garlic cloves
- 1 1/2 tsp. cumin
- ground coriander to taste
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- chilies or jalapeños
- tortillas or shells, toasted
- optional: sharp cheddar cheese, tomatoes, lettuce and

- green onions
- fat-free salsa

Brown ground beef, drain. Add garlic to meat. Add spices, salt, tomatoes, chilies. Serve with toasted tortillas or taco shells. Top with cheese, tomatoes, lettuce and onions.

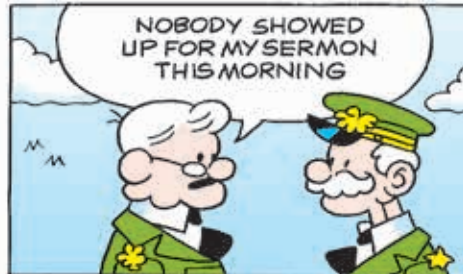
Hazel's Hamburger Casserole

- 1 (16 oz.) box bow tie noodles (prepare according to directions)
- Dale's Seasoning (I use 3 caps full)
- 3 lb. lean hamburger
- pepper or favorite seasonings to taste
- 1/2 lb. (8 oz.) block Velveeta cheese
- 1 C. milk
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- Cook and drain noodles. Add 3 caps full of Dale's seasoning to cooked, drained ground beef and pepper. Add noodles, cheese, milk and butter to meat mixture. Serve immediately when cheese is melted.

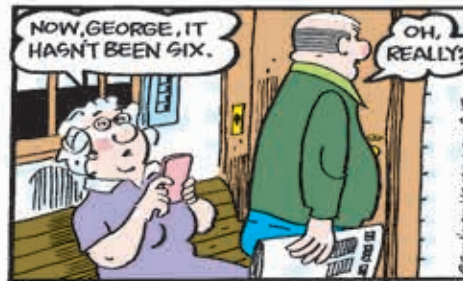
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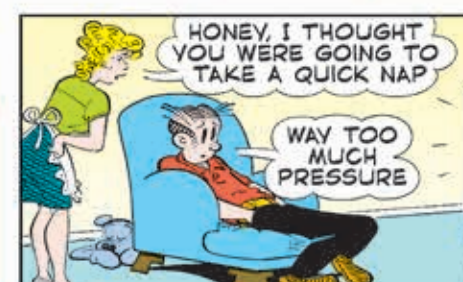
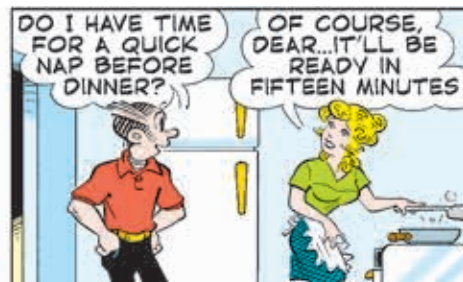
Mort Walker's beetle bailey



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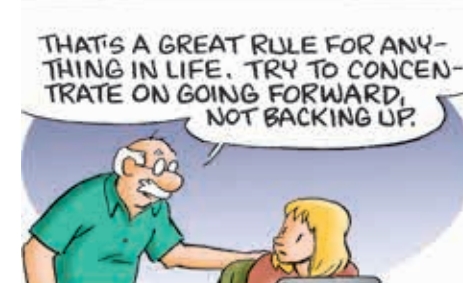
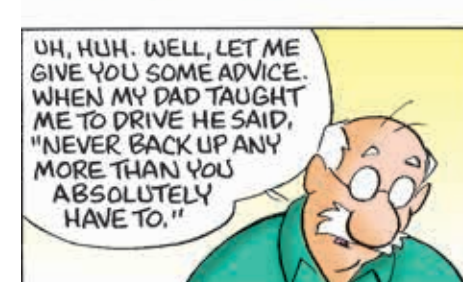
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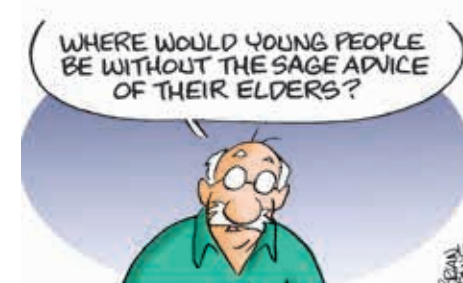
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DADDY DAZE

BY JOHN KOVALESKI



SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

I FEEL LIKE THERE'S A LOT RIDING ON ME RIGHT NOW.

WHAT'S UP, TED?

I'M CREATING MY "OFFICIAL BURGER OF SUMMER" FOR OUR UPCOMING PARTY.

YOU ALREADY CREATED ONE. BACK IN MAY.

THAT... THAT ONE WAS A DISASTER, SAL. BROKE ME EMOTIONALLY... PSYCHOLOGICALLY...

YOU DIDN'T EVEN BLINK WHEN YOU SAID THAT.

BUT THIS TIME I'VE WORKED AND REWORKED THE RECIPE OVER AND OVER. I DID A DEEP DIVE INTO THE HISTORY OF SPICES, CONDIMENTS, SESAME-SEED BUNS...

AND I'LL KEEP GOING AT IT AND KEEP GOING AT IT UNTIL I HAVE ACHIEVED PURE, ABSOLUTE, UNEQUIVOCAL PERFECTION!

TED, DO YOU EVER PUT THIS MUCH THOUGHT AND EFFORT INTO YOUR JOB?

SINCE WORKING FROM HOME? YES. BUT THE MOMENT I'M BACK AT THE OFFICE I'M USING THE RESTROOM FOUR FLOORS AWAY SO I CAN HAVE MORE "ME TIME" WHILE AVOIDING PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES I'M SUPPOSED TO KNOW.

The PHANTOM

by LEE FALK

HERE'S WHAT THE 18TH PHANTOM WROTE AFTER HIS ENCOUNTER WITH THE VISITOR.

The Visitor knows how we come to be here... it knows the oath we swear to uphold.

I am the first Phantom to hear it speak... and to see it vanish before my eyes.

It's not like us... Not like a man...
...an entity, yet... but something purely elemental... not human...

I believe it has no human identity or form apart from the ones witnessed in these Chronicles...
...that of the 3rd Phantom, the 6th, the 12th... and now my own form, in every way.

One day this Visitor will likely manifest among us again...

...for reasons no Phantom yet has fathomed.

Tony DePaul & Jeff Weigel 8-15-21

Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and OREG WALKER

THAT LOOKS LIKE FUN.

SPLISH SPLASH

WHAT'S WRONG, TRIxie?

WA!

WA!

SHE WANTS TO COME IN THE WATER.

OK. I'LL GIVE YOU A LITTLE TASTE.

PUT YOUR TOE IN.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

TOO SALTY.

ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

YAWN!

FUMP!

ISN'T THAT THE SAME OUTFIT YOU WORE YESTERDAY, JEREMY?

IT'S THE LUCK OF THE DRAW, MOM.

THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"WE WERE WAY AHEAD OF OUR TIME FOR LIVING IN A CASHLESS SOCIETY."

"I DIDN'T KNOW PETER GOT HIS TRAINING IN KABUKI THEATER."

"I'M NOT TALKING TO YOU, AND NEITHER IS ALEXA."

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

by TOM BATUK

JUST A SEC, GUYS...

HEY!

WHAT'S UP INSTA FAMILY? I'M ON MY WAY TO THE WRAP PARTY FOR "WSA'S STORY"...

AND LOOK WHO'S HERE WITH ME... THE MAN WHOSE WIFE THE FILM IS BASED ON... LES MOORE!

HI, MASON FANS.

ALL RIGHT, GANG... IT'S TIME TO PARTY!

SORRY, LES... GOTTA KEEP THE MASSES HAPPY.

SO THAT'S A THING NOW?

THAT'S A BIG THING NOW!

SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Slick Smitty is pressuring Granny Squirrel to sign a revised treehouse rental agreement. Granny is unable to read the fine print. Unfortunately, Slylock doesn't have his magnifying glass with him, but he told Granny she owns something that will work almost as well. What is it?

Solution -- If Granny places a magnifying glass over the fine print, the words will act as if they were enlarged. The magnifying glass and water will act as a magnifying glass.

Spot six differences between these panels.

"I BELIEVE LORETTA'S RECIPE IS TO STICK A FEATHER IN A HAT AND CALL IT MACARONI."

HOW TO DRAW a boy and his duck

BOB WEBER JR and SR 8-15

YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is London, age 12

Ducks are found on every continent except for ...

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- Australia
- Antarctica
- Africa
- Asia

Submit your drawing to www.slylockfox.com

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"IT WAS BAD ENOUGH YOU LAUGHED WHEN HE INSULTED ME. BUT DID YOU HAVE TO YELL 'ENCORE'?"



Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church enjoys "Water Day"

Mt. Lebanon UMC enjoyed "Water Day" last Sunday.

There was grilling at the pavilion: hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings.

A giant water slide was also enjoyed by all the children and even the Pastor Bro. Jack Carney.

Photos by Carol Spray and Leandra Huitt



Doug

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By now, Mrs. Thompson realized the problem and was ashamed of herself.

She felt even worse when her students brought her Christmas presents, wrapped in beautiful ribbons and bright paper, except for Teddy's.

His present was clumsily wrapped in the heavy, brown paper that he got from a grocery bag.

Mrs. Thompson took pains to open it in the middle of the other presents.

Some of the children started to laugh when their teacher found a rhinestone bracelet with some of the stones missing and a bottle that was one quarter full of perfume.

But she stifled the children's laughter when she exclaimed how pretty the bracelet was.

She put it on and dabbed some of the perfume on her wrist.

Teddy Stoddard stayed after school that day just long enough to say, "Mrs. Thompson, today you smelled just like my mom used to."

After the children left she cried for at least an hour.

On that very day, she quit teaching reading, writing, and arithmetic. Instead, she began to teach children.

Mrs. Thompson paid particular attention to Teddy.

As she worked with him, his mind seemed to come alive.

The more she encour-

aged him, the faster he responded.

By the end of the year, Teddy had become one of the smartest children in the class and despite her lie that she would love all the children the same, Teddy became one of her 'pets.'

A year later, she found a note under her door, from Teddy, telling her that she was still the best teacher he ever had in his whole life.

Six years went by before she got another note from Teddy.

He then wrote that he had finished high school, third in his class, and Mrs. Thompson was still the best teacher he ever had in his whole life.

Four years after that she got another letter, this one saying that while things had been tough at times, he stayed in school, had stuck

with it, and would soon graduate from college with the highest of honors.

He assured Mrs. Thompson that she was still the best and favorite teacher he ever had in his whole life.

Then four more years passed and yet another letter came. This time he explained that after he got his bachelor's degree, he decided to go a little further. The letter explained that she was still the best and favorite teacher he ever had. But now his name was a little longer.

The letter was signed, Theodore F. Stoddard, MD.

The story doesn't end there. You see, there was yet another letter that spring.

Teddy said he'd met a girl and was going to be

married.

He explained that his father had died a couple of years ago and he was wondering if Mrs. Thompson might agree to sit in the place at the wedding that was usually reserved for the mother of the groom.

Of course, Mrs. Thompson did. And guess what?

She wore that bracelet, the one with several rhinestones missing. And she made sure she was wearing the perfume that Teddy remembered his mother wearing on their last Christmas together.

They hugged each other, and Dr. Stoddard whispered in Mrs. Thompson's ear, "Thank you, Mrs. Thompson, for believing in me. Thank you so much for making me feel important and showing me that I

could make a difference."

Mrs. Thompson, with tears in her eyes, whispered back. She said, "Teddy, you have it all wrong. You were the one who taught me that I could make a difference. I didn't know how to teach until I met you."

...I pray that all of you educators and school employees will have a wonderful school year.

I know that you will make an impact on someone's life.

• Doug Dezotell is the pastor of Cannon United Methodist Church, and a columnist for the Times-Gazette. He is a husband, a father, a grandfather, a brother, an uncle, and a friend. He can be contacted at dougdezotell@gmail.com or at 931-607-5191.

Mark

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masks in school is the center of contention in many school systems. State grade reports from this past school year should discourage schools from returning to online teaching again.

There are indications whether or not you can attend a concert or a sporting event or eat inside a restaurant will be decided on the vaccination status of an individual.

People learned to endure so many hardships during the height of the pandemic. How many were

unable to say good-bye to a loved one or to hug them one last time before they made their journey into eternity?

Students were robbed of so many milestones of youth from proms to graduations. Athletes were not allowed to play or had their seasons limited at best.

Some enjoyed being trapped in their homes baking bread and reading books. Online relationships thrived.

Now like Chance the Gardener, played by Peter Sellers, in the movie "Being There" leaving the house he lived in for the first time as an adult many

have become unsure of how to deal with the world around them. There are even guides for people who feel they need to learn how to talk with people face-to-face again.

Are we going to make a complete return to the "New Normal" again with lockdowns and quaran-

tines? I hope not. The old normal may not have been perfect but I believe it was better than the alternative.

• Mark McGee is executive director of United Way of Bedford County and a former editor of the Times-Gazette.

Cascade students work Wartrace Horse Show

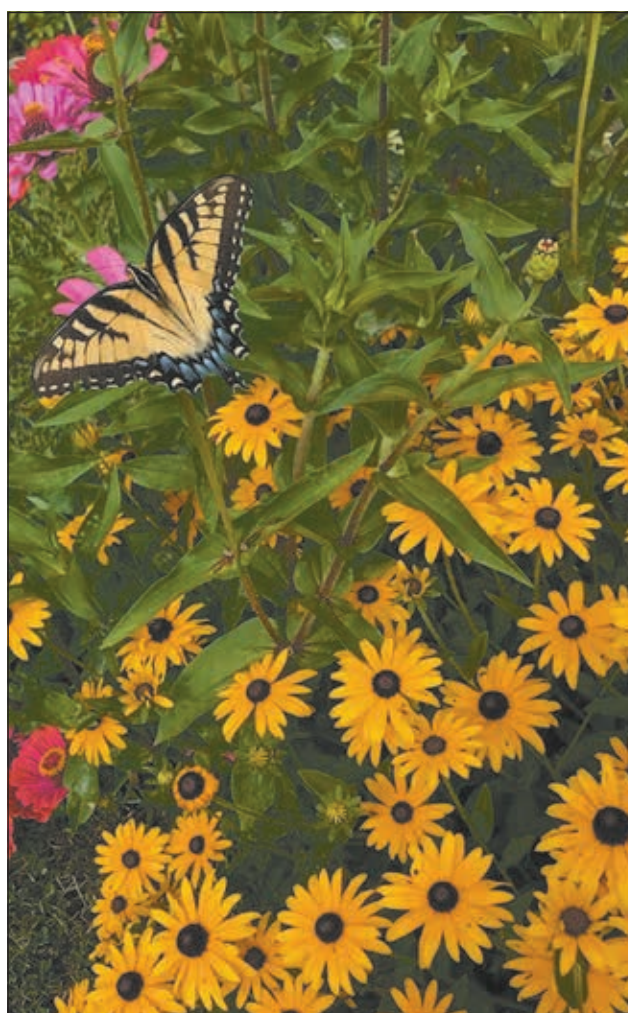
Band opens ceremony



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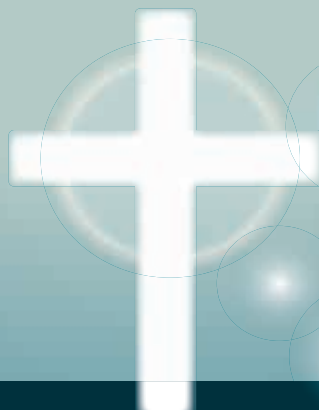
SUMMER BEAUTY



Photos by Ardis Rittenberry

From Zinnias to Summer Poinsettias, the garden of Ardis Rittenberry in Shelbyville is surviving this August humidity and temperatures. The butterflies even stopped by this week for a treat.

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