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T-G update

As recently announced, the Times-Gazette now publishes on Tuesdays and Saturdays. We update news, calendar, obits and blotter each Thursday online. If you're a print subscriber, you automatically have access to our web page content. With a changeover recently to new website management, online subscribers will need to re-enter their account information now, for easy access. Please call our customer service desk at 931-684-1200 (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) for any assistance or leave us a message after hours. The T-G will be getting bigger and better, in the days to come. Thank you for continuing to support your hometown newspaper, which has been a vital piece of the local fabric for many years. We are looking forward to many more successful years in this community.

Man drives into river



T-G Photo by David Melson

Shelbyville Fire-Rescue personnel inspect the car in which Christopher Palmer Jr., 22 of Shelbyville died Monday in Duck River at the Fisherman's Park dam. Witnesses told police Palmer intentionally drove into the water at full speed. He was unresponsive when rescuers arrived. Autopsy results to determine whether Palmer died from injuries or drowning will not be available for several weeks, police said.

Man allegedly tries to force woman off road

By DAVID MELSON
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An alleged attempt to run a vehicle off the road Friday night, Jan. 14, led to the arrest of a Bedford County man on assault and reckless endangerment charges.

Mason West Warner, 21, of Temple Ford Lane was charged with aggravated assault and two counts of reckless endangerment by Shelbyville police. Warner posted \$42,500 bond.

A Shelbyville woman called 911 from her vehicle saying Warner was attempting to run her off the road. A Bedford County deputy talked to the driver on West Lane Street as Shelbyville police stopped Warner on Lane Parkway.

She told a deputy Warner called her to his home to hand over a personal item, then as she arrived outside the residence begged her not to leave. She said she drove away out of fear as he briefly went into the home, and he chased her from Temple Ford Lane to West Lane where she stopped after their vehicles hit.

"He came over to my window and told me to get out of the car," she told a deputy. "I told him no and that's when he grabbed me and was attempting to pull me out."

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Learning Way goes remote for a week

By DAWN HANKINS
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Bedford County Board of Education approved several departmental reports Tuesday — those which demonstrated that the school system is in good financial and academic standing. Still, school health was reported to be an ongoing issue, with COVID-19 cases pushing Learning Way Elementary to remote learning this week.

Director of Bedford County Schools Tammy Garrett told the board that she applied for a waiver on Tuesday for Learning Way Elementary to transfer temporarily to remote instruction. Compared to last year, state rules are now a little different when needing to close a school due to COVID-19.

Garrett explained if the entire

system closes because of COVID, the state requires that a stock pile day be used. (Days set aside each year as an insurance policy to guard against having to make up time due to closures for inclement weather and outbreak of illness.)

Garrett said fortunately for Bedford County, individual schools and classrooms can still receive waivers from the Tennessee Department of Education for remote learning.

Learning Way posted on its website Wednesday: "Due to the large number of students and staff quarantined or in isolation, Learning Way will be doing virtual learning from January 19-21. Today, students will bring home laptops and work needed for the next 3 days. They will need to log into Microsoft Teams each morn-

ing to be counted present. Your child's teacher will be working with them through Teams for the next 3 days. If you do not have WiFi, you will need to check in with your child's teacher through Class Dojo. Families that contact their teacher on DoJo without Wi-fi will be counted present.

The school days will run as close to normal as possible. All students should be logged into their laptops by 7:30 tomorrow morning. Your child's teacher will call them at appropriate times. Our number one goal is for all students and staff to be safe and well. Thank you for understanding the need to go virtual in hopes of stopping the spread."

"We applied for our first waiver today, Garrett told the board. "It was approved very quickly. So

Learning Way will go on remote for the remainder of the week. When you have a remote setting . . . no extracurricular activities at the school, so that we can make sure we can get the numbers down."

As well, Garrett said the state requires that operations, such as cafeteria and bus service, are being impacted.

"They want the doors open, if you can possibly open them," the superintendent explained to the board.

New school discussions?

There were no discussions during Tuesday's 30-minute board meeting about school facility improvements. The board will

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Solar farm will impact county

By ZOË HAGGARD
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The Vanderbilt I Solar Farm going on Frank Martin Road in Shelbyville will sit on 375 acres and cost upwards of \$30 million, invested by Nashville-based solar platform Silicon Ranch.

The solar field is said to help Vanderbilt University in Nashville to reduce their "carbon emissions" to zero by the year 2050, according to Chancellor Daniel Diermeier. It will be the first of more to come for Vanderbilt University.

Diermeier, who attended the groundbreaking event Wednesday, said the solar field will reduce the university's electrical power use by 70 percent.

Solar Energy Industries Association (a U.S. trade association) calculates that on average one megawatt of solar power generates enough electricity to meet the needs of 164 U.S. homes. Essentially, what could power 5,740 houses will be going to Vanderbilt.

The solar field will be located across from the Walmart Distribution Center and behind the site of the new 231 North Business Park. Planning and zoning director Chris White said the land was originally zoned agriculture despite being in an industrial location.

White said in an earlier interview with the T-G that residents of that area said their major concern is flash flooding. Therefore, despite engineers buffering the creek and wetlands, flooding will also be a concern for anyone developing either a residence or industrial property in that area, White said.



T-G Photo by Zoe Haggard

From left: Scott Spence, CEO of Duck River EMC; Decosta Jenkins, NES; Jeanette Mills, executive vice president and chief external relations officer at TVA; Daniel Diermeier, chancellor of Vanderbilt University; Matt Kisber, co-founder and chairman of Silicon Ranch.

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DEATH NOTICES

Charles W. 'T-Town Iceman' Cannon

January 15, 2022

Mr. Charles W. "T-Town Iceman" Cannon 77, of Tullahoma, a native of Shelbyville, died Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Alive Hospice in Murfreesboro.

Graveside Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Ararat Annex Cemetery in Shelbyville with Pastor Corey Davis officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at Highland Baptist Church in Tullahoma.

Online condolences may be sent to www.weltonfuneralhome.com, which is in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARIES

Paula Annette McBride Dugger

January 15, 2022

Mrs. Paula Annette McBride Dugger, age 56, of Shelbyville, passed away Saturday, January 15, 2022.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 20, 2022, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Bomar Cemetery in the Raus community.

She was born October 19, 1965, in Shelbyville, to the late J.R. McBride and Betty Lou Fuller Dugger. She was retired as an assistant in the Special Education Department at the Bedford County School Bus Garage. She was a faithful member of Friendship Baptist Church in Flat Creek.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Freddy Dugger, in 2009.

Survivors include two sons, Heath Dugger and John Thomas Dugger, and his wife Kellye, all of Shelbyville; a sister, Penny Stallings; two grandchildren, Brayden Dugger and Morgen Dugger.

Cornelia Ann Goss

January 16, 2022

Cornelia Ann Goss, age 80, passed away at her residence Sunday, January 16, 2022. She was a lifelong resident of Wartrace.

Chapel service was held Thursday, January 20, 2022 at Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home in Murfreesboro with Mark Tipton officiating. Burial followed in Hollywood Cemetery in Wartrace with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

Cornelia was preceded in death by her parents, Horton Uselton and Katie O'Haron Uselton; husband, William K. Goss; daughter, Kimberly Holton Alfaro; and sister, Jeanette Fann.

She is survived by her children, Roger Dean Arnold of Shelbyville, Chris (Nicole) Arnold of Wartrace, Karen Goss of Mayfield, KY and Stacey (Mark) Tipton of Murfreesboro; sister, Mary Katherine Smith; grandchildren, Katie Holton, Allison (Michael) Baxter, Nathan (Tia) Holton, Megan Burchett and Andrew, Elijah and Meredith Arnold, Brittany (Cody) Allen, Dylan (Lilly) Tipton; great-grandchildren, Haley, Emilee and Sawyer Holton, Jacob and Ethan Blankenship, Addison, Amelia and Averitt Baxter, Lydia Grace, Isaiah and Levi Allen and Samuel, Nolan and Hollyn Tipton; and great-great-grandchildren, Katie, Raelynn, Madelyn and Jayden.

Ann M. Patterson

January 15, 2022

Ann M. (Batts) Patterson, age 86, of Shelbyville passed away at Lynchburg Nursing Center on Saturday, January 15, 2022.

Ann was born in Ashland City, Tennessee, on July 25, 1935, to the late Henry Floyd Batts, Sr., and Salome (Smith) Batts Sanders. She was a member of the Cheap Hill Church of Christ and before retiring worked in bookkeeping and sales at Harveys and Castner Knott. Ann was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Jimmy S. Batts; and sister, Gayle Barber.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Jim Patterson; son, Joe Evans; daughters, Beverly A. Peralta (Allen); Robin S. Johnson (Allen); grandchildren, Heath Young (Crissy), Jarred Young (Natasha), Brandy Graves (Shawn), Elizabeth Gentry (Justin), Kyle Stovall (Beth), Brad Evans, and Justin Evans (Brittany); multiple great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary Jo Jackson and Hope E. Duke; brother, H.F. (Glenda) Batts, Jr.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral service for Ann was Thursday, January 20, 2022 in the Chapel of Cheatham County Funeral Home with Jarred Young officiating. Burial followed in Will-Smith Cemetery in Ashland City. Serving as pallbearers were Heath Young, Jarred Young, Brad Evans, Justin Evans, Shawn Graves, and Kyle Stovall.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ann's memory may be made to Will-Smith Cemetery. Online condolences at www.cheathamcountyfh.com

David Lynn Pierce

January 17, 2022

David Lynn Pierce, 65, of Shelbyville died Monday, January 17, 2022.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, January 22, at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Rev. Dwayne Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at Wright Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m.

He was born March 12, 1956 in Lincoln County; was a retired employee of Calsonic and a member of the Church of God. David was well known for his "train whistle imitation." He was preceded in death by his father, Bert Smith Pierce.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Edith Bevels Pierce; son, Brandon Pierce (Bobbie); brothers, Dwayne Pierce (Donna), Monte G. Pierce; grandchildren, Wyatt Pierce, Brodi Xander Pierce, Amara Jean Pierce and a uncle, Ron Bevels (Judith).

Danny Thomas Walker

January 16, 2022

Mr. Danny Thomas Walker, age 65, passed away Sunday, January 16, 2022.

Funeral services will be 11 AM Saturday, January 22, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive visitors 3-7 p.m. Friday, and again one hour prior to service Saturday.

He was born June 13, 1956, in Lebanon, Tennessee, to the late John Wilson and Winnie Helen Thomas Walker. He was employed with Big G Express, and was a huge fan of the Tennessee Vols.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Florence Marie Marsh Walker; daughters, Kelly Walker Beech, Kim Sells, and her husband Sam, and Misty Waters, and her husband Dillard; sons, Jason Walker and Brian Walker; a sister, Patricia Gank, and her husband Richard; brothers, Johnny Walker and his wife Joyce, and David Walker, and his wife Donna; ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

William Dorris Cook

January 1, 2022

William Dorris Cook, 78, died January 1, 2022, in Nashville,

Dorris was born June 12, 1943, in Woodlawn, Tennessee, to William Robert Hughes Cook and Ruth Euree (Norfleet) Cook, who preceded him in death. Raised on a tobacco and row-crop farm, he and his twin brother won numerous Future Farmers of America (FFA) awards, including the prestigious American Farmer Degree.

Having received his Bachelor's (1965) and Master of Science Degree (Agriculture Education) (1972) from the University of Tennessee, Dorris was a life-long supporter of UT programs. He was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Judith Isbell Cook; twin brother Johnny Norris Cook, Woodlawn, TN; stepson John David West, Bolivar, MO; nieces Monica (Justin) Bailey, Sabrina (Scott) Roark, Clarksville, TN; and Missy Taylor, Spring Hill, TN; and nephews Jacob (Hannah) Cook, San Diego, CA; and Todd (Andrea) Nelson, Gallatin, TN, and several great-nieces and nephews. Also preceding him in death were his sister Hulene C. Nelson, nephew Charles Victor Nelson, and sister-in-law Glenda (Cundall) Cook.

Dorris's teaching career began at Shelbyville Central High School in 1965; he was selected by the Shelbyville Jaycees as Bedford County Outstanding Youth Educator in 1974. In 1976, he moved to Nashville, where he taught at Antioch, Hunter's Lane, and Glencliff High Schools before retiring in 1999, only to return to teach at Sycamore High School in Cheatham County until 2008. Although teaching was his passion; he was competitive in all areas of his life and was a lifetime Dodgers fan.

Dorris exhibited an innate pride in his school teams, whether FFA (Antioch High's FFA chapter won Best Chapter in Davidson County for 12 years) or the girls softball teams. Twice he received the Hospital Corporation of America Teacher Award, which allowed him to pursue and expand his teaching boundaries, and in 2012, he was awarded the FFA Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award at the FFA National Convention.

Two quotes define Dorris: "Yet it is not awards--nor public praise--that characterizes the career of this exceptional teacher; it is the positive growth of young people," and "He possesses a rare and natural talent for drawing the best from his students in that their involvement both in and outside the classroom is unequaled. It seems they possess an attitude of gratitude from being a student of his."

He enjoyed traveling, country-western dancing, and acting ("Country Gold" with Loni Anderson in 1982), and he was a master at story-telling, trivia, and solving all types of puzzles. He was very creative when working with his hands and tools.

A celebration of Dorris's life will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the charity of your choice. An online guestbook is available at www.crawfordservices.com.

OBITUARIES

Louise Petty Parsons

January 19, 2022

Mrs. Louise Petty Parsons, age 97, of Shelbyville died Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 22, 2022 in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Reverend Bill Welch officiating. Visitation will begin at 12 noon.

Born June 8, 1924, in Moore County, she was the daughter of the late John L. and Mary Womble Petty. She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Howard S. Parsons; sons, Doyle Holt and LaDon Parsons; and sister, Virginia Tipps.

Louise served as a 20-year volunteer Pink Lady at the Bedford County Hospital, a member of the Farm Bureau Women, and an active 80-year member of the Himesville Church of the Nazarene. She was employed at Sears and Bedford Tractor & Implement before she retired as a homemaker.

Survivors include daughters, Faye Hane of Sunnyvale, CA, Gayle Wasson of Tullahoma; daughter-in-law, Cheryl Parsons of Hixson; Grandchildren, Katrina (Scott) Watters, Patrick Hane, Morgan Parsons, Laura Wasson, Dr. Clive (Jessica) Wasson, Matthew (Kathryn) Parsons, Joshua (Brooke) Parsons, Caleb (Jessica) Parsons; 12 great-grandchildren: sister, Marie Bobo of Lynchburg; and former daughter-in-law Donna Parsons of Athens, Ala.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl. Memphis, TN 38105-9959; Shelbyville Soup Kitchen, 122 Public Square N. Shelbyville, TN 37160; and Nazarene Missions International, East TN District NMI John Butler, P.O. Box 173, Cowan, TN 37318.

The family requests masks be worn during the service.

Lucian Ambrose Tower

January 8, 2022

Lucian Ambrose Tower was born on December 21, 1948, in Spencer, Mass. to Marjorie Tower-Gaudette and lived with his grandparents, Ambrose and Irene Tower. He departed this life on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Athens Limestone (Ala.) Hospital due to pneumonia.

A graveside service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, January 22, 2022 at Franklin Memorial Gardens in Winchester.

Lucian joined the U.S. Marine Corps on March 8, 1966 and was honorably discharged on June 6, 1969. After serving two tours in Vietnam Lucian went to pursue his first love, music. Being a disabled vet there were not many choices in life for Lucian, so he decided to follow another dream of becoming an author. He went to Keene State College and studied English/journalism. To date Lucian A. Tower has written and published seven books of poetry.

He was preceded in death by his wife Kathy Annette Tolar-Tower, mother Marjorie Tower-Gaudette, grandparents Ambrose and Irene Tower and four brothers, Bruce, Billy, David, and John.

He is survived by his children, Lucian Lee Tower, Anna Ash, Hope Tower, Shelly Bidini, John Tower, Martin Short, Eric Tower, and Stephen Tower; stepchildren Sheila Beth Tolar and Jamie Tolar; two sisters, Cynthia Opacki of Shrewsbury, Mass. and Donna Kaestner of Mashpee, Mass.; 27 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren.

The Tower family wishes to thank the Athens Limestone Hospital, the doctors, and round the clock nursing care of which treated him with loving care and dignity.

Moore-Cortner Funeral Home of Winchester is handling arrangements.

FRIENDS IN MINISTRY



Submitted Photo
Friends sharing in the fellowship of cooking meals for Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen last Tuesday were, from left, Kay Bartley, Mary Jane Sinqufield, Carol Magnuson, Mary Gore, Charlotte Williams, Cindi Lindsay and Ellen Treadway. The Shelbyville Central High National Honor Society served the food. It was a great team effort, a volunteer said.

Man

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The woman had marks on her face, neck, chest and wrist, according to the report. A woman riding with the victim backed her statements.

Warner said only that they were headed to a res-

taurant, the deputy said.

An order of protection was filed against Warner after the alleged Jan. 14 incident.

Warner was charged with violating that order Monday. The Friday victim told police he allegedly entered a restaurant where she works but did not attempt any contact.

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Grandparent scams

Dear Heloise: I was reading your column on scams, and we have a suggestion for grandparents. We know of some grandparents who this happened to, and the grandfather was on the way to the bank to draw out \$10,000 when they figured out it was not true! This was tried on us earlier this year, and after a few minutes, I had my doubts, so I just let him talk.

Then I stopped him and asked what was our dog's name. His response was, "You don't believe me, Grandma?" Again, I asked what was our dog's name, and he gave me one that was so wrong that it was funny. I hung up on him. Ever since our kids were little, we taught them a secret word or question that only they would know, and we also use it with our grandkids. Please, set up something like this, and it will stop the scams. -- Beverly Carr, Ottawa, Ohio

Hints from Heloise

Heloise



BOX'S WAXED PAPER

Dear Heloise: I take the waxed paper from cereal boxes to line my countertop to roll pie crust, sift flour, and chop nuts and veggies. Teachers have requested these liners from students to bring to school for art classes or eating treats in the classroom. Then they are tossed when finished. Simply remove the liner from the box and slice apart the liner by pulling apart at the seal. Fold and store for later use. -- Marilyn Sherman, via email

COOKING ASPARAGUS

Dear Heloise: My favorite way to fix asparagus is to steam it then pour a heated mixture of 2 tablespoons of oil, 2 tablespoons of vinegar, 1 tablespoon of sugar and 1/2 teaspoon of garlic salt over it. Delicious! -- Jo, Navasota, Texas

Jo, many of you have sent in your favorite way to cook asparagus. This one sounds delicious. When you are buying asparagus, you want to get the freshest you can, so look for tight, compact "leaves" on the head of the stalk. Opened ones or those with yellow showing are old. Also look at the cut end of the stem -- the fresher the cut, the fresher the asparagus. -- Heloise

PET PAL

Dear Readers: Gracie M. from Levittown, N.Y., sent in her photo of her newly adopted female cat named Logan. Logan is a tuxedo cat, so she's always ready for a formal affair. She also loves to play fetch.

To see Gracie and our other Pet Pals, go to Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week." --

GARBAGE

Dear Heloise: No one should have "garbage." Papers should be shredded if they're confidential, and plastic should be recycled. Non-meat food waste should be composted. I do mine in a metal trash can and do not have odors or varmits. I toss in worms on the top and they do their work, and then I have compost the next year. It does not have to be turned. If people think about recycling before purchasing, it will reduce the amount of waste being dumped in the oceans. -- Ann, via email

Ann, I have long been an advocate for keeping our planet healthy. In my book "Heloise's Hints for a Healthy Planet," which was printed on recycled paper, I emphasized the three R's -- recycle, reuse and be resourceful. We all realize that thrifty hints such as reusing packaging material, jars and other food containers, and not using disposables can make a difference if enough of us become environmentally aware. -- Heloise

REUSING CEREAL

Puzzle solution

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You are advised that after **February 1, 2022**, additional penalties and costs will be imposed in consequence of suits to be filed for enforcement of the lien for property taxes for prior tax years; until the filing of such suits, taxes may be paid in my office at Wartrace Town Hall 29 Main Street E. Wartrace, Tennessee.

Kathy Tyson
Wartrace Town Recorder

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Send Community Calendar items to tgnews@t-g.com, notify us on Facebook, call 931-684-1200 or stop by our office, 323 E. Depot St.

SATURDAY

Food giveaways

•Scott's Chapel United Methodist Church, 940 Morton St., will hold its Seasoned With A Touch of Salt Food Pantry food giveaway at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22.

•Second Harvest Food Bank distribution will be 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Abernathy Street (rear) entrance at Bell Buckle United Methodist Church, 110 Maple St. Volunteers are welcome and needed.

TUESDAY

SCV meeting

Maj. Gen. Benjamin F. Cheatham Camp 72, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will have their regular dinner 6 p.m. Tuesday, January 25 at the Oak Restaurant in Manchester. The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

Meetings are open to the general public and all War Between the States buffs have a special invitation for the program.

THURSDAY

SCHRA meeting

South Central Human Resource Agency's governing board will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 at the central office, 1437 Winchester Highway in Fayetteville. Subcommittees will meet at 10 a.m.

JAN. 29

Wild game BBQ

Grace Outdoors, a program at Grace Baptist Church in Tullahoma, is hosting a Wild Game Barbecue and Chili at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Hall of Fame professional fisherman Hank Parker will speak. Deer,

elk, nilgai, raccoon, and more are on the menu. Outdoors-related door prizes will be awarded.

FEB. 2

Special event

First Assembly of God, 2510 U.S. 231 North, will host a Mid-Winter Community Hymn Sing from 10:30 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Feb. 2. "Classic hymns of faith and tradition will be proclaimed in song and story," an announcement from the church said. All churches are invited

FEB. 11

Parents Night Out

Shelbyville Parks & Recreation will have activities for children Friday, Feb. 11 from 5-11 p.m. during a Parents' Night Out event. Games, pizza, gym and pool time and movies are scheduled for ages 4-12. Cost is \$15 plus \$10 each for additional children in the same family. Preregistration is required. Register online at <https://shelbyvilletnparks.org/courseactivities>.

FEB. 12

Valentine's dance

The annual "Hearts on Fire" Valentine's Dance is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Wartrace Community Center on Bridgeview Street. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and can be purchased at Wartrace Town Hall, the Bellamy Cafe, or The Petticoat Trading Co. and include dinner. Wartrace Parks & Recreation Committee and the Wartrace Volunteer Fire Department are sponsors.

FEB. 16

Food giveaway

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Steve Norris
Weather

We have three days of improving weather starting Saturday and continuing through Monday. Sunshine will make a

return with a high temperature of 38 on Saturday, 45 on Sunday and near 50 on Monday. I think we may see a mixture of precipitation possible again on Tuesday and Wednesday.

I am looking at a weather system right around the end of January and the first day of February that will bring us quite a bit of rain and warmer air with highs in the 50s. It is now two

months until the beginning of spring and 50s would be very welcome, I am sure, to a lot of people after the January cold we have endured.

Drop me an email anytime with questions to weather1@charter.net.

• *Steve Norris is a trained meteorologist.*

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Since about age 4, I've pursued bookshelves everywhere I go. Thanks to my family providing me with lots of books, I began reading at a very early age.

My 6-year-old grandson, Cohen, is following in my footsteps. Of course I still love biographies, novels and cookbooks. But I realize the most important resource I have right at my fingertips—The Bible.

Now that I'm more of a mature age, I realize it's about the only book, besides a cookbook, into which my maternal grandmother and great-grandmother ever indulged. They were farm ladies and were greatly tasked to care for all of us "youngins."

So there was no time for browsing libraries. I actually don't remember there being bookshelves in their rooms. I must say I'm guilty, to the contrary.

What I remember most is how they took their Bibles to church and read the pages in the warmth of the sunlight. I was privileged to inherit a 1960s huge King James Bible, which I still have and cherish. It's a great Bible with lots of colorful maps of The Holy Land and other biblical regions. But most of all, my granny—a lady I shadowed most of my life—wrote in the front cover that it was to be mine, when she passed.

Sometimes I think we leave a lot of "stuff" behind for our kids and grandkids. But just like my Granny Jean, I plan to leave behind God's Word—not a new copy—but one used and written in during my lifetime.

Though it is meaningful, because it came

from her, more than ever, I realize it contains my assurance for living in this world and in eternity. No matter what happens, the words of the faith are there for me to lean upon, as God intended.

Abraham Lincoln is reportedly the only U.S. president who never joined a church. Still, "Honest Abe" was public about frequently reading his Bible. He told a friend in the year before his death: "I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book that you can by reason and the balance by faith and you will live and die a better man. It is the best Book which God has given to man."

Wouldn't you love to read Lincoln's Bible. I'm sure there were a lot of notes. Historians note that 7 years after her husband was assassinated, Mary Todd Lincoln presented his friend and neighbor, the Rev. Noyes W. Miner, with a special gift: an 18-pound Bible, adorned with a hand-tooled leather cover and gilt-edged pages, that had once belonged to the president. The Bible remained in Noyes' family, unbeknownst to historians, for 150 years. The Bible has since been gifted to the Lincoln Library in Illinois.

Pastors will tell you that such well-worn Bibles are the best. It means they've been used, not shelved. So don't be afraid to write or highlight text in your Bible.

While a lot of literature is "never more," God's Word has survived wars, floods, famine, fires and destruction. I think often of all the soldiers who likely carried scripture into battle with them.

NASCAR icon, the late Dale Earnhardt, was said to have had in the end

Dawn Hankins

Pencil Shavings



scripture taped to his dash, given to him by "Stevie" Waltrip, wife of Darrell Waltrip, also a NASCAR icon and friend of the late Earnhardt.

Still, I'm amazed at how many people state that they think the tangible Bible is old school. While there are many online resources for reading scripture these days, there's just something about holding that book in your hands on Sunday.

A pastor once stated in a blog his 4 reasons for taking a Bible to church. Reason 1: Bringing your Bible to church will help you to battle your own consumerism (get the TV, Facebook, out of your head, so to speak.) Reason 2: Bring your Bible to church so that you will better retain what you hear (It's hard to memorize the Bible, but becoming familiar with passages is advantageous for disciples of Christ.) Reason 3: Bring your Bible to church to learn to feed yourself (Don't depend on the reason of others, but rely on God's wisdom.)

Reason 4: Bring your Bible to church to become intimately familiar with God's Word (You will learn something different every time you read.)

The same pastor reasoned: "In the end, these four things can't take place for you if you fail to bring your Bible to church. God's Word is a gift. Prize it. Study it. Learn it. But start with just bringing it."

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JUST OFF MADISON STREET



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Bethany Baptist Church of Shelbyville welcomes passers by on Bethany Lane.

ANNUAL TOY DRIVE



St. William Catholic Church recently made its annual stuffed toy donation to Bedford County Sheriff's Department. During a 9:00 a.m. mass, Father Louis Rojas and "3 Kings" youth actors presented the stuffed animals to Bedford County Sheriff Austin Swing. The department uses the stuffed animals throughout the year to comfort children during any visits or circumstances.

Submitted Photos



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

Special event

First Assembly of God, 2510 U.S. 231 North, will host a **Mid-Winter Community Hymn Sing** from 10:30 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Feb. 2. "Classic hymns of faith and tradition will be proclaimed in song and story," an announcement from the church said. All churches are invited

Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church's Sunday morning service will be at 10 a.m. with Bro. Jimmy Gray presenting the message. The service will be livestreamed.

Eastview Baptist Church is celebrating Right to Life Sunday with a presentation from the pregnancy care center and a message from Pastor Mark Rosson on the "Keys to the Kingdom of God."

"Hope is for the Unborn" from Psalm 139:13-14 will be Pastor Jimmy West's message at **Edgemont Baptist Church**. Services are livestreamed.

"Personal Visions For My Spiritual Life Are A Must" from Acts 18:9-10 will be Sunday's sermon at **Grace Baptist Church in Shelbyville**. Services are livestreamed.

Grace Outdoors, a program at **Grace Baptist Church in Tullahoma**, is hosting a Wild Game Barbecue and Chili at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Hall of Fame professional fisherman Hank Parker will speak. Deer, elk, nilgai, raccoon, and more are on the menu. Outdoors-related door prizes will be awarded.

Christian (Disciples of Christ)

"Prayer Prohibitors" from Isaiah 55:6-11 will be Sunday's sermon at 10 a.m. Sunday at **First Christian Church**.

Church of Christ

"The Lord's Church"

series continues 10 a.m. Sunday at **Southside Church of Christ** with the lesson: "The Lord's Church, in Harmony" from 1 Peter 3:8,9. Prayer and parent groups meet at 6 p.m. Sunday and a study of 1 Peter continues at 6 p.m. Wednesday. The Sunday morning and Wednesday services are livestreamed at cofcsouthside.com.

Methodist

Second Harvest Food Bank distribution will be 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Abernathy Street (rear) entrance at **Bell**

Buckle United Methodist Church, 110 Maple St. Volunteers are welcome and needed.

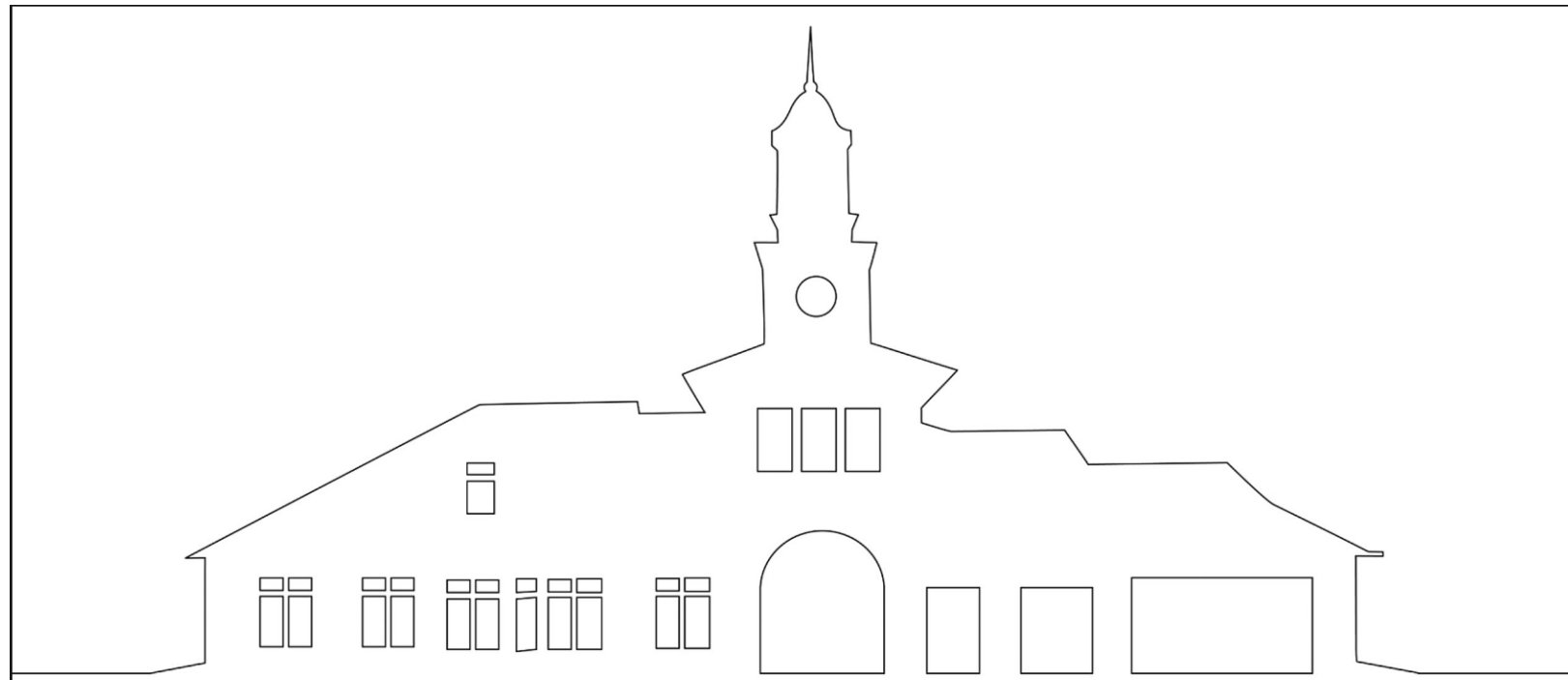
Scott's Chapel United Methodist Church, 940 Morton St., will hold its Seasoned With A Touch of Salt Food Pantry food giveaway at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Nazarene

Rev. Kevin Thomas' sermon at **First Church of the Nazarene** will be "What Jesus Wants" based on Ephesians 5:10-27. Services are livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.

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Fleming buzzer-beater lifts Vikings

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE – The last time the Cascade Champions and Community Vikings played in a district basketball game was 2013.

Nine years later, the excitement level was at a fever pitch as Maki Fleming drilled a 30-footer at the buzzer to complete a Community fourth-quarter comeback as the Vikings defeated the Champions 54-52 in a District 7-AA game Thursday night.

“Maki is such a competitor,” Coach Robbie Davis of the Vikings said. “He comes from a family of competitors and guys who want to win.”

The game stayed close in the opening quarter as both teams fought to gain the upper hand. Lucas Clanton scored seven points for Cascade (13-6, 2-1 D7AA) while Jacob Flannagan managed four points for Community (8-12, 2-0 D7AA) as the contest went to the second quarter tied at 11-11.

The teams traded baskets for most of the quarter before Cascade went on a 5-0 run to take a 23-18 lead. Six Cascade players scored while four Vikings tallied points as the Champions took a 23-20 lead into half-time.

The game continued nip and tuck before the Champions found some daylight in the third quarter. Jackson Davis scored eight points to lead Cascade as the Champs finished the quarter with a 9-0 run and took a 39-28 lead to the fourth quarter.



Maki Fleming (11) of the Vikings beats the buzzer from 30 feet for the game-winning shot. Fleming scored the final seven points for Community.

After the Vikings scored the first six points to cut the Cascade lead to 39-34, the Champs regained their momentum with five points

of their own and led 44-34 with 4:49 to play. Cascade led 46-39 before Lovvorn got hot fast with seven consecutive points,

including a 4-point play and a trey that tied the game at 46-46 with 1:57 left.

A Clanton field goal put the Champions up before

Fleming, who scored the last seven Viking points, connected on a field goal with 1:03 left to put Community up 49-48.

The Champions appeared to gain control as two free throws each

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Second half propels Viqueens past Lady Champs



Haley Mitchell (20) connects on a jumper for the Viqueens. Mitchell had 17 points in the Community win.

By **RICKEY CLARDY**
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE – The Community Viqueens broadened their halftime lead by scoring 29 second-half points while holding the Cascade Lady Champions to just six as the Viqueens pulled away for a 59-21 win in a District 7-AA contest Thursday night.

Community (13-7, 2-0 D7AA) never trailed in the game and held a slim lead before going on a run that started late in the first quarter. M. J. Simmons scored seven points to lead the Viqueens, but Cascade (2-15, 0-3 D7AA) stayed close as Makenna Lamb drilled a trey to cut the Community advantage to 10-7 with 3:24 left. The Viqueens scored the last five points of the quarter and led 15-7 heading to the second quarter.

The momentum continued for the Viqueens as Breanna Whitaker opened the quarter with the first seven points to complete a 12-0 Community run and gave the Viqueens a 22-7 lead with 4:30 remaining. The Lady Champs played the Viqueens even the rest of the quarter as Community took a 30-15 lead into the intermission.

“We came out and started well and wanted to set

the tone on defense,” Coach Cody Pierce of the Viqueens said. “We had a few turnovers early, but we settled in and played a good first half and got a good lead and were able to maintain it.”

Simmons scored six points while Whitaker added five in the third quarter as the Viqueens exhibited patience by finding the best available shot. Meanwhile, the Community defense held the Lady Champions to four points as the Viqueens took a 45-19 lead to the final quarter.

Haley Mitchell scored seven points as the Viqueens extended their fourth-quarter lead. Community scored the final 12 points of the game while the Lady Champs could only manage a lone field goal as the Viqueens stayed unbeaten in district play.

Simmons and Mitchell each had 17 points to lead the Viqueens. Whitaker joined her teammates in double figures with 14 points.

Sophie Ray and Jordan Green each scored six points to lead Cascade.

The Viqueens were a perfect 10-of-10 at the free throw line while the Lady Champions missed their only two foul shots.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Unionville Youth Baseball-Softball

Unionville Youth Baseball-Softball League signups will be held Saturday, January 22 and 29 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Unionville Fire Hall.

Shelbyville-Bedford Co. Baseball

Shelbyville-Bedford County Baseball will be hosting walk-in signups in the meeting room at Shelbyville Recreation Center. Signup dates are Saturday, January 29 and Saturday, February 5, 12 and 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Tuesday, February 8, Sports 6-8 p.m. For more information contact Tim Burns, 931-575-1802.

Vikings fall in overtime

By RICKEY CLARDY
Sports Writer

WATERTOWN – The Community Vikings could not maintain an overtime lead as the Watertown Purple Tigers hit the game-winning shot with under a minute to go to defeat the Vikings 49-48 in a basketball contest Tuesday night.

Community (7-12) could only manage six points as the Purple Tigers took a 7-6 advantage in a low-scoring first quarter.

The Vikings scored 10 points in the second quarter while holding Watertown to just six as Community led 16-13 at halftime.

Jason Cullum led the way with five points for the Vikings in the third quarter as the Purple Tigers battled back to tie the game at 28-28 heading to the fourth quarter.

Stratton Lovvorn netted eight points and Maki Fleming added four to pace

the Vikings in the quarter. Each team scored 14 points as the game went to overtime tied at 42-42.

Fleming scored five points to lead Community in the overtime, but the Vikings could not regain the lead after the Purple Tigers went ahead for good in the final minute.

Lovvorn had 15 points and Fleming added 11 to lead the Vikings.

Trent Spradlin scored 14 points and J. J. Goodall added 13 for Watertown.

The Vikings were 8-of-13 at the free throw line while the Purple Tigers were 11-of-14.

Community 6 10 12 14 6 - 48
Watertown 7 6 15 14 7 - 49
Community: Stratton Lovvorn 15, Maki Fleming 11, Corey Paterick 6, Jason Cullum 5, Emery Smith, Cole Crockett 4, Landon Lovvorn 3, Trace Broiles 2, Noah Newkirk 2, Jacob Flannagan, Ramon Hernandez, Dallas Grooms.
Watertown: Trent Spradlin 14, J. J. Goodall 13, Brady Raines 6, Ian Fryer 5, K. J. Wood 5, Kier Priest 2, Jackson Thomas 2, Bret Price 2, Chase McConnell.
3-Point goals: Community (6): S. Lovvorn 2, Paterick 2, Cullum, L. Lovvorn; Watertown (6): Goodall 3, Raines 2, Wood.
Halftime score: Community 16, Watertown 13.

Viqueens claim road win

By RICKEY CLARDY
Sports Writer

WATERTOWN – The Community Viqueens pulled away from a 2-point game by outscoring the Watertown Purple Tigers 11-5 in the final quarter and finished with a 43-35 win in a non-district matchup Tuesday night.

Five different Viqueens scored in the opening quarter as Community (12-7) and the Purple Tigers battled to an 11-11 tie heading to the second quarter.

Zoey Dixon scored five points and Addison Brothers added four in the quarter as the Viqueens took a 21-20 lead to the intermission.

M. J. Simmons scored seven points as the Viqueens outscored Watertown 11-10 in the third quarter and took a 32-30 lead to the final quarter.

Dixon and Breanna Whitaker each scored four points in the quarter as the Viqueens protected their lead with a 7-of-10 performance from the free throw line while keeping the Purple Tigers in check on the defensive end.

Dixon led the Viqueens with 13 points while Whitaker added 10.

Kierah Maklary and Madison King each had 10 points to lead the Purple Tigers.

The Viqueens were 14-of-21 at the foul line while Watertown was 10-of-16.

Community 11 10 11 11 - 43
Watertown 11 9 10 5 - 35
Community: Zoey Dixon 13, Breanna Whitaker 10, M. J. Simmons 8, Addison Brothers 6, Haley Mitchell 3, Shelby Cawthon 3, Jacye Collier, Izzy Martinez, Addison Cothran.
Watertown: Kierah Maklary 10, Madison King 10, Jaleigh Robertson 8, Alie Tunks, Gwen Franklin, Presley Clark 8, Rachel Cromer 6, Miranda Nix, Lola Chappell, Joslyn Lackey.
3-Point goals: Community (3): Dixon 2, Whitaker; Watertown (5): King 2, Cromer 2, Maklary.
Halftime score: Community 21, Watertown 20.

Red Raiders stop Eagles

T-G STAFF REPORT

Shelbyville Central's Golden Eagles dropped a 62-51 decision at Coffee County in a District 6-AAAA matchup on Tuesday night.

Despite Eagle senior Jayshon Jones' outstanding performance, the Red Raiders found a way to claim the victory.

Jones scored a game-high 21 points, including four 3-pointers. Joe Harris followed with 16 points and nailed five treys.

Shelbyville Central led 14-12 at the end of the first quarter before the winners posted leads of 27-24 at the intermission and 43-35 after three periods.

Conner Shemwell scored a dozen points to lead the Red Raiders while Cooper Reed netted 11 and Aidan

Abellena 10. The Eagles (4-12, 1-2) traveled to Warren County on Friday night for a district clash.

Shelbyville Central 14 10 11 16 - 51
Coffee County 12 17 16 17 - 62
Shelbyville Central (51) – Tim Parsons 2, Jayshon Jones 21, Zay Reese 1, Joe Harris 16, Jason Ragland 9, Tyler Trice 2.
Coffee County (62) – Dayne Crosslin 5, Jackson Shemwell 9, Brady Nugent 3, Aidan Abellena 10, John Dobson 4, Cooper Reed 11, Phinehas Rollman 8, Conner Shemwell 12.
3-point goals – Shelbyville Central (10): Harris 5, Jones 4, Ragland; Coffee County (2): Crosslin, Rollman.
Halftime – Coffee County 29, Shelbyville Central 24.

Fleming

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by Davis and Clanton put Cascade up 52-49 with nine seconds left.

The Champs chose to foul as the Vikings raced down the court on their next possession. Fleming connected on the two free throws to cut the Cascade lead to 52-51 with five seconds remaining.

On the ensuing inbounds play, Lovvorn got a hand on the Cascade pass, allowing Fleming to pick the ball up near half court. The sophomore looked at the clock and dribbled twice before connecting on the long shot at the buzzer to complete the Community 26-point final quarter.

Fleming scored 18 points while Lovvorn added 12 to pace the Vikings.

Clanton scored 14 points to lead three Champions in double figures. Davis added 12 points while Carter had 11.

The Vikings were 13-of-18 at the foul line while Cascade was 14-of-19. Each team had 13 two-pointers while the Vikings had one more trey as the final stats for each team were remarkably close.

"I think we came into the game expecting what they were going to bring to us," Coach Chris Lawson of the Champions said. "I think we expected to score a few more points than what we scored."

"We've got to learn how to finish ballgames," Lawson added. "You've got to give credit to Community. They stayed in there and hit



Justis Carter (5) battles and scores for the Champs. Carter had 11 points for Cascade.

a shot to win it." "I thought we got whipped on the boards," Lawson said. "They really went hard for rebounds."

"We knew what was coming tonight. We knew we had our hands full," Davis said. "This was really nice for our guys to just step up and compete."

"What got us to that point was we played defense. For the first time all year we

stepped up and defended," Davis added.

Did Davis consider an intentional miss on the second foul shot before the final steal and game-winning shot?

"With five seconds and a timeout, I told our guys to make both of them," Davis said. "Then it's a steal or a foul."

The Vikings hosted Grundy County for home-

coming in a District 7-AAA game Friday night while Cascade plays at Watertown on Monday.

Cascade 11 12 16 13 - 52
Community 11 9 8 26 - 54
Cascade: Lucas Clanton 14, Jackson Davis 12, Justis Carter 11, Saebyn Burris 3, Thomas Gentry, Jayden Gulick 5, Isaac McElroy 3, Chance Brown 2, Zach Strasslin 2.
Community: Maki Fleming 18, Stratton Lovvorn 12, Cole Crockett 6, Jason Cullum 3, Emery Smith, Jacob Flannagan 7, Corey Paterick 3, Trace Broiles 3, Ramon Hernandez 2, Noah Newkirk.
3-Point goals: Cascade (4): Clanton 2, Gulick, McElroy; Community (5): Lovvorn 2, Fleming, Paterick, Broiles.
Halftime score: Cascade 23, Community 20.

Second

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"They always come to play when it's Cascade and they're ready for that game," Coach Kendall Hampton of the Lady Champions said. "Very physical tonight and they outsize us quite a bit and that's something we had a hard time adjusting to."

"You've got to give them credit, that's where they went," Hampton said. "They fed their posts really well and got us in foul trouble a little bit."

"We were really patient on offense and took some really good shots and shot a good percentage tonight," Pierce said.

"We defended the ball well and put a lot of pressure on them," Pierce added. "They had a hard time running their offense."

"We had a hard time getting our guards open and we didn't shoot very well," Hampton said. "Those two things together make it difficult to win a basketball game."

Community returned to district play and celebrated homecoming against



Sophie Ray (10) of the Lady Champions works on offense while being guarded by Haley Mitchell (20) of the Viqueens.

Grundy County Friday night while Cascade travels to Watertown for a non-district game Monday night.

Cascade 7 8 4 2 - 21
Community 15 15 15 14 - 59
Cascade: Sophie Ray 6, Jordan Green 6, Lani Jones 2, Caroline Stone, Annabelle Calvert, Makenna Lamb 3, Maribel Delarosa 2, Abby Littrell 2, Hailey Giel, Kayden Miller, Laina Carter, Bella Rhodes.
Community: M. J. Simmons 17, Haley Mitchell

17, Breanna Whitaker 14, Zoey Dixon 4, Addison Brothers, Shelby Cawthon 4, Jacye Collier 3, Izzy Martinez, Chloe West, Stevie Dickenson, Addison Cothran, Audrina Bearden, Lexi Berman.
3-Point goals: Cascade (1): Lamb; Community (3): Whitaker 2, Collier.
Halftime score: Community 30, Community 15.

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Shelbyville Central 5 7 9 5 - 26
Coffee County 13 12 16 16 - 57
Shelbyville Central (26) – Jaleigha Harris 6, Paige Blackburn 6, Lilly Brown 9, Sammie Brown 2, Tamara Uredi 3.

Weaver talks investing, management

Uncle Nearest co-founder speaks at Chamber Luncheon

By **ZOË HAGGARD**
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At the 74th Annual Chamber Luncheon, guest speaker Keith Weaver, co-founder and board member of Uncle Nearest Whiskey, talked about updates on their “fastest growing” independent spirit company.

Keith and his wife Fawn got the idea to start Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey in 2016 when they read an article in the New York Times international edition that talked about Nearest Green, the enslaved man who is said to have taught Jack Daniels how to make whiskey.

“Most of the facts in that article were wrong,” Weaver said. “And because we couldn’t keep our little, crazy business minds at bay, we dove deeply into the article.” Ironically, the couple was reading about this little-known tale about a Tennessee man while on a trip in Singapore.

Fawn Weaver was inspired to take the story of Nearest Green further. Keith admitted he was a little apprehensive at first. “But she is a woman with resolve,” Weaver joked.

Traveling to Lynchburg, they discovered that what was “old” news about Nearest Green to the Jack Daniels region was “new” news to the world outside of Southern Middle Tennessee. “We didn’t have to uncover anything; it was right there,” Weaver said.

After buying the Dan Call Farm—the original site of the No. 7 Distillery and where Nearest Green lived—the Los Angeles natives made Shelbyville their home.

By 2017, their whiskey became the fastest growing independent spirit company in the world. Weaver said they are now worth around \$60 million.

“We’re one of the fastest growing brands to go from idea to market,” he said.

But, Weaver added, fast-

er isn’t necessarily good.

Challenges and changes

Even since starting Uncle Nearest in 2017, Weaver still holds his position as executive vice president in global policy and external affairs at Sony Pictures.

It’s a full-time schedule but Weaver still makes time to help oversee the many projects going on at the Nearest Green Distillery.

Admitting he and his wife knew nothing about the spirits business in the beginning, Weaver said they knew about business, marketing, authorships and entertainment, which helped them to grow the brand.

The Uncle Nearest team has learned how to distribute their product. “Which is very difficult to do because most of the distributors want you to be successful already before they take you on,” Weaver said.

But mostly, their brand has grown because of the story of Nearest Green. “It’s positive, it’s mutual respect, it’s love, it’s community... And then the whiskey’s good, too,” he added.

“We go nutty with historians...Every part of Nearest Green Distillery that we see or read about, or the brand—there’s one exception—is, even though it sounds like marketing-driven prose, it’s all substantiated with documentation and research,” Weaver said. That one exception is the brand expression on their whiskey called “1856.” They believe that’s the year Nearest perfected Tennessee whiskey, but Weaver said it’s actually “made up.” They don’t know the actual date, Weaver said.

Still, success has allowed them to revamp Sand Creek Farm, the location of the distillery in Shelbyville on Highway 231, by turning the old horse sales arena into their museum and welcome center.

The welcome center is going to be the “Humble Baron,” which will be the longest bar in the world at 525 linear feet. With their backgrounds in entertainment, the Weavers said there will be a performance stage at the back on the venue and outside, where they hope to “rival Nashville” beginning in the middle of 2022. The second location of Barrel House BBQ, located in Lynchburg, will also be located at the Nearest Green Distillery.

At the Chamber Lunch, Weaver explained Uncle Nearest has a development plan stretched over the next decade. With 100 employees globally, they need office spaces. And to store future whiskey, which is aged around seven years, they’ll need more rickhouses. They also hope to begin production on site at the Nearest Green Distillery this year.

“It’s crazy—crazy good. So, we’re really excited to be in this community,” Weaver said.

However, supply chain slowdowns and Covid’s uncertainties have presented some challenges.

“I must say it’s really fun doing this during a pandemic and among supply chain shortages,” Weaver said.

He explained issues like how the paper shortage has affected Uncle Nearest’s ability to get labels, while the glass shortage (due in part for the need for glass vials to hold the COVID-19 vaccine) have driven up costs of glass. And since their corks are from Portugal, delayed shipping and receiving has caused production to also delay.

The slowdown in production, and the whiskey’s popularity, has made Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey hard to find on store shelves, according to Weaver.

This is especially difficult with forecasting consumer wants.

“When you’re in the spirits industry, you’re looking at a very long timeline—

five, 10, 15 years. What will my consumer want 10 years from now? The real answer is ‘I have no idea’...So when distillers get that wrong... they have two problems: one, they got it wrong; and then, they have storage issues,” Weaver said.

Excess inventory is sold “quietly” through intermediaries (i.e., brokers), Weaver said. “So, when you’re doing what we’re doing, you have to start that way. And then as you see success, which we’ve seen, then you find out who you can get to produce your product,” Weaver said.

For Uncle Nearest, they are part of the Tennessee Distilling Group, based in Columbia, Tenn., which helps Uncle Nearest produce their product.

At the Chamber Lunch, Weaver dispelled the rumor that Uncle Nearest was buying Jack Daniels. Weaver assured the two companies—like Nearest and Jack over a century ago—are friends. The two whiskey companies have started the Nearest and Jack Advancement Initiative, a foundation started in 2020 and co-funded by the two companies. Its goal is to create a “pipeline” for spirits companies to find “diverse” employees as well as help build other companies, Weaver said.

Other Chamber news

The new president of the Shelbyville Bedford Chamber of Commerce was announced to be Josh Lynch of United Communications. He will be replacing Bill Rich as president.

Three new members were also inducted into the Chamber, including Ashley House, co-owner of Enchanted Bridal Boutique; Elisabeth Thompson, Senior Manager of Duck River EMC Administrative Services; and Jenny Hunt, member and officer for the Bell Buckle Chamber of Commerce.



Keith Weaver, co-founder of Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey, was guest speaker at Thursday’s Chamber Luncheon.



Keith Weaver



New Shelbyville-Bedford Chamber of Commerce President Josh Lynch.



Ashley and Jeb House: Ashley House, right, is one of the newest members inducted into the Chamber of Commerce. She is the co-owner of Enchanted Bridal Boutique.



New Shelbyville-Bedford Chamber of Commerce President, Josh Lynch, left, talks with Scott Johnson (former Bedford EMA Director), and Chamber CEO Lacey Deeds.

FCB OPEN HOUSE



First Community Bank of Tennessee will have an open house 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at its main branch, 207 Elm St. Bank representatives said it’s their way of showing appreciation to customers.

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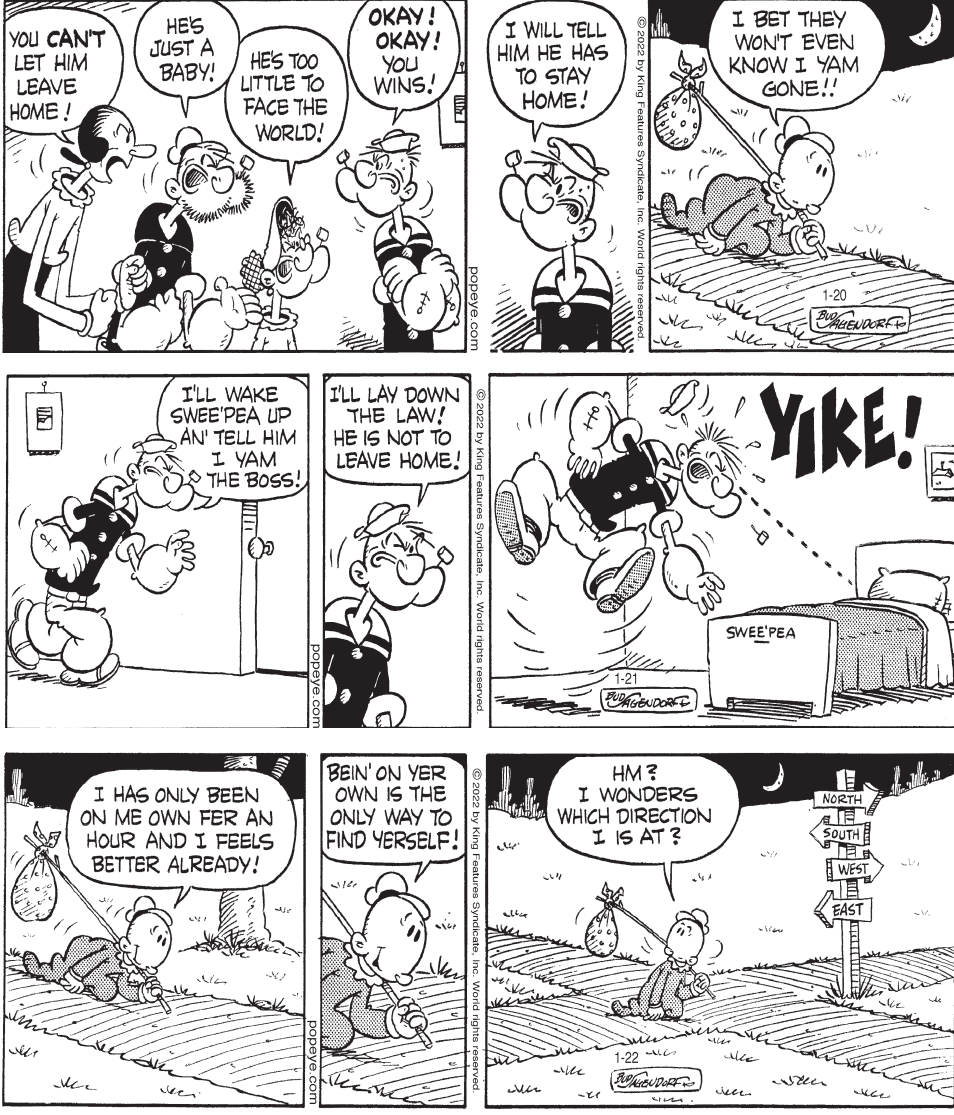
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- AIOLI
- AL DENTE
- ANTIPASTO
- APERITIF
- APPETIZER
- ARTISAN
- BECHAMEL
- CHARCUTERIE
- CONFIT
- DECONSTRUCTED
- DIGESTIF
- DINING
- ENTREE
- EXPERIENCE
- FUSION
- PAIRING
- PRIX FIXE
- RESTAURANT
- SERVICE
- SIDES
- SOMMELIER
- TAPAS
- UMAMI
- WINE

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

- Solve the code to discover words related to food service. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 2 = E)
- A.** 25 14 21 4 2 12
Clue: Places to sit
 - B.** 12 2 10 6 2 10
Clue: Waiter or waitress
 - C.** 10 2 12 25 14 24 10 14 8 25
Clue: Food establishment
 - D.** 21 22 4 4
Clue: Tab



Answers: A. tables B. server C. restaurant D. bill

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Per TN Self Storage Law, contents of the following leased storage units will be sold to satisfy the owner's lien at Turbo Storage (formerly known as Adds Self Storage) located at 803 E. Lane St., Shelbyville, TN 37160.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE BRANDIE REED: The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a petition seeking temporary legal custody of your child due to neglect, dependency or abuse.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated June 20, 2018, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded July 2, 2018, in Book No. TD908, at Page 796,

ar, as nominee for Wintrust Mortgage, A Division of Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A., its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank & Trust Co., N.A.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated December 8, 2017, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded December 14, 2017, in Book No. TD894, at Page 869, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Miles Cole, Jr and Candice Cole, conveying certain property therein described to Lake-side Title & Escrow, LLC as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Home-town Lenders LLC, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by MidFirst Bank, will, on February 22, 2022 on or about 11:00 AM, at the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee, offer for sale certain property herein-after described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows: A tract or parcel of real estate lying and being in the Seventh (7th) Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point in pavement in line with the east edge of a concrete sidewalk on the east margin of Cannon Boulevard and on the north margin of High Street, thence North 9 degrees 30 minutes East, 75 feet to a point on the east edge of said sidewalk in the middle of a joint driveway; thence South 80 degrees 30 minutes East 175 feet to a point; thence South 9 degrees 30 minutes West 75 feet to a point in a hedge on the north margin of said High Street; thence North 80 degrees 30 minutes West, 175 feet to the Point of Beginning, and being Lots 10, 11, 12 and the southern one-half (1/2) of Lot 37 in Block "B" in Fisher Heights Addition, plat of which is recorded in Deed Book 55, Page 440, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, as surveyed by Rex Northcutt, Lic. No. 77, on April 15, 1976. ALSO KNOWN AS: 1209 South Cannon Boulevard, Shelbyville, TN 37160 This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants,

bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows: Property known as 122 Stonefield Cir, Shelbyville, TN 37160, County of Bedford to wit. Being all of Lot 20, inclusive, of Stonefield Estates, Section 3, a plat of which is of record in Plat Cabinet "B", Envelope 252, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which reference is here made for a more definite description of said property.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated December 22, 2020, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded December 28, 2020, in Book No. TD988, at Page 597, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Leo Henry Bonin, conveying certain property therein described to Foundation

mental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above referenced property: LEO HENRY BONIN W&A No. 350733 2 The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. In the event of inclement weather, the trustee hereby announces that the sale will be postponed for a period of two weeks. In such situations, notices will be mailed to interested parties of record. W&A No. 350733 DATED January 7, 2022 WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C., Successor Trustee (Jan. 15, 22, 29, 2022)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of EDNA THOMAS Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on December 29, 2021 Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Edna Thomas who died 12/22/2021 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of ANNIE LEE WARREN Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on January 12 of 2022 Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Annie Lee Warren who died 12/24/2021 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of REGGIE CLINTON SMITH JR Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on December 29, 2021 Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Reggie Clinton Smith Jr who died 12/29/2021 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

NOTICE TO FURNISHERS OF LABOR AND MATERIALS TO: WL Markers, Inc. PROJECT NO.: 98304-4131-04 CONTRACT NO.: CNV039 COUNTY: Bedford The Tennessee Department of Transportation is about to make final settlement with the contractor for construction of the above numbered project. All persons wishing to file claims pursuant to Section 54-5-122, T.C.A. must file same with the Director of Construction, Tennessee Department of Transportation, Suite 700 James K. Polk Bldg., Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0326, on or before 2/25/2022.

NOTICE TO FURNISHERS OF LABOR AND MATERIALS TO: Jones Bros. Contractors, LLC PROJECT NO.: 02005-3256-14 CONTRACT NO.: CNR243 COUNTY: Bedford The Tennessee Department of Transportation is about to make final settlement with the contractor for construction of the above numbered project. All persons wishing to file claims pursuant to Section 54-5-122, T.C.A. must file same with the Director of Construction, Tennessee Department of Transportation, Suite 700 James K. Polk Bldg., Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0326, on or before 2/25/2022.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Shelbyville Housing Authority will hold a Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on Wednesday January 26, 2022 at the Tate Street Community Center at 12:00 noon, in Shelbyville, TN. By: Jenni Feldhaus Chairman

Shelbyville Housing Authority is looking for experienced Home Repair Maintenance Technicians to join their team

Salary rates range from \$17 to \$20 per hour based on experience. Benefits include full health, vision and dental with 75% payment of family. Receive (1) sick day per month after 90-day probation and (2) weeks-vacation after one year. 401a provided after 1st year with company contributing 7.5% of salary. A \$1,500.00 sign on bonus paid over 1st year of employment. Contact Linda Harwell, Maintenance Manager, lharwellsha@bellsouth.net 931-684-1341 ext. 19 An Equal Opportunity and Section 3 Employer

NOTICE TO FURNISHERS OF LABOR AND MATERIALS TO: Volunteer Paving, LLC PROJECT NO.: 02006-3206-94, 02006-8206-14 CONTRACT NO.: CNV139 COUNTY: Bedford The Tennessee Department of Transportation is about to make final settlement with the contractor for construction of the above numbered project. All persons wishing to file claims pursuant to Section 54-5-122, T.C.A. must file same with the Director of Construction, Tennessee Department of Transportation, Suite 700 James K. Polk Bldg., Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0326, on or before 2/25/2022.

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John T. Bobo
Attorney
(January 15, 22, 2022)

died 10/04/2021 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the date of the decedent's date of death.

Date: 01/10/2022

Gene Williams,
Executor

Curt M. Cobb
Clerk & Master

Richard L. Dugger
Attorney
(January 15, 22, 2022)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of WADE ANCIL MYERS
Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on December 29, 2021 Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of **Wade Ancil Myers** who died 12/08/2021 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the date of the decedent's date of death.

Date: 12/29/2021

Patsy Lynn Hooker,
Executrix

Curt M. Cobb
Clerk & Master

John T. Bobo
Attorney
(January 15, 22, 2022)

Notice to owner and/or Lien holder of abandoned or unclaimed vehicle. These vehicles will be sold on January 31, 2022 at 10:00 am at QUALITY 2015 HWY 41A N SELBYVILLE, TN. 37160. To satisfy towing and storage charges if not claimed within 10 days of this notice.

2005 CHEVY AVALANCHE VIN#3GNEC12X5G163604

PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Shelbyville will be accepting sealed bids for the following:
GYM AND POOL LOCKERS FOR SHELBYVILLE RECREATION CENTER
DOG PARK FENCE INSTALLATION
AT H. V. GRIFFIN PARK
Documents may be picked up at City Hall, 201 N.

Spring St. during normal business hours or may be found on our website at www.shelbyvilletn.org. Sealed bids must be received at the City of Shelbyville Purchasing Office, 201 N. Spring St., Shelbyville, TN by 2:00 p.m. CST on Thursday, January 27, 2022. Any submittals received after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids will be returned to the bidder unopened. Submittals will be opened at 2:00 p.m. by council appointed bid committee on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at Shelbyville City Hall.
(Jan. 18, 22, 2022)

Public Notice
The Shelbyville City Council will meet for a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 11:00 AM at the Shelbyville Recreation Center Meeting Room B, 220 Tulip Tree Road. The following matters will be up for consideration at this meeting:
I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Adopt the Agenda
IV. Resolutions:
A. A Resolution of the City of Shelbyville to Repeal Resolution No. 4-22 and to Authorize a \$50,000 Line of Credit with Pinnacle Bank of Shelbyville for a Credit Card Account.
V. Business Items:
A. City Manager Evaluation
VI. Announcements
VII. Adjourn
Mayor Wallace Cartwright
(Jan. 22, 2022)

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
Sale at public auction will be on February 3, 2022, at or about 12:00 PM, local time, at the main entrance to the Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, TN 37160, pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Steven A. Burgstrom, single man, to Andrew C. Rambo, as Trustee for First Community Mortgage, Inc. dated June 30, 2005, and recorded on July 1, 2005, in Book TD590, Page 211, in the Register's Office for Bedford County, Tennessee ("Deed of Trust"), conducted by Padgett Law Group, having been appointed Substitute Trustee, all of record in the Bedford County Register's Office. Default in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust has been made; and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable. Party entitled to enforce the debt: US Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust
Other interested parties: NONE
The hereinafter described real property located in Bedford County will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens, and encumbrances of record:
Legal Description: Map 99 H-A Parcel 1.00 Lying and being in Civil District 7 of Bedford County, Tennessee Beginning at an iron pin in the west margin line of June Avenue, and being 149.0 feet northeast of the north margin line Narrows Road; thence along the margin of June Avenue north 14 deg. 26' east 102.0 feet to an iron pin; and being the southeast corner of Lot #5, thence south 89 deg. 00' west 174.5 feet to an iron pin; thence south 4 deg. 40' west 83.00 feet to an iron pin, and being the northwest corner Lot No. 7; thence south 84 deg. 00' feet east 153.5 feet to the point of beginning. For further reference see Deed Book 88, page 585, and Deed Book 93, page 73, Register's Office, Bedford County, Tennessee. And being the same property conveyed to Steven A. Burgstrom by deed from Lori Marie Baker Dehate (now Craig), of record in Deed Book 270, Page 739, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee. This conveyance is subject to any and all existing easements and restrictions. Street Address: The street address of the property is believed to be 1706 June Avenue, Shelbyville, TN 37160, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property. In the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control. Current owner(s) of

Record: Steven A. Burgstrom
This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; any unpaid taxes and assessments; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any government agency, state or federal; and any and all prior deeds of trust, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, defects, adverse claims and other matters that may take priority over the Deed of Trust upon which this foreclosure sale is conducted or are not extinguished by this Foreclosure Sale.
THE PROPERTY IS SOLD WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, RELATING TO TITLE, MARKETABILITY OF TITLE, POSSESSION, QUIET ENJOYMENT OR THE LIKE AND FITNESS FOR A GENERAL OR PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE. The title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.
The right is reserved to adjourn the sale to another time certain or to another day, time, and place certain, without further publication upon announcement on the day, time, and place of sale set forth above or any subsequent adjourned day, time, and place of sale.
If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified check made payable to or endorsed to Padgett Law Group. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.
This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Padgett Law Group, Substitute Trustee
6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203
Tallahassee, FL 32312
(850) 422-2520 (telephone)
(850) 422-2567 (facsimile)
attorney@padgettlawgroup.com
PLG# 21-006552-2
(Jan. 8, 15, 22, 2022)

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
Sale at public auction will be on February 11, 2022 on or about 11:00AM local time, at the South door of the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by MICHAEL A. HARDIN AND KERI B MCCLENDON, to Andrew C. Rambo, Trustee, on October 15, 2015, at Record Book TD844, Page 563-575 as Instrument No. 15006077 in the real property records of Bedford County Register's Office, Tennessee. Owner of Debt: FIRST COMMUNITY MORTGAGE INC.
The following real estate located in Bedford County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:
Lying and being in the Twenty-first (21st) Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee, and bounded and described as follows: Lot 15, Brassfield Estates, Section II, a map or plat of which is of record in Plat Cabinet "A", Envelope 242, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin located in the northerly margin of Lantern Lane cul-de-sac, said iron pin being the southwesterly corner of Lot 16 of said subdivision, and the southeasterly corner of the tract herein described; thence along the curvature of Lantern Lane

cul-de-sac in a Southwesterly direction, an arc distance of 55.89 feet (South 71 degrees 59 minutes West, a chord distance of 53.52 feet) to an iron pin in the easterly corner of Lot 14 of said subdivision; thence North 47 degrees 10 minutes West 189.0 feet to an iron pin; thence North 07 degrees 26 minutes East 60.0 feet to an iron pin; thence South 82 degrees 52 minutes East 211.8 feet to an iron pin; thence South 11 degrees 05 minutes West 147.8 feet to the point of beginning. This conveyance is subject to any and all existing easements and restrictions of record. Being the same property conveyed to Michael A. Hardin and Keri B. McClendon by Warranty Deed from Roger King dated October 15, 2015 and recorded at Deed Book D328, Page 395 as Instrument No. 15006076, Register's Office, Bedford County, Tennessee. Tax ID: 100L-B-075.00 Current Owner(s) of Property: MICHAEL A. HARDIN AND KERI B MCCLENDON
The street address of the above described property is believed to be 117 Lantern Ln, Shelbyville, TN 37160, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control. SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION. THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE. OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: CAVALRY SPV I LLC AND HARPETH FINANCIAL LLC DBA ADVANCE FINANCIAL THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met. All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. §67-1-1433. This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. MWZM File No. 18-000351-391-4 Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C., Substitute Trustee(s) Cool Springs Commons, Suite 273 7100 Commerce Way Brentwood, TN 37027 TN INVESTORS PAGE: [HTTP://MWZMLAW.COM/TN_INVESTORS.PHP](http://MWZMLAW.COM/TN_INVESTORS.PHP) (Jan. 8, 15, 22, 2022)

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School

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instead conduct a "planning meeting" 5 p.m. Monday at the Central Office conference room. The superintendent said a special presentation will be made Monday night. She advised how the planning meeting was requested so that her office might get "a vision" from the board regarding future school facilities. Garrett said a facilities report, conducted by an appointed Central Office committee, was given to the board in December, she said. Garrett advised the board it's now time to establish where they want to go next. "As we plan for the development of programs and things, it's essential that we know the vision of the board for facilities," Garrett said.

Land lease recommendations

The board approved for two land lease recommendations for "unimproved property." The board agreed to lease 57 acres behind Liberty School to James Warner for \$10,000 and to lease 10 acres adjacent to Cascade High School to Robert West for \$1,000. Awarded to the highest bidders, the leases are good for the next 3 years, but the board can terminate their agreements anytime after a 30 day notice.

Policy changes

The wording of several school system policies was addressed and approved Tuesday. (Board members Nicole Cashion and Brian Crews were absent.) Garrett explained, "Tonight, you will see that a lot of these policies are just wording changes." In the system's fiscal management goals policy, Garrett added the word "superintendent," noting this area is her responsibility, not just the board's, as previously stated. Under the "curriculum development" policy, there were a lot of markings. "What we're doing is just streamlining this. It was very wordy."

The superintendent said there will be an appointed committee from her office, by authorization of the board, which will be charged with organizing those committees which participate in curriculum development, revisions and updates.

Board member Glenn Forsee said that he highly approved of a special education policy revision. "I like this very much . . . cleaned up and gives our administration and teachers some discretion on a case by case situation to monitor and adjust." Forsee was referring to a revision under "objectives" within the special education policy which assures students will receive proper age appropriate placement.

An instructional materials policy (one adapted from Tennessee School Board Association) had several revisions per TSBA recommendations. Forsee asked Garrett to clarify the timeline for adoption of textbooks, that is, in advance of calendar year implementation.

"It usually takes a whole year to review it. Right now, we're doing a pilot with our math cur-

riculum . . . a couple of teachers willing to use it. We hope that this will help us get a head start to see how they're used."

Garrett said normally parents have a couple of weeks to review the materials. "The laws changed this time . . . we have to have our textbooks posted online. At our next adoption the companies are having to make sure there is a way for us to post them online so that parents have greater access to those materials."

Forsee asked if there's a timeline in the spring semester when a new textbook adoption would be implemented. "They have not told us the timeline yet . . . as soon as the state comes out with it," Garrett said.

This she knows, within next school year, students will have new math textbooks.

Board member Diane Neeley clarified that the school system has always made tangible textbooks available for public review before they're adopted. They are normally located at the Central Office, she said.

Referring to the "prayer and period of silence," school policy, Garrett told the board, "This policy has not been revised in several years. I did research on what other systems are doing and what we should do."

Garrett said it's her understanding that the former Sunday service before graduation (baccalaureate) was stopped several years ago. "I'm recommending that we get within compliance and just remove [sections] 6-8," Garrett advised. "And I have checked with all counties near us; they have the same thing."

One board member asked if that means baccalaureate is now allowed. The superintendent said while reference to the baccalaureate service has been completely removed from policy, it is still against state law for a school system or the board to sponsor religious activities or events.

"I've checked with several principals today. I can definitely find out when the law changed, but it did."

Board member John Boutwell said before approving the policy, "It is, what it is."

Chair Michael Cook added, "Nobody's saying during that moment of silence that no one can pray. It's just saying it won't be directed by us [the board]."

Financial reports

Bedford County Finance Director Robert Daniel shared the county is ahead in its sales tax collections by \$198,000, compared to the same time last year. "Sales tax has been pretty consistent every month."

Daniel reminded that the state sales tax collection report typically runs two months behind to the Trustee's office, so his report is actually based on October sales tax collections.

Board member Boutwell asked Daniel if this sales tax revenue increase was due to the newly implemented internet sales tax. "We tried to budget some of that this year," explained Daniel. "We were conservative in our budget."

The internet sales tax started last April, when online retailers in Tennessee began making revenue from out-of-state sales, based on a Supreme Court ruling.

Meat Loaf passes away

NEW YORK (AP) — Meat Loaf, the rock superstar loved by millions for his "Bat Out of Hell" album and for such theatrical, dark-hearted anthems as "Parade By the Dashboard Light," "Two Out of Three Ain't Bad," and "I'd Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That)," has died. He was 74.

The singer born Marvin Lee Aday died Thursday, according to a family statement provided by his longtime agent Michael Greene. "Our hearts are broken to announce that the incomparable Meat Loaf passed away tonight," the statement said. "We know

how much he meant to so many of you and we truly appreciate all of the love and support as we move through this time of grief in losing such an inspiring artist and beautiful man... From his heart to your souls... don't ever stop rocking!" No cause or other details were given, but Aday had numerous health scares over the years. "Bat Out of Hell," his mega-selling collaboration with songwriter Jim Steinman and producer Todd Rundgren, came out in 1977 and made him one of the most recognizable performers in rock.

Solar

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But once solar panels are built high enough, they can survive flooding while requiring low maintenance, according to Matt Beasley, chief commercial officer for Silicon Ranch, the engineers of the solar field.

Bedford County Zoning approved the solar farm in July 2021.

Potential impact on Bedford

Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership CEO Shane Hooper, who attended the solar farm's groundbreaking event Wednesday, emphasized the "forward moving" impact of the solar farm.

I think it does set the right tone. It introduces Bedford County as forward moving. Obviously, renewable energy, that's the direction the world is moving, and it's great that Bedford County is showing itself to be a part of that," he said.

Diermeier told the T-G that Vanderbilt Hospital is a "different entity" from the university.

But Hooper said that anything that benefits Vanderbilt as a whole benefits the local hospital, which is tremendously important from a safety standpoint.

Hooper also added, "From a recruitment standpoint, anytime that we can point to the Vanderbilt brand and say that they are in our community, it's a positive for Bedford County."

Duck River EMC CEO Scott Spence said this project is the first of its kind in the Duck River service territory.

The solar field has the potential for job creation due to its location near the Bedford County industrial park where "potential industry can visualize our local commitment to sustainable, renewable energy," Spence said.

"When we think about

economic development, we think about it in two forms: new businesses looking to come here and existing businesses looking to expand and provide jobs. It's important to us to provide jobs and to provide tax revenues to help the communities we serve," he said.

Duck River EMC will benefit from the purchasing of energy from their substation. But since the solar panels have no need for sewer, water or natural gas, local utilities will not profit from those services, according to White.

However, once operational, Vanderbilt 1 will generate more than \$1.7 million in additional tax revenues for Bedford County to support the local government and school system, according to Silicon Ranch co-founder and chair Matt Kisber, who spoke at the event.

"During construction of the solar facility, Silicon Ranch expects to hire more than 250 craft workers over a 12-month period. The majority of whom will be recruited from Bedford County and the surrounding region, with a special emphasis on recruiting from the military, veteran community," Kisber said.

More than solar

Silicon Ranch is a Nashville-based solar platform for the gas company Shell and one of the largest independent solar power producers in the country. They are the developer, owner, and operator of the solar field, according to Beasley.

"We're investing millions of dollars into Bedford County—we're buying the land, we're investing in it, and we're hiring with specific focus on the local communities," said Beasley.

Since they are the owners of the land, Beasley said they will maintain the environment's health through their regenerative

energy program to promote healthy vegetation in the solar field.

"We always say it makes solar do more. It's not just about producing clean, renewable energy to benefit Vanderbilt or TVA, but how can we actually make healthier soil underneath as well," said Beasley.

Green Invest

The Tennessee Valley Authority has a program call "Green Invest," according to Jeanette Mills, Executive Vice President and Chief External Relations Officer at TVA. Diermeier said Vanderbilt was interested in the program, which is how the partnerships started.

"So, we're able to partner together to help deliver to Vanderbilt the solar, the renewable energy, that they wanted in their system," Mills said. "It's part of our mission for energy at the lowest cost, environmental stewardship, and economic development."

TVA spokesperson Scott Fiedler said, "Green Invest is the only program in the nation that makes TVA the nexus for solar energy across seven states. We bring together developers and users in one package. We can now supply from end to end, from state to state, renewable energy to drive jobs and investment. And that's the power of this site right now."

TVA serves seven states, including, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, North Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia, and all of Tennessee, according to Mills. They also have other sites in Mississippi that provide renewable energy for Knoxville, according to Fiedler.

"Roughly 60 percent of our electricity is carbon free now and getting greener every year," said Fiedler.

The success of this partnership even sparked an agreement with the City of Nashville to achieve the same goal of being



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DREMC CEO Scott Spence

self-powered and carbon neutral for the Nashville area, according to CEO of Nashville Electric Services Decosta Jenkins, who attended Wednesday's

event. "Metro Nashville was the first local government to pursue access to Green Invest in the TVA territory. In the next two decades,

Nashville solar power will produce enough clean energy to match the equivalent of removing more than 14,000 cars from the road," he said.



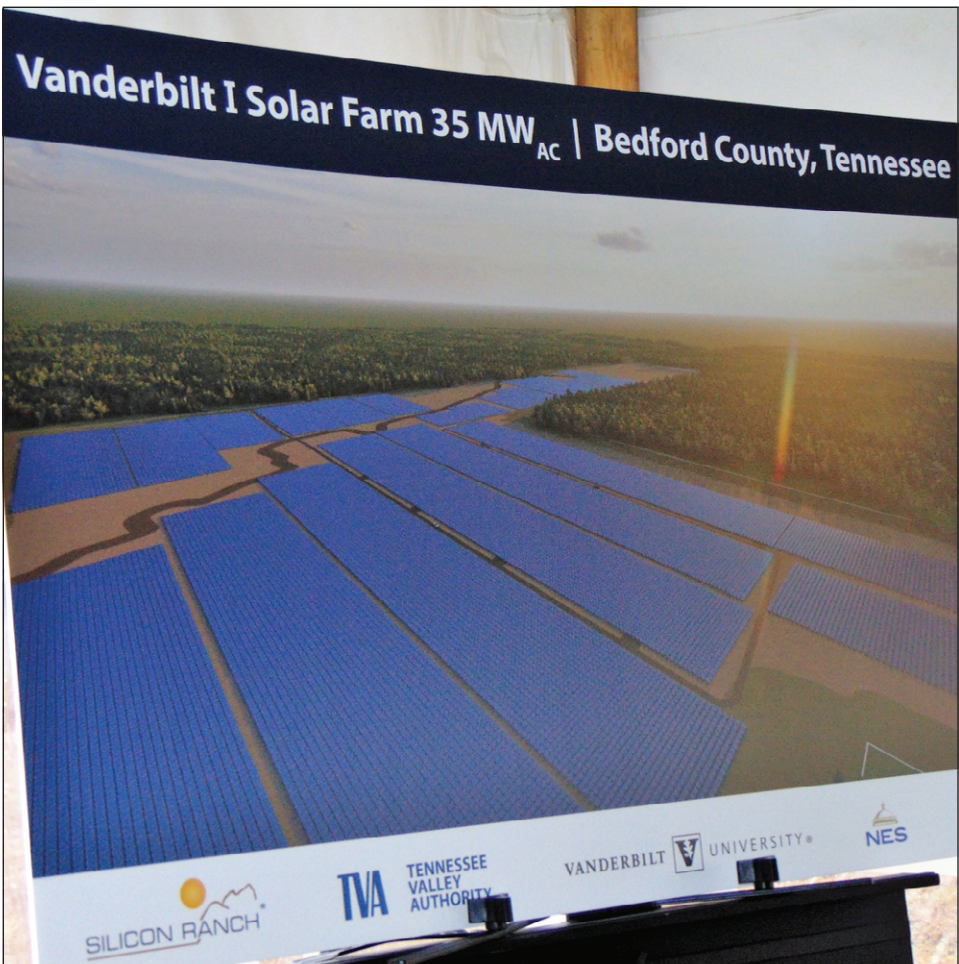
TOP; From left: Jeanette Mills, Executive Vice President and Chief External Relations Officer at TVA; Daniel Diermeier, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University; Matt Kisber, co-founder and chairman of Silicon Ranch; Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham.

ABOVE MIDDLE: The solar field will be 375 acres of this relatively flat land that's located in an industrial area near the 231 North Business Park site.

ABOVE RIGHT: In attendance at the groundbreaking event were also, left to right, Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham, Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership CEO Shane Hooper, and County Commissioner Greg Vick.

BELOW LEFT: A preliminary design of what the solar field at 298 Frank Martin Road will look like

LEFT: A nice crowd turned out for the groundbreaking event.





Doug Dezotell
Musings and Memories

“Don’t Worry, Be Happy”

“Don’t Worry, Be Happy!” Bobby McFerrin released that song in the fall of 1988, and it went on to win several top Grammy Awards in 1989. If you were around in the late 80s and early 90s, you’ll remember, “Don’t Worry, Be Happy!” It was a song that had a catchy tune and people walked around singing it to themselves throughout the day. McFerrin says in his song, “In every life we have some trouble, When you worry you make it double, Don’t worry, be happy.... Ain’t got no place to lay your head, Somebody came and took your bed, Don’t worry, be happy....The landlord say your rent is late, He may have to litigate, Don’t worry, be happy....Cause when you worry your face will frown, And that will bring everybody down, So don’t worry, be happy...” It’s real easy to tell somebody else not to worry, but it’s not always real easy to put into practice. What is it they say? Oh yeah, “It’s easier said than done.”

The word on the street, and on ABC, CBS, NBC, and CNN and Fox News, is that we are facing some truly historic difficulties in our nation and around the world. But Bobby McFerrin (who was quoting words from Indian mystic Meher Baba) said, “Don’t worry, be happy!” Unemployment is high and we are facing crisis after crisis across the country. But McFerrin and Baba both say, “Don’t worry, be happy!” We are in the middle of a global pandemic, and we are on the verge of another Cold War, and this song tells us, “Don’t worry, be happy!”

Yes, I know, easier said than done. But there are times we need to be reminded not to worry. I’ve known people who worried all the time, about every little thing. Worrying never solved their problems, it only made them miserable. Someone once said, “Worry is like a rocking chair—it gives you something to do but it doesn’t get you anywhere.” We are faced with all kinds of things in life that we could be worrying about, but we need to focus on more productive things than worry. And it’s not good enough to just tell someone not to worry but be happy. There must be some solution. The Apostle Paul wrote,

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GAS GIVE-A-WAY WINNERS!!



Mark McGee
My Take

Scary health news

There is a commercial on television that opens with the line, “Everyone remembers where they were when they first found they had cancer.” Well, I definitely remember where I was. I was sitting in the parking lot at the post office when the call came in two weeks ago. “Hate to hit you over the head with a two-by-four so early in the morning,” my doctor said. “But one of the polyps in your colon is cancerous.” After the colonoscopy, my doctor tried to put a positive spin on his findings. It was a polyp the size of a golf ball. He explained the larger the polyp, the greater the odds it would be cancerous. But he urged me to wait on the lab results and to not worry. I wasn’t surprised with the lab result. I had tried to keep the possibility out of my mind. After his phone call the worries finally began.

Since then, there have been tests and discussions. Scans showed I had no cancer in my stomach which was great news. The cancer is localized in my colon. The surgeon will remove a portion. You have six feet of colon so you can do without a few inches. I have heard scary health news before. Last year was the 10th anniversary of my surgery for an aortic aneurysm, a procedure I was given a five to 10 percent chance of surviving. Thanks to God and a whole bunch of prayers I am still around. Like George Bailey in “It’s A Wonderful Life” so many prayers went up for him that it was necessary to dispatch a guardian angel. I didn’t see a guardian angel, but my doctor told my friends and family he received an assist from somewhere other than his considerable skills. No wonder it is my favorite movie.

The odds on this surgery being successful are much more optimistic. Doctors think they can fix me with little or no problems. Many have asked me about radiation or chemotherapy. Those words haven’t been mentioned yet. The colonoscopy discovered the problem in its early stages. No one likes to talk about them, but after you turn 45 you should undergo the procedure every five years. I don’t talk with my surgeon until next week. From what I have been able to determine I will be in the hospital for four or five days. What bothers me the most is the post-operative care may require me to be sidelined for approximately four weeks. I am not good at dealing with being on the sidelines. Everyone says the key is to be positive, again not one of my strong points. But I am doing my best to look on the bright side. Keep me in your prayers. I am firmly convinced they help.



Carol Freeman



Martha Burris

T-G Gas Contest winners announced

Thank you to everyone who entered the Times-Gazette’s “Big Event-Gas Give-Away.” But as everyone knows, there could only be 5 lucky winners (drawn recently from all correct entries.) This year’s 5 winners—each receiving a \$200 gas card—were: Melissa Prince; Regina Graham; Carol Freeman; Judy Sanders and Martha Burris. The T-G would like to thank Gary and Collin King, Southern Energy Co., and Serv-N-Go Markets for supporting this great contest. We would also like to thank our advertisers which supported the 2022 contest. They are (in order of appearance in the Dec. 28 tab): Serv & Go Markets of Shelbyville and Unionville; Adams and Floyd Electrical and Plumbing; Badcock Home Furniture & More; Brown’s Body Shop; Budget Blinds, Clarabell Collectibles; Farrar Rental and Farrar Bail Bonds; Joel’s Tire and Brake; Kincaid Service Co.; Papa John’s Pizza; Ray’s Paint and Body Shop; Shelbyville Recreation Center; Economy Liquors. Martha Burris said she’s tried for years to win a gas card. Well, we’re glad she was a winner this year, along with the other four ladies! Coming up in February is the T-G “Super Bowl Contest.” In March will be our “Bracket Bucks.” Stay tuned to the T-G for details.

Judy Sanders was not available for photo.



Melissa Prince



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Mark McGee, left, executive director of United Way of Bedford County, presented Peoples Bank of Middle Tennessee with a plaque for 11 years of 100 percent employee participation. Accepting the plaque is Jeff Haynes, customer service representative.

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College honor students

• **Connor Lee White** of Normandy earned a 4.0 GPA in the fall 2021 semester, securing a reputable position on Southern Arkansas University's president's list. White is a junior majoring in computer science (Privacy and Cyber Security

Option) and is from Normandy.

• **Lisa Brown** of Eagleville has earned a spot on the fall 2021 dean's at Valdosta State University in Georgia. To qualify for VSU dean's list, students must achieve a semester GPA of 3.50 or higher on nine or more semester hours with an institutional GPA of 3.00 or higher.

Are you putting off your annual physical exam?

I'm not seeking sympathy, but I'm writing this on the eve of my annual physical exam.

Don't infer that I'm bragging about a commendable lifelong habit. By "annual," I mean "I've (almost) done it two years in a row." And by "physical," I mean, if I had my druthers, I'd suggest, "Hey, doc, when I turn my head and cough, how about standing over there in the corner and reading my aura?"

Before my renewed dedication in the last couple of years, I could always make an excuse for kicking the can down the road. Until one day my neuroskeletal system gently implored me, "Stop kicking that %\$#@ can!! It hurts, bro!"

I came by my erstwhile procrastination honestly. Several generations of my family have showcased individuals leery of routine medical care. This foot-dragging stretches at least as far back as the days when a thespian-turned-pitchman might intone, "I'm not a doctor, but I play one on the telegraph."

My mother delights in preemptively telling nurses that she suffers from the dreaded "white coat syndrome" – a phenomenon in which normally stable blood pressure or some other vital statistic spikes solely because the patient is nervous about being in the examination room.

I experience a touch of

this myself from time to time. And by "a touch," I mean, the sight of cotton balls and tongue depressors has been known to make me start developing a conjoined twin.

Self-image is another issue. Most Americans could stay on a bucking bronco longer than they can stand to linger on that judgmental doctor's office scale. Sadistic nurses don't help, when they estimate the weight of your clothing as no more than Tinker Bell would wear in a burlesque show.

All of this ties in, of course, with the hallowed Body Mass Index, this week's position on cholesterol and lectures about portion control. My friend Cletus has a few choice words for the medical experts behind such shaming. ("See if you can control the portion of my foot that goes up your...")

Some patients merely dread the stilted bedside manner and observations such as "None of us are getting any younger *chuckle*." Be glad your doctor graduated near the TOP of his class. Think of his less accomplished classmates. ("Ohhhh... Mr. Danvers went into a fetal position because of the diet regimen I handed him and not because he was getting YOUNGER. Let me put that in his chart...")

Many people proudly declare a "What I don't know can't hurt me" attitude about diagnoses. When these responsible

Danny Tyree

Tyrades

adults aren't putting duct tape over their "CHECK ENGINE SOON" light, they're doubtless wrestling with varmints on the front porch without turning on the light.

I don't know if my cheerleading will influence my peers, but perhaps it will inspire future generations. I know most young people think they're 10 feet tall and bulletproof (despite uttering phrases such as "I need a 'safe space' with an 11-foot ceiling and a 'gun-free zone' placard"), but they should form a lifetime habit of regular medical checkups.

This will allow them to keep their immunizations up to date, detect problems early and read drug brochures at their leisure, to determine if they were just imagining it when the fast-talking TV announcer seemingly listed "writhing in the Stygian depths" between "projectile earwax" and "heat-seeking ballistic umbrow" among the side effects. ©2022 Danny Tyree

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

Hunting Gear & Supplies

Must-have hunting gear

Hunting is popular throughout North America. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said that 40 percent of the population of the United States ages 16 and older participated in wildlife-related activities in 2016, the most recent year for data.

Hunting also is popular in Canada, where it's difficult to paint a picture of that popularity because hunting is regulated at the provincial level. However, Wild Alberta reports that, in 2020, there were 151,724 resident hunters in Alberta alone.

As is the case with many hobbies and pastimes, hunting requires some unique gear. Hunters need to bring some essential gear along on each trip to ensure their safety, while other gear and gadgets are all about convenience.

• **Proper clothing:** Hunting clothing comes in two main varieties: camouflage and blaze orange. Camo patterns mimic real-life foliage or use a digital pattern of natural colors to trick the animals' eyes, preventing them from detecting the hunters' outlines. Blaze orange hunting gear, from coats to hats to coveralls, is designed to make hunters visible to other hunters. Some game, like whitetail deer, cannot detect the orange color spectrum, so hunters need not worry that they will be compromising their hunting efforts. Depending on the hunting area and its specific regulations, camo or orange clothing will be required. Hunting clothing also should be comfortable for the weather and the conditions. Waterproof or water-resistant clothing can protect hunters from the elements as well. In cold climates, layer up and wear insulated materials.

• **Weapon and ammo:** Hunters should always look for ammunition details for the animals they will be hunting so they choose the correct weapon and ammunition type. Weapons should be maintained and cleaned for safety, and all hunters should consider taking a course in the proper handling of weapons.

• **Knife:** Knives are a staple for every hunting trip and can be used for multiple purposes. Most hunters prefer a dedicated knife for field dressing the animal, which includes gutting, boning, skinning, and butchering. Some knives fold and others are fixed blades.

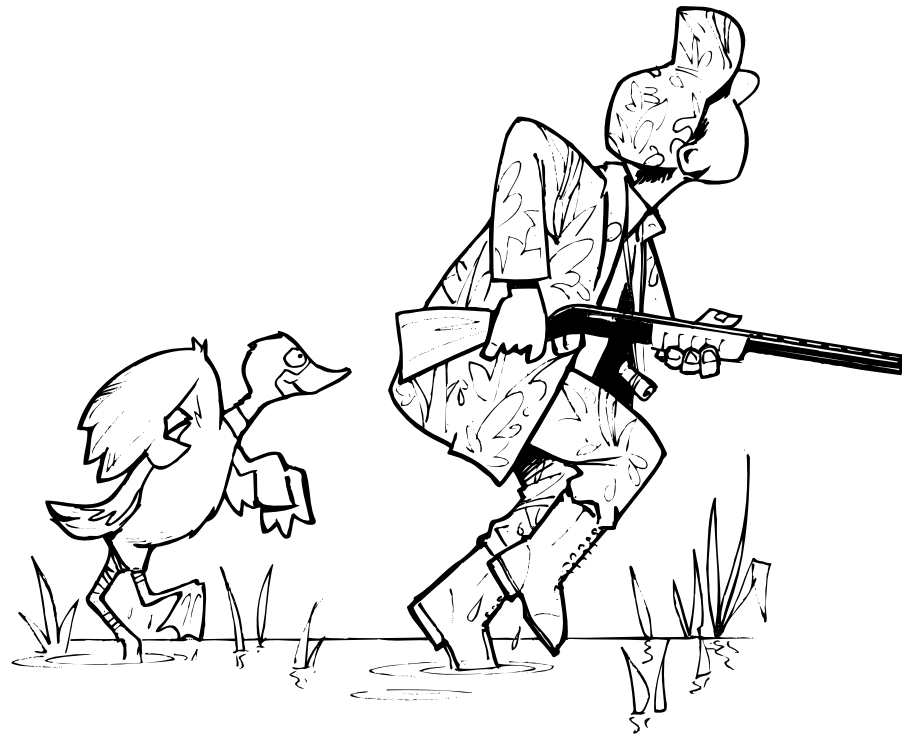
• **Legal documents:** Hunters should always carry their hunting licenses and have game tags on hand to mark their kills appropriately. Depending on where one lives and hunts, licenses may need to be visible on the person.

• **Calls and scents:** It may be possible to lure game closer with special calls or scents. In addition, hunters may want to utilize scent killers, which are sprays and washes that remove human scents from clothing and gear so game are unaware that hunters are present.

• **Binoculars:** While one may be able to use the scope on a weapon to spot game, binoculars are more efficient.

• **First aid kit and other safety gear:** Hunters should stock a first aid kit, emergency phone, water and snacks to stay hydrated and fed, and a foldable paper map in the event cell phone signals fade or prove unreliable.

Hunting requires patience, dedication and essential gear. With the right supplies, a hunting venture is that much more enjoyable.



TWRA NEWS

Open comment period on season setting for hunting in Tennessee is open until Feb. 15. Watch TWRA update on Facebook Live. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency invites your comments and questions on season setting and hunting regulations, season dates, bag limits, WMA regulations and more.

Email comments/questions in at anytime between now and Feb. 15. to TWRA. HuntingComments@tn.gov. Citizen thoughts will be considered by staff ahead of the April and May Tennessee Fish & Wildlife Commission Meetings when hunting seasons will be set. Items that are typically not a consideration during our normal hunting season setting process are Tennessee Code Annotated laws or Rules and Regulations, waterfowl season dates (set by US Fish and Wildlife Service), and fishing.

Cooking with a veteran

Dave cooks up 'Dirty Rice'

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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Today's cooking segment by Dave Rogers travels well, North to the South, and is certainly delicious no matter which direction you hail from these days.

Dave is a U.S. Army veteran who is taking social media by storm with his "Cooking with a Veteran" segments. He's a native New Yorker and moved here a few months ago to start a new life with his working dog, "Grunt."

If you see the two around Shelbyville, say 'hi.' But remember, Grunt's a working dog, so he's pretty involved in taking care of Dave.

Dave is involved in veterans' affairs, particularly the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of Murfreesboro. He likes to accentuate the positive, so we will be hearing from him from time to time on veteran issues as well.

Welcome to Bedford County, Dave and Grunt. Did we mention that Dave's also an artist? (Look for that story soon in T-G.)

Today, Dave shares his recipe for Dirty Rice, which of course is a favorite in the South. Dave also shares his recipe for Philly Cheese Steak Egg Rolls. Catch his cooking segment "Cooking with a Veteran" on YouTube and on Facebook.

You know when you've gotten to the end of one of Dave's recipes. There's always a big "Hoorah!"

Take it away, Dave . . .



Dave Rogers

Photos by Dave Rogers

"GRUNT" ABOUT TOWN



Photo by Dave Rogers

"Grunt," working dog for local veteran, Dave Rogers, appeared to have forgotten his swim trunks Wednesday. So, he watched from poolside while others swam at Shelbyville Recreation Center.

Dave's Dirty Rice

This is a mostly unknown dish in the North, but one you can find in the South especially around Louisiana. Traditionally Dirty Rice is made with pork and chicken livers, but has transformed over the years to sausage, or sometimes beef.

- 1 lb, Italian sausage (optional to add andouille sausage, or to make with andouille sausage and shrimp)
- 1 Bell Pepper (I like to mix hot and sweet peppers for more flavor)
- 2 C. rice
- 4 C. water (you can use chicken broth or beef broth instead, just be sure to check the salt content before adding salt)
- ½ chopped yellow onion
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp. ginger
- 1 Tbsp. of Worcestershire sauce
- Seasoning to taste: Smoked Paprika, Cumin, Cayenne Pepper, White Pepper, Black Pepper, Adobo, Parsley, Sage, Rosemary, Thyme.
- (Optional) Bourbon (For this meal I am using Jesse James Depree Bourbon)

I have had this meal many times, and each place makes it just a little different, to me it is the Creole Paella. In New Orleans I had it with Chicken Liver and in Alabama with andouille sausage and shrimp. Each area kind of makes it their own, which is something I love about this meal. I also like that this is one of those one pot dishes that are easy to make and clean up.

While not required, I love to cook this meal in my well-seasoned 13 inch.

Lodge Cast Iron Pot. The way you know it is well seasoned is the meat won't stick to the bottom. Start by browning the sausage and andouille sausage. Once browned add in your peppers, onion, garlic, ginger to sauté. Be sure not to burn the meat or onions, peppers, and Worcestershire sauce. If you are going to add Bourbon this is the time to do so.

Add your seasoning: Smoked Paprika, Cumin, Cayenne Pepper, White Pepper, Black Pepper, Adobo, Parsley, Sage, Rosemary, Thyme. Let cook until the meat is brown with a little char, then add the rice. I know most people are used to boiling water for rice first, but this is a Pilaf way of cooking the rice, by letting it brown first. Once the rice is browned some, add the water, or in my case the chicken broth. Let the broth come to a boil for 1 min, turn flame to low, cover and let cook for 25 min, or until the rice is soft. Remove from heat let sit for 5 min and serve.

You can watch this episode of "Cooking with a Veteran" on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CMDRDaveRogers/videos/1255389421621357> Don't forget to like and share the page with others. If there is a dish you would like to see Dave make, or want to find out more about the show and the project you can email Dave at dave-rogers1969@live.com Dave is also looking for guests to come on the show, so if you are a veteran or help veterans and would like to share your love for cooking feel free to email Dave.

Until next time: Hoorah!

Philly Cheese Steak Egg Rolls

By **Dave Rogers, 14-Year Combat Army Veteran**

I love this dish for many reasons, first I am a big fan of a good Philly Cheese Steak; second, I can eat Egg Rolls all the time; and third it is a great easy to make eat with your hands food.

The other great thing about this dish, is you can change it up in many ways, while you can make a traditional Cheese Steak filling, you can mix it up with pork, chicken, lamb or just really any meat or even vegetarian style.

- 1 lb. shaved beef (or whatever meat you want)
- 10 slices of Pepper Jack Cheese (while I love the taste of the pepper jack for this, any cheese will work)
- 1 C. Italian shredded cheese mix (again you can use any cheese you want)
- ½ sliced onion
- 1 sliced green pepper
- 1 sliced red pepper
- Minced garlic
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Smoked Paprika to taste

If you want to make it spicy, simply add cayenne pepper and red pepper flakes

- 1 pack egg roll wrappers
- 1 egg
- 1 Tbsp. milk
- Vegetable Oil

In a preheated pan add your garlic, onions and peppers sauté them, being sure not to burn them, but brown them. Once your vegetables are almost cooked, add your shaved beef (or meat of your choice). Add salt, Pepper,



Philly Cheese Steak Egg Rolls

Paprika and other spices to taste and cook the meat until done. For a Cheese steak I like a little char on the meat.

Once the filling is done, place it on the side and start heating your oil. Be sure to only fill about ¼ of the bottom of the pan, this is not a deep fry, as they are not frozen, and you just want to cook the wrapping. Now you don't have to fry these, you can bake them or even air fry them, see your device for timing. While the oil is heating it is time to start rolling your egg rolls. In a bowl whisk your egg with the

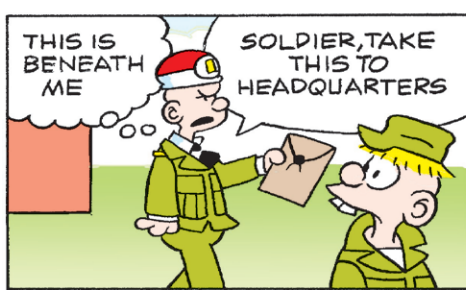
milk. This will be a bounding agent for the egg roll. Lay out your egg roll wrapper, place 1 piece of pepper jack cheese, add your meat, onion, and pepper mix, top with shredded cheese. Now it is time to roll the egg roll, there are a couple of different ways to do it. You can roll halfway, add egg, turn in the sides, finish rolling and add egg to seal. Or you can flip in the sides roll halfway, egg finish rolling and add egg to seal. There are lots of videos you can watch on this.

Once you have finished rolling your egg rolls, be sure to make sure your oil is hot enough to fry. Place the egg rolls in the pan and let sit for about 45 seconds or until the outer wrapper is golden brown, flip and do the same until all the outer wrapper is golden brown. Remove from pan and let sit for 2 min for the excess oil to fall off. I recommend cutting them in half before serving, so this way each first bite of this dish is filled with the filling.

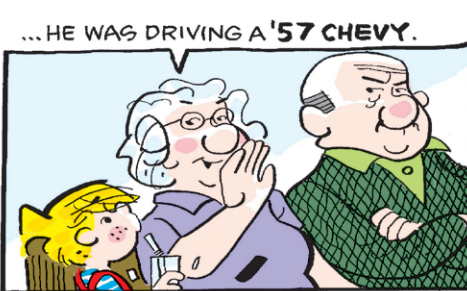
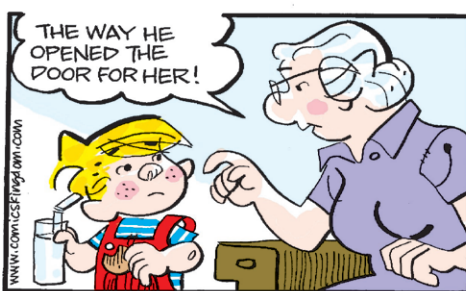
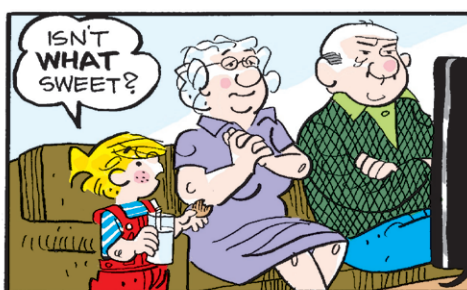
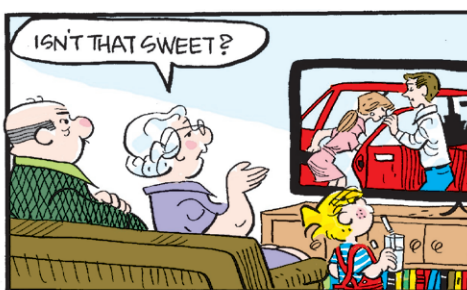
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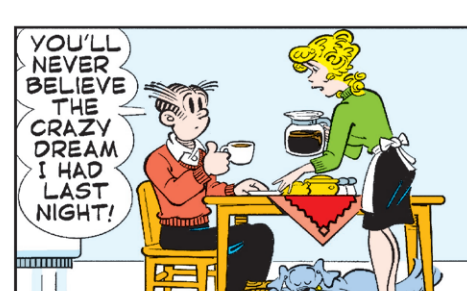
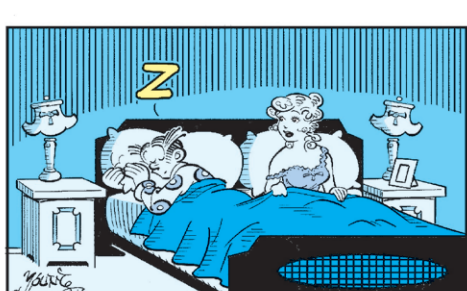
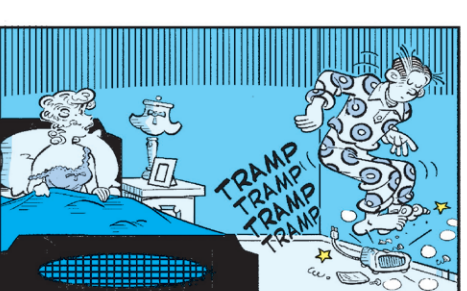
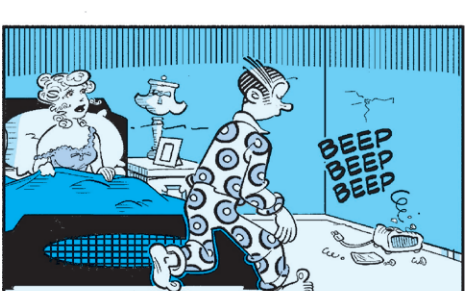
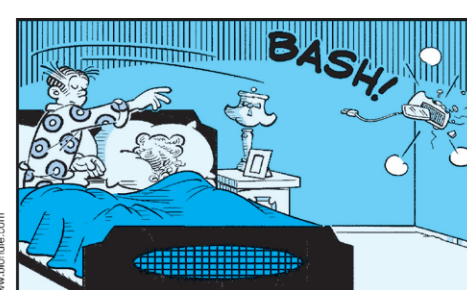
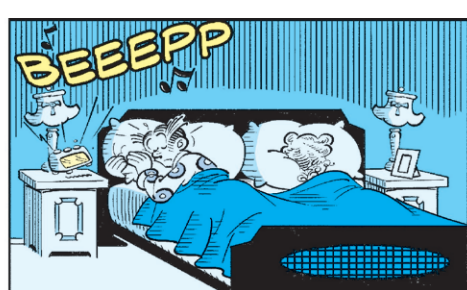
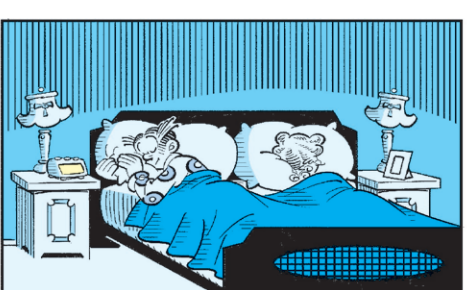
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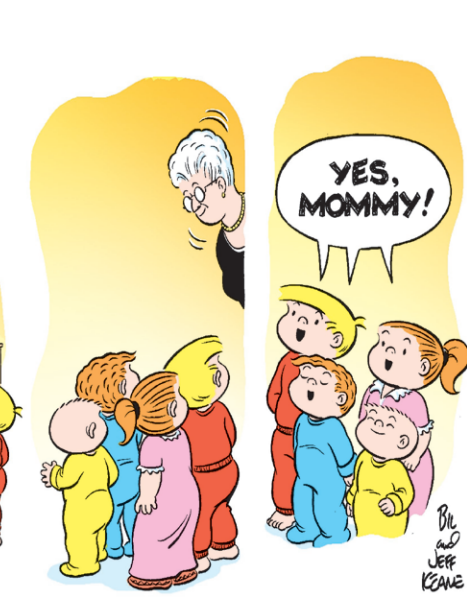
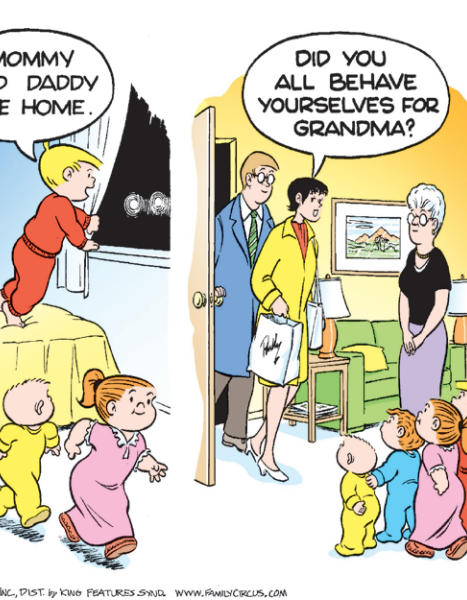
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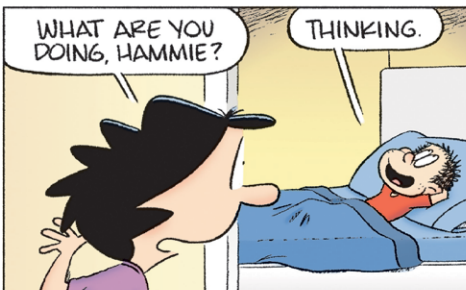


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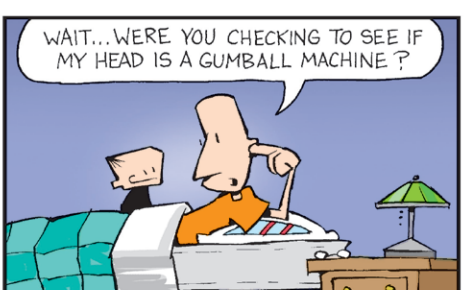
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DADDY DAZE

BY JOHN KOVALESKI



SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

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1982 SALLY VISITS PRESENT-DAY SALLY...

WOW! IT'S AMAZING! THE HOUSE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE IT DOES IN MY TIME!

PLEASE... PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT. WE'VE SPENT A LOT OF MONEY TO UPGRADE IT.

WHOA... THIS STRIP WAS FOUNDED ON ME BEING A CAREERPERSON. THAT A WOMAN COULD HAVE IT ALL.

BUT I ALSO REALLY HOPE THAT THAT'S A GIVEN BY 2022. THAT NO ONE WOULD STILL THINK ANYONE COULDN'T PURSUE ANYTHING THEY WANTED...

BESIDES, MAYBE THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY! AFTER ALL, WE'RE MORE THAN A JOB TITLE. WE'RE MORE THAN ONE THING!

WE'RE A PERSON, AND A PERSON HAS AS MANY SIDES, AS MANY SELVES, AS MANY WISHES TO EXPLORE.

SO, TELL ME ABOUT OUR CAREER! HOW'S IT GOING?

WELL, I WAS PROMOTED TO MARKETING MANAGER. THEN I BECAME HR DIRECTOR.

OH! AND RALPH IS NO LONGER OUR BOSS! ...THOUGH HE DID MARRY OUR SISTER AND THEY HAVE A BEAUTIFUL GIRL TOGETHER.

I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH OF A RELIEF IT IS TO HEAR US SAY THAT.

OHHHH... I DID NOT SEE THAT COMING.

BUT THEN PRETTY MUCH THE ENTIRE COMPANY WAS LET GO. I DID GET ANOTHER JOB, BUT, WELL, THAT DIDN'T LAST LONG. SO, RIGHT NOW, I'M BETWEEN POSITIONS.

KEEFE

BUT WE ARE STILL MAILING OUT RESUMES, RIGHT?

EMAILING. AND YEAH.

IS IT STRANGE IF I ASK FOR A GROUP PHOTO? IT'S STRANGE, RIGHT? I KNOW IT'S STRANGE...

JUST TAKE THE PHOTO, DAD!

The PHANTOM

by Lee Falk

NAYO AND ABEO MEET KIND AND CARING PEOPLE IN MAWITAN...

...BUT THE GREAT CITY HAS ITS SLIMY UNDERWORLD AS WELL...

THIS DENIZEN OF THAT WORLD SMELLS A PAYDAY IN DELIVERING THE MORI GIRLS TO A WELL-HEELED CRIMINAL.

1-23

A TRAFFICKER IN YOUNG WOMEN...

24-32

...A BUSINESS PROPOSITION...

33-41

...GIRLS FRESH OFF THE MORI COAST...

FLAWLESS!

42-50

BRING THEM.

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Tony DePaul & Jeff Weigel 1-23-22

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Hi and Lois

by Brian and Greg Walker

FLAGSTON SETS...

1-7

HE DELIVERS...

8-14

TAKE THAT!

THUMP!

HEY!

15-21

LOOK...IT'S YOUR GLOVE.

22-28

IT MUST HAVE STUCK TO THE SNOWBALL.

29-35

GIVE IT BACK!

NO WAY.

36-42

I'M GOING TO GET FROSTBITE!

YOU GET WHAT YOU DESERVE.

43-49

ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

THANKS FOR THE RIDE, MOM.

MM-HM.

1-6

DO ME A FAVOR AND DON'T MAKE A SCENE WHEN YOU DROP ME OFF.

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DON'T BE SILLY.

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I WOULD NEVER EMBARRASS YOU.

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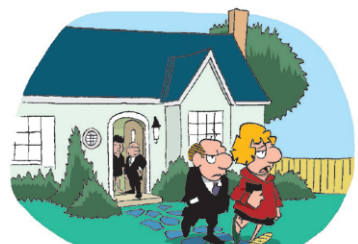
HOLD STILL, JELLY SPOT.

WELCOME TO DEATH BY HUMILIATION.

25-31

THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER



"I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT ANYBODY WHO INVITED YOU TO DINNER JUST WANTED TO SELL US TIMESHARES."

BOOK REVUE

DO-IT-YOURSELF

1-5

"IS DUMMIES AS LOW AS YOU GO?"

6-10

"IT'S ECONOMICS 101, LORETTA... MY SUPPLY ISN'T KEEPING UP WITH YOUR DEMAND."

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

by Tom Batiuk

1-5

UH-OH...

6-10

I'VE GOT A VIRTUAL PIANO LESSON IN TEN MINUTES!

11-15

HOW DO YOUR VIRTUAL PIANO LESSONS COMPARE TO YOUR DOING THEM IN PERSON?

16-20

IN ALL HONESTY...

21-25

I THINK I ENJOY THEM MORE!

26-30

LIVE LESSONS DON'T HAVE A MUTE BUTTON!

31-35

SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Count Weirdly is taking Max Mouse on an unwanted submarine cruise. A rescue boat and divers are minutes away. Slylock Fox is first on the scene. How did he manage to stop the sub from escaping before additional help arrived?

1-23

Spot six differences between these panels.

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32-35

"WHERE DID YOU GET A RECIPE FOR PRIMORDIAL SOUP?"

YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Avani, age 13

Submit your drawing to www.slylockfox.com

True or False

- 1) Dogs have more taste buds than cats.
- 2) Cats need more protein than dogs.
- 3) Dogs are strictly carnivores. Cats can be vegetarians.

Answer -- 1) True, 2) True, 3) False. Cats are strictly carnivores. Dogs can be vegetarians.

Some dolphins can remain submerged while holding their breath for up to ...

- a) 11 minutes
- b) 15 minutes
- c) 22 minutes

Answer -- a) 11 minutes. The average dolphin can stay underwater for 15 minutes, but some can remain submerged for 18 to 22 minutes.

Answer -- Showman's arm, hat, scarf, window, girl's smile and mouse's tail.

NEW! Slylock Fox: Spot the Six Differences book is here! Available at www.slylockfox.com

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Butler's Creek FCE monthly meeting held

STAFF REPORT

Butler's Creek Family and Community Education Club (FCE) held its monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 10, at the local extension office.

Vicky Faulkner called the meeting to order with a reading by Edith Sitwell entitled, "Winter."

A devotion about the creative benefits of laughter was read by Debbie Crosslin, followed by roll call.

New officers for 2022 were announced: Vicky Faulkner, president; Gay Ervin and Barbara Troxler, first and second vice presidents; Cindi Lindsey, secretary and reporter; Debbie Crosslin, treasurer; Brenda Gregory, sunshine.

There was no December meeting. Minutes were not available.

The treasurer's report was given by Debbie

Crosslin; she reported a current balance of \$63.85. Brenda Gregory gave the sunshine report.

Whitney Danhof gave an informative program, "Winter Wisdom" which gave reminders of safety awareness during the cold, winter months.

January is slow cooker month and Whitney Danhof included two soup recipes.

New business

The year-end report of donations and community service hours was completed.

Members discussed adding a Farm Bureau dinner in the month of May to the 2022 schedule. Susie Henderson made a motion to add the May dinner with the motion seconded by Gloria Crick. Menu options were discussed and planned for the February Farm



Submitted Photo

Susie Henderson models a poncho that was hand-dyed with plants, which was one of Butler Creek FCE's monthly club demonstrations.

Bureau dinner.

It was decided that Good Samaritan will be the club's 2022 community project.

Upcoming event remind-

ers included: FCE Council meeting, Jan. 12, 10 a.m. at the extension office. Reading reports should be turned in to the extension

office by Jan. 31.

Club demonstrations: Debbie Crosslin displayed a baby quilt she completed with free-form machine quilting; Gloria Crick showed a hand quilted baby quilt and a pink baby blanket made with chenille squares; Susie Henderson modeled a poncho crocheted with yarn that had been hand-dyed with plants. Louise Moore showed her hand-knit hat in progress.

Susie Henderson's poncho is made of natural dye baths as follows:

- Pink- cochineal bugs
 - Dark gold- onion skins
 - Yellow- 1) goldenrod. 2) marigold flowers 3) mimosa pods and leaves.
- We tried different dye baths in three different years. All three yarns are represented in her poncho, though they

all look about the same

- Peach- a weak dye bath of madder root
- Green- red basil, garden sage and lime juice
- Blue- indigo

As for washing the poncho, suggestions are to just wash as normal or on delicate cycle. The key is using the correct types of dyes. There are all kinds of instructions for such a project online or contact your local extension office for assistance.

Great job, Susie!

The club's next meeting will be Feb. 7 at the Farm Bureau office. Members should arrive at 4:30 p.m. to prepare and serve dinner before the scheduled meeting.

Vicky Faulkner adjourned the meeting by reading "Kindness is like snow; it beautifies everything it covers." by Kahlil Gibran.



From left, BCS Assistant Superintendent of Schools Tim Harwell; BCS School Board Chairman Michael Cook; BCS Supervisor of the Year Chad Fletcher, Federal Programs Supervisor; BCS Superintendent of Schools Tammy Garrett



From left, SCHS Assistant Principal Dee McCullough; SCHS Assistant Principal Charlie Pope; BCS Board Member Glenn Forsee; BCS Superintendent of Schools Tammy Garrett; BCS 9th- 12th Grade Level Teacher of the Year Tiffany Church, Spanish and English Teacher at Shelbyville Central High School; SCHS Principal Rebecca Tidwell; BCS Assistant Superintendent of Schools Tim Harwell; BCS Director of Human Resources Neil Watson

'Bedford Proud' celebration held

STAFF REPORT

This is the favorite part of the school year for many school board members, when the district-wide presentations are made for top administrators, teachers and Central Office supervisor. A celebration tagged 'Bedford Proud' was recently held.

Submitted Photos



From left, BCS Board Member Glenn Forsee; BCS PreK-5th Grade Instructional Supervisor Xavier Hamler; BCS Special Education Supervisor Julie Haynes; BCS Superintendent of Schools Tammy Garrett; Learning Way Elementary School Principal Kathy Reed; BCS PreK-4th Grade Level Teacher of the Year Rachel Porter, PreK Teacher at Learning Way Elementary; Learning Way Elementary School Assistant Principal Christi Lux; BCS Assistant Superintendent of Schools Tim Harwell; BCS Director of Human Resources Neil Watson.



From left, BCS Assistant Superintendent of Schools Tim Harwell; BCS School Board Chairman Michael Cook; BCS 5th - 8th Grade Level Teacher of the Year Jennifer Cook, 5th Teacher at Cascade Elementary; Caroline Cook, daughter of Michael and Jennifer Cook; Cascade Elementary Principal Robin Adcock; BCS Superintendent of Schools Tammy Garrett



From left, Thomas Magnet School Principal Tracy Watson, front and center, is surrounded by her family and also members of the BCS Central Office team who congratulated her on receiving the Bedford County Schools Principal of the Year award for the district.

Doug

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"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything (THERE IT IS). Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything you can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7, NLT)

We can spend our lives learning how to pray, how to turn our worries and our cares over to God.

We never stop learning. But, the only way I've ever found to let go of

worry was to pray. It's not always easy, but there are things we just have to work hard for.

True peace of mind can only come from God; and He is waiting to help us find it.

He has given us the avenue of prayer to reach out to Him in our times of need.

Lynn and I have reminders throughout our house that we need to look to God for our help in times of trouble and in times of peace as well.

I have a cross hanging over my chest of drawers that reminds me "It is Well with My Soul."

Lynn has put up plaques in our kitchen that read

"Blessed," "Faith Over Fear," "Faith, Hope, Love," and "Hallelujah, He is Risen."

I have inspirational wall hangings in my home office strategically placed over my desk to be constant reminders.

One is a print of Jesus walking on stormy waters with His hand stretched out toward me that says, "FOCUS ON ME, not on the Storm."

On a large wooden plaque right above my computer monitor is a quote from Jeremiah 29:11. It says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give

you hope and a future

Years back, I went through a rough period in my life with numerous hospitalizations and surgeries.

I learned just how meaningful it is to have others praying for me.

I didn't spend my days worrying during those times. I prayed and I knew others were praying for me.

I woke up in my hospital bed one day and I saw my friend, Dennis Pratt from Memphis, sitting across from me with his head bowed in prayer. He was praying for me, and it brought me great comfort.

One of the women in the church I was pastoring at the time, Inez Lane, brought me a prayer shawl

that she had crocheted, and laid that over me. It had been prayed over by the folks at the church and that brought me great comfort.

Another one of the women in my church, Sandy Morris, brought me a quilt that she had made. Around the edges of that quilt, she had stitched this prayer: "Lord, we thank you that you are always ready to help. Surround Doug with your love and grant him peace of mind, peace of heart, and peace of soul. Wrap him in your tender care. Amen."

We can find comfort and peace in times of trouble, if we learn to pray and learn to depend on the prayers of others.

In Psalm 46 we read, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear..."

We all need to learn Apostle Paul's admonition, "Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything."

Doug Dezotell is the pastor of Cannon UMC. He's sweet Lynn's husband, and the father of 3 amazing children, and the grandfather to 3 beautiful granddaughters. He can be contacted at 931-607-5191 or at dougdezotell@gmail.com. Have a great day and a wonderful week! I love you! Thank you for reading! Don't worry! Be Happy!



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

For those who live out in the country, a nice pot of steaming hot soup can hit the spot after a morning of ice scraping.

WINTER Wellness

Extension office shares soup recipes

Recipes by Whitney Danhof
Bedford County extension agent

While not recognized as a scientific treatment, warm comfort foods can help keep you nourished when you're not feeling 100%. Here are a couple of recipes to try this winter.

Whitney Danhof

Seasonal Eating



Chicken and Rice Soup

- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 10 baby carrots, chopped (about 1/2 cup)
- 4 oz. mushrooms, chopped
- 1 (4-oz) jar chopped pimiento, drained
- 1 (12 1/2 oz.) can chicken, or two cooked and shredded chicken breast halves
- 1/4 cup wild rice, uncooked
- 1/4 cup brown or white rice, uncooked
- 4 (14 1/2 oz.) cans reduced sodium chicken broth
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh flat leaf parsley, divided
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups fresh spinach, roughly chopped

In a large Dutch oven heat oil. Add onion, celery, carrots and mushrooms and sauté until tender. Stir in pimientos. Break up the chicken and add to pot with liquid from can. Stir in rices and chicken broth. Add 2 tablespoons of the parsley with the thyme, poultry seasoning, cayenne, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil reduce heat, cover and simmer for 1 hour until rice is cooked. Add remaining two tablespoons of parsley and spinach. Cook and stir until spinach

is wilted. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.

Italian Vegetable Soup

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 ribs celery, chopped
- 1 cup chopped carrot
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, pressed
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1/4 cup red wine
- 1 (15 oz.) can diced tomatoes
- 1 (11 oz.) can corn, drained
- 1 (15 oz.) can butter beans, drained
- 1 (15 oz.) can green beans, drained
- 1 bay leaf

In a large Dutch oven, heat the olive oil and add the celery, carrot, onion and garlic. Sauté over medium high heat until onions are translucent and carrots soften a little, about 5 minutes. Add the salt, pepper, onion powder, Italian seasoning and paprika and stir to mix. Push to one side and add the tomato paste to cook for a minute. Add the red wine and reduce by half. Add the beef broth, tomatoes, corn, butter beans, green beans and bay leaf. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer for 30-45 minutes.



Winter Home

Need more workspace at home?

Tips for converting the attic

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, many homeowners suddenly found themselves in need of more usable square footage in their homes.

Required to work from home due to social distancing recommendations, millions of working professionals suddenly found themselves setting up shop at kitchen tables or islands, in alcoves, garages, or even walk-in closets.

Those makeshift offices were never supposed to be permanent, but as companies loosen workplace policies and embrace full remote or hybrid working arrangements, professionals are seeking more permanent home office solutions.

Home additions are a possibility for homeowners who need more usable square footage, but add-ons may not be the right option for everyone. If adding on won't work, homeowners may want to look up ... at their attics.

Attics with ample space can make for ideal home offices, as they're away from the hustle and bustle of a home's main floor. That can make it easier to concentrate when everyone is in the house and reduce the likelihood that video calls with colleagues and clients will be interrupted by kids and pets.

Attic conversions are not always possible, and the following are three important factors homeowners may need to consider before they can go forward with such projects.

1. Dimensions: Both the renovation experts at This Old House and the real estate experts at UpNest indicate that at least half of a finished attic must



be a minimum of seven feet high and seven feet wide and 70 square feet. Requirements may differ depending on where homeowners live, but that 7-7-70 guideline is generally the minimum requirement. An attic that fails to meet such requirements won't necessarily be a lost cause, but it might be costly to make adjustments that ultimately align with local codes.

2. Access: Access is another aspect that must adhere to local safety guidelines. Many attics are accessible only through pull-down ladders, but that will have to change if homeowners repurpose their attic spaces. A staircase that complies with local laws will need to be installed, and contractors can work with homeowners to build that and estimate the cost. Homeowners who simply want to put desks in their attics without going with full-fledged conversions are urged to adhere to local access

requirements anyway, as they're intended to ensure residents can safely escape attics in the case of a fire or another emergency.

3. Climate control: Attics are converted to provide residents with more livable space. Converted space is only livable if the climate within the attic can be controlled so it's cool in the summer and warm in the winter. An existing HVAC unit needs to efficiently heat and cool an extra room. If it can't, bills might spike because the rest of the home likely won't be as comfortable, forcing homeowners to adjust thermostats to offset that discomfort. That also could affect the unit's life expectancy. Before going forward with an attic renovation, homeowners should contact HVAC professionals to determine if attic spaces can be serviced with the existing units and ductwork, or if an alternative arrangement must be worked out to make the spaces livable.

Gilliland Center continues 'The Dream'

Virtual MLK Day program held

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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The Gilliland Historical Resource Center held its annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day event, virtually, on Monday. The theme for the holiday program was, "Let's continue the dream."

The selected song was, "A Change is Gonna Come" by Sam Cooke. The words are epitomized and have been for years as a universal message of hope—one that does not age.

Reciting from Dr. King's "Letter from Birmingham (Jail)" was attorney Madison Biggs. One of the most profound portions of that letter (all found in its entirety online) was the famous line by Dr. King which stated, "We know through personal experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed."

During the summers of his youth, Madison interned for the Tennessee Justice Center, where

'Dr. King painted a picture of what the world could really look like.'

Pastor Jason Scales

he helped dozens of low-income Tennesseans obtain healthcare.

He finally found his home at the Nashville Defender's Office.

Guest speaker for the virtual event was Pastor Jason Scales, son of Wayne and Sheila Scales. Those introducing him online said he founded his own church on "simplicity and power."

Scales is also an author, writing the book, "Resilient: How's that Working for You?" (Paperback available at Amazon.com.) Scales prompts his readers to pause and look at the habits, ideologies and actions that may be keeping them away from their

Honoring the Life, Work & Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.



The Gilliland Historical Resource Center sponsored a virtual program on Monday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Day.

life dreams.

The pastor said during the virtual event that he realizes how frustrating the whole process of achieving life's dreams can be. Still, he believes God can continue to use dreamers—like Dr. King—for His greater purpose into the future.

Scales said he believes: 1. Dreams inform us. 2. There's no human or Christian for that fact better than another 3. People need one another.

"We all need each other," said Scales, explaining further that we've come to realize this in

last couple of years for sure with COVID and other events.

Paraphrasing Dr. King, he said, "We may have all come over in a different boat, but now we're together in the same boat."

Scales said he believes dreams are fulfilled through personal sacrifice and through one's unselfish nature. One thing is for certain, he explained to his audience listening and watching via Zoom, "You cannot be passive and dream."

He explained that some "dreams"—even those of Dr. King—may not be realized until

the future. But when they're unselfishly set into motion, future generations benefit.

Scales said an example is that it wasn't until 2008, when the first black president was elected to The White House. Scales said Dr. King would have been 79 in 2008, (if he had not been assassinated), when Barack Obama took the oath of office.

While maybe it wasn't meant for him to be here physically to see the event, Scales said Dr. King, would have no doubt realized a fulfilled dream.

He said God certainly gives us dreams bigger than our bank accounts. And just as Dr. King often said, "everyone should dream bigger than themselves."

"I believe if God can use me, he can use anybody," said the pastor.

He talked about a youth who had been in an after school program and how he was impacted by those mentors who supported him. He went on to own his own computer company.

"You never know who you're impacting . . . what God's calling you to do."

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