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**County looks closely at PUD regulations**

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The Bedford County Planning Commission met in a study session Monday night to discuss possibly putting a six-month moratorium on all subdivisions and planned unit development applications.

This is so they can discuss potential amendments to both the Zoning Resolution and Subdivision Regulations.

Zoning director Chris White explained several priorities the commission needs to discuss, such as flag lots and minimum space between houses.

The recent planned unit development on Longview Road in Unionville opened up a lot of

questions from both commission members as well as citizens about zoning ordinances. "Now that we've exercised that muscle for the first time, it gives us a lot more insight," said White.

There are no planned unit developments, or PUDs, in Bedford County, according to White.

White also talked about flag lots, which are irregularly shaped building lots with limited street or road frontage.

"The main issue we try to solve with flag lots is the overlapping of homes. What we wanted to do is create a set of rules that didn't just completely disallow flag shaped lots," said White.

While the rules don't allow

for overlapping lots, "it's not working," according to White. White suggested increasing the requirement for how far the house sits back from the road from 25 to 50 feet in addition to increasing road frontage to 50 feet. This will help create more visible separation between the homes.

"I think it's all about separation between the buildings," said White.

Having talked with road superintendent Mark Clanton, they are also looking at widening roads in the subdivisions out in the county to from 10 to 11 feet. "Even in our subdivisions, we're getting a lot of deliveries, like Amazon and UPS. And we really just need more

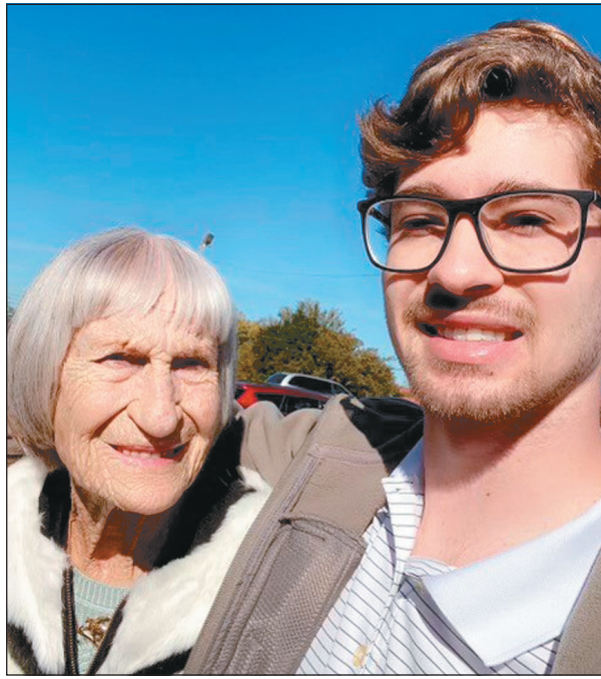
room," White said.

**Fire control**

This also led to a conversation about fire control. Pump trucks cannot attach to and pull water from fire hydrants in the county since they have PVC piping. Tanker trucks have been using water from the closest river or stream instead. White said they are considering requiring major subdivisions to put in a valve that will allow them to draw water from a detention pond.

White also addressed the difference between retention and detention ponds. The county's zoning regulations do not allow

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Submitted photo  
**Bonnie Cady with her late grandson, Bill Hallum, in better times.**

**Mourning by teaching**

**Loss of grandson drives Drug Rescue program**

By **DAVID MELSON**  
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The loss of a grandson to drug use is driving a Shelbyville woman to help others avoid the same fate.

Bonnie Cady has started Drug Rescue, a non-profit agency, in memory of Bill Hallum, who succumbed to a fentanyl overdose earlier this year.

"Our mission is to educate people about the enemy - drugs; empower them to stand up and speak out, talk to their children about drugs; heal, and help find the best rehab for those seeking to escape addiction," Cady said.

"We want to shine the light on drugs. If you go in a dark room and turn on the light

the darkness goes away," Cady said.

Hallum, 21 at his death, was a straight-A student at Shelbyville Central High School and finished ninth in his class, Cady said. He was a student at the University of Alabama-Huntsville with a 3.5 GPA.

"Bill tried marijuana with one of his friends in junior high school. He said that was his gateway to trying other types of drugs," Cady said.

Hallum admitted to his family on New Year's Day that he had a substance abuse problem - M30 pills laced with fentanyl - and checked into rehab two days later, according to Cady.

"Bill did not realize that the pills had fentanyl in them when his friend first got him to try them. He had been using these pills for six months and couldn't quit on his own. He said he wished he had never tried them. He needed help," Cady said.

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**How Shelbyville rocked in the late 1960s**

**Local players reminisce about the music scene**

By **DAWN HANKINS**  
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The band Chicago had a lot of major hits in the 1960s and 1970s - music which would inspire young people like David Beavers of Shelbyville to pick up a brass instrument and play keyboard. It also inspired a lot of other young kids here to play 'their own kind of music' in the community.

In 2022, David and band friends, most now on the back and front side of 70, note those were times in Shelbyville which shouldn't be forgotten. The dances, the music, the good times are all a piece of the iconic, local fabric.

David called together recently sort of a mini reunion at the T-G. It was a time to chat with some of his life-long friends — those who attended those local dances and played in bands at the American Legion building when they were teens. Charles Carney was one.

Debbie Carney and Brenda Ayers note they didn't play but were sort of like the band "groupies." Their teen years were the days of "shake it, shake it, shake it" type rock and roll music. They note with a laugh that Brenda's nickname was "Bozo," because of her hair. She is still today called that by her friends.

On the few TV channels available here, they watched shows like "Batman, The Addams Family and Get Smart." It was actress Barbara Feldon (Agent 99) who happened to set the mod fashion and frosty lipstick trends of their era.

They note while a lot of the world had already entered the drug culture, Shelbyville youth, for the most part, were slow to adopt those ways. They were staying out of trouble by playing tunes at the local American Legion building.

For David, Brenda, Debbie and Charles, it was a serious time to grow up. The draft was going on for the Vietnam War.

Interested in music early on, David's first piano teacher was Kathleen Rhodes. In high school, he had Billie Crowell as a music teacher.

"She let me do anything I wanted. I was in a band at the time . . . we did classical stuff."

David and others weren't allowed to attend Woodstock. Still, he and his friends made their own rock and roll here.

"I remember . . . had a piano back in my room. I played trumpet."

"You guys were so handsome," says Brenda, a.k.a. "Bozo."

**Growing up in Shelbyville**

During the recent mini reunion, David brings out a

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T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins  
**Several of those involved in Shelbyville's rock music scene in the 1960s and 1970s recently gathered to reminisce. Seated, from left, Charles Carney and David Beavers; standing, from left, Debbie Carney and Brenda Ayers.**



Submitted photo  
**The Playboys perform at the American Legion Center.**

## DEATH NOTICES

### Sam Sims

Nov. 24, 2022

Sam Sims, 92, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, formerly of Shelbyville, died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022.

Funeral service were Friday, Dec. 2, at Union Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. Interment followed at Linwood Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, was in charge of arrangements.

## OBITUARIES

### Elizabeth Bell Smith Blackburn

November 28, 2022

Elizabeth Bell Smith Blackburn, 84, passed away Monday, November 28, 2022, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Elizabeth was a native to Bedford County born on March 27, 1938, to the late Charles Raymond and Audrey Molder Smith. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her brother Charles R. Smith, Jr.

In the words of her husband of 66 years...

"She was a good Christian woman – she read her Bible every morning just like her mother did. She was a good wife, a good mother and a good Me Maw. She was a hard worker – she made curtains for a lot of people. She was a good cook – even though I didn't give her a lot to work with when we first got married. She kept our house clean – we even had to sweep and clean up before the therapist came each week. We argued some, but got over it quick. The secret was let her have what she wanted and don't tell her no. She was a GOOD one, I know she is in a better place and I'm going to miss her."

She is survived by: loving husband of 66 years, Harold "Pete" Blackburn; daughter, Beth (Jeff) Faulk; son, David Blackburn; grandchildren, Morgan Burks, Devin Faulk, Zak (Taylor) Faulk, Luke (Kimme) Faulk, and Caleb Blackburn; great-grandchildren, Laken and Jaxon Faulk, Braxton and Scarlett Faulk, and Henley Blackburn; brother, Donnie (Debbie) Smith of Georgia; sister-in-law, Marie Blackburn; along with several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service were Thursday, December 1, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Brother Jeff Faulk officiating. Burial followed at Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Unionville.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, 110 Hopkins Bridge Road, Unionville, TN 37180.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com

### Van Allen Kimbro Jr.

November 28, 2022

Van Allen Kimbro Jr., 79, of Normandy died Monday, November 28, 2022.

Funeral services were Friday, December 2, at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Rev. Laurie Raulston officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

He was a member of Normandy Methodist Church; former Mayor of Normandy; a member of the Normandy Volunteer Fire Department; and retired employee of Createc of Tullahoma.

He was the son of the late Van Allen Kimbro Sr. and Mildred Juanita Brown Kimbro. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carole Biles Kimbro; daughter, Kathleen (Joshua) Boone; grandsons, Hunter (Cloey) Boone, Pyke Boone and Finnley Boone; great-grandson, Koda Boone; and a sister, Kay (Philip) Griner.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Normandy Volunteer Fire Department or Normandy Methodist Church.

### William Robert "Bobby" Moore

November 28, 2022

Mr. William Robert "Bobby" Moore, age 88, of Shelbyville, passed away Monday, November 28, 2022, under the loving care and comfort of his family and the fine and professional staff at Alvin C. York Veterans Hospital in Murfreesboro.

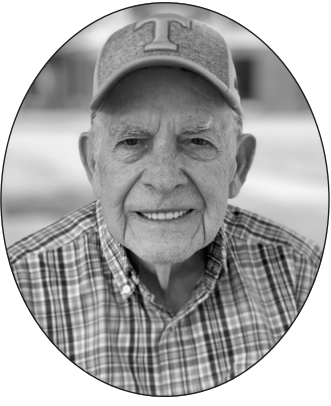
Funeral services were Friday, December 2, 2022, at Depot Street First Baptist Church in Shelbyville. Reverend Jeff Rasnick officiated. Burial, with full military honors, followed in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

He was born August 13, 1934, in Haley, Tennessee, to the late William Robert and Amanda Melvina Jenkins Moore, Sr. A veteran of the United States Navy, he served in the Korean War. He was the recipient of the Good Conduct Medal, The United Nations Medal, Korea Service Medal, and the National Defense Medal. He was retired from Jensen's Incorporated and National Pen, and was a faithful member of First Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers and sisters, James Moore, Mary Elizabeth Henson, and Dorothy Elliott.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Mary Mae Mickle Moore, of Shelbyville; daughters, Rachel Kirkland, and her husband Kevin, of Maryville and Rebecca Webb, and her husband Dean, of Wartrace; grandchildren, Hunter Kirkland, Lauren Kirkland, Caroline Kirkland, Colton Webb, and Kayleigh Webb.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.



## OBITUARIES

### Donna Fay Clemmons

November 30, 2022

Donna Fay Clemmons, age 60, of Shelbyville, passed away Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

A Celebration of Life Service will be 3 p.m. Saturday, December 3, 2022, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Her best friend, Linda Gibbs, will officiate.

The family will receive visitors one hour prior to service at the funeral home.

She was born October 14, 1960, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Elizabeth Jane Easterly Starnes and the late William Carroll Starnes. She was preceded in death by a brother, Gary Starnes.

In addition to her mother, survivors include a son, Billy McClaran; daughters, Tammy McClaran and Amanda Clemmons; brother and sisters, Linda Jones, Tom Starnes, and his wife Pam, Debbie Gordon, Patsy Richardson, and her husband Andy, Nancy Smith, and Carol Belcher, and her husband Lee; grandchildren, Eathon Stitt, Justice McClaran, and Allin Smith; several nieces and nephews.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

### Freeda Lewis Kitchens

November 30, 2022

Funeral services for Freeda Lewis Kitchens, age 83, of Nashville, will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, December 3, 2022, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Brother Jeff Adcock officiating. Burial will follow at Miller Cemetery in Christiana. Mrs. Kitchens passed from this life Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at Lynchburg Nursing Center.

Visitation with the family will be held 4-7 p.m. Friday, December 2, at the funeral home.

A native of Rutherford County, Mrs. Kitchens was born on October 5, 1939, to the late Sam D. and Ruth Beasley Lewis. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by: beloved husband, Crawford C. Kitchens; sisters, Earlene Barnes, Mae Lewis, and Jeraldine Lewis; and brother, Wayne Lewis.

Mrs. Kitchens was a graduate of Christiana High School class of 1957. She worked in automobile sales for 50 years having worked with various dealers that most recently included Two Rivers Ford and finished her career with U.S. Community Credit Union before she decided to take a break from working. In her free time she enjoyed yardwork, anything from planting flowers to cutting the grass (which she did until she turned 80) as long as she was outside the house. She also enjoyed watching any NFL games, especially the Tennessee Titans. She was a member of Lincoya Hills Baptist Church of Nashville.

She is survived by: loving son, David (Anissa) Kitchens; granddaughter, Tori Kitchens all of Shelbyville; along with several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org/tn or by mail: 478 Craighead St. Suite 200, Nashville, TN 37204.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

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## Program

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Three weeks of intensive inpatient therapy were followed by several weeks as an outpatient as Hallum moved in with his brother in Huntsville, Alabama. But the plans went awry when Hallum came home to Shelbyville for a weekend and went to a bar n Murfreesboro with a drug-using friend, Cady said.

Hallum was found dead in his bed the next day. An autopsy revealed Hallum died of a fentanyl overdose,

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for retention ponds, which retain water and become ponds. Detention ponds are open spaces which allow water from the storm system to drain into them. The amount of water is engineered to come out at a specific rate, according to White.

"The whole system is designed to catch that water and detain it...That engineered rate is, by law, less than or equal to what was leaving the site pre-development," White said.

The commission also discussed the reliability of STEP systems as well as which party would be liable if a system failed. This typically depends on the contract between the provider and the developer.

"As far as who is responsible, it's not in this book right now," said planning commission chairman Kennon Threet. "Looks like the only thing we're going to be able to do is a homeowner's association."

The county currently has several STEP systems at two of the schools and the Horseshoe Bend community on Highway 231 North while the State Fire Codes Academy has one being built, according to White.

"The developer builds it,

according to Cady.

Fentanyl overdoses have become commonplace. Fentanyl overdose victims who have stopped breathing have to be revived with NARCAN by Shelbyville and Bedford County law enforcement officers and first responders frequently, sometimes several times a week.

She's now working to spread the word about fentanyl's dangers.

"We want to shine the light on drugs. If you go in a dark room and turn on the light the darkness goes out," Cady said.

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then they put a bond up to make sure everything's working and then they gift it to the utility company. They can leave it to the HOA," said White. "But there's a lot of study that needs to take place so we can actually clarify all these things."

### Drainage issues

"The reason you have a lot of drainage issues out in the county, especially Longview Road, is because you have single-lot developments that turn into 20 lot developments...and they're not required to have a drainage plan when they turn in a simple subdivision plan," said White. He suggested every plan have a positive drain, even for simple subdivisions.

"That's probably one of the most important things we need to look at," he said.

The Planning Commission will have a specially called meeting on Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. to discuss the moratorium as well as a prioritized list of zoning resolution amendments and subdivision regulations suggested for discussion and amendment.

"The first step of this is public engagement...what we want to do first is to hear from the public and get their ideas. Hopefully then we can tie our ideas with them," said White.

## Senate moves to avert rail strike amid dire warnings

By KEVIN FREKING and JOSH FUNK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate was moving quickly Thursday in an effort to avert a rail strike that the Biden administration and business leaders say would greatly damage the economy.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer announced a deal to hold a series of three votes related to the rail negotiations, with the final vote on whether to bind rail companies and workers to a proposed settlement that was reached in September.

That settlement had been rejected by some of the 12 unions involved, creating the possibility of a strike. The House has already voted to impose that agreement anyway.

"I'm very glad that the two sides got together to avoid a shutdown, which would have devastating for the American people, to the American economy and so many workers across the country," Democrat Schumer told reporters.

He spoke as Labor Secretary Marty Walsh and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg emphasized to Democratic senators that rail companies would begin shutting down operations well before a potential strike would begin on Dec. 9.

Shortly before Thursday's votes, President Joe Biden — who had urged Congress to intervene earlier this week — defended the contract that four of the unions had rejected, noting the wage increases it contains.

"I negotiated a contract no one else could negotiate," Biden said at a news briefing with French President Emmanuel Macron. "What was negotiated was so

much better than anything they ever had."

Critics say that contract that did not receive backing from enough union members lacked sufficient levels of paid leave for rail workers. Biden said he wants paid leave for "everybody" so that it wouldn't have to be negotiated in employment contracts, but Republican lawmakers have blocked measures to require time off work for medical and family reasons. The U.S. president said that Congress should now impose the contract to avoid a strike that Biden said could cause 750,000 job losses and a recession.

Railways say that halting rail service would cause a devastating \$2 billion-per-day hit to the economy. A freight rail strike also would have a big potential impact on passenger rail, with Amtrak and many commuter railroads relying on tracks owned by the freight railroads.

The rail companies and 12 unions have been engaged in high-stakes negotiations. The Biden administration helped broker deals between the railroads and union leaders in September, but four of the unions rejected the deals. Eight others approved five-year deals and are getting back pay for their workers for the 24% raises that are retroactive to 2020.

On Monday, with a Dec. 9 strike looming, Biden called on Congress to impose the tentative agreement reached in September. Congress has the authority to do so and has enacted legislation in the past to delay or prohibit railway and airline strikes. But most lawmakers would prefer the parties work out their differences on their own.

## Justices keep student loan cancellation blocked for now

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Thursday said the Biden administration program to cancel student loans will remain blocked for now, but the justices agreed to take up the case in late winter.

The court's decision to hear arguments relatively quickly means it is likely to determine whether the widespread loan cancellations are legal by late June.

That's about two months before the newly extended pause on loan repayments is set to expire.

The administration had wanted a court order that would have allowed the program to take effect even as court challenges proceed. But as a fallback, it suggested the high court hold arguments and decide

the issue.

Biden's plan promises \$10,000 in federal student debt forgiveness to those with incomes of less than \$125,000, or households earning less than \$250,000. Pell Grant recipients, who typically demonstrate more financial need, are eligible for an additional \$10,000 in relief.

The Congressional Budget Office has said the program will cost about \$400 billion over the next three decades.

More than 26 million people already applied for the relief, with 16 million approved, but the Education Department stopped processing applications last month after a federal judge in Texas struck down the plan.



Members of Train at a class - and band - reunion.



Wings of Lindbergh were a popular Shelbyville band.

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small, decorative box which has a photo embossed on the top. It's of this band, Wings of Lindbergh. "We won the Battle of the Bands here, in 1967. We were on the Jerry Lewis Telethon."

He talks about the late Chris Shofner (former T-G editor), another great friend and band member. There are humorous stories, but a sadness that such musicality among local teens is no longer here.

The group talked about the songs they played like, "I Wonder What She's Doing Tonight?" made famous by Tommy Boyce and Bobby Hart. It was a bunch of cool dudes, rocking the bass, they note.

No doubt, they were "cool cats" playing around here, Brenda advised. She said Tony Gregory and the Playboys was one of the early 1960s bands she remembers starting it all off.

"I can remember going to their dances; he was so mellow," recalls Brenda. "You just wanted to melt into his songs."

One of his best cover songs was, "What Am I Living For?" Brenda sings some of the lyrics.

She remembers band members Sonny Smotherman, Jerry Woodard, Don Baker and Mackie Brasier who served as the drummer - many of them already passed. "I can remember them playing at the American Legion."

The group of friends point out the band in an old Times-Gazette newspaper clipping, which Debbie and Charles brought along to their meeting.

Brenda, who attended all the dances, graduated from Shelbyville Central High in 1967, along with Mike Whitney, also a band player, who died last April. David notes upon his friend Mike Whitney's passing, he sold his electronic keyboards. He doesn't play anymore.

David graduated from SCHS in 1972, with Mike's brother, Mark Whitney (now living in Texas.)

She recalls how Carol Phillips, a local teacher, took care of the Legion building while they danced. "Some of the best times were there," said Brenda with a smile. "We would dance, dance and dance."

Making that music was David and band. "We were The Train," notes David. "We were The Train — before the current Train (pop band) came out."

David said band leader, Mike, made a rule that they did not play more than once every 6 weeks in Shelbyville. That kept things fresh and hip, he said.

**And the bands played on**

Brenda asks the group, "Who was the first drummer for The Sensations?" It took them a few minutes to recall some, but they began reminiscing. Their conversations shifted to other local

1960s bands, like George Washington Bridge and The Sensations — some a bit ahead of their time. Among those in George Washington Bridge were Gary Giles and



The Mystics, another Shelbyville-based band.

Jimmy Taylor.

Brenda notes the band events were encompassed in a healthy environment, that is, there was no alcohol. It was clean fun, they note. Otherwise, their parents would have known and not allowed them to attend.

They weren't going to mess up their fun.

David and Charles continued to talk about bands. They remembered Ben Landers played drums as did Tom Magruder.

Some of the others bands they remember playing at the Legion were: Salt & Pepper, The Roustabouts, The Spice of Life, Shades of Gray, Hibbie Jibes, Scotch of St. James, Young Rebel Review with Brent Woodard, Mayflower Compact, Georgia Brown, The Basement Wall, Aesop's Fables and The Mystics.

They remember players like the late John Stewart, who went on to be a well-known saxophonist and the late George Tittsworth. They reminisce about the Salt & Pepper Band, which they have memories of being really good.

Likely one of their favorite business people in Shelbyville was Austin Davis, better known here as "Pinkie." He ran the local record shop on Depot Street. Remember: Their generation listened to vinyl records.

**The groupies, dances**

As the bands were warming up on Friday and or Saturday nights, the "groupies" were getting all dolled up for the dances at the Legion. It was a right-of-passage they respected and loved.

"My sister and I would get up every Saturday morning and clean that house . . . so we could get that dollar, so we could go to the dance," recalls Brenda.

Debbie agrees, but remembers there were rules. "My daddy would say, you can go, but don't you leave that building."

Charles said his parents chaperoned the dances. So, he had to be on his toes.

David notes as a teen, his parents forbid him to go to a local hangout called The Cellar. There was smoking and it was a bit more adult-

themed, he recalls. At least that's what his parents told him, when they said 'no.'

The Cellar was in the basement of what is now Sutton Realty on Lane Parkway. Debbie remembers Mickey Baker, a local policeman, keeping guard at the venue.

Shelbyville legend has it that people would be wall-to-wall people at The Cellar. In fact, it was known that the room would get so humid, the room was almost like a sauna at times.

"It was every Friday and Saturday night," Debbie says.

"Once I started driving, I could go down there," advised David with a chuckle. His band also played at The Armory in Tullahoma.

Charles recalls of the dances, sometimes themed "sock hops." "Sometimes we would have people coming from everywhere . . . It was the Vietnam War era. The GIs would be in."

The legal drinking age back then was 18. So servicemen between 18 and 20 frequented the place, when they were home on leave.

David, an only child, remembers he bypassed the draft; he was headed to college. His dad was a WWII veteran. His mom simply didn't want him to register for the draft. "I'll never forget what my dad said, 'Let him go.'"

Debbie and Brenda reminisce about "famous people" who played in Shelbyville like Franklin's Robert (Peebles) Knight & the Fairlanes ("Everlasting Love" fame), Charley McCoy & The Escorts (McCoy went on to become famous Nashville Sound entertainer), and The Gentrys ("Keep on Dancing" fame.)

They remember the lyrics for "Keep on Dancing" — "I keep on dancin', Keep on doin' the jerk right now, Shake it, shake it, baby, Come on and show me how you work . . ."

There is laughter in the room. They sigh at the thought those good times.

**On with their lives**

David recalls his band, Train, broke up when all the band members headed off to college around 1973. He said their genre of weekend entertainment tapered off



An advertisement for a dance at the American Legion Centes.

here, then, as far as venues offering a place for teens to hangout.

"We went to so many dances at the American Legion, didn't we?" Brenda says, looking at Debbie.

David said it was always their dates who took up the money at the dances. With a laugh they note how they certainly didn't go to college on that money, but it was good pocket change for the times.

"Some nights, we made \$30 apiece," recalled David. "That was a lot of money, back in 1970. The band made \$200 or \$300 . . . had to pay the guard \$25 a night for security."

Debbie adds, "This just brings back so many memories." She mentioned other players from Shelbyville, including the late Knox Morton and drummer Tom Magruder.

Charles brings out at that point that he has some DVD-Rs of the "Bedford Bands of the 1960s and 1970s." They consider those recordings to be a "wealth of information" about a special time of music evolving within this city.

They talked about other band members John Jensen and the late Mack Palmer. David reminisces how he was life-long friends with band member Chris Shofner.

Chris, who loved B.B. King music, and David, received their Eagle Scout awards together and attended First Presbyterian Church. He remembers Train and Wings of Lindbergh jamming to Chicago and Three Dog Night songs.

Debbie then remembers a favorite song, "My Girl" by the Temptations, which was still being played when they were teens.

David remembers "Mustang Sally," made



George Washington Bridge, The Mystics, and The Roustabouts performed in a Spring Teen Dance at Thomas School Gym in the 1960s.



Betty McKamey, left, and Charles Carney of the Playboys at a Celebration Ball.

**T. A. P. DANCE**  
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Submitted photos  
A ticket for a Teens Against Polio dance Feb. 6, 1965 featuring The Playboys at the Central High School cafeteria.

famous by Wilson Pickett, being played by the bands. "Mike Whitney sang those songs . . . so good at singing those songs."

In fact, though professionally a graphic artist, Mike's obit in the T-G last April stated that his greatest passion was rock drumming. His drumming career began while in high school and he went on to play with numerous bands while living in St. Louis, Mo.

David is sad that so many of his friends and band members, like Mike, Mack and Chris, have already passed. But time marches on. This rock and roller, however, is still going to concerts in 2022. With digital technology now at his fingertips, he can listen to songs by bands like The Guess Who or the Byrds on an MP3 player or on YouTube.

But nothing beats hearing a live band, he professes. In fact, he has three receipts from concerts by Billy Joel and Elton John saved in a special place.

But most of this reunion group's smiles came from looking at Debbie's scrapbook. They note how some of the folks in the bands still play area venues, but that is very few these days.

For the most part, they now listen to their genre of music on "Solid Gold Oldies" channels.

Debbie advises how several local band members now play for nursing homes.

She observes with a laugh that they love their music. "They're now us!"

The group talked about their teen days of going to the old swimming pool (then located behind what is now the Celebration grounds.) They recall Coach Ed Carson would let kids hang out there. One particular day stands out in Debbie's memory.

A young Shelbyville man by the name of Kenneth Beckman had his orders to go to Vietnam. Debbie recalls of that day, "He sat and played flat top guitar. It was great. That was the last time we saw him, because he didn't make it back."

These are the memories they now tell their own families. It was a time of organic music—one they still consider historic in value. Most of all, it made for some great memories.

David, Brenda, Charles and Debbie note for them, the "oldies," and the stories associated with their music, will never get "old." It's still rock and roll to them.

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**Dear Heloise:** Your column several weeks ago made some suggestions about gift ideas for older family members. In the 1960s, my parents made up a medium-sized box full of grocery items for my great-grandmother. They included single-serving canned vegetables, canned ham, tuna fish and spam. Since she was on a fixed income, this was sincerely appreciated. In the 1990s, my husband and I did the same thing for his mother. Today, there are so many more choices for products to go into a "care" box like this for an elderly adult family member to enjoy. There are just too many to name. Oh, we also topped off each box with a box of chocolates. They both loved the boxes and looked forward to receiving each year until they passed. We enjoyed seeing their eyes light up when they opened the boxes. -- Linda Varner, Houston

## Hints from Heloise



the bag in the trash when the meal is over. Minimal cleanup! The only problem was that we sometimes forgot to use the liners. But I now keep the package of unused liners in the crockpot when stored. Problem solved! This was my husband's idea. I enjoy your column in the Orange County Register. -- Gloria, Mission Viejo, California

## CLEANING WITH VINEGAR

**Dear Heloise:** I have been putting off cleaning my dirty microwave. I place a bowl of vinegar in and set the time for three minutes. I also brought a long-handle brush with a built-in scraper so I could reach the back. Then, I wrapped a dish cloth around the brush's end and started to scrub -- amazing! The food bits easily started to come off. I am one happy housewife. I read your articles in the Patriot-News. -- Shirley Dearing, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

## PET PAL

**Dear Heloise:** This is eight-year-old Ziva, a Sheltie/mini Aussie. We adopted her last month. -- Nancy Melone, via email

Readers, to see Ziva 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

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## TODAY

### Quilted Christmas

Bell Buckle is presenting its annual Quilted Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The free tour will begin at the Main Street pavilion where maps will be available.

### Bell Buckle Pet Parade

The annual Bell Buckle Pet Parade is scheduled for noon Saturday, Dec. 3, at Main Street Pavilion.

### Christmas Parade

The 49th annual Shelbyville Christmas Parade, hosted by the Shelbyville Jaycees, will be Saturday, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. following the traditional route around the square to North Main Street and out Madison Street. Rain date will be Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. This year's parade theme will be "A Storybook Christmas." Participant applications are available at www.shelbyvilletn.com.

### Wine tasting

Shelbyville-Bedford County Humane Association's annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction, to benefit Shelbyville-Bedford County Humane Association's no-kill animal shelter, will be 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Riverbend Country Club. A full dinner buffet catered by the country club will be included. Tickets are available at Merle Norman, Heritage Jewelers, Riverbend Country Club, and at the shelter at 911 Madison St. (call the shelter at 931-684-5463 before picking up tickets.)

### Flat Creek Christmas

Flat Creek Community Center will hold a potluck meal followed by a Christmas sing-along, led by Josh Philpott and Angela Wood, and a special visit from Santa Claus beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

### Fly Dinner Theater

The Fly Arts Center is bringing back The Fly Dinner Theater for its first holiday performance since 2019. "Dashing Through The Snow" is a family-friendly play in which a parade of eccentric guests arrive at the Snowflake Inn and deck the halls with holiday hilarity. Also included at extra cost, if desired, is a meal consisting of chicken and dressing with sides. Times are 6 p.m. for dinner and 7 p.m. for the performances Saturday night, Dec. 3 and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10, and a 2 p.m. performance with no meal on Sunday, Dec. 11. Tickets ranging from \$15-\$25 are available at www.flyartscenter.com.

## SUNDAY

### Night in Bethlehem

"A Night in Bethlehem"

will be presented Sunday at First Baptist Church of Bell Buckle. Activity begins with "A Christmas Experience-Marketplace" from 4-6 p.m. A Nativity play starts at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## MONDAY

### VFW meeting

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5019, and its auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting next Monday at the VFW Post on Depot Street. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with a business meeting for members immediately following. For more information, contact Post Commander Mike Ruess, 931-249-1566.

### Bell Buckle planning

Bell Buckle Planning Commission will meet Monday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. in Town Hall.

## TUESDAY

### Bell Buckle beautification

Bell Buckle Beautification Committee will meet Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

## WEDNESDAY

### Retired Teachers meeting

Bedford County Retired Teachers will meet 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 at Emmy's Restaurant (Urban Plantation). Community High School Drama Club and instructor Tony Davis will present the program.

## THURSDAY

### Food Pantry

Scott's Chapel United Methodist Church, 940 Morton St., is opening its Seasoned With a Touch of Sale Food Pantry from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8. For more information call 931-684-2297.

### Shelbyville Council

Shelbyville City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at Shelbyville Recreation Center. New mayor Randy Carroll, new council member Bobby Turnbow, and re-elected council members Marilyn Ewing and William Christie will be sworn in.

## FRIDAY

### Winter Fest

Thomas Intermediate School is holding Winter Fest on Friday, Dec. 9, beginning at 4 p.m. A chili supper, silent auction and photos with Santa are included. The play "Annie Kids" will be performed by the TMS Drama Club at 6 p.m.

### Wine Walk

The 12th annual Wine Walk will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 on the

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 2022						
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Shelbyville square. **DEC. 15**

**DEC. 10**

**VFW fundraiser breakfast**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5019, and its Auxiliary will host their second Saturday of the month fundraiser breakfast Dec. 10, from 7-9:30 a.m. at the VFW Post, 1320 Depot St. Carry-outs are available. For more information call Alex, 615-513-7959.

### Gilliland House

The Gilliland House, 803 Lipscomb St., is having a Christmas holiday event from noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served and photos with Santa will be available in the cabin behind the main house.

### Gingerbread contest

Bell Buckle is holding its annual Gingerbread Decorating Contest from 11 a.m. (sign-up)-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Main Street Pavilion. Age categories are 9-under and 10-up.

### Sleigh and S'mores

Sleigh rides with Santa, and a s'mores pit, will be available in Bell Buckle from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, and Saturday, Dec. 17.

**DEC. 13**

### Bell Buckle meeting

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor & Aldermen will meet Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. in Town Hall.

### County Commission

Bedford County Commission will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Bedford County Courthouse.

### Bell Buckle parks

Bell Buckle Parks & Recreation Committee will meet Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. in Town Hall.

## ONGOING

### Meals on Wheels

Shelbyville Senior Citizens Center is in need of Meals on Wheels volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound of Shelbyville. For more information, call 684-0019 and ask for Amy Wilson.

### 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.

### Head Start

Bedford County Head Start Centers are currently taking applications. For more information or to complete an application contact any Head Start Center. Phone numbers are: Wartrace 931-389-6406, Harris Head Start 931-773-0033, North Side Head Start Center 931-773-0141, and Bedford Early Head Start 931-685-0876. Head Start is a free child development program for children 6 weeks to 3 years and their families. Early Head Start enrolls pregnant women for monthly prenatal educational visits.

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# City asked to waive building fees for new school

By **DAVID MELSON**  
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Bedford County officials are asking the City of Shelbyville to waive all building fees connected with the new Cartwright Elementary School, City Council members were told at a study session Tuesday night at Shelbyville Recreation Center. Council member Stephanie Isaacs was not present.

Some council members thought it has been a tradition for the city to waive fees for new schools, but City Recorder Lisa Smith said there's no record of a formal agreement having ever been made.

Council member Henry Feldhaus expressed concern about access to the Fairfield Pike school being "correct" upon completion, without the need for new access roads being discovered afterwards.

"Can they (Bedford County) thumb their nose and go build what they want or will the city have a voice on access roads?" Feldhaus said.

Feldhaus also said sudden changes have occurred in plans for the school.

"Eight hundred students is a long way from what we started with," Feldhaus said. "About a month ago we suddenly went to 800 with a two-story building."

Public Works Director Buck Vallad said extending Calsonic Way, which now comes to a dead end near the future school site, is intended. Vallad has been in discussions with county officials.

The extension will allow access to the school from North Main Street. County officials plan to widen and improve Fairfield Pike, which is currently a narrow, hilly two-lane roadway near the school site, Vallad said.

Feldhaus and council member Marilyn Ewing said the city needs to wait before making a decision on fees.

Decisions on these and other items discussed at the study session may be made at the Thursday, Dec. 8 City Council regular meeting.

Shelbyville Police Department and Bedford County Sheriff's Office; two ministers each to be appointed by the city and county (Pastor Jeff Rasnick of First Baptist Church-Depot Street has already been named by the county); the director of Bedford County Juvenile Detention Center; two representatives from social services agencies; and city and county codes and zoning representatives.

Organizers hope to identify why the homeless are coming to Bedford County and "transition some into a better situation," Hooker said.

The group hopes to begin meetings in January or February, according to Hooker.

## Listening Project

The Bedford County Listening Project Committee is also being organized.

BCLP was formed to combat what it alleges is mistreatment of renters by landlords.

Organizers hope to form a 7-member committee comprised of at least half of renters, one landlord, two BCLP members and one City Council member, with the Building & Codes Director as an ex-officio member.

More discussion is needed, said City Manager Scott Collins, who said he hopes to have a proposal concerning the city's participation by the Dec. 8 City Council meeting.

## Chamber building

Some confusion exists about the former Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce building on North Cannon Boulevard, the council was told.

The city is making plans to move its Planning and Zoning Department into the structure, which is on property adjoining the fire and police departments and City Hall. Approximately \$50,000 is being invested to remodel the building and make it Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant.

But the council only discussed the building and did not officially vote on future plans at past meetings, City Attorney Ginger Shofner said.

The building was deeded to the Chamber in 1964 when it was constructed as part of Shelbyville's Urban Renewal project which transformed downtown Shelbyville. Police headquarters, originally City Hall when built, and the main

fire hall, along with the Chamber building, were all constructed around the same time in a once-flood prone area near the newly-built floodgate.

A clause in the Chamber building's original deed states the building is to be turned over to the city entirely on 6 months' notice of vacating.

The Chamber has asked to retain one office and a storage area in the building.

Council members discussed the possibility of ordering the Chamber completely out of the building. Mayor Wallace Cartwright suggested putting the issue on the council's Dec. 8 agenda.

## Tourism Director

The council discussed possible funding for a city-county tourism director.

Council member William Christie suggested the city hire its own tourism director, using city-county hotel-motel tax funds, with an office in the former Chamber building.

The tax brings in approximately \$250,000 per year, City Treasurer Kay Parker said.

## City facilities

The city is considering seeking bid requests from architectural and engineering services firms to study the possibilities of upgrading municipal buildings or constructing some new ones, Collins said.

This will include looking at possible new locations if deemed necessary, Collins said.

## Community Clinic

The council was asked at a previous study session to consider a one-time \$30,000 donation to Community Clinic of Bedford County by director Freida Lusk.

Collins, who had been asked by the council to look for possible grants, said none are available.

Lusk is continuing to ask for the donation, Collins said. She is scheduled to address the council at its Dec. 8 meeting.

## Sidewalk upgrade

Shelbyville has been granted \$1.2 million in state funds for sidewalk replacement on Madison Street between North Main Street and Bethany Lane, Vallad said.

The city must contribute 10 percent, or \$123,000.

## BEDFORD COUNTY YESTERYEARS

### DECEMBER 1890

**BELL BUCKLE** – Mr. Luther A. Haggard, who has been in business in Nashville, has now taken his family there.

**HURRICANE GROVE** – We saw W. J. Stokes and four or five hands hauling molasses cane with one wagon the other day.

**PLEASANT HILL** – Mr. Henry Raney, formerly of this place, has moved his family to Flat Creek.

**NOTICE** – We announce that we have bought out the firm of B. F. Dwiggin & Company and in the future will occupy the house formerly occupied by them on Depot Street. Odil & Co.

**SHELBYVILLE** – Mrs. E. E. Hull, of the 6th District, left last Monday for Oregon, where she will in future reside.

**WARTRACE** – R. K. Stevens' Warehouse, near Cortner, on the N & C Railroad, containing about 3,500 gallons of whiskey, was destroyed by fire Monday night last.

**DECEMBER 1927**  
**THREE FORKS** – Estill Thompson and Cecil Shofner were visitors in Lynchburg recently.

**UNIONVILLE** – Mr. and Mrs. Allen Landers of Nashville were the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Landers during the holidays.

**ANNOUNCEMENT** – We, D. L. and J. P. Jacobs, wish to announce that we have sold to Bain Stewart and Ed Ray our interest in Jacobs Auto Company, Inc.

**REAL ESTATE** – David A. Grayson and wife to Minnie L. Dunn, lot in 7th District.

**HALEY** – Mr. Porter Hickerson spent Wednesday and Thursday with his uncle, Mr. Walter Hickerson of Normandy.

**NORTH FORK** – Mr. Jesse Sanders spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Annie Sanders and her daughter, Miss Pauline Sanders near Unionville.

**Melissa Edwards**

Historian



**S A L E S M A N WANTED** – Men with selling and farm experience. Weekly drawing account, established home territory, permanent work. Must have car. See W. J. Maxwell Harris Boarding House, Shelbyville.

**STRAYED** – Red jersey cow, weight about 815 lbs., with only one horn about two inches long. Strayed from the Pettus pasture on Fishing Ford Pike. Reward. A. C. Ray & Son, Shelbyville.

**DECEMBER 1972**  
**APPOINTED** – Clarence Phillips, Jr. is appointed chairman of March of Dimes Drive.

**ROVER** – Mr. and Mrs. Edd Clay of Longview, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simpson Sunday.

**HICKORY HILL** – Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holt visited with Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Parker last Thursday.

**SHELBYVILLE** – An interesting Christmas decoration in Shelbyville is the lawn scene on display at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Carl Rogers on Skyview Terrace. The public is invited to drive by and view the display.

**RAUS** – Mrs. Jack Snoddy and Mrs. Bud Renegar of Shelbyville spent Thursday night with Mrs. Homer Brinkley.

**POPLIN X ROADS** – Mr. and Mrs. Archie Smith and Hazel were recent guests of Faris Smith and family.

**HURRICANE GROVE** – Mr. and Mrs. Waldon Blackburn, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Roy Eaton attended church at Beech Grove to hear Rev. Artie Roberts of Tullahoma.

# How to Keep Pets Happy and Healthy this Holiday Season

### FAMILY FEATURES

The holiday season means fun and festivities for all, but getting wrapped up in all the excitement and celebrations can lead to forgetting about safety and precautions, especially for pets.

Consider these seven tips to help you spot potential hazards around the holidays and keep your pets healthy and happy.

**Food for Thought:** Sweet treats and savory bites are treasured holiday pastimes for humans, but that can also mean things like chocolates, nuts and animal bones should be supervised carefully so your pets don't ingest something toxic or harmful. Other human foods to put on the do-not-share list include garlic, onions and grapes. It's also wise to keep your trash in a tightly sealed container or hidden somewhere your pet can't access.

**Keep Calm and Carry On:** The holiday season brings people together for milestones and celebrations, but all the hoopla can be stressful for pets. From the loud music and new visitors to kids running around or fireworks going off, some pets can become overwhelmed. To help keep your pets comfortable and calm, try turning on a TV or some soothing music in a quiet room away from the noises or let them curl up on their favorite bed with a toy or treat to distract them. You can also try introducing a calming supplement like Zesty Paws Calming Bites for Dogs that may help with normal stress, nervousness and hyperactivity during stressful situations.



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**Watch Out for Tree Trimmings and Poisonous Plants:** While poinsettias and festive fir trees are holiday classics, they can also be extremely hazardous to pets. It's important to be careful about what you're bringing inside your home. Many holiday plants like holly, lilies, amaryllis and even pine needles from trees can be toxic if ingested. If ingestion does occur, contact a pet poison hotline or your veterinarian. If it's after hours or in the event of an emergency, find your nearest 24-hour emergency veterinary clinic.

**Watch the Weather:** Changing temperatures and harsh conditions can wreak havoc on human skin, so it's no surprise it can also affect pets' skin and coats. You can try reducing their bathing frequency, keeping up with brushings and providing extra

hydration to keep them feeling their best. Another way to keep your pet's skin and coat healthy is to add supplements that contain essential fatty acids. A fish oil, like Zesty Paws Wild Alaskan Salmon Oil, provides omega-3s for dogs to help nourish their skin and coats.

**Stick to a Routine:** Pets thrive on routines for feeding, potty breaks and exercise, so be conscious of how your holiday plans may shake things up. Try to stick to your regular schedule as closely as possible or consider asking a friend or relative to help if you'll be away during regular feeding or outdoor break times.

**Spend Some Quality Time:** In addition to providing companionship and love, spending

time with pets can also reduce stress, anxiety and depression; ease loneliness; and encourage exercise and playfulness. Even though you may be traveling or partying with friends, be sure to spend some quality time with your fur babies this holiday season, too.

**Give Them Gifts:** Humans aren't the only ones who love to get gifts. Few things beat the look on dog's faces when you pull out a new toy or treat for them to enjoy. Whether it's a new leash, ball or cozy bed, be sure you have a little something to give your furry family members this holiday season as well.

For more information and ways to keep your pets happy and healthy, visit ZestyPaws.com.

## Prayers go on, sometimes out of sight, in high school football

By **LARRY LAGE**  
AP Sports Writer

**WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich.** — Surrounded by a slew of players with their arms draped over shoulders, West Bloomfield High School assistant coach Justin Ibe bowed his head and led a Christian prayer before a recent Friday night game.

Forty yards down the sideline, three Muslim young men were having a quiet moment of their own.

“Ameen,” the players quietly said, using the Arabic word for amen.

Across America, most high school football seasons are winding down. Thousands of games, the first since the Supreme Court in June ruled it was OK for a public school coach near Seattle to pray

on the field. The decision prompted speculation that prayer would become an even bigger part of the game-day fabric, though that hasn’t seemed to be the case.

Fouad Zaban, the head coach at Fordson High in Dearborn, calls the area just outside Detroit the “Middle East of America” and it is indeed home to thousands of people of Arab descent. After the court ruling, Zaban said, he was flooded with requests to use his platform and constitutional right to pray publicly. After thinking about it, he chose to keep his team’s prayers behind closed doors to avoid potential anti-Islamic jeers from fans in other communities.

“That was a concern that they were going to get backlash,” Zaban said.

With the nation’s culture wars spilling into education, it is challenging to have teachable moments about big news — like a precedent-setting court ruling — and coaches such as Zaban would rather punt than pray publicly.

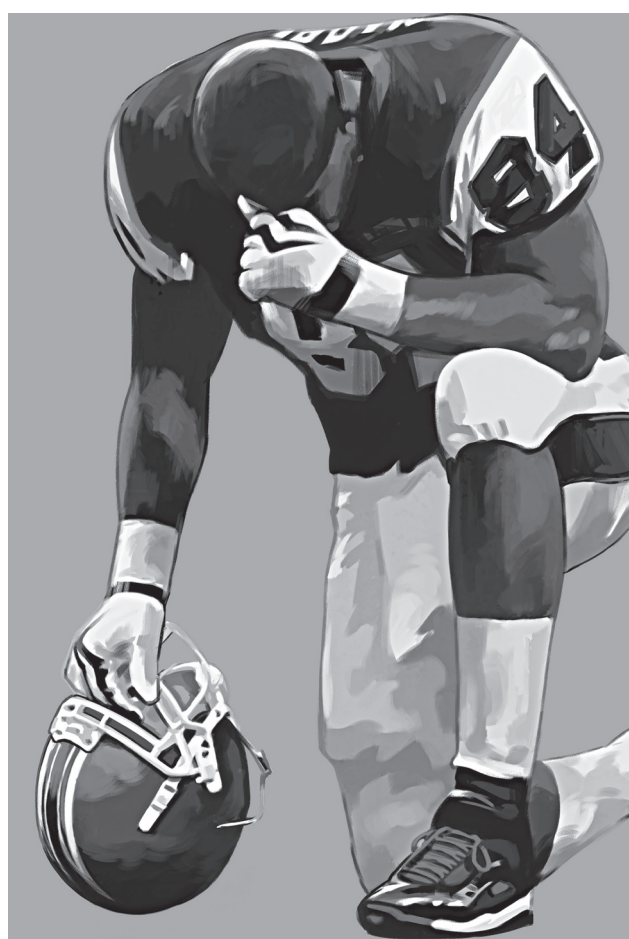
“It’s harder, whether you’re a coach, librarian, teacher or counselor,” said Lara Schwartz, an American University professor whose specialties include campus speech and constitutional law. “There are activist groups targeting books and ideas, saying you can lose your license if you have these conversations. That to me is a threat to people having good constructive dialogue in classrooms, or with coaches.”

In Michigan, some teams with multiple religions represented on their rosters have found ways for everyone who wants to participate to do so if they wish.

“We don’t force anybody to do that,” said Ibe, the defensive line coach in West Bloomfield. “We just take that moment to really just come together and give glory to God at that moment.”

At Crestwood High School in Dearborn Heights, where most of the football team is Muslim, the entire team gathers before practices and games to pray on one knee. First, most of the players recite Al-Fatiha. Then, a player says a Christian prayer to the attentive group.

“Between those two prayers, they’re pretty much all the same,” said Adam Berry, a senior and a team captain. “Asking God for protection, asking



God for forgiveness, and asking God for any way to help us through our game.”

According to a poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, a majority of Americans think a coach leading a team in prayer (60%), a player leading a team in prayer (64%) and a coach praying on the field without asking the team to join in (71%) should all be allowed in public high school sports.

Still, the team plays it safe at Fordson High, where coaches clear the locker room and leave players to pray if they wish.

“No one can ever say that we were involved in it,” Zaban said, adding he just wants to coach instead of drawing attention.

Hassan Shinawah, a

senior and team captain at Fordson, said players supported keeping their prayers in the locker room and away from the public. The only exception this season came when Senior Day festivities and pregame messages from coaches ran long and players gathered quickly on the field to pray before kickoff.

“We don’t know if people are comfortable,” he said. “We don’t know what their opinions are about it. We just don’t want any conflict with anybody else.”

In the South, at least three high schools, two in Alabama and another in North Carolina, received letters in recent months from the Freedom From Religion Foundation. The nonprofit that advocates for atheists and agnostics said it fielded complaints

about the promotion of religion surrounding football games. Jefferson County (Ala.) officials were asked to “ensure that its schools are no longer scheduling prayer at school-sponsored events, including football games.”

The Associated Press left multiple messages for athletic directors and principals at the schools in both North Carolina and Alabama that were not returned.

Outside Detroit, coaches gave time and space for their players to pray, showing the teenagers that accommodations can be made for different faiths as well as the right to decline.

At West Bloomfield High, an assistant football coach once walked miles with a Jewish player — whose faith would not allow him to ride in a car one particular day — to make sure he got to his hotel after a road game. The unique nature of having Christians, Muslims and Jews playing on the same team was not lost on one of the players who participates in a pregame Islamic prayer.

“Some other teams, they probably don’t have the same thing,” said Mohamed Menisy, a 16-year-old junior offensive tackle. “We’re one team, one family. We just respect each other.”

A night of blessings

### Wartrace Church Of Christ

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6pm lesson for all ages topic:

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### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Send church news and events to [tgnews@t-g.com](mailto:tgnews@t-g.com).

#### Baptist

The sermon at **Calvary Baptist Church** will be “God Becomes Human” from Matthew 1:18-25. The service will be livestreamed.

“A Night in Bethlehem” will be presented Sunday at **First Baptist Church** of Bell Buckle. Activity begins with “A Christmas Experience-Marketplace” from 4-6 p.m. A Nativity play starts at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Grace Baptist Church’s** message will be “My Peace

I Give Unto You” from Luke 2:10-14 and John 14:27.

#### Church of Christ

A new series, “Songs of the Season,” debuts Sunday at **Fairlane Church of Christ**. The first sermon is “O Holy Night” from Luke 2:8-11. The service will be livestreamed and broadcast on WLJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM/wljradio.com).

**Southside Church of Christ’s** series on “The Practical Atheist” continues with the message “Leaving God out of your Plans” from James 4:13-17.

Arnold Garcon will give an update on mission work at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services are livestreamed at [cofcsouthside.com](http://cofcsouthside.com).

#### Presbyterian

**First Presbyterian Church’s** service for the 2nd Sunday of Advent will focus on “Peace” at 10 a.m. Sunday. All services are streamed live on Facebook. This week the sermon will focus on Isaiah 11:1-10, “The Messiah & Peaceable Kingdom.”

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6:34

It's amazing how one little  
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yourself too much with  
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you'll miss out on the trials  
and the tribulations of today.  
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**POLICE CHRISTMAS CHEER**

**Carson and Camden Brandon, center, deliver Christmas ornaments they made to Officer Jerry Lawrence, left, and Sgt. Ronnie Blankenship of the Shelbyville Police Department.**

Submitted photos



**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

**11/22/2022—11/28/22**

James David Crawford to Janet Hosea, Janet L. Hosea—\$251,500, 0 acres, Lucus Rd.  
 Radcliff Property Group LLC., James Radcliff, Teri Radcliff to Justino Guzman, Minerva Guzman—\$165,000, 0 acres, Old Nashville Dirt Rd.  
 Trey Crowsey to Mark Howard Cherry, aria Kay Cherry—\$460,000, 0 acres, Kingdom Rd.  
 Kenneth Joseph Gerg to Belinda Louise Gerg—0 money, 1 acre, Blue Stocking Hollow Rd.  
 Mulle Holdings LLC, Matthew Mulle to James Grover Davidson—\$290,000, 0 acres, Midland Rd.  
 Charles V. Gonzalez, Jamie E. Gonzalez to Anthony Dewayne Magnum, Theresa D. McWhorter—\$600,000, 12.49 acres, Sarvis Ridge Rd.

OP SPE TPAI LLC, OP SPE Borrower Parent LLC, OP SPE Hold LLC to Jackson White—\$274,900, 0 acres, Christopher Ct.

Matthew J. Thompson, Lauren. E. Thompson to Nolen R. Spencer, Amanda Shea Spencer—\$415,000, 0 acres, no address

Anderson Real Estate Investments LLC to Lauren Cooley—\$255,000, 0 acres, no address

Phillip W. Lamb, Kathy D. Lamb, Phillip Wesley Lamb, Kathy Dixon Lamb to Lamb Family Living Trust—0 money, 6.6 acres, Midland Rd.

Ray H. Brown, Stacy L. Brown to Gregory Floyd Byrd, SMS01 LLC—\$1,000,000, 3.11 acres, no address

Bryan Mitchell, Heather Michell to Nathan Bush—\$275,000, 0 acres, Harrison Rd.

Wilkie T. Buchanan, Diana Buchanan to Thomas R. Campbell—\$125,000, 0.41 acres, Sevier St.

Brian Kilgore to Taylor Yeager, Jennifer Yeager—\$569,900, 0 acres, Green Acres Rd.

Francisco J. Fernandez, Maria Socorro Gamez to Ana K. Vargas—0 money, 14.75 acres, Railroad Ave.

David L. Hasty, Susanna Hasty to Jeffery Hurst, Donna Hurst—\$89,000, 0 acres, Fairview Ave.

HP Realty LLC to David Mast—\$212,000, 0 acres, Himesville Rd.

Justin McCormick, Michelle McCormick to Phillip Hoepfner, Tabbatha Hoepfner—\$410,000, 8.91 acres, Hannah Gap Rd.

Sharlene Williams to Zachary Neff, Lisa Neff—\$580,000, 10.92 acres, Hwy. 64 West

Andrew Clausell, Irma Gabriela Clausell, Irma Gabriela Ramos to Andrew Clausell, Irma Gabriela Clausell—0 money, 0 acres, Glenoaks Rd.

Michael E. Smithson to Charles M. Smithson—0 money, 0 acres, Osteen Lane

Angela Gaye Phelps to Jonathan Wesley Phelps Sr.—0 money, 0.56 acres, Achor Mill Rd.

David Menjivar, Crisia Reyes to Alexander Gonzalez Reyes—\$270,000, 0 acres, Oak St.

**PUBLIC RECORD**

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

William Stacy Brandon and Jessica Ann Hall Brandon  
 Jeremy Lynn Cain and Brandy Lynn Swett

**BUSINESS LICENSES**

**Business Listings—New Businesses**

Carpet Den, Inc.—268 Mallory Station Rd., Franklin, TN, Rick McCormick  
 The Part Time Preschool—2115 Longview Rd., Rockvale, Aston Smith  
 Radical Floors—120 Tyler Dr., Shelbyville, Thomas Adcock

**Drugs found during traffic stop**

**By DAVID MELSON**  
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Marijuana and “two crystal-like rocks” were found in a vehicle Monday after its driver was stopped for allegedly swerving across the center line of U.S. 41A North several times, Shelbyville police said.

Royce Majadray Richardson, 34, of Murfreesboro, was charged with possession of schedule 2 and 4 drugs and paraphernalia following a traffic stop Monday morning on Lipscomb Street. He was held on \$6,000 bond.

**False call**

A woman who allegedly told Shelbyville firefighters a bomb was under her residence Tuesday afternoon has been charged with filing a false report.

Bonnie Joe Brown, 36, of Madison Street, walked into a city fire station on North Hillcrest Drive around 3:24 p.m. seeking help. Fire personnel and three police officers went to the Madison Street home.

Brown told police green wires were coming from the underpinning of her mobile home. Officer Tracy Teal’s report said the wires were green ground wire connected to coaxial cable and had no connection to a bomb.

Another warrant for violation of probation was also served. Brown was held on \$2,000 bond.

**Thefts**

A video camera and digital camera were taken from a storage unit in the 2100 block of

Highway 64 West sometime during November, a Bedford County deputy was told Monday.

A lock was cut to gain entry.

A visitor to a Couch Lane home is suspected of stealing a duffel bag filled with \$200 worth of jewelry Monday night.

The home’s master lock was cut, police said.

**Checkpoint**

The Tennessee Highway Patrol plans a sobriety checkpoint at 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 on Highway 64 East, .6 miles east of the 15-mile marker.

**Jail intake**

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

•Francisco Javier Alvarez Rios, 41, Longview Road; violation of probation; released, \$1,000 bond

•Sarah Lee Bain, 25, Murfreesboro; theft of property; held, \$1,000 bond

•Barry Chase Bennett, 37, Coop Road; violation of probation; released, no bond

•Bonnie Joe Brown, 36, Madison Street; filing false report, violation of probation; held, \$2,000 bond

•Mary S. Childers, 58, Warners Bridge Road; DUI, failure to maintain lane; released, \$500 bond

•Amanda Lucille Clemmons,

28, Shelbyville; violation of probation; held, \$1,500 bond

•Crystal R. Cobb, 34, Regent Drive; domestic assault; held, \$1,000 bond

•Jesse Clark Coleman, 34, Smyrna; possession of schedule 2 drug, violation of probation; held, \$27,500 bond

•Zachary Lee Dabbs, 22, Sims Road; simple possession; released, no bond

•Stephanie Lynn Forbes, 37, Myers Street; driving on suspended license, leaving scene of accident; released, no bond

•Maynor Edwardo Garcia Mendoza, 30, no address listed; no driver’s license/exhibited on demand; released, no bond

•Ashley Nicole Harris, 37, Amy Lane, Rover; allowing animals to roam at large; released, no bond

•Christopher Jerome Harris Jr., 44, Shoma Drive; aggravated assault; held, \$10,000 bond

•Clinton Wesley Jernigan, 44, Lee Ann Drive; violation of probation; released, no bond

•Layla Marie Johnson, 19, Moreland Avenue; light law, possession of drug paraphernalia, simple possession; released, no bond

•Bartolome Juan Francisco, 28, no address listed; DUI, no driver’s license/exhibited on demand, violation of implied consent; held, \$2,500 bond

•Francica G. Macareno, 44, Ledbetter Road; shoplifting; released, no bond

•William Edward Martin Jr., 36, Madison Street; violation of probation; held, \$2,500 bond

•Ricky Douglas Mason, 43, Highway 231 North; failure to appear; released, no bond listed

•Janette Miller, 63, Fosterville; shoplifting; released, no bond

•Marco Lee Moreno, 56, Cherokee Trail; driving on revoked license, failure to appear, texting while driving; released, \$2,500 bond

•Gilbert Allen Newell III, 20, Ritch Lane; assault; released, no bond

•Thomas Jacob Owen, 40, Murfreesboro; violation of probation; released, \$3,000 bond

•Caresa L. Parks, 41, Carney Street; bench warrant, failure to appear; held, \$2,500 bond

•Caleb Matthew Peacock, 23, Horse Mountain Road; violation of probation; released, \$2,000 bond

•Christopher S. Pittman, 22, Couch Lane; violation of probation; released, no bond

•Trevor Lee Powell, 45, Halls Mill Road; violation of probation; held, \$1,500 bond

•Adrian F. Puckett, 38, Maplewood Drive; no proof of insurance, texting while driving; released, no bond

•Royce Majadray Richardson, 34, Murfreesboro; failure to maintain lane, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule 2 drug, possession of schedule 4 drug; held, \$6,000 bond

•Billy Joe Wright, 33, Tara Drive, Rover; driving on suspended license; released, no bond



T-G Photos by Zoe Watkins

JACOB SILVA

# What lies beneath: Native artifacts found

By ZOË WATKINS  
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Local resident Jacob Silva likes to hunt for rocks. But they're not just any rocks found in the ground.

