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# Student faces charges after school threat

By DAVID MELSON  
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A 13-year-old student at Community Middle School in Unionville was arrested Friday morning after allegedly threatening to shoot students and a teacher, investigators said. Loaded weapons were found in his locker.

“Two or three students told School Resource Officer Cam Ferrell the boy threatened to shoot up the school and a teacher. It was a general threat to the school and to a specific teacher,” Sheriff Austin Swing said.

Ferrell pulled the boy out of class and asked him if he had made the threat, Swing said.

“The boy told him he was just joking,” Swing said. “Cam didn’t have a good feeling about what he said and checked his locker.”

Two loaded 9-millimeter pistols were in the locker, Swing said.

At that point the school went into lockdown as officers conducted a search of the entire campus. The lockdown was cleared by early afternoon.

The student has been charged with two counts of carrying a weapon into a school. He was taken to the Bedford County Sheriff’s Office initially, then to juvenile detention, Swing said.

“Right now, it is a law enforcement matter, but zero tolerance will come into play here. The student will be expelled for one calendar year,” Bedford County School Superintendent Dr. Tammy Garrett said.

Swing said he was unaware of the student having ever been in previous trouble. The incident was still under investigation at midday Friday.

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This building on Railroad Avenue will become the new home of Bedford County Emergency Management Agency.

# Emergency management moves to TRC building

By ZOË HAGGARD  
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Bedford County Commissioners approved on Tuesday night a resolution to authorize County Mayor Chad Graham to transition the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) operations to the current Tennessee Rehabilitation Center (TRC) facility.

The current TRC building, at 1618 Railroad Ave., is being leased by the State of Tennessee. The lease is set to end in June. The TRC facility operations will most likely be moved to the Bedford County Business Complex, 200 Dover St., according to Graham.

EMA, which is at 1304 Railroad Ave., handles the planning portion of emergency response, according to Graham. He said it often gets confused with Bedford County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), which provides ER-level care during emergencies.

Commissioner Bill Anderson raised the question of cost for transitioning EMA. Bedford County Finance Director Robert Daniel said there would be some cost to restructure the interior of the TRC building but no cost for the building itself.

Graham added that the EMA building

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Walter Taylor

# The open life of Walter Taylor

By DAWN HANKINS  
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When driving down South Cannon Boulevard on Tuesdays about 3 p.m., feel free to honk your horn at Walter Taylor, an 88-year-old who gets around better than most. He’s still serving as traffic control director for Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen.

Walter, a father of 2 and grandfather of 3, started directing the traffic which comes in to pick up meals when the soup kitchen opened up at the old Save-A-Lot about 3 years ago. He waited tables at the soup kitchen at First United Methodist on square prior to that time.

His membership in the First United Methodist Men’s Club helped get him involved in SCSK. He married his second wife, Charlene Handy; they began attending FUMC together after they married.

Professionally, Walter operated for many years hand-fed and automatic

*‘It gives me a purpose in life. I try to help everyone, no matter who it is.’*

— Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen volunteer Walter Taylor

presses at Josten’s. He says as a senior citizen now, he’s thankful for the company retirement plan.

He’s originally from Illinois. But Walter has certainly made Bedford County his home, having served in the past as a Unionville volunteer fire fighter and as department chief.

He sees a lot of churches really being involved in the soup kitchen now. There’s great need for such, he explains.

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# No City TV – for now

By DAWN HANKINS  
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Shelbyville City Council met in regular session Thursday at Shelbyville Recreation Center. As a result of a 5:1 vote, the Public Education Government (PEG) public TV channel is off the table for now.

But that doesn’t mean it won’t resurface in the future. Still, funding for such an endeavor is one of Council’s bigger issues with such a project.

Council was looking at two potential providers for a PEG channel, but Council voted against going with either entity on Thursday. Councilman Henry Feldhaus, who voted no against a considering two Request for Qualifications (RFQs,) said Thursday that he’d like to see a “more pleasing structure.”

There was no mention Thursday night of the potential land lease deal with Middle Tennessee State University Aerospace program and the City. According to Paul Perry, Shelbyville Municipal Airport Director, the land is currently under a larger tract for agriculture use.

See more in Tuesday’s T-G on the potential aerospace movement to Shelbyville and additional Council news.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH MUSIC



Entertainment for Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro’s 26th annual Unity Luncheon on Thursday was jazz indie artist and MTSU alumnae Maya Olivia. See story and more photos on page 3C.

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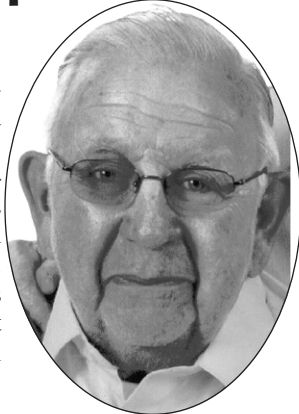
## DEATH NOTICES

## Howard Randolph Conner

February 8, 2022

Howard Randolph Conner, 87, of Athens, Alabama, formerly of Shelbyville, died Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

Funeral services will be 4 p.m. Saturday, February 12 at Gowen-Smith Chapel with Dr. Perry Loudon officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 2 p.m.



## Gladys Elaine Fields

February 7, 2022

Gladys Elaine Fields, 86, of Shelbyville died Monday, February 7, 2022 at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

Per his request, she will be cremated with no services being planned at this time.

Gowen-Smith Chapel is handling arrangements.



## OBITUARIES

## Herman Lee 'Buddy' Harris

February 7, 2022

Herman Lee "Buddy" Harris, 78, of Shelbyville died Monday, February 7, 2022.

Graveside services were held Friday at Willow Mount Cemetery, Rev. Ray Armstrong officiating. No other services are scheduled.

He was a retired 25-year employee of American Can Corporation; a retired 15-year employee of Tommy Crosslin Electric; and former volunteer fireman for the City of Shelbyville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Dennis Harris and Annie Margaret Whitsett Harris; brother, Billy Joe Harris and sister, Margaret Ann Powers.

Buddy is survived by his wife of 55 years, Connie Thomas Harris; his son, Shannon Lee Harris; sisters, Debbie Williams, Linda Farris, Patricia Moore, Martha Jane Clark and a brother, Kenneth Harris.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

## Charlotte Prater 'Charlie' John

February 8, 2022

Charlotte Prater "Charlie" John, 64, of Shelbyville died Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

Funeral Services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, February 12, at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Joshua Moore officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m.

She was a lead waitress for over 40 years at some of our local restaurants; Pope's Cafe, Hobble House, Rafael's, Ruth's Kitchen. She was a member of Miracle Tabernacle Church. She cared for so many people and over the years helped a lot of young girls.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil Calvin Prater and Gaylene Ruth Price Tawwater; her husband, Ricky John; brothers and sisters, Christine Gail Patterson, Janie Powell, Frankie Calvin Prater Sr. and Donnie Ray Prater.

She is survived by her children, Frances Ruth Davis, Allen James Lawson; sister Anna Bernice Cunningham; brother, Timmy "Rudy" Prater; niece and caregiver, Ruth Arnold; three grandchildren, Zackery Moore, Don Moore and Bryan Davis.



## Betty Batten Spence

February 7, 2022

Mrs. Betty Batten Spence, 77, of Shelbyville died Monday, February 7, 2022 following an extended illness.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Friday, February 11 from the chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home, Chapel Hill. Burial will follow at the Hopper Cemetery near Chapel Hill. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday.

Born in Marshall County, Mrs. Spence was a daughter of the late Walter Allen Batten and Lula Pearl Cherry Batten. She was a retired data processor with American Can of Shelbyville, and was a member of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Douglas Batten and Dennis Batten.

Survived by a daughter, Jennifer (Jeremy) Smith of Shelbyville; a son, Danny Ray (Jackie) Spence of Shelbyville; a sister, Nancy Ann Weddington of Flat Creek; seven grandchildren, Lauren (Hunter) Tyree, Abi (Jacob) Stroud, Spencer Smith, Cacey Spence, Ashley Haynes, Haleigh Copeland and Emma Farrar; 2 great-grandchildren, Madison Tyree and Ellyot Stroud.



## William 'Bill' Clardy

February 8, 2022

Mr. William "Bill" Pinky Clardy, age 79, husband of Sue Clardy, and a resident of Columbia, passed away Tuesday evening, February 8, 2022, at his residence.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 12 at Heritage Funeral Home in Columbia with Randy McNeece officiating. Military honors will be provided by the United States Navy. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. He will be laid to rest in Maury Memorial Gardens at a later date.

Born on August 12, 1942, in Unionville, Bill was the son of the late James Clardy and the late Lucille Smith Clardy. He was a 1960 graduate of Community High School in Unionville and earned his master's degree from Middle Tennessee State University. He served his country in the United States Navy from 1960 - 1964 where he was stationed on the USS Hancock.

Bill married Carolyn Sue Neese on June 15, 1967, and together they had two children. He was the regional director for probation and parole for the Department of Corrections where he worked for forty years before retiring in 2005. Bill was very active in the Kiwanis Club in Columbia for many years and was a avid University of Tennessee fan. Before he became ill, he loved going line dancing in Water Valley every Monday night. Bill was a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Jeff (Amber) Clardy of Culleoka, brother, Jerry (Renee) Clardy of Shelbyville, sister, Sylvia Wilkins of Shelbyville, son-in-law, David Lentz, sister-in-law, Mary Ruth Halmontaller, brother-in-law, Joe Tom Neese, grandchildren, Jeremy (Heather) Dyer, Matthew (Hali) Lentz, Madison Lentz, Tucker Knight, Landon Bardwell, Logan Bardwell, Tensley Clardy, great-grandchildren, Ethan Lentz, Jason Lentz, Damian Lentz, and beloved cat, Clovis.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Carole Clardy Knight on December 13, 2019, and brothers-in-law, Gary Neese and Robert Wilkins.

The family wishes to extend a very special thank you to Pam Lockhart and the staff of Hospice Compassus for their care and compassion for Bill during this difficult time.

You may share condolences with the family at the Heritage Funeral Home website: [www.TnFunerals.com](http://www.TnFunerals.com).

## James Robertson Spence

February 8, 2022

Mr. James Robertson Spence, age 82, of Shelbyville, passed away February 8, 2022.

Funeral services were Friday, February 11 at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel with burial to follow at Pressgrove Cemetery.

He was born March 7, 1939, in Shelbyville, to the late James Leon Spence and Lettie Prince Spence. He had a great passion for farming and he left a great impact on the lives of those he mentored through his years of coaching baseball.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Spence, and brother, Bobby Jo Spence.

He is survived by three sons, John Spence, and his wife Joyce, of Moore County, Jim Spence, of Shelbyville, and Jeff Spence, and his wife Lisa, of Linden, Tennessee; sister, Jean Lloyd; grandchildren, Justin Spence, Jeremy Spence, and his wife Christina, Jonathan Spence, and his wife Erin, Joseph Spence, and his wife Sarah, Jacquelyn Yoes, and her husband Blake, and Jacob Spence; great-grandchildren, Jaydin Spence, Jaylee Spence, Jaxtin Spence, Caleb Spence, June Spence, Jiuliana Yoes, Ramsey Spence, Corbin James Spence, and Jolee Ann Spence.

## Wanda Snell Stewart

February 4, 2022

Wanda Snell Stewart, 93, of Shelbyville, passed from this life Friday, February 4, 2022, at Lou Lou's in Shelbyville with loved ones by her side after an extended illness.

Graveside service will be held 12 noon Saturday, February 12 at Willow Mount Cemetery with Pastor Jeff Rasnick officiating. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. at the cemetery.

Born and raised in Bedford County, Wanda Snell Stewart was the daughter of the late A. Moody Snell and the late Emma Shockey Snell. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by; beloved husband of 66 years, Samuel Ewin Stewart; step-mother, Zayda Whitaker Snell; brothers, Carlisle Shockey and Clarence Hershel Snell; sister, Juanita Snell Whoyman; nieces, Annita Snell Sullivan, Patricia Snell McBroom; nephews, James Ferry Davis, and William Thomas Davis.

She was a member of the Bedford County Historical Society, Embroiders Guild of America Cheekwood Chapter & Shelbyville Satellite Chapter, Singleton Home Demonstration Club, and volunteered at First Choice Pregnancy Counseling Center where she made over 500 diaper bags. She was a lifelong and faithful member of First Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Judy (Brent) Day of Fayetteville; grandchildren, Phillip (Karen) Day of Gulf Bantour, Florida, Amy (Jarrett) Spriggs of Lexington, Kentucky, Beth (Tim) Lockwood of Marietta, Georgia; great-grandchildren, Jackson Day, Courtney Day, Kennedy Spriggs, Liam, Nathan and Sophie Lockwood; nieces, Carlene Snell Pulley, Sylvia Snell Weaver and Regina Wayman Helton; also several great-nieces and great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to First Choice Pregnancy Counseling Center, 1102 Madison St., Shelbyville, TN 37160; First Baptist Church Library Fund, 304 East Depot St., Shelbyville, TN 37160; or to Bedford County Historical Society, P.O. Box 141, Shelbyville, TN 37162.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



## OBITUARIES

## Terry Douglas Stacey

February 7, 2022

Terry Douglas Stacey, 76, of Shelbyville passed from this life Monday, February 7, 2022, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 11 in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Jimmy Gray officiating. Burial followed in Fosterville Cemetery.

Born October 6, 1945, Terry was the son of the late Will and Alva Mae Dye and was preceded in death by: beloved wife Patsy Taylor Stacey and brother, Tommy Dye. He was a Bedford County Judicial Commissioner for the past 22 years. He was a loving and caring father and grandfather, who always greeted you with a kiss and smile, and was always trying to help those in need.

Survivors include daughters, Tammy (Billy) Miller of Murfreesboro, Wendy (T) Adcock of Shelbyville, and Teresa (Donald Lee) Helton of Shelbyville; sons, Jason (Nicole) Stacey of Bell Buckle, Tommy Stacey of Shelbyville; brother, Ricky (Kay) Dye of Shelbyville; 10 grandchildren; including "his sweet heart fancy" Isabella "Bella" Clark, 17 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Mary Jane (Willie) Gibbs, and June Dye and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)) or to the American Heart Association ([www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)).

## Nell Cortner Jacobs

February 8, 2022

Nell Cortner Jacobs, 86, of Murfreesboro died Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, February 13 at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Rev. Laurie Raulston officiating. Burial will follow at Shofner Lutheran Church Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m.

She was born December 29, 1935 in Bedford County; was a longtime member of Normandy United Methodist Church and the Normandy community. She was a retired L.P.N. for 25+ years at the V.A. in Murfreesboro. She loved quilting, playing the piano and was a lifelong lover of dogs.

Nell was preceded in death by her parents, George Robert Cortner and Sadie Katherine Norvell Cortner; her husband of 50 years, Clyde Jacobs Jr.; daughter, Janice Desiree, grandson, Wesley Daae Stem and brothers, Gene Cortner and Joe Frank Cortner.

She is survived by her children, Dr. David C. Jacobs (Amy), Elizabeth Renee Jacobs; three grandchildren, Kally Harris, Sarah Faye Jacobs, Ruby Nell Jacobs; a great grandson, Jaylon Ewing and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Normandy United Methodist Church.

## Taylor

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As for the needy and or homeless, his observance is, "I see them . . . come down from the bridge. It's gotten so cold, I think they're moving around a bit, where it's warmer. For a while, we probably had 10 to 20 people come from beneath the bridge. I tell you, I wouldn't want to be in a sleeping bag under the bridge."

SCSK also has a clothes offering as well as food on Tuesday afternoons. But Walter's job is to make sure the traffic flows well. Most important, he enjoys meeting and greeting the people.

Some are new, others are regulars.

For such, Walter is pretty well known in this town. While he's working at SCSK, people honk their horns to greet him.

He and his wife are enjoying retirement, he says, but Walter is determined to stay active. He's not a recliner kind of guy, never has been.

He's a veteran, having served in U.S. Air Force for 6 years. He served as a flight engineer from a C-130 plane. "I became a pilot after I got out of service. I've still got my license."

Is there anything Walter hasn't done? This veteran's pretty humble.

He admits his pilot days are over; he had a heart attack a few years ago and had stents placed in his heart. "If it had been 15 years prior . . . would have never made it. It was tough. It was tough."

Walter believes he's been really blessed, espe-

cially having earned two wonderful wives in his life.

His first wife, the mother of his two children, he recalls, passed away at about age 50 of cancer. He and Charlene have been married now 22 years this June.

They love to travel, which is something he also got to do while serving his country. He's been to Hawaii twice and several times there while in the service. He's been to Columbia and even Alaska. "I've done a lot of things," he says while sitting on the tailgate of his red pickup truck.

His bucket list trip is The Holy Land. But now that he's nearly 90 and not in as good of health, he'll have to see about that venture.

As for SCSK, he enjoys it. "It gives me a purpose in life. I try to help everyone, no matter who it is."

Growing up on a sustainable farm, he realizes how things could have been different for the country in the past, or might possibly be more strained in the future. "Anyone can wind up poor," he advises.

With a big grin, and his typical jovial laugh, he tells an anecdote about a 95-year-old interviewed at nursing home. When asked if he was 'shooting for 100' Walter explains how the old guy quipped, 'I'm just shooting for 95.'

That's Walter's current state of mind. The man who's basically worked "daylight to dark," all his life, says he's just living "one day at a time."

"That's about all we can do, I guess," he says while waving at passers-by.

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# Store employee stabbed by angry customer

By **DAVID MELSON**  
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An irate customer stabbed an employee of a Shelbyville cell phone provider during a disagreement over service at midday Wednesday, Shelbyville police said.

The alleged attack by John Oglesby, 34, of Shelbyville followed several phone calls to Cricket Wireless, North Main Street, over "phone issues," police were told. Store manager Nestor Solis termed the calls "harassing."

Kyle Sewell, 33, a regional manager for Cricket, was taken to Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital where a LifeFlight crew was by coincidence at the helipad, a nurse told him.

"Kyle had asked him to leave and walked him outside," Officer Joseph Cleek was told by local manager Nestor Solis. "Once outside they began to wrestle before John eventually pulled a knife from his pocket and stabbed Kyle in the top of the head and right rib cage."

The wounds were described as "deep lacerations" by Cleek.

Sewell, who has since been released, said he appreciates the work of the medical crew.

"LifeFlight did an amazing job saving my life," Sewell said. "Also, if it wasn't for Nestor, the store manager, I would have died on the pavement outside."

Oglesby allegedly got into his vehicle immediately and left. Store employees took the vehicle's license number, which was registered to Oglesby's father.

Sgt. Michael Taylor arrested Oglesby at his Meadow Drive home moments later. Oglesby, who was still sitting in the vehicle's driver's seat when Taylor arrived, was allegedly carrying a large folding knife in a pocket.

Police said Oglesby told his father he'd been in an "altercation" at Cricket, police said.

Oglesby was charged with aggravated assault and was being held on \$50,000 bond Friday.

## Substance finds

Illegal substances were discovered in two unexpected — and very public — places Tuesday.

An inmate at Bedford County Jail managed to smuggle in 2.2 grams of marijuana, an official dis-

covered while reviewing security video.

Jail Administrator Ronnie Prince alleged Coby Allan Davis, 30, of Cedar Glades Circle was seen pulling 2.2 grams of marijuana and showed it to another person.

A charge of introducing contraband into a penal institution was added to charges of public intoxication, unlawful possession of a firearm and possession of a firearm while intoxicated.

Thirteen grams of crystal methamphetamine were found by nurses at Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital.

The meth was in a small bag wedged behind a bed in a hallway and was found during cleaning.

## Assault on officer

A suspect accused of kicking and "headbutting" police officers was charged with three counts of assault on a first responder following his arrest Wednesday night.

John William Fiveash allegedly headbutted Officer Tracy Teal on the top of his head as he attempted to pull him into the back seat of a police cruiser. Fiveash refused to voluntarily get into the unit after being arrested on a domestic violence charge at his Providence Road home, Teal said.

Fiveash kicked Officer Clint Adams, who was on the other side of the vehicle, and later "lunged at" and headbutted Teal again in the chest on arrival at Bedford County Jail.

Family members told police Fiveash kicked his wife in the shin earlier.

A charge of domestic assault was also filed against Fiveash. He was held on \$15,000 bond.

## Knife concealed

A man allegedly concealing a knife in his clothing was arrested after his girlfriend allegedly threw him out of their home late Tuesday, a Bedford County Sheriff's Office report said.

Arriving deputies found Keith William Johnson, 31, lying on his back in the middle of Unionville-Deason Road shortly before midnight, wearing only pajama pants. He identified himself as "Kevin" instead of Keith, according to the report.

Johnson, who deputies said smelled of alcohol and appeared intoxicated, allegedly reached several times toward a knife in his pajamas. He was charged with unlawful possession of a

weapon, criminal impersonation and public intoxication.

## Thefts

A bicycle was stolen Wednesday from outside a unit at Hidden Creek Apartments, Neeley Avenue.

A chain saw, ratchet set and 5 gallons of gas were stolen from a normally-locked shed at a home in the 2700 block of Highway 64 West on Monday afternoon.

The victim named a suspect and said the shed's lock was gone and its door open.

A newly-purchased cell phone was stolen from a bag in a shopping cart at Walmart while the new owner was scanning other purchases Tuesday, police said.

A Troupe Road resident told a deputy two known visitors to his home took a debit card early Monday.

## Drug charges

A small bag of crystal methamphetamine and four syringes with meth residue were found in a vehicle by Shelbyville police during a traffic stop Thursday night, according to an incident report.

Kevin Michael Garner, 50, of South Cannon Boulevard was clocked at 45 mph in a 30 mph zone on North Main Street by Officer Darrian Lanier.

One of the syringes was seen by Lanier as Garner searched the vehicle's glove box, leading to a request for a search.

Garner was charged with possession of a schedule II drug and paraphernalia, third offense driving on a revoked license, speeding, and no proof of insurance. He was held on \$9,000 bond.

## Misuse of 911

A West End Circle resident was charged with misuse of 911 after three calls demanding that a roommate's friend be told to leave because he is from South Africa.

Ahmed Shil Abdikarim, 31, called three times in less than 30 minutes late Thursday. He was told by police after the first two calls that the roommate had the right to invite the friend to the apartment.

Abdikarim was charged after the third call and held on \$4,500 bond.

## Jail intake

The following were charged since Monday

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

Ahmed Shil Abdikarim, 31, West End Circle; misuse of 911; held, \$4,500 bond

Thomas Edward Appleton, 62, North Main Street; violation of probation; summons delivered, held for Stewart County

Rachel Marie Beasley, 31, Barksdale Lane; attachment; held, \$500 bond

William Jonathan Bee, 28, Sims Road; failure to appear, bench warrant; released, \$5,000 bond

Justin Tucker Caldwell, 28, Green Lane; driving on suspended license, speeding; summons issued

Ashley Nicole Campbell-Primm, 36, Kingree Road; public intoxication, possession of schedule IV drug, introducing contraband into penal institution; released, \$7,000 bond

Austin Clay Carlton, 28, Anthony Lane; public intoxication, resisting arrest, assault on an officer; held, \$9,000 bond

Matthew Michael Colburn, 24, West Lane Street; felony possession of schedule II drug, driving on revoked license (second offense), driver to exercise due care; held, \$18,500 bond

Makinzie Rae Cole, 25, Tomball, Texas; bench warrant (failure to appear); held, \$2,500 bond

Anthony Marlin Crawford, 31, Clarksville; attachment; held, no bond

Coby Allan Davis, 30, Cedar Glade Circle; public intoxication, unlawful possession of a firearm, possession of firearm while intoxicated; held, \$21,000 bond

Eula May Davis, 52,

Glenoaks Road; failure to appear; held, \$1,500 bond

Marcus Daniel Diduch, 65, North Main Street; DUI, criminal impersonation, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; held, \$5,000 bond

Bruce Allen Dykes, 38, Hickory Drive; violation of community corrections; held, no bond

Thomas David Fox, 51, High Street, Bell Buckle; DUI, driver to exercise due care, speeding; released, \$3,500 bond

Kevin Michael Garner, 50, South Cannon Boulevard; speeding, no insurance, driving on revoked license (third offense), possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule II drug; held, \$9,000 bond

Keith William Johnson, 31, Unionville-Deason Road; public intoxication, unlawful possession of a weapon, criminal impersonation; held, \$8,500 bond

Sherry Nicole Johnson, 36, Murfreesboro; simple possession, possession of drug paraphernalia; released, no bond

Adolfo Pascual Juan, 20, Minkslide Road; driving on suspended license, running stop sign; released, no bond

Phillip Beau Kiser, 25, Knob Creek Road; joyriding, violation of bond condition; held, \$11,000 bond

Justin Paul Logan, 43, Bradyville; violation of probation; released, \$500 bond

Ricardo Gonzales Lopez, 42, Landers Street; failure to appear; released, \$1,500 bond

Stephanie Nicole Marino, 39, South Brittain Street; domestic assault, resisting arrest; held, \$5,000 bond

Frank Jamar McCullough, 37, Murfreesboro; capias, failure to appear; summons issued

Edgar Garcia Medina, 27, Murfreesboro; no driver's license, speeding; sum-

mons issued

Brianna Latae Morton, 36, Lewisburg; probation revocation; summons issued

Alejandro Martin Ontiveros, 32, Lewisburg; bench warrant; released, \$20,000 bond

Andrew Scott Peoples, 30, homeless, Shelbyville; public intoxication; held, no bond

Juan David Ramirez Guvara, 18, Warners Bridge Road; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, financial responsibility, registration law; summons issued

Lucio Franco Sariano, 39, Tullahoma; no driver's license, speeding; released, \$500 bond

Gary A. Smelcer, 36, Greenwood Avenue; domestic assault, assault (two counts); released, \$4,500 bond

Clinton Avery Street, 47, Hilltop Road; violation of probation; held, \$2,500 bond

Traverse Shamar Trice, 19, Belmont Avenue; unlawful possession of a weapon; released, \$5,000 bond

Rosemary Michelle Walker, 51, Lane Parkway; capias, failure to appear, bondsman surrender; held, \$8,000 bond

Rita Bledsoe Warden, 42, Gaither Road; contempt of court; released, \$1,000 bond

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# Farm Credit shares new committee members

**T-G STAFF REPORT**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Farm Credit Mid-America has announced the new structure of its Executive Committee and Leadership Team under new President and Chief Executive Officer, Dan Wagner.

Wagner assumed the top leadership position at the financial services cooperative in December 2021. Wagner spent his first 30 days in the role asking questions and listening to feedback and ideas from both inside and outside of the organization.

"The conversations I've had over the past 30 days have allowed me to best understand the needs of our customers, teammates, and business partners with fresh eyes and ears," said Wagner. "Our newly announced leadership structure builds on the positive momentum we are experiencing and enables our Association to continue our past successes and prepare for the future."

Farm Credit Mid-America's Executive Committee is now comprised of ten officers who report directly to Wagner.

- Keith Lane, Chief of Staff
  - Art Whaley, Chief Lending Officer of Rural 1st
  - Vince Bailey, Chief Credit Officer
  - Mark Hanna, Chief Risk Officer
  - Kevin Geron, Chief Information Officer
  - Chuck Millhollan, Chief Operating Officer
  - Heather Vidourek, Chief Administrative Officer
  - Steve Zagar, Chief Financial Officer
- In addition to the roles above, the Executive Committee will soon fill the roles

of Chief Lending Officer of Agriculture and Chief Lending Officer of Diversified Markets. Keith Lane will serve in these roles in the interim.

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  - Tara Durbin, Agricultural Lending, Ohio
  - Mark Barker, Agricultural Lending, Kentucky
  - Tim Williams, Agricultural Lending, Tennessee
  - Kristie Philips, General Counsel, Corporate Operations
  - Dan Robertson, General Counsel, Lending and Chief Compliance Officer
  - Daro Mott, Strategic Projects
  - Mark Vidourek, Credit Food and Agribusiness
  - Steve Childs, Customer Experience
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# Enjoy your bath towel

**Dear Heloise:** Somehow a minor controversy has arisen regarding use of a bath towel more than once because of perceived dead skin cells acting as a culture for other bacteria. Although this is at least theoretically a potential, it must be taken in context. All day long, every human and animal is shedding dead skin, hair, fur, dandruff, bacteria and virus-laden exhaled air, and saliva when we eat and speak normally -- not to mention coughing, sneezing, cat furballs and dog excrement in the neighborhood, etc. I don't mean to sound too gross. Thank goodness we currently wear masks and have social distancing. Dead cells on a once-used bath towel is a minor possible concern, if even that. The human and animal body is a marvel of biological self-protection without which all animal species would have long since vanished. Give Mother Nature and our Collective Creator a round of cheer and reuse that bath towel, if you wish. -- John M. in Maryland

## Hints from Heloise

Heloise



a sticker. Besides alcohol, WD-40 works miracles. -- Juanita D., Pacoima, California

**Dear Heloise:** In The Villages Daily Sun, a person asked how to remove sticky labels.

Use a hair dryer to heat the label long enough to heat the glue underneath. It peels right off. -- Rae Suttie, via email

**Dear Heloise:** A handy way to remove sticky residue is to rub a bit of peanut butter on it, then wash. -- Rosemary H., via email

## PET PAL

**Dear Heloise:** This is our Cooper; he's a Cairn Terrier. We adopted him from a shelter after he'd been living on the streets with his mother and sister until he was 9 months old. He is super smart and very lovable! -- Connie S., via email

Readers, to see Cooper and our other Pet Pals, go to [www.Heloise.com](http://www.Heloise.com) and click on "Pet of the Week." -- Heloise

## SHOW YOUR FAMILY LOVE EVERY DAY

Today's Sound Off is about made-up festive days:

**Dear Heloise:** I hate Valentine's Day. I'm not an unhappy bachelor or a widower. This is just a holiday meant to get the public to go out and buy stupid things like teddy bears, candy in heart-shaped boxes or more expensive items such as jewelry. Why? What exactly are we celebrating? Corporate greed?

I've been told that this is a day to show your loved ones how special they are to you, but shouldn't we be doing that every day? A kind word when a woman has gone out of her way to look nice will have a greater effect than a box of candy. Letting a man know he looks good, say, after losing weight or growing a beard (or shaving it off) can go a long way to strengthen a relationship.

Put away the cellphones and talk to one another. Sometimes a small act of kindness or a thoughtful gesture can speak volumes and last longer than cut flowers. And it won't make you gain weight like candy or get dusty like a teddy bear.

Valentine's Day might mean nothing to me, but my family means everything, and I let them know it more than just one day a year. -- Spencer H., Orlando, Florida

Spencer, you're right about showing the ones we love just how special they are to us on a daily basis, but it doesn't hurt to include Valentine's Day. It's the cherry on the icing. --Heloise

## EXTRA EXTENSION CORD

**Dear Heloise:** When traveling, I take an extra three-outlet plug, which I can use to plug my extra nightlight into, as well as chargers for camera, telephones, etc. -- Astrid G., Manhattan Beach, California

Astrid, good idea with all of the high-tech equipment we carry these days. -- Heloise

## REMOVING MELTED CHEESE FROM POTS

**Dear Heloise:** For years I have had difficulty cleaning our fondue pot after having cheese fondue. Hot water, soap, vinegar just didn't work effectively. Scrubbing eventually helped, but then I was left with a cheese-coated scrubby.

A couple of months ago I tried baking soda and warm water. Voila! After a few hours of soaking, all evidence of sticky, melted cheese is gone. It even works on a cheese-coated scrubby. Hope this helps fondue lovers and anyone making a cheese sauce. -- Carol Reilly, via email

## FREEDOM IN EMAIL

**Dear Heloise:** When I am ready to start my day, I send an email to my daughter with the letter "K" in the subject line so she knows I'm all right. If I have to be away from the house, I'll tell her when I'll be out of pocket (OOP). Since I am in my 80s, it frees her from calling me, and I have peace of mind also. -- Barbara S., North Little Rock, Arkansas

## REMOVING STICKY STUFF

**Dear Heloise:** Lucille M. from West Lake Village asked for an easy way to remove the residue from

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY

### Food giveaway

South Central Human Resources Agency will have a commodity giveaway Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 10 a.m.-noon at Bedford County Agriculture Center, 2119 Midland Road, SCHRA staff members will obtain information from participants and place food in vehicles. For more information call 931-685-9962. Eligibility is based on total household income within certain guidelines and/or receiving aid from one or more federal programs or residing in public housing.

## THURSDAY

### SCHRA meeting

The South Central Human Resource Agency Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 17, 2022, at the South Central Human Resource Agency Central Office in Fayetteville.

### Bell Buckle Beautification

Bell Buckle Beautification Committee will meet 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 in the Town Hall.

## FEB. 26

### Wiley benefit

A benefit for Bell Buckle Police Chief Tommy Wiley is scheduled Saturday, Feb. 26 from 4-6:30 p.m. at 82 Market in Bell Buckle. A fish fry with cooking by Randy Clanton and a silent auction are planned.

## MARCH 1

### Library book sale

Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library will have a used book sale in its Community Room March 1-5, beginning at 9 a.m. until one hour before closing time. Hardcover books, DVDs and audiobooks are \$1

each, paperbacks are 50 cents and magazines 10 cents. For more information, call 684-7323.

## CANCELLATIONS

### Laity Club

Bedford County Laity Club's meeting scheduled for Feb. 13 has been cancelled.

### VFW Music Night

VFW Post 5019, 1320 E. Depot St., has cancelled its monthly third-Saturday of the month music night through March. Plans are to resume the first Saturday in April. For more information, call 931-607-3149 or 931-684-2523.

## ONGOING

### Soup kitchen

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

### Seniors meals

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

### County meetings

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

## TODAY

### Fish and Plate sale

The Women's Ministry of Sevier Street First Baptist Church, 901 Sevier St., will sponsor a Fish and Plate sale on Saturday, Feb. 12 starting at 11 a.m. Fish Plate includes fish, white beans, cole slaw and hot water cornbread. Hamburgers and fries will also be available. All plates come with desserts and drinks. Call in orders at 931-735-6568.

### Raus club meeting

Raus Community Club will hold its monthly meeting 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 with potluck soup and chili, bread and dessert meal. Mayor Chad Graham and Finance Director Robert Daniel will give a State of the County report. Visitors welcome.

## MONDAY

### Community Forum

The February Bedford County Community Forum, held by the Bedford County Republican Party, will be on "Our Love For The U.S. Constitution." The forum will be held 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14 at International House of Prayer. The speaker will be Paul Engel, an author, speaker and expert on Constitution. He podcasts at <https://constitutionstudy.com>. The party's executive committee will meet publicly at 6:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY

### Bell Buckle Historical Commission

Bell Buckle Historical Commission will meet 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 in the Town Hall

# Cool weekend ahead, but it'll warm up



Steve Norris

Weather

We have enjoyed some very nice temperatures

this week but now much colder weather is coming for the weekend.

The temperature will be dropping during the day on Saturday with a gusty north wind making it feel even worse and there could be a rain shower or snow shower during the afternoon or at

night.

Super Bowl Sunday will be a good day to be in with highs only near 40 and a low near 20. A rapid warming trend is coming next week as we climb into the upper 50s to low 60s from Tuesday through Thursday. I am

expecting showers and a few thunderstorms to come into the picture also starting next Thursday.

If you have a weather question or need information, drop me an email to [weatherl@charter.net](mailto:weatherl@charter.net).

•Steve Norris is a trained meteorologist.

## Moves

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would be sold, and the funds appreciated from that transaction should offset costs for moving into the TRC building.

As for the communications tower at the EMA building, Graham said they originally thought it would have to be taken down and rebuilt. However, the County's EMA is on their way to transition to a state-wide system to replace their current "obsolete system," Graham said.

Commissioners also considered adding the 911 facility to the TRC building as well, however, Graham said 911 was "not interested" in moving.

Graham said there are national debates about consolidating resources together into the same location to share costs. However, doing so presents the potential for a "catastrophic failure, which could lose the whole system."

If anything like that were to happen, EMA director David Kitchens said during the meeting that the EMA facility has the capability of a CAD (computer-aided dispatch) system of 911.

According to the Department of Homeland Security, CAD systems help prioritize and record incident calls, identify the status and location of responders in the field, as well as dispatch responder personnel.

Therefore, if something happens at 911, EMA can see and monitor what's going on through the CAD system and dispatch.

### Ag center improvements

In another resolution, the commission voted to pass the resolution for the USDA Rural Grant Development for Rural Business Development. The resolution was initiated by commissioners Bill Anderson and Jeff Sweeney.

According to an official USDA statement, "This program is designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses. Small means that the business has fewer

than 50 new workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue."

According to the resolution, the County intends to apply to the USDA for \$50,000 for constructing "free standing" restrooms and installing LED lighting at the Bedford County Agriculture and Education Center.

The County will provide \$12,000 of that \$50,000.

Lastly, the resolution in support of development of U.S. bike route 121 was passed unanimously. Commissioner Linda Yockey, who has headed this project, said BR 121 will most likely come up State Highway 130 and head towards Flat Creek and Wheel.

## Student

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Additional officers were to remain at the school Friday. Parents were allowed to pick up students if they desired.

Garrett said she doesn't

know the full extent of the student's situation. But historically, school incidents like this have been because of mental health issues.

"One other thing that we are doing is we are hiring, to start on the 28th, a mental health professional," Garrett said. Lindsay Wiley has been working

as a team leader in the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. She is a licensed social worker, as well as involved in trauma-informed practices.

Garrett said increases in school threats are a problem across the nation. Bedford County Schools officials will review a brief-

ing of the situation and all involved, while focusing on how it was handled and how they can improve for the future.

"So, we will be using that resource in situations like this, where mental health may play a factor. We expect it to help," Garrett said.

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**Mark McGee**  
My Take

## Life moves on

Life moves on. I am preparing for surgery Monday that I pray will not be life threatening. I have had a cranial injury and preparation for the surgery has controlled my life that past several days.

But I have come to a realization usually reserved for those who have passed from the world — life does indeed move on.

I am involved with a number of projects and the testing and some health issues have put me behind. I hope to be back soon enough to complete what I need to do. But I have realized, even though I expect to come back very soon, everything I have on the table right now is going to get done.

We often forget how insignificant life is. When you are going, no matter what you do in life, someone will take your place. They may not be as good as you. They may be better. But your spot in life will be fulfilled no matter what God-given talents you possess.

I am not trying to be morbid, but dealing with health situations make you think. Every day has been endlessly long since I have not been able to function completely. The last time I had anything major from a medical standpoint I was in a coma and unaware of all of hoopla surrounding the seriousness of my issues. This time around it has been like watching hot dogs being made. You just don't want to know.

Patience is not a virtue for me. That has also made the days of preparation longer. If I am asked one more time what my name and birthday are I think I might scream. But I sure I will be asked often Monday.

While patience is not one of my virtues I ask for yours. I have several projects in the works. Help is already on the way and I am sure I will get more assistance if needed.

I have been told more than once in my life I needed to have my head examined for various reasons. Now all those who have made that comment to me will be able to see the process occur.

In addition to having a lack of patience I am too pessimistic for my own good. I am trying to stay as positive as possible. Thanks to all of those whose who have already reached out.

Even if you don't know me please put me on your prayer lists. I have a strong faith that prayer can make the difference.

# New pastor at FC of the Nazarene

A congregational vote was taken Dec. 12 at First Church of the Nazarene, 834 Union St., in Shelbyville and following, the Rev. Andy Keffer was received as the new senior pastor.

The congregation will welcome Keffer and family to Shelbyville on Sunday, Feb. 13. The new pastor will begin his ministry on Sunday, Feb. 20.

The Rev. Ron DeWitt stepped down as senior pastor last year to take the position of East Tennessee District superintendent.

### New pastoral family

Pastor Keffer served St. Augustine Church of the Nazarene in St. Augustine,

Fla., the last 9 years. He's a 2002 graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University, where he earned a degree in religion and a master's degree in preaching.

He and his wife Rebecca, a Chattanooga native, met at Trevecca; they have 3 boys; Isaac, age 17, Caleb, 14 and Elijah, 9.

When asked about his move to Shelbyville, the new pastor said, "My family and I are simply seeking God's will. Our desire is to be caught up wherever God is moving and working. We look forward to serving God and His kingdom, wherever He may lead."

The entire family continues to be involved in ministry. The pastor shared that they're his biggest supporters and encouragers.



**REV. ANDY KEFFER**

As for his ministry, he shared, "I believe wholeheartedly that we are called, not just to connect the lost with the church, but to connect the church to the lost in order that they may be connected to the Saving Christ."



**THE KEFFER FAMILY**  
THE REV. ANDY KEFFER, REBECCA, ISAAC, CALEB AND ELIJAH

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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### Baptist

**Eastview Baptist Church** will welcome Dr. Tim Key, the New Duck River Baptist Association Director of Missions, at the 10:30 a.m. service followed by a baptism of three people.

"There is Hope in God's Love" from John 13:34-35 will be Pastor Jimmy West's message at **Edgemont Baptist Church**. Services are livestreamed.

**Grace Baptist Church's** message will be "Love Is Not Just Talk; It's Putting Our Talk Into Action"

from 1 John 2:12-15. Service are livestreamed.

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### Christian (Disciples of Christ)

**First Christian Church's** series "The Story" continues with an

examination of the character and integrity of Joseph, a young man from a dysfunctional family who rose from being trafficked as a slave to becoming Pharaoh's deputy in Genesis 37-50.

### Church of Christ

The "After This Life" series continues at 10 a.m. Sunday at **Southside Church of Christ** with the lesson "While Waiting for the Resurrection" from Luke 16:19-20. No activities are scheduled Sunday night. A study of 1 Peter continues at 6 p.m. Wednesday. The Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services are livestreamed at [cofcsouthside.com](http://cofcsouthside.com).

southside.com.

### Methodist

Rev. Dr. Paul H. Mullikin's message at **First United Methodist Church** will be "A Heart Toward God" from Jeremiah 17:5-10. Services are livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLII (98.7 FM/1580 AM).

### Presbyterian

**First Presbyterian Church's** service for the 6th Sunday after Epiphany will include a sermon on Luke 6:17-26, Jesus' Sermon on the Plain (Blessings & Woes). Services are livestreamed.

# Breweries populate vacant US churches

**By KATHRYN POST**  
Religion News Service

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Bruce Lindsay never expected to own a church. But when his mother died shortly before the pandemic, he wanted to use his inheritance to do something extraordinary.

"My mother, if she were alive today, I think would have a great chuckle at what I've purchased," said Lindsay. "I found myself surrounded by a church when it was the last place on earth I wanted to go to as a kid."

In August, after purchasing a 900-square-foot Methodist church built in 1876, Lindsay and his business partner, Anna Cronin, opened Dirt Church Brewing Co. in East Haven, Vermont. It's one of at least eight church breweries that have opened in the U.S. since 2020.

Today, the U.S. has roughly 30 breweries based in once-vacant churches. Though some church breweries have faced pushback for offering suds in a once sacred space, the move has precedent. Monks have been brewing beer in monasteries for centuries, offering it to visitors and often imbibing it themselves at a time when it was safer to drink beer than water.

Dirt Church Brewing Co. originally intended to open a brewery inside the church, but Cronin and Lindsay found it lacked running water, a septic tank and heat. Rather than tearing open the building to add the required services, they built the taproom next door, where the town's former meetinghouse once stood. The church, now used as an art gallery and event space, remains integral to the brewery's identity.

The name "dirt church" is both a nod to the 19th-century building as well as lingo used by the cycling community that Lindsay and Cronin belong to. "It's

kind of our little cheeky nickname for the Sunday morning long ride that was usually on mountain bikes or gravel bikes," said Cronin. "Instead of going to 'church-church,' we would say, 'Hey, are you going to dirt church?'"

Today, the brewery hosts "dirt church" for its patrons once a month via Sunday bike rides, runs or hikes — followed by a few celebratory beers at the taproom, of course.

Across the country in San Diego, The Lost Abbey brewing company opened a new location in December inside the shell of a Mexican Presbyterian church built in 1906. The brewery added pews, chandeliers, tapestries and even stained-glass windows to accentuate its slightly irreverent brand.

"This building fell into massive disrepair and

probably would have been demolished were it not for the developers that saved it," said Tomme Arthur, co-founder of The Lost Abbey. This is the brewery's first location in a former house of worship.

The Lost Abbey was founded in 2006 to offer beers inspired by Belgian monastic brewing traditions, as well as some "nondenominational" beers brewed in no particular style. Per the company's slogan, it offers brews to "sinners and saints alike" — a motto it's embraced wholeheartedly.

The new location, appropriately dubbed "The Church," is split into two sides, one for sinners and one for saints. The sections are marked by corresponding décor: A St. Peter statue presides over the saints area, and Mary Magdalene

— who is often misidentified as a prostitute — occupies the sinners side.

The Lost Abbey's beers play off of similar tropes, with "saintly" names such as "10 Commandments" or "Gift of the Magi" juxtaposed with names like "Judgment Day" or "Serpent's Stout." The next addition will be a beer featuring Baby Moses, a wink at the popular "Mandalorian" character Baby Yoda.

"We've always taken our beers more seriously than a lot of other things," said Arthur, who grew up attending Catholic school. "What's great is that every time that we need some sort of inspiration, we're able to open up the Bible."

The Ministry of Brewing, located in what was once St. Michael the Archangel Church in Baltimore, makes

it a point to avoid religious themes in its marketing.

"All of our names of our beers are typically Baltimore references or something about the neighborhood," said Jon Holley, the brewery's general manager. "As far as religious terms, imagery, things like that, we already know that being in a church is a sensitive thing for a lot of people, so we're not trying to touch that at all."

The church was built in 1857 and was home to a German Catholic congregation and, later, a Spanish-speaking congregation before closing due to the cost of upkeep. In 2018, the Ministry of Brewing began a full renovation to preserve and restore many of the original elements of the building, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

### ELECTION NOTICE

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OFFICE	TERM OF SERVICE
Mayor	4 years
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#### WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE: April 14, 2022 at 12:00 NOON

A candidate's request to withdraw must be in writing and filed with each of the counties where the candidate filed their nominating petition. Petitions are being issued at the county election office during normal office hours listed below. Any person interested in running for office should contact the Bedford County Election Commission Office at 931-684-0531 for further information.

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Pursuant to TCA 2-7-133(i) and TCA 2-8-113(c) notice is hereby given that any person attempting to be elected by write-in ballots or receive a party's nomination by write-in ballots shall complete a notice requesting such person's ballots be counted in each county of the district no later than noon, fifty (50) days before the election or primary election. Such person shall only have votes counted in counties where such notice was completed and timely filed. Write-in candidates in elections for the offices of Governor, United States Senate and United States House of Representatives shall file their notice with the state coordinator of elections. The notice shall be on a form prescribed by the coordinator of elections and shall not require signatures of any person other than the write-in candidate requesting ballots be counted. The coordinator of elections shall distribute such form to the county election commissions.

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Dena Landers and friend, Laura Pewitt, share a moment at Shelbyville Woman's Club on Wednesday. Laura, a children's book author, served as guest speaker.



Mary Frances Gordon

# Shelbyville Woman's Club speaker: Laura Pewitt

## Author discusses 'Wally, the Wayward Sea Turtle'

By DAWN HANKINS  
dhankins@t-g.com

In honor of upcoming Valentine's Day, it was befitting for Laura Joy Pewitt to be guest speaker during Wednesday's Shelbyville Woman's Club meeting at Riverbend Country Club. She talked about the loves of her life, God; husband Brent Pewitt, who she met later in her life; 3 children and 3 grandchildren—all who affectionately call her "Lolly."

Another love came along in 2017, when she became an author to what's now a quite famous little children's book called, "Wally, the Wayward Sea Turtle." It's a story about choices, mistakes and saving grace, Laura told Shelbyville Woman's Club, which she by they way, joined last year.

Excerpt: "A little sea turtle has just hatched and must make his way to the ocean. The light of the moon on the water should guide his path straight home. Unfortunately, he becomes distracted by a light coming from the street."

Laura, in her teacherly voice, which she said has often been described as somewhere between Fred Rogers and Mary Poppins, described her book's main character—a little sea turtle who makes the wrong turn. From one of the pages: "A little sea turtle has just hatched and must make his way to the ocean. The light of the moon on the water should guide his path straight home. Unfortunately, he becomes distracted by a light coming from the street. Should he follow the moonlight or the streetlight? He becomes confused and makes the wrong choice. The little turtle sets off on his journey, but he's going the wrong way. What will happen to him? Will he ever make it to his beautiful home in the ocean?"

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She told Woman's Club members that it has warmed her heart over how many parents, teachers and

*"It wasn't long before the turtle heard footsteps coming toward him. A deep and gentle voice began to speak to him."*

From children's book by Laura Joy Pewitt

children have enjoyed this book, which is available through Amazon and other online retailers. Members were able to make a purchase of "Wally" on Wednesday at a discounted price.

Laura retired from education after about 30 years; she still strongly supports the motto, 'once a teacher, always a teacher.' Much of her audience on Wednesday included retired educators. "I think that I knew I wanted to work with young children, when I was very young myself."

She was slow to talk as a child. After a trip to a specialist to determine if she was hearing impaired, or a slow learner, it was determined, she says, that there was nothing wrong with her, despite the fact that she had a seizure as a child. "I just needed to find my voice and start using it."

Because so many of the SWC members know her husband, she gave them a little insight into how they met. She explained how they first met while they were in college at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. She was coming from small town Bolivar and he from Shelbyville.

"It was there that I met Brent Pewitt, for the first time. I like to tell people that we met when we were 18 years old. We had our first date when we were 50. We married at age 55. This is made even more interesting . . . my husband and I share the same birthday (July 24, 1960; he was born a few hours earlier.)

She said it seemed to be destiny that they ended up together. "He was a friend to me in college. All these years later, I can now call him my husband."

### Laura's life

It's not been easy, she explained. She worked at the Knoxville PBS station and often dreamed of working for the Children's Television Network, which produces "Sesame Street."

Those were all big dreams, she says. But in reality, in the 1980s, she worked as a tour guide at the World's Fair in Knoxville and eventually went on to teach. "I



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Laura Pewitt, guest speaker at this month's Shelbyville Woman's Club, explained that the hands holding the tiny sea turtle on the back of her book belong to her husband, Brent. Still, she believes these digitalized hands—in a greater sense represent how God carries people—even when they stray off the right path.



Linda Nichols was the recipient of one of the floral arrangements at Woman's Club.



The tables at SWC meeting Wednesday gave a breath of spring to those in attendance.

wondered what it would be like to write stories for children. I was very much

inspired by the works of Beatrix Potter and I loved the lessons in Aesop's

Fables."

She added, "I like to say my role model for teaching was Mr. Fred Rogers. I worked hard to adopt his caring and simple style of communicating to children. I even posted a sign outside my classroom door that read, "Won't you be my neighbor?"

In reference to being called Mary Poppins, she said co-workers talked about how she sang instructions to her students. "I wasn't sure if the comment about Mary Poppins was meant as a compliment . . . I took it as high praise, because I felt Mary Poppins and Fred Rogers were just what young people needed to feel safe and secure in the school setting."

During her last 10 years of classroom teaching, Laura was a teacher advisor to the editors of Scholastic Magazine out of New York. "I felt that as a bit of a God wink."

It took her over 35 years to become an author. "I encourage you don't let go of your dream, especially if it's a persistent one that does not leave you."

She talked about her days before Brent. She had a previous marriage and was busy rearing her children. "I also lost a lot of my self confidence. Being in a bad marriage can do that to a person."

She said years past and in the early 2000s, times really got tough; she experienced divorce and many transitions. "Life was tough. I turned to my faith in God to get me through it."

Holding back tears, Laura explained how a minister impressed upon her the quote: "Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hands." I needed to remember that God was holding me and He would not let me fall."

A Florida vacation became the inspiration for her children's book. "I found out that baby sea turtles begin to hatch during the safety of night. Their instinct tells them to follow the light of the

moon as it reflects on the ocean."

After years of wading through rejections, Laura finally became an author. She says the sea turtle's experience in her book, she believes, is a great inspiration for people of all ages and walks of life.

"What a metaphor for life? I thought who among us has never made a bad choice, a mistake that takes us down the wrong path. Who couldn't use a bit of saving grace when we go astray?"

The rest is authorship history, Laura explained. It was not an easy process, though her fingers flowed on the computer keys. She received several rejections.

Then, the book became well-read. She was then asked to teach a scholastic lesson via live video, so the editors could watch Laura and the story come to life in a real classroom setting of 4 and 5-year-olds.

She admits that public speaking was never her strong suit. But these days, Laura shares her book at many schools.

Prior to presenting a video, Laura said of her fame as an author, "It really gives me a great feeling and I shine a little brighter all day. But I am quickly reminded of an inspiring quote that I have kept hanging on my refrigerator door for many years: "Don't shine so that others see you. Shine, so that through you, others can see Him [God.]"

The author explained that there are some "little nods" in her book, which are special to her. The date on the cover of May 11 is her first grandson's birthdate. The digitized hands on the back of the book belong to the love of her life, Brent.

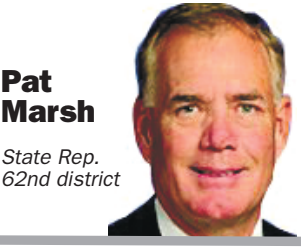
"The deeper meaning of this story . . . those represent the hands of Christ. (Despite being huge Brent hands.)"

How did the book get its name? The first name came back in 2004—during days of rejections—years later, she married Brent, moved to Shelbyville, and opened that dresser drawer where she had filed that manuscript.

To name the sea turtle was important. So "Wally the Wayward Sea Turtle" just stuck; she's loved it ever since.

Laura has a second book coming out this year; her illustrator is Jack Whitney, a native of Bedford County and now a resident of St. Louis, Mo. Stay tuned.

# Legislative session becomes more intense



**Pat Marsh**  
State Rep.  
62nd district

This week has been a really busy week with lots of meetings in my office, as well as many committee meetings and three House floor sessions. The highlight of the week was Monday night when we heard Gov. Bill Lee give his State of the State address. The speech was almost an hour long with many standing ovations. The Governor has many great ideas and budget items in his speech. I want to list some of them that really caught my attention:

- \$750M recurring increase for new K-12 education funding formula
- Since new formula will not commence until FY24, these funds will be utilized in FY23 for: CTE improvements in all high schools and middle schools (\$500M), moving all 14 public schools out of flood plains (\$200M) and GIVE and SPARC grants (\$50M)
- Proposing a new law that will ensure parents know what materials are available to students in their libraries
- \$124.7M to provide a well-deserved increase into the teacher salary pool
- \$75.2M to increase the 4-year HOPE Award to \$5,100 per student, per year, and the 2-year HOPE Award to \$3,200 per student, per year
- \$355.6M in a Multi-Agency Law Enforcement Training Academy

- \$82M to reimburse public hospitals for uncompensated care, primarily in rural communities
- \$18.6M to attract over 150 new primary care residents
- \$619M to accelerate projects listed in the IMPROVE Act and invest in transportation projects to ensure economic opportunity
- \$28M to eliminate the deferred maintenance backlog at State Parks
- \$2.541B for higher education and general government capital improvements over the next several years
- Reducing employee headcount at departments by five percent without making layoffs

Last Friday in Shelbyville, we had a very important meeting that featured Bedford County, the City of Shelbyville, Bedford Utility District, Industrial Recruiting, and the TN Department of Environment and Conservation. The group got together to discuss and come up with a plan to improve our water and sewer infrastructure in Bedford County. If our leaders can come together with a master plan and put in some local money, we have a real chance to draw down large matching funds from the state using the ARP (American Rescue Plan) federal money. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to grow and improve our water and sewer utilities in our county. We invited the leaders of Lincoln and Moore Counties to attend the meeting and help us all understand how to put together this grant applica-



Speaker Pro Tem and State Rep. Pat Marsh, right, attended the governor's State of the State address Monday night, which Marsh said had "many great ideas and budget items."

*"The longer I live, the more beautiful life becomes."*

— Frank Lloyd Wright

tion. We had about 50 people in attendance and we all learned a lot on how to move the project forward. Tuesday was Tennessee Veterans Day on the Hill. We all look forward to this day every year and our veterans were represented by a great group. Mike Reuss, the Veterans Service Officer in Shelbyville, and Greg Dodson and Chris Hopkins, both of Fayetteville, stopped by my office for a good visit. I'm

very proud of their service to our country and for the way they continue to serve our community. Legislation was recently filed that would give Tennessee public schools the option to offer remote class instruction in the event of extreme weather or outbreaks of illnesses on a school-by-school basis. House Bill 1912 gives local school districts the flexibility to provide up to 10 days of remote instruction

of the required 180 days per school year. If the bill becomes law, districts could utilize the rule to allow individual classes or schools to learn remotely rather than shutting down an entire district. House Bill 1867 requires an employer with a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy to grant an exemption for medical or religious reasons to anyone who requests to be exempt. The bill also specifies that medical practitioners are protected from civil liability and threat of disciplinary action by health-related boards for providing medical exemptions.

Things are starting to get really busy around here, but we do our best to make sure we take care of everyone back home. You contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached by email at rep.pat.marsh@capitol.tn.gov or by phone at (615) 741-6824. If you are ever in Nashville, feel free to stop by my office at the Cordell Hull Building, Suite 610.

## What unleashes your inner dog walker?



**Danny Tyree**  
Tyrades

From time to time, I attempt to make this column more interactive -- soliciting reader comments on burning questions such as "Which songs make you cry?" "What was your favorite summer vacation?" "Does this font make me look fat?" etc.

This time around the block (pun intended), I'd like to ask how you converse while walking your dog.

I'm curious because of my own experiences.

I remember many New Year's Eve stayovers at my in-laws' home. Late at night, I would walk Turpy (our late Golden Retriever/Chow Chow mix) along the country lane. "We" would summarize the events of the old year and speculate whether either of us would be around

to repeat the bonding experience on the next December 31. (Turpy had more immediate bonding experiences on his mind, but we're not here to discuss furniture.)

More recently, I've had countless heart-to-hearts with Shasta, the last of a litter of puppies some conscientious citizen dumped on my mother several years ago. Every evening after work, I honor a commitment to grab the retractable leash and walk Shasta (with my brother taking the morning shift).

I'm never quite sure whether to talk down to Shasta or treat her as an equal or put her on a pedestal and beg, "Wag your tail twice if you think humans should all wear a doggie sweater over their faces."

When my brain is fried, I follow along in relative silence. Other times, I recite the highlights of my workday or apologize that Shasta doesn't get mid-day excursions outside her kennel or toss out rhetorical questions about what Shasta's long-lost mother

was like.

Sometimes I tell jokes or wax philosophical ("I think, therefore I am not going to freak out over tree limbs brushing against the house") or bel- low a few songs. I'm not sure why I pick so many thought-provoking songs, since most dogs have "Shah-la la-la-la live for today" on heavy rotation in their canine craniums.

Man's Best Friend can help you get things off your chest -- unless Fido is the one pinning you down. They're great therapists. If you unload your anxieties and petty annoyances on dogs, you will come to realize that you can lick anything -- although, hopefully, you will be more selective than Rover.

Pets come and go so quickly, it's important to maximize the quality time you spend with them. With quality in mind, I feel self-conscious if I lean too heavily on hackneyed phrases such as "Who wants a tummy rub?," "Where did the ball disappear to?" and "Who has been a good girl?"

Admit it, asking "Who has been a good girl?" 365 days a year is downright Orwellian. ("I don't care if you burn books, but please don't burn my favorite blanket! Noooooo!")

I sometimes get paranoid about the things I say around Shasta. I know animal experts assure us that even the brightest pooches can process only a limited number of commands, but what if the experts are being bribed? What if dogs have been conning us about how little they comprehend, while we've been spilling our guts?

"You won't believe what my master/owner/facilitator admitted about cheating on his diet. I'm glad he can carry a bag of Kibbles 'N Bits better than he can carry a tune. And I couldn't dig a hole deep enough for that font he's so crazy about..."

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# Tennessee Cattlemen's Association recognizes Top Tier program winners



Jake Ozburn (second from right) from Bedford County received third overall showman honors during the 2021 Tennessee's Top Tier sponsored by Merck Animal Health program year.



Cole Armstrong (second from right) received fourth overall showman honors during the 2021 Tennessee's Top Tier sponsored by Merck Animal Health program year.



Emma Armstrong (third from right) received reserve overall showman honors during the 2021 Tennessee's Top Tier sponsored by Merck Animal Health program year.



Jake Ozburn exhibited the high point Charolais female during the 2021 Tennessee's Top Tier sponsored by Merck Animal Health program year. Ozburn also exhibited the high point Limousin female during the program.



MG\_9766(1): Emma Armstrong exhibited the high point Simmental female during the 2021 Tennessee's Top Tier sponsored by Merck Animal Health program year.



Emma Armstrong (second from left) exhibited the 5th overall heifer during the 2021 Tennessee's Top Tier sponsored by Merck Animal Health program year.

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**Doug Dezotell**  
Musings and Memories

## A truly unique preacher

When John and Charles Wesley set foot on American soil for the first time in 1736, they wanted to not only preach to the white congregation of the new Anglican church in the colony of Georgia, but John wanted to evangelize the Indians. But they were told they were there just to minister to that new congregation.

The early Wesleys that came later as missionaries to the American Colonies came with a desire to minister to the white colonists, the Indians, and the black slaves.

Some of the earliest converts of those men were black people, slaves and freedmen. And there were some among those converts who later became preachers themselves.

One of them was a man by the name of Harry Hosier.

An illiterate black preacher, former slave, and friend and traveling companion of Methodist Bishop Francis Asbury, Harry Hosier (sometimes written "Hoosier") once said, "I sing by faith, pray by faith, preach by faith, and do everything by faith; without faith in the Lord Jesus, I can do nothing."

Known as "Black Harry" in early American Methodist and Christian circles, Hosier was considered by many Christians as the best preacher they'd ever heard, black or white.

In fact, Benjamin Rush, a Philadelphia physician, Christian abolitionist, and one of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence, called Hosier the "greatest orator in America."

Thomas Coke, who, along with Francis Asbury, was one of American Methodism's first two bishops said of Hosier, "I really believe he is one of the best preachers in the world. There is such an amazing power that attends his preaching, though he cannot read; and he is one of the humblest creatures I ever saw."

Those early Methodist preachers came from England, each being ordained by the founder of Methodism and Church of England priest, John Wesley. Wesley sent them as missionaries to the American colonies.

According to black scientist, educator, and writer, Booker T. Washington, "Methodism had started in England among the poor and the outcast; it was natural, therefore, that when its missionaries came to America they should seek to bring into the Church

## VALENTINE SHOPPING AT HOME



There a variety of local businesses which can provide gifts for the loves of our lives on Valentine's Day. From jewelry, herbal soaps and chocolate to teas, wine and whiskey, it's all right here in Bedford County.

# Happy Valentine's Day!

This is sweetheart weekend. Why not opt for a nice, romantic dinner at home for just the two of you.

Check out pages inside which will help you prepare a romantic dinner for two on Valentine's Day, which is Monday, Feb. 14.

From Whitney Danhof's Chicken Divan on 2B to Dave Rogers' special dinner menu, we've got you covered for Valentine's Day.

### Budget-friendly ideas

The National Retail Federation indicates Valentine's Day is the fifth largest spending event in the United States after the winter holidays and Mother's Day. Each February, people clamber to get gifts for their sweethearts and create romantic memories through fine dining and decadent desserts.

According to Finder, a tool used to navigate complex decision-making processes, Americans are expected to spend a combined \$50 billion on gifts and activities, with gifts averaging \$187. Men tend to spend more than women on Valentine's Day.

Everyone may be spending more on Valentine's Day this year due to inflation. In 2021, used cars and trucks, oil, meats and poultry, airline fares, and women's apparel were just some of the items that increased significantly in price. Finding ways to be frugal may be challenging this February, but these ideas are a start.

**DIY card.** While a card may be the smallest purchase on your shopping list, you can still save an average of \$3 to \$5 on a card by making one yourself or sending a free digital greeting.

**Dine in.** Restaurants are popular options for couples on Valentine's Day, but they can be busy and prices may be inflated. Many also offer limited prix fixe menus. By making a meal at home and picking and choosing less-costly ingredients, couples can save a substantial amount of money.

**Be flexible with jewelry.** You don't have to spend a fortune to make an impression with gifts. Diamonds may be a girl's best friend, but other gems are beautiful too. Try giving a birthstone as an alternative. If gold is out of your price range, many sterling silver options are just as beautiful.

**Frugal flowers.** The cost of roses definitely goes up near Valentine's Day, so consider giving another flower. Lilies can be lovely or maybe that special someone has a signature flower. A flowering plant from a local nursery may cost less than many bou-

*'Your flaws are perfect for the heart that's meant to love you.'*

Trent Shelton, retired athlete and Christian speaker

quets and will last far beyond Valentine's Day if given care. Saving on Valentine's Day comes down to being thoughtful, but also

creative. After all, it really is the 'thought that counts' on Valentine's Day. So don't forget the one you love!

## SWEETHEART DINNER AT HOME



Romance is a key component of successful relationships, according to the marriage experts. Couples may discover they don't need to leave the house to enjoy a romantic night together. The proper table setting is sometimes all that's needed to say 'I love you.'

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**Time is running out to enter the T-G's annual Big Game Trivia contest. Deadline is 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15. The tab with trivia questions was included in the Tuesday, Feb. 8 edition and will be in the Saturday, Feb. 12, paper. Entry forms and a drop box can also be found in the front T-G lobby, which is currently open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday.**



**HELLO WORLD**



Ava Caroline Brown was born Dec. 10 at Williamson County Medical Center in Franklin. She is the daughter of Jessica and Carl Brown of Unionville. She is sister to Kaleigh Hutchinson. Grandparents are Barbara Brown and the late Alvin Brown Jr., Karen and Mike Edwards and the late Anthony Mangrum.



**Chicken Divan**

**Dinner's divine with Chicken Divan**



**Whitney Danhof**  
*Seasonal Eating*

**Whitney Danhof**  
 Extension Agent

**C**asseroles are a winter mainstay. They're hot and comforting. They make the house smell heavenly while they bake and all you need to add is some bread or fruit and you have a meal.

My mother and I would often go over to Cowan to wander the fun shops and then have lunch at a little restaurant called the Corner House. I always ordered the Chicken Divan, a casserole of chicken and broccoli smothered in a slightly tangy, cheesy sauce and topped with crispy crumbs. Yum – the divan was divine!

Chicken Divan was developed back in the 1930s or 40s at the Divan Parisian restaurant at the Chatham Hotel in New York City. It was a swanky, elegant dish of chicken served over broccoli with a sauce and crumbs on top. In the 1950s it was morphed a little into a cas-

serole and became all the rage in home kitchens. It is still a favorite family friendly dish today.

The broccoli is essential in any Chicken Divan. You can use frozen, chopped broccoli but I prefer to use fresh broccoli cut into small florets and cooked just until tender in the microwave. It's easy and fresh. If you don't want to microwave, you could cook the broccoli with the onions and celery until crisp tender.

The chicken can be shredded or cubed. While I usually use shredded chicken in casseroles, I like the small bites of chopped chicken in this casserole that stand up to the broccoli. If you have leftover chicken from the night before, that will work just fine, or you can cook the chicken breasts and then chop them. Let them rest a few minutes before cutting so the juices settle back into the meat. Cooking the chicken in a whole piece and then chopping will also help keep it tender and juicy. If you do cook your chicken when making the casserole, leave all the drippings in the pan to sauté your onion and celery. They will pick up any flavor left behind. If you're using leftover chicken, just

sauté the onion and celery in a little butter.

Some Chicken Divan recipes use mayonnaise, but the sour cream adds a slightly tangy flavor along with a little dry mustard powder. Use whatever cream soup you have on hand, chicken or mushroom or celery or even broccoli will work.

So, make a divine dinner for your family this month and whip up a casserole of Chicken Divan. For more information and recipes check out the Seasonal Eating page at [bedford.tennessee.edu](http://bedford.tennessee.edu).

**Chicken Divan**

- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 2 medium boneless, skinless chicken breasts, pounded to about 1/2-inch thick
- salt and black pepper
- 1/2 large onion, chopped
- 1 rib celery, chopped
- 3 C. small fresh broccoli florets
- 1 (10 1/2 oz.) can cream of chicken soup
- 2/3 C. sour cream
- 1/2 C. milk
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- 1/2 tsp. dry mustard
- 2 1/2 C. shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
- 2 Tbsp. melted butter
- 1 tube round buttery

crackers, crushed

In a skillet, melt the butter and add the chicken breasts. Sprinkle with just a little salt and pepper. Cover and cook over medium heat about 4 minutes per side, until cooked through. Remove to a cutting board and let rest. Add the onion and celery to the skillet and cook over medium heat until tender and translucent, about 3 minutes. In a large bowl, stir together the chicken soup, sour cream, milk, garlic powder, onion powder and dry mustard. Add 1 1/2 cups of the cheese.

Cook the broccoli in the microwave with a little water until just tender when poked with a fork, about 3-4 minutes. Drain the broccoli and add to the soup mixture. Cut the rested chicken into bite sized pieces and add to mixture (should be about 2-3 cups), stirring to combine. Place in a greased 9"x13" casserole dish. Top with the remaining cheese. Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes or until bubbly. Stir together the melted butter and crushed crackers. Remove foil, sprinkle casserole with crumbs and bake another 5-10 minutes at 400 degrees, until crumbs are golden brown.

**BC Veteran Services: 'GOT YOUR SIX'**

**By Dave Rogers,**  
 a 14-year Army Veteran

If you are not familiar with the phrase "Got Your Six" it is a military term for 'we've got your back.' Those having served in uniform get it, and so does County Service Officers around Tennessee like Mike Reuss and Pamela Roberson, both veterans themselves, who serve as Bedford County Veteran Service Officers.

Pam served in the Army Reserves from 1978-84 as an admin and records clerk, and worked at the Detroit VA from 1973-89. She joined the Bedford County Veteran Service Office in 2014, helping to serve some 1,865 registered veterans that live in Bedford County.

Mike who also served in the Army joined in 1979, and retired in 2000 as a Master Sergeant, deploying to both Desert Storm and Bosnia. Mike joined the Veteran Service Office in July of 2021. Both Mike and Pam belong to the Shelbyville Veterans Council serving the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and Disabled American Veterans organizations here in Shelbyville. Mike also serves as the current Post Commander for VFW Post 5019 located on Depot Street.

When asked what the biggest challenge to being

a service officer was Mike and Pam did not have just one answer. "Getting the word out is the biggest one" replied Mike. "There are so many veterans out there that don't know that this is not a gift, or a privilege, they earned these benefits." Pam followed up with "It is not just for active-duty members either, so many National Guard soldiers get deployed and don't realize they are also entitled to benefits." Both of them acknowledging that for some they don't know that they have one year from their return to file after deployment.

As a veteran myself, I can't tell you how many times I have talked to veterans who can clearly use the benefits, but are afraid they are taking away from someone else, or others have it worse. In the military culture you often feel like asking for help is a sign of weakness, and for many who get out that carries over.

While not everyone who serves needs VA benefits, there are many that do, and not only is there no shame in it, it is something that those that put the uniform on have to understand is not a handout.

There are those that also don't know what a service officer is or does. The most important thing to know



**Pamela Roberson**

about service officers is that they don't work for the VA, they work to help veterans. These men and women are not some bureaucrats looking to collect a paycheck, but veterans who understand the struggles other veterans face and want to help them. All of them are veterans and many of them have gone through the same struggles or know someone who has and work hard to ensure it is better for the next group of veterans coming through.

Pam also talked about the time they have to serve veterans. With the office operating 20 hours a week from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., it often makes it difficult to see all veterans that need the assistance. Those that work or have difficulty with transportation usually have to wait longer to get the help they need as there is a limit to the number of veterans, they can see in one day.

On average that amounts to helping about 50 veter-



**Mike Reuss**

ans a month, with claims, benefits, follow up and connecting them to services.

What are some of the biggest difficulties veterans in Bedford County face?

Like most areas around the country veterans continue to face difficulty getting the care they need, and COVID has made it a little harder.

Transportation being at the top of the list of obstacles many veterans have to face, especially in rural areas. While Bedford County does have drivers and vehicles to take those in need to their appointments, at current there are only 3 drivers, 1 van and 2 cars available, two of which could use replacement. That might seem like a lot, but besides the number of veterans that need transportation, many appointments are spread out, some at the VA and some in the community. If the van is going to the VA, but you need to go to a Community provid-

er you may have to change your appointment. Not to mention depending on how far you live, you may have to start at 5 a.m. and not get home until the late afternoon or evening for just one doctor's appointment.

Mike noted that while they have it better than some areas, there are still many challenges to ensuring that veterans can get to their appointment.

COVID put an even bigger strain on that care, as the VA has moved to more telehealth care over the last two years. Primarily it affects the older veterans, many who may not know how to use that kind of technology.

That is not to say that it has not put a strain on veterans in general, though the VA has offered iPads to those veterans who need, there are many veterans in the community with a lack of access to internet services. While limiting health risks during the pandemic, we are also limiting the access veterans have to their care providers.

These days the largest issues being discussed with veterans is homelessness and suicide. This is especially true among female veterans which is the fastest growing populations of veterans facing both of these issues. Just because a veteran leaves service does

not mean the problems go away, and those that don't know about the services or think that it is a waste of time because someone told them it was makes it hard to reach out to all those in need. Pam remarked how not all homeless veterans feel comfortable reaching out, "If we don't know if they are veterans, it is not easy to get them the help they need." At this time there is no homeless veteran shelter in Bedford or Rutherford Counties that veterans can turn to.

"It is not just about getting them a bed, but also getting them the services, they need to deal with PTSD, as well as alcohol and drug addiction related to trauma while in service," commented Mike. While there are no easy answers and funding can sometimes be an issue, both Mike and Pam are dedicated to helping as many veterans as they can.

Veterans within the county who need assistance in getting benefits, finding veteran resources and what local benefits they are entitled to can call and make an appointment at 931-685-4838. The Veteran Service Office is in the Bedford County Courthouse. They are currently in office 107 while renovations are being done on the building.

# Cruisin' with Chris: Where it all started

By CHRIS SIERS  
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I've always been told to travel while you can. Money will always come back, time never will.

I've taken that to heart. Anyone who knows me personally, knows I have a passion for travel and a serious case of wanderlust.

It's like a drug. I can't get enough of seeing what all the big blue world has to offer.

I don't want to get to a point in life where my health or are prohibits me from seeing the world.

It all started back when I was in college.

I attended Wingate University and one of the really cool perks about attending Wingate was this program they offered called W'International.

Basically, you sign up for the two-credit hour class and once you pass it, you visit the destination of your semester-long study.

I took my W'International class in the fall of 2008 and the countries of topic were Singapore and Malaysia.

Now in order to sign up for the class, you had to

camp out for at least a day or two to wait in line before registration opened and it became a whole ordeal.

Growing up in small-town North Carolina, I hadn't travelled really anywhere we couldn't drive to—Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Disney World in Orlando, Florida, and family in West Virginia.

Other than that, I hadn't really been anywhere, so naturally, going halfway around the world seemed like a great idea.

I'll never forget it, either.

We were flying from Charlotte, North Carolina to our international connecting flight in Chicago, which was a whopping 16-hour trip to Hong Kong.

Then from Hong Kong, it was a short three hour trip to Singapore.

Looking back now, I'll never forget all the experiences I was immersed in during our 10-day trip.

The trip was broken up into three parts, with the first part being a stop in Singapore, followed by two days in Malaysia, then another few days in Singapore.

I got to experience so



T-G Photo by Chris Siers

A 2008 trip to Singapore was the first in what became a life-long passion for T-G Sports Editor Chris Siers.

much, from the hyper-advanced and western-influenced area that was arguably more advanced than New York, to Chinatown, complete with Buddhist temples, to Little India where we were able to explore fresh markets, and even exploring mosques. Singapore had a little bit of everything.

Malaysia had a lot of the

similar influences, but was nowhere close to being as advanced as Singapore was, complete with open sewers along the streets and small villages. Still, we got to see Portuguese Forts and experience all different types of Asian and Portuguese inspired foods.

Simply put, I. Was. Hooked.

Traveling had been ingrained in my DNA.

While traveling had instantly become a passion of mine, flying halfway around the world for any given amount of time just wasn't a realistic possibility, given the costs.

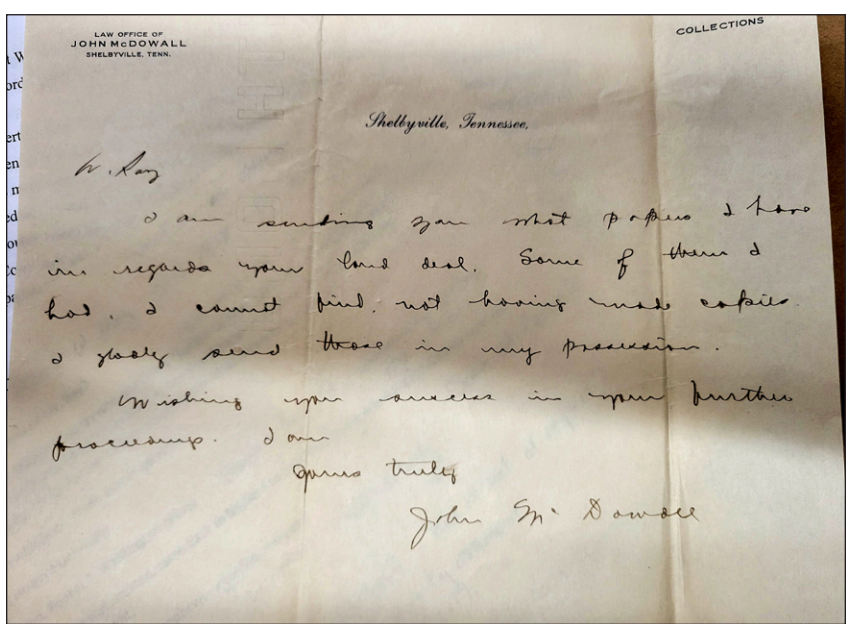
So I had to find another cure for my travel itch and did I ever.

In the spring of 2008, I was given an opportunity to take my first cruise.

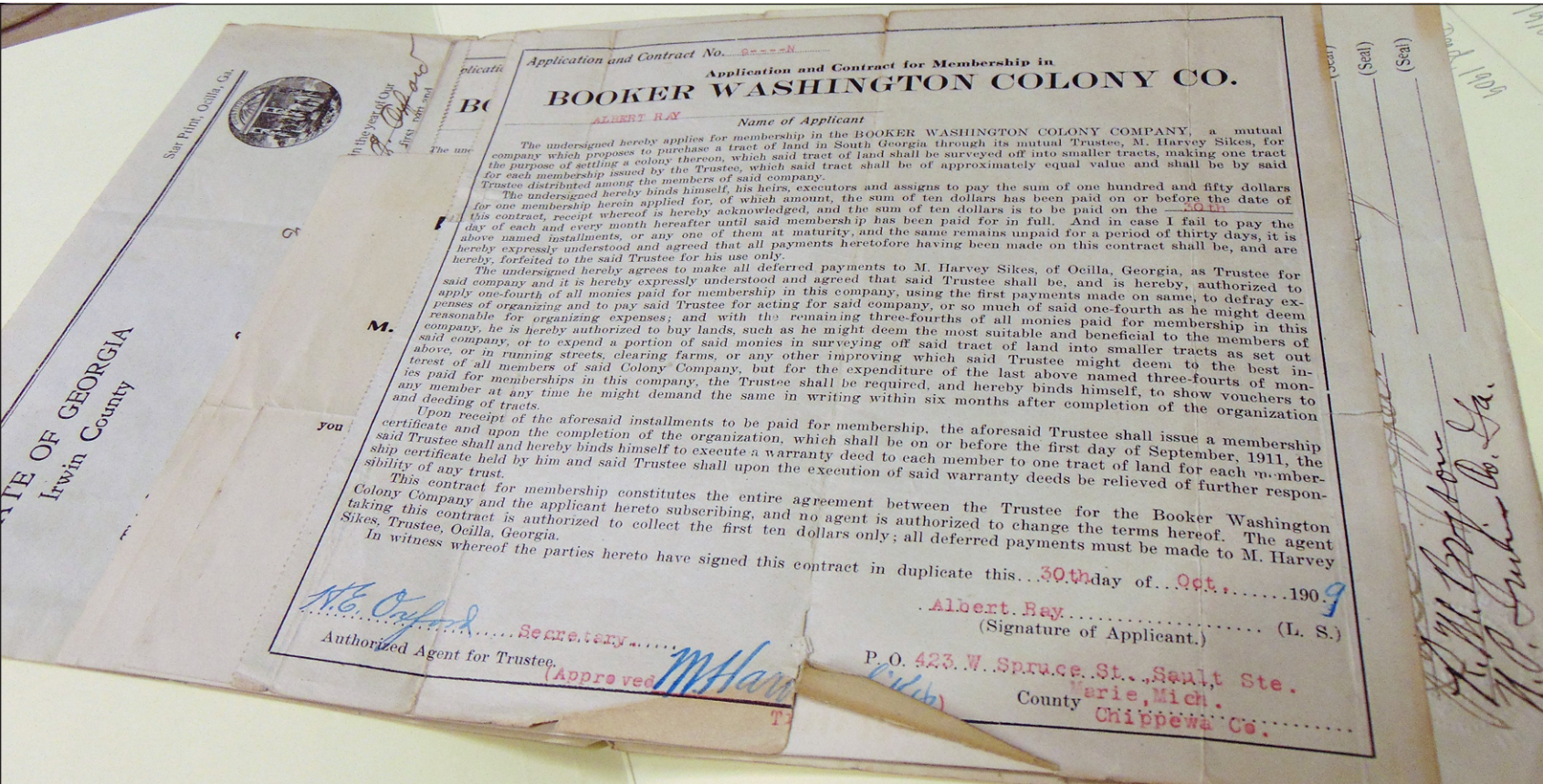
During that trip, it became clear to me there's an affordable way to explore the world without giving an arm and a leg and still experiencing new cultures and adventures.

But that's a story for another time...

## FROM LOCAL ARCHIVES: THE HISTORY OF "BUFFALO SOLDIER" ALBERT RAY



LEFT: The T-G shares more photos from the story of former Bedford County slave turned Buffalo Soldier, Albert Ray, who became an advocate for education. (See the Tuesday, Feb. 8, edition for full story.) These are Ray's enlistment papers.



TOP RIGHT: A handwritten note by Judge John McDowell to Albert Ray about his investigation of the Booker Washington Colony.

LEFT: Albert Ray's deed papers for his 9 1/2 acres of land in Ocilla, Ga., part of the Booker Washington Colony.

T-G Photos by Zoe Haggard

## Doug

(Continued from Page 1B) the outcast and neglected people, especially the slaves."

One of these lives invited into the Wesleyan community was Harry Hosier.

Washington said Hosier, "was the first black American Methodist preacher in the United States... He traveled extensively through the New England and Southern States and shared the pulpits of the white ministers whom he accompanied. But he seems to have excelled them all in popularity as a preacher."

Hosier never learned to read or write, but he was able to memorize large portions of the Bible, and then preach from those scripture texts fiery ser-

mons that, moved by the Holy Spirit, left many hearers repentant and in tears.

When asked by a friend if he wanted him to teach Harry how to read, Harry said, "No."

Hosier considered his illiteracy as a gift from God, and he told his friend that if he learned to read he feared his anointed gift to preach the Gospel would go away.

Hosier preached across the nation with his employer and friend, Bishop Francis Asbury, often called the father of the American Methodist Church.

Hosier's role with Asbury initially was to drive his carriage and serve as his assistant as Asbury preached across the colonies.

Hearing Asbury read passages aloud from the

Bible as they traveled from county to county, Hosier was able to remember those passages that were read to him, word for word, and he was soon preaching heart-stirring sermons after Asbury preached.

He began by exhorting the crowds after Asbury's sermons, urging the listeners to apply the preacher's words to their lives.

The first reference to Hosier in Asbury's personal journals says, "If I had Harry to go with me and meet the colored people, it would be attended with a blessing."

His preaching style became so popular that when Asbury went on preaching tours, crowds were actually hoping to catch a glimpse of Hosier and hear him preach as well as the Bishop.

At first, Asbury would preach to the white audi-

ences, and then Hosier would preach to the black audiences. But it wasn't long, and those white people would stay on to hear Hosier preach his sermons as well.

Courtland Perkins, writing in The Christian Coalition, says, "One account of Hosier's preaching marveled, 'His voice was marvelous, and his tongue as the pen of a ready writer.'"

Perkins continues, "Hosier skillfully used melodious speech to extol the glories of God in salvation, while demonstrating a rare ability to bring hearers to moments of emotional tension. He ministered with zeal, prayed with power, and often dramatized biblical stories to proclaim the urgency of salvation. At a most unexpected time, he arrested the hearts of mixed-raced audiences all

over the East Coast."

Some 18th-century Quaker communities thought that Hosier spoke by "immediate divine inspiration."

On one of Bishop Thomas Coke's preaching tours in America, Asbury suggested that he take Hosier with him to preach to the black audiences. Coke did and he was amazed at Hosier's ability to preach the Gospel and marveled at how he swayed the crowds with his anointed messages from God.

Not much is known about Hosier's early life, other than that he was born into slavery around 1750, somewhere in North Carolina.

It's thought that he was possibly sold to a prosperous Methodist man in Baltimore, Maryland.

The man, by the name

of Harry Gough, gave Hosier his freedom around the end of the American Revolution.

Hosier may have returned to North Carolina to see his mother, and it was there he met Asbury in 1780; a meeting Asbury considered "providentially arranged."

It was always Harry Hosier's desire to be ordained as a Methodist preacher, but that desire was unfulfilled by the time of his death in 1806.

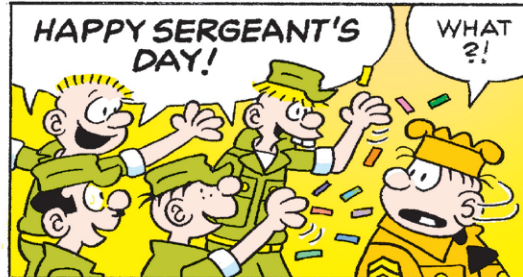
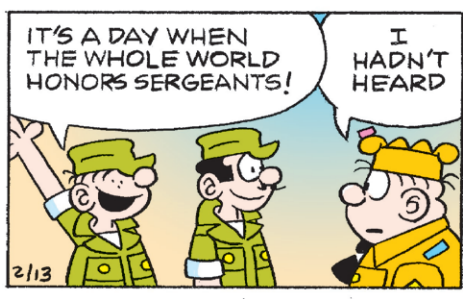
Harry Hosier was a man who made quite an impact on early America; and he is a man worth knowing about.

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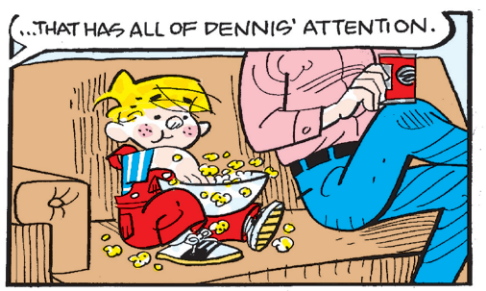
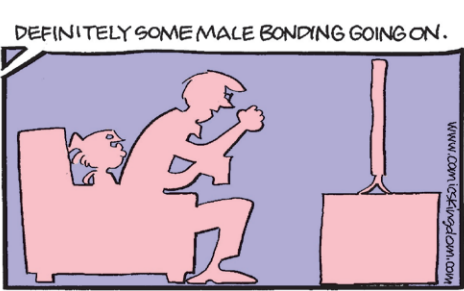
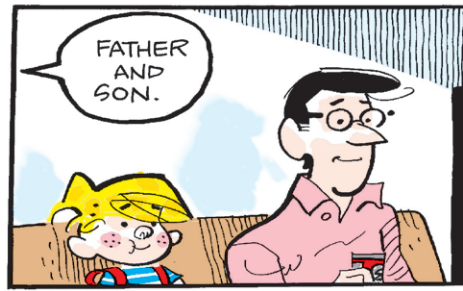
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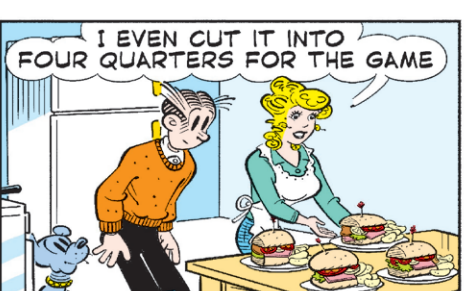
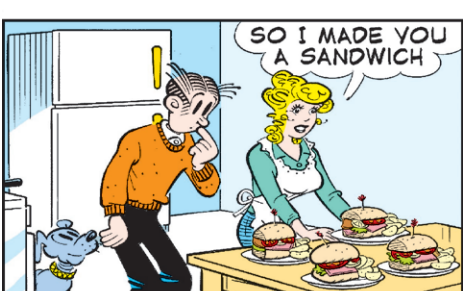
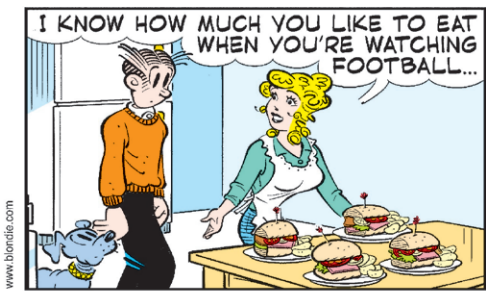
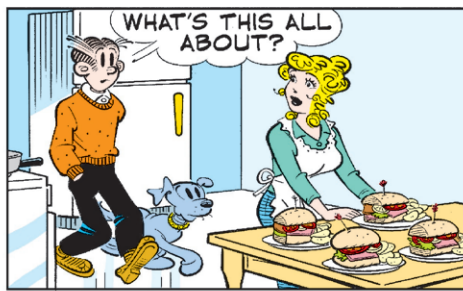
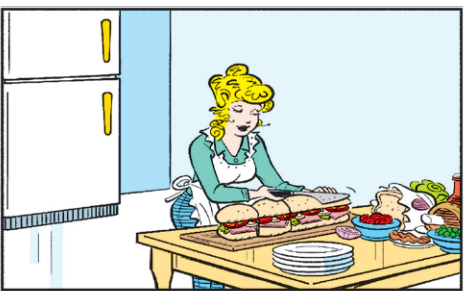
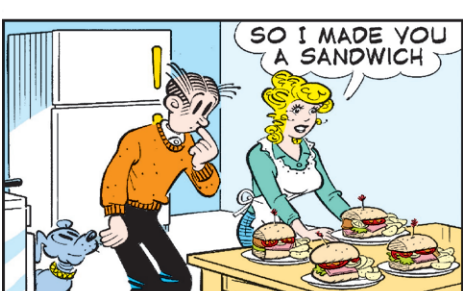
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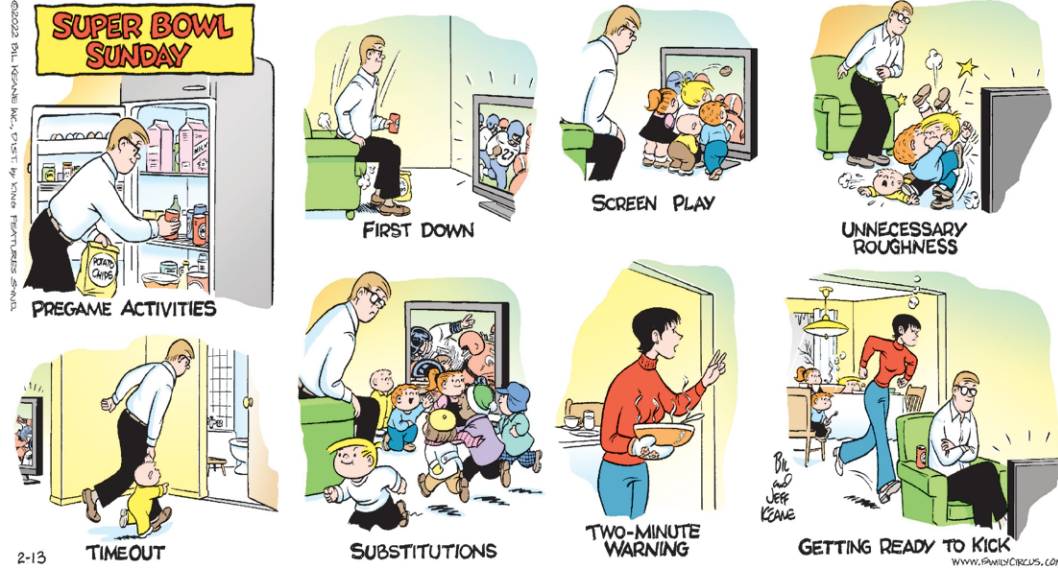
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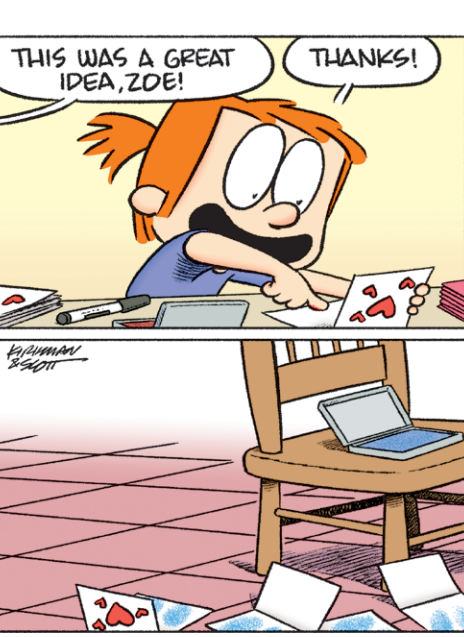
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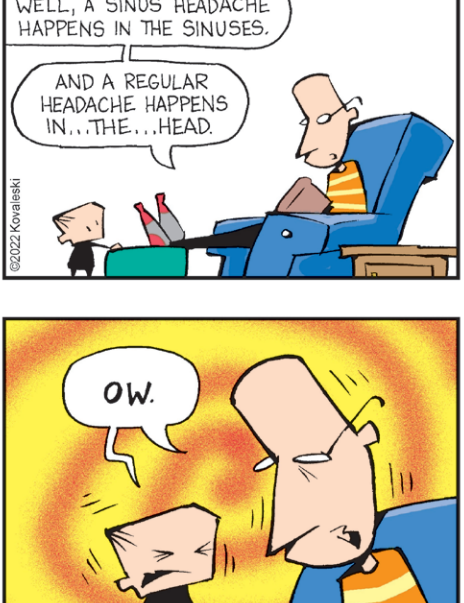
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## Baby Blues



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# SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

HOW OLD IS THE FORTHS' MONOPOLY SET THAT IT STILL HAS THE COWBOY AND CANNON TOKENS?

WAIT, IS THAT WHAT I AM? I THOUGHT I WAS JUST A VERY PAINFUL-LOOKING UNICYCLE.

WELCOME TO "MONOPOLY 2022"!

AND HOW EXACTLY IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM ANY OF YOUR OTHER HIGHLY UNAUTHORIZED VERSIONS?

I'M INTRODUCING MY NEW "VALENTINE'S DAY EDITION" FOR MY VALENTINE!

PLEASE NO TIME TRAVEL THIS TIME, DAD. I CAN'T KEEP LOSING MONOPOLIES BEFORE I GET THEM.

I ALSO GOT RID OF "INCOME TAX" BECAUSE IT DIDN'T WORK THEMATICALLY.

PLUS, WHEN YOU LAND ON "FREE PARKING" YOU GET SPECIAL PRIZES!

OH, TED! THAT IS SO SWEET!

UH-HUH. AND WHAT WILL I BE DOING WHEN I REPEATEDLY VOMITING IN MY MOUTH?

YOU ENTER AN ALTERNATE-DIMENSION MONOPOLY BOARD FULL OF OLD WARHAMMER FIGURES AND FAYE WAITING TO PLAY!

I'M NOT WAITING TO PLAY. I'M WAITING TO SEE HIM. ALSO, I WAS PROMISED PANCAKES.

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'VE REWRITTEN EVERY CHANCE AND COMMUNITY CHEST CARD TO LOVE POEMS AND CHANGED THE NAMES OF ALL THE PROPERTIES TO MORE ROMANTIC ONES LIKE "X & O RAILROAD" AND "MARVIN GAYE'S 'LET'S GET IT ON' GARDENS."

KEEP!

# The PHANTOM

by Lee Falk

PHANTOM'S ROUGH NOT ONLY ON ROUGHNECKS... ...ALSO ON DEMENTED CREEPS.

WE FOUND THEIR OTHER CAMPS EMPTY TONIGHT...

SMART GIRLS! THEY DON'T STAY IN ONE PLACE TOO LONG.

I COULD PUT IN A CALL TO COLONEL WORBL... HAVE THE JUNGLE PATROL PICK THE GIRLS UP, TAKE THEM HOME TO THE MORI COAST.

MORI VISITORS TO MAWITAN...

...AND THEIR UNSEEN GUARDIAN.

IF THEY'RE NOT READY TO GO HOME, WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO?

LET'S GIVE THEM A FEW MORE DAYS OF CITY LIFE... SEE WHAT HAPPENS...

THEY'D BE BACK HERE IN A WEEK! JUST TO PROVE THEY'RE NOT CHILDREN ANYMORE.

Tony DePaul & Jeff Weigel 2-13-22

# Hi and Lois

by Brian and Greg Walker

LET'S DO THIS!

FOLLOWED BY CYBER MONDAY...

TAX-FREE WEEKEND IN AUGUST...

THERE ARE SO MANY SPECIAL SHOPPING HOLIDAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

AND NOW SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

BLACK FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING...

FOR US NON-FOOTBALL FANS. BIG SALE 50% OFF

# ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

IS THIS OUR COUCH?

IT SURE LOOKS LIKE IT.

"COMFORTABLY SEATS FIVE."

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

# THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"I'M NOT SAYING YOU'RE WRONG, LEROY... THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING."

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# THE ELEMENTALS

ATOMIX KOMIX NO. 1

SMACKDOWN WITH THE STRONG FORCE!!

THE SUBTERRANEAN

ARISTOTLE'S CHILDREN VS. EINSTEIN'S ENFANTS TERRIBLE!

A TIP OF THE FUNKY FELT-TIP TO JAMES PASCOE, ROB RO AND CHUCK AYERS!

"WHY'S THIS CALLED 'MODERN ART'? PICASSO PAINTED IT IN 1903."

# SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Reeky Rat is offering forest citizens his junk removal services. The rat says he will haul away paper products for twenty-five cents per pound and metal objects for fifty cents per pound because they're a heavier load than paper for the landfill's cost-per-pound dumping fee. Slylock Fox thinks Reeky Rat's offer stinks. Why?

MY CARD, SIR? CALL OR TEXT ANYTIME!

REEKY RAT PRO-HAULER \$\$\$ REEK

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Water bottle, bubble, wheel, spot, tail and whiskers.

"THANKS, LEROY, BUT I DON'T NEED A WARM-UP ACT."

HOW TO DRAW a baby and kitty 2-13

Today's terrific artist is Dhruv, age 11

Submit your drawing to www.slylockfox.com

The most common rodent pet, the hamster, is native to which of the following countries?

a) Brazil  
b) India  
c) Syria  
d) Australia

Answer -- (c)

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

"I GUESS IT'S TRUE... YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT."

# A Valentine dinner at home

## 'Cooking with a Veteran'

Dave Rogers, 14-Year  
Combat Army Veteran

Dave says his Slow Cooked Roast is a great dish to cook for that special someone or your family during Valentine's Day. End a romantic meal with some New York-style Cheesecake. (Dave's a New Yorker, moving her about a month ago.)

By the way, some of the T-G crew has already sampled Dave's cheesecake and it received rave reviews. Dave says he likes to add Moonshine Cherries. (The moonshine is available at local liquor stores. So just contact Dave and he'll let you know where to find it.)

"What is great about this meal is that it is a one pot dish, easy to clean and no having to check it every 5 minutes to see how it is doing," explains Dave, who continues his Cooking with a Veteran on Facebook and YouTube.

Dave is also hosting a series of cooking classes "Vittles with a Veteran," beginning March and running through May, at Shelbyville Recreation Center.

### Slow Cooked Roast

- 3 lb. roast I use beef, but you can use pork
- 1 bell pepper (I like to mix 1/3 of red, yellow and green)
- 3 - 4 potatoes diced (I use the mix of different color potatoes)
- 2 Carrots diced (I use a mix of variety baby carrots.)
- 3 diced celery sticks
- 4 C. beef broth, or until it covers all the vegetables. (optional replace 1 cup with red wine)
- 1/2 sliced yellow onion
- 3 garlic cloves minced or whole
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

**Seasoning to taste:** smoked paprika, cumin, cayenne pepper, white and black pepper, adobo, parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme.

**Optional:** add other vegetables like golden radish, turnip

Start by brining meat for 2-3 hours with salt, pepper, smoked paprika, and garlic (optional). If you want more of a char on the meat, you can sear the beef in your cast iron for 3 minutes on each side. Take your slow cooker and add your vegetables. You want to fill about half way, you may need more vegetables if you are cooking in a large slow cooker for your whole family. Add your seasonings. I added some sun dried tomatoes and black truffle for a little more flavor. Turn on low and let cook for 8 hours.

For the gravy, I like it thick, but you can use the broth from the pot as it is if you want.

- 1/2 C. mushrooms (I use Bella)
- 2 cups roast broth
- 1/4 C. flour

Start by cooking the mushrooms (remember that mushrooms are like sponges, so you want to cook them until they are golden brown.) I add half the broth, the other half I place in a jar and mix with the flour, shake until the flour is mixed well and add to the pot. Mix well let simmer 2-3 min and serve.

You can watch this



Pot Roast



New York Cheese Cake

episode of "Cooking with a Veteran" on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CMDRDaveRogers/videos/889138001765129> 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](mailto: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.

### New York Cheese Cake with a Twist

Dave says, "Love some good cheese cake, and especially if you add a little something special to it."

- 4 (8 oz.) blocks cream cheese (room temperature)
- 1 C. sour cream (room temperature)
- 1 tsp. vanilla abstract
- 3 eggs @ room temperature (I replace 1 egg with a shot of coffee-flavored, chocolate liquor.)
- 1 C. granulated sugar

- For the crust:**
- 1 1/2 C. graham crackers (I use 1/2 C. of Oreo and 1 C. graham cracker)
  - 1/4 C. granulated sugar
  - 5 Tbsp. unsalted butter

Make the crust first, mixing all the ingredients in a bowl, adding the butter last to make a paste like. Not too much butter you want it crunchy. Pour in pan. Even with measuring cup and bake for 10 minutes at 375 degrees.

In a bowl place the cream cheese, sour cream, sugar and vanilla. Be sure the cheese and eggs are at room temperature so you don't get a lot of cracking when cooking. Mix well with a hand mixer or bowl mixer. Add 1 egg at a time, mixing after placing each egg. If using liquor to replace one of the eggs add that last. Add to crust/pan and bake for 1 hour. When done turn off the oven, crack the door and let sit for 1 hour before you serve or refrigerate. If you serve when hot, it won't have a chance to settle.

Until next time:  
Hoorah!



## The Caverns hosting full capacity shows, plus camping options

Grundy County, TN — The Caverns is proud to announce its first, full capacity outdoor show featuring Fleet Foxes on Sunday, July 31, at The Caverns Amphitheater.

The venue, originally opened in the fall of 2020 as a socially-distanced venue in response to COVID-19 with limited capacity, will now host full capacity crowds of up to 5,500 guests per show with an estimated 10 shows in 2022, and 30 shows in 2023.

The reconfigured amphitheater will have chair seating available close to the stage for almost all shows. Guests in this front section will have access to restrooms and their own bar inside the cave.

At the back of the amphitheater, a new concessions building and restrooms have been added as well as food trucks. Pop-up bars will be placed in key locations throughout the amphitheater, too. For the rear sections, guests can bring their own chairs or take advantage of a new chair rental program.

The Caverns Amphitheater will also be utilized for multi-day events in conjunction with The Caverns underground concert hall giving guests a multi-stage festival experience.

“The Caverns Amphitheater began as a “pandemic pivot” and way to safely do shows in pods during the toughest times of the last couple of years and now, with the addition of a permanent stage, concessions, parking and camping, we look forward to hosting more artists and patrons outside with the same vibe and experience that makes The Caverns such a singular musical destination.”

### About Fleet Foxes

Fleet Foxes is an American indie folk band from Seattle, WA. Led by lead singer-songwriter Robin Pecknold, the band released their fourth critically acclaimed album *Shore* in the fall of 2020.

## SPRING PRODUCTION COMING



Submitted Photo  
Tryouts were recently held at Community High School for the upcoming spring drama production. The name of the play is still under wraps, but we hope to have that information soon. Several students auditioned, according to school officials, including Aubrie O'Neal.

## IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS



Metro Photo  
A lady shared a story recently about how she and her boyfriend years ago didn't have a lot of money. On one of their first dates, he made her a homemade pizza! He later made one for her family. What a guy! They've been a couple for the last 35 years. Just a little idea, if you're being saving this year.

## The gift of healing for Valentine's Day

The gift of massage treats recipients to relaxation and the healing power of therapy and can serve as an escape from the stresses of daily life.

In their 21st annual consumer survey, the American Massage Therapy Association says 19 percent of consumers reported receiving a massage from a professional therapist in the previous year. Many people rely on massage for medical relief, including to alleviate muscle soreness, stiffness or spasms. Massage can also aid in the recovery from migraines, help prevent injury and assist in general well-being.

Gifting massage is easy when one knows the type of massage a person desires and the place he or she frequently visits for massage therapy. However, those who are new to massage can use the FindaMassageTherapist.org locator to find professionals in their area. Brushing up on the types of massage therapies available can help gift-givers make more informed decisions.

### Swedish massage

This classic, standard massage offered at many

facilities has become synonymous with massage therapy. Using lotion or oil, therapists will begin with general, broad strokes on the body and then move on to address specific problem areas. The basic strokes involved in Swedish massage include petrissage (kneading, rolling and lifting), effleurage (long, smooth strokes), friction, tapotement (percussion-like movements), and vibration. Swedish massage is ideal for those who have never before visited a massage therapist.

### Deep tissue massage

According to Massage Envy, a retail chain of massage therapy locations, deep tissue massage is similar to Swedish massage, but the technique focuses on the deepest layers of muscles to target knots and release chronic muscle tension. This massage can work out kinks and is recommended for people who like a deeper-pressure massage.

### Hot stone massage

When giving a hot stone massage, massage therapists will use a form of therapy that follows the same prin-

ciples of Swedish massage with the addition of heated stones, according to Hand & Stone massage centers. Adding heat to specific areas of the body enhances feelings of relaxation. The heat also enables the massage to be delivered without extra exertion of pressure.

### Shiatsu

The health resource VeryWell states that shiatsu is a form of Japanese bodywork that involves localized pressure by the therapist's fingers or other body parts (elbows/arms) in a rhythmic sequence along the body. Each point is held for a few seconds. The practice has roots in traditional Chinese medicine, and can be used to stimulate acupressure points on the body.

### Reflexology

Reflexology has ancient origins, but was refined by physiotherapist Eunice Ingram in the 1930s. It targets areas on the hands and feet believed to be connected with other areas of the body. Reflexologists apply pressure to these points and can stimulate the release of endorphins in the body to reduce stress and discomfort.

# Correct home lighting in 2022

Lighting in a home serves both practical and aesthetic purposes.

It's easy to maneuver around a well-lit home, reducing the risk of slips and falls, and the right lighting can help homeowners create their desired ambiance, which typically changes depending on which room you're in.

When choosing home lighting, homeowners must walk a fine line between appearance and functionality.

A fixture in the foyer that instantly impresses visitors likely won't prove as awe-inspiring if it's installed in the living room. When choosing lighting for

a home, some general rules about what works in each room can help homeowners make the most informed decision.

Adaptability also is important in the living room, where homeowners may host anything from movie nights to book clubs to parties for the big game. It can be a tall order to accommodate such a wide range of activities, and many homeowners come down to deciding between recessed lighting and track lighting.

If the living room currently has neither style, homeowners should recognize that it will cost considerably less to install track

lighting than recessed lighting.

Better Homes & Gardens notes that flexible track lighting provides ambient, task or accent lighting, and track lights can even be moved to change lighting schemes at any time, making them a budget-friendly option for homeowners whose living rooms are multi-purpose spaces.

Recessed lighting also works well in living rooms, especially ones with low ceilings. That's because recessed lighting is installed into the ceiling, meaning it does not take up any visual space in the room. That can help living rooms feel bigger.



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins  
Interior design experts at Dwell Fine Interiors on the public square can help with the proper lighting needed in a home.

# 'Blessing Boxes' bless each day

By **DAWN HANKINS**  
dhankins@t-g.com

Some are locker size and others medium-sized. They contain spiritual messages to prayers. But the bigger picture of Bedford County's "Blessing Box" program is that it is warming hearts both physically and spiritually all across the county.

