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**Man found dead after night-long standoff**



A military vehicle remained in front of the home on Knob Creek Road in Wartrace where Rhett Brewer was found dead Tuesday morning following an all-night standoff with law enforcement.

By **DAVID MELSON**  
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A Wartrace man is dead after an all-night standoff outside a Knob Creek Road home.

The body of Rhett "Boo" Brewer, 32, was found when law enforcement entered the home he shared with his mother around 6 a.m. Tuesday, Sheriff Austin Swing said.

Brewer died of a single gunshot wound investigators believe to be self-inflicted, Swing said. The sheriff confirmed no bullets or projectiles capable of fatal injury were fired into the home by law enforcement.

The TBI has taken over the investigation, Swing said.

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**Flood control system facing costly repairs**

By **DAVID MELSON**  
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Costly but unavoidable repairs of Shelbyville's downtown flood control system are becoming a must, City Council members were told at a study session Tuesday.

Consulting engineer Will Owen explained the basics of the system to the council and Mayor Randy Carroll.

- The flume, consisting of three tubes – 2,300, 2,700 and 3,100 feet long.
- Corrugated metal pipe cross sections.
- The levee, including the steep barrier-type hill, comprising the area including the floodgate.
- Flood pumps atop the levee.

"If there was no levee, floodwaters would cover primarily commercial properties," Owen said. "A large part of downtown is protected by the levee."

Part of the pumps' purpose is to send excess water to the holding area near the North Cannon Boulevard-West Jackson Street intersection and into Duck River west of downtown, Owen said.

**Aging system**

The system was constructed in 1961-62 and is in need of major upgrades if not outright rebuilding, Owen said. He said visiting engineers have told him

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**ROAD WORK RERUN**



T-G Photo by David Melson

The traffic signal near River Ranch Estates on Highway 41A North is back. Traffic is down to one lane until the Tennessee Department of Transportation can repair the culvert and slope at the bridge over Dryland Creek due to slope failure and bridge wingwall failure. Flooding and erosion in May caused a portion of the roadway embankment and wingwall to collapse. TDOT crews made repairs by replacing the slope and wingwall, but last week's heavy rains caused the embankment to slip again on Saturday. TDOT says there is no structural damage to the bridge and it is safe for traffic to cross.

**Duksan start passes one hurdle**

By **DAVID MELSON**  
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The proposed new Duksan Electera America facility came one stop closer to reality Tuesday when the Shelbyville-Bedford County Industrial Development Board approved a PILOT (Payment-in-

Lieu-of-Tax) program for the facility.

A similar program was approved for Marsh Brothers Industrial Properties' new warehouse on Hawkins Drive.

The Duksan Electera plant on Highway

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**Motlow opens aviation lab in Shelbyville**

By **ZOË WATKINS**  
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As the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) continues to predict an airline pilot shortage for the next 20 years, colleges like Motlow State Community College are working to develop a ready workforce for the industry in Shelbyville.

Monday marked the grand opening of Motlow's Aviation Simulation Lab at the Middle Tennessee Higher education Center, 200 Dover St.

Motlow State President Michael Torrence said, "Our goal is to make sure there is a clean, clear pathway for educational attainment and skill development for our young people as well as those folks who are coming out of something mid-career."

"The aviation industry in this region is growing and this in support of that," Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership CEO Shane Hooper said. "The more people we can help through workforce development, that's one of our primary goals is to make sure that we have not just more jobs but better jobs."

This is a bonus as an economic benefit as jobs in the aviation industry tend to be higher income jobs, which helps support the efforts of Shelbyville-Bedford's development, according to Hooper.

Tony Millican, Executive Vice President for Workforce & Community Development at Motlow, added, "Exposure and access is really what it's all about. When it comes to workforce development at Motlow, we really want to focus on those careers, those particular specialties, that we know our folks have great hope in..."

Highlighting this "educational pathway" opportunity, Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham said the county is "committed to education." This simulation lab is "moving the needle" of education in Bedford.



T-G Photo by Zoe Watkins

Simulators allow pilots to prepare for emergencies they may never face in flying.

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# Keep your pups inside this winter

**Dear Heloise:**  
In your column that appeared in our newspaper recently, you recommended lining the outside of a doghouse so a pet can fight off cold weather. If you get an opportunity to do so, please remind your readers that comforters, blankets, etc., should not be used to line the inside because they get wet and can freeze.

If they must use a doghouse, it should be lined with straw. Better yet, get rid of the doghouse and keep your pet inside, especially during the cold winter months and hot summer months.

Thank you for always trying to help your readers to be good dog parents. -- Marykay Zurbrugg, via email

## Hints from Heloise



### SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERY REPLACEMENT FOR SENIORS

**Dear Heloise:** I just read an article about a senior citizen not being able to replace the batteries in their smoke detector. In lots of towns, the fire departments have programs with volunteers who will do that for seniors. I suggest she contact the local fire department and ask about this. Or maybe a neighbor can do it for her? They don't need to be climbing up ladders. Thank you. -- Charles Spence, Vancouver, Washington

### PET PAL

**Dear Heloise:** We have an alarm system we use. It's Milo, our husky. -- Big Jim Briggs, Torrance, California  
Readers, to see Milo and our other Pet Pals, go to Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week."

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

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

### MAKEUP TIPS

**Dear Heloise:** As a makeup artist, I can tell you that most makeup lasts about six hours. We touch our faces more than we realize, and when we do, we remove a little makeup from our faces each time. Add to that, our facial movements also knock off makeup, or the colors start to fade after a number of hours.

If you want to keep your makeup on a little longer, do not skip powder. Don't put a heavy-handed dose of powder, but rather a light dusting on the T-zone, away from the eyes. This will set your makeup to last all day.

Put on a little too much blush? Add powder over the blush to give the color a more natural look. Always apply blush with a brush -- blend, blend and blend again. -- Susan A., New York

### A HINT RELATED TO VEHICLES

**Dear Heloise:** I learned this from my father. Do you drive a car with a keyless entry that uses a wireless remote? If you replace the battery in the remote once a year, you will avoid getting caught unexpectedly with a non-working remote. -- Rhona B., Silver Spring, Maryland

### REACHING THE MAIL

**Dear Heloise:** My husband solved my problem of reaching the mail in the back of our mailbox. He gave me a retractable back scratcher that fits into the door pocket of my car. I use the extended back scratcher to scoop the mail from the far back of the mailbox! Awesome answer! -- Lisa, via email

### STEAMING SQUASH

**Dear Heloise:** Today, I bought a yellow squash. When I went to cook it, I decided to steam it. I wanted the slices to be even, so I thought about it and came up with this: I used my pastry cutter to score the squash, and then I cut it. The squash turned out to be perfectly steamed. -- P.C., Pennsylvania

### KEEP SURGERY WOUNDS DRY

**Dear Heloise:** After having shoulder surgery, I had to go several days without getting my bandages wet. To take a shower, I had my wife put a press-and-seal wrap over the bandage to keep it dry. It worked great. -- Henry K., Jerseyville, Illinois

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### DEC. 25

#### Food giveaway

The Johnson Family Food Giveaway will be held Christmas Day from noon-2 p.m. at Chili's, North Main Street. Call or text 931-735-0301 or 662-380-6522 for delivery or questions.

### 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 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 336 S. Cannon Blvd. (corner of South Cannon and Pickle Street). 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.

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

### SATURDAY

#### VFW Music Night

VFW Post 5019, 1320 Wartrace Pike (Depot Street), will hold its monthly third-Saturday music night Saturday, Dec. 17. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with the event from 6-9:30 p.m. James Smotherman & Friends will be featured but other acoustic musicians and singers are welcome. Admission is \$3, and there will be a potluck meal. No alcohol or outside beverages are permitted. For more information, call 931-607-3149 or 931-684-2523.

### SUNDAY

#### Food giveaway

St. Paul Church, Highway 41A North between Unionville and Rover, will hold a food giveaway at noon Sunday, Dec. 18.

## December 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

### Holidays

18th - Hanukkah Begins in the evening  
21st - Winter Begins  
25th - Christmas



### 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.



### WARM COATS FOR WINTER

The Shelbyville Optimist Club Warm Coats Program is making deliveries to the schools in Bedford County. The club made deliveries to Community Elementary School and Thomas Magnet School. If your church or organization would like to help collect coats for the Warm Coats Program, please message the Optimist Club on Facebook at Shelbyville Optimist Club World Famous Horse Show Donuts.

Submitted photos

### THE CARE HOUSE



Jeanne Edwards and Eddie Reed spoke to the Shelbyville Rotary Club about the work of The Care House. From left are club president Darin Hasty, Edwards, program facilitator Barry Cook and Reed.

Submitted Photos

## PUBLIC NOTICE

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHELBYVILLE POWER, WATER, AND SEWER BOARD WILL MEET

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**The Motlow Trained RedBird Aviation Simulators, which are FAA endorsed, will reduce cost and time for pilots in training.**



**Tony Millican**



**A ribbon cutting was held Monday afternoon. Making the cut were State Rep. Pat Marsh, left center, and Motlow President Michael Torrence, right center.**



**The aviation lab is located at 200 Dover St. in Shelbyville.**



**From left, Shelbyville Airport Director Paul Perry with MTSU representatives Savannah Richardson LoTempio, Greg Van Patten, and Chaminda Prelis.**



**Students Dane Norman and Mariam Tanas greeted visitors coming to the Middle Tennessee Higher Education Center.**

## Motlow

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Newly-elected Shelbyville Mayor Randy Carroll also spoke. A graduate of Motlow and a veteran of Naval aviation, Carroll

said, "We're glad to have you here and anything we can do from the City of Shelbyville's standpoint, let us know."

### The need for pilots

More pilots are needed in today's world, experts

say. In addition to an increasing demand for air travel, airline pilot retirements outnumber the pilots training to replace them. Pilots are required to retire at 65. Statistics show that over the next 20 years, 80,000 airline pilots will retire.

By 2023 alone, a shortage of 12,000 pilots is expected due to mandatory and COVID-related early retirements. Boeing's Pilot and Technician Outlook projects that 208,000 pilots will be needed in North America.

But aviation careers don't just go to commercial piloting. Students interested in aviation can find careers as agricultural pilots, pipeline and powerline patrol pilots, aerial surveyors, air ambulance pilots, flight instructors, banner towing pilots, charter pilots, and the exhilarating skydive pilots.



**Shelbyville City Manager Scott Collins shakes hands with Department of Aerospace Chaminda Prelis.**



**From left, Phil and Alissa Roebuck with Motlow President Michael Torrence.**

### Why a simulator?

These simulators will help young trainees know what potential and possibilities are inside the aviation world, according to Millican.

Allen Howell, owner of Shelbyville Flight Academy, said this is a vision that has been in process for several years.

"Our company is honored to work with Motlow State and their entire team to operate this state-of-the-art simulation lab for pilot training," Howell said.

In addition to helping aviators maintain their proficiency and skills, simulator training is capable of creating scenarios that they could never safely do in an airplane, Howell explained.

"Doing so allows us to prepare pilots for emergencies they may never face in flying," he said.

Not to mention, the simulator is also cost-effective.

The average airplane rental rate plus a flight instructor costs \$250 per hour. To save costs, pilots can log up to 38 hours toward their commercial pilot training time requirements in a Redbird Advanced Aviation

Training Device (AATD).

The Motlow Trained RedBird Aviation Simulators, which are FAA endorsed, will reduce cost and time for pilots in training.

### Other schools impacted

And going back to attaining those clear "educational pathways," this will help with Middle Tennessee State University's department of aerospace.

"The program with MTSU and the Shelbyville Airport is a reflection of that same growth in the aviation industry. And, yes, this will help provide a pathway, especially for our kids in the Bedford County School System," said Greg Van Patten, interim dean for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences at MTSU.

"We are interested in the possibilities that this raises for our students to have multiple avenues into the career path of aviation," he said. "I think the timing on this is really cool... This really could make Shelbyville and Bedford County a center of aviation for the Southeast."

As for the MTSU Aerospace Department moving from Murfreesboro to Shelbyville Municipal Airport, Van Patten said it's all still in the works and that the conversation is continuing with elected officials.

Van Patten and several MTSU leaders, including President Sidney A. McPhee and Reese Smith, chairman of the Board of Trustees, gave an extensive presentation to Shelbyville City Council about the proposed move on Wednesday. See Tuesday's Times-Gazette for coverage.



**Pictured is TCAT-Shelbyville's graduating December class. The college awarded 111 diplomas and certificates at the Dec. 2 graduation.**

## TCAT-S awards over 100 diplomas at graduation

SHELBYVILLE — The Tennessee College of Applied Technology of Shelbyville had 243 graduates eligible to participate in the December 2022 graduation. The graduation took place Friday Dec. 2 at Harris Middle School.

Established in 1963, TCAT-Shelbyville is a constituent college of the Tennessee Board of Regents and accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education.

They have three extension campuses in Bedford County, Franklin County and Lincoln County. All campuses had graduates this year and were invited to attend the December ceremony.

Diplomas & certificates were awarded to graduates who completed the following programs:

- Administrative Office Technology, 4
- Automotive Technology, 9
- Computer Aided Design Technology, 4

- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, 6

- Industrial Electricity, 14
- Industrial Maintenance Automation, 20

- Information Technology & Infrastructure Management, 28

- Machine Tool Technology, 8

- Practical Nursing, 9

- Welding Technology, 9

President Laura Monks said, "Student Success and Workforce Development are two of our main priorities at TCAT Shelbyville, and Graduation allows us to celebrate both of these areas."

The goal of TCAT faculty and staff is to support students through workforce development. Though many graduates are already placed in the workforce, there are a few December graduates who will be ready for placement in their respective industries.

For more information, visit [www.tcatshelbyville.edu](http://www.tcatshelbyville.edu) or call 931-685-5013.

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Coach Cody Pierce talks over strategy with the Viqueens during a timeout.

T-G Photos by Rickey Clardy

# Viqueens get revenge on Richland



Shelby Cawthon (30) scores for the Viqueens despite pressure from the Richland defense. Cawthon finished with 13 points for Community in its win over the Lady Raiders.

**By RICKEY CLARDY**  
 Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE – The Community Viqueens saw a 13-point lead evaporate into a 2-point deficit in the third quarter, but the Viqueens regained control with an 11-0 run and never looked back as Community defeated the Richland Lady Raiders 68-51 in a basketball contest Tuesday night.

Community (6-3) won for the fourth straight time and avenged a loss to the Lady Raiders earlier in the season.

The Viqueen offense was clicking from the outside and inside in the first quarter. Haley Mitchell opened the game with two three-pointers and M.J. Simmons added eight points as the Viqueens withstood an 8-0 Lady Raider run and took a 16-13 lead to the second quarter.

Richland tied the game at 18-18 in the quarter before the Viqueens went on an 8-0 run of their own. Simmons scored six points as Community took a 29-21 lead into the intermission.

With Shelby Cawthon scoring seven points and Simmons adding six in the third quarter, the Viqueens

appeared to be in cruise control as Community took a 37-24 lead with 5:54 to play before Richland got hot from three-point land.

The Lady Raiders finished the quarter with five three-pointers and came up with a rare 6-point play to take their first lead at 45-43 with 50 seconds remaining.

The Viqueens started their run with the final four points and took a 47-45 lead to the fourth quarter.

With the well running dry for the Lady Raiders from 3-point territory, the Viqueens started to pull away. Simmons scored six points as seven Community players scored in the quarter.

The Viqueens scored the first seven points to finish its run and took a 54-45 lead with 6:33 left.

After a Lady Raider free throw, the Viqueens scored the next seven points to take a commanding 61-46 advantage and increased their lead to 66-48 as the Lady Raiders could only manage six points in the quarter.

“We did have a good inside-out game and that’s how we play and we’ll always be that way,” Coach Cody Pierce of the Viqueens said.

“It’s big when everybody’s knocking down shots,” Pierce added.

Simmons scored 26 points to lead three Viqueens in double figures. Mitchell netted 17 points while Cawthon added 13.

Shelby Higgins led the Lady Raiders with 18 points.

The Viqueens were 14-of-19 from the free throw line while Richland was 5-of-7.

“Richland definitely likes shooting the three and they can hit them, too,” Pierce said. “We had to trust our offense and trust our rebounding.”

“We had just enough defense to put them away late,” Pierce added.

Richland	13	8	24	6	—	51
Community	16	13	18	21	—	68

Richland: Shelby Higgins 18, Kristen Garner 10, Katie Garner 9, Katelyn Bass 3, Gracie Braden, Bailey Blair 9, Danica Bridgers 2, Kylee Hall, Mary Katherine Butler, A. C. Hewitt, Sissy Randolph.

Community: M. J. Simmons 26, Haley Mitchell 17, Shelby Cawthon 13, Addison Brothers 4, Zoey Dixon 4, Jacey Collier 2, Stevie Dickenson 2, Anna Haskins, Jayla Mangrum, Izzy Martinez, Raegan Haley, Kathryn Sego.

3-Point goals: Richland (10): Higgins 3, Katie Garner 3, Blair 2, Kristen Garner, Bass; Community (6): Mitchell 5, Simmons.

Halftime score: Community 29, Richland 21.

# Sluggish 1st half costly in Vikes’ loss to Raiders



Landon Lovvorn fires a shot for the Vikings. Lovvorn had five points for Community.

**By RICKEY CLARDY**  
 Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — The Community Vikings could not sustain an offensive flow against the Richland Raiders in the first half as the Raiders used their length and timely three-point shooting to gain the upper hand as the Vikings fell 72-45 in a basketball contest Tuesday night.

Community (0-10) started out in good shape as a three-pointer by Corey Paterick cut the Raider lead to 12-11 in the opening quarter, but Richland used three treys of their own and a 10-0 run to end the quarter to take a 22-11 lead heading to the second quarter.

The script in the second quarter was similar to the first as the Raiders connected on three more treys to widen their lead. Jacob Flannagan led the Vikings with four points as Richland took a 38-22 lead into halftime.

The Vikings played their best basketball in the third quarter as Community tried to make a dent in the Raider lead. Cole Crockett led the Vikings with seven points as a 5-0 run cut the Richland lead to 42-29



Jacob Flannagan scores for the Vikings. Flannagan led Community with 12 points.

T-G Photos by Rickey Clardy

before the Raiders ran off six straight points.

Each team scored 16 points in the quarter as Richland took a 54-38 lead to the final quarter.

Community scored its seven points in the quarter and trailed the Raiders 56-45 with 5:37 to play before Richland erupted for the

final 16 points of the game to extend its winning margin.

Gage Kirk scored 23 points to lead the Raiders.

Flannagan scored 12 points and Crockett added 11 to lead the Vikings.

Richland was 11-of-15 at the free throw line while the Vikings were a perfect

3-of-3 at the charity stripe.

Richland	22	16	16	18	—	72
Community	11	11	16	7	—	45

Richland: Gage Kirk 23, Andrew Huff 15, Carter Edwards 10, Jase Derryberry 8, Luke Jones 4, Jameson Andrews 6, Cooper Jackson 6, Colton Trimble, Jace Carter Miller, Ryan Jones, Weston Finley. Community: Jacob Flannagan 12, Cole Crockett 11, Jason Cullum 5, Landon Lovvorn 5, Ramon Hernandez, Corey Paterick 8, Austin Stickler 2, Noah Watson 2, Emery Smith, Dallas Grooms, Landon Berman, Moe Berman. 3-Point goals: Richland (9): Kirk 2, Derryberry 2, Jackson 2, Huff, Edwards, Andrews; Community (4): Paterick 2, Crockett, Lovvorn. Halftime score: Richland 38, Community 22.



T-G Photos by Will Carter

Hayden Dowell runs a half to get in a dominant position for a pin. Dowell pinned both of his opponents in the tri-match.

# Champion grapplers back on track with sweep

By WILL CARTER  
Sports Writer

**BELL BUCKLE** — The Cascade Champions wrestling squad broke their seven-match losing streak with a tri-match sweep on Monday night and stayed on the winning side with another sweep on Tuesday night against East Robertson and Cornersville.

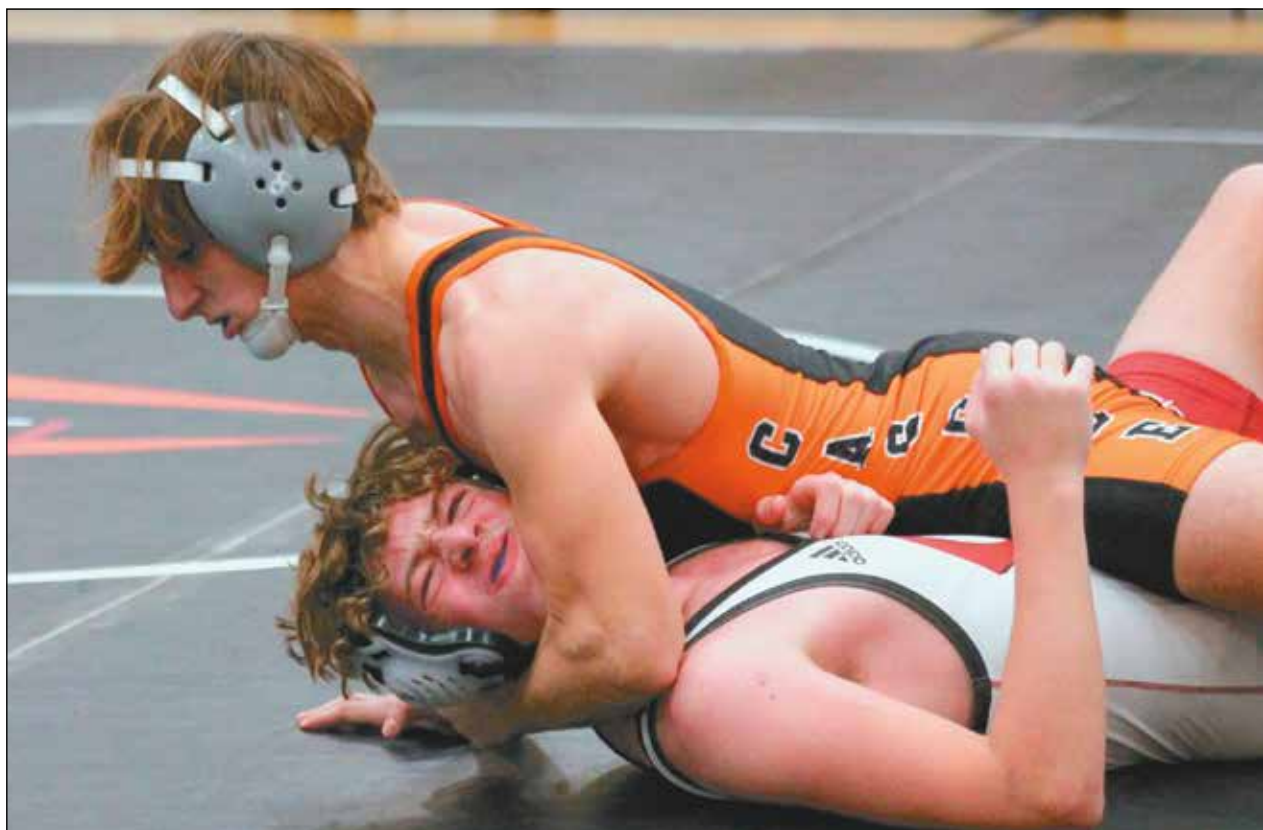
Cascade faced off against East Robertson to start the meet, and defeated the Indians 51-12 with three wrestlers winning via pin.

“It’s good to get team wins, but I’m more concerned with getting time on the mat this time of year,” Cascade head coach Andy Giel said.

“Getting the guys mat time and more wrestling experience is huge. I think we’ve wrestled almost 25 times so far, so it’s good for us.”

Cole West made quick work of his opponent in the 220 weight class with a 24 second pin and Hayden Dowell wasn’t too far behind as he won the 182 weight class duel in 40 seconds.

The 152 class was a hard-fought matchup between Christian Casey and East Robertson’s Kaleb Perry, but Casey was able to stack points in his favor for a 10-4 decision win after the



Vayden Moore weighs on his opponent before securing a win via pin for the Champions.

three rounds. Nine duels were decided by forfeit between the two squads.

In a more competitive matchup against the Bulldogs, the Champions were able to come away with a 42-24 victory to complete the sweep.

The 195 class started things off between Cascade and Cornersville, and Champion wrestler Isaac Chapa set the tone with a huge victory via pin in the final round.

It was a tight affair for the majority of the duel with Chapa and Bulldog wrestler Xavier Viazcan trading advantageous positions until Viazcan was able to secure some important points for an 8-5 lead heading into the final 30 seconds.

But the momentum shifted when Chapa completed a reversal and secured the win via pin after five minutes and 35 seconds of mat time.

“Sometimes it takes

reaching down and being determined that you aren’t going to get beat, and he showed he has that tonight,” Giel said.

Dowell and Max Darefsky were the only other Champions to secure victories not by forfeit against Cornersville with Dowell pinning his opponent in less than a minute once again.

Darefsky secured a pin in the 160 weight class in a minute and 13 seconds.

There were eight total

duels decided by forfeit between the two squads.

Cascade will finish out their week with a tri-match at Marion County on Thursday before an extended break in their schedule over the holidays to rest.

“Time off is good for us to rest and recover from all of these matches,” Giel said. “I’m going to give them Friday off, but we’ll practice almost every day over Christmas break.”

## Champs survive scare at Huntland

T-G STAFF REPORT  
HUNTLAND

Cascade had to survive a scare on Tuesday night at Huntland from the combined efforts of Bryalen Phillips and Zeier Golden.

The Hornet pair went for a combined 51 points, but in the end, Cascade’s depth and key points from its senior leaders landed the Champs a slim, 69-66 win to extend their win-streak to nine.

Golden took control of the game early and went for 12 points, including a pair of threes in the opening quarter to put Cascade in a 17-14 hole after the first quarter.

Huntland matched its point total from the first with another 17-point effort in the second quarter, while Cascade was able to hang close.

Five different Champions scored in the first half, and while Cascade was able to hang within striking distance by halftime, it wasn’t until the second half did the Cascade seniors explode on the scoreboard.

Trailing 34-28 entering the third, seniors Lucas Clanton and Jackson Davis were able to execute on the offensive end of the court.

Clanton rattled off eight points in the third, while Davis posted a 10-point quarter to spur a 22-point Champion third.

That trend continued in the fourth as Cascade got 12 more from Clanton, while Davis went for five in the final frame.

In the fourth, Cascade out-scored Huntland 19-16, which eventually was the final margin of victory.

Clanton posted a team-high 20 points, while Davis tallied 19.

Jayden Gulick also hit double figures and scored 10 points for Cascade, including a pair of first-half three-pointers.

In total, six Hornets scored on Tuesday, but it was Phillips who led all scorers with 27 points, while Golden added 24.

Both teams were efficient at the charity stripe, with Huntland going 11-for-16, while Cascade made 9-of-14.

Cascade was back on its home court on Friday night, hosting Lincoln County, however results were unavailable at press time.

Cascade 14 14 22 19 — 69  
Huntland 17 17 16 16 — 66  
Cascade: Lucas Clanton 20, Jackson Davis 19, Jayden Gulick 10, Isaac McElroy 7, Thomas Gentry 7, Saebyn Burris 4, Jayden Little 2.  
Huntland: Braylen Phillips 27, Zeier Golden 24, LaShawn Kimmons 6, Trace Kilpatrick 4, Kannon LaFavers 2, Eli Wiggs.  
3-Point goals: Cascade (4): Gulick 2, McElroy, Gentry; Huntland (5): Golden 3, Phillips 2.  
Halftime score: Huntland 34, Cascade 28.

## Jalin Hyatt to skip bowl

KNOXVILLE (AP) — All-America wide receiver Jalin Hyatt will watch his sixth-ranked Tennessee Volunteers play No. 10 Clemson in the Orange Bowl from the sideline after announcing Wednesday he is leaving after his junior season for the NFL draft.

Hyatt thanked his teammates, coaches and fans for what he called “an amazing ride” in a social media post. The Volunteers went 3-7 in 2020 in Hyatt’s freshman season and now are 10-2 in coach Josh Heupel’s second season.

“Together with my brothers and coaches, we built this program back to where it deserves to be — among the best in the country — through hard work and perseverance,” Hyatt wrote.

Hyatt led the nation with 15 touchdown catches and led the Southeastern Conference averaging 5.6 catches and 105.6 yards per game, finishing with 1,267 yards receiving. He is third nationally in total yards receiving and set the school record for TD catches in a season.

## Champ wrestlers claim pair of victories

T-G STAFF REPORT

After losing seven-straight matches at the Lester Welsh Duals last weekend, the Cascade Champions wrestling team got back to their winning ways on Monday night as they defeated East

Nashville Magnet School 36-30 and Franklin County High School 48-18.

In the narrow victory over East Nashville, Vayden Moore and Isaac Chapa were the only Champions to secure a win via pin with the rest of

their points coming from forfeits.

Moore pinned his 132 class opponent in 51 seconds while Chapa pinned his 195 class foe in a minute and 33 seconds.

Cascade was more dominant against Franklin

County as six grapplers were able to secure wins via pin.

Trenton Giel made quick work of his opponent in the 145 class with a 42 second pin victory for the quickest of the matchup.

The other five to secure

a pin were Max Darefsky, Hayden Dowell, Cole West, Dylan Warren, and Chapa.

Chapa was the only Champion to secure a victory not by forfeit in both of his duals of the tri-match.

## Chiefs on verge of clinching AFC West title

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The only thing standing between the Kansas City Chiefs and their seventh straight AFC West title are the lowly Houston Texans.

But the Chiefs know better than to overlook the

one-win Texans, especially after they nearly pulled off a huge upset over Dallas last week.

“They played a great team with the Cowboys, and they were down there where they probably should’ve won,” Kansas City quarterback Patrick

Mahomes said. “In this league, you can take no one for granted. Those are NFL players. They have a lot of talented, young guys that play hard.

“We understand it’s going to be a great challenge for us, so we’re going to go out there and

play our best football to win.”

The Chiefs (10-3) have won six of their last seven games. Meanwhile, the Texans (1-11-1) need a win to avoid losing nine straight for the first time since dropping the final 14 games of the 2013 season.

After dealing with Dallas quarterback Dak Prescott last week, Houston coach Lovie Smith knows his team faces another huge challenge this week in Mahomes, who leads the NFL in yards passing (4,160) and touchdowns (33).



# 2022 Shelbyville Central Football Awards announced

<b>Player of the Year</b> - Jake Preston	Jasper House, Tarvis McClain, Iran Zuasnava, Jacob Hiles	<b>Special Teams MVP</b> - Ben Betzelberger	Ben Brody Lovvorn	<b>All Region - Honorable Mention</b>
<b>ALPHA Award</b> - Iran Zuasnava		<b>Receiver of the Year</b> - LaBron Ransom	Theo Washington	Evan Conditt, Jamison Norton
<b>ARET Award</b> - Garrett Doak		<b>Running Back of the Year</b> - Rocky Chandler	<b>Most Improved - Offense</b> - Jamison Norton	
<b>Region 3 6-A Receiver of the Year</b> - Micah Threatt	<b>Offensive MVP</b> - Micah Threatt	<b>Defensive Lineman of the Year</b> - Tarvis McClain	<b>Most Improved - Defense</b> - Evan Conditt	<b>Good Things Happen to People Who Work Hard</b>
<b>All Region 3 6-A:</b> Jake Preston, Logan McBee, Jasper House, Tarvis McClain, Iran Zuasnava, Jacob Hiles	<b>Defensive MVP</b> - Logan McBee	<b>Linebacker of the Year</b> - Ben Brody Lovvorn		Maddox Wright, William Bobo

## Big 3rd leads Huntland past Cascade

**T-G STAFF REPORT**  
**HUNT**LAND — Despite trailing just 21-16, well-within striking distance, at the half on Tuesday night at Huntland, a lop-sided third quarter was more than the Lady Champs could overcome in a 32-62 loss to the Lady Hornets.

Huntland took immediate control of the scoreboard after an 11-1 run through the first quarter, with the Lady Champs' lone point coming on a free throw by Sophie Ray.

Eventually, Cascade got the offensive wheels moving and out-scored its host 15-10 in the second quarter, trimming the Lady Hornet lead to just six points at the break.

The difference came in the third quarter when Cascade was plagued with turnovers and Huntland was able to convert into points on the board.

Logan McLennan totaled 10 of her game-high 18 points in the third period and Huntland was able to out-score Cascade, 24-4 in the frame.

Fouls became an issue for Cascade as Huntland made the Lady Champs pay and cashed in on their time at the free throw line, making good on 12-of-15 tries.

Cascade managed just 7-of-21 tries.

Despite the uneven third, Cascade never threw in the towel and fought to the end, rallying for 12 in the fourth

quarter.

In total, seven Lady Champs scored on Tuesday at Huntland, with Kaegan Young's nine-point night leading Cascade.

The Lady Champs were back on their home court on Friday night, however results were unavailable by press time.

Cascade	1	15	4	12	—	32
Huntland	11	10	24	17	—	62

Cascade: Kaegan Young 9, Sophie Ray 5, Suzanna Crews 5, Abrielle Presley 5, Hailey Giel 4, Annabelle Calvert 3, Laina Carter.  
 Huntland: Logan McLennan 18, Jocy May 15, Yareli Avalos 8, Kinsley Kilpatrick 6, Aysia Williams 4, Bailey Morris 3, Maddie Burks 2, Riley Maxwell 2, Judah Hill 2, Marley Phillips 2.  
 3-Point goals: Huntland (2): McLennan; Cascade (3): Young, Presley, Calvert.  
 Halftime score: Huntland 21, Cascade 16.

## Skidding Titans trying to fix offensive woes

**By TERESA M. WALKER**  
**AP Pro Football Writer**  
**NASHVILLE** — The Tennessee Titans have a serious problem coming out of halftime.

Their offense simply can't stay on the field.

The Titans have started the third quarter 10 times by going three-and-out and rank last in the NFL in going three-and-out 46 times.

Yet they still hold a two-game lead in the AFC South at 7-6 despite being outscored 147-70 after halftime.

Strangely, Tennessee has opened games scoring touchdowns on six possessions. That's the best this franchise has started games like that since 2001, and the Titans are among the NFL's best in that category.

Yet the Titans have been shut out six times in the third quarter and seven times in the fourth quarter.

Coach Mike Vrabel said Wednesday the Titans have to go back to fundamentals.

"Taking care of the football, really just striving to keep this rhythm and the flow that's been there at times," Vrabel said. "And again, not having this rollercoaster of having a good drive or then doing something that affects that and then really letting it affect the rest of the game."

It's an issue they need to fix as they prepare to visit the Chargers (7-6) on Sunday trying to hold, or improve, their two-game lead atop the AFC South with four games to play.

Offensive coordinator Todd Downing's play-call sheet often seemingly goes Derrick Henry run, run, pass and punt. They truly have been their own worst enemy at times with too many penalties ranging from too many men, ineligible receiver downfield and

offensive holding.

Quarterback Ryan Tannehill noted the issue in the 36-22 loss to Jacksonville was too many turnovers. They trailed 27-14 by the time the Titans touched the ball for the first time in the third quarter.

That drive was brief with a Henry 1-yard run wiped out by a crack-back block penalty on Geoff Swaim.

Henry ran again for a yard on first-and-22. Tannehill was sacked for a 6-yard loss and Tannehill's screen to Chig Okonkwo on third-and-27 was smothered for a 3-yard loss before yet another punt.

"If it's good, you like to build on it," Tannehill said. "And if it's bad, you have to be able to take a step back and wash it away. You know, I think that's what it comes down to. There's going to be good plays, there's going to be bad plays within a drive or a series. Sometimes one play can stop a drive, you know what I mean?"

The Chargers are another team with second-half issues. The Chargers have been outscored 168-96 after halftime and were outscored 10-6 in holding off Miami for a 23-17 win last weekend.

The Titans have their own issues to fix first. Not turning the ball over would help. They've turned the ball over five times in the second half this season, including one to open their first drive of the fourth quarter in last week's loss.

"It's frustrating," wide receiver Nick Westbrook-Ikhine said. "You always want to be able to go out there and execute, you know, the football plan the way that we want to. But all I can say it's really just one thing. We just got to execute, and that's really all it is."

## Falcons ride 13 3s to win over Eagles

**T-G STAFF REPORT**  
**FAYETTEVILLE** — In a game that featured 21 made free throws between Shelbyville Central and Lincoln County on Tuesday night, it was the Falcons that came away with the win, making good on 13 treys in the 64-49 win over the Eagles.

The Falcons came out hot early, sinking six treys in the opening frame.

Shelbyville was unable to match the early pace and mustered up 10 points, trailing by 11 by the end of the first.

The Eagles eventually got the wheels moving in the second quarter, out-scoring their hosts 18-11 and cutting the lead to just five points at the half.

Terrence Johnson swished a pair of threes and the Eagles were efficient at the charity stripe, making 4-of-5 attempts.

The back and forth affair continued into the third as Joe Harris scored eight points, including a pair of threes, but the Eagles never could get over the hump as Lincoln County led 47-40 after three.

Still, only facing a seven-point deficit, the clincher for the Falcons didn't come until the fourth when Lincoln County once again relied on some hot perimeter shooting and added three more treys and piled on 17 points, while Shelbyville was only able to add nine more.

In total, Lincoln County's Eli Ogle led all scorers with 18 points, while Jackson Mullins chipped in 17.

For the Eagles, Johnson's 12 points led the visitors while Harris also

Shelbyville	10	18	12	9	—	49
Lincoln Co.	4	8	11	15	—	64

Shelbyville: Terrence Johnson 12, Joe Harris 11, Tyler Trice 7, Zyon Bonner 5, Isah Alexander 4, Marquis Wilson 2, Tae'Shawn Shelton 2, Rocky Chandler 2.  
 Lincoln Co.: Eli Ogle 18, Jackson Mullins 17, Jodi Massey 10, Kyle Kelly 8, Maddox Franklin 6, Carson Thompson 2, Reese Smith 2, Logan Carter.  
 3-Point goals: Lincoln Co. (13): Ogle 4, Mullins 3, Massey 2, Kelly 2, Franklin 2; Shelbyville (8): Johnson 4, Harris 3, Trice, Young, Presley, Calvert.  
 Halftime score: Lincoln Co. 33, Shelbyville 28.

## Halftime lead fades as Eaglettes fall

**T-G STAFF REPORT**  
**FAYETTEVILLE** — A 12-point halftime lead couldn't hold for Shelbyville Central as the Eaglettes dropped a tough one on the road at Lincoln County on Tuesday night.

The Lady Falcons rallied for the 44-39 win over the Eaglettes on the heels of a 21-point fourth quarter.

Paige Blackburn flashed the hot hand early and led the Eaglettes to a 10-4

lead at the end of the first with a pair of made three-pointers.

Lilly Brown took control and scored 10 of the Eaglettes' 14 second-quarter points as Shelbyville built a 24-12 lead by the half.

The Lady Falcons out-scored the Eaglettes, 11-9 in the third, but it wasn't until a 21-6 run in the fourth quarter did the lead become threatened.

Shelbyville managed

just one field goal in the fourth, which came from Brown.

Abby Bryan scored nine points for the Lady Falcons and Lincoln County took advantage of several Eaglette fouls and made 9-of-10 free throw attempts in the quarter to pull away for the five-point win.

Brown was the steady source of offense for Shelbyville, leading all scorers with 18 points.

Lincoln County was led

Shelbyville	10	14	9	6	—	39
Lincoln Co.	4	8	11	21	—	44

Shelbyville: Lilly Brown 18, Paige Blackburn 7, Lanaya Young 6, Sammie Brown 5, McFarland 2, Jaz Western 16.  
 Lincoln Co.: Alyssa Petty 16, Abby Bryan 16, Brynna Stubblefield 5, Allie Bonner 4, Gracyn Tripps 3.  
 3-Point goals: Lincoln Co. (6): Bryan 3, Stubblefield, Tripps; Shelbyville (4): Blackburn 2, L. Brown, S. Brown.  
 Halftime score: Shelbyville 24, Lincoln Co. 12.

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LOOK, CLAW, I'VE GOT NO IDEA OF SPIDER-MAN'S WHEREABOUTS. HE SPEAKS THE TRUTH!

I WAS IN FLORIDA UNTIL LAST NIGHT...

I FOUND THIS AIRLINE BOARDING PASS IN HIS POCKET. YEESH! I'M LUCKY SHE DIDN'T UNCOVER MY SPIDEY COSTUME!

WHY WERE YOU AT THE HOSPITAL AT THE SAME TIME AS SPIDER-MAN AND IRON FIST?

I WAS TRYING TO GET TO TALK TO THAT WOUNDED FBI AGENT NAMED WOO!

JIMMY WOO?

YOU DIDN'T TELL ME HE WAS THE ONE YOU ORDERED KILLED, GRANDUNCLE.

SOMETHING TELLS ME I JUST STRUCK A NERVE!

YOU SENT ASSASSINS AFTER JIMMY WOO—AND HAD THAT FACT FROM ME?

YOU DISAPPOINT ME, SUWAN. I DARED HOPE YOU WERE CURED OF YOUR SCHOOLGIRL CRUSH ON THAT MAN.

IT'S NO INFATUATION! I LOVE HIM! I'VE ALWAYS LOVED HIM!

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Level: Advanced

CURTIS © by Billingsley

THAT'S A DELICIOUS-LOOKING GINGER-BREAD HOUSE, MOM!

YES, CURTIS, IT'S FOR A SPECIAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE AT THE CHURCH TOMORROW

YES... DELICIOUS... TOMORROW, YOU SAY?

MAYBE YOU SHOULD KEEP IT IN YOUR BEDROOM TONIGHT

YES, WITH THE DRESSER AGAINST THE DOOR, TOO!

STAN LEE LARRY LIEBER 12-17

THATABABY © by Paul Trap

I CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL. I DON'T FEEL GOOD.

IT'S SATURDAY

SO GO LIE DOWN AND TAKE IT EASY TODAY.

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BETTY 12-17

JUDGE PARKER © by Marciuliano-Manley

I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO TELL ANYONE YET, BUT RIGHT BEFORE HE PULLED THE TRIGGER, THE SHOOTER CALLED ME "JUDGE DUNCAN."

I'M SAYING I THINK THE JUDGE HIRED SOME SHOOTER AND SET ME UP FOR THE HIT.

I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND. ARE YOU SAYING THE REASON THE JUDGE DIDN'T SHOW UP WAS BECAUSE HE KNEW HE WAS GOING TO BE SHOT?

OR MAYBE HE NEEDED TO SCARE ME OFF THE CASE. OR MAYBE HE THOUGHT THE SHOOTER WOULD INADVERTENTLY FINISH THE JOB.

THE SHOOTER WAS ALMOST PURPOSEFULLY BAD, BUT FIRE ENOUGH BULLETS AND YOU'RE BOUND TO HIT SOMETHING. MAYBE JUDGE DUNCAN THOUGHT I'D BE OKAY AND THEN TELL THE POLICE SOMEONE WAS GUNNING FOR HIM...

BUT JUDGE DUNCAN HIRED YOU TO HELP HIM!

THIS IS... THIS IS ALL—SAM! I HAVE TO TELL SAM ABOUT THIS!

MEANWHILE...

PLEASE GET A POLICE PRESENCE AT STEVE'S HOSPITAL ROOM! THEN MEET ME AT THE HOUSE!

WILL DO, SAM.

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POPEYE © by Bud Sagendorf

WHY DID POPEYE SEND ME TO ME ROOM 'CAUSE I SAID I WANTED TO BE A PIRATE?

WHAT'S WRONG WIT' A KID WANTIN' TO IMPROVE HIMSELF?

I STILL WANT TO BE A PIRATE!

IT'S RIGHT, LADDY! YOU TELL THE BLASTID SWABS!

AWK! MAN THE PUMPS!

BLAST ME BINNACLE! WE'LL HAVE FUN MAKIN' A PIRATE OUT OF YOU!!

AVAST! KEELHAUL THE SWAB!

OUR ONLY CHANCE IS THAT IT DIDN'T HEAR SWEEPEA!

A FAMILY CURSE IS AN ARFUL THING!

POPEYE, I HAS TO TALK TO YOU!

ALL I SAID WAS I THOUGHT ME BEDROOM WAS HAUNTED!

ARE YA SURE YA HEARD VOICES?

RIGHT THERE IN ME BEDROOM... HORRIBLE SPOOKY VOICES!

BLAST ME BINNACLE! SPIN ME SPINNAKER! WHAT IS YA MEALY SWABS WHISPERIN' ABOUT?

GULP!

THE FAMILY CURSE IS ON US!

IT'S OUT HERE, POPEYE!

PORT YER HELM!

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**CRYPTO FUN**

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to driver safety. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 2 = E)

**A. 13 3 21 21 25 21**  
Clue: Reflective device

**B. 11 2 23 5 24 2 19 5**  
Clue: Safety device

**C. 17 2 18 2 9 11 3 6 2**  
Clue: Style of driving

**D. 20 23 7 5 3 25 9**  
Clue: With care

Answers: A. mirror B. seat belt C. defensive D. caution

**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!

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

ANSWER:

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING**



This year's Leadership Bedford classes visited Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy as part of a day of classes with Shelbyville and Bedford County law enforcement and service agencies.

*"Then the angels said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'"*

**Luke 2:10-11.**



**Bethlehem welcomes Christmas tourists again**

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Business is bouncing back in Bethlehem after two years in the doldrums during the coronavirus pandemic, lifting spirits in the traditional birthplace of Jesus ahead of the Christmas holiday.

Streets are bustling with tour groups. Hotels are fully booked, and months of deadly Israeli-Palestinian fighting appears to be having little effect on the vital tourism industry.

Elias Arja, head of the Bethlehem hotel association, said that tourists are hungry to visit the Holy Land's religious sites after suffering through lockdowns and travel restrictions in recent years. He expects the rebound to continue into next year.

"We expect that 2023 will be booming and business will be excellent because the whole world, and Christian religious tourists especially, they all want to return to the Holy Land," said Arja, who owns the Bethlehem Hotel.

On a recent day, dozens of groups from virtually every continent posed for selfies in front of the Church of the Nativity, built on the grotto where Christians believe Jesus was born. A giant Christmas tree sparkled in the adjacent Manger Square, and tourists

packed into shops to buy olive wood crosses and other souvenirs.

Christmas is normally peak season for tourism in Bethlehem, located in the Israeli-occupied West Bank just a few miles southeast of Jerusalem. In pre-pandemic times, thousands of pilgrims and tourists from around the world came to celebrate.

But those numbers plummeted during the pandemic. Although tourism hasn't fully recovered, the hordes of visitors are a welcome improvement and encouraging sign.

"The city became a city of ghosts," said Saliba Nissan, standing next to a manger scene about 1.3 meters (4 feet) wide inside the Bethlehem New Store, the olive wood factory he co-owns with his brother. The shop was filled with Americans on a bus tour.

Since the Palestinians don't have their own airport, most international visitors come via Israel. The Israeli Tourism Ministry is expecting some 120,000 Christian tourists during the week of Christmas.

That compares to its all-time high of about 150,000 visitors in 2019, but is far better than last year, when the country's skies were closed to most international visitors. As it has done in the past, the ministry plans to offer special shuttle buses

between Jerusalem and Bethlehem on Christmas Eve to help visitors go back and forth.

"God willing, we will go back this year to where things were before the coronavirus, and be even better," said Bethlehem's mayor, Hanna Hanania.

He said about 15,000 people attended the recent lighting of Bethlehem's Christmas tree, and that international delegations, artists and singers are all expected to participate in celebrations this year.

"Recovery has begun significantly," he said, though he said the recent violence, and Israel's ongoing occupation of the West Bank, always have some influence on tourism.

Israel captured the West Bank in the 1967 Mideast war. The internationally recognized Palestinian Authority has limited autonomy in parts of the territory, including Bethlehem.

The Christmas season comes at the end of a bloody year in the Holy Land. Some 150 Palestinians and 31 Israelis have been killed in Israeli-Palestinian fighting in the West Bank and east Jerusalem this year, according to official figures, making 2022 the deadliest year since 2006. Israel says most of the Palestinians killed were militants, but

stone-throwing youths and some people not involved in the violence have also been killed.

The fighting, largely concentrated in the northern West Bank, reached the Bethlehem area earlier this month, when the Israeli army killed a teenager in the nearby Deheisheh refugee camp. Palestinians held a one-day strike across Bethlehem to protest the killing.

Residents, however, seem determined not to allow the fighting to put a damper on the Christmas cheer.

Bassem Giacaman, the third-generation owner of the Blessing Gift Shop, founded in 1925 by his grandfather, said the pandemic was far more devastating to his business than violence and political tensions.

Covered in sawdust from carving olive-wood figurines, jewelry and religious symbols, he said it will take him years to recover. He once had 10 people working for him. Today, he employs half that number, sometimes less, depending on demand.

"The political (situation) does affect, but nothing major," Giacaman said. "We've had it for 60-70 years, and it goes on for a month, then it stops, and tourists come back again."

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**Baptist**

Calvary Baptist Church's message Sunday by Bro. Tyler Shoemaker will be "Coming Home," from Matthew 2:13-23. The service will be livestreamed.

"The Heart of Christmas Is Love" from Galatians 4:4-5 will be pastor Jimmy West's message at Edgemont Baptist Church.

The choir at Grace Baptist Church will present the Christmas music: "It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year" at 10 a.m. Sunday. Services will be held at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and 10 a.m. Christmas Day.

**Christian (Disciples of Christ)**

"The Angel & Joseph," from Matthew 1:18-25, will be the message Sunday at First Christian Church. The Christmas Eve service at 4 p.m. Dec. 24 will feature carols, candles, communion and the message "When You Follow a Star and Find a Stable."

**Church of Christ**

The "Songs of the Season" series continues at Fairlane Church of Christ with the sermon "Rudolf, the Red Nose Reindeer" from 1 John 4:7-12. The service will be livestreamed and broadcast on WLIJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM/wlijradio.com).

Southside Church of Christ's message Sunday morning will be "Famous Last Words" from Mark 16:15-16. A study of James continues Wednesday night. Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services are livestreamed at [cocsouthside.com](http://cocsouthside.com).

**Methodist**

Rev. Abe Zimmerman's sermon at First United Methodist Church will be "The Wonder of a Manger" from Luke 2:6-7. The 10 a.m. service will be livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLIJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM).

**Presbyterian**

The message for the fourth Sunday of Advent at First Presbyterian Church by Rev. Jim Moran will be from Isaiah 7:10-17. All services are streamed live on Facebook.

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# John Brown honored for commission service

At Tuesday's Bedford County Board of Commissioner's meeting, former commissioner John Brown was awarded the Ralph Puckett Award. Tennessee County Commissioners Association (TCCA) named the new award for longtime Obion County commissioner Ralph Puckett and will present one award in each Grand Division of the state each year. Brown is the first Middle Tennessee honoree.

Brown passed away Aug. 25 after serving on Bedford County Board of Commissioners for four decades. He was chairman pro tem and served on the Law Enforcement and Workhouse Committee. Brown was an ordained minister, who most recently served as pastor of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, from which he retired last year. For 20 years, from 1960 through 1980, he was president of the Shelbyville branch of the NAACP. He has worked as a Shelbyville police officer, and for Eaton Corp. in Shelbyville.



From left are Charles Curtiss, executive director of TCCA; John Brown's son-in-law Tony Cornish, great-granddaughter Skyy Pointer and daughter Vivian Cornish; and County Mayor Chad Graham.

## City

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they've never seen a system similar to Shelbyville's – and they weren't being complimentary.

One concern is the size of the pumps. The early 1960s council chose to purchase pumps smaller than engineers intended for the system, Owen said. Age has taken its toll on the pumps; today one operates at 75% capacity and the others at 50%. Parts are hard to obtain as the pumps are obsolete. The council was told the pumps were manufactured by Allis Chalmers, best known for farm tractors, rather than a specialized manufacturer. "Replacement parts are almost impossible to find," Owen said.

Two of those pumps were completely inoperable at times during the heavy rains of September and October, Owen said.

But an even greater concern is the danger to members of Shelbyville Fire Department, which oversees and operates the pumps, and Shelbyville Public Works employees. Carroll said his main priority is safety to workers

first, then the public.

The need for pump use and raising of the floodgate is determined by watching a manhole at Fisherman's Park. When water reaches that point, the pumps are turned on manually.

The pumps are energized by 2,300 volts of electricity wired into them. Firefighters must walk across the top of the steep, narrow levee and across a catwalk to start the pumps. During one of last fall's rains firefighters avoided electrical shock due to visual observance during daylight, Owen said. Night use could have resulted in tragedy.

The floodgate does have a switch which sometimes doesn't work, Fire Chief Matt Doak said. It can be manually raised.

Three flume failures have occurred in the past eight years, necessitating the replacement of approximately 1,000 feet of pipe, Owen said.

### Current needs

Owen described three current primary needs:

- Replacing the three pumps and the structures they sit atop. Cost is estimated at \$1 million

each. The council was urged to purchase pumps with the proper capacity for a much larger city than the Shelbyville of 60 years, keeping expected high growth in mind.

•Relining the portion of the flume directly underneath the levee, utilizing much better materials than those originally used.

•If it fails, the levee fails and (flood) protection is no longer there," Owen said.

•Upgrading the flume's entry point at the Madison Street-North Brittain Street intersection. Owen said it's good that the former drug store next to the flume, now occupied by a ministry for the homeless, is "sparsely" used and urged that no new development be allowed above or near the flume. He noted that the city hasn't allowed development in those areas since the 1980s.

If possible, several other areas of the flume should be replaced or rehabilitated, Owen said.

Replacement of the pumps alone with new, larger units would cost an estimated \$1 million apiece, including modern controls and automation equipment.

Much further steps, as in

totally repairing the current flood control system, could cost \$40 million, Feldhaus said.

"Maybe the best thing would be to let a disaster happen," Feldhaus said. "Then FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) could come up and help us after the fact."

"There's a reason the system doesn't work – because it was built on federal money."

Feldhaus explained the original urban renewal program of the early 1960s was used to renovate what had been a large, "blighted" area of older, rundown structures just north of downtown, many which were flood-prone.

"It's not a blighted area anymore," Feldhaus said.

### Possible goals

Feldhaus suggested a long-term goal for Shelbyville could be purchasing as much of the land as possible in areas originally threatened before the flood control system existed and dismantling any buildings in those areas.

A particular concern of Feldhaus is a project proposed just off Highway 82 Bypass downtown,

which may include an underground parking garage. Feldhaus wants to ensure any garage doesn't flood.

"What could break the system?" council member Marilyn Ewing asked.

"The levee is stable, there are no structural concerns," Owen said. "If the Sept. 20 rain event had occurred with all the pumps inoperable, then Lane Parkway and North Cannon Boulevard would have been flooded."

Even with pumps working, water was knee-deep on Lane Parkway in front of police headquarters and "coming in the front door" of Shelbyville Fire Department, Doak said.

The city is discussing possibly studying improving or moving city buildings. Mention was made of moving the police and fire departments to another area of the city away from the flume. A parking lot between the police and fire departments fell in when a portion of the flume collapsed, taking a police patrol car with it.

Carroll asked if engineers had looked at new ways to get water to Duck River. Public Works Director Buck Vallad said consideration was given to "opening up" the river, but it would be cost-prohibitive and involve buying properties and relocating businesses.

"All the past repairs are the result of failures,"

Owen said. "The city should be proactive rather than reactive."

Doak said one engineering firm he's talked to told him they could work with the existing flume. An entire flume replacement can be done independently from the pumps, Owen said.

Consultants discussed several funding sources available to the city, mostly various types of federal grants.

### Action urged

City Manager Scott Collins asked that discussion of the city's drainage problems be placed on the council's January agenda.

"I've been here three months and we've talked and talked and talked about it," Collins said. "This could be a definitive action."

"This has been going on for 10 to 20 years," Carroll said. "Someone should have done something before now. I'm not going to point any fingers...It's time to make a move."

Vallad said he's looked into using renting temporary portable pumps if an emergency arises. Those pumps run off diesel generators, Vallad said.

He said installing this type of generator permanently would not be cost-effective because they cost \$25,000 per month even if not used.

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### What Did Santa Leave Under The Tree?

1. MOST BANDS HAVE SOMEONE PLAYING THESE \_\_\_\_\_
2. TURN THE CRANK AND HE WOULD JUMP OUT \_\_\_\_\_
3. HIS NAME IS "TEDDY" AND HE IS A \_\_\_\_\_
4. THIS GAME HAS PLACES LIKE BOARDWALK AND PARK PLACE \_\_\_\_\_
5. KEN HAD A GIRLFRIEND DOLL AND HER NAME WAS \_\_\_\_\_
6. CAUTION: "YOU'LL SHOOT YOUR EYE OUT" \_\_\_\_\_
7. A COLORFUL SMALL KEYBOARD, TWO STICKS, MAKE MUSIC \_\_\_\_\_
8. THIS CAN FLY AND TAKE PHOTOS ALSO WHILE FLYING \_\_\_\_\_
9. TOM BRADY GOT ONE AND STILL PLAYS WITH ONE \_\_\_\_\_
10. THESE DOLLS CAME WITH A NAME AND A CERTIFIED# \_\_\_\_\_
11. TALK TO EACH OTHER OUTSIDE OR IN DIFFERENT ROOMS \_\_\_\_\_
12. IF IT SHOULD SNOW YOU WOULD USE THIS \_\_\_\_\_
13. FOR THE FUTURE COOKIE BAKER, SANTA LEFT AN \_\_\_\_\_
14. MAYBE A NEW ONE FROM THE APPLE STORE \_\_\_\_\_
15. FOR DAD, SANTA LEFT A TOY MADE BY LIONEL \_\_\_\_\_
16. FOR MOM HE LEFT A STRAND OF \_\_\_\_\_
17. FOR THE FUTURE DR. OR NURSE \_\_\_\_\_
18. COUNTRY COWBOYS WANTED THIS TO PLAY \_\_\_\_\_
19. RADIO FLYER WAS THE NAME OF ONE MAKER OF THESE \_\_\_\_\_
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## White House reveals winter COVID-19 plans, more free tests

By ZEKE MILLER  
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration is once more making some free COVID-19 tests available to all U.S. households as it releases its contingency plans with coronavirus cases ticking upward this winter.

After a three-month hiatus, the administration is making four rapid virus tests available per household through covidtests.gov starting Thursday. COVID-19 cases have shown a marked increase after the Thanksgiving holiday, and further increases are projected from indoor gathering and travel around Christmas and New Year's.

Cases are up across 90% of the country, White House COVID-19 coordinator Dr. Ashish Jha said Thursday during a briefing. Deaths and hospitalizations are also on the rise, with nearly 3,000 deaths reported last week. Most of those have been concentrated in people age 65 and older, Jha said.

"We don't want this winter to look like last winter or the winter before," Jha said.

As cases begin to rise again, much of the United States is also dealing with other respiratory viruses heading into this winter with an influx of flu and RSV, or respiratory syncytial virus. Jha told reporters he is confident that the worst of RSV -- which hit young children particularly hard -- is over, but that flu cases are only just spiking.

The administration is putting personnel and equipment on standby should they be needed to help overwhelmed hospitals and nursing homes, as was necessary in earlier waves of the coronavirus. So far, there have been no requests for assistance, but surge teams, ventilators and personal protective equipment are ready, the White House said.

The administration is also urging states and local governments to do more to encourage people to get the updated bivalent COVID-19 vaccines, which scientists say are more effective at protecting against serious illness and death from the currently circulating variants. The administration is reiterating best practices to nursing homes and long-term care facilities for virus prevention and treatment and is urging administrators as well as governments to encourage vulnerable populations to get the new shots.

**Doug Dezotell**  
 Musings and Memories



## Jesus: Always there

In the rough mountainous regions of the Western United States, there's a tree known as the Bristlecone Pine.

These pine trees' Latin name is *Pinus longaeva*, or 'long-lived pines.'

These evergreens can live for thousands of years, thus the name *longaeva*.

They grow in the barren, rocky regions of the mountains of California, Nevada and Utah with very little precipitation, on mountains sometimes as high as two or more miles above sea level, and just below the tree level.

The oldest Bristlecone Pines usually have just one thin layer of bark left on their trunks, and they are among the longest-living life-forms on Earth.

These old trees are strangely shaped by the harsh winds; hot dry winds in warmer months and the strong, freezing winds of the winter months.

Some of those odd forms of the trunks and branches appear almost human-like.

They have survived the eruptions of volcanoes, and the glacial years of ice ages.

Most of these Bristlecone Pines have survived longer than the rise and fall of the greatest of the world's empires.

The *Pinus longaeva* were there in those mountains long before the earliest peoples made their homes in the Americas; and long before anyone from European nations even thought of exploring these new lands.

They were growing in those harsh conditions of the West even before Christ came to Earth in the form of a Man-Child.

In the Great Basin National Park, located in east-central Nevada near the Utah border, are the remains of the Prometheus Tree, a Great Basin Bristlecone Pine once recorded as the oldest tree in the world, estimated to be older than 5,000.

Considering the harsh habitat of these trees, it's a wonder that they should live so long or even survive at all.

But, those "Environmental Adversities" actually have contributed to their longevity.

Those Bristlecone Pines could grow faster, and die sooner, and be less resilient.

You know how? By planting them in richer soil in lower elevations and with less harsh conditions.

But, the harshness of the Bristlecone Pine's surroundings is a vital factor in making them strong and sturdy and long-lived.

For people who don't have a personal relationship with The God who created the mountains and the winds and the trees; people who are not rooted and grounded in Christ Jesus, the harsh conditions of life, suffering and sorrow can destroy them.

But as Christians we need to rejoice and claim

▶ See **Doug**, Page 3B



## Wine tasting room opens in

**Big Creek Winery has a large selection of sweet, medium, and dry wines.**

**See additional photos on page 2B.**

**By ZOË WATKINS**  
 zwatkins@t-g.com

The Big Creek Winery Tasting Room is hosting their grand opening today (Saturday) for their new location in historic downtown Wartrace.

The tasting room allows guests to taste and purchase the winery's locally made wines, according to tasting room owner Candy Pomeroy.

"I think what makes our wine so special is most of it is grown here," she said.

Big Creek Winery was started by Billy Brymer in 2016, who makes the wine locally in Pulaski in Giles County.

While at college, Candy worked for a winery, Oliver Winery in Indiana, where she fell in love with the industry. "It's always been something I wanted to do, and the opportunity just arose," she said. "Wine itself is great, of course, but it's fun just to meet new people."

Candy partnered with Brymer about five years ago to open up the tasting room. Before moving to Wartrace, they were located in Christiana next to Miller's Grocery.

"With our wines, because we have such a selection, it's almost a challenge to find something new they don't like," Candy said.

So how do you find a good wine, especially a good one for the upcoming holiday season?



**Pictured here is Big Creek's muscadine white wine.**

"For each individual, it's going to be what they like. There's a lot of rules out there—that you're supposed to have it a certain way—but it boils down to what the purchaser likes," Candy explained.

Big Creek Winery offers red and white muscadine wines in addition to a lot of different fruit flavors, like their seasonal cranberry wine—perfect for a holiday party. For other wines, they have Concord, Niagara, and Catawba grape varieties.

"Red and white muscadine is usually sweet when it comes to wine; we actually do them in dry also," Candy explained. Tennessee is known for sweet wines—mostly because it's the

South. This is why many people are surprised by the dry muscadine wine Big Creek Winery offers.

But if you are a first-time wine taster, Candy recommends trying a sweet first. "The dry is an acquired taste usually," which is what Candy and her husband, Daniel, prefer.

Candy said they enjoy the Milky Way Blue, a blueberry and blackberry mix, and the Miner's Twist, a half-and-half of muscadines and concord grapes. (The wines are named for local landmarks and interests, so you get a history lesson while sipping the local Southern wine.)

Even though the main objective of the tasting room is to taste, guests are encouraged to take a

bottle and enjoy it with food, like at the Iron Horse just a few steps away.

It's one of the benefits of being in a small business-rich community like Wartrace.

"It was almost like a door just opened," said Candy. "From the first day of being here, you can tell there's a difference. It's a great community."

"We really want this to be a destination and help the town grow," said Daniel. For more information, visit their Facebook page @bigcreekwinery-tastingroom or call 615-785-2124. They are open Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday 1 to 6 p.m., Friday 1 to 8 p.m., and Saturday 12 to 8 p.m.

**Mark McGee**  
 My Take



## Decline in journalism

I never thought I would say I was ashamed of being part of the media, but I am.

I have been paid to write for public consumption since I was 17 years old. I have always enjoyed the field I eventually chose to spend my life in, but at the age of 65 I have to admit I now understand why journalism is one of the most disliked professions.

My, oh, my, how the rules have changed.

It used to be that news stories were just that — news. It was all about "the five W's"...who, what, when, where and why and one "H", how? There was no room for even the hint of opinion in a news story. As a reporter you were expected to present both sides of a story fairly. Quotes from all sides were sought. I used to rate how well I had done my job by whether or not both sides were mad at me.

Opinion was reserved for the editorial or opinion page. Sometimes a front-page editorial was required, but it was always clearly marked as an editorial.

The job of a journalist should be pretty simple in many ways. Information is obtained and determined to be valid or not. Sources help with the validation process. Facts are gathered and a story can then be written.

Today many in the media, and there are exceptions to this, seize on information without really trying to verify whether the facts are true or not. This is especially the case if the story helps further the agenda of the reporter and/or the medium in which the story is published.

Some journalists follow the Mark Twain quote, "get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please".

I don't know who said this but as a reporter I have always followed this maxim, "Know people are lying to you. Just don't let them know you know."

One person I covered in athletics was a notorious liar. He would go to great efforts to track me down and give me false information. When I left sports coverage in Nashville that person told me he always could tell I knew he was lying by the way I wrote a story.

Working during high school for Bo Melson, the late Times-Gazette sports editor and police reporter, I learned the importance of getting the facts correct. No one is perfect, but I have always tried my best to get the facts right and to quote people accurately.

But in this age of the Internet, journalism ethics are out the window. Reporting is the new version of the wild, wild west with anyone with a phone or computer possessing the ability to call themselves a journalist.

Misinformation often replaces real information. It is scary to know approximately 70 percent of users get their news from Twitter posts.

It used to be the role of the press was to be a watchdog. In this present time there is a lot of bark, but very little bite.



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**The Pomegranate Shoppe, located at 107 South Side Square, is a boutique offering a wide variety of home décor, both old and new. See additional photos on page 3B.**

## Wine walk brings business to The Square

As holiday shopping continues, small businesses find unique ways to bring in more customers to support their local endeavors. Most small businesses see the bulk of their income come from holiday shop-

ping so they can sustain throughout the year. In fact, holiday retail sales are likely to increase between 4% and 6% this year, according to Deloitte's annual holiday retail forecast. And there are other ways you can help sup-

port small businesses this holiday season, such as buying gifts, promoting other small businesses on your social media pages (with links), and talking them up to your friends so they can support them.

# Will this be your best Christmas ever?

When writing advertising copy, I sometimes find myself desperately searching for a zinger of a tag line --and settling for trite admonitions such as "Make this the best hunting season ever" or "Make this the best summer vacation ever."

**Danny Tyree**

*Tyrades*



try reaching out to friends and relatives who are no longer in your social circle. Practice deflecting touchy topics. Santa's elves have a corner on building TOYS; try building some BRIDGES to replace those that you've burned behind you.

Accentuate the positive. Instead of counting the empty seats at the table, count the freckles on that step-grandchild you're meeting for the first time. Count the job offers heaped upon that nephew who lives on the far side of the country. Count the extra hours of family time that modern conveniences afford you (if everyone will forego the modernly convenient smartphone for a few hours).

Bad habits can steal all the happiness of Christmas. Don't feel obligated to wait until the ball has dropped in Times Square to unleash your resolutions; get a head start.

If you've worn out a pair of scissors clipping obituaries from the newspaper, it's time to be proactive and make some new friends. Depending on your budget and your mobility, do your best to get to know your neighbors, strike up a conversation while standing in line, volunteer to feed the less fortunate or send a card of encouragement to a young stranger who exhibits good citizenship.

Even with all my coaching, this may NOT be your best Christmas ever. Or even in the Top 5. But loneliness and regret don't have to be inevitable parts of anyone's Christmas. (Reasonable) happiness is yours for the taking.

I say the following with the least glibness and cluelessness possible: Have yourself a Merry Christmas.

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

I despise such capitulations to deadlines, because listeners with terminal illnesses, maxed-out credit cards or fruitless marriage counseling sessions may perceive the sentiments as glib or clueless.

Never is the situation more danger-fraught than at Christmas. A melancholy Judy Garland yuletide favorite notwithstanding, an ill-timed "Have the merriest Christmas ever" can hit people the wrong way.

Assuming you don't relish being hit the wrong way, take the reindeer by the horns (er, antlers) and accept responsibility for your own Merry Christmas. Clement C. Moore wrote about a visit from Saint Nicholas; he never promised that LIFE was going to climb down your chimney with goodies galore. So like Ms. Garland, you may have to brainstorm ways to "muddle through somehow."

Cherished memories can be both a blessing and a curse around the holidays. Sideline your rose-colored glasses and apply some perspective to those much-ballyhooed "simpler times." Not everything is perfect for everyone all the time. In those halcyon days of visiting your grandparents and playing with an inexhaustible supply of cousins, it's very likely that your "carefree" grandparents had already lost their own grandparents.

It's likely that someone in the crowd struggled with polio or tuberculosis, or lost sleep worrying about loved ones facing enemy fire. Unless you grew up in a prolonged economic sweet spot, your stoic mom and dad probably had to make genuine sacrifices to see that you had that bike or that dolly.

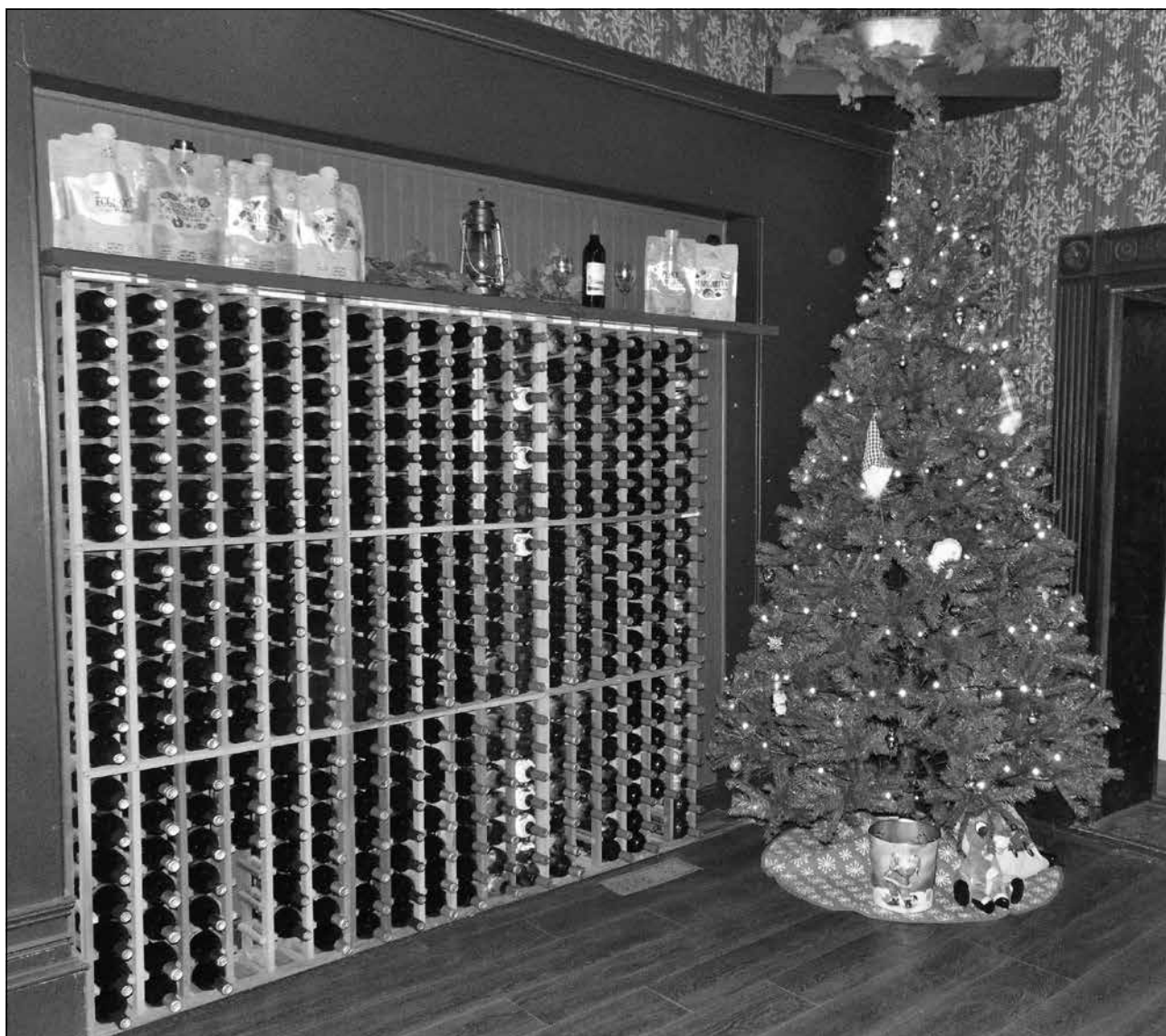
On these cold, gray winter days, some people spend less time stoking the fireplace than fanning the embers of old grudges. Be the better person and



Big Creek Winery Tasting Room is located at 100 Main Street East in Wartrace.



Shop local. The testing room also offers local products, such as t-shirts and local hickory syrup.



Big Creek Winery has a large selection of sweet, medium, and dry wines.

## Our Wedding Policy ...

The Times-Gazette now runs all wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements on Saturday.

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Wedding and engagement announcements may also be submitted to our office in person, or by e-mailing [tgnews@t-g.com](mailto:tgnews@t-g.com).

Forms must be neatly printed or typed, and the spelling of all names should be double checked before submitting them to us. A phone number must be included.



T-G Photos by Diandra Womble

ABOVE: Shelbyville's Historic Square was lined up with visitors for the wine walk last Friday. RIGHT: Torso, a men's clothing stores located at 111 S Main Street, was decked out for the wine walk.

# Wine walk brings business to The Square



Heritage Jewelers, located at 108 Public Square E.



Dena Landers, center, helps greet guests at Merle Norman, located at 105 South Side Square, along with Lexi Landers and Luci Tapley.



The Pomegranate will be open Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Grab one of those last-minute gifts!

## Doug

(Continued from Page 1)

glory out of our suffering; knowing that we grow, become mature, and become stronger as we go through the "fires of testing."

The Lord goes through those fires with us.

He goes through the hardships, the dark times, the pains and agony of disease...With Us.

The Prophet Isaiah and the Angel that appeared to Joseph, the spouse of Mary, gave Jesus another name. It was "Emmanuel," which means God With

Us. Jesus Goes Through It All With Us.

The Apostle James, the half-brother of Jesus, wrote in the introduction to his Epistle: "2 My brethren, count it all JOY when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."

The Apostle Peter wrote to the Believers scattered all over the Mediterranean area these powerful words in the introduction to his first Epistle: "6 In

this you Greatly Rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you Rejoice With JOY UNSPEAKABLE And Full Of Glory, 9 Receiving The End Of Your Faith—The Salvation Of Your Souls."

Rejoice and give Glory to God, even in your suffering, knowing that as you go through it—you grow through it!

You mature and become stronger as you go through the "fires of testing."

The imperfections burn off. Surviving your testing becomes your testimony.

And always remember this, the Lord Jesus Christ is there in the fires of testing with us.

He is "Emmanuel." I pray that you will find "comfort and joy, O, tidings of comfort and joy," from my musings today.

May your Christmas Celebrations be "Merry

and Bright!"

And may you find peace as you meditate on that Babe "away in a manger."

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I want to invite you to join me, and my family and friends, and Celebrate the Birth of the Lord Jesus Christ at the Candlelight Communion Service on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. at Cannon United Methodist Church.

The church is located at 1001 So. Cannon Blvd. in Shelbyville.

Invite your family and friends, or come by yourself, and worship the Christ of Christmas at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

I will be reading the Christmas Story from God's Word, and we will sing and praise the Lord, and share in Holy Communion in the candlelight together.

Everyone is welcome to partake of Communion at Cannon UMC.

Everyone is welcome at the Manger and the Cross.

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

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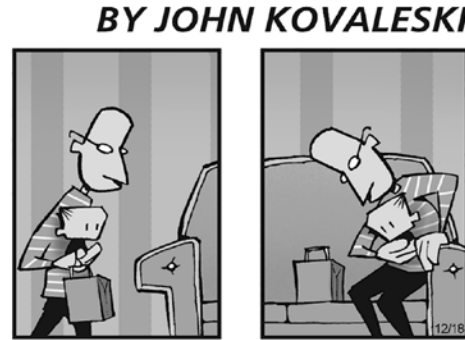
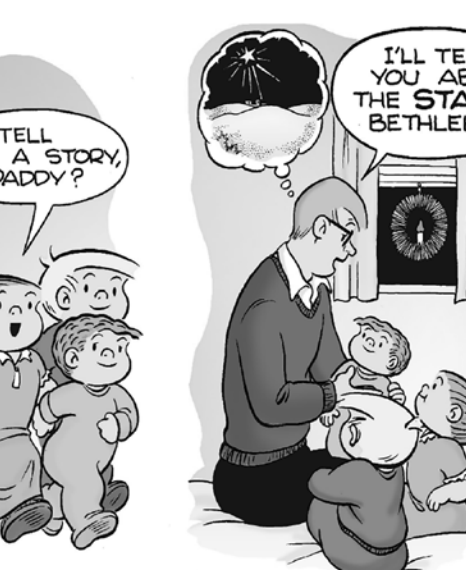
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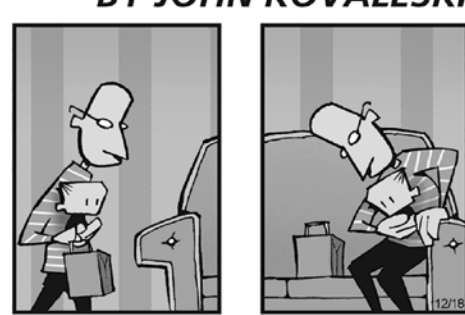
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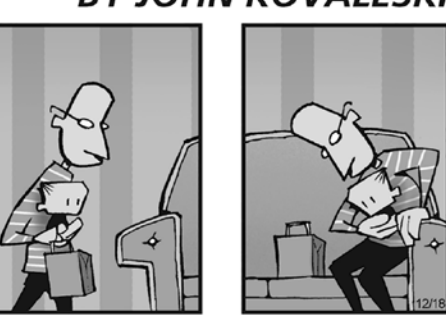
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# SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

WOW...

HIL SEES HER FRIEND FROM SUMMER...

STEVE! I CAN'T BELIEVE I FOUND YOU AGAIN! I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONE FOREVER!

I SENSED YOU NEEDED TO SEE ME ONCE MORE.

I...I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME, STEVE. I'VE BEEN ANXIOUS THIS WHOLE YEAR!

AND THEN AFTER I THOUGHT I LOST YOU, I JUST DIDN'T SEE THE POINT IN FEELING ANYTHING ANYMORE. I WENT DEAD INSIDE...

BUT FEELING NOTHING DIDN'T STOP THE PAIN. IT JUST MADE EVERYTHING FEEL SO MUCH WORSE.

I KNOW WHEN SOMEONE'S IN PAIN, HEARING SOMEONE ELSE JUST SAY "TRUST ME, IT'LL GET BETTER" DOESN'T HELP. THAT'S WHY WE TOOK THAT PHOTO...

WHenever you fear the future is only going to get darker, that there's nothing to look forward to, look at that photo and remember...

IT'S CHRISTMAS, HILARY. IT'S THE TIME OF MIRACLES.

ARE YOU QUOTING "DIE HARD"? MY DAD SHOWED ME THAT FILM, AND I THINK THE VILLAIN SAYS THAT LINE.

YOU KNOW WHAT I DON'T GET ABOUT THAT MOVIE? WHAT COMPANY THROWS A HOLIDAY PARTY ON CHRISTMAS EVE? AND IN ONE SCENE THEY SAY IT'S OKAY FOR A PREGNANT CO-WORKER TO DRINK ALCOHOL? WOW, THE '80S.

# The PHANTOM

by Lee Falk

THE CREATURE'S SO MUCH LESS AGGRESSIVE NOW...RRRR...

LESS FRIGHTENED, I WOULD THINK.

BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T HARMED HER! MAYBE HER INSTINCT TELLS HER WE WON'T IF WE HAVEN'T BY NOW?

DARLING, WHY ON EARTH WOULD A CREATURE LIKE THIS BE CARRYING A RIFLE?

A RIFLE MORE THAN A CENTURY OLD... GOOD QUESTION.

SHE DIDN'T FIND IT... IT BELONGS TO HER.

IT'S CLEAN, OILED... I'M SURE SHE KNOWS HOW TO USE IT.

SHE WOULDN'T CARRY IT IF SHE DIDN'T.

GRRRR... I CAN SEE THE WHEELS TURNING BEHIND THOSE EYES...

IS IT PREPOSTEROUS TO THINK SHE MIGHT EVEN...?

...KNOW WHAT WE'RE SAYING?

DARLING, IF THAT HAS ANY CHANCE OF BEING TRUE, SHE'S MORE HUMAN THAN WE THINK!

WE HAVE TO RELEASE HER NOW!!

Tony DePaul & Jeff Weigel 12-18-22

DO YOU KNOW WORDS?!

CAN YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE...?

NOD YOUR HEAD IF YOU CAN UNDERSTAND ME!

GRRRR... THERE'S YOUR ANSWER... OR ALL THE ANSWER SHE INTENDS TO GIVE US.

# Hi and Lois

by Brian and Greg Walker

WE ONLY HAVE A FEW DAYS LEFT.

I STILL HAVE SOME GIFTS TO GET.

LET'S GO TO THE MALL!

I'LL GET MY LIST.

WHICH STORE DO YOU WANT TO GO TO FIRST?

THIS IS WAY MORE FUN THAN ONLINE SHOPPING.

PROCRASTINATING ALWAYS GETS ME IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

# ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

HEY! YOU GOT A TREE FOR YOUR ROOM!

OH, YEAH.

REAL OR ARTIFICIAL?

I ALWAYS CHOOSE REAL ONES.

GOTTA LOVE THAT FRESH PINE SCENT!

NOTICE HOW YOU CAN BARELY SMELL MY DIRTY SOCKS?

# THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"HOW DID I LOSE AT POKER TO SOMEONE WHO THINKS WE'RE PLAYING 'GO FISH'?"

"I NEEDED HELP FROM THE NEIGHBORS GETTING MY HUSBAND OUT OF IT."

# FUNKY WINKERBEAN

by Tom Batiuk

THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A BIG STORM COMING!

I HOPE PEOPLE ACTUALLY SHOW UP FOR OUR CLAUDE BARLOW'S 'JAZZ MESSIAH' CONCERT!

I DON'T THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE A PROBLEM.

SO YOU SAW THEM PROMOTE IT ON CHANNEL ONE?

YES... BUT WE ALSO POSTED A PROMOTION ON FACEGRAM...

WITH A PICTURE OF BINGO THE CHOR CAT LOOKING LIKE HE WAS PLAYING THE ORGAN.

DEMAND FOR TICKETS HAS GONE THROUGH THE SPIRE!

"DO YOU USE THE CLASSIC OR STANDARD BOX OF CRAYONS?"

# SLYLOCK FOX

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Cassandra Cat broke into the Forestville Museum and snatched a gold chain pearl necklace worn by Princess Pussycat. When Slylock Fox startled Cassandra, she dropped the necklace. When it hit the floor, the chain broke, causing pearls to scatter around the room. How many pearls that flew off the chain can you find?

Solution -- Slylock and Max found all 20 pearls off the chain.

Spot six differences between these panels.

"GOOD THING IT WAS A SILENT AUCTION OR I WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU A PIECE OF MY MIND."

### HOW TO DRAW a snowshoe bunny

### YOUR DRAWING

Which of the following animals does not live in a hot, dry desert?

- Scorpion
- Iguana
- Rabbit
- Coyote
- Owl

Answer -- Boy's mouth, hat, smoke, dog's tail, whiskers and window.

Today's terrific artist is Saya, age 12

Submit your drawing to [www.slylockfox.com](http://www.slylockfox.com)

(p -- JAMSUJ)

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

"THESE RECORDS SOUND LIKE BLACK-AND-WHITE MOVIES LOOK."



# TMS performs Annie, Kids.

Photos by Leandra Habel

TMS never disappoints when it comes to the drama departments annual performance. Directed by teachers Rachel Grijalva and Rebecca Lee, and Musical Directors Lisa Crunk and David Naylor, guided the junior actors through a 55-minute musical, singing and dancing to all the favorites we've come to love in the play "Annie". Choreographers Angela States and Lou Smith created footwork synchronized with those beloved songs. Emily Dunnivant as Annie as well as Evelyn Jefferson playing Miss Hannigan shine during the evening event. The students' efforts of hard work and perseverance have produced beautiful results.



# Leadership Bedford Public Safety Day

On December 7th, both Leadership Bedford classes were educated by Shelbyville's Public Safety Teams. The day began at the Bedford County EMA office where David Dye and Justin Smith spoke on behalf of the Shelbyville Police Department.

"No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care," said Dye during his speech. They were followed by E911 Director Philip Noel and EMA Director David Kitchens.

Lunch was held at the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy (or TFACA) and was

sponsored by Atmos Energy.

Bedford County Fire Department's Chief Mark Thomas and Shelbyville City Fire Chief Matt Doak explained that the most important characteristic for a firefighter is a heart to serve and have selflessness.

The class ended the day with a tour of the



Youth Leadership Bedford visited with many of Bedford County's public safety officers last week.



Shelbyville City Fire Chief Matt Doak spoke at the event.



The group had lunch at the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy (or TFACA).



Judge Wyatt Burke also spoke during the event.



**Ms. Johnson's Class at Circle of Friends Christian Preschool**

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I love you! For Christmas I want a Barbie and Barbie Camper. I also want a dress.  
Love, Betty Sarellano

Dear Santa,  
My name is Denver. I want a new barbie doll, new books, and a cute dress. I am excited for snow and Santa Claus. My teacher said Christmas is not about elves, trees, or presents. She said it's about Jesus birthday.  
Love, Denver Davidson

Dear Santa,  
I want a doggie toy for me to play with and another one for my doggie, Irene, who I call Sweetie.  
Love, Eloise Spears, 3 years old

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a stuffed animal and a rainbow for my soap (hand "tanitiser"). And how do you keep those reindeer from flying away?  
Thank you, Macy Landers

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I hope I am on your nice list. Don't believe him if my papa says no. There are lots of toys I want to get this year. You can watch any of the commercials on TV but I really want a magic coloring book, glitter, new P.J. Masks pajamas, and a P.J. Masks car. Please bring me another picture of my nana and more Christmas decorations. Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas.  
I love you,  
Chanston Jones

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are well. I want Doc McStuffin and Home Alone movie and 2 America flags and foo foo for my dolls and dessert for my dolls and a big car and a blanket and interstate for cars and notebooks.  
Madison Stewart

Dear Santa,  
Am I on the nice list? I would like a toy hotdog and money for my brother to buy a cruise ship on his video game (The Titanic). Would you like Rudolf cookies and milk for Christmas?  
Love, Theo

Dear Santa,  
I want tap shoes, a camper with a barbie, and an ice cream truck. I would like new pink shoes. I have been good at school and at home. Please make my tap shoes rainbow color. Thank you Santa!  
Love, Jaselyn Jordan

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like alot. ALOT of barbies, a buggy for groceries, and a baby doll to ride in the buggy. I also want some more Christmas ornaments and a whole bucket of Skittles. Thank you!  
Love, Loganne Lamb

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie, a baby doll, and a doctor barbie. I want you to come to my house and bring me presents. I am so good and I am not on the bad list.  
Love, Evie

Dear Santa,  
I would like all things dinosaurs. I would also like a robot that can do flips and play with me. I want my stocking to be full of candy canes, chocolate, and every kind of candy.  
From: Bennett

**Ms. Suly's Class at Circle of Friends Christian Preschool**

Dear Santa,  
Is Jangles really working for you? Can you send him a friend to play with? What kind of cookies do you like? I want a fast go kart, Dr. Pepper, and to Jangles forever. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Dylan Hoover

Dear Santa,  
My name is Luke Prince. I have been a good boy this year. I want a dinosaur and a remote control dinosaur. I do not want anything else. I also want you to get my dog, Tinker, a remote control dinosaur. My mom and dad need a remote control dinosaur, too. I maybe need a tv in my bedroom, too.  
I love you and everybody, Luke Prince

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year, I would really like a gator, like my nana, light up shoes, a new nerf gun, a baby monster truck, and a toy elf. I have been really good at school. I will be sure to leave you chocolate milk because that is my favorite. I won't forget the cookies. Please have a safe trip down here from the North Pole!  
Love, Everette Stewart

Dear Santa,  
I am 4 years old this year. I have been very good this year. Some of the nice things I did were feed the dogs, helped Mommy cook, and picked up my toys. My Christmas list: doll house, baby doll carrier/car seat, baby doll food/bottle.  
Love, Hazel Pitts

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Goo Jit zu Banos (Thanos). I would also like a Goo Jit zu brain boom and a hot wheels track. Thank you Santa, Merry Christmas!  
Bentley Weller

Dear Santa,  
I love you. Could you please get me a motorcycle, a bear to sleep with, stickers and the real spiderman. Please get mommy and daddy a big house with lots of windows.  
Love, Greyson Dunn

**Mrs. Erica's Kindergarten Class at Cascade Elementary**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for giving me presents at Christmas and sending me one of your elves. This year I would like a Minecraft pick axe that turns into a sword. I would also like Bumblebee and Star Scream. Thank you.  
Love, Colton

Hi Santa,  
How are you? I hope you are doing good. I just want to let you know, I love Jesus. I really hope I get a unicorn toy that I can take for a walk.  
Love, Riley

Dear Santa,  
I love you with all of

my heart. When you come to my house, please come to my room so I can see you. Then put a Megaladon Storm RC under my tree, please. I will love it.  
Love, Ethan

Hello Santa,  
Thank you for always bringing me presents. You always work so hard. I would really like a scooter that shoots out bubbles. I also want a power wheel car if it will fit on your sleigh.  
Love, Keigan

Dear Santa,  
I love how you help people. I want you to help my family wrap my Christmas presents. I hope you can bring me a stuffed animal that is a unicorn.  
Love, Paisley

Hello Santa,  
I love you, Santa. This year, I want a basketball hoop. I hope you have a safe trip.  
Love, Easton

Merry Christmas Santa, I love you. I hope I have been good this Christmas. I have all the things I want on my list. I don't need anything else.  
Love, Everly

Merry Christmas Santa, I love you. You do a great job. I really hope I get some make up and a scooter.  
Love, Brenlea

Hi Santa,  
Merry Christmas. I love you. Please send me some new shoes and clothes. I also want a gold necklace and a new backpack. Thank you.  
Love, Bryson

Hi Santa,  
I love you. You are really nice. I would like a punching bag and some new tennis shoes for Christmas. Thank you.  
Love, William

Merry Christmas Santa, I just want to say thank you for being so nice. Please bring a hat for my dad and a new backpack and basketball for me. Thank you.  
Love, Marcus

Dear Santa,  
You are funny. I want a Elsa box for Christmas and a Elsa charger to charge my tablet. Thank you.  
Love, Rileigh

Dear Santa,  
I love you and your movies. I want a Minecraft video game for Christmas. I also want a spiderman dinosaur. Thank you.  
Love, Jeremiah

Merry Christmas Santa, I love you. I hope you have a happy Christmas. I want some paint and other art supplies. Thank you.  
Love, Shiloh

Dear Santa,  
I like Christmas. I would like a unicorn toy. I also want a baby doll.  
Love, Sofia

**Mrs. Lane's Kindergarten Class at Cascade Elementary**

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I hope you are having a great Christmas. I would like a red soccer ball, spiderman guy, and a spiderman playset.  
Judah

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? I would like a nerf gun, Dinosaur race track, and a truck that pulls a horse trailer. I love you Santa.  
Jeremiah

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy reindeer, toy Santa, and toy doctor. How are your reindeer?  
Tristyn

Dear Santa,  
I would like a barbie, toy horse, and Elsa doll. I love you Santa.  
Katheryn

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas, I would like a motor bike, toy cars, and playground toys. How are you doing? Have a good day.  
Anthony

Dear Santa,  
I would like LOL dolls, hatchimals, and a toy car. Is it cold at the North Pole? Merry Christmas.  
Cecelia

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas, I would like a toy car, a dinosaur, and toy dirt bike. Hope you are doing good.  
Mason

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? Hope you are having a good day. I would like dirt bike, Nintendo switch games, and a tablet.  
Logan

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Gabby doll house, dolls, and doll furniture. Is it cold at the North Pole? Hope you have a good Christmas.  
Addison

Dear Santa,  
I like and love you Santa. I seen you when I was a baby. I would like a playdoh ice cream truck, new baby doll, and a barbie camper.  
Ella

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dirt bike, a play sword, and a dirt bike helmet. I love you Santa, have a Merry Christmas.  
Conlee

Dear Santa,  
I would like a hatchimal, a dragon named Sparkaroni, and a unicorn named Tarkatoni. I love you Santa, have a good Christmas.  
Piper

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Nintendo switch with games, toy car and a toy gun. I love you Santa, have a great Christmas.  
Dax

Dear Santa,  
Do you have snowball fights with your elves? Is it cold at the North Pole? I would like a Playstation, fortnite truck with purple and black stripes, and a bouncy house.  
Kyler

Dear Santa,  
I would like toy guns, 3 real dogs, and surprise present colored in Cascade's colors. How are your reindeer? How does Rudolph's nose light up? Merry Christmas Santa.  
George

**Mrs. Littrell's Kindergarten Class at Cascade Elementary**

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I am so happy that you give us presents! Why does Rudolph's nose blink? I am so excited for Christmas. I would like a Barbie Doll farm, a Barbie Doll book, and to have fun with my happy family. Thank you so much!  
Love your friend, Lia

Dear Santa,  
Are you ready for Christmas? I am! What are the reindeer doing? For Christmas this year I would like a Gabby Cats dollhouse, some cat ears, and a Cakey. Thank you for my toys.  
Love your friend, Adrianna

Dear Santa,  
How are the elves and the reindeer doing? How are things at the North Pole? I would really love some makeup and a basketball goal for Christmas. Thank you for doing everything. I love you!  
Love your

friend, Kinsley  
Dear Santa,  
I would like to know how the elves, the reindeer, and Mrs. Claus are doing. Do you have your sleigh ready? I would like a Baby Yoda bicycle with 6 wheels, an ornament that has my face on it, and a Tennessee Titan's hoodie. Thank you for my presents. I love you. Hope you have a safe trip!  
Love your friend, Oliver

Dear Santa,  
I love my Mommy and Daddy! How is the North Pole? Is it cold there? It's almost Christmas! I would like a toy Lego doll that is the same size as me. Thank you, Santa!  
Love your friend, Symphony

Hi Santa,  
How are you doing? I hope you and the reindeer are doing good. I have been playing nice with all my friends. For Christmas, I would love to have two monster trucks with controllers so I can drive it around in circles. I would also really like to have a big bouncy ball to play with at my house. I can't wait until Christmas, and I hope you have a safe journey!  
Love your friend, Joshua

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are doing good! I think it is really cool how your reindeer can fly! I have been very good in school this year, and I can't wait until Christmas. For Christmas, I would really like to have a robot to play with. I would also like to have some new jeans to wear and some new shoes also. I am so excited for Christmas, and I am going to leave you some milk and cookies!  
Love your friend, Dylan

Dear Santa,  
I love you! For Christmas, I would love to have some new gloves and a new hat to wear in the snow. I love to play in the snow, and I hope it snows this Christmas! I would also really like to have a new toy horse to play with. I really like how your reindeer can fly to my house. I hope you have a safe trip!  
Love your friend, Jaycee

Hi Santa,  
I hope you are doing good! I really love Rudolph the red nose reindeer. I like how his red nose helps you on foggy nights. For Christmas, I would love to have a gold and a silver long neck dinosaur. I love to play with dinosaurs, and I also like to watch shows about them every weekend! I would also like to have a Christmas tree dress. I hope you have a good trip with your reindeer, and I can't wait until Christmas!  
Love your friend, Taylor

Hi Santa,  
I love your reindeer and Rudolph the most. I know you will be coming in a few weeks. I would like a play barn and I want a leaf blower like my dad. I also, want a race track with a dinosaur on it and that's all. I will leave you some milk and cookies and I will leave carrots and water for the reindeer.  
Love, Walker

Hi Santa,  
I love you Santa! I hope you and all your reindeer are doing good. For Christmas, I would love to have some new toys. I

would like to have a Bat Mobile, ninjas, and Power Rangers. I would also love to have some new shoes. I can't wait until Christmas, and I hope you have a good trip to my house.  
Love your friend, Xavier

Hi Santa,  
I love you, Santa! For Christmas I would like a Gabby doll house. I would also love a new pair of shoes. I can't wait until Christmas! I hope you have a safe trip to my house.  
Love your friend, Alyson

Hi Santa,  
I would love to meet you a give you a hug! For Christmas I would like a bat mobile and a trampoline to jump on. I like you very much and hope you are doing good.  
Love your friend, Maverick

Hi Santa,  
I like Christmas! It is my favorite holiday! For Christmas I would love a go-cart. I love you very much.  
Love your friend, Eli

Hi Santa,  
I hope you are doing well. For Christmas I would like a Christmas tree at my house. I would also love to have a tablet to play games on and a walking dog. I hope to see you soon.  
Love your friend, Morgan

Hi Santa,  
How are your reindeer? My favorite is Rudolph. For Christmas this year I would like a dump truck to play with outside to play with my sister and brothers with. I would also like a crane and a cat box. Thank you very much.  
Love your friend, Brayden

Hi Santa,  
Thank you for bringing me presents and thank you for coming to my house. I want a basketball for Christmas and that's all. You are welcome Santa.  
Love, Curtis

**Mrs. Summers' Kindergarten Class at East Side Elementary**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Baltazar and I would like books and toys.  
Love, Baltazar

Dear Santa  
I want a doctor toy. I want Barbies. Also, a Barbie car, a balloon, a toy Christmas tree. I want a toy Santa.  
Love, Itzel

Dear Santa,  
Santa bring me a baby. I want lipstick. A balloon. Toys from Barbie.  
Love, Belinda

Dear Santa,  
I would like a toy diner. I want a soft pillow and I like toy trucks, too.  
Love, Alexander

Dear Santa,  
I want a nerf gun to share with my brother. My brother's name is Jimmy. I would also like a race car to share with my brother. I have been good.  
Love, Josue

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote-control car. Motorcycle for kids (like the police ride). Also, a toy elf. I would like a parrot and a dog. A Santa costume would be good. I've been good. I could use a toy Christmas tree, a toy plushie.  
Love, Kaeden



# LETTERS TO Santa

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy dog and I also want a giant chocolate egg. I want a snow cone maker. I also want one million gifts. I wish the world would go in reverse so I could be a baby again. New shiny clothes that no one has seen before.

Love, Remy

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, a puzzle, a puppy and a toy mouse and a drum set. I want a toy donkey. I've been good every day. I want a toy train, a doll and a doll house.

Love, Jenavie

Dear Santa,  
I would like a DS-5 and some bananas. I will take some games too.

Love, Christopher

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy pizza, aqua jells, 3-wheel scooter. I would like a fish tat moves in the water. I have been good all year, but you already

know that. Mommy and Daddy have been good too. I would also like a swimming pool. You can put the pool outside.

Love, Alexandria

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike, 4-wheeler, remote control and some new shoes. I have been good all year. Also, I would like a new hoodie, and a scooter. I want a pet parrot.

Love, Walker

Dear Santa,  
I want a guitar so I can sing and get some toy train and car. I want a yellow yoyo. I want to get red and green gummy bears for Christmas. I want my Legos. I want a blue dog. I want a Soogy Doggy. I want presents.

Love, TJ

Dear Santa,  
Hi! I want wood. I will give you a toy.

Love, Lyleigh

Dear Santa,  
I want makeup. I want a Barbie dream house. I want a real panda and otter. I want a real baby monkey and a zoo outside my house so my friend Kendall can come play. I am a good girl.

Love, Adalynn

I forgot to say I want treasureurs and nails.

Dear Santa,  
I want lots of presents. Books for Christmas. I have been good. I want a table for Christmas like Ms. Summers'.

Love, Mariselda

Dear Santa,  
I want toys. I want a big house with a Barbie. I want a stuffed pet panda from Walmart. I also want a toy playdoh. I want a book to draw on and crayons. I would like cocoamellow toys for my sister, Allony. My cousin said I am on the good naughty list.

Love, Kylie

Dear Santa,  
I found some boxes in attic. They were boxes of toys when I was a baby. I want a toy doll with a fake

bath. I want toy for a brother. I want a toy Christmas Santa and nothing else. I want an Elsa dress with crown and shoes. Want baby doll, and a little Elsa skirt in 5 or 6. Will leave cookies and milk. I want an ornament for tree because some broke and some didn't.

Love, Raelynn

Dear Santa,  
Legos, black bike, dinosaur puzzles. I also want an elf. I want a book. I have been good just a little bit.

Love, Abraham

### Ms. Clement's Class at East Side Elementary

Dear Santa, I want an Elsa Barbie. Love, Sailor Flynn

Dear Santa, I want a pink dress. Love, Zuly Garcia

Dear Santa, I want a baby dog toy. Love, Zola Hamler

Dear Santa, I want a LOL doll. Love, Bralee Jackson

Dear Santa, I want a unicorn toy. Love, Maddie Grace Jones

Dear Santa, I want a monster truck. Love, Yovani

Juarez

Dear Santa, I want a bike and skateboard. Love, Knox Martin

Dear Santa, I want a pink iPad. Love, Maddie May

Dear Santa, I want a red dress. Love, Leah Ortiz

Dear Santa, I want a toy Spiderman. Love, Edgar Pablo Perez

Dear Santa, I want new rainbow shoes. Love, Emely Perez

Dear Santa, I want a Spiderman Coloring Book. Love, Sylvester Perez Carrisalez

Dear Santa, I want a dinosaur toy. Love, Kaison Warren

Dear Santa, I want a toy car. Love, Juana Domingo Juan

Dear Santa, I want a doll house. Love, Nicole Carson

### Mrs. Williams' Kindergarten Class at East Side Elementary

Dear Santa, I want a bike. Love, Andy Hernandez

Dear Santa, I want a bike. Love, Jayden Nelson

Dear Santa, I want a bike. Love, Mayra Garcia

Dear Santa, I want a Nintendo Switch. Love, Madi Womble

Dear Santa, I want a doll. Love, Salama Jama

Dear Santa, I want a Spiderman bike. Love, Montrell Nash

Dear Santa, I want a train set. Love, Ian Villasenor

Dear Santa, I want cars. Love, Brantley Partin

Dear Santa, I want a fire truck. Love, Caleb Godinez

Dear Santa, I want cars. Love, Cristian Roblero

Dear Santa, I want drums. Love, Xavier Cordova

Dear Santa, I want a fidget spinner. Love, Felipe Francisco

Dear Santa, I want a scooter. Love, Clarissa Montiel



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