Along Flat Creek and in parts of the area near H.V. Griffin Park in Shelbyville, he's found dozens of arrowheads and tools from Native American tribes who would have called the woods of Middle Tennessee their home up to 8,000-10,000 years ago.

"I found a rock over in Flat Creek right across the street from new Herman Church of Christ in the creek. You can go anywhere within that area and find evidence," he said.

Over in the Bedford County Archives, county archivist Carol Roberts says this whole area is loaded with arrowheads and Native American camps from the Mississippian and Woodland eras. The Chickasaw and Creek also populated this area later on.

Roberts added, "The University of Tennessee School of Archeology has done many reviews and published reports on our whole area: Duck River, Flat Creek, and Thompson Creek watershed and all the creeks that flow south into the Elk River watershed."

According to a 1975 Bedford County Historical Quarterly article by Charles G. Hummel — who was a native of Bedford County and an authority on Indian artifacts in Middle Tennessee — no large town sites were located in what is now Bedford County.

Instead, this area was in the middle of the migration pattern for seasonal hunting parties, according to Roberts. The Duck River served as a base for "bands of hunters who would return to their native city after a hunting season," the quarterly article reads.

According to another quarterly article from 1985 by James E. Cobb and Charles H. Faulkner, archeological digs in the area suggest that the most "intensive occupation of



A possible small bowl used to mix face paints and salves.



Remnants of flint arrowheads were found in the Flat Creek area.



Possible tools used for cleaning the hides of animals.



Neatly shaped rocks were possibly used as pavement stones in early settler housing.

this region was during the late Middle Woodland [200 to 800 A.D.], known as the Owl Hollow phase." These people probably had stable communities, year-round, where they hunted as well as grew crops.

It's no wonder that Bedford County is laden with arrowheads and tools of the like. Hummel continues that, "The people were master craftsmen in the chipping of flint into arrows, spears, knives, and other tools..."

Amazingly, Roberts said the flint arrowheads that Silva, and many others, found were not originally

native to this area. Instead, they would have been traded by hunting parties who traveled north to meet the Iroquois.

"They had these paths that all the Native Americans would use to come up here and they would go further North in what we think of as Tennessee and Kentucky and trade with the Iroquois and other tribes up there. But they would use this area for hunting," said Roberts. They would stay in the area along creek beds and springs, hunting every kind of game they could find.

Among the small arrowheads, probably used

to hunt small animals, Silva also found what appears to be a small, shallow bowl, no longer than two inches wide. Roberts thinks it was probably a finger bowl used to mix paint or salves for the face, either for ceremony or for war.

Silva said, "[It's] something that's ancient and has been discovered in our own backyard."

And with the abundance of ancient artifacts lying beneath our feet, it gives historians and archaeologists specific locations for developers to be careful at.

Roberts explained,



A nearly in-tact arrowhead with carved rock are just a few of the objects Silva has found.

"The state department of archaeology, through the years, has made every effort to document locations. They may not necessarily stop a construction site unless they find a burial that they can identify as Native American."

There are also many unidentified graves of early settlers, and a lot of tools in this county from early settler homes and farms. These burial site rules are even in the Bedford County

Zoning Office's guidelines. "I am thankful for what we have come to know or hope to get to know..." Silva said. He added that these left behind tools are a message from the ancient people, who though long gone, can still be remembered in the rocks.

"...It's been covered up and hidden and forgotten over thousands of years. I am beyond excited," he said.



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My Take

## Baseball

It seems like everyone wants to be a part of Nashville. As a baseball fan, I am hopeful Major League Baseball will make speculation a reality and name Nashville as one of two new venues in the next couple of years.

Dave Stewart, a four-time winner of 20 or more games for the Oakland A's and a three-time World Series Champion, is spearheading the effort to bring another major sports team to Nashville.

Now don't get me wrong. The Nashville Sounds, a Triple-A franchise, offer a lot of fun in an amazing minor league stadium. However, we're talking about Major League Baseball, and it appears no matter who you talk to Nashville is in the top two among possible cities such as Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Las Vegas, Nevada and Portland, Oregon.

Two new teams would expand the Majors to 32. The last time Major League Baseball expanded was in 1998 when the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays (now the Tampa Bay Rays) were added.

The Nashville franchise already has a name - the Stars. The name has nothing to do with country music and everything to do with paying homage to the Negro League team based in Nashville.

Stewart, a former player, coach, assistant general manager and general manager in Major League Baseball is heading the effort to put together an ownership group. The goal for the potential franchise is to become the first majority minority owned MLB team.

In an interview with me last week, Stewart said his group has agreed with Tennessee State University to evaluate 100 acres on campus as a possible stadium site.

The Sounds stadium cannot be used because its design does not allow for expansion of seating. In addition to TSU, other potential sites discussed have been in Williamson County and possibly along the Cumberland River.

The goal for the Stars is to have entertainment and shopping areas around the stadium similar to The Battery, which is anchored by Truist Park, home of the Atlanta Braves.

The expansion process isn't going to happen overnight. MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred wants to expand, but he has to make sure the A's have a new home in Oakland, or a new stadium in Las Vegas.

Tampa Bay has talked of moving and Nashville has been mentioned in those conversations. Nevertheless, Manfred is insistent the Rays stay where they are.

Music City Baseball wants to have a stadium ready for play in 2025, but speculation is it could be a longer wait until all these other items are settled.

A new team is going to need money, not only for a stadium, but also for a franchise purchase. The total price for the package could exceed \$3 billion.

The Major League Baseball Meetings are set for next week in San Diego, California. Stewart said he has already met with many owners who like Nashville. The meetings offer the opportunity for potential franchise cities to promote themselves. Stewart said he plans to be there to spread the Nashville Stars story.

I, for one, am counting on Music City Baseball to hit a home run.



Just another tender Tennessee Christmas. See additional photos on page 3B.

## The Brass Lantern opens on Madison

By **ZOË WATKINS**  
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The Brass Lantern is more than an antique store located at 1608 Madison in Shelbyville. With room for over 60 local vendors, anyone looking for that special—and unique—holiday gift can probably find it and maybe even a little more.

The bazaar-style boutique and antique store is owned by John Adams and his wife and son Barbara and Austin as well as managed by Cliff Hirst. They had their soft opening the day after Thanksgiving, and according to Hirst, had a full house.

"We've got a broad mix. It's really kind of a cross between antique and boutique," he said. "People, as you can see are mixing, and it's working pretty well."

Hirst recalls getting out of college and buying an antique dresser at an auction, which started his love for "old things."

Hirst admits he's more of a "primitive and rusty" antiques kind of guy. He used to be the general

manager of Antiques, Art, and Collectibles on the Shelbyville Square before it closed last year.

The Brass Lantern building itself used to be a grocery store and a furniture store before it closed last December. Even though they've done a lot of work to transform the austere atmosphere into a vintage market there's still plenty of work to be done.

Like with the new café, adjoining the market, called Gracie's Café and Creamery. It's planned to open around February, Hirst said. In addition to serving soft serve ice cream, the upscale café and deli will have sandwiches and coffee.

From the time they first walked in to now, Hirst said the business has "kept growing."

In the back, they plan to put in a multimedia room to host meetings and birthdays, making The Brass Lantern more than just a store on Madison.

"The idea is to get people here, and with food, ice cream, drinks—



Shop local this holiday season to support small businesses.

how can you go wrong with that?" said Hirst. "We're trying to make it all fun and interesting."

They will also be hosting "Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus" the next three weekends where

families can come get their pictures taken from 1 to 4 p.m. at The Brass Lantern. They will also be giving toys out to the little girls and boys who have been good this year.

## Two sets of twins, 80 years later

By **ZOË WATKINS**  
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It's a rarity to see twins and even more a rarity to have two sets in one family. But so is the case for the Fann family.

About 1.6 million twins are born each year worldwide and the number of twin births has nearly doubled over the last 40 years, according to the journal Human Reproduction.

Here in Shelbyville, Dorris and Morris Fann are twins. So are their younger brother and sister William "Bill" Fann and Wilma Haynes.

Dorris and Morris are 86 years old, while Bill and Wilma are 79.

They grew up in the Christiana area. Their father was a sharecropper who grew tobacco and hay. The Fann twins even remember their mother stripping tobacco. "She was a tough woman," said Dorris.

Because they were a sharecropping family, the family of eight had to move around year-to-year.

Though not identical twins (the chances of having identical twins



**ABOVE:** From left, William "Bill" Fann with twin Wilma Haynes, 79, and Dorris and Morris Fann, 86 **RIGHT:** An old photo of the Fann family from the early 1950s. Morris and Dorris are on the end of the first row, respectively. Wilma and Bill are third and fourth in the front row, respectively. Also pictured are their parents, in the back row, and a brother and sister (not twins).



## Skies full of majesty

Several years back, I walked in the front door as I returned home one evening, and I told my three granddaughters and their friend that there was a full moon that night.

They all ran out onto the front porch and stood on the steps looking up at the sky.

When Kori saw the moon she started clapping and yelled, "Yay Moon! Good job!"

The four little girls stood there on the porch steps giving the moon a round of applause, and cheering "Yay moon!"

They all thought the moon was doing a good job and that it was awesome.

Then they turned their attention to the stars.

They were loving the evening sky, and we stood out in the cool evening air and enjoyed the beauty of the heavens.

As we stood there looking up toward the sky, I was reminded of Psalm 148, which says:

1 Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD of the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created,

6 and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

8 lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

9 you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

10 wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

11 kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

12 young men and women, old men and children.

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

14 And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD.

When I told my wife about Kori shouting praises for the moon, Lynn smiled and said, "Nurses don't get excited about full moons. They think that all the crazies come out, and the hospitals fill up."

Well, I get excited looking at the moon, whether it's full or half or quarter or barely there, and so did my little granddaughters back then. And they still do today.

I have always loved to look at a full moon, or any moon, and all the accompanying stars up there in the heavens.

I know the moon has an impact on the tides and

**LETTERS TO Santa**

Dear Santa,  
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**Have you hugged a Santa impersonator lately?**

It has been years since my family last dealt with the "pictures with Santa" pageantry, but Saint Nick impersonators remain an integral part of Christmas for Americans.



**Danny Tyree**  
 Tyrades

Parents feel compelled to honor the tradition of dumping tiny tots in Santa's lap, even if they're not emotionally ready for the experience. I wish I hadn't sold my Child Psychology textbook back to the college bookstore, or I would explain why kids who think nothing of sticking a fork in an electrical outlet or inviting a rabid wolverine into the house are suddenly in fight-or-flight-or-wet-your-pants mode over a jovial old man who surrounds himself with elves and candy canes.

Yes, shrieking and bawling are the immediate result of encounters with Kris Kringle, but the traumatizing life event also creates repressed memories that pop up unexpectedly in adulthood. ("The ocean – it's shaking like a bowlful of jelly! I can't help it – I'm going A.W.O.L. from the Navy!")

Some Santa impersonators (motto: "I'm not a morbidly obese peeping Tom, but I play one at the local mall") volunteer for the pure joy of seeing children's faces light up. Other Santa surrogates don the iconic red suit to earn extra money. (Granted, in today's economy, "extra" money is what Bigfoot and Elvis would use to purchase a unicorn for their UFO.)

I'm glad there are still job opportunities for Santa Clauses, considering retailers' self-checkout mentality. ("Put on this cap, make yourself a vague promise, make way for the next kid. Buh-bye.")

Physical disabilities are no roadblock to those truly committed to serving as a mall Santa. The agencies that book Santas do, however, frown on applicants with dyslexia. Being upfront about that cuts down on posting a "Santa wanted" sign and having guys with cloven hooves and pitchforks showing up for auditions.

An article in the "New York Post" recommended Santa roleplaying as a side hustle for college students, but I think the job is more suited for seasoned individuals with experience as fathers or grandfathers. Eight hours of putting up with snotty noses, sticky hands, beard-tugging, mile-long lists, mystery smells and awkward questions ("If you can visit every home in the world in one night, how come it has taken my dad more than three years to go to the corner store for a pack of cigarettes?") would make the young guys' reproductive system implode.

Yes, some spoiled brats issue totally unreasonable demands, so it's heartwarming when one is well grounded in reality. Like the little girl who was patient enough to put off a pony until next Christmas. ("I know that THIS year I need to prioritize having Santa make my 10th-story apartment pony-accessible.")

Santa impersonators have to do an amazing job of hemming and hawing when presented with a budget-busting wish list. "I'll check into that." "Let me see what I can do." "I would hate to disappoint a good little boy or girl." Toss in the occasional "I'll have to circle back," "infrastructure" and "democracy," and Santa would qualify for Secret Service protection!

On the other hand, do you know who is the most powerful person in the world? Elon Musk? China's Xi Jinping? Wrong. It's a ready-to-retire Santa who gives parents that reindeer-in-the-headlights look by rubberstamping everything on the little darlings' wish list.

I wouldn't call them evil masterminds, but their "Ho ho ho" sure sounds more like "Bwahahaha."

• Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at [tyreetyrades@aol.com](mailto:tyreetyrades@aol.com) and visits to his Facebook fan page "Tyree's Tyrades."

**ROTARY HEARS CHAMBER REPORT**



Submitted Photo  
**Yolanda Flick, center, CEO of the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce, was the featured speaker at the Shelbyville Rotary Club. At left is club president Darin Hasty. Right is program facilitator Barbara Blanton.**

**BOWLING FOR CHARITY**



Submitted Photo  
**Mark McGee, left, contributor to the Shelbyville Times-Gazette and a member of the Tennessee Sports Writers Hall of Fame, was a participant in the second annual Plaster and Friends Celebrity Bowling Night at Hermitage Strike & Spare. Bowlers spend the evening on teams captained by celebrities from the sports, media and music worlds. The event benefits the Martha O'Brien Center and the Last Minute Toy Store. In the center is former Vanderbilt football coach Watson Brown. George Plaster is at right.**

**MTSU's 'Joys of the Season' premieres Dec. 5**

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — If the damp, warm weather is making your brain think "spring!" instead of "winter!," Middle Tennessee State University's College of Liberal Arts has the perfect change of seasons: the 2022 edition of "Joys of the Season," the annual holiday-themed arts showcase, available again on TV and online.

Premiering Monday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. Central on MTSU's True Blue TV and the university's Facebook page and YouTube channel, the 30-minute program is a special edition of the university's monthly TV magazine show, "Out of the Blue."

The 2022 "Joys of the Season" episode will be available at <https://www.youtube.com/user/MTSUNews>.

The show will repeat on True Blue TV throughout December and will air on News Channel 5+ in the Nashville market and on stations in at least 17 states. The Nashville Public Library also will feature the MTSU holiday program on its YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/user/NashvilleLibrary>.

"Joys of the Season" once again focuses on the creativity of students and faculty from MTSU's School of Music and Department of Theatre and Dance, recorded live inside the university's Hinton Hall and Tucker Theatre and in the home of theatre associate professor Kristi Shamburger.

"The versatility of our College of Liberal Arts stands out in this show," says liberal arts Dean Leah Lyons. "There's truly something for everyone to enjoy in this fantastic production. I'm glad that the college once again had the opportunity to be part of this edition of 'Out of the Blue.'"

"Joys of the Season" began in 2015 as an evening of live performances and displays in Tucker Theatre to showcase the College of Liberal Arts' performing and fine arts departments and to express the university's appreciation to the community for its decades of support.

The program took a pandemic-forced hiatus in 2020. For 2021, as the health risks for public gatherings continued, organizers realized that they could reach a wider audience and keep everyone safer for future arts events by taking the 2021 "Joys" to the screen.

That first broadcast, which earned national Telly Awards for cultural programming and its opening segment, also generated such a positive response that MTSU chose to take its season's greetings online again for 2022.

The 2022 "Joys of the Season" broadcast features:

- Unique performances of "Carol of the Bells" and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" by the School of Music's MTSU Chamber Orchestra, conducted by violin and viola professor Andrea Dawson, and "One Sweet Little Baby" by the premier singers of the MTSU Schola Cantorum, directed by vocal performance professor Raphael Bundage, director of choral activities.
  - MTSU Dance Program students performing "Whimsical Candy Cane Swirls," a piece choreographed by assistant professor and program director Jade Treadwell from "The Nutcracker" ballet, focusing on the Russian "candy cane" dancers.
  - An opportunity to showcase the musical theatre abilities of Shamburger's MTSU Theatre students with a performance of "We Need a Little Christmas" from the Tony-winning Broadway musical "Mame."
  - An arrangement of "The Christmas Song" by the SOAL, or Soprano-Alto, Chorale, featuring MTSU alumna and jazz studies graduate student Julia Rich as guest soloist and senior music industry major Noah Huseman on piano. School of Music instructor and chorales director Angela Tipps directs the SOAL Chorale in this performance.
  - The MTSU Steel Pan Ensemble, representing the School of Music's Instrumental Performance Program, closing out the show with a rendition of "Sleigh Bells" specially arranged for the celebration by percussion faculty member Brian Mueller.
- MTSU's Facebook page is at <https://facebook.com/mtsublueraiders>, and its YouTube channel is <https://youtube.com/user/mtsuneews>.
- "Out of the Blue" also airs daily on Murfreesboro cable Channel 9 at 6 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and on Roku, Apple TV and Amazon Fire TV, as well as on NewsChannel5+ at 3:30 p.m. Sundays

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# The Brass Lantern opens on Madison



Many local vendors have a spot in the store, like Sew Sudberry.



Find an antique for that old soul you know.



Many of the Christmas trees were decorated by owner John Adams' daughter.

# TIMES-GAZETTE

**Mort Walker's**  
**beetle bailey**

LET'S SEE WHAT'S ON THE NEWS  
CAN YOU POUR ME ANOTHER CUP OF COFFEE?

I'M GOING OUT TO GET THE PAPER

OOOPS! I MEANT TO LEAVE THAT FILE IN THE CAR

DARN! WE NEED A NEW BULB IN THE GARAGE

KEYS TO THE LOCKER MUST BE IN THE KITCHEN

THERE'S THE PHONE  
RING

NO ONE THERE

HMM...A LITTLE NIP WOULDN'T HURT ME

NEED ICE

HOW DID THAT WASP GET IN HERE?!

WHERE'S THE PAPER?

HUH?  
GREG + MORT WALKER

*Naah Ketchum's* **Bennis the Menace**  
**BOOK HIM!!**

SEE YOU FOLKS LATER!  
NOT IF WE SEE...  
GEORGE!

?

YOU LOOK SO ENGRESSSED IN YOUR WORK, MARTHA.

PAYING BILLS?  
NO...

...I'M WRITING MY MEMOIR.

"GONE WITH THE WINDBAG."

**BLONDIE**  
BY SEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING

WHAT AM I THINKING?  
YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT THE NICE SELECTION OF GOLD CUTS WE PICKED UP AT THE DELI THIS MORNING

YOU'RE ALSO THINKING ABOUT THE FRESH LOAF OF SOURDOUGH BREAD WE PICKED UP AT THE BAKERY NEXT TO THE DELI

THAT WASN'T AT ALL WHAT I WAS THINKING ABOUT

BUT NOW THAT'S ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT

I'M PRETTY SURE THERE ARE ALSO SOME CHIPS AND SALSA UP FOR GRABS WHILE YOU'RE AT IT

?

**The FAMILY CIRCUS**  
By Bill Keane

ALL RIGHT, CLASS, HAVE YOUR HOMEWORK READY TO HAND IN.  
AND JUST WHY DIDN'T YOU DO YOUR HOMEWORK, BILLY?  
I WAS HOPIN' YOU WOULDN'T COLLECT IT.

**PICKLES BY BRIAN CRANE**  
GUESS WHAT I FOUND AT A FLEA MARKET.  
IT'S A CERAMIC CAT THAT LOOKS JUST LIKE MUFFIN!

**Baby Blues**

HOLY MACKEREL!  
YEAH.

THESE THINGS GET MORE EXPENSIVE EVERY YEAR.  
FOR SURE.

ISN'T IT JUST TOO ADORABLE?  
IT'S TOO SOMETHING.

ARE WE REALLY GOING TO TIE SOMETHING THIS EXPENSIVE TO THE TOP OF THE VAN AND LET IT THRASH AROUND IN THE WIND AND RAIN?  
WHAT CHOICE DO WE HAVE?

AND I KNOW JUST WHERE I'LL PUT IT.

RIGHT HERE BY THIS NICE SCENTED CANDLE.

**DADDY DAZE**

**BY JOHN KOVALESKI**

BA BA. YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE THREE LITTLE PIGS AGAIN.  
OKAY...

BA BA BA. YOU THINK THAT THE STORY WOULD BE BETTER IF THE BIG BAD WOLF WAS A WEREWOLF?

BA BA BA. MOST OF THE TIME HE'S HUMAN, AND HE USES THAT TO HIS ADVANTAGE.

WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME THEY STARTED WORSHIPPING ME!!

BA BA BA. HE'D KNOCK ON THE PIGS' DOOR, PRETEND HE'S A FRIEND FROM COLLEGE AND ASK TO CRASH ON THEIR COUCH FOR A FEW DAYS.

BA BA BA. HE EATS ALL THEIR FOOD, TAKES LONG SHOWERS...  
WAIT... HOW DOES THIS IMPROVE THE STORY?

BA BA BA. IT'S THE SUSPENSE OF WHETHER THE PIGS WILL THROW HIM OUT BEFORE THE NEXT FULL MOON.

?

# SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

WHAT'S WRONG, TED? CAN'T SLEEP?

I JUST KEEP THINKING HOW THIS TRIP WILL BE MY LAST TIME IN MY CHILDHOOD BEDROOM...

BUT SOON THIS WILL BE SOMEONE ELSE'S BEDROOM, OR HOME OFFICE.

OR MAYBE THE NEW OWNERS WILL JUST TURN THE ENTIRE HOUSE INTO ONE GIANT OPEN-CONCEPT LAYOUT WITH A '60S KITCHEN ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE...

AND SURE, I HAVEN'T LIVED IN THIS HOUSE FOR YEARS, AND THIS ROOM HAS ALREADY BEEN TURNED INTO A GUEST ROOM, A HOME OFFICE AND A PLACE TO PUT EVERYTHING THAT DOESN'T GO SOMEWHERE ELSE...

AND THEN IT WILL BE JUST ANOTHER PART OF MY LIFE I CAN ONLY REVISIT IN MY MIND.

AND YEAH, THE ONLY PROOF THAT THIS EVER WAS MY ROOM IS MY OLD R.E.M. MUDD ISLAND CONCERT POSTER-LIMITED-PRINT EDITION, BY THE WAY...

I'M SORRY, SWEETIE.

PLUS, SOMEWHERE IN THIS ROOM IS MY SET OF UNOPENED KENNER "STAR WARS" ACTION FIGURES AND I SHOULD USE EVERY MOMENT I'M HERE LOOKING FOR THEM.

# The PHANTOM

by Lee Falk

GRRRROWLL

DIANA! GET DOWN HERE WITH THAT TORCH!

!!! W-WHAT IS IT?!

GRRRRR...

YOU'RE LOOKING AT EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT IT!

SHE'S A HANDFUL, THAT'S FOR SURE!

ROARRR!

GRRRROWLL....

GRRRRR....

EASY DEVIL... WE'VE GOT HER.

DIANA, LET ME HAVE YOUR BELT. THEN STAND BACK...

THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE EASY.

Tony DePaul & Jeff Weigel 12-4-22

# Hi and Lois

by Brian and Greg Walker

HEY, CHIP! I COULD USE YOUR HELP FOR A MINUTE.

THIS IS THE PHOTO WE TOOK ON OUR VACATION...

AND HERE'S A LIST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

I'M ON IT, MOM.

CHIP IS SENDING OUT ALL OUR CHRISTMAS CARDS THIS YEAR.

ISN'T THAT A LOT OF WORK?

NOT FOR HIM.

DONE!

CLICK

## ZITS BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

I CAN RELATE.

WHEW!

# THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"YOU'RE THE APPLE OF MY EYE, LEROY, BUT NOT THE CORE OF MY EXISTENCE."

"ACTUALLY, BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL MAN IS AN IRS AGENT."

"OF COURSE I'M IRRITABLE... YOU KEEP WAKING ME WHILE I'M WATCHING TV."

# FUNKY WINKERBEAN

by Tom Batiuk

HARLEY TOLD SUMMER THAT HE'S COME FROM THE FUTURE TO MAKE SURE SUMMER WRITES HER BOOK.

WHEN YOU SAY 'NUDGE'...

I TOUCH MINDS EVER SO SLIGHTLY TO INFLUENCE AN OUTCOME.

FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN SUSAN SMITH'S ACTIONS THREATENED THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUR PARENTS GETTING BACK TOGETHER BEFORE THEY WERE MARRIED...

AND BY HELPING YOU, I DID THE WORLD A FAVOR TOO...

BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF POETRY IN YOU THAT WON'T BE LOST NOW!

MR. MOORE... WAIT! THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU...!!!

ALL I HAD TO DO WAS GIVE A GENTLE PUSH TO AN ALREADY GUILTY CONSCIENCE.

## SLYLOCK FOX BY BOB WEBER JR.

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Spot six differences between these panels.

"DON'T THINK OF IT AS LEFTOVERS... THINK OF IT AS REGIFTING."

# SPOOKY FISH

**True or False**

- 1) Crabs can swim and walk sideways.
- 2) The only bone in an octopus is the skull covering its brain.
- 3) A sea turtle hatchling's gender depends on the temperature of the nest.

Answer -- 1) True, 2) False, 3) True. Hotter temperatures produce more females, cooler temperatures produce more males. The octopus has no bones.

**YOUR DRAWING**

Today's terrific artist is Barry, age 15

Answer -- Seaweed, finger, bone, fish eye, apron string and crab claw.

NEW! Slylock Fox: Spot the Six Differences book is here! Available at [www.slylockfox.com](http://www.slylockfox.com)

"I KNEW IT WAS A MISTAKE TO PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF PARTY GAMES."



**ABOVE LEFT:** Andrea Nix and Jeanne Edwards as sisters Ennis and Della in an epic battle for the perfect Christmas surprise from their nephew.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Brad Whitaker and Mary Margaret Edwards as Binky and Cuddles with an appearance that will shock and surprise.

**LEFT:** Martin Jones portraying the character Raynerd.

**RIGHT:** Tabby Stem as Trina Walcott the innkeeper at The Snowflake Inn where the guests are more than she can handle.

Submitted photos



# Dashing Through the Snow at The Fly

**T-G STAFF REPORT**

The Fly is showing a production of *Dashing Through the Snow*, directed by Ashley Johnson, which began Friday night and will run Dec. 3, 9, and 10 at 6 p.m. and Dec. 11 at 2 p.m.

Guests can choose to enjoy a dinner prepared by Robert Martin prior to the showing. Side and center seat tickets with dinner are \$22 and \$25. Side and center seats with no dinner are \$15 and \$18. Tickets can be purchased at [www.flyartscenter.com](http://www.flyartscenter.com), or text (931)205-5205.

The story takes place four days before Christmas in the tiny town of Tinsel, Texas. A colorful parade of eccentric guests arrives at the Snowflake Inn and decks the halls with holiday hilarity.

Trina, played by Tabby Stem, is the harried yet upbeat innkeeper of this B&B. But she has more than she can handle coping with these “nuttier-than-a-fruitcake lodgers.”

Hoyt, played by Ty Grabovitch, and his sister, Donna Jo, Mary Margaret Edwards,

make the mistake of trying to end a thirty-year feud between their curmudgeonly aunts, Ennis (Andrea Nix) and Della (Jeanne

Edwards), with sidesplitting results.

Ainsley (Alex Phillips) and Lenora (Jackie Roberts) are self-

involved actors from a lower-than-low-budget touring production of *A Christmas Carol*. They descend on the Inn to fulfill a

promise, leaving comedic chaos in their wake.

Add to this Yuletide mayhem an ill-advised romantic rendezvous between Mrs. Claus and one of Santa’s elves, a demanding guest who refuses to leave, not to mention a tipsy housekeeper, and it’s clear it will take more than a kiss under the mistletoe to keep Trina’s spirits merry and bright.

But a spur-of-the-moment Christmas Eve wedding that brings together the fabulous Futrelle sisters—Honey Rave (Ashley Johnson), Twink (Jeanne Edwards), Frankie (Dianne Clanton) and Rhonda Lynn (Andrea Nix)—and their best friend, Raynerd (Martin Jones). They take a surprising and delightful turn that leads to a laugh-till-your-sides-ache climax, changing all their lives forever.

You’ll swear this family-friendly Jones/Hope/Wooten Christmas comedy is more fun than a joyride in a one-horse open sleigh!

Other players include Brad Whitaker as Binky, Jesse Northcutt as Paulette, and Jody Turner as Lou Ida.



*Dashing Through the Snow*  
a Jones Hope Wooten comedy

## Twins

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are pretty rare, at just 3 or 4 per 1,000 births), Dorris and Morris stayed close together, even sharing their wedding day. Both Dorris and Morris were married to their sweethearts on June 2, 1957, at a beautiful white house in Fairfield.

Dorris and Morris were even drafted into the Army a week apart in the mid-1950s. Morris left after his service, but Dorris stayed on in the Tennessee Air National Guard for 30 years where he did mostly administrative work in addition to flying C130s.

Dorris says the reason he joined the Air Force was because the Army met

on Wednesdays, the day he would go to church. He joined the air national guard instead and never missed a day of church.

It was important; church is where he met his wife of 65 years, Lavye, who passed away recently on Nov. 18 at the age of 83. Dorris and Lavye met at an ice cream supper at Wartrace Baptist Church,

where they attended the rest of their married life.

Of the two, Dorris said Morris is the more reserved one. Morris worked for Singer and eventually for a tax office in Murfreesboro where he retired several years ago.

Dorris, on the other hand, “did a little bit of everything.” In addition to being in the Air National

Guard, Dorris also worked in plumbing and electric, accounting, chicken farming, and even as a mailman at one point.

Growing up around a bunch of brothers, Wilma said it made her head strong. “You have to be,” she said. So much so, she even sky-dived for her 79th birthday.

But all the siblings

still remain close even today. They visited each other not too long ago at Celebration Way where Dorris was staying with his wife.

And just like they’ve been over the decades, they still laugh and joke with one another, a testament to the connection twins have.

## Doug

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supposedly on the fluids in a human body, and I believe that is all part of God’s plan.

When I would visit the mountains in the West or when I would visit the desert in Arizona, I loved to stand out in the

dark of night and gaze heavenward.

It always seems that there are more stars visible in those higher elevations at night, and the moon shines like a spotlight on everything below.

I love to stand there and praise the Lord right along with all the hosts of heaven.

King David wrote in

Psalm 8:

*1 LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.*

*2 Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.*

*3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your*

*fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,*

*4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?*

*5 You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.*

*6 You made them rulers over the works of your*

*hands; you put everything under their feet:*

*7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,*

*8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.*

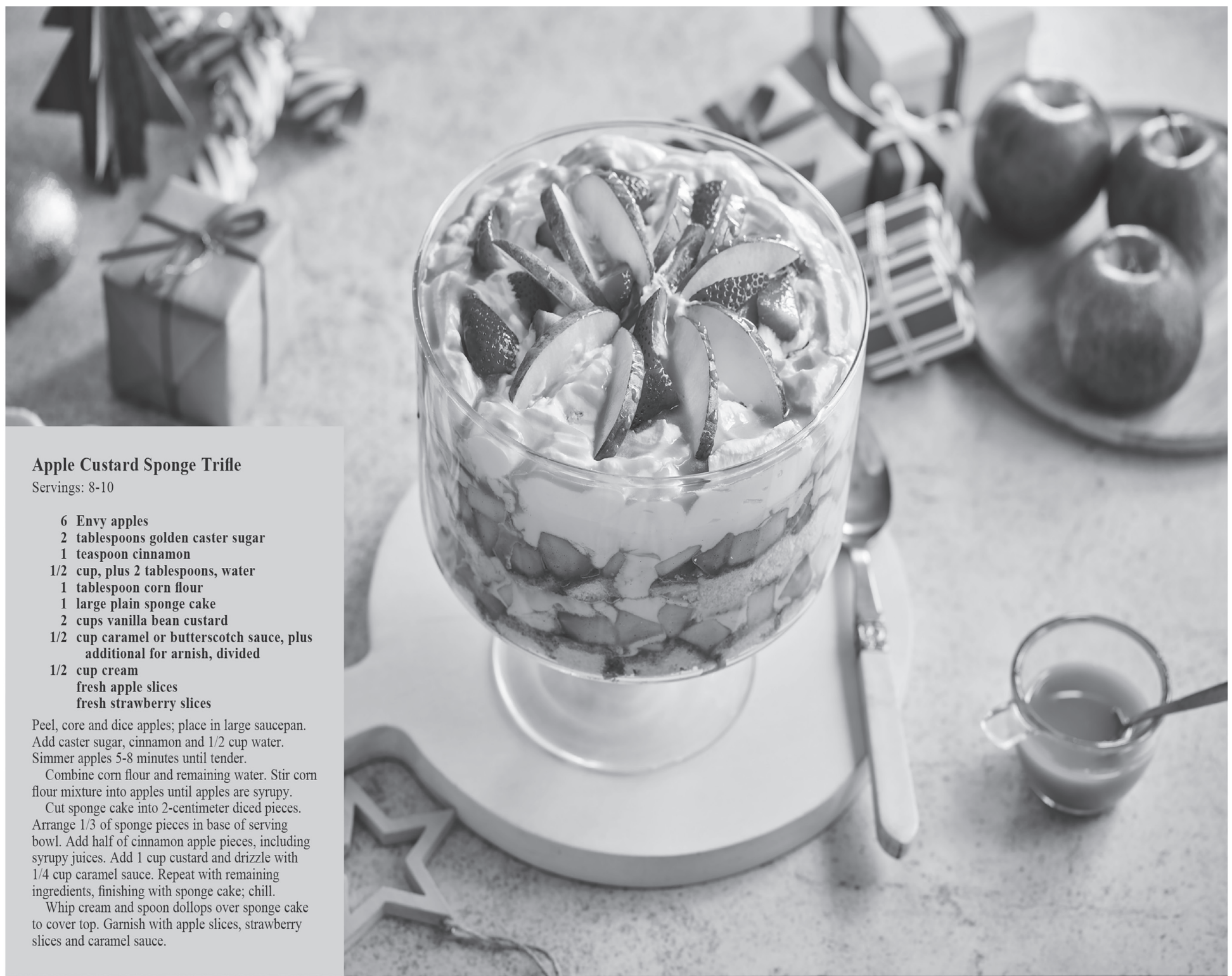
*9 LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

Yay Moon!

Yay Stars!  
Yay Lord God!

How majestic is your name in all the earth!

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**Apple Custard Sponge Trifle**

Servings: 8-10

- 6 Envy apples
- 2 tablespoons golden caster sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup, plus 2 tablespoons, water
- 1 tablespoon corn flour
- 1 large plain sponge cake
- 2 cups vanilla bean custard
- 1/2 cup caramel or butterscotch sauce, plus additional for arnish, divided
- 1/2 cup cream
- fresh apple slices
- fresh strawberry slices

Peel, core and dice apples; place in large saucepan. Add caster sugar, cinnamon and 1/2 cup water. Simmer apples 5-8 minutes until tender. Combine corn flour and remaining water. Stir corn flour mixture into apples until apples are syrupy. Cut sponge cake into 2-centimeter diced pieces. Arrange 1/3 of sponge pieces in base of serving bowl. Add half of cinnamon apple pieces, including syrupy juices. Add 1 cup custard and drizzle with 1/4 cup caramel sauce. Repeat with remaining ingredients, finishing with sponge cake; chill. Whip cream and spoon dollops over sponge cake to cover top. Garnish with apple slices, strawberry slices and caramel sauce.

Apple Custard Sponge Trifle

# Make *Holiday Memories* with Sweet Eats

**FAMILY FEATURES**

Whether your festivities include immediate family or bring together relatives from around the country, the holidays are about making memories with loved ones. From the first days of the season to the last, many families spend their precious time together with favorite activities and the best foods the holidays have to offer.

This year, you can change things up and start new traditions with a fresh ingredient like Envy apples, which provide an easy way to update classics due to their sweet taste and availability. The sweet, sophisticated flavor; uplifting, fresh aroma; delightfully satisfying crunch; beautiful appearance; and naturally white flesh that doesn't brown as quickly as other apples all lend themselves to shareable recipes like this Apple Wreath Salad or Roasted Apple Macaroni and Cheese, both perfect for holiday parties.

Because cherished memories are made with sweet ingredients, you can turn cozy movie nights into festive and memorable events year after year by pairing Hallmark Channel's popular "Countdown to Christmas" holiday movies with delicious desserts like Apple Custard Sponge Trifle and Brown Butter Apple Pie. Find more memory-making recipes at [EnvyApple.com](http://EnvyApple.com).



Brown Butter Apple Pie

**Brown Butter Apple Pie**

**Streusel Topping:**

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes

**Filling:**

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 pounds Envy apples, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon grated nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 tablespoons flour

- 1 deep dish frozen pie shell

Preheat oven to 375 F.

To make streusel topping: Mix flour, chopped pecans and light brown sugar. Stir in butter using fingertips until incorporated with small lumps of butter visible. Refrigerate.

To make filling: In large skillet over medium heat, melt butter until amber, stirring often. Set aside to cool. In large bowl, stir sliced apples, brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt, vanilla and flour using spatula. Pour brown butter over apples and mix, scraping skillet with rubber spatula to incorporate brown butter bits.

Place frozen pie shell on baking sheet. Add 2 cups apple mixture into shell, gently pressing apple slices for even base. Add remaining apple slices and gently press. Sprinkle streusel topping evenly over apples.

Bake 30 minutes then reduce oven temperature to 350 F and bake 35-45 minutes until topping is golden and apples feel tender when pierced with fork.



Apple Wreath Salad

**Apple Wreath Salad**

Recipe courtesy of "The Produce Moms" (@theproducemoms)

**Balsamic Dressing:**

- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, finely ground
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 3/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

**Salad:**

- 10 ounces baby arugula

- 3 Envy apples, sliced
- 9 ounces goat cheese, crumbled
- 3 ounces pomegranate arils
- 3 ounces pecans, toasted

To make balsamic dressing: In small serving bowl, whisk honey, Dijon mustard, salt, pepper, garlic, balsamic vinegar and olive oil.

Place dressing bowl in center of large board or platter. Arrange arugula around dressing bowl in wreath shape.

Place apple slices on top of arugula. Sprinkle on goat cheese, pomegranate arils and pecans.

**Roasted Apple Macaroni and Cheese**

**Topping:**

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs

Bring large pot of salted water to boil. Add noodles and cook until just tender. Drain and set aside.

In large pot over high heat, melt butter then saute diced apple until caramelized and tender. Sprinkle in flour and stir. Cook 1 minute, stirring frequently.

Whisk in heavy cream and milk; bring to boil, whisking frequently so milk doesn't burn. Once boiling, turn heat to low and whisk in cheddar cheese, Romano cheese, gruyere cheese, salt and Worcestershire. Continue whisking until cheese is melted thoroughly. Carefully pour mixture into large blender and blend on high until smooth.

Pour cheese sauce over noodles and stir.

Pour macaroni and cheese into 9-by-13-inch pan and spread evenly.

Heat oven to broil.

To make topping: In medium bowl, melt butter and stir in panko breadcrumbs.

Sprinkle breadcrumbs over macaroni and cheese; broil until golden brown.

- Salted water
- 1 pound macaroni noodles
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 Envy apple, peeled and diced
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 2 cups milk
- 3 cups sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 cup Romano cheese, grated
- 1 cup gruyere cheese, grated
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire



Roasted Apple Macaroni and Cheese



*Keep Christ in Christmas*

The popular saying “Keep Christ in Christmas” is becoming less and less popular today. According to a Pew Research Center Study, around 46% of Americans say they celebrate Christmas as primarily a religious (rather than cultural) holiday. This, however, is down from the 51% who said this in 2013. Millennials are less likely than other adults to say they celebrate Christmas in a religious way. A majority of U.S. adults (56%) also say religious aspects of Christmas are emphasized less in American society today than in the past.

**Historic First Presbyterian Church in Shelbyville, built in 1854, on North Brittain Street. The stained-glass windows were put in place between 1898 and 1899.**

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## Hillwood pulls away from Shelbyville in 2nd half

By **CHRIS SIERS**  
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**SHELBYVILLE** — Despite managing just four points in the first quarter, the Shelbyville Central managed to cut the Hillwood lead to single digits at multiple points, including into the third quarter.

But a strong finish by the Hilltoppers nixed any chance of a comeback as the Eagles took a tough one on the chin, 75-48, on Monday night.

The Eagles' lone field goal of the first quarter came on a Joe Harris three-

pointer. Trailing 16-4 after the first quarter, the Eagles out-scored the visitors 11-9, with four different Eagles tallying points in the second quarter.

Still, Hillwood clung to a 25-15 lead at the break.

But mid-way through the third quarter, Hillwood was able to execute on the scoreboard, scoring via points in transition, dribble penetration and from the perimeter.

In the third, Hillwood piled on 23 more points, while the Eagles went for 16 in the quarter.

That trend continued into the fourth frame with the Hilltoppers closing on a 27-17 run.

Terrence Johnson was the only Eagle to reach double figures and he led

the home team with 10 points.

Harris was hot on his heels with nine.

As a team, the Eagles connected on seven treys, with Johnson sinking a pair of triples.

Shelbyville also went 70% from the free throw line as well.

Hillwood's Derek Curtis and Calvin Goliday combined for 51 points to lead the visitors.

Hillwood	16	9	23	27	— 75
Shelbyville	4	11	16	17	— 48
Hillwood:	Derek Curtis 27, Calvin Goliday 24, Blake Palmer 11, Cody Curtis 3, Darquan Harris 2, Darshawn Harris 2, Cedric Owen 2, Jovantae Hayes 2, Jared Day 2.				
Shelbyville:	Terrence Johnson 10, Joe Harris 9, Mari Draper 6, Tyler Trice 6, Marquis Wilson 5, Zyon Bonner 5, Isaiah Alexander 4, Rocky Chandler.				
3-Point goals:	Hillwood (8): D. Curtis 4, Goliday 3. C. Curtis; Shelbyville (7): Johnson 2, Bonner, Wilson, Harris, Draper, Trice.				
Halftime score:	Hillwood 25, Shelbyville 15.				

**Terrence Johnson (1) kicks the ball out to Joe Harris in the corner for an open look at a three-pointer.**

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**Sammie Brown draws the foul after a Hillwood turnover and heads to the line. Additional photo, Page 2C.**

## Lady Feet dominate GCA after break

By **WILL CARTER**  
Sports Writer

**BELL BUCKLE** — Coming off a 10-day break and a loss, the Webb Lady Feet bounced back with a dominant 72-19 victory over the Grace Christian Academy Lady Lions for their first Division II-A victory of the season.

“Obviously, you always want to rebound after a loss,” Lady Feet assistant coach Darvin Gill said. “It was important for us to come out tonight and play well after the long Thanksgiving break. We’ve had some sickness throughout the squad, so it was good to get back out here tonight.”

Webb (2-1, 1-0) got off to a quick start by scoring 21 points in the opening quarter while holding Grace Christian (3-3, 0-1) to only two points in the frame.

The Lady Feet dropped three perimeter shots through the net in the first quarter with six different players logging points.

It was much of the same in the second quarter as Webb added 20 more points to their total while again holding Grace Christian to only



T-G Photo by Will Carter  
**Angelica Velez lines up a three-point shot that swishes through the net in the first quarter. Velez totaled nine points on the night for the Lady Feet.**

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## Lady 'Toppers wilt as Eaglettes roar

By **CHRIS SIERS**  
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**SHELBYVILLE** — Entering Monday night's non-district matchup against Hillwood, the Shelbyville Central Golden Eaglettes' game plan was to apply pressure to the visiting Lady Hilltoppers and create points in transition.

The plan worked as the Eaglettes suffocated the visitors in a 62-16 blowout victory.

Lanaya Young scored seven of her game-high 27 points in the first quarter as the Eaglettes jumped out to a 21-0 lead after the first eight minutes.

Not much changed into the second period as Young rattled loose for 13 more to spur on a 28-point quarter.

Paige Blackburn chipped in nine of her 14 points in the second quarter as well, with the Eaglettes building a 49-0 lead at the half.

Hillwood finally broke the stalemate and got on the board early in the third quarter and rallied for 12 points, including a pair of three-pointers, but couldn't muster up much else as both teams finished with four points apiece in a running clock in the fourth.

Young's 27 points led the way, while Blackburn added 14, including a pair of treys.

The Eaglettes also connected on 8-of-13 attempts at the charity stripe as well.

Hillwood	0	0	12	4	— 16
Shelbyville	21	28	9	4	— 62
Hillwood:	Kiyah Starks 8, Dis Grubb 5, Ganni Carangi 3.				
Shelbyville:	Lanaya Young 27, Paige Blackburn 14, Lilly Brown 8, Sammie Brown 7, A'Nayah Harris 2, Sydney Moore 2, Jaz Western 2.				
3-Point goals:	Shelbyville (4): Blackburn 2, S. Brown, Young; Hillwood (3): Starks 2, Carangi.				
Halftime score:	Shelbyville 49, Hillwood 0.				



T-G Photo by Will Carter  
**Stephen Olowoniya slams down one of his many dunks against Grace Christian. He led all scorers with 21 points on the night.**

## Feet fire from deep in win

By **WILL CARTER**  
Sports Writer

**BELL BUCKLE** — In their last two times on the floor, the Webb Feet suffered double-digit losses, but they completely flipped the script against the Grace Christian Lions on Tuesday night as they lit it up from three-point land to cruise to a 69-49 victory.

After competing in the Thanksgiving Classic at Centennial, head coach Micah Williams was happy to be back in Bell Buckle to work with his team on their faults.

“We were able to come in the last couple of days and work on some things that needed to be fixed,” he said. “I think our guys came in upset about how the Classic ended, but eager to work and get better as well. They executed the game

plan very well tonight and we were able to get a lot of guys in the game, so I'm extremely proud of them.”

After the Lions struck first with a Trace Phillips three-pointer just a minute into the contest, the Feet went on a 7-0 run to force a timeout.

Coming out of the timeout, the Lions were able to make it a two-point game before the first quarter ended.

To open the second quarter, Webb junior Taveon Comage got loose on a fast break and slammed down a one-handed jam which jolted a 10-2 run for his squad.

The Feet were dialed in for the entire quarter as they knocked down six shots from beyond the arc with

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TALKING EAGLE STRATEGY



T-G Photo by Chris Siers

Eagle coach Kody Howard huddles up with his team during a timeout against Hillwood on Monday night.

# CFP will expand in 2024 season

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
AP College Football Writer

The College Football Playoff announced Thursday it will expand to a 12-team event starting in 2024, completing an 18-month process that was fraught with delays and disagreements.

The announcement comes a day after the Rose Bowl agreed to amend its contract for the 2024 and 2025 seasons, which was the last hurdle CFP officials needed cleared to triple the size of what is now a four-team format. The first round of

the new playoff in 2024 will take place the week ending Saturday, Dec. 21. Exact dates are still to be determined.

The championship game for the 2024 season will be played Jan. 20, 2025, in Atlanta. The championship game for the 2025 season will be played Jan. 19, 2026, in Miami Gardens, Florida. Both are more than a week later than the current title game timing.

Expansion is expected to produce about \$450 million in additional gross revenue for the conferences and schools that participate.

READY...AIM...FIRE



T-G Photo by Chris Siers

Lilly Brown takes aim and sinks a first-half free throw against Hillwood.

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two points to carry a 41-4 lead into the halftime break.

Much of their success came on the defensive end by forcing turnovers and grabbing defensive rebounds to limit the Lady Lions' second chances which is a point of emphasis for the coaching staff.

"Defense and rebounding are very important for us," Gill said. "We feel like to be a really good team, you have to play well on both sides of the ball. We work a lot on our defense, and sometimes it shows but sometimes it doesn't."

With a near 40-point lead in hand at the half, Gill used the opportunity to give

the starters a rest and give the others some valuable floor time.

And they didn't miss a beat as they scored 31 points in the second half with eight bench players scoring in the game.

Rhema Collins led the Lady Feet with 11 points, and Tati Stovall was close behind with 10 points off the bench.

"It's very nice when we can put our bench players in and play well," Gill said. "If we have the opportunity to put them in, we're going to because everyone on this team works as hard as the next person. To be well-rounded when it matters, everyone on the team has to be prepared to step up when we need them to."

Cohesion is a staple for

the Lady Feet this season being that the majority of their team has been playing together for the last few seasons, and it shows on the court night in and night out.

"There's no substitute for cohesion, and you get that when you're around the same people all the time," Gill said. "There's a lot of camaraderie and chemistry on this team right now."

Webb returns to action on Thursday at home against the University School of Nashville with tip off set for 6 p.m.

Webb 21 20 22 9 - 72  
GCA 2 2 9 6 - 19  
Webb: Rhema Collins 11, Tati Stovall 10, Angelica Velez 9, Bre' Aria Cannon 6, Aalyah Del Rosario 6, Sammy Hepburn 6, Daria Biryk 5, Makenzi Halle 5, Bree Robinson 4, Aurora Sanchez-Almon 4, Kora Johnson 3, Lauren Rust 2, Sophie McInruff 1.  
GCA: Natalie Kage 12, Alexis Rubin 4, Campbell Spencer 2, McKenzie Kage 1.  
3-point goals: Webb: Cannon 2, Hepburn 2, Biryk, Collins, Halle, Velez.  
Halftime score: Webb 41, GCA 4

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four of those coming from Justin Burrows, who scored all 12 of his points in the frame.

Webb totaled 11 makes from the perimeter against the Lions.

"It's not necessarily just about shooting threes for us, but working the ball to get open shots," Williams said. "The guys moved the ball inside and out well tonight, which opened up some kick out threes. Those are the type of shots we really want, not forced threes."

Senior Stephen Olowoniya led the way in the first half for the Feet with 13 points, and helped his team to a 39-24 advantage at the break.

Grace Christian opened the second half on a run of their own by knocking down two shots from three-point land to close the Feet's lead

to single digits.

But Olowoniya and Webb found their footing again after he slammed down back-to-back dunks to jolt their offense back to a double-digit lead midway through the third quarter.

They never looked back from there as they took a 57-41 advantage into the final frame.

Williams was able to get his bench players some floor action after they extended their lead to over 20 points early into the final eight minutes.

The reserves accounted for 10 of Webb's 12 points in the quarter.

"Especially at this point of the year, we want to try to develop some of these younger guys while we can," Williams said. "Opposing teams start to figure you out more and more as the season goes on, so it's important to get some of these guys some time on the floor so they're comfortable out there down

the road."

While bouncing back with a district win was important for Williams, doing it in front of their home crowd was even better.

"One thing I said to our guys before the game is that home court is important," he said. "Our morale is up right now, and I think our chemistry is just going to keep getting better as the season goes on."

Webb will be back in action on Thursday against the University School of Nashville with tip off to follow after the girl's game ends.

Webb 12 27 18 12 - 69  
GCA 10 14 17 8 - 49  
Webb: Stephen Olowoniya 21, Justin Burrows 12, Taveon Cornage 9, Arnett Hayes 8, Eli Brown 6, Noah Brown 6, Jax Howard 3, Joel Wyatt 2, Sylvaughn Armbrister 2.  
GCA: Jordan Carter 10, Trace Phillips 10, Ford Deshazo 9, Jackson Hiett 5 Ty Gibbs 5, Kyle Davidson 2, Ben Caldwell 2, CJ Tinnon 2, Zaine Hutchinson 2, Cade Fuller 2.  
3-Point goals: Webb: Burrows 4, Hayes 2, E. Brown 2, N. Brown 2, Howard; GCA: Phillips 3, Carter 2, Gibbs, Hiett, Deshazo.  
Halftime score: Webb 39, GCA 24.

## Cascade wrestling wins pair

T-G STAFF REPORT

SEWANEE — The Cascade Champion wrestling team walked away from a meet at St. Andrew's-Sewanee Tuesday night with a victory over both St. Andrew's Sewanee and Sale Creek, defeating them 51.0-15.0 and 42.0-21.0 respectively.

Against Sale Creek,

the Champions secured victories in every weight class except for 120, 138, 152, and 170.

Chase Sutter claimed the quickest fall time between the two teams with a two minute and 37 second victory in the 145 class.

In Cascade's matchup with St. Andrew's-Sewanee, Isaac Chapa defeated his

opponent in 33 seconds to win 195 class and claim the quickest fall time across both competitions within the Champions squad.

Aside from forfeiting some classes for not having participants, the Champions claimed victories in every other weight class except for 160 and 170 against St. Andrew's-Sewanee.

## Viqueens fall short in OT

T-G STAFF REPORT

HUNTLAND — A back-and-forth non-district battle between Huntland and Community spilled into overtime.

Despite the heroics from senior M.J. Simmons, who went for a team-high 21 points, the host Lady Hornets were able to escape the Viqueens with the 60-52 win.

The Viqueens led by three after the first quarter, but for the lady Hornets to rally and cut the Purple and Gold lead to two by halftime.

After the intermission, the Lady Hornets got a combined 15 points from

Jacy May and Logan McLennan to leave the game deadlocked after three quarters.

Both teams went for 11 points in the fourth quarter, but fouls became an issue for the Viqueens as both Haley Mitchell and Simmons fouled out in the later moments of the game.

Simmons accounted for the only basket in the overtime period, while Huntland was able to knock down 10 to secure the win.

Mitchell joined Simmons in double figures and added 15 for the Purple and Gold, while

Zoey Dixon chipped in nine.

Community connected on eight three-pointers in the contest, with Mitchell and Dixon hitting three apiece.

Community was back in action on Thursday night, however results were unavailable at press time.

Community 15 7 17 11 2 — 52  
Huntland 12 8 19 11 10 — 60  
Community: M.J. Simmons 21, Haley Mitchell 15, Zoey Dixon 9, Shelby Gawthron 4, Anna Haskins 3.  
Huntland: Logan McLennan 27, Jacy May 20, Yareli Avalos 6, Aysia Williams 3, BAiley Morris 2, MAddie Burks 2.  
3-Point goals: Community (8): Dixon 3, Mitchell 3, Simmons, Haskins; Huntland (2): May, McLennan.  
Halftime score: Community 22, Huntland 20.

# Georgia's running game will be big test for LSU

By CHARLES ODUM

AP Sports Writer

ATHENS, Ga. — A healthy Kenny McIntosh and strong play from the offensive line have No. 1 Georgia's running game peaking just in time for the postseason.

The Bulldogs ran for more than 200 yards in each of their last two regular-season games, providing valuable momentum for Saturday's Southeastern Conference championship game against No. 11 LSU in Atlanta.

The Tigers' run defense will try to recover after giving up Devon Achane's career-high 215 yards and two touchdowns in last week's 38-23 loss to Texas A&M.

Georgia (12-0) led Georgia Tech only 10-7 at halftime last week before coach Kirby Smart called for a re-commitment to a physical running game. The Bulldogs answered the call by scoring on their first five possessions in the second half of a 37-14 win.

McIntosh and Kendall Milton ran for touchdowns as Georgia outrushed Georgia Tech 264-40. McIntosh posted game-high totals of 86 rushing yards and 91 receiving yards.

"When he flips the switch and really starts going, he's got great vision and great hands," said Smart of McIntosh. "He's a weapon."

After dealing with two deep thigh bruises this season, McIntosh looks strong for the postseason. That's a good sign for Georgia's hopes of defending its national championship.

"It's my last year and I know what I want and I've been waiting all my life for this moment," McIntosh said after the Georgia Tech game. "I want to take full advantage of this opportunity."

Daijun Edwards, Milton and Branson Robinson shared the carries with McIntosh. The Bulldogs averaged 6.5 yards per carry against Georgia Tech, boosted by a 45-yard run by McIntosh and a 44-yard gain by Milton.

LSU linebacker Micah Baskerville said he expects Georgia to challenge the Tigers'

run defense, especially after last week's poor showing.

"They have a good offensive line, good size," Baskerville said. "I see that they're physical. Our goal is to stop the run. We feel they're going to come out and run it on us because of last week. That's our challenge that we're going to have to stop so it doesn't happen back-to-back weeks."

Georgia ran for 247 yards while passing for only 116 yards in a 16-6 win at Kentucky on Nov. 19.

Smart credits "the physicality at the line of scrimmage" for the late-season surge in the running game.

"I think the line of scrimmage is playing really well, they're playing really physical," Smart said.

Georgia has completed back-to-back undefeated regular seasons. The Bulldogs will try to snap a streak of three straight SEC championship game losses. They lost last year's SEC title game to Alabama before winning the rematch in the national championship game.

Depth at running back and an efficient passing game provided balance to the offense. Stetson Bennett threw two touchdown passes on only 135 yards against Georgia Tech.

Georgia ranks No. 8 in the nation with 488 yards per game in total offense, including 203 on the ground.

"Those guys have played physical," said Smart of the running backs. "The backs have done it by committee. That's been helpful."

LSU (9-3) ranks only 59th against the run, allowing 144 yards per game. Defensive end BJ Ojulari said the Tigers' run defense must recover from last week's "very disappointing" game against Texas A&M.

"We all know what the task at hand is," Ojulari said. "We're still going to have to go out to Atlanta and play our best game. We know our potential. We know how we can play and the level we can play at."

# Champs survive thriller, win in final seconds

By WILL CARTER  
Sports Writer

ROCKVALE — One side of the gym was filled with screams and numerous other loud noises while the other sat in silence as fans anxiously awaited the first-of-three free throws from Cascade's Jackson Davis that would put the Champions ahead with .3 seconds remaining in the contest.

Davis lined up, went through his routine and swished the ball through the nylon to give Cascade (4-0) the lead and polished it off by knocking down the last two for a 72-69 win over the Rockvale Rockets (2-2).

Seconds prior, Rockvale's Darryl Cotton knocked down a three-pointer to tie the game at 69-69 with 1.5 seconds remaining after Champions head coach Chris Lawson called a timeout to draw up one final play.

"We did a good job of contesting their last shot without fouling. You have to give them credit for hitting that shot at that moment," Lawson said. "Fortunately, I had a timeout left, so we were able to get the ball with 1.5 seconds left. I don't want to say it went how I drew it up, but we got the ball up the floor and Jackson was able to get the foul call. Sometimes you need a little luck to win some games. Both teams played well, but I think the ball bounced in our favor a couple more times for us to come out on top."

It was a back-and-forth affair throughout most of the contest with the lead changing several times between the two teams.

Rockvale led for the

majority of the first quarter before Davis slashed inside for a layup and a free throw after a foul was called to give Cascade their first lead of the game with 48 seconds left in the frame.

The lead changed three more times before the Rockets escaped the quarter with a 16-15 advantage, but the Champions found their footing behind Lucas Clanton's 12 second quarter points to go ahead 36-33 at halftime.

Clanton totaled 31 points on the night with the majority coming from inside the paint.

"Putting him around the basket causes matchup problems for other teams," Lawson said.

"He was 11-of-12 from the foul line and made some shots from everywhere. He just wanted it tonight and he had a solid overall game."

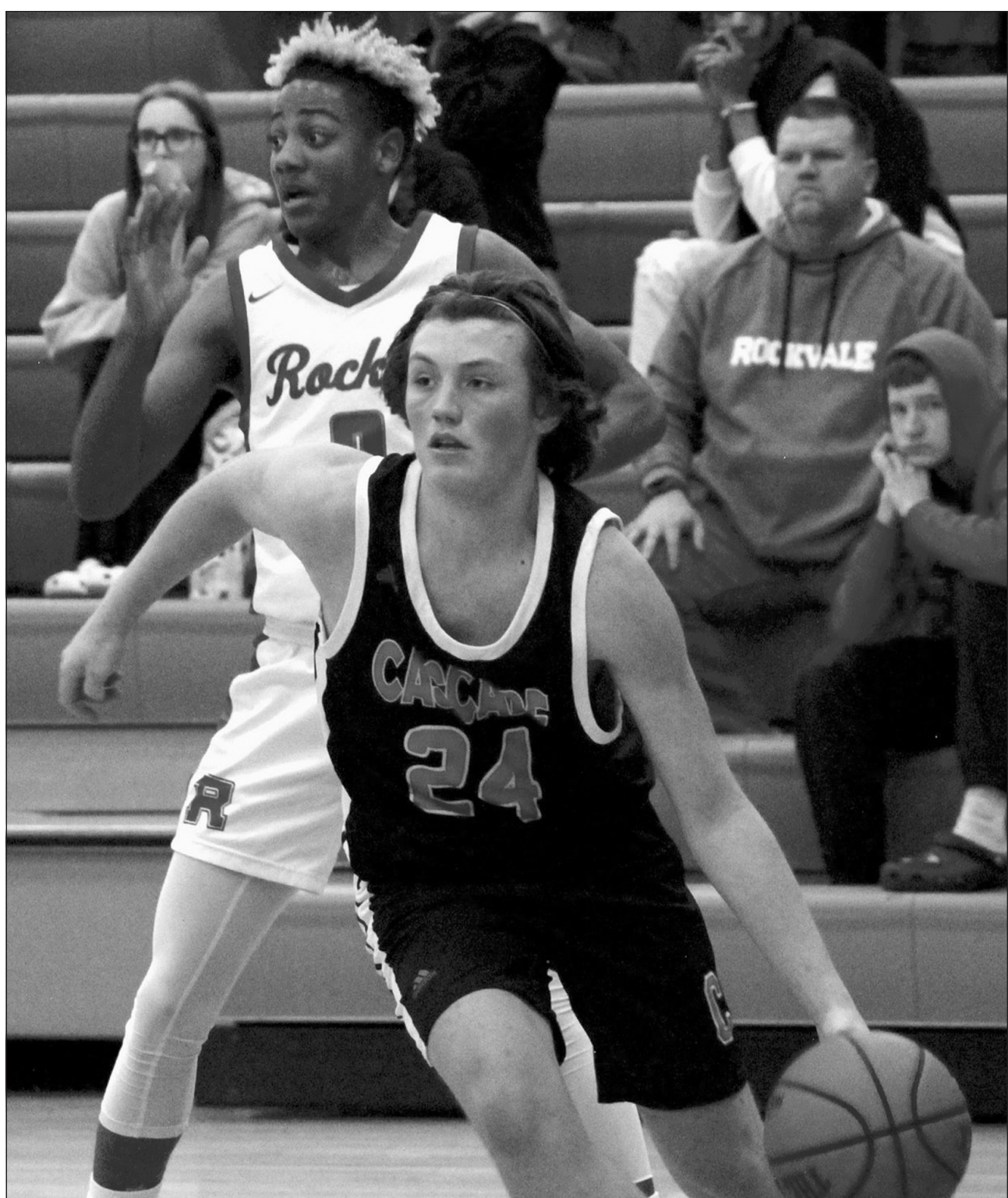
Both teams got right back to where they left off to start the second half, but the pace of play slowed down after Cascade reached the double bonus with two minutes and 53 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

The Champions weren't able to capitalize on their free throw attempts, shooting 4-of-10 in the quarter.

To end the third, Clanton knocked down a corner three at the buzzer for a 53-48 lead heading to the final eight minutes.

Rockvale crawled back and slowed Cascade's attack for the first five minutes of the final frame to take their first lead since the first half at 60-58.

The Rockets found success from three-point land throughout the night as



T-G Photo by Will Carter

Jackson Davis drives baseline to find an open teammate. Davis totaled 18 points against the Rockets.

they knocked down 10 total threes, with five coming in each half.

Cotton accounted for four of those to add to his total of 25 points in the game.

"It was definitely the environment that I wanted our guys to play in. Rockvale is a long and athletic team that plays extremely hard," Lawson

said. "We didn't expect them to shoot it that well from outside, but they did. They gave us everything they had tonight."

The two squads traded blows for the final three minutes before the last eight seconds when Cotton tied it for Rockvale and Davis knocked down the game-winning free throws after being fouled on his

halfcourt heave.

The matchup with the Rockets was another early season test on the Champions' schedule, and Lawson was proud of his team for passing it.

"This is a huge game for us to win," he said. "I told the guys that this was our second test with the first being the Tullahoma game that we won. Overall, we

did enough to get the win and passed the test. These kinds of games are going to prepare us for what's down the road in the postseason."

Cascade	15	21	17	19	—	72
Rockvale	16	17	15	21	—	69

Rockvale: Darryl Cotton 25, Markell Siebert 12, Ty Newton 9, Antonio Ward 7, Jakob Tharp 5, Malachi Long 4, De Eric Patton 3, Colin Holman 2, Jonavin TaiManglo 2.  
3-Point goals: Cascade (5): Clanton 2, Gulick 2, Gentry; Rockvale (10): Cotton 4, Newton 3, Ward 2, Patton.  
Halftime score: Cascade 36, Rockvale 33.

# Lady Champs' offense struggles at Rockvale

By WILL CARTER  
Sports Writer

ROCKVALE — It was a tough night for the Cascade Lady Champions as they had a hard time producing much offensively in their 61-22 loss to the red-hot Rockvale Lady Rockets.

Cascade's (1-3) struggles started early in the contest with their only two points in the first quarter coming from freshman Kaegan Young while four different Lady Rockets (4-0) contributed to a 15-2 advantage in the first frame.

Freshman Suzanna Crews put the Lady Champions back on the board with just under seven minutes remaining in the second quarter and she led her squad with five total points in the frame.

Shortly after, the Lady Rockets manufactured some quick offense with their full-court pressure defense that caused problems for the Lady Champions.

Cascade totaled 16 turnovers in the first half due to the pressure, but cleaned things up in the second half, committing only seven.

Despite the turnovers, the Lady Champions ended the half on a 6-0 run to head into halftime down 29-14.

While it was difficult for coach Janie Demonbreum's offense to get going, she was happy with how her team was able to slow the Lady Rockets down as much as possible.

"Our goal was to slow them down and I thought we did that well in the first half," she said.

"I thought we held them as well as we could. We just couldn't put up points of our own."

Rockvale continued to put their foot on the gas in the second half as they knocked down a



T-G Photo by Will Carter

Freshman Kaegan Young strides toward the basket for a layup against Rockvale.

trifecta of three-pointers in each of the final two quarters while Cascade's struggles carried over for the rest of the contest.

Getting back to the basics of their offense is a point of emphasis for Demonbreum and her Lady Champions.

"We could have had a lot more points if we rotated the ball better against their zone defense,

but that's something we're working on," she said. "We just have to break the bad habits these girls have fundamentally and work from there."

Leading the attack for the Lady Champions were Crews and Young who combined for 14 of Cascade's 22 total points.

And Demonbreum is counting on the freshmen duo to keep

playing hard.

"They're going to be so important for us," she said. "I'm super proud of Suzanna and Kaegan both for stepping up and playing hard as freshmen. That's the Suzanna I know that comes out and is feisty down low."

Nine different Lady Rockets contributed to their total score with Tonie Davis scoring 20 to

lead the way, including eight in the second quarter.

They also knocked down eight shots from the perimeter compared to Cascade's one.

Cascade	2	12	5	3	—	22
Rockvale	15	14	16	16	—	61

Cascade: Suzanna Crews 8, Kaegan Young 6, Abrielle Presley 3, Laina Carter 3, Isabella Rhodes 2.  
Rockvale: Tonie Davis 20, Kalliah Crawford 9, Tales Gray 8, Ayeed Wilkerson 7, Kamaria Murray 6, Kamryn Clark 5, Annabelle Marlin 3, Isabella Newcomb 3.  
3-Points goals: Rockvale (8): Gray 2, Clark, Crawford, Davis, Marlin, Murray, Newcomb; Cascade (1): Presley.  
Halftime score: Rockvale 29, Cascade 14



T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy

Coach Luke Bowling of the Vikings talks to his team after wrestling practice in the school cafeteria.

# Vikings look to grow in second season

By **RICKEY CLARDY**  
Sports Writer

After their inaugural wrestling season last year, the Community Vikings hope their returning wrestlers will help to pave the way for the newcomers as the Vikings get ready for their second season on the mat.

Coach Luke Bowling, who took over the wrestling squad just before the start of the season, knows that building a program at the school is a work-in-progress and doesn't involve just the time between the first and last match.

"Preseason has been really good," Bowling said. "All of our returning guys came back so that is a positive. So it's a matter of getting everybody back in the swing of things."

The Vikings have persevered despite some obstacles along the way.

"The big thing is numbers," Bowling said. "And you see us, we're still working out in the cafeteria."

"Next year, we're supposed to

have a space where we can leave our stuff out," Bowling added. "We're borrowing space from the cafeteria, so that's a little bit more setup and takedown."

"We're still trying to establish numbers," Bowling said. "We don't really have a full squad yet even though we have more guys than we had last year. Last year we had five, and this year we have 10."

"We'd like to get where we have 15 or 20 guys and build on that," Bowling added.

"It helps to have guys that have done it before because it helps some of these younger guys know what to expect."

Despite being in just their second season, the Vikings have a schedule with schools that have been wrestling for a longer time and have built successful programs.

"For example, Tullahoma has a full varsity boys' squad, a full JV boys' squad, and a full girls' varsity squad," Bowling said. "And some of those kids have

had the opportunity to wrestle since they've been in elementary school."

"If we had that opportunity, it would be nice, but you've got to start somewhere," Bowling added.

"We open up the season against Tullahoma, so it's a good way to know where we're at."

Bowling hopes to see improvement with the team as it progresses through the season.

"For the returning guys, we want to see them build on the things they learned last year and start to see sustained success," Bowling said. "We had some guys that would win a match here or there, but they weren't consistently successful."

"We want to see them be a guy that I count on to go out and get me six points and a match win," Bowling added.

"For the new guys, it's really just about getting their feet wet," Bowling said. "There's so much of it that you learn from experience. For those guys, it's

having the courage to come out and try it and having the guts and the work ethic to stick to it."

Community played all of its matches last season on the road.

Bowling has battled through some obstacles to schedule one match this season at home.

"We've got one match at home. We wanted to schedule some more, but it's really tough," Bowling said.

"We share the gym with basketball and when we made the schedule, I wasn't the head coach," Bowling added. "We were trying our best to put something together that was going to get the guys the matches."

"We wanted them to have one and we tried to get a couple of others on the schedule, but we would either have had to wrestle over a break or it would have been really awkward," Bowling said.

The home match is currently scheduled with Cornersville and hopefully another team on

December 16.

"We're trying to find a third team to come in and make that a tri-match," Bowling said. "For the people that are going to be here that have maybe never seen wrestling, they can see more matches."

"These kids work hard, and for a lot of them, they don't get to wrestle in front of their friends," Bowling added.

"But we have a lot of local matches locally at Forrest, Eagleville, and at Marshall County," Bowling said.

The team is currently made up of seniors Gavin Garcia, Devlin Hodges, and Alex Stanley, juniors James Bowling, Ethon Eynon, and Reed Wallace, sophomores Cody Duff and Jackson Harris, and freshmen Blaine Bowling and Ethan Garcia.

After the Tullahoma match, the Vikings travel to Forrest and Cascade for their next matches.



T-G Photo by Gary Johnson

Eaglette Lanaya Young (top) and Tullahoma's Megan Carr battle for a loose ball in action on Tuesday night.

# Eaglettes struggle in loss

T-G STAFF REPORT

**SHELBYVILLE** — Shelbyville Central just couldn't match Tullahoma's offensive production on Tuesday night.

The Lady Wildcats hit double figures in all four quarters and despite the Eaglettes rallying for 20 points in the fourth quarter, Tullahoma coasted to a 57-35 win over Shelbyville.

Tullahoma spread its offense among nine players, despite putting just one in double figures.

The Lady Wildcats

jumped out to a 10-3 lead in the first quarter and stretched its advantage to 14 points by halftime with a 23-9 lead.

That trend continued into the third quarter as Shelbyville mustered up just six points, including one field goal by Lanaya Young.

The Eaglettes went on a 20-16 run in the fourth frame, with Young tallying in 10 more, but couldn't over come the early-game struggles.

Young led all scorers with 18 points, while Sammie Brown and Paige Blackburn each scored five apiece.

The Eaglettes were back on the road on Friday night with another non-district game at Siegel.

Tullahoma 10 13 18 16 — 57  
Shelbyville Central 3 6 6 20 — 35  
Tullahoma: Lily Melton 13, Alivia Bowen 9, Elanor Fults 8, Nyjah Gibbs 8, Lucy Nutt 6, Morgan Car 4, Kai Barnes 3, McLayne Bobo 3, Alaisha Bowen 2.  
Shelbyville Central: Lanaya Young 18, Sammie Brown 5, Paige Blackburn 5, Jaz Western 3, Lilly Brown 2.  
3-Point goals: Tullahoma (5): Fults 2, Bobo, A. Bowen, Barnes; Shelbyville Central (2): Blackburn, S. Brown.  
Halftime score: Tullahoma 23, Shelbyville 9.

# Eagles outlast Tullahoma

By **GARY JOHNSON**  
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Shelbyville Central's Golden Eagle basketball team turned in their best performance of the season thus far with an impressive 58-53 win at home on Tuesday night.

The Eagles posted leads of 21-9 at the end of the first quarter, 31-19 at the intermission and 39-35b going into the fourth quarter.

Tullahoma took a three-point lead midway through the fourth stanza but Shelbyville Central's Joe Harris nailed back to-back three pointers late in the game to put the Eagles back on top for good.

"I am really proud of our guys. We didn't play up to expectations Monday night, but I told them we just have to watch the film and learn from it. We watched about an hour of film today, and every single player was talking about their mistakes and how to fix it. That's when I knew success was closing in. I didn't necessarily know it'd translate this fast, but I never had a doubt that, at some point, we would right the ship," Shelbyville Central coach Kody Howard said. "Kudos to Tullahoma. They're a great team that battled to the end, and made us go earn that victory. Again, super proud of my guys, they deserve all of the credit for tonight's outcome."

The Eagles cashed in on 11 3-pointers with Tyler Trice leading the way with five for 15 points.

Terrence Johnson collected 14 points while Harris finished with a dozen points with four treys.

Deandre Jenkilin netted 16 with Khani Johnson contributing 14 to pace the Wildcats.



T-G Photo by Gary Johnson

Shelbyville Central's Terrence Johnson soars to the basket and scores, then converts for a 3-point play in the Eagles' win over Tullahoma.

The Eagles (1-5) play at Siegel on Friday night at 7:30.

Tullahoma 9 10 16 18 — 53  
Shelbyville Central 21 10 8 19 — 58  
Tullahoma: Deandre Jenkins 16, Ethan Hargrove 4, Khani Johnson 14, Grant Chadwick 6, Keegan Taylor 2, Jaiden Sanchez 9, Austin Tinnon 2.

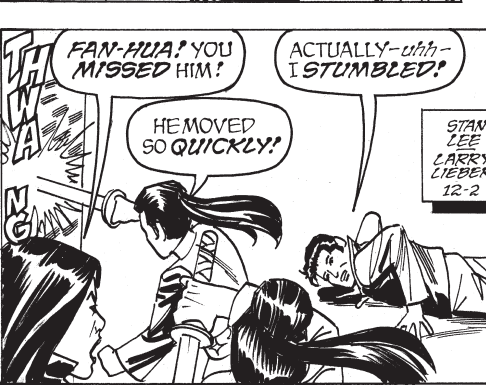
Shelbyville Central: Zyon Bonner 6, Terrence Johnson 14, Marquis Wilson 2, Isah Alexander 6, Joe Harris 12, Mari Draper 3, Tyler Trice 15.  
Halftime score: Shelbyville Central 31, Tullahoma 19.  
3-Point goals: Shelbyville Central (11): Trice 5, Harris 4, Johnson. Draper; Tullahoma (2): Johnson 2.

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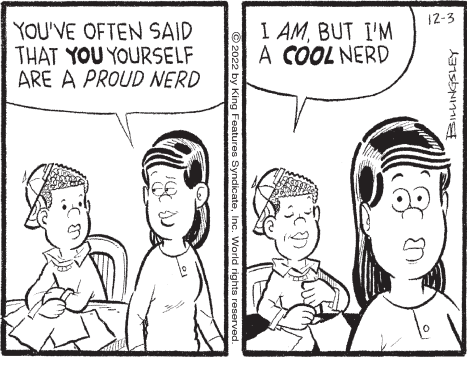
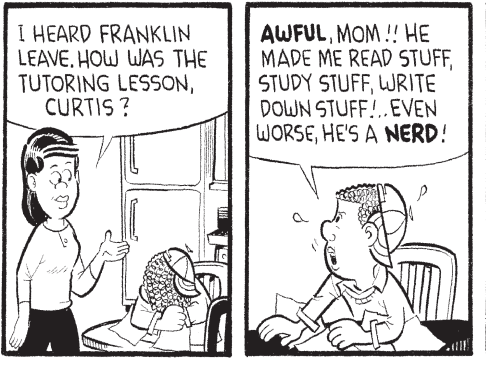
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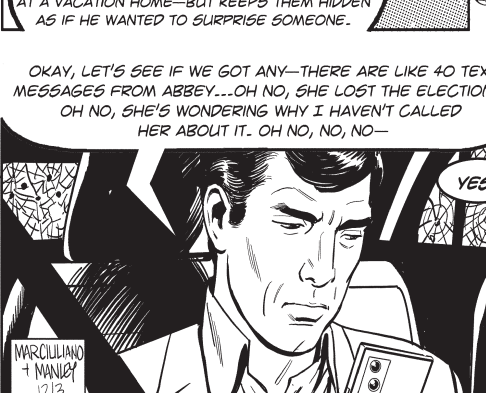
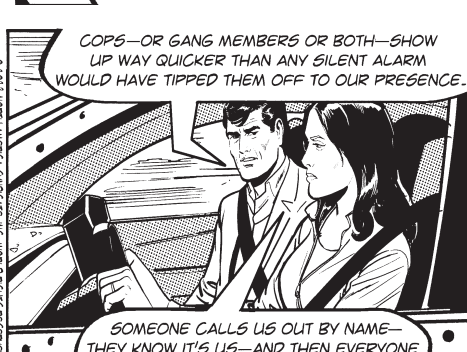
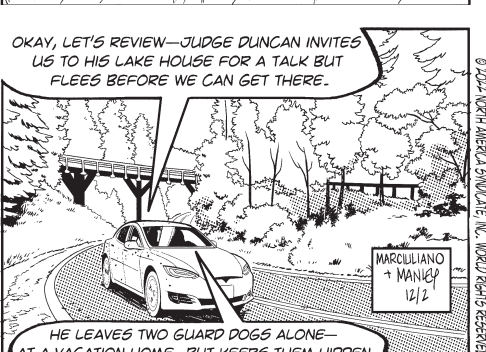
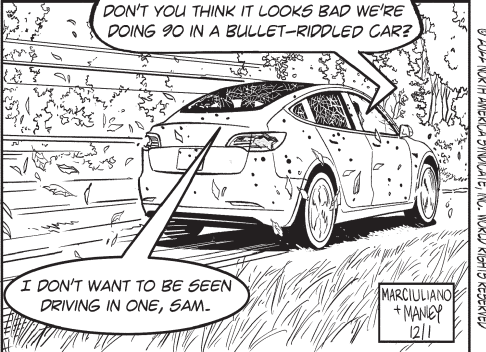
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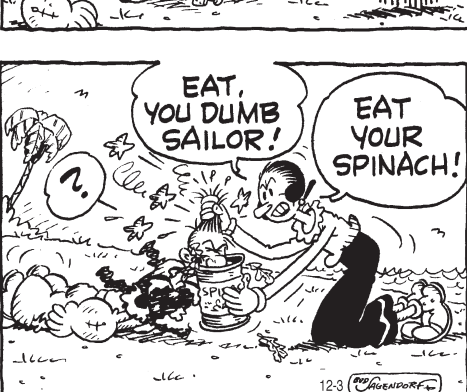
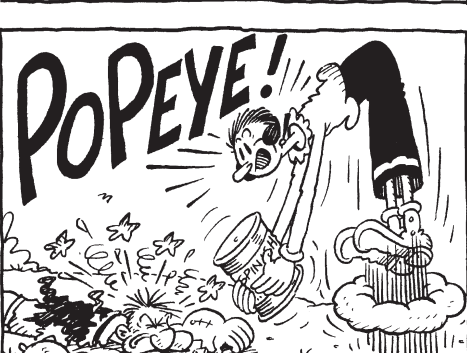
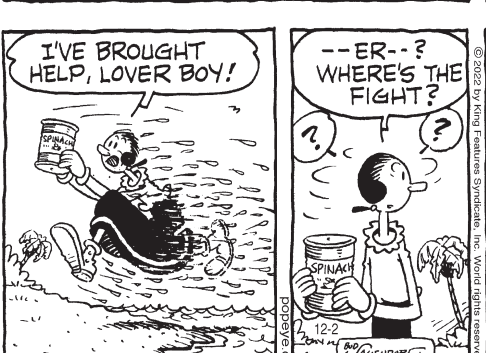
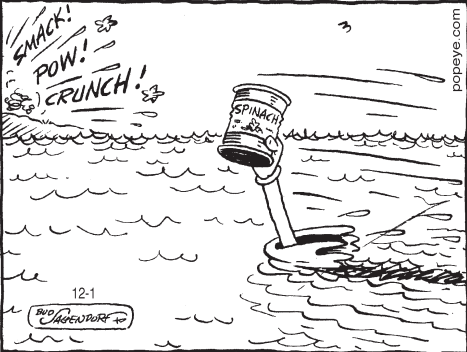
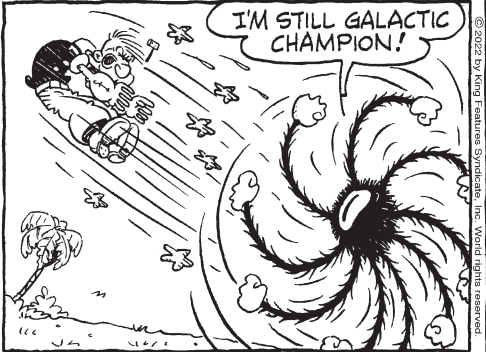
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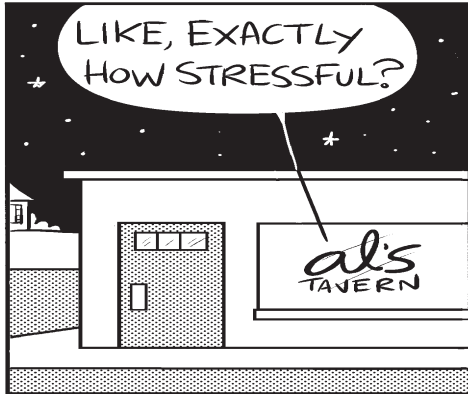


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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to Kwanzaa. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = A)

- A. 5 9 12 9 8 14 3 26 9  
Clue: Acknowledge a happy day
- B. 17 3 14 18 9 11 26  
Clue: Gathering crops
- C. 21 3 6 7 12 23  
Clue: Relatives
- D. 26 14 3 22 7 26 7 10 20  
Clue: Passing down customs

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	1	2	9	5	3	8	6	7
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6	4	9	8	3	1	7	5	2
1	8	7	6	2	5	3	4	9
3	2	5	7	4	9	6	8	1
2	6	4	5	7	8	1	9	3
7	9	3	4	1	6	5	2	8
8	5	1	3	9	2	4	7	6

ANSWER:

Answers: A. celebrate B. harvest C. family D. tradition



# Holiday Fun with a Joyful *POP*

## FAMILY FEATURES

With countless ways to enjoy the holiday season from decorating and hosting parties to wintertime activities, it's a perfect time to bring family and friends together for some festive fun. One simple ingredient can be your go-to for just about any tradition: popcorn, which is an inexpensive, versatile, whole grain that makes holiday occasions better.

Consider these simple seasonal ways you can let popcorn fuel your holiday adventures.

### Decorate

Strings of popcorn and cranberries add a nostalgic touch to the family tree while making popcorn trees adds whimsy to the table. Before stringing popcorn, let it sit out for a day or two as freshly popped popcorn may be too fragile to thread without breaking. Push a threaded needle through the center of each kernel then pull the kernel to the end of the knotted thread, adding an occasional cranberry, if desired. Festive trees can be made using popcorn mixed with melted marshmallows then shaped and finished with sprinkles.

### Give It as a Gift

If it's your turn to host this year's holiday party, popcorn makes for a perfect party favor. Pop up a delicious treat like these Cranberry Popcorn Balls, place them in pretty jars or neatly wrap them then finish each with a bow. For an added touch, include the recipe instructions and popcorn kernels in a separate container so your guests can make it at home.

### Enjoy It as a Snack

Freshly popped popcorn is a simple and delicious snack to share after a day of shopping, caroling, sledding or decorating. You can take the holiday season up a notch with creative recipes like Gingersnap Popcorn Snack Mix, White Chocolate Peppermint Popcorn Bark and Easy, Elegant Holiday Popcorn. These treats are perfect for popping up in the morning so the snacks are ready once guests arrive.

Visit [Popcorn.org](http://Popcorn.org) to find more sweet, salty and savory holiday recipe ideas.

### Gingersnap Popcorn Snack Mix

Yield: 2 quarts

- 2 quarts popped popcorn
- butter-flavored nonstick cooking spray
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar substitute
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black or white pepper

Preheat oven to 325 F.

Spread popcorn on baking sheet and spray lightly with nonstick cooking spray.

In small bowl, combine sugar substitute, ginger, nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves and freshly ground pepper; sprinkle evenly over popcorn.

Spray again with nonstick cooking spray and toss to coat evenly. Bake 7 minutes and serve warm.



Gingersnap Popcorn Snack Mix



White Chocolate Peppermint Popcorn Bark

### White Chocolate Peppermint Popcorn Bark

Yield: 1 pound

- 5 cups popped popcorn
- 12 ounces white chocolate baking chips, chopped white chocolate or white candy coating
- 1 cup crushed hard candy peppermints

Cover baking pan with foil or wax paper; set aside.

Place popcorn in large bowl; set aside.

In double boiler over barely simmering water, melt chocolate, stirring until smooth, or melt according to package directions.

Stir in crushed peppermints after chocolate is melted. Pour chocolate mixture over popcorn mixture and stir to coat. Spread onto prepared pan; cool completely.

When chocolate is cooled and set, break into chunks for serving. Store in airtight container at room temperature.

### Easy, Elegant Holiday Popcorn

Yield: 8 cups

- 8 cups popped popcorn
- 1/2 cup milk chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup white chocolate chips
- candy sprinkles

On serving platter, spread popcorn in thin layer.

Over double boiler or in microwave, melt milk chocolate chips. Drizzle over popcorn.

Over double boiler or in microwave, melt white chocolate chips. Drizzle over popcorn.

Sprinkle candy sprinkles over warm, chocolate-coated popcorn. Allow drizzles to set until firm.



Easy, Elegant Holiday Popcorn



Cranberry Popcorn Balls

### Cranberry Popcorn Balls

Yield: 18 balls

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup whole berry cranberry sauce, slightly mashed
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
- 1/2 cup cranberry juice
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 5 quarts unsalted popped popcorn

In heavy saucepan, combine sugar, cranberry sauce, orange peel, cranberry juice, corn syrup, vinegar and salt. Bring to boil; lower heat and cook to 250 F on candy thermometer.

Mixture will bubble in pan; watch to keep from boiling over.

Pour slowly onto hot popcorn and mix until well-coated.

Let stand 5 minutes, or until mixture can easily be formed into balls.

Butter hands and form into 3-inch balls.

## AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS



Sheila Trolinger pointed out this lovely “old fashioned” Christmas tree on Highway 130 East near the Duck River Bridge. She said this cedar is decorated every Christmas with tinsel and ornaments and looks like someone does it every year with love.

## Egyptians call on British Museum to return Rosetta stone

By JACK B. JEFFERY  
Associated Press

CAIRO — The debate over who owns ancient artifacts has been an increasing challenge to museums across Europe and America, and the spotlight has fallen on the most visited piece in the British Museum: The Rosetta stone.

The inscriptions on the dark grey granite slab became the seminal breakthrough in deciphering ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics after it was taken from Egypt by forces of the British empire in 1801.

Now, as Britain’s largest museum marks the 200-year anniversary of the decipherment of hieroglyphics, thousands of Egyptians are demanding the stone’s return.

“The British Museum’s holding of the stone is a symbol of Western cultural violence against Egypt,” said Monica Hanna, dean at the Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport, and organizer of one of two petitions calling for the stone’s return.

The acquisition of the Rosetta Stone was tied up in the imperial battles between Britain and France. After Napoleon Bonaparte’s military occupation of Egypt, French scientists uncovered the stone in 1799 in the northern town of Rashid, known by the French as Rosetta. When British forces defeated the French in Egypt, the stone and over a dozen other antiquities were handed over to the British under the terms of an 1801 surrender deal between the generals of the two sides.

It has remained in the British Museum since.

Hanna’s petition, with 4,200 signatures, says the stone was seized illegally and constitutes a “spoils of war.” The claim is echoed in a near identical petition by Zahi Hawass, Egypt’s former minister for antiquities affairs, which has more than 100,000 signatures. Hawass argues that Egypt had no say in the 1801 agreement.

The British Museum refutes this. In a statement, the Museum said the 1801 treaty includes the signature of a representative of Egypt. It refers to an Ottoman admiral who fought alongside the British against the French. The Ottoman sultan in Istanbul was nominally the ruler of Egypt at the time of Napoleon’s invasion.

The Museum also said Egypt’s government has not submitted a request for its return. It added that there are 28 known copies of the same engraved decree and 21 of them remain in Egypt.

The contention over the original stone copy stems from its unrivaled significance to Egyptology. Carved in the 2nd century B.C., the slab contains three translations of a decree relating to a settlement between the then-ruling Ptolemies and a sect of Egyptian priests. The first inscription is in classic hieroglyphics, the next is in a simplified hieroglyphic script known as Demotic, and the third is in Ancient Greek.

## Christine McVie, Fleetwood Mac singer-songwriter, dies at 79

By HILLEL ITALIE  
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Christine McVie, the British-born Fleetwood Mac vocalist, songwriter and keyboard player whose cool, soulful contralto helped define such classics as “You Make Loving Fun,” “Everywhere” and “Don’t Stop,” died Wednesday at age 79.

Her death was announced on the band’s social media accounts. No cause of death or other details were immediately provided, but a family statement said she “passed away peacefully at hospital this morning” with family around her after a “short illness.”

“A few hours ago I was told that my best friend in the whole world since the first day of 1975, had passed away,” bandmate Stevie Nicks said in a handwritten note posted to Instagram.

She added that one song has been “swirling around” in her head since she found out McVie was sick, quoting the lyrics to HAIM’s “Hallelujah”: “I had a best friend/But she has come to pass.”

McVie was a steady presence and personality in a band known for its frequent lineup changes and volatile personalities — notably fellow singer-songwriters Nicks and Lindsey Buckingham.

Her death is the first among Fleetwood Mac’s most famous incarnation of McVie, Nicks, Buckingham, drummer Mick Fleetwood and bassist John McVie, Christine’s ex-husband. In recent years, the band had toured without Buckingham, who was kicked out in 2018 and replaced on stage by Mike Campbell and Neil Finn.

Fleetwood Mac started out as a London blues band in the 1960s, and evolved into one of the defining makers of 1970s California pop-rock, with the talents of McVie, Nicks and Buckingham anchored

by the rhythm section of Fleetwood and John McVie. During its peak commercial years, from 1975-80, the band sold tens of millions of records and fascinated fans as it transformed personal battles into melodic, compelling songs. The McVies’ breakup — along with the split of Nicks and Buckingham — was famously documented on the 1977 release “Rumours,” among the bestselling albums of all time.

Everyone in the group played a distinctive role: Fleetwood and John McVie formed a deep and bluesy groove, Buckingham was the resident mad genius and perfectionist, Nicks the charismatic dramatist and idol to countless young women and Christine McVie the grounded counterpoint, her economy as a singer and player well suited to her birth surname: Perfect.

“I was supposedly like the Mother Teresa who would hang out with everybody or just try and (keep) everything nice and cool and relaxed,” she told Rolling Stone earlier this year. “But they were great people; they were great friends.”

Fleetwood Mac was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1998, when at the ceremony they played McVie’s “Say You Love Me.” The group’s many other hit singles included Nicks’ “Dreams,” Buckingham’s “Go Your Own Way” and McVie’s “Little Lies.” One of McVie’s most beloved works, the thoughtful ballad “Songbird,” was a showcase for her in concert and covered by Willie Nelson, among others.

The midtempo rocker “Don’t Stop,” inspired by the end of her marriage, would gain unexpected political relevance when Bill Clinton adopted the song — and its “Don’t stop thinking about tomorrow”



Christine McVie performs at a Cleveland concert in 2017.

refrain — as a theme to his 1992 presidential run. The band, which had essentially stopped making albums at the time, reunited to perform at his inauguration gala.

McVie’s two marriages, to John McVie and Eduardo Quintela, both ended in divorce. Her boyfriends included the Beach Boys’ Dennis Wilson, about whom she wrote “Only Over You.”

McVie, born Christine Anne Perfect in Bouth, Lancashire, came from a musical family. Her father was a violinist and music teacher and her grandfather played organ at Westminster Abbey. She had been playing piano since childhood, but set aside her classical training once she heard early rock records by Fats Domino and others.

While studying at the Moseley School of Art, she befriended various members of Britain’s emerging blues scene and, in her 20s, joined the band Chicken Shack as a singer

and piano player. Among the rival bands she admired was Fleetwood Mac, which then featured the talents of blues guitarist Peter Green along with the rhythm section of Fleetwood and John McVie. By 1970, she had joined the group and married John McVie.

Few bands succeeded so well as Fleetwood Mac, which has sold well over 100 million records, against such long odds. Green was among the many performers who left the group, and at various times Fleetwood Mac seemed on the verge of ending, or fading away. It was rescued by unexpected returns and interventions and one of rock’s most fortuitous and lucrative hunches.

In the mid-1970s, Fleetwood Mac was down to just three members, Fleetwood and the two McVies. While spending time in Los Angeles, Fleetwood learned of a young duo from California, Buckingham and Nicks, that had recorded the little known album “Buckingham

Nicks.” Impressed by their sound, he initially planned to ask just Buckingham to join, but the guitarist insisted the band also include Nicks, his girlfriend at the time.

The new lineup proved almost instantly magical. Nicks and Christine McVie formed a lasting friendship, agreeing that as two of the rare women in rock they would always stand up for each other. And the harmonies and music making of Nicks, Buckingham and Christine McVie insured that such albums as “Fleetwood Mac,” “Rumours” and “Mirage” had an enviable quality and variety of songwriting and vocal styles.

But the group’s overwhelming success also led to inevitable conflicts and the desire for solo work. Over the following decades, Nicks became a star in her own right. McVie released solo albums, including “Christine McVie” and “Christine Perfect,” as well as a 2017 collaboration with Buckingham, “Lindsey

Buckingham/Christine McVie.”

Fleetwood and John McVie were there at the founding of Fleetwood Mac and were the only ones to remain all the way through. McVie departed in the 1990s, when she was seemingly done forever with the rock star life. By 2014, she had changed her mind.

“I just wanted to embrace being in the English countryside and not have to troop around on the road. I moved to Kent, and I loved being able to walk around the streets, nobody knowing who I was,” she said of her hiatus during a 2022 interview with the Guardian.

“Then of course I started to miss it. I called Mick and asked: ‘How would you feel about me coming back to the band?’” she said. “He got in touch with everybody and we had a band meeting over the phone and they all went: ‘Come baaaack!!’ I felt regenerated and I felt like writing again.”