Blessing boxes are outdoor pantries that are filled with non-perishable foods, toiletries, school supplies and other small necessities. Boxes are accessible any time to anyone. The boxes provide goods for needy families and those who live outdoors, says Letisia Diaz, who helped organize the local ministry.

Letisia recently explained how she got started with local Blessing Boxes. It was actually when she found three boxes within the city limits.

"I started talking about them, and was surprised to learn that very few knew what blessing boxes were and that we have some boxes of our own. A sweet friend of mine helps with boxes in Rutherford County. She inspired and encouraged me to begin the Facebook group called 'The Blessing Boxes of Bedford County.' We hope to see many more boxes added throughout our community. We hope that our community sees that there are people who care and wish to help in any little way possible. Our goal is to spread love and be a light just as

Jesus did during his ministry."

Blessing boxes can be located all throughout the community, according to Letisia. More box locations are being planned.

Anyone wishing to place a box must have permission from the establishment's property owner and should be approved by neighbors. For those wanting to donate hotel stay toiletries like shampoo and soap, Blessing Box organizers ask that those be placed in a sealable bag.

The boxes are sprouting up all over Bedford County. Some locations include Green Hill Presbyterian Church in Bell Buckle, Bird and Morton Streets, Edgemont Baptist Church, Front Street in Normandy, Scott United Methodist in Shelbyville, Living Water Church in Unionville and Cascade Middle School. See the 'Blessing Boxes of Bedford County' Facebook page to become involved.

### "Do's" and "don'ts" for boxes:

- **DO** remove individually wrapped items from boxes (pop tarts, snack bars, juices, waters, feminine hygiene, etc.) so more than one person can benefit from these items.

- **DO** leave miscellaneous items such as flashlights with batteries, individually wrapped plasticware, and hand warmers.



- **DO** try to leave pop-top canned goods for easier access for the children and the homeless.

- **DO** leave socks, beanies, gloves, rolled throw blankets.



- **DO NOT** leave clothing, shoes, household items.

- **DO NOT** leave anything on the ground. Critters will quickly get into items and possibly ruin what is there.

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Shelbyville Central seniors honored on Thursday's Senior Night are Tim Parsons, Jason Ragland, Zay Reese, Jaliegha Harris, Tamara Uredi, Ashleigh Pridmore, Devyn Heath and Jayshon Jones.

## Late Golden Eagle rally falls short in overtime

### T-G STAFF REPORT

A stellar effort in Thursday night's District 6-AAAA finale came up just short for Shelbyville Central.

The Eagles rallied for 14 points in the fourth quarter to force overtime, but came up just a single point short against visiting Franklin County and fell, 70-69.

Franklin County appeared to run away with the game's momentum with an 18-point first quarter.

Despite trailing 18-12 after the first frame, the Eagles rallied and outscored the Rebels, 12-9, in the second quarter and cut the Franklin County lead to four points.

Both teams added 12 points in the third frame, but it was a 14-11 run in the fourth that forced overtime.

Jason Ragland simply refused to allow Franklin County to win in regulation and went for 12 of the Eagles' 14 points in the fourth quarter.

The game continued into a second overtime period where Franklin County was finally able to secure the win.

In the two overtime periods, the two squads combined for 39 points.

Shelbyville got big minutes from three players who reached double figures.

Ragland led all scorers

with 22 points, while Devyn Heath added 17, including 15 from beyond the arc.

Zay Reese also added 10.

As a team, the Eagles connected on 11 treys.

Thursday's loss wrapped up the regular season and sets up the District 6-AAAA tournament, which Shelbyville will begin play next week.

Franklin County 18 9 12 11 20 — 70  
Shelbyville Central 12 12 12 14 19 — 69  
Franklin County: Debron Russell 21, Taylor Stovall 13, Keandre Johnson 12, Shaimar Lyons 10, K. Ragsby 7, Kai Baker 5, Jamal Blackwell 2.  
Shelbyville Central: Jason Ragland 22, Devyn Heath 17, Zay Reese 10, Tyler Trice 9, Tim Parsons 5, Jayshon Jones 4, Rocky Chandler 2.  
3-Point goals: Shelbyville Central (11): Heath 5, Ragland 2, Reese 2, Parsons/Trice; Franklin County (4): Russell 2, Ragsby, Lyons.  
Halftime score: Franklin County 28, Shelbyville Central 24.

## Defense leads Eaglette win

### T-G STAFF REPORT

A solid defensive effort landed the Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes a double-digit win on Senior Night on Thursday, with a 48-37 win over Franklin County.

The Eaglettes got off to an 11-6 lead in the first quarter with a balanced effort on the offensive end of the court.

Paige Blackburn led the way early with five points, including a 3-pointer.

Shelbyville tacked on another 14 points in the second quarter, with Lanaya Young adding seven more,

including a 3-for-5 effort at the free throw line.

By halftime, the Eaglettes built a 25-16 advantage.

Neither offense proved particularly effective in the third quarter, with Shelbyville managing just one field goal courtesy of a Jaz Western 3-pointer.

The Eaglettes continued to draw Rebelette fouls and in the fourth quarter alone, shot 13-of-21 attempts.

Young led the way for the winners with 16 points, while Jaliegha Harris added 11.

The Eaglettes appear to have turned a corner,

having won two of their past three games and pushing No. 4 ranked Coffee County to the brink earlier this week.

Thursday's District 6-AAAA win over Franklin County was the regular season finale.

The Eaglettes will begin play in the district tournament next week.

Franklin County 6 10 7 14 — 37  
Shelbyville Central 11 14 8 15 — 48  
Franklin County: Danica Stovall 8, Katie Walker 8, Madison King 7, Heidi Seay 5, Lucy Barnes 5, Shayla Kennerly 4.  
Shelbyville Central: Lanaya Young 16, Jaliegha Harris 11, Paige Blackburn 9, Jaz Western 5, Lilly Brown 4, Lilly Gray 3.  
3-Point goals: Shelbyville Central (3): Blackburn 2, Western; Franklin County (2): Walker, Seay.  
Halftime score: Shelbyville Central 25, Franklin County 16.

## Eaglettes give No. 4 Coffee Co. big scare

### By GARY JOHNSON gjohnson@t-g.com

Upset-minded Shelbyville Central battled till the end but came up a little short as the Golden Eaglettes tuned in one of their best performances of the season despite a 47-46 loss to state-ranked Coffee County on Monday evening in a District 6-AAAA matchup in the Rick Insell Gymnasium.

The Eaglettes' defensive pressure caused a lot of havoc to Coffee County and kept Shelbyville Central in the game till the buzzer sounded.

"I'm proud of our kids' effort. I'm proud of our execution. We had a couple of situations we didn't execute as well as we would have liked, but for us to be in a position to tie the game at the end speaks volume to our character and I think it tells you a lot about how far we have come," Shelbyville coach Kyle Turnham said.

"The biggest thing for us is we have once again found our identity and that's getting after opponents defensively and creating things."

Coffee County took control of the game early and posted a 16-7 lead on the

way to a 23-14 halftime advantage.

The Golden Eaglette defense went to work in the second half, allowing only 24 points as Shelbyville Central's offense scored 32.

"We are not creating as many turnovers in our full-court press, but we're figuring out we don't have to press to get turnovers. Tonight, I thought our match-up zone was extraordinary. We pressured the ball and got a lot of transition opportunities out of it," Turnham said. "That's our identity. That's who we are. Our offense will come from our defense."

Chloe Gannon led the winners in scoring with 17 points. Freshman Olivia Vinson followed with 11.

Freshman Lanaya Young paced the Eaglettes with 15 points while Paige Blackburn contributed with nine off three 3-pointers.

Coffee County 16 7 13 11 — 47  
Shelbyville Central 7 7 17 15 — 46  
Coffee County: Jalie Ruehling 7, Olivia Vinson 11, Alivia Reed 3, Elli Chumley 7, Chole Gannon 17, Channah Gannon 2.  
Shelbyville Central: Jaliegha Harris, 8, Paige Blackburn 9, Lilly Brown 6, Sammie Brown 8, Lanaya Young 15.  
3-Point goals: Shelbyville Central (5): Blackburn 3, S. Brown 2; Coffee County (4): Vinson 2, Ruehling, Reel.  
Halftime score: Coffee County 23, Shelbyville Central 14.



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Shelbyville Central freshman Lanaya Young scored 15 points to lead the Eaglettes in a near up-set over state ranked Coffee County on Monday night.

## Rodgers, Vrabel: NFL's best

### By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer  
LOS ANGELES — A four-time MVP, three Super Bowl players and the beginning of a brother act.

The Associated Press 2021 NFL awards had a bit of everything, starting with Aaron Rodgers becoming the fifth player to repeat as Most Valuable Player.

"It is kind of surreal sitting here," Rodgers said. "Being a four-time MVP is crazy."

"They're all different. They've all unique in their own ways and this one feels the sweetest."

Despite the turmoil of training camp and the headlines created by the Green Bay quarterback when he misled the public on his COVID-19 vaccination, Rodgers' play on the field was superb. So much so that he earned 39 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the NFL. Not even one of Tom Brady's best performances — in his final season — came close in the MVP race, with the Buccaneers quarterback getting 10 votes.

Only Peyton Manning with five MVP awards is ahead of Rodgers, who said no announcement on his future in the NFL is imminent.

"There was something to how I felt walking off

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field,” he said. “I had great conversations with the Packers before I left town. There have been changes to the staff. Just comes down to weighing where I am at mentally and what the commitment is.

Rams wide receiver Cooper Kupp got one vote for MVP, but he easily took top offensive player honors. Kupp and Cincinnati quarterback Joe Burrow (Comeback Player) and wideout Ja’Marr Chase (Offensive Rookie) will face off in Sunday’s Super Bowl.

Kupp was so productive while working with a new passer, Matthew Stafford, that he had 14 games with at least 10 catches, no games with fewer than seven. Though he isn’t the fastest nor strongest wideout, he had 100 yards receiving in 11 contests.

Steelers edge rusher T.J. Watt, a unanimous All-Pro like Kupp, led the NFL in sacks with a record-tying 22 1/2. He joined brother J.J., a three-time winner of Defensive Player of the Year.

Dallas linebacker Micah Parsons, who came in second to Watt for top defensive player — but 37 votes behind — was a unanimous choice for Defensive Rookie of the Year. Parsons not only helped the Cowboys turn around their defensive performance this season, but he was so dynamic he helped coordinator Dan Quinn win the assistant coach award.

Parsons promised he would get next what Watt has now.

In the Bengals’ worst-to-first AFC North rise, and then deep into the playoffs, Chase was a major contributor. The fifth overall pick in last April’s draft despite skipping the 2020 season at LSU due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chase had 81 receptions for 1,455 yards with 13 touchdowns.

Mike Vrabel’s work with the Titans earned him Coach of the Year. Despite using a record for a non-strike season 91 players, and losing his very best, running back Derrick Henry, for half the schedule, Vrabel led Tennessee to the AFC South crown and the conference’s top seed.

“It is a reflection of our football team and staff,” Vrabel explained. “They make a connection with our players. Players will come and go, I played for 14 years. You can still make a connection and care for your guys.

“I’m excited about it because we have had adversity and been able to persevere through that.”

Rams veteran tackle Andrew Whitworth, who also played for the Bengals, won the league’s Walter Payton Man of the Year award.



Shelbyville Central senior Jayshon Jones drive to the lane and is fouled by Coffee County’s Conner Shemwell.

T-G Photo by Gary Johnson

## Eagles slip in second half

By GARY JOHNSON  
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Shelbyville Central’s Golden Eagles saw a close first half slip away in the second in a 56-43 loss to Coffee County in a District 6-AAAA contest on Monday night at the Rick Insell Gymnasium.

After trailing 11-10 at the end of the first quarter, the Eagles played to a

25-25 tie by the intermission.

The Red Raiders held a 41-33 advantage going into the fourth quarter and held Dyne on to claim the win.

Dyne Crosslin led the winners with 18 points, including four 3-pointers. Conner Shemwell added 10 tallies.

Devyn Heath had the hot hand for the Eagles

pitching in 19 points with five treys.

Zay Reese collected 10.

Coffee County 11 14 16 15 — 56  
Shelbyville Central 10 15 8 9 — 43  
Coffee County: Dyne Crosslin 18, Jackson Shemwell 2, Brady Nugent 2, Aiden Abellano 7, Cooper Reed 8, Phineas Rollman 9, Conner Shemwell 10.  
Shelbyville Central: Jayshon Jones 7, Zay Reese 10, Jason Ragland 4, Devyn Heath 19, Myler Trice 2.  
3-Point goals: Coffee County (9): Crosslin 4, Rollman 3, Reed 2, Shelbyville Central (8): Heath 5, Reese 2, Jones.  
Halftime score: Coffee County 25, Shelbyville Central 25.

## Lady Champs finish strongly in road contests

T-G STAFF REPORT

The Cascade Lady Champions had a strong finish in both road games earlier this week, but ended up splitting games at Smyrna and Fayetteville.

At Fayetteville on Tuesday, Cascade nearly played the Lady Tigers even in every quarter.

The Lady Tigers never truly were able to pull away and as such, no lead ever felt comfortable.

A stellar effort by Lani

Jones got Cascade going on a strong start in the first frame.

Jones knocked down three treys in the opening frame en route to her game-high 23 points.

Fayetteville built a slim, 14-11 lead after the first frame and despite scoring 18 in the second quarter, led by just seven at the half.

While both offenses were clicking in the first half, both slowed considerably in the third quarter,

with Fayetteville out-scoring Cascade just 6-3.

Cascade’s only points in the quarter came on a made 3-pointer by Annabelle Calvert.

Although both offenses ground to a near halt in the third quarter, both took off in the fourth frame, setting up a thrilling finish.

Cascade relied on its ability to get to the line and in the fourth, connected on 8-of-12 tries, with Jones shooting 5-of-6 in the quar-

# Champs fall to Tigers in OT battle

T-G STAFF REPORT

A night after grinding out a low-scoring win at Smyrna, the Cascade Champions suffered a heartbreaking overtime loss at Fayetteville on Tuesday and fell, 72-64.

In the first quarter, Cascade had firm control of the scoreboard and with the one-two punch of Isaac McElroy and Jackson Davis, Cascade built an 18-6 lead by the end of the first frame.

But Fayetteville answered in a big way with a 19-point effort in the second quarter.

Teandre Love hit a pair of 3-pointers and as a team, the Tigers made good on 5-of-6 tries at the free throw line.

Cascade, meanwhile, struggled to continue the momentum from the first quarter and saw its 12-point lead cut in half by halftime.

The two teams continued the back and forth affair until the Tigers rattled off a 19-point fourth quarter, including a trio of timely 3-pointers, to force overtime.

Cascade struggled from the floor in the fourth quarter and managed just one field goal.

While it was a struggle to get the open looks from the floor, Cascade did connect on 7-of-11 free throws in the quarter.

With the momentum shift in favor of the Tigers, Fayetteville closed the game with another 15 points in overtime to secure the win.

In total, four Tigers reached double figures, with Teandre Love’s 19 points leading all scorers.

Cascade saw Davis lead three players in double figures with 15 points, while McElroy added 12.

Thomas Gentry chipped in 10 as well.

Cascade 18 13 15 11 7 — 64  
Fayetteville 6 19 13 19 15 — 72  
Cascade: Jackson Davis 15, Isaac

McElroy 12, Thomas Gentry 10, Lucas Clanton 7, Zach Crosslin 6, Justis Carter 6, Chance Brown 2.  
Fayetteville: Teandre Love 19, Camaurionn Taylor 15, Isaiah Thomson 14, Bryson Johnson 11, Aljarea Johnson 6, Samuel Willoughby 4, Brayden Hockett 3.  
3-Point goals: Fayetteville (7): Love 5, Thomson, Taylor; Cascade (4): Gentry 2, McElroy 2.  
Halftime score: Cascade 31, Fayetteville 25.

### Cascade 46, Smyrna 39

It was by no means an offensive masterpiece, but anytime a team holds its opponent under 40 points, they have a chance to win.

That’s just what Cascade got in a 46-39 win at Smyrna on Monday evening.

Justis Carter and Jackson Davis led the way and each scored 11 points in the win.

Cascade clung to a three-point lead after the first quarter and despite scoring just eight points in the second quarter, led 20-16 at the half.

The Champs’ best offensive quarter came in the third when Cascade piled up 15 points, including four by Carter and Lucas Clanton.

Cascade held Smyrna to single digits for the third quarter in-a-row.

But even with the lead after three quarters, Smyrna rallied and out-scored Cascade 14-11 in the fourth quarter.

Davis led the way by working his way to the line where he connected on 5-of-6 attempts in the quarter.

As a team, Cascade shot it well from the charity stripe and made good on 8-of-12 attempts in the game.

Cascade 12 8 15 11 — 46  
Smyrna 9 7 9 14 — 39  
Cascade: Justis Carter 11, Jackson Davis 11, Lucas Clanton 8, Chance Brown 5, Thomas Gentry 5, Zach Crosslin 2, Isaac McElroy 2, Saebyn Burris 2.  
Smyrna: Ashton McCarver 12, Brandon Sanders 12, Arion Carter 6, TJ Sims 3, Kalle Lyons 2, Laith Al Tale 2, Donovan Peebles 2.  
3-Point goals: Cascade (2): Gentry, Brown; Smyrna (3): Sanders 2, McCarver.  
Halftime score: Cascade 20, Smyrna 16.

## Viqueens stop Magnet scorers

By RICKEY CLARDY  
Sports Writer

MURFREESBORO — The Community Viqueens went out of the district Monday night and used a great defensive effort to defeat the Central Magnet Lady Tigers 51-36.

The Viqueens stymied the Lady Tigers by holding Central Magnet (18-5, 10-0) to single digits for the first three quarters.

Community (19-7, 5-0) took control in the opening quarter.

Haley Mitchell scored six points while Zoey Dixon and M.J. Simmons each netted five as the Viqueens took an 18-8 lead to the second quarter.

Breanna Whitaker led the Viqueens with five points in the quarter as Community had a low-scoring output but still outscored the Lady Tigers 9-6 and took a 27-14 lead into halftime.

Mitchell got hot with three treys and scored 11 of the 12 Viqueen points in the third quarter as Community

extended its lead to 39-21 with one quarter to play.

Whitaker scored five points and Addison Brothers added four as the Viqueens maintained their double-digit lead in the final quarter.

Mitchell ended with four three-pointers and led the Viqueens with 20 points while Whitaker added 10.

Addison Melton led the Lady Tigers with 19 points.

The Viqueens were 11-of-20 at the free throw line while Central Magnet was 6-of-10.

Community concluded regular season play with a District 7-AA matchup at Grundy County Friday night.

Game time is 6 p.m.

Community 18 9 12 12 — 51  
Central Magnet 8 6 7 15 — 36  
Community: Haley Mitchell 20, Breanna Whitaker 10, M.J. Simmons 8, Zoey Dixon 6, Addison Brothers 6, Shelby Cawthon 1, Izzy Martinez, Jacey Collier.  
Central Magnet: Addison Melton 19, Olivia Hart 7, Kaitlin Polly 6, Reilly McMillian 2, Reese Carlisle, Bethany Jackson 2.  
3-Point goals: Community (6): Mitchell 4, Whitaker, Dixon; Central Magnet (2): Melton 2.  
Halftime score: Community 27, Central Magnet 14.

# Second half surge propels Viking win

By RICKEY CLARDY  
Sports Writer

MURFREESBORO — The Community Vikings turned an 8-point halftime deficit into a lead with a strong second half as the Vikings defeated the Central Magnet Tigers 62-56 in a non-district basketball contest Monday night.

Community (12-14, 3-2) started off slow with only

seven first-quarter points as Central Magnet (14-11) took a 14-7 lead to the second quarter.

Stratton Lovvorn heated up with nine points in the quarter for the Vikings, but the Tigers still outscored Community 18-17 and took a 32-24 lead into the intermission.

The Vikings started to make a dent in the Tiger lead

in the third quarter.

Landon Lovvorn scored eight points and Maki Fleming added four as the Vikings cut the Central Magnet lead to 46-43 heading to the fourth quarter.

Fleming netted eight points in the quarter while Stratton Lovvorn, Landon Lovvorn, and Trace Broiles each added key treys as the Vikings took the lead for

good at 51-50 with six minutes to play.

The Tigers got to within one at 56-55 with three minutes left, but the Vikings extended their lead and held Central Magnet to just one point the rest of the way.

Stratton Lovvorn scored 18 points to lead three Vikings in double figures.

Fleming added 16 points while Landon Lovvorn had

11.

Mason Brown had 15 points and Jake Maddox added 10 to lead Central Magnet.

The Vikings were 4-of-11 at the free throw line while the Tigers were 8-of-11.

Community closes out its regular season with a District 7-AA game at Grundy County Friday night.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Community 7 17 19 19 — 62  
Central Magnet 14 18 14 10 — 56  
Community: Stratton Lovvorn 18, Maki Fleming 16, Landon Lovvorn 11, Trace Broiles 8, Jason Cullum 5, Corey Paterick 3, Cole Crockett 1, Jacob Flannagan, Emery Smith, Ramon Hernandez.  
Central Magnet: Mason Brown 15, Jake Maddox 10, Elijah Conard 8, Messerly Martin 4, Alex Perry 2, Kyle McClean 9, Owen Zubkus 6, Will Becker 2.  
3-Point goals: Community (8): L. Lovvorn 3, S. Lovvorn 2, Broiles 2, Paterick; Central Magnet (8): Brown 3, Messerly 3, Conard 2.  
Halftime score: Central Magnet 24, Community 24.

# MTSU honors Black History Month with unity lunch

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Middle Tennessee State University held its 26th annual Unity Luncheon for Black History Month Thursday with keynote speaker Sekou Franklin, Ph.D., a professor of political science and international relations.

Franklin said these honorees, "are living testimonies and pro-

vide examples of the world that we want it to be and our desperation moving forward, especially for those whose backs are against the wall."

The luncheon honored five outstanding Middle Tennessee residents:

• For Education: Elma McKnight, retired educator, Murfreesboro City Schools

• For Excellence in Sports: Thomas Keith, MTSU alumnus, longtime MTSU track and field coach

• For Advocate of Civility: Carl E. Watkins, retired Murfreesboro police captain, youth volunteer

• For Community Service: Melbra Simmons, media office coordinator, True Blue TV, and committee member, Tennessee

Girls in STEM Conference

• And for Contribution to Black Arts: Robert Orr Jr., Murfreesboro artist

According to the university's website, nominees should be "60 or older, who have resided in the Middle Tennessee area for 25 years or more, and who have made outstanding contributions to their community."

"I do believe that people of good will...will find a creative energy to figure out how to transform the system. That is my final thought today: that people of good will can reach into the wellsprings of our creative energy to figure out how the systems can be transformed and how the wall can be torn down," Franklin ended.



MTSU President Sidney McPhee, who has been president since 2001



The Unity Luncheon was held in the Student Union Ballroom on Thursday.



From left: Carl E. Watkins, Melbra Simmons, Robert Orr Jr., Sidney McPhee, Elma Black McKnight, and Thomas Keith



Hundreds of MTSU alums, faculty, and students attended Thursday's lunch. This was the first in-person Unity Luncheon since the start of the pandemic.



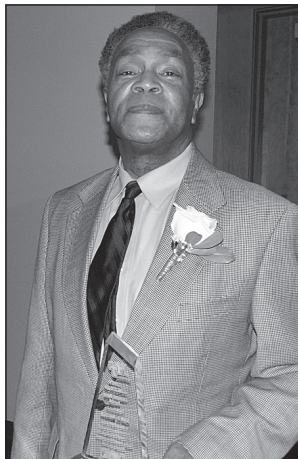
MTSU Student Government President Winton Cooper led the "True Blue Pledge."



Keynote speaker and political science professor Sekou Franklin emphasized communities' needs to have "solidarity."



Longtime MTSU track and field coach at MTSU, Thomas Keith, of Tullahoma, won the Excellence in Sports Award.



Carl E. Watkins, retired captain of the Murfreesboro Police Department and SRO at Blackman Elementary, won the Advocate of Civility Award.



Robert Orr Jr., an MTSU alum and an art teacher volunteer, won the Contribution to Black Arts Award.



Elma Black McKnight taught in Rutherford County and Murfreesboro City Schools for 36 years as well as served as treasurer of the Rutherford County Democratic Party among her many other community memberships. She won the Education Award.



Melbra Simmons garnered a lot of applause at the luncheon for her nearly 30 years of work at MTSU's Center for Educational Media and Marketing/Communications media office coordinator. She received the Community Service Award for her work with Tennessee Girls in STEM and service with First Baptist Church.

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WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND  
BLUE RIBBON PARKWAY BOOSTER STATION IMPROVEMENTS

- New Traveling Water Screen and Controls at Raw Water Intake
- Settling Basin Nos. 1 and 2 Renovation including over/under baffles and tube settlers
- Pipe Gallery and Filter Improvements including new Filter No. 6
- New Horizontal Split Case High Service Pump
- Miscellaneous HVAC and Roofing Improvements
- New Control and Monitoring System
- Renovation of the Blue Ribbon Parkway Water Booster Station

and all other appurtenances shown on the Plans.

General contractors shall meet the following pre-qualification requirements to be eligible to bid on these contracts:

1. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held for bidders at 308 South Main Street, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37162 at 10:00 a.m. Central Time, Wednesday, March 16, 2022 and must be attended by representatives of each prospective bidder. Pre-qualification information required herein shall be submitted at this meeting.
2. The prospective bidder shall provide evidence of general ability to perform similar work in a timely manner by submitting the project name, scope of work, allowed and actual time of completion, and a contact person for five previous projects of this general nature constructed within the past ten (10) years.

The allotted time for construction for this contract is 365 calendar days. Liquidated damages are one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per calendar day.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location:  
J. R. Wauford & Company, 2835 Lebanon Pike, Nashville, TN 37214

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) and/or [www.jrwauford.com](http://www.jrwauford.com). Bidders may download the digital plan documents for \$50.00 by inputting Quest project # 8127697 on the QuestCDN project search page. Please contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with the digital project information. Inquiries should be directed to J. Gregory Davenport, P.E., Project Manager, email [gregd@jrwauford.com](mailto:gregd@jrwauford.com).

All bidders must be licensed general contractors as required by the Contractor's Licensing Act of 1976 of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee and qualified for the type of construction being bid upon. EACH BIDDER SHALL WRITE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE BID THE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE NUMBER, THE EXPIRATION DATE, AND THAT PART OF THE CLASSIFICATION APPLYING TO THIS BID. If this is not done, the bid will not be opened.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions for Bidders.

The successful bidder is required to furnish both an acceptable performance bond and payment bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

Each bidder shall be properly licensed and abide by the provisions of TCA 62-6-119 including part (b) which states in part:

"(b) The person or entity involved in the preparation of the invitation to bid or comparable bid documents, including any electronic bid documents, shall direct that the following information be written upon the bid envelope or provided within the electronic bid document: (1) The name, license number, expiration date thereof, and license classification of the contractor applying to bid for the prime contract; (2) The name, license number, expiration date thereof, and license classification of the contractor applying to bid for the masonry contract where the total cost of the materials and labor for the masonry portion of the construction project exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); (3) The name, license number, expiration date thereof, and license classification of the contractor applying to bid for the electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation, or air conditioning contracts except when such contractor's portion of the construction project is less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); (4) For each vertical closed loop geothermal heating and cooling project, the company name, department of environment and conservation license number, classification (G, L or G,L) and the expiration date, except when the geothermal portion of the construction project is in an amount less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); (5) Prime contractor bidders who are to perform the masonry portion of the construction project which exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), materials and labor, the electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation or air conditioning or the geothermal heating and cooling must be so designated; and (6) Only one (1) contractor in each of the classifications listed above shall be written on the bid envelope or provided within the electronic bid document."

In compliance with TCA 12-4-126(a) and (b), the ENGINEER will not issue addenda less than forty-eight (48) hours before the bid opening date and time. Any questions concerning the bid documents shall be received by the ENGINEER before ninety-six (96) hours prior to the bid opening date and time.

All bidders shall comply with all provisions of TCA 50-9-113 as it relates to Drug-Free Workplace requirements. The Contractor shall complete the Drug-Free Workplace Affidavit of the Prime Bidder form and submit it with his/her bid. The Contractor shall be responsible for any of its Subcontractor(s) compliance with said law.

All bidders shall comply with all provisions of Chapter 878 of TCA 12-4-1 as it relates to certification of compliance regarding illegal immigrants. The Contractor shall complete the Statement of Compliance Certificate Illegal Immigrants and submit it with his/her bid. The Contractor shall be responsible for any of its Subcontractor's compliance with said law.

All bidders shall comply with all provisions of Chapter 817 of TCA 12-12-106 as it relates to certification of compliance regarding the Iran Divestment Act. The Contractor shall complete the Statement of Compliance Certificate Iran Divestment Act and submit it with her/her bid. The Contractor shall be responsible for any of its Subcontractor's compliance with said law.

The successful bidder is required to furnish both an acceptable performance bond and payment bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any all bids, to waive informalities, and to negotiate with the apparent qualified best bidder or bidders to such extent as may be necessary.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for 90 days, while the Owner considers the bids. Mutually agreed upon time extensions may be made if necessary.

SHELBYVILLE POWER, WATER & SEWERAGE SYSTEM  
/s/  
Jason Reese  
General Manager

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# Joint UT Southern-UT Extension webinars designed to help regional producers

Reaching Local Farms in Southern Middle Tennessee Joint UT Southern-UT Extension Webinars Designed to Help Regional Producers PULASKI, Tenn. – Following the success of their in-person workshops in December 2021, University of Tennessee Southern and UT Extension are teaming up to repeat four educational workshops for farmers and farm families. The workshops will occur entirely online and will feature UT Extension specialists addressing topics including specialty crop production, meat marketing, modern technology on

the farm and an overview of carbon markets. The webinars are being offered under the Reaching Local Farm Initiative, a collaboration recently developed between UT Southern's Turner Center and UT Extension's Center for Profitable Agriculture. The initiative is designed to assist southern Middle Tennessee producers, but the workshops are open to all, and anyone interested may sign up to attend any of the webinars. Each webinar will begin at 7 p.m. Eastern time (6 p.m. Central). The webinar schedule includes:

March 15: A General

Overview of Carbon Markets and Carbon Credits

Aaron Smith, an assistant professor of agricultural and resource economics with the UT Institute of Agriculture, will discuss proposed policies, current challenges, and potential opportunities for farmers to obtain payments for sequestered carbon or payments for production practices that are carbon friendly.

March 16: Considerations for Growing Various Specialty Crops

David Lockwood, a professor of plant science and UT Extension fruit and nut specialist, will discuss

essential production practices, varieties and yields for various specialty crops including tree fruits such as apples and peaches; small fruits including grapes; and tree nuts.

March 21: How Technology Has Changed Farming

Mike Buschermohle, a professor in the UTIA Department of Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science, will chronicle a journey from the past to the future of agriculture with discussions on how technology has influenced farm production practices, equipment, efficiency, management and yields.

March 22: Considerations for Direct Marketing Meat and Live Animals for Custom Harvest Megan Leffew, a marketing specialist with the UT Center for Profitable Agriculture, will share important information about marketing meat directly to consumers from the farm and will discuss valuable details regarding the sale of live animals directly to consumers for custom harvest.

There is no cost to attend any of the webinars, but preregistration is required. The deadline to preregister is 24 hours prior to the scheduled presentation,

and login details will be given upon registration. Preregister by telephone at 931-424-7347 or online at bit.ly/localfarmweb.

If you have questions about these workshops, please call Allen Stanton at UT Southern 931-424-7347 or Rob Holland at UT Extension 931-698-3211.

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# Dairy Business Initiative expanding

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – For the last two years, Extension specialists with the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture have led the USDA's Southeast Dairy Business Innovation Initiatives (SDBII) program across Tennessee, Kentucky, and North Carolina. A new round of funding is expanding the program's reach to all 12 southeastern states, including Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina as well as Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

Managed by Liz Eckelkamp, UT Extension Dairy Specialist in the Department of Animal Science, the third round of SDBII funding from the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) — \$6.13 million — will provide half of its funds directly to dairy businesses through a competitive grant program for planning new ventures and implementing new processes to produce higher value dairy products.

The two previous rounds of funding offered a host of technical support services and workshops to dairy businesses with existing or intended value-added enterprises, including about \$3.3 million awarded across 34 unique projects that have the potential to substantially improve the viability of dairy businesses in Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

"This is a needed continuation of programs for our value-added dairy businesses," says Eckelkamp. "We are grateful for the opportunity to continue partnering with our collaborators at the UT Center for Profitable Agriculture, NC State, University of Kentucky, KCARD, and KDDC. From the request numbers we have received, we can definitively say there is a need for this next round of funding, and we are looking forward to expanding our grant program across the Southeast." Previously the program received 68 applications from dairy businesses for a total of \$8,053,000 in requests across Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina.

In the coming years, the SDBII will implement several new initiatives that will complement its existing programming. One of the unique projects that has been implemented through previous stages of SDBII is the Dairy Gauge Program. Dairy Gauge helps dairy producers understand their production costs and make informed investment decisions for the farm. With the new USDA funds allotted, SDBII will build upon the Dairy Gauge by helping dairy processors to better understand the costs of producing finished dairy products. The new Value-Added Business Gauge will help processors establish costs of production and compare year-to-year costs and revenues.

Another of the SDBII team's new objectives will be to conduct surveys to establish what products and experiences consumers are looking for from value-added dairy businesses. One of the particularly innovative tools that will be used to better understand consumer desires is eye-tracking technology. SDBII personnel will use this technology at retail stores of cooperating farmstead creameries to see what their customers prefer and help tailor their marketing practices accordingly. SDBII will also create more educational materials

focused on marketing, reaching target demographics, and better understanding potential consumers.

To foster a new generation of professionals with value-added dairy experience, the SDBII will begin offering an internship program. Through this program, individuals will receive on-the-job training while helping to offset the labor needs of value-added dairy businesses. Interns will be matched with businesses during high production demand times to provide relief when it is needed most. SDBII will also provide leadership trainings for dairy business owners through a program entitled "Mastering Individual Leadership Knowledge" or MILK for short.

Value-added dairy producers that milk small ruminants such as sheep and goats are a small but growing portion of the dairy com-

munity. A portion of the new funding will provide more support for this community of producers. Compared to cow dairies, limited technical support and learning materials are available to small ruminant dairy businesses. SDBII will produce publications and resources targeted at addressing the lack of information available to these business owners.

The newly awarded SDBII funds will allow the program to continue to build on the work it has already done to serve dairy producers and processors. This work will now be expanded to serve the entire Southeast.

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**Minimum Requirements:** Good physical, mechanical, and electrical ability, and knowledge. An industrial maintenance certification from vocational/trade school or relevant training is required. Able to read at a level that allows employee to understand and follow instructions of diagrams (possibly blueprints). Demonstrated written and oral communication skills. Math knowledge that includes multiplication and division. Must be able to read and understand gauges, calibrated cap torque tester and other measuring devices. The ability to work in an area requiring high concentration, good hearing and vision. Able to lift at least 50 lbs. Must have good balance and quick movement. Able to work in a team environment. Works continuously in a marked off hazardous area. Continuous exposure to (2) two or more of the following elements: dust, whiskey, machinery fumes, glue fumes, broken glass, spills on floor and some caustic cleaning chemicals. Operates high-pressure air hose to clean bottling lines. Constant exposure to high noise levels (must wear hearing protection). Frequent exposure to climbing. Constantly exposed to moving machinery. High stress work area. Safety eye wear and hearing protection required. Hair restraint (net) required. Must be able to work any shift and/or overtime as required. Candidates must be willing to learn and capable of conforming to hygiene, sanitation, and food safety requirements as described in the Brown-Forman Housekeeping and Sanitation Manual.

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# LONG TIME COMING



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Bedford Railroad Authority has received state funds to assist in the removal of the train track across Madison Street.

## RAILROAD TRACKS GOING

## DRIVERS SAY YES!



This project should improve the safety of vehicular traffic in that area and assist local businesses as well, government officials said Thursday.

The project is funded by the State, Bedford County, Bedford Railroad Authority, and the City of Shelbyville.

### UNNEEDED FOR A WHILE

“This section of rail has not been in use and therefore does not need to exist on one of the higher traffic corridors,” said Shelbyville City Manager Josh Ray on Thursday. Chad Graham is chair of Bedford County Railroad Authority.



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