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Rich's plea deal

Agreed to 99 years with no parole

T-G STAFF REPORT

Samuel Earl "Sam" Rich agreed to a plea deal of 99 years on Friday for the murder of James William "Will" Warner. Rich was tried by jury and convicted last August to 59 years in prison for attempted first degree murder in the shooting of Hannah Grace "Gracie" Perryman in August of 2021.

Perryman was shot in the face but survived. Warner, 22, was shot multiple times and was later found on the side of the road in Nashville on Aug. 13, 2021. Rich turned himself into police two days later, on Aug. 15, in Murfreesboro.

The sentences will be served concurrently with no possibility for parole.

Crowds cram into the world's largest bar



HunterGirl performee on grand opening night at the Humble Baron.

Photo by Diandra Womble

Humble Baron hosts grand opening

T-G STAFF REPORT

Nearest Green Distillery's newest restaurant and bar, The Humble Baron, held it's grand opening this weekend. Crowds lined up as early 4 p.m. Thursday, while U.S. 231 saw long lines of traffic for the distillery's newest creation.

Named after Uncle Nearest Whiskey co-founder, Keith Weaver, the goal of the restaurant which is — now officially — a Guinness World Record for longest bar in the world, is for "everyone to have a seat at the table."

In addition to hand-crafted cocktails, Humble Baron will also be serving up Southern food, such as shrimp and grits and pasta with short rib ragu. Executive Chef Jay Craddick said they plan

to use local produce for their dishes. They will be open on Fridays from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

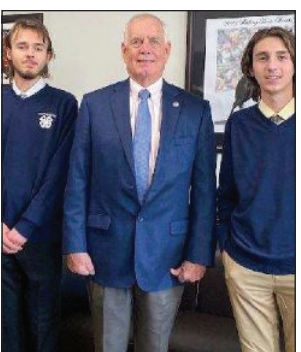
Some quick facts about Humble Baron: The longest bar is 518 linear feet in the shape of a horseshoe. It has 202 bar stools and 3,048 glasses available. They also have eight jiggers and 26 POS systems. The bar will have 17 bartenders working when at full capacity.

They beat a previously-held 25-year record and even have room for expanding the bar if any other location decides to build their own longest bar. It took them one year to build, working with local company Haynes Service Company, LLC.



The bar will have 17 bartenders when at full capacity.

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Marsh column

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Tullahoma Campaign preservation underway

History signs are a priority

By MARK MCGEE
For the T-G

Tourists are enthusiastically back on the road after a long lull for Covid. And just like before Covid shut down much of the country Civil War sites are still popular places to visit.

Twenty years ago, Tennessee's Backroads Heritage established 28 kiosks in Middle Tennessee guