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Intense blaze destroys home



Shelbyville Fire Department battles a blazing home on Union Street from the ground and air.

T-G Photo by David Melson

By DAVID MELSON
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A huge cloud of black smoke from a house fire on Union Street was visible for miles across Bedford County late Wednesday afternoon.

Everyone nearby escaped injury when flames erupted after a charcoal grill was accidentally knocked over, Shelbyville Fire Marshal Jason Richardson said. The fire was initially reported shortly before 5 p.m.

The house, once used as a flower shop many years ago, was vacant, Richardson said. It had been rented as residential property for at least the past 40 years.

Neighbors were allowed to use the building's porch for recreational purposes, Richardson said.

"The fire was completely accidental," according to Richardson. The name of the building's owner was unavailable Thursday due to what Richardson termed "a language barrier." A translator served as a go-between with firefighters and several people present when the fire started.

Shelbyville Fire department's snorkel truck fought the flames from above as most firefighters backed off due to heat, which was unusually intense compared to many fires. Richardson did not know why this blaze was so hot.

Former FUMC pastor takes plea

Mullikin walks with probation

By TERENCE CORRIGAN
Special to the T-G

The former pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Shelbyville entered into an agreement with prosecutors last week on a charge of sexual battery that will keep him out of jail, as long as he stays out of trouble for a year and writes a letter of apology to the victim.

Paul Hunter Mullikin, 65, was arrested March 8, charged with

sexual battery/forcible fondling on a 16-year-old female, a Class E felony that could have resulted in just under a year behind bars. He would have had to serve at least 20 percent of the sentence or 2.4 months.

Mullikin and prosecutors established a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on Aug. 25 — an agreement that requires him to write a letter of apology to the victim. He will be on supervised probation for 11 months and 29 days and be required to pay court costs.

If the pastor successfully complies with the terms of the

memorandum, he may apply to have the charge dismissed and have his criminal record expunged. According to the American Bar Association, "An expungement order directs the court to treat the criminal conviction as if it had never occurred, essentially removing it from a defendant's criminal record as well as, ideally, the public record. It is important to clarify that expungement is not "forgiveness" for committing a crime . . ."

Mullikin had been the pastor at the Shelbyville church since July 2019. He had previously served as pastor at Ripley First United

Methodist Church and Arcadia United Methodist Church in Paducah, Ky.

The crime

On Feb. 22, "Paul Hunter Mullikin did commit unlawful sexual contact with female juvenile . . . by grabbing the female's buttocks knowingly without her consent," according to Shelbyville police in the affidavit of complaint filed on March 8.

The victim in the incident is a physical therapy technician at a clinic in Shelbyville. She

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TWHNC ready for grand champion

Title contenders talk horses

By ZOË HAGGARD
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For veteran Celebration goers, the annual Tennessee Walking Horse event is pretty routine. But for the trainers, every night is different as they are always hoping for the best and watching how their horses are going to react.

Those stakes are even higher for those considered as World Grand Champion contenders.

John Allan Callaway of Shelbyville is no stranger to the Celebration. He showed Justified Honors, the 2021 World Grand Champion, in one class on the preliminary night Saturday. The now 5-year-old stallion is still a contender, Callaway said.

"It's hard to do. It's hard to win one of them," said Callaway. He cited how the horse, I am Jose, won three World Grand Champions in a row between 2013 and 2015.

Some horses just seem made for grand championships, he said. "There are not many challenges working with Justified Honors. Just like any athlete, you have good nights and bad nights."

Callaway is part of Allan Callaway Stables located off Highway 41A North. When contacted by the T-G on Thursday morning, he added that the Celebration is going great this year and said that he's "showing against some really good horses."

"Every horse is my competition. So however he shows up on Saturday, if he performs well, that's the way I look at it. I feel good in my horse."

But Callaway's achieving moment during this Celebration had to do with his daughter, Julia, winning her first World Grand Championship. "That was the highlight of my Celebration," said the proud dad.

Walk for Roses

Russ Thompson trained and showed the 2022 contender, Walk for Roses, which was sold Wednesday to an amateur rider. Thompson said Thursday, "I think he's the best horse I've ever had. But he's a really good protégé . . . beautiful animal. I think he'll make a breeding horse out of this world."

Thompson said they are going to start a "new venture" with one of their amateur riders—one he's really excited to sit in his barn this year. "We're going to sit back and just enjoy what we do."

Born in Alabama but raised in Nashville, Thompson runs Russ Thompson Stables in Shelbyville and Ontario, Calif. He said Thursday, "If I had to pick up Coke cans to get to the Celebration, I'd be here. I've been coming here a long time . . . my dream. This is my world series right here."

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CELEBRATION COWBOYS



These two little Wranglers, Charleston and Conlee Swing, 6-year-old twin children of DeWayne and Bethany Swing, were all set for the horse show this week. The photo was captured by Bethany. The show continues through Saturday, when the world grand champion will be announced.

Suicide tops list of state deaths

Bedford County is involved

By STAFF REPORT

Suicide is the ninth-leading cause of all deaths in Tennessee, the second-leading cause of death among youth ages 10 to 14 as well as young adults ages 25-34 and the third leading cause for children ages 15-24.

More than three lives a day are lost to suicide in Tennessee, which means the state loses 21 Tennesseans each week and 97 people per month.

The three-digit number 988 was recently introduced for emergency access to mental health services. There is now a text version of the National Suicide Prevention hotline: text "TSPN" to 741741.

TSPN's statewide September Suicide Prevention Awareness event will be held on Sept. 7-8 at the Cool Springs Marriott in Williamson County. The theme will be "Building a Mentally Healthy Future."

In 2019, Bedford County was listed as No. 18 out of a list of 20 counties in Tennessee for its suicidal ideation rate, that is, those having thoughts of suicide. These statistics come through emergency service reports.

Help is available

Contemplating suicide?

You are not alone. Help is available.

September marks Suicide Prevention Month. Now is the time to deal with this mental health issue.

A national poll conducted in 2020 found that while 95% of Americans surveyed would do something if someone close to them was thinking about suicide, almost 70% of respondents identified barriers that keep them from discussing suicide with others.

These barriers included not knowing what to say from not knowing where to turn for help. The topics conjures up feelings that they don't have enough knowledge or not feeling comfortable with the topic.

As a result of the pandemic, however, the majority of those surveyed say that it is more important than ever to make suicide prevention a national priority. In addition, more than half of Americans are now more open to talking about their own mental health.

Someone's listening

As a behavioral health-care provider in Williamson County, the team at Rolling Hills Hospital reports that it's dedicated to #BeThere in a manner that promotes



Bedford County Government photo

Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham signed a proclamation Tuesday recognizing September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network volunteer, Nora Fielding, joined Graham for the signing.

hope, resiliency, connectedness and recovery.

Mental health services, evidence-based treatments and support are available. "We are listening – and we can help," said James Miller, Rollings Hills director.

If someone is experiencing an emotional crisis or thoughts of suicide, 24/7 assessments are available by contacting them directly. Further, public helplines include:

- 988, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline that provides 24/7 no-cost and confidential support for individuals in distress, including prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones. Simply call or text 988, or chat 988lifeline.org.
- Veterans Crisis Line for U.S. Military Veterans, call 988, press 1.
- Trevor Lifeline, the only national 24/7 lifeline for LGBTQ youth, is

Dear Editor:

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. As a volunteer advocate with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, I am calling on my members of Congress to pass legislation to prevent suicides and support crisis care.

The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline must be sustainably funded so that confidential, voluntary services by trained counselors are accessible. H.R.7116, the 988 Implementation Act, would provide federal funding and guidance to states for 988 crisis services across the nation.

An alternative to 911 for mental health crises, 988 connects callers to Lifeline centers. These centers de-escalate 98% of crisis calls without dispatching emergency services. Well-resourced crisis support systems can connect callers with local resources, including someone to talk to (call centers), someone to respond (mobile crisis teams), and somewhere to go (crisis stabilization centers). We must ensure that every state has the capacity to provide comprehensive crisis response services to help save lives.

For more information, go to afsp.org/988. Join me in urging Congress to take action to #StopSuicide!

Sincerely, Piper Haws
510 Plattenburg Street, Winchester, TN
Winchester, TN 37398-1338
931-636-2350

reached at 1-866-488-7386.

Research indicates that a sense of belonging and social connectedness improves physical, mental, and emotional well-being. In fact, connectedness is a proven protective factor against suicide, reports Rolling Hills.

Make it a point to call a family member or friend and make an emotional connection each day. Showing

sincere interest in another person's life can build stronger relationships and listening to others' issues can help shed new light on our own challenges, their studies indicate.

"We want our community to know we are in this together and each of us has a role to play in suicide prevention, not only during the month of September but all year long," advised Miller.

Boys-Girls Club fundraiser returns

'Stake & Chicken' set for Oct. 18

T-G STAFF REPORT

Stake & Chicken is the Boys & Girls Club's premiere event on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. at the Blue Ribbon Circle Club. Attendees can enjoy food prepared by Legends Steakhouse while having the opportunity to hear from football legend, Joe Theismann, at this year's event.

All proceeds from Stake & Chicken benefit 75 members of the Boys & Girls Club, according to Bedford County Boys & Girls Club Director Keith Churn.

"The Boys & Girls Club provides a tangible measure of hope," said Churn. "Money from Stake & Chicken will ensure the Club continues to offer young people what they need and want most: adults who respect and listen to them, a safe environment where they can have fun and be themselves, and interesting, constructive activities that channel youthful energy into challenging pursuits."

Churn said their main goal ties back to their mission of enabling all young people, especially those who need the Boy & Girls Club the most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.



T-G Photos by Zoe Haggard

Keith Churn, Boys and Girls Club of Bedford County Director



Churn said they are looking to expand their facility located at 1055 Madison St.

He said one of their short term goals is to rebuild after the pandemic. Within that expansion goal, they are working on adding space to their property, located at 1055 Madison St. in Shelbyville, to begin accepting teens.

Churn said they are working with the codes department to get a portable set up in the backyard. This mobile building will serve as their "Teen Center."

Churn added that they do not have a date as to when it will open but encourage people to keep an eye on their Facebook page (Boys & Girls Club of Bedford County) for updates.

"Lastly, we are continuously adding to our programming to keep it fun and engaging," said Churn.

Joe Theismann is an entrepreneur and the former star quarterback for the Washington Redskins. Most recently, he spent the last two decades working for ESPN and the NFL Network as an NFL analyst.

"With every chapter of his life, Mr. Theismann evolved from athlete to the ultimate businessman," said Churn. An Emmy award winning analyst, businessman and athlete, Theismann is known to share his strategies for handling unforeseen change, Churn explained, which is why he will speak about being a "champion for

youth" at the event.

"We are excited to come together as a community, after a few years break, and enjoy an entertaining event, while supporting our youth," said Churn.

Sponsorships start at \$1,500, and tickets are \$200. Sponsorships and tickets are still available. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Boys & Girls Club at 931-735-6525.

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Nice catch! The Club hopes to expand into teen care with funds from the Stake and Chicken event.

Auto-pay saves the day

Dear Heloise: I have been the victim of credit card fraud every once in a while, about one to two years apart. Each time, I had to get a new card with new numbers. So, I have since stopped authorizing auto-pay from my credit cards. Now, I tell them I will automatically send a payment to them on a specified date. If they don't like that, then I don't need their product or service.

No more hassles now with having to tell a long list of people about a new credit card number. Have a good day! -- Louie Schirm, Emery, South Dakota

Hints from Heloise



read your hint in the Omaha World Herald about grad gifts. The best one any of my kids ever received was a small toolkit with the basics. I told the guy who gave it to him that it's the greatest thing ever. My kid got it for his high school graduation, and we just moved him to Madison, Washington, for his first job. He still has it intact. -- Pete Balerd, Columbus, Nebraska

PET PAL

Dear Heloise: This is my three-year-old pet mallard duck named Fly. She is best friends with Pecky, despite her being a chicken! She is very intelligent and friendly around humans. She loves to be petted and listen to me sing. Along with that, some of her favorite things include swimming, scaring sparrows and playfully fighting over food with Pecky and the ducks.

Like all six of my other pets, she is deeply loved and cared for by me and my family. -- Skyler Haddock

Readers, to see Fly and our other Pet Pals, go to Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week."

Do you have a furry friend to share with our readers? Send a photo and a brief description to Heloise@Heloise.com. -- Heloise

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

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SOUND OFF

Dear Heloise: Your voice is so respected, and I would love for you to forward this hint to networks that show highlights, graphics, etc., and insist on playing music while the commentators are "analyzing" the highlight or graphic. This forces the analyzers to talk over the music. (Specifically, the Golf Channel does this.) As an aging senior with aging hearing who loves to watch these networks, I implore them to eliminate the alleged "background" music and just let us listen to the announcers. I have reached out to some networks without any response at all. -- A Lifelong Reader, Maui

RECYCLE

Dear Heloise: Save "green" food scraps (potato skins, carrot peels, celery ends/leaves, etc.) in a container in the freezer. When full, remove the frozen green waste scraps and boil them to make vegetable broth. Strain, then use the broth for cooking. You can place the boiled scraps in the correct trash or recycling container or in a compost pile. -- Kay K., via email

GRADUATION GIFT

Dear Heloise: Just

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

SATURDAY

Wheel School reunion

A Wheel School reunion is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 3 at Shiloh Outreach Church on Highway 64 in Wheel. The gathering begins at 11 a.m. with a potluck lunch at 12 noon. Attendees are asked to bring a dish.

Postcard, paper show

The first Shelbyville Postcard & Paper Memorabilia Fall Show will be on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fly Arts Center, 204 South Main St. Food trucks will be on site. For more information, email flyartcenter@gmail.com.

Flat Creek dinner

The monthly first Saturday Flat Creek Community Center potluck meal and entertainment is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 3. Food is served at 6 p.m. and music starts at 7.. This month features the bluegrass music of Larry Groce, Jeff Cates, Timmy Blankenship, Jeremy Cates, Angela Wood, and Jim Wood.

SUNDAY

Adcock reunion

All descendants of Thomas Jefferson Adcock are invited to attend a covered dish reunion at noon Sunday, Sept. 4, at H.V. Griffin Park.

WEDNESDAY

Retired Teachers meeting

Bedford County Retired Teachers will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at Urban Plantation. Sylvia Pinson will describe the Uncle Nearest tour.

Bag Day

Good Samaritan Bag Day will be held Wednesday, Sept. 7 from noon-2 p.m. at 201 E. Highland Ave.

THURSDAY

City Council

Shelbyville City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 at Shelbyville Recreation Center.

FRIDAY

Normandy Music Night

Normandy's final Music Night of the summer will be Friday, September 9, at 6 p.m. on Front Street. Attendees should bring a chair.

SEPT. 10

Day of Remembrance

A Day of Remembrance is scheduled for Saturday,

Sept. 10 at Veterans Plaza on the Bedford County Courthouse lawn, presented by the Defenders of Freedom and Liberty group. A ceremony honoring the victims of Sept. 11, 2001 will begin at 1 p.m. with speaker Charlie Cartwright. Following the ceremony, volunteers from local high schools will place 2,977 U.S. flags, in remembrance of the victims, off West Holland Street on the floodgate hill. Blood Assurance will be on the south side of the square from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

SEPT. 11

Laity Club

Bedford County Laity Club will meet 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11 at First United Methodist Church. A meal will be furnished.

SEPT. 12

Bell Buckle board

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor & Aldermen will meet on Monday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. in Town Hall. A public hearing will be held at 5:45 p.m. before the meeting to discuss Ordinance 22-03, Outdoor Lighting, and Ordinance 22-04, Amendments to the Sidewalk Ordinance.

SEPT. 13

Commission meeting

Bedford County Commission's monthly meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Bedford County Historic Courthouse.

SEPT. 15

Commodity distribution

South Central Human Resource Agency will hold a commodity distribution Thursday, Sept. 15, from 10 a.m.-noon at Bedford County Agriculture Center, Midland Road.

SEPT. 17

Alzheimer's Walk

The Walk to End Alzheimer's will be Saturday, Sept. 17, starting at the Jack Daniel's Welcome Center in Lynchburg. Register at act.alz.org/tullahomalynchburg.

Chalk art event

Shelbyville Parks & Recreation is posting a Parking Lot Picasso Chalk Event from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 in Shelbyville Recreation Center's parking lot. All ages are welcome and prizes will be awarded. Register online at shelbyvilletnparks.org/Course Activities.

SEPT. 20

Commission committees

Bedford County

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 2022 calendar grid with holidays: 5th - Labor Day, 11th - Patriot Day, 22nd - Fall Begins. Includes 'Fall Begins' graphic.

Commission's Rules & Legislative, Law Enforcement and Courthouse & Property committees will meet Tuesday, Sept. 20 beginning at 5 p.m. at Bedford County Historic Courthouse.

SEPT. 22

SCHRA meetings

South Central Human Resource Agency's governing board will meet 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 at the SCHRA central office, 1437 Winchester Highway, Fayetteville. Subcommittees will meet earlier in the morning.

SEPT. 23

Cruise-In

Celebration City Car Club's Cruise-In will be Friday, Sept. 23, from 6-8 p.m. on the Shelbyville square. Food trucks will be present. Chase Clanton and Vintage Vibes will perform. Cruise-Ins are held each fourth Friday during warm weather months.

SEPT. 24

Police Fun Run

Shelbyville Police Benevolent Association will have its annual "Run Like You Stole Something" Fun Run fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 24, at 8 a.m. at Shelbyville Central High School. Sign up at https://www.reg2run.com/index.php/event_details/327 or contact Kim Nash at Shelbyville Police Department, 931-684-5811.

Aviation Day

Shelbyville Aviation Day will be Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Shelbyville Municipal Airport. Admission is free. Vintage airplanes, drones, and food vendors will be on the grounds.

SEPT. 27

County finances

Bedford County Commission's Financial Management Committee will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, in Room 110 at

Bedford County Business Complex, 200 Dover St.

OCT. 1

Grammer-Darnell reunion

A reunion of descendants of John Grammer and William L. Darnell is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 1 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the gym at Cedar Lane Church of Christ, 1200 Cedar Lane, Tullahoma. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert and non-alcoholic drinks. To RSVP call 931-581-0241 by Sept. 23.

OCT. 8

Flat Creek fundraiser

The annual barbecue fundraiser For Flat Creek Volunteer Fire Department will be 4-7 p.m. Saturday, March 8 at Flat Creek fire hall on Hilltop Road. Baked goods will be available and a silent auction will be held. Advance tickets can be purchased at Sunchaser Market in Flat Creek.

OCT. 18

Boys-Girls Club fundraiser

The Boys and Girls Club of Bedford County will host their Stake & Chicken fundraiser on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 6 p.m. at the Blue Ribbon Circle Club. The event will feature NFL veteran and College Football Hall of Fame member Joe Theismann.

ONGOING

Soup kitchen

Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen serves meals from 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 336 S. Cannon Blvd. (corner of South Cannon and Pickle Street). Doors open at 3:45. Donations may be made to Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 2259, Shelbyville, TN 37162, and are tax deductible under its 501c3 non-profit designation. Boxed non-perishables are available. Takeouts are no longer distributed.

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Grand time at Sevier Street Baptist



Church has back-to-school bash

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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Sevier Street First Baptist Church recently covered a multitude of servanthood when it hosted its recent Back-to-School Bash.

Free school supplies were available as well as free food. COVID-19 vaccines were also made available to participants (sponsored by the local Community Clinic staff and Meharry Medical.)

Local police and fire personnel were also on hand to visit, give demonstrations and just help out where needed.

Organizers note it was a grand Saturday on Sevier Street.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Send church news and events to tnews@t-g.com.

Baptist

Church services will be held at 10 a.m. at **Calvary Baptist Church**, led by Bro. Tyler Shoemaker. The sermon will be "A Good Servant of Jesus Christ." The service will be livestreamed.

"Finishing Well" from Genesis 50:15-21 will be Pastor Jimmy West's message at **Edgemont Baptist Church**. Services are livestreamed.

Grace Baptist Church's message by Pastor Bobby McGee will be "I Know Your Poverty; But You Are Rich" from Revelation 2:8-11.

Christian (Disciples of Christ)

The message at **First Christian Church** by Pastor Dan Asche at 10 a.m. will be "Beginning of the End for God's people - Israel," from 2 Kings 17 and thinking of Jesus' words in Matthew 5:13 of how God's people then and today are to be the "Salt of the Earth."

Church of Christ

Bell Buckle Church of Christ's Sunday messages by minister Ronnie Greenhagen will be "Headline: Millions Baptized By Mistake" (Acts 19) in Sunday School at 9 a.m., "Jesus, A Disappointment" (Mark 15) at 10 a.m. and "Headline: Millions Rejoice While Persecuted" (Matthew 5) at 5 p.m.

Fairlane Church of Christ's services are livestreamed and

broadcast on WLJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM) at 9 a.m.

Southside Church of Christ begins a series on "Three Words, One Baptism" with the lesson "Water" from Genesis 7:17,18 at 10 a.m. The Summer Series continues Wednesday night with Buddy Koonce speaking on "A fellowship that accepts one another." Sunday morning and Wednesday services are livestreamed at cofcsouthside.com.

Church of God

Whitaker Church of God, 1200 Bethlehem Church Road, will celebrate homecoming with former pastor Randy Tinker at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 4. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish.

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church's sermon by Pastor Jim Moran will be from Mark 7:26-37, "Healing the Gentile's Daughter." Services are livestreamed on Facebook.



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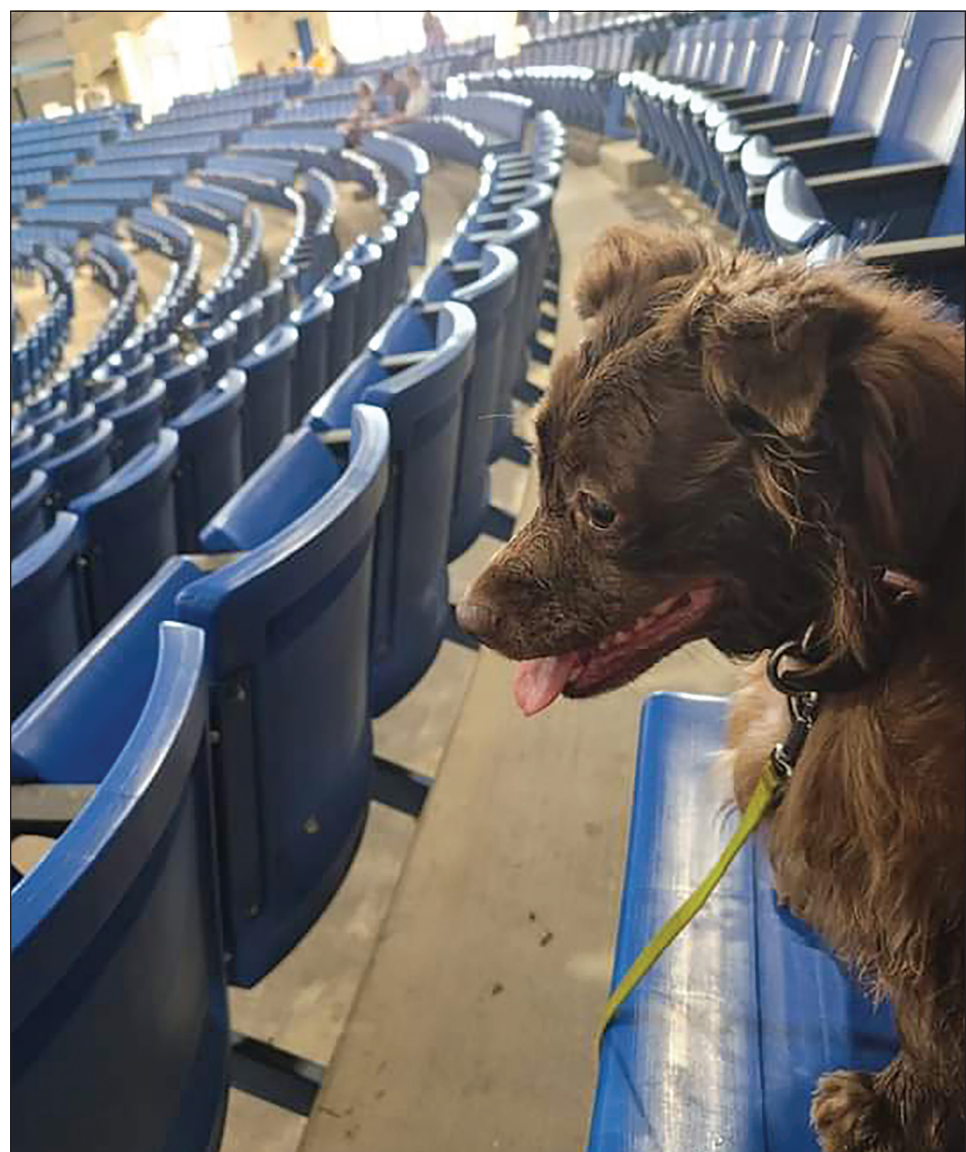
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HORSIN' AROUND

WONDERFUL SMELLS



These horses were up to tricks as their stalls were being cleaned, recently during the Celebration.

Fur buddy Jesse was more interested in the nearby donuts than walking horses on Monday. Photos by Cindy Gruffy

Celebration 2022 Scenes



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Winton runs for Congress

Candidate weighs in on 'people needs'

STAFF REPORT

Fourth Congressional District candidate Mike Winton is on the ballot in the Nov. 8 general election. Winton considers himself a common-sense type guy—one who will look out for the needs of the people.

The Tullahoma area business owner and real estate affiliate broker, who is running as an independent, recently explained that he understands the needs of the working community.

Winton was raised with his three siblings on a family farm in Pelham by a single mother, Frankie. Earning her wages from a shirt factory, he came to understand from his mother what hard work—and hard times—were all about.

Though he has proven his success in business over the years, Winton said like the majority of Americans, he's grown "frustrated" with the lack of performance and the increase in partisanship in Congress. "Just look at low voter turnout," he recently observed.

Winton says he's a family man; he's the married father of 3, grandfather of 8 and has 1 great-grandchild. His aim is to have his political run reaffirm "the old generational promise" which he said is to "leave the next generation in a stronger America than the one before."

He added how at the moment, Congress has an 18% percent job approval rating. That's not good, he said. He believes that politicians have lost their connection with the people they were elected to serve.

Winton said he's a candidate out meeting with people throughout the district, finding out their concerns and issues—those important to them. His campaign focuses on issues such as the historic national debt, immigration reform, school safety and education.

He's concerned about the lack of compromise inside the Washington ruling establishment. "Now that it's election time, we're going to hear some claim they will 'reach across the aisle. It's about time we have someone who won't just reach across the aisle, but stand in it, to get the people's House back in order. People say they want to drain the swamp . . . will not work if you leave the gators."

Winton believes his 31 years of business experience will help bring a "Main Street" sense back to Washington, where there seems to be more of an emphasis on Wall Street and "lobbyists." Winton makes the connection to small businesses and America's middle/working class, as he sees a correlation between the two.

"The failed economic policies that have led to inflation and increased public debt have made life for middle and working class Americans arduous over the past few months. The challenges have also impacted small and family-owned businesses that have been important to communities for years. Who's been their advocate in Washington?"

Winton points to the over \$30 trillion national debt, the projected \$1 trillion budget deficit and the continued "spending spree in Washington," as major economic concerns that need to be handled.

Tackling the issue of illegal immigration is also on this congressional candidate's agenda. According to Winton, immigration is a multifaceted, national sovereignty concern and an issue that needs to be managed in steps.

First, he advised, the borders need to be secure. Second, the system is increasingly overwhelmed. "There are many who have been waiting a long time to gain legal entry. Some, out of desperation, frustration or desire, are foregoing the formal process and entering illegally.

He added, "The United States must secure its borders and enforce fair immigration policies. We are a nation of laws. Without respect for the law, we no longer have a country; we have lawlessness. For our country to work, we need the law and to stand firm on it."

Winton also has educational items on his agenda. First, to solidify school safety, Winton is calling for School Resource Officers (SROs) to be placed in every school in America.

The independent is also seeking to introduce programs that will assist in providing teachers greater resources to educate children, as well as increase the amount of community involvement in local schools while eliminating a lot of what he calls "unnecessary bureaucracy."

"We must make our schools the safest in the world. We owe it to the children, to the parents of those children and to those we entrust to care for them during the day."

For more information about this candidate, go to his campaign website at votemikewinton.com or Facebook.



Mike Winton

Franklin County: bus driver strike

Let's pray it's not contagious

Let's hope it's not contagious—a school system and County Commission not being able to ever agree on passing an annual budget. Or, to the point, let's say that it affects school kids and parents to a great degree. Well, it has happened next door in Franklin County this week.

Again, let us learn to keep ourselves healthy here in Bedford County. Always put the children first—no matter what. Find a way to compromise, so that the state doesn't have to step in and take charge.

Yes, that was the next move. How embarrassing.

Reports indicate that the Franklin County Commission and the Franklin County School Board were at an impasse for approving the annual budget earlier last week. And who got caught in the cross fire was of course employees and worse, parents and children.

After operating for years without a raise, bus drivers said, 'see ya.' This was done on the eve of the next day's run. Call it inconsiderate, but I kind of get it.

Bedford County has made sure that its drivers of late have been greatly compensated for their work. So things continue to run smoothly, though there's always a need for drivers.

Praise those Franklin County parents who were giving rides the next day. Only a couple of buses for special education were in motion Wednesday morning. That's a sad turn of events.

The Franklin County Commission called an emergency meeting Wednesday night to vote on whether to pass the school board's budget, which now includes a \$10,000 raise for privately contracted bus drivers.

Action makes for progress in many cases. Sad it

had to come to this, though.

Background: The school board submitted the budget Tuesday night in its emergency meeting. The county commission had denied it because it included a multi-million dollar activity center, which has since been removed from the budget.

Familiar with the routes that those bus drivers run, it's a long and arduous process each day in Franklin County. And if you haven't seen how kids act on a bus lately, ask one of those dedicated drivers. They literally stopped the wheels in motion and made a difference.

But why did it come down to all this? Now, the system is the source of media attention, which frankly, could have been avoided. The social media remarks about the multi million athletic center and the deep resentments could have been avoided.

Dawn Hankins

Pencil Shavings



So, again, let's learn from this mistake in government management, or mismanagement, whichever is the case, and move forward for what's in the best interest of the schools and the kids.

Like the flu, it can infect us to the point where we paint ourselves in a corner. Our kids are in turn infected by such arrogant, stubborn behavior.

Thanks for getting the buses back on the road in Franklin County on Thursday morning. Let's think ahead of such situations in the future. Take the time, please.

History's bookends: Putin-Gorbachev reforms

By **ANDREW KATELL**
 Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — One stood for freedom, openness, peace and closer ties with the outside world. The other is jailing critics, muzzling journalists, pushing his country deeper into isolation and waging Europe's bloodiest conflict since World War II.

Such are history's bookends between Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet Union's last leader, and Vladimir Putin, Russia's president.

In many ways, Gorbachev, who died Tuesday, unwittingly enabled Putin. The forces Gorbachev unleashed spun out of control, led to his downfall and the Soviet Union's collapse.

Since coming to power in 1999, Putin has been taking a hard line that resulted in a near-complete reversal of Gorbachev's reforms.

When Gorbachev came to power as Soviet leader in 1985, he was younger and more vibrant than his predecessors. He broke with the past by moving away from a police state, embracing freedom of the press, ending his country's war in Afghanistan and letting go of Eastern European countries that had been locked in Moscow's communist orbit. He ended the isolation that had gripped the USSR since its founding.

It was an exciting, hopeful time for Soviet citizens and the world. Gorbachev brought the promise of a brighter future.

He believed in integration with the West, multilateralism and globalism to solve the world's problems, including ending armed conflicts and reducing the danger of nuclear weapons.

In marked contrast, Putin's worldview holds that the West is an "empire of lies," and democracy is chaotic, uncontrolled and dangerous. While mostly refraining from direct criticism, Putin implies that Gorbachev sold out to the West.

Returning to a communist-style mindset, Putin believes the West is imperialistic and arrogant, trying to impose its liberal values and policies on Russia and using the country as a scapegoat for its own problems.

He accuses Western leaders of trying to restart the Cold War and restrain Russia's development. He seeks a world order with Russia on equal footing with the United States and other major powers, and in some respects is trying to rebuild an empire.

Gorbachev sometimes bowed to Western pressure. Two years after U.S. President Ronald Reagan implored him to "tear down this wall" in a speech at

the Berlin Wall, Gorbachev did so, indirectly, by not intervening in populist anti-communist revolutions in Eastern Europe. The dropping of the Iron Curtain and end of the Cold War followed.

At home, Gorbachev introduced two sweeping and dramatic policies — "glasnost" or openness — and "perestroika," a restructuring of Soviet society. Previously taboo subjects could now be discussed, in literature, the news media and society in general. He undertook economic reforms to allow private enterprise, moving away from a state-run economy.

He also loosened up on the dreaded police state, freed political prisoners such as Andrei Sakharov, and ended the Communist Party's monopoly on political power. Freer foreign travel, emigration and religious observances were also part of the mix.

Putin has veered away from Gorbachev's changes. He focused on restoring order and rebuilding the police state. An increasingly severe crackdown on dissent has involved jailing critics, branding them traitors and extremists, including for merely calling the "special military operation" in Ukraine a war. He sees some critics as foreign-funded collaborators of

Russia's enemies.

In his quest for control, he's shut down independent news organizations and banned human rights and humanitarian organizations. He demands complete loyalty to the state and emphasizes traditional Russian family, religious and nationalistic values.

Gorbachev's leadership was not without failures. His more liberal policies were uneven, such as a bloody 1991 Soviet crackdown on the independence movement in the Soviet Baltic republic of Lithuania and the attempted early cover-up of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster.

By 1988, he realized that trying to hide bad events wasn't working, so when a massive earthquake hit Armenia in December 1988, he opened the borders to emergency international help and allowed transparency about the destruction.

After nearly a decade of fighting in Afghanistan, Gorbachev ordered the withdrawal of Soviet troops in 1989, entered into multiple arms-control and disarmament agreements with the United States and other countries, and helped end the Cold War. For those efforts, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the editor,

The incursion into the Jan 6 Capitol leaves us with many unanswered questions. A good sleuth would ask who are the masterminds behind it and who stands to benefit from it?

It was not President Trump. He wanted that day's debate on the validity of the Electoral College vote to proceed unimpeded; it was his last chance to correct the fraudulent outcome of the 2020 election. We know there all kinds of shenanigans to steal this election, from blue states changing rules without going through proper channels, to Republican pole watchers being thrown out from observation of the vote count, to computers being hooked up to the internet, to voter harvesting by mules who were unlawfully being paid to gather ballots, to nursing homes where staff filled out ballots (unlawfully), to ballots being counted after everyone else had gone home. So why wouldn't President Trump want a debate?

The first obstacle was the Jan. 6 debate. It had to be stopped, and the incur-

sion into the Capitol provided that answer. Members of Congress had returned to their chambers for a two-hour debate which is provided by law; when the incursion happened. Instead of adjourning to the following day, Congress went on to confirm the Electoral College's decision. Ray Epps (on FBI's most wanted list) was at the Capitol trying to encourage people to storm the Capitol. When he was grilled by Jan. 6 "committee" he was suddenly removed from FBI's most wanted list without explanation. According to Epoch Times, Ray Epps was worried that the fast-moving crowd on Jan 6 might interfere with the "Plan", the Kentucky man claimed. (article appears at Epoch Times, June29-July 5). What was the "Plan"? Who put the plan in motion?

First obstacle passed. Second obstacle dealt with Inauguration Day ceremony. That had to be stopped. Why you ask? Because no one would come! During the campaign, 50,000 or more attended Trump's rallies, while Biden only had a

handful of people show up when he did leave his basement for rare appearances. A photograph of empty seats on Inauguration Day would amount to graphic proof that Biden was not the people's choice for president.

Then there was damage control to be done by the Democrats. American citizens had to be convinced that it wasn't safe to come Jan. 20. The Capitol had to have two sets of barbed wire around it and a guard (not once but twice vetted to make sure this guard had no favorable impression of President Trump.) The Mayor of DC, Muriel Bowser assisted in this plan by establishing a curfew.

Under the Trump administration we had huge successes in restoring individual liberty, prosperity to the country, and sovereignty to the USA. What do we have now? We have departments of our government (FBI, DOJ, Pentagon, etc.) being weaponized. Recently, President Trump's home was raided by FBI, passports taken, boxes of declassified documents removed under the

guise of espionage.

If you think this raid is about removing documents, think again. The Jan 6 Committee is drowning; this is their life line. This committee is not allowing any cross examinations. Only showing parts of clips that back their narrative of the "insurrection." Their word not mine. Thousands of footage of that day is now under lock and key that will not be shown to the public. Why? I believe if we saw the footage, it would blow their narrative out of the water. We know the Capitol police held the door open to let people just walk in. Many people have been arrested and still sitting in jail for nearly two years without "due process." This is their only hope is to derail Donald Trump-----so he cannot run again in 2024. No observers were allowed while the raid was conducted. The FBI has been known to lie. Case in point, the Russia hoax. And to this day no accountability. Hopefully we can get this country back on the right path in November.

Lou Adcock
 Bedford County

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Doug Dezotell
Musings and Memories

How well is it with your soul?

Years back, I answered a phone call from a fellow minister who said, "Well Brother Dezotell, how is it with your soul?"

He didn't greet me with the usual "Hello" or "How are you doing?" But he wanted to know how it was with my Soul.

You know, it's a great comfort to be able to take a 'personal inventory,' and then be able to admit, "It is well with my soul."

It's comforting to be able to say, "My relationship with my Heavenly Father is good. I know I am loved by God. I know I am forgiven."

No matter what I've gone through, no matter how I've failed, and no matter what I'm facing, I can say, "I am grateful that things are good with my soul."

I know God's got this and I know God's got me.

The late Chicago attorney Horatio Spafford, had just gone through the darkest period of his life when he felt compelled of the Holy Spirit to pen these words:

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross,
and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Spafford was a very prominent and wealthy lawyer and businessman, a

LOTS OF COLORFUL HORSES



The children at Miss Judie's Preschool designed their own Celebration art last week. See pictures of their stick horse show on page 3B.



Mark McGee
My Take

Positives

I am not a positive person by nature. I know it is a bad character flaw. God has allowed a lot of wonderful things to happen to me. But no matter how great things are I am always waiting for the other shoe to drop.

But I have some reasons to be positive this week based on some of my experiences at the 84th annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration.

The Walking Horse Report publishes every day during the Celebration. This year the Shelbyville Central High School volleyball team has been handing out the magazine at both day and night classes. On the first morning class session seven players were expected to work inside Calsonic Arena and all seven were there. Try getting 100 percent of volunteers to work an event this day and time.

But the icing on the cake was when I informed one of the volleyball players, I did not need a copy because I already had one and she replied with a cheery "yes sir." I wished I had asked her name, but I was so stunned by the use of "yes sir" I wasn't thinking clearly. How refreshing a response.

A couple of nights later another player asked me at one of the entrance gates on the south end of the arena if I needed a copy of The Walking Horse Report. I told her I didn't, and she responded with "have a blessed evening." That has become somewhat of a cliché response, but I honestly believe this young girl meant it. It made my night.

I don't know Shelbyville Central High School volleyball coach Caitlin Boleyn. Well, yes, I think I do based on the way her players interact with the public. In a time when one-on-one connections are made with difficulty her players display respect and maturity. That comes from family background, but also from coaches. A job well done to all concerned.

One night I made a purchase at the Community Lions Club booth. I tried in vain to balance my food on the way to the press box, but after walking a few feet I lost my basket of fried pickles. I know, not the most nutritious choice, but I digress. One of the high school students working at the booth saw what happened. She immediately came over and offered to get me another order without charge. It was obviously my fault, but she wanted to help me out. Again, another great moment and kudos

'Lord of the Rings' prequel to debut

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK — The return of dragons on the small screen has been a huge hit. Now it's time for the return of the elves and dwarves.

Amazon Studios is launching "The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power," an ambitious, years-in-the-making and very expensive salvo that will go head-to-head with another costly streaming fantasy epic: HBO's "Game of Thrones" spinoff "House of the Dragon," which recently became the most-watched series premiere in HBO history.

The series is based on J.R.R. Tolkien's writings and asides about Middle-earth's Second Age, which preceded the Third Age's "Lord of the Rings" and "Hobbit" films and books. Tolkien's grandson, Simon Tolkien, was a creative consultant.

"We say Tolkien sort of left a series of stars in the sky. Our job was to connect the dots and form the constellation and then sort of draw in between the constellations to give a

little more specificity to it," said J.D. Payne, a showrunner and executive producer.

Amazon Prime Video will debut both the first two "The Rings of Power" episodes on Friday. After that, the remaining six episodes arrive weekly on Friday.

The hour-long episodes are stuffed with action and humor but buckle up: Payne and his co-showrunner Patrick McKay plan to use a 50-hour canvas to explore their nuanced characters and complex histories. These first eight episodes are like an appetizer.

Early ones shift across the various regions of Middle-earth, our planet's imagined mythological past. Here, some 4,000 years before "The Hobbit," are elves involved with royal intrigue, dwarves who mine inside mountains, hobbitlike harfoots who are pastoral, humans who seem unusually prone to violence, and evil orcs.

Despite being set centuries before the books and films that make up

the Tolkien's canon, fans of "The Lord of the Rings" will notice some familiar characters, based on the long lifespan of some of the creatures, including Galadriel, Elrond and Isildur. Sauron, the evil force, is unseen in the first two episodes but a malevolent presence throughout.

Morfydd Clark grew up in Wales to parents who adored Tolkien's epic book series and her dad read her "The Hobbit" when she was 9. The films came out when she was 11, accelerating the obsession. Now she finds herself playing a young Galadriel, a powerful elf played later in the films by Cate Blanchett.

"I think there's a lot of hope in Tolkien's world, and with hope comes bravery to stand up and have courage for what you think is valuable," she said. "The world needs to be safe enough for the smallest and most vulnerable. And I think that's something that's important to remind yourself — just because something suits you, it doesn't suit everybody."

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Dessert Packs a Flavorful Punch

Many people, if given the opportunity, might skip their appetizers and entrées and reach right for the dessert menu. For adults who love their desserts full of flavor, "Chocolate-Peanut Butter Terrine with Sugared Peanuts" from Emily Luchetti's "Classic Stars Desserts" (Chronicle Books) is ideal.

thick, about one minute. Remove the bowl from the mixer stand. Using a wooden spoon, stir in the chocolate mixture in three equal additions. The mixture will be quite thick.

In a separate bowl, whisk the cream until it starts to thicken. Using a spatula, fold the cream into the chocolate mixture in four equal additions. Spread the batter in the prepared pan. Cover with the plastic wrap overhanging the sides and refrigerate until firm, for at least 4 hours.

To unmold the terrine, fold back the plastic wrap and invert the pan onto a wire rack. Pull on a corner of the plastic wrap to release the terrine from the pan. Lift off the pan and carefully remove the parchment paper and place the rack in it. Return the terrine to the refrigerator while you make the glaze.

To make the glaze, in a stainless steel bowl combine the chocolate, butter and corn syrup. Place the bowl over a pan of simmering water, making sure the bottom of the bowl does not touch the water, and heat, stirring occasionally, until the chocolate and butter melt. Remove from the heat and whisk until smooth. The glaze should be pourable but not so thin that it will run off the terrine. If the glaze is too thin, let it sit at room temperature for about 30 minutes.

Slowly pour the glaze evenly over the top of the terrine, allowing it to stream evenly down the sides. With offset spatula, spread the glaze to cover the terrine smoothly and completely. Refrigerate until the glaze is set, about 30 minutes.

To make the sugared peanuts, preheat the oven to 350 F. In a bowl, whisk the egg white until frothy. Whisk in the sugar. Add the peanuts and mix until they are evenly coated with the egg-white mixture.

Spread the peanuts in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet and place in the oven. Toast the nuts, stirring them every 5 minutes, until dry and golden brown, 15 to 20 minutes.

To serve, transfer the terrine to a serving platter and arrange the sugared peanuts on top. Cut the terrine with a hot, dry knife.

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Chocolate-Peanut Butter Terrine with Sugared Peanuts

Serves 8

Terrine
11 ounces bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped
1 ounce unsalted butter
6 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
4 large egg yolks
¼ cup granulated sugar
1¾ cups heavy whipping cream

Glaze
4 ounces bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped
2½ ounces unsalted butter
2 teaspoons light corn syrup

Sugared Peanuts
1 large egg white
6 tablespoons granulated sugar
1½ cups unsalted peanuts

To make the terrine, spray an 8½-by-4½-by-23¼-inch loaf pan with nonstick spray. Line the sprayed pan with plastic wrap, allowing a 1½-inch overhang on all sides.

In a stainless steel bowl, combine the chocolate, butter and peanut butter. Place the bowl over a pan of simmering water, making the sure the bottom of the bowl does not touch the water. Heat, stirring occasionally, until the chocolate and butter melt. Remove from the heat and whisk until smooth.

Combine the egg yolks and sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whip attachment and whip on high speed until



By DAWN HANKINS
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We know that the start of September means a lot of our good cooks out there will be back in the kitchen creating some awesome fall recipes.

So, we're asking readers to submit original recipes (even tried and true ones with your own special seasoning or ingredient) to dhankins@t-g.com. We will be printing these recipes throughout fall in our Saturday Life and Leisure section. Here's a great time to get published!

Here's some of what we're looking for . . . use seasonal ingredients such as apples, butternut squash or pumpkin. Add a special spice that might be unique

to your dish.

The category is wide open (desserts, appetizers, etc.)

But most of all, include exact measurements and ingredients list. We will need also exact directions for making the recipe and your contact information (for office purposes only.)

Readers will be invited to submit their votes later this season for the best recipe.

If you'd like to send us a photo, that would be great too!

A fall gift basket of local surprises will be given to the first place winner; their photo will be featured in a future T-G edition.

So, get cooking ya'll.



How will you celebrate Magellan's 500th anniversary?

When does a 500th anniversary require an asterisk?

If you're a fan of trivia and myth-busting, you've doubtless heard umpteen repetitions of "George Washington didn't really have wooden teeth," "Napoleon wasn't short," "Lemmings don't commit mass suicide" and "Ferdinand Magellan didn't sail all the way around the world."

Sure enough, Magellan was killed two years into the three-year voyage to circumnavigate the globe. (That probably saved him from an ugly scene at home. Before he set sail, he told Mrs. Magellan he was just going to the corner market to buy a pack of Marlboros. She should have been tipped

off by the Doc Brown-ish "Where we're going, we don't need roads!" comment, but love is blind.)

On the other hand, a milestone is still a milestone. September 8 marks the 500th anniversary of Spanish navigator Juan Sebastian Elcano's return to Spain in the only vessel to survive Magellan's 1519 expedition to the Spice Islands. (Posh Spice, meet Scurvy Spice.)

I guess Magellan (rather than Elcano) sticks in the public consciousness because of expert PR work. You know, "Magellan would have sailed all the way himself if not for that 'getting killed in the Philippines' thingie." I need a publicist myself. ("Danny Tyree

cured the common cold, except for that 'not getting his butt off the sofa and doing research' thingie.")

So perilous was Magellan's journey that another 55 years passed before Sir Francis Drake accomplished the second circumnavigation of the globe. Well, the perils and the bad Yelp reviews Magellan wrote combined to slow down copycats.

Magellan had an incalculable impact on the entire world. He helped give empirical support for the idea of the earth being spherical. (Many of his contemporaries took an attitude of "Follow the science - but not off the edge of the world! Aaaaaaah!")

He discovered (to his chagrin) the vastness of the Pacific Ocean, discovered

South American animals unknown to Europeans and inspired indigenous peoples to learn phrases such as "Indigenous peoples? No indigenous peoples around here. Just good ol' white European males with no gold or anything."

I understand that Magellan met with heaps of skepticism before embarking on his voyage. Pondering the circumnavigation aspect, one shade-tree philosopher drawled, "You can't get here from here."

Even after Elcano's return, the doubts persisted. ("They filmed the whole journey out in the desert somewhere. I'll bet Magellan had Neil Armstrong on Speed-dial.")

Merchandise and commemorations tied to

the anniversary are getting people worldwide revved up, but some folks remain blasé. This includes those who loathed World History in school and others who are all too familiar with people (like my late father-in-law) who go All the Way Around the World to tell a story. ("The 3/16-inch wrench didn't work, so I got my trusty 7/32-inch wrench off the front seat...or was it the floorboard...?")

Magellan's pioneering efforts seem quaint nowadays, since we have jet planes, satellites and TV spoilers traveling around the world with breathtaking speed.

But Magellan was one of the giants of the Age of Exploration. For all the talk of a Mars mission, we're now stuck

Danny Tyree
Tyrades



in the Middle Age of Exploration.

("Glad I didn't become an astronaut. I just want to send my hot younger girlfriend to get my cholesterol medicine while I let my imagination run free as I listen to my favorite podcast: 'Only Laxatives in the Building.'")

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

Miss Judie's Preschool holds annual horse show



Every year, for many years, Miss Judie's Daycare and Preschool has held a stick horse show in honor of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration. The children walk their stick horses to Celebration-style music. Everyone is obviously a winner in this competition.



Doug

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loving husband and father, and a devout Christian gentleman. Yet, he knew what it was to have "sorrows like sea billows roll."

Maybe you know the story.

In 1870, Spafford's only son died from scarlet fever at the age of four. Then, a year later Spafford's vast real estate holdings along the shore of Lake Michigan were lost in the great Chicago fire.

Spafford and his family had experienced great losses, and they planned

to take some time away to regroup. They needed a vacation, a getaway together.

The family had reservations on a ship to go to England, and at the last minute, Spafford was called back to Chicago for business.

He sent his wife and his four daughters on ahead of him on the French ocean liner "Ville de Havre," and he planned to join them when he could.

As the Spafford women were crossing the Atlantic Ocean on the ship, there was a horrific accident, and their ship collided with another.

Mrs. Spafford watched

as her four daughters were swept away and drowned. There were more than 200 people lost in that great tragedy at sea.

After Mrs. Spafford was rescued, heartbroken she telegraphed her husband these words, "Saved alone."

When Spafford heard the terrible news, he boarded the next ship out of New York and headed to Europe to be with his wife.

During the voyage, the captain of his ship called Spafford to the bridge, and told him that they were passing near the spot where the Havre had gone down.

His heart filled with grief, Spafford returned to his room and wrote the words to this classic and much beloved hymn.

Over the years, the words of this hymn have brought great comfort to millions who have sung these lyrics during their times of sorrow, and during their good times as well.

For those of us who believe in God, we can find strength in times of weakness, hope in the midst of turmoil, and comfort in our sorrow; and we can echo Spafford's words, "it is well, it is well with my soul."

When peace, like a

river, attendeth my way,

When sorrows like sea billows roll;

Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,

It is well, it is well, with my soul.

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columnist for the Times-Gazette, and he is the pastor of Cannon United Methodist Church. He can be contacted at doug-dezotell@gmail.com or at 931-607-5191.

Mark

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to the students working in the booth from Community High School.

The quality of the Tennessee Walking Horses presented at the Celebration is always

impressive, but this time around I was even more impressed with the members of the younger generation I met. There is hope for the future.

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

SHELBYVILLE TIMES-GAZETTE

Mort Walker's beetle bailey

THANKS FOR REPORTING ME. YOU'RE GONNA REGRET IT

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSE TO MEAN?

DID YOU REPORT SARGE FOR ROUGHING ME UP, SIR?

YES

WHY?

IT'S AGAINST REGULATIONS

HE THINKS I PUT YOU UP TO IT

DID HE THREATEN YOU AGAIN?

GREG + MORT WALKER

HE PUT ME ON K.P. FOR A WEEK!

DON'T DO ME ANY MORE 'FAVORS'!

THAT'S THE THANKS I GET?!

9/4

Thank Ketchum's Dennis the Menace WASHOUT!

I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THAT SKY!

ACCORDING TO MY PHONE, WE'RE IN FOR A....

...DOWNPOUR.

DENNIS IS PLAYING IN THE YARD!

DENNIS! IT'S TIME FOR YOUR BATH!

JUST TOSS ME A BAR OF SOAP!

BLONDIE BY DEAN ZEIGLER & JOHN MARSHALL

HEY, BUDDY, I'M WORKING ON SOMETHING AND I SURE COULD USE...

SOMETHING FROM MY BRAND-NEW TOOLBOX

AFTER ALL YOUR LITTLE JOKES ABOUT MY BORROWING A FEW TOOLS NOW AND THEN, THIS IS A SWEET MOMENT FOR ME!

WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

DO YOU HAVE ANY CHARCOAL LIGHTER FLUID?

I WANT TO GRILL SOME STEAKS FOR ALL OF US AND I'M FRESH OUT OF FLUID

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW

TELL ME THE TRUTH...YOU WEREN'T REALLY AFTER CHARCOAL LIGHTER FLUID, WERE YOU?

The FAMILY CIRCUS BY PIL KEANE

TODAY WE'RE GOING TO THE ZOO TO SEE ALL THE ANIMALS!

PICKLES BY BRIAN CRANE

IT'S YUCKY OUTSIDE!

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS BAD WEATHER, NELSON, JUST THE WRONG CLOTHES.

WREN, THERE'S SOMETHING CRAWLING ON YOUR ARM.

WELL, IT'S PROBABLY NOT A BIG DEAL.

LIICK! GAAAAH!

HAMMIE USED TO EAT BUGS ALL THE TIME.

MOM! CALL 9-1-1!! WREN JUST ATE A BUG!

AND LOOK HOW HE TURNED OUT!

HOW WHO TURNED OUT!

WE CAN'T PIN THAT ON THE BUGS.

HOW COME YOU KNOW SO MUCH, GRAMMA?

ALL GRAMMAS KNOW THIS STUFF. IT'S ON THE GRAMMA TEST. YOU HAVE TO KNOW IT OR YOU CAN'T BE A GRAMMA.

BA BA BA. YOU'VE BEEN REREADING ALL YOUR BOOKS.

BA BA BA. YOU'VE NOTICED THAT ALL THE CHARACTERS ARE ANIMALS.

BA BA BA. AND THAT ALL THE ANIMALS TALK.

BA BA BA. AND THAT THEY ALL WEAR CLOTHES.

OH, I GET IT! IF YOU DON'T PASS THE TEST...

BA BA BA. AND ALL THE ANIMALS HAVE JOBS.

BA BA BA! AND THAT SEEMS UNREALISTIC TO YOU.

BA BA BA! WELL, MAYBE A FROG WOULD MAKE A GOOD CHIROPRACTOR.

...YOU HAVE TO BE A GRAMMA. BINGO!



T-G Photos
Grants like those recently awarded to Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library make it possible to have special events for the community throughout the year. Newest technology grants will bring high school teens and seniors over the age of 60 together soon. Teens will help their senior friends learn everything from how to best manage tele health conferences to how to contact their grandkids through social media.

West End Foundation supports local library

By DAWN HANKINS
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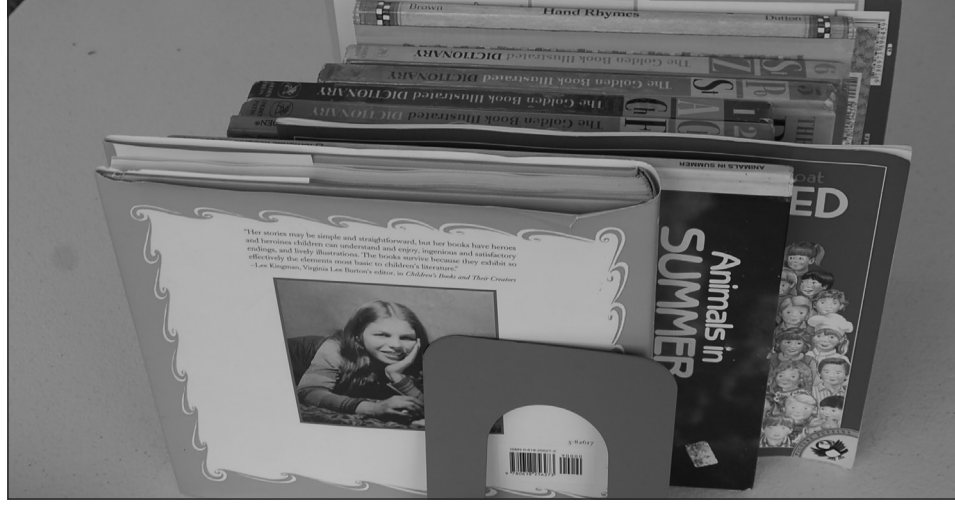
Shelbyville — Bedford County Public Library (SBCPL) recently announced it has received \$5,000 from the West End Home Foundation (WEHF) to help bridge the digital divide for Tennesseans age 60 and older living in Bedford County.

SBCPL was one of 30 nonprofit and governmental agencies that received grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$400,000.

“We are excited to use this grant to implement the Teens ‘N’ Seniors Program,” said Margaret Petty, assistant library director. “This is a program that we have wanted to start for a long time and this grant has made it possible. We see Seniors every day who need just a little guidance with everything from a new cell phone to tablets to learning how to do online appointments and telehealth visits.

Petty adds, “Who better to guide them than the young people who were practically born knowing how to work these devices and technology!”

Agencies and nonprofits seeking grants had to address ways their organizations would reduce social isolation and increase access to essential services for older Tennesseans through digital literacy and inclusion programming, according to Dianne Oliver, executive director of West End Home Foundation. “We look forward to seeing how the Shelbyville –Bedford County Public Library will use these funds to address the specific needs of its residents.”



The Library will use these funds to implement the new Teens ‘N’ Seniors Program to join junior and senior teens with senior adults to help them navigate specific technology needs and learn how to use new devices and technology to keep them better connected with their community. Teens will sign up

to be a part of the program and will be on a rotation to be called for appointments scheduled by the senior adults to help with their specific needs. The library will be the meeting place, as there are plenty of study rooms and computer access if needed.

Petty advised, “We will also be offering

part of this program can choose 1 of 2 paths; they can earn hours for community service or they can choose to be paid hourly for their assistance. The grant award includes a designated amount for instructors.

She said that all of the local high schools have been contacted and are excited about the program. The library is partnering with them to get the word out to their students and encourage them to get involved.

Research shows that when older adults are connected to technology, they become less isolated and more engaged in their communities. Older adults without internet access suffered more extreme levels of social isolation during the COVID epidemic. Many were unable to access essential services and products, and could not take advantage of telehealth, telecounseling and other telesupport services.

The digital literacy initiative, administered by the West End Home Foundation, is the last phase of the \$40 million settlement handed down from Davidson County Chancery Court, Division III, Case No. 11-1548-III. Funds from this case, were designated by the Court to be used to sustain and improve the quality of life for elderly Tennesseans.

The digital literacy grant program was created in response to the connectivity crisis experienced by the country’s older adults. An estimated 21.8 million older adults are offline at home, with only 58% of Americans age 65 and older with broadband internet service. The negative

ramifications of this lack of connectivity became clear during the pandemic as older adults became cutoff from the families, friends and communities, library officials stated.

Funding background

In 2014, the Tennessee Attorney General recovered \$40.1 million from the dissolution of two nonprofit nursing homes in Murfreesboro. The funds were under the auspices of the Chancery Court of Davidson County, with Chancellor Ellen Hobbs Lyle presiding. The West End Home Foundation was the recipient of \$3.9 million funds for the purpose of designing and administering a statewide grant aimed at bridging the digital divide that was apparent for older adults during the pandemic.

The grant, “Reducing Social Isolation and Increasing Access to Essential Services Through Digital Literacy and Inclusion for Older Tennesseans,” was launched Jan.10, 2022.

West End Home Foundation is a private, charitable foundation located in Nashville. The Foundation’s mission is to enhance the lives of older adults through grant making, advocacy and community collaboration. The Foundation serves middle Tennessee, including Cheatham, Davidson, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson and Wilson counties, providing approximately \$2 million annually in grants to nonprofit agencies serving older adults.

Local library looking for teen mentors

Teens ‘N’ Seniors Program begins

By DAWN HANKINS
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Shelbyville—Bedford County Public Library has received the SeniorTrust Digital Literacy Grant with which it plans to start the Teens ‘N’ Seniors Program. This Grant is designed to help people over the age of 60 with new technology and learning how to use devices to communicate and stay connected.

The library is planning a kickoff on Thursday, Sept. 15, from 3 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served. It will give teens an opportunity to meet some 60+ patrons.

With this grant, SBCPL will be seeking help from local teens in an effort to

offer one-on-one sessions with patrons who need a little help learning the “new” stuff or technology. Assistance may include but is not limited to how to work that new phone or how to successfully make those teleconference calls with their doctor.

The SeniorTrust Digital Literacy Grant will help us fund this program. There will be three Chromebook and Hot Spot sets that will only be available to patrons 60 & up. These can be used for training or checked out to use at home for one week, free of charge.

Teens can choose to be a part of this program in two different ways: 1. Volunteer for community

service hours 2. Volunteer with pay—\$10.00 per hour during grant period.

Teens interested in participating may drop by the library at 220 S. Jefferson St., Shelbyville. A form and QR code are also available online. Email: assistantdirector@sbcplibrary.org.

Once you have filled out the form, you will receive an email within 24 hours with more information on the program. We have a KICKOFF Planned for Thursday afternoon, September 15, 3:00—5:00 pm. We would love to have you join us that day for refreshments and a meet and greet with some of our 60+ patrons

Lawmakers weigh in on technology grant

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Speaker Pro Tempore Pat Marsh, State Sen. Shane Reeves and Secretary of State Tre Hargett supported Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library with a \$10,000 Training Opportunities for the Public (TOP) grant to hire an instructor to provide one-on-one computer help for their patrons.

“The Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library is an important asset to our community that provides access to a variety of valuable resources and services,” said Speaker Pro Tempore Marsh. “This funding will help ensure that residents are able to be productive and successful with a computer. I look forward to the positive impact this grant will have in our area.”

“This grant will make the Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library an even greater asset to the community,” said State Sen. Reeves. “Individualized classes on topics including computer help and job applications are an invaluable resource. Libraries are an integral part of our communities and I appreciate the Secretary of State’s office for its support.”

TOP Grants are administered by the

Tennessee State Library & Archives, a division of the Department of State, and supported by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. TOP Grants are available for public libraries to provide digital literacy training to the public, hotpots, solar charging stations, increase internet access at the library and for the Digital Navigators pilot project.

“Tennesseans rely on the technology resources available through public libraries to complete schoolwork, apply for jobs, print documents and so much more,” said Secretary Hargett. “I commend the Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library for using their TOP grant funding to provide an instructor to help patrons use technology, sometimes for the first time. Thanks to Sen. Reeves and Rep. Marsh for making this grant possible.”

This year, more than \$349,000 in TOP grant funding is being awarded to increase access to technology at 50 public libraries across Tennessee.

To learn more about grants for public libraries administered by the Library & Archives, visit sos.tn.gov/tsla.

Stay Healthy Bedford

COVID-19 and MPX update

T-G STAFF REPORT

Cold and flu season will be here in the upcoming months, so here are a few numbers to look at for COVID-19 and Monkeypox (MPX).

According to the Center for Disease Control, there are just over 220 active COVID-19 cases in Bedford County as of Aug. 25, while there have been less than 10 deaths in the last week. Cases are down almost 80% since mid-August.

Some 51% of Bedford's population, or 25,366 people, have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, while 44% percent, or 21,893 people, have been fully vaccinated.

For the more recently discovered Monkeypox, Tennessee has only 156 active cases as of Aug. 26. There is a total of 17,432 cases across the United States with the most cases include California (3,291), New York (3,124), Florida (1,739), Texas (1,472), Georgia (1,299), and Illinois (1,005).

The Bedford County Health Department is providing the monkeypox vaccine to those eligible to be vaccinated for the infection between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at its office, located at

140 Dover Street.

"The good news is that if you have been exposed to the virus, following some prevention steps and getting yourself vaccinated can protect you and others from monkeypox," said Angie Faulkner, director of Bedford County Health Department.

MPX vaccination eligibility

Those eligible to receive an MPX vaccination include:

- Anyone who has had contact exposure to MPX, or may have been exposed, in the last 14 days. Talk to your doctor or contact Bedford County Health Department or the Tennessee Department of Health.

- Anyone who has had intimate contact with others who might have been exposed to the MPX virus.

- Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sexual relationships with men who have had multiple or anonymous partners and or were diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease or are receiving medication to prevent HIV infection in the last 90 days.

Steps for prevention

Taking these steps will help prevent contracting the MPX infection:

- Be aware of any changes to your body and talk to your doctor if you develop any new rash.

- Avoid close, skin-to-skin contact with people who have a rash or lesion that looks like it could be MPX.

- Avoid contact with objects and materials that a person with MPX has used.

- Wash your hands often. Use soap and water or an alcohol-based sanitizer. Hand washing can protect against MPX and other infections such as COVID and flu.

"While Monkeypox is a serious infection, we don't want people to be alarmed," Faulkner said. "Rather, we want everyone to be educated and empowered as to how they can protect and take care of themselves."

MPX is a previously rare disease, caused by a virus that's in the same family as smallpox but much less severe and less contagious. In some cases, people may have a flu-like

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illness, but it's more commonly characterized by a rash or lesions on the body that may look like little

blisters or pimples or sores. For more information about the MPX vaccine contact your health care

provider or the Bedford County Health Department at 931-684-3426 or visit tn.gov/monkeypox.html.



Fitness tips for new parents

Being a new parent requires an ability to adapt to change.

Newborns require around-the-clock care that often translates into little free time for their parents. When parents get opportunities to step away, exercise may be the furthest thing from their minds.

But it could be in new mothers' and fathers' best interests to consider exercise even when their schedules are hectic.

Health experts at the Mayo Clinic advise exercise helps to tame stress, keep the mind sharp and boost the immune system. Staying fit and healthy with a new baby in the house may be easier when parents embrace certain strategies.

- Flexibility is key. New parents strive to maintain schedules, but newborns and infants don't always comply. Therefore, committing to a workout at a specific time each day or even a specific

duration can be foolish. It's better to take what you can get when you can get it. Don't get hung up on following a specific regimen right now.

- Exercise in bursts. Rather than devoting a set amount of time to a workout, fit in exercise when you have a minute. Run up and down the stairs while the baby is napping. Or do some bicep curls while preparing a bottle.

- Take a "baby-and-me" class. Gyms and fitness organizations often offer classes for new parents that build workouts around movements that can be done with baby in hand or in tow. Another option is Stroller Strong Moms, a workout group that incorporates kids and strollers. Seek out these programs for innovative ways to get exercise and spend time with your child and other parents.

- Ask for time off. Spouses can divide baby duties so that each gets equal time away to devote to personal needs. Factor exercise into some

of the plan, even if you can carve out only a few minutes. Another tip is to multitask. Consider buying a stationary bicycle to use while watching a favorite television show.

- Go swimming. Swimming works many muscles of the body, and the buoyancy of the water relieves pressure on joints and other areas of the body. When baby is old enough, you can even enjoy time in the pool together.

- Prioritize sleep. Do not compromise sleep for exercise, which can adversely affect your overall health. Sleep is essential for human development, says The Sleep Foundation. During sleep, the brain experiences intense activity, building the foundations for how people learn and grow, including the development of our behavior, emotions and immune systems. Adequate sleep is vital for new parents to maintain their health and the health of their babies.

The benefits of the flu vaccine

A healthy lifestyle includes many different components. Diet and exercise are arguably the two most significant elements of a healthy lifestyle, but being healthy and avoiding illness involves more than just eating right and getting off the couch.

Preventive care can be critical to long-term health. A healthy diet and routine exercise can help lower risk for various ailments, including heart disease and diabetes. But what about preventing more routine conditions, including the flu? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that the flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related doctor visits every year. Despite the effectiveness of the flu vaccine, some people still don't get one each year. But a look at some of the many benefits of being vaccinated against the flu might compel such men and women to change their minds and get their flu shots this year.

- The flu shot keeps you from getting the flu. While it's common sense to note that the flu keeps people from getting the flu, just how effective the flu vaccination can be might open the eyes of even the most ardent flu shot proponents. According to the CDC, in seasons when the flu vaccine viruses matched circulating strains, the vaccine has been shown to reduce the risk of having



to go to the doctor by as much as 60 percent.

- The flu shot can save you money and vacation time. The CDC estimated that 48.8 million people got sick with the flu during the 2017-18 flu season. In addition, the CDC estimates that the flu caused workers to miss approximately 17 million workdays and led to more than 950,000 hospitalizations. The cost of a hospital stay is often considerable, and workers who value their vacation and personal time will almost certainly lament having to use some of that time at home nursing the flu. By getting the flu shot, anyone can greatly reduce their risk of spending their time and hard-earned money recovering from the flu.

- The flu shot can help prevent serious medical events. A 2013 meta-analysis of various studies that was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that the influenza vaccine was associated

with a lower risk of major adverse cardiovascular events among people with heart disease. In addition, the CDC notes that previous studies have found that the flu vaccination has been associated with reduced hospitalizations among people with diabetes and chronic lung disease.

- The flu shot can protect children. Humans' immune systems mature as they grow, and the flu vaccine can be an invaluable ally to children as their immune systems are still evolving. A 2014 study published in The Journal of Infectious Diseases found that children who were fully vaccinated were between 74 and 82 percent less likely to be admitted to pediatric intensive care units than unvaccinated children.

The flu is a formidable foe. But an annual flu shot can bolster everyone's chances of beating or even avoiding the flu.

The symptoms of HIV infection

Treatment of the HIV virus has come a long way over the last several decades. While a cure for HIV has proven elusive, thanks to the tireless work of medical researchers, millions of HIV patients across the globe now have access to life-changing medications that make it possible for them to live long, healthy lives.

Testing remains the most effective way to diagnose HIV. If untreated, HIV can advance to the stage where it is considered AIDS. That's a dangerous progression that, according to Medicine.net, can prove fatal in as little as three

years, which only underscores the importance of recognizing HIV symptoms.

Does HIV produce early symptoms?

It's a misconception that HIV, in its early stages, does not produce any symptoms. Avert.org, which is devoted to providing global information and education on HIV and AIDS, notes that symptoms vary in severity and type from person-to-person. Some people may not experience any symptoms, but HIV.gov, a website managed by the U.S. Department of

Health & Human Services, notes that about two-thirds of people will have a flu-like illness during stage 1 of HIV infection, which is often referred to as the acute HIV infection stage.

What are some early symptoms?

Symptoms during the acute HIV infection stage are flu-like. In fact, many people may mistake their symptoms for the flu, especially since they can last just a few days. However, people who are members of groups considered to be at high risk for HIV infection, including gay and

bisexual men and injection drug users, should report flu-like symptoms to their physicians immediately and submit to HIV testing. Even people who are not in high-risk groups should seek HIV testing if they experience any of the following symptoms and are concerned about possible exposure to the HIV virus.

- Fever
 - Chills
 - Rash
 - Night sweats
 - Muscle aches
 - Sore throat
 - Fatigue
 - Swollen lymph nodes
 - Mouth ulcers
- After the acute infec-

tion stage, HIV moves on to the chronic HIV infection stage. HIV.gov notes that, at this point, the virus is still multiplying but at very low levels. Because of that, infected persons may not feel sick or experience any symptoms during this stage, which can last for well over a decade.

If HIV goes undetected or untreated, it will eventually advance to stage 3, the final stage of HIV infection during which people are diagnosed with AIDS. This stage is often preventable if HIV is detected early and people take their HIV medications. Once a person has HIV, they have it for

life, but many people never develop AIDS so long as they take their medications.

Since HIV will not always produce symptoms, or may only produce symptoms that can be easily mistaken for more common, less deadly ailments like the flu, it's important for people in high-risk groups or those who engage in risky behaviors, like having unprotected sex, speak with their physicians about HIV testing.

More information about HIV, including who is most at risk for the virus, is available at www.HIV.gov.



Photo by Nancy Ayers

There are always plenty of pumpkins in the fall at the Ayers Farm off Highway 41 A South. Stay tuned.



T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

There are a lot of beautiful wildflowers available to decorate a home this fall. Just be sure to set wild plants out of way of pets and children, as some can be harmful if ingested.

Blog post: Sept. 3

By **DAWN HANKINS**
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There's nothing more inviting than those autumn scents and bright pumpkins associated with September. So, here we are, ready for it all on Sept. 3.

Most people likely agree that a big part of that fall experience includes homemade comfort foods like pumpkin bread and apple cider.

I guess my favorite part has to be—the pumpkins. I'm considering planting a patch next year. I'm inspired by the Ayers' farm off Highway 41A South.

I agree with Author Henry David Thoreau who said: "I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion." Give me a hay bale and pumpkins in all sizes and I'm set with my fall decor.

Events and festivals are coming. So stay tuned to our events pages throughout the T-G this fall.

On social media right now, everyone is sharing how they're looking forward to cooler days. (Some of my friends are already set for Christmas too, but later.)

Especially post pandemic, it is likely we crave an even deeper desire for warmth and comfort, which we can find generally in

early autumn. Those who grew up on farms remember those harvest days as being special. I remember how my paternal grandfather always planted peanuts to have around Halloween.

As well, fall can serve as a great time for contemplation. Bedford County has a lot of great places to think and pray, if you're so a mind, from Bedford Lake to the City parks.

For the church, autumn brings revival—a time of renewal. Harvest festivals and singings helps us all gather together as the body.

The music group, The Byrds, sang, "To everything (turn, turn)

there is a season (turn, turn, turn.)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 in the Bible states: (To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted . . .)

Beneath those golden, turning leaves, we can comfortably share our thoughts, dreams and plans for the future.

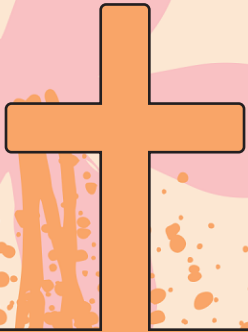
If you're a visitor this week to the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, welcome! But we hope you will come back this fall to experience a beautiful place in Tennessee—Bedford County.



Metro Photo

Use plenty of natural elements for your table decor this fall. Acorns and pinecones are generally plentiful.

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NASCAR rolls into playoffs



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Austin Dillon squeaked into the playoff field after winning last weekend at Daytona.

No clear-cut favorite in season's final stretch

By **JENNA FRYER**

AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Statistics and the oddsmakers make Chase Elliott this year's favorite to win the NASCAR championship. He leads the Cup Series with four wins, won the regular-season title and enters the playoffs with a 15-point cushion in the standings.

Elliott doesn't put too much faith into the numbers game. If there truly is a favorite in this 16-driver field, he can't pick one, not even himself.

"I don't really see a favorite. I mean, it seems like some weeks you have some guys who are really strong up there contending for wins, and then other weeks it's a bunch of different guys," Elliott said. "To me, I think the narrative of how many winners we have, it's not a fluke. Anything can happen to anyone in the last 10, so I personally don't think there's a favorite."

NASCAR had 16 different winners during the regular season, including five drivers who made their first career Cup Series visits to victory lane. It made for a dicey regular-season finale at Daytona, where two spots in the field were open only because injured driver Kurt Busch withdrew his medical

waiver because he won't be ready to race when the playoffs open Sunday at Darlington Raceway.

Ryan Blaney and Martin Truex Jr., both winless this season but ranked inside the top five in the standings, were racing each other to make it into the playoffs on points. But then Austin Dillon won the race to claim one of the spots, and Blaney edged out Truex for the final spot.

Truex, who advanced to the championship finale in four of the last five years, now can't finish higher than 17th in the final standings, a playoff stalwart shut out of title contention. Racing instead for the title are first-time playoff participants Ross Chastain and Daniel Suarez, who combined for three regular-season wins for Trackhouse Racing, Chase Briscoe of Stewart-Haas Racing and rookie Austin Cindric, the Daytona 500 winner from Team Penske.

New generation

The new crop of young drivers racing for a championship was aided by NASCAR's introduction of the Next Gen car, an industry-wide project to design a spec vehicle that contained costs and leveled the playing field. Some

teams caught on quickly with the car, while it took others deep into the season to find a comfort zone.

Kevin Harvick won back-to-back races in August to snap a 65-race skid and qualify for the playoffs for the 13th consecutive year. But is the 2014 champion a serious contender?

"As we started the year with the new car, we were on the wrong side of the fence and trying to figure everything out," Harvick said. "And as we've gone through the year we've become progressively better, and we figured some things out and got back to victory lane and really have some momentum as we start the process of these last 10 weeks and racing for a championship."

"The biggest thing is, we're giving ourselves a chance to race for the championship — that's the first goal. That looked bleak for a little while, but now we're in a good position to get started."

As Harvick's teammate pointed out, the playoff drivers will have to contend with the entire field because the gap between the top teams and small teams has closed.

"I think the thing people are overlooking with these playoffs is in the past, the playoff guys were so much faster from a speed

standpoint that the non-playoff guys didn't even have a chance to win any of the races or truthfully contend in the top five to 10 sometimes," Briscoe said. "Now, there are legitimately seven to eight guys that can still go win races that aren't in the playoffs."

Aggressiveness

Chastain, meanwhile, has angered much of the field with his aggressive driving. Chastain knows he's made enemies, Kyle Busch among them.

The only active Cup driver with multiple championships heads into the playoffs without a contract for next year and a split with Joe Gibbs Racing, his home since 2008, a very real probability. He's got no time for Chastain — it was Busch who turned the rival driver's name into a verb when he said he "got Chastained" after a recent crash — and suggested many veterans won't give Chastain an inch the next 10 races.

"Absolutely not, no way, no chance," Busch said. "I don't think people are paying him back yet, they're waiting for the right time."

Reigning Cup champion Kyle Larson starts the playoffs in a

far different position than last season. He was the top seed with five wins a year ago, then won five playoff races to win his first title.

Now he's fourth in the standings with only two wins, and, three engine failures among the six races he's failed to finish.

"I think our regular season didn't go very well, to our standards, but I don't really know if it did for anybody," said Larson. "Even for Chase, like I don't even know if his regular season was up to their standards. There was just a lot of inconsistency this year throughout the regular season."

But Larson has been strong on intermediate speedways, which make up half of the playoff schedule.

"I know we have a championship caliber team. We proved that last year and we just have to do it again," Larson said. "Even though I have favorites, I'm not confident in anything, just because of how wild and inconsistent the season has been for so many people. I think you can look at us as being one of the favorites. I think you can look at Chase, obviously; and in my opinion, Ross Chastain."

Webb golf ends impressive week

T-G STAFF REPORT

The Webb School has had a jam-packed week of golf action so far this week, competing in three different matches, all at River Bend Country Club.

On Monday, Webb took a team win, beating MTCS, 154-172.

Eli Brown led the way with a 37, while Preston Hall shot a 38.

Andrew Reeves finished with a 39, while Noah Brown turned in a 40 for his round.

Webb followed up with a match play event against PCA on Tuesday before finishing the week on Wednesday against Grace Christian.

Following the match play event, the Feet shot an impressive 151, with Reeves' shooting a round-low 36.

Eli Brown and Hall added a 38, while Noah Brown shot a 39 to round out varsity scores for Webb.

The Webb girls also took a team win on Wednesday against Grace Christian, with Prowd Sriwongngam posting a 35, while Kennedy Clarkson shot a 39.

NCAA tweaks transfer rules

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA Division I Board of Directors on Wednesday approved the implementation of set time periods when athletes can enter the transfer portal and immediately be eligible to compete at their new schools, along with reforms to the enforcement process.

The proposed changes came from the Transformation Committee as part of the first phase of that group's work.

The changes to transfer rules will go into effect immediately. Sport-specific windows will be set during an academic year when athletes would be required to enter their names in the transfer portal to be eligible immediately to compete the following school year.

Athletes in winter sports would be required to provide written noti-

fication of transfer within 60 days following the NCAA championship selections in their sport.

For spring sports, the transfer windows will be Dec. 1-15 plus a 45-day period beginning the day after championship selections are made.

In fall sports, including football, the first window will begin the day following championship selection and last 45 days. The second would be from May 1-15.

On the enforcement side, the Independent Accountability Resolution Process will be eliminated. The IARP was formed to handle complex infractions cases after the FBI's investigation of corruption in college basketball, but it has mostly slowed down the processing of cases.

The IARP will be eliminated after current cases against Arizona,

Kansas, LSU, Louisville and Memphis are adjudicated.

Other proposals focus on incentivizing cooperation between schools and NCAA staff working on infraction cases, increasing transparency and streamlining the appeals process to reduce the number of cases that are appealed.

"These changes to the overall infractions process will accelerate the timelines for infractions cases," said Georgia President Jere Morehead, who is chairman of the D-I Board of Directors. "With the adoption of the new constitution in January, NCAA members committed to resolving cases fairly and in a timely fashion, thus holding those responsible for violations accountable and avoiding penalizing those who were not involved in rule-breaking."

SPORTS CALENDAR

Swim team signups

An informational meeting for all prospective high school swimmers in Bedford County is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 at Shelbyville Recreation Center's meeting room.

The meeting is for all new and returning Bedford County Swim Team members.

Oregon's Lanning faces ex-defense

By PETE IACOBELLI
AP Sports Writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Things to watch in Week 1 in the Southeastern Conference:

Game of the week

No. 11 Oregon visits No. 3 Georgia in one of two games in which an SEC team faces a ranked opponent. The juicy part of this matchup is on the sidelines where first-year Oregon coach Dan Lanning faces the team which, as defensive coordinator, he helped win a national championship less than 10 months ago. Lanning said he's exciting seeing a team he molded to win a title. His job, though, is focus on beating the Bulldogs. That's easier said than done. Despite Georgia losing several of its top defenders off Lanning's incredible 2021 defense, the Bulldogs are still loaded with players like defensive tackle Jalen Carter, linebacker Nolan Smith and cornerback Kelee Ringo. Meanwhile, Lanning, hired when Mario Cristobal left the Ducks for Miami, brought in 15 transfers from Power Five programs to help boost his program. At least Lanning won't be cowed by the atmosphere. There should be a full house at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, most of them going crazy for the Bulldogs.

Best matchup

Take at look at No. 23 Cincinnati's opener at No. 19 Arkansas. The Bearcats made history a season ago

as the first Group of Five team to reach the College Football Playoff. Cincinnati lost in the semifinals to Alabama, then lost several of its best players like cornerback back Ahmed "Sauce" Gardner, receiver Alec Pierce and safety Bryan Cook in the NFL draft's first two rounds. Also gone are quarterback Desmond Ridder and tailback Jerome Ford. The Razorbacks started 4-0, including a 20-10 win over Texas A&M. But Arkansas lost its next three to fall from contention in the SEC West. The team rebounded down stretch to win five of final six, including a 24-10 victory over Penn State in the Outback Bowl on New Year's Day.

Can't not look

It could be Florida State at LSU, who have not played each other since 1991. Each program has won a national title in the past decade: the Seminoles after the 2013 season and the Tigers six years later. But, oh, that seems so long ago for the pair of one-time power programs who've fallen way off their championship past. Florida State is in its third year with coach Mike Norvell after two bumpy seasons. LSU lured longtime Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly — a headline in the team notes called him, "The Most Accomplished Hire in LSU History" — to take over. One thing's for sure, the losing fanbase after this one will scream loudly and point fingers.

Sore Hamlin to miss Xfinity race

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Denny Hamlin is still sore from last week's late wreck at Daytona and won't race, as planned, in the Xfinity Series event at Darlington Raceway on Saturday.

Hamlin will be full go for the Southern 500 on Sunday, the start of the NASCAR Cup Series playoffs.

Joe Gibbs Racing announced Hamlin's status Wednesday.

"I have had some soreness in my neck, back, and hips from the wreck on Sunday," said Hamlin, who has won five Xfinity races at Darlington. "I feel like the right thing for me to do is to sit out the Xfinity Series race and put 100 percent of my focus on getting ready for this weekend's Cup Series playoff race."

Hamlin's JGR teammate Christopher Bell will take



Photo by Sean Gardner/Getty Images

Denny Hamlin is set to miss the Xfinity Series event on Saturday at Darlington after wrecking last weekend in Daytona.

his place for Saturday's race.

Hamlin was caught up in a dramatic wreck with

22 laps left last week that took him out of contention for the checkered flag.

Hamlin enters the

opening playoff race sixth overall. He's the defending champion of the Southern 500.

SEC boasts deep QB talent

By JOHN ZENOR
AP Sports Writer

The Southeastern Conference has a national championship quarterback, a Heisman Trophy winner and a collection of promising passers both new and old.

The group is headlined by Alabama's Heisman winner, Bryce Young, and Stetson Bennett, who led Georgia to the national title over Young & Co. But it hardly stops there.

There's established starters at Tennessee (Hendon Hooker), No. 19 Arkansas (KJ Jefferson), No. 20 Kentucky (Will Levis) and Mississippi State (Will Rogers), and a dynamic but still unproven Anthony Richardson at Florida.

Not to mention highly regarded transfers and former Power Five starters Spencer Rattler at South Carolina and Jaxson Dart of No. 21 Mississippi.

Several SEC quarterbacks are receiving NFL draft buzz, especially Young, Levis and Richardson. The

only one picked in the most recent draft was the Rebels' Matt Corral in the third round.

Auburn and No. 6 Texas A&M have just announced starters, with returnees beating out new transfers.

For the Aggies, Haynes King beat out former LSU starter Max Johnson and freshman Conner Weigman, a five-star recruit, in preseason camp. The speedy King opened last season as starter but had his season end in the second game with a broken right leg.

Rattler was a star at Oklahoma drawing Heisman buzz before getting replaced by Caleb Williams.

T.J. Finley, who took over as Auburn's starter for the final three games last season because of an injury, will open against Mercer. He topped two transfers, Texas A&M's Zach Calzada and Oregon's Robby Ashford.

Missouri's Brady Cook and Vanderbilt's Mike Wright had already been announced as starters. Wright passed for 146 yards and two

touchdowns and rushed for 163 yards and two more scores in an opening, 63-10 win over Hawaii.

Two coaches — Mississippi's Lane Kiffin and LSU's Brian Kelly — opted to keep their starters a secret. Both have top transfers vying for the job, with the Rebels getting Dart from USC and LSU landing Arizona State's Jayden Daniels.

Dart is vying for the job as Matt Corral's successor with Luke Altmyer.

Some of the most intriguing SEC quarterbacks, besides the firmly established Young and Bennett:

— Hooker set program records in passing efficiency (181.4) and completion percentage (68%) last season. He threw for 31 touchdowns with only three interceptions and now has a year in Volunteers coach Josh Heupel's offense.

— Jefferson is a 6-foot-3, 242-pound dual threat for the Razorbacks. He passed for 2,676 yards and 21 touchdowns last season while leading the team with 664 rushing yards.



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Owner Amateur Youth 12-14 Mares/Geldings
 The Dixie Label, Khloe Mcswain.



CLASS 96
Owner Amateur Park Performance Stallions
 A Touche, Jannie Chapman.



CLASS 97
Owner Amateur Novice Youth 6-11 Mares/Geldings
 It's The Medalist, Eli Cunningham For Wilson/Cunningham



CLASS 98
Elite Owner Amateur Ladies Mares/Geldings
 Bye Felicia, Kathy Lewis.



CLASS 99
Young Trainers 35 & Under Mares/Geldings
 My Honey Bee, Josh Wright For Keith Mcswain



CLASS 100
Owner Amateur Novice Show Pleasure
 Escapee, Heidi Mott.



CLASS 101
Owner Amateur Youth 15-17 Ponies
 Skywalks Threat, Alex Luttrell.



CLASS 102
Owner Amateur Stallions
 Cousin Bob, Dee Broom.



CLASS 103
Owner Amateur Novice Western Trail Pleasure
 Shameless SF, Emily Cortner For Howell/Cortner.



CLASS 104
Elite Owner Amateur Gentleman Mares/Geldings
 Uptight Jose, Bruce Macdonald For Bruce/Robin Macdonald.



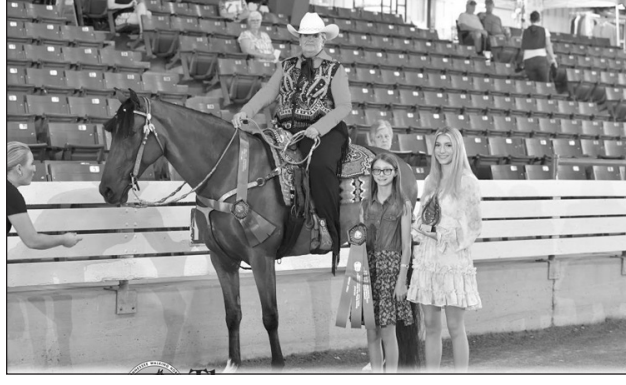
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Owner Amateur Two Year Old Mares/Geldings Sec A
 A Dixie Lady, Cassi Slagle for Rod Slagle



CLASS 105B
Owner Amateur Two Year Old Mares/Geldings Sec B
 Design By Dixie, Gail Walling



CLASS 106
Four Year Old Stallions
 Mr True Blue, R M Kellett for the Jacobs Family.



CLASS 107
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 Machete, Susan Coleman.



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Weanling Colts
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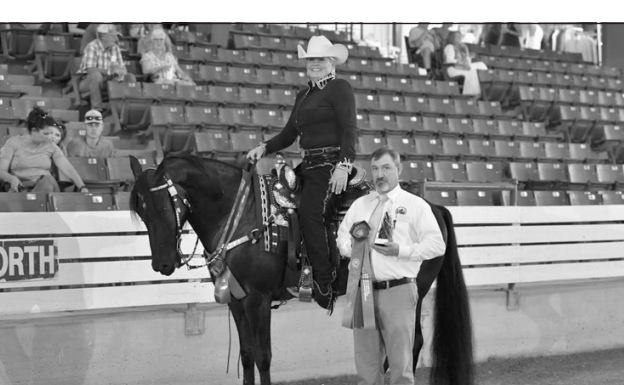
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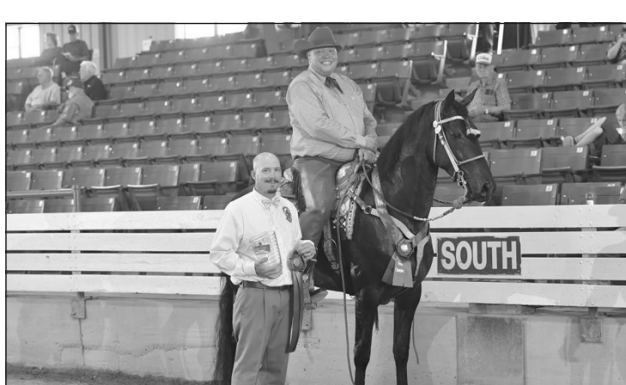
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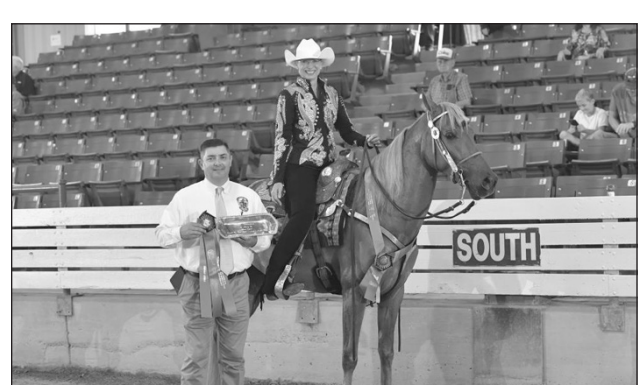
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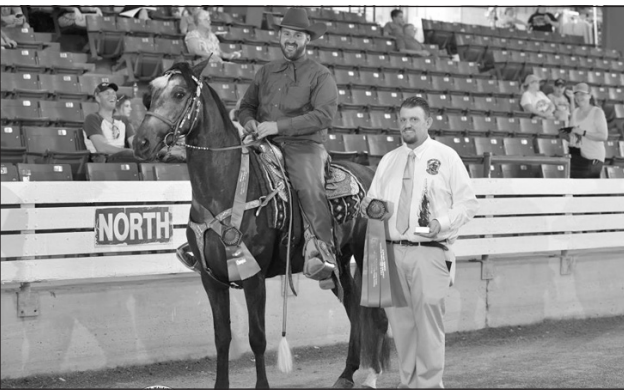
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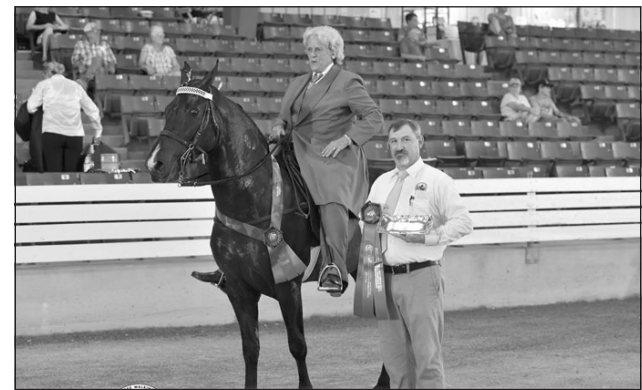
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 Twenty Four Carrots ML, Maggie Moore For Leek/Moore.



CLASS 115
Country Pleasure Two & Three Year Old
 Deep Down In Dixie, Joe Lester For Wendy Payton.



CLASS 116
Owner Amateur Novice English Trail Pleasure
 Into The Badlands, Chad Spencer For Chad/Scarlet Spencer



CLASS 117
Owner Amateur Park Pleasure Five Years Old-Under
 Dixie's Legacy, Sister Milligan.



CLASS 118
Equitation (Riders 18-Over)
 Allison Thorson Newman.



CLASS 119
Owner Amateur Gentlemens Fine Harness
 In Ted's Image, Ron Lawrence.



CLASS 120
Amateur Ponies Mares/Geldings
 Pappy Van Winkle, Kim Butler For Bruce/Kim Butler



CLASS 121
Mares
 Nevermore, John Allan Callaway For Moersch/Callaway



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 Smoky Mountain Strong, Lexie Stinnett For Conner/Stinnett



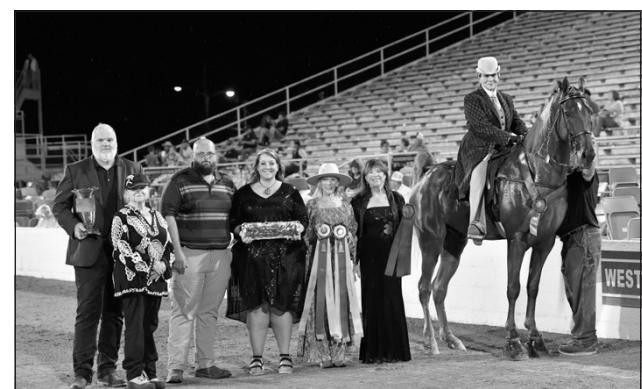
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Two Year Old Stallions Sec A
 Im Choobacca, Jimmy Mcconnell For Jones/Richards



CLASS 123B
Two Year Old Stallions Sec B
 A Ritz Revival, Brandon Ailshie For Silver/Barnes



CLASS 123C
Two Year Old Stallions Sec C
 Honky Tonk, John Allan Callaway For Alan Riddley



CLASS 124
Owner Amateur Five Year Old Mares/Geldings
 A Code Of Honors, Heidi Mcwilliams For Mcwilliams Farm



CLASS 125
Owner Amateur Western Country Pleasure
 Line Item Veto, Rachel Teague For Bo/Rachel Teague



CLASS 126
15.2 & Under Stallions
 Hes Made In The Usa, Bill Callaway For Holcomb/Masters



CLASS 127
Elite Owner Amateur Ladies Stallions
 All About Jose, Jackie Whatley



CLASS 128
Owner Amateur Gentlemens Show Pleasure
 Georgia Florida Line, Robert Deutsch



CLASS 129
Owner Amateur Mares/Geldings
 Gotcha Jose, Brittany Baum For Jacob Baum.



CLASS 130
Experienced Trainers 36 & Over
 Bravo!, Chad Way For Jack Heffington



CLASS 131A
Owner Amateur Three Year Old Mares/Geldings Sec A
 My Tanqueray, Lucky Collins.



CLASS 131B
Owner Amateur Three Year Old Mares/Geldings Sec B
 Ultra Grey Pistol, Else Lewis For Kilburn/Lewis.



CLASS 132
English Park Pleasure Walking Horses
 Jeff Laughlin for Vickie Penick.



CLASS 133A
Owner-Amateur Riders on Four-Year-Old Walking Mares or Geldings Sec A
 My Honey Bee. Taylor Walters for Keith McSwain.



CLASS 133B
Owner-Amateur Riders on Four-Year-Old Walking Mares or Geldings Sec B
 He's Ballistic, Dr. David Bullock.



CLASS 134
Owner-Amateur Riders on Walking Mares or Geldings
 Honor My Country, Stephanie White tied for herself and Toni White.



CLASS 135
Two-Year-Old Trail Pleasure Walking Horses
 Imagine Dragons. Hannah Myatt for South Ridge Farms and The Jordan Howell Family.



CLASS 136
Park Performance Walking Horses
 So Real, Patrick Thomas for Cynthia and Marian Wright.



CLASS 137
Show Pleasure Walking Mares or Geldings
 Acclaim, Winky Groover for Carolyn Rutner.



CLASS 138
Owner-Amateur Riders on Walking Mares or Geldings, 15.2 & Under
 Punisher, Ashley Rea for Barbara Smith.



CLASS 139
Show Pleasure Walking Stallions
 Stretch Your Dollar, Link Webb for owners Don and Lucky Collins.



CLASS 140A
Owner-Amateur Riders on Three-Year-Old Mares or Geldings Sec A
 Sam I Am Jose', Alex Rea in the saddle for Dr. Ann Rea.



CLASS 140B
Owner-Amateur Riders on Three-Year-Old Mares or Geldings Sec B
 Born A Maverick, Bob Adcock.



CLASS 141
Trail Pleasure Walking Horses
 Blacklist, Carrie Martin DeJarnatte for Sherry Kessler.



CLASS 142
Young Trainers 35 Years & Under on Walking Stallions
 The Great I Am, Tyler Baucom for The Mark Ricker Family.



CLASS 143
Owner-Amateur Riders on Walking Stallions
 I'm Jordan, Kenny Compton for Della Compton.



CLASS 144
Fine Harness
 Koufax, Blaise Broccard for Wagaman/Broccard.



CLASS 145
Geldings Five & Over
 Mr For Real, Jimmy McConnell for Paul Simmons.



CLASS 146A
AOT Specialty Section A
 I'm Into Cash, Newton Parks.



CLASS 146B
AOT Specialty Section B
 Ready To Play, Dr David Bullock.



CLASS 147
Three Year Old Geldings
 My Tanqueray, Link Webb for Lucky Collins.



CLASS 148
WHTA Auxilliary Members
 Me And Pocahontas, Allison Becknell for Allyson Armstrong.



CLASS 149
Two Year Old Geldings
 Uncle Joe Simmons, Robby Bradley for Terry Logan Lunsford.



CLASS 150
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Grand time at Sevier Street Baptist

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Back-to-school bash held recently.

Trump documents probe: Judge appears open to special master

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A federal judge Thursday appeared to give a boost to former President Donald Trump's hopes for appointing an outside legal expert to review government records seized by the FBI, questioning the Justice Department's arguments that Trump couldn't make the request and that it would needlessly delay its investigation.

"Ultimately, what is the harm" in such an appointment, U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon asked department lawyers. But she did not rule on the request, saying she would do so later.

Lawyers for Trump say the appointment of a special master is necessary to ensure an independent inspection of the documents seized by the

FBI during the Aug. 8 search of Mar-a-Lago.

This kind of review, they say, would allow for "highly personal information" such as diaries or journals to be separated from the investigation and returned to Trump, along with any other documents that may be protected by claims of attorney-client privilege or executive privilege.

Chris Kise, a Trump lawyer and former Florida solicitor general, told Cannon that appointing a neutral party would restore public faith in the investigation.

"This is an unprecedented situation. We need to lower the temperature," Kise said. "We need to take a deep breath."

The Justice Department has said an appointment

is unwarranted because investigators have completed their review of potentially privileged records and identified "a limited set of materials that potentially contain attorney-client privileged information." The government also says Trump lacks legal grounds to demand the return of presidential documents because they do not belong to him since he no longer occupies the White House.

"He is no longer president, said Jay Bratt, the head of the Justice Department's counterintelligence section. He is unlawfully in possession of them."

The department has also expressed concerns that the appointment could delay the investigation, in part because

a special master probably would need to obtain a security clearance to review the records and special authorization from intelligence agencies.

But Cannon, who said she would issue a written ruling at some point, pressed the government on that point, asking, "Ultimately what is the harm?"

Cannon had said on Saturday, before the latest arguments in the matter, that her "preliminary intent" was to appoint a special master. It was not clear whether she might make a final determination Thursday or how her view might be affected by the fact that the Justice Department says it has already reviewed potentially privileged documents.

UN inspectors arrive at Ukraine nuclear plant amid fighting

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine (AP) — A U.N. inspection team entered Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant Thursday on a mission to safeguard it against catastrophe, reaching the site amid fighting between Russian and Ukrainian forces that prompted the shutdown of one reactor and underscored the urgency of the task.

The 14-member delegation from the International Atomic Energy Agency arrived in a convoy of SUVs and vans after months of negotiations to enable the experts to pass through the front lines and get inside Europe's biggest nuclear plant.

"The IAEA is now there at the plant and it's not moving. It's going to stay there. We're going to have a continued presence there at the plant with some of my experts," IAEA director Rafael Grossi, the mission leader, declared after the group got its first look at conditions inside.

But he added: "I will continue to be worried about the plant until

we have a situation which is more stable."

As the experts made their way through the war zone toward the complex, Russia and Ukraine accused each other of shelling the area and trying to derail the visit. The fighting delayed the team's progress.

"There were moments when fire was obvious — heavy machine guns, artillery, mortars at two or three times were really very concerning. I would say, for all of us," Grossi said.

Just before the IAEA team arrived, Energoatom, Ukraine's state nuclear power company, said Russian mortar shelling had led to the shutdown of one of its reactors by its emergency protection system and had damaged a backup power supply line used for in-house needs.

One of the plant's reactors that wasn't operating was switched to diesel generators, Energoatom said.

Once inside the plant, Grossi said, his experts were able to tour

the entire site, including control rooms, emergency systems and diesel generators. He said he met with the plant's staff and residents of the nearby village, Energodar, who asked him for help from the agency.

He reported that the team had collected important information in its initial inspection and will remain there to continue its assessment.

"It is obvious that the plant and the physical integrity of the plant has been violated several times by chance, deliberately — we don't have the elements to assess that," Grossi said. "And this is why we are trying to put in place certain mechanisms and the presence, as I said, of our people there."

The Zaporizhzhia plant has been occupied by Russian forces but run by Ukrainian engineers since the early days of the 6-month-old war. Ukraine alleges Russia is using it as a shield to launch attacks, while Moscow accuses Ukraine of recklessly firing on the area.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy had tough words for the IAEA delegation. While applauding its arrival at the plant, he said independent journalists were kept from covering the visit, allowing the Russians to present a one-sided, "futile tour."

And he said that while Grossi agreed to support Ukrainian demands for the demilitarization of the plant — including the withdrawal of Russian forces from it — the IAEA has yet to issue such a call publicly.

Fighting in early March caused a brief fire at its training complex, and in recent days, the plant was briefly knocked offline because of damage, heightening fears of a radiation leak or a reactor meltdown. Officials have begun distributing anti-radiation iodine tablets to nearby residents.

Experts have also expressed concern that the Ukrainian staff is overworked and stressed out from the occupation of the plant by Russian forces — conditions they say could lead to dangerous

errors. Some of the Ukrainian shells landed 400 meters (yards) from the plant's No. 1 reactor, Russian authorities said.

The Russian-installed administration in Enerhodar reported that at least three residents were killed early Thursday by Ukrainian shelling.

Ukrainian officials, meanwhile, accused Russian forces of shelling Enerhodar and a corridor that the IAEA team was set to go through.

Neither side's version of events could immediately be independently verified.

The fighting came as Ukraine endeavored to start the new school year in the middle of a war. Just over half of the country's schools are reopening to in-person classes despite the risks.

In other developments, authorities with the Russian-backed separatist government in the eastern region of Donetsk said 13 emergency responders were killed by Ukrainian shelling in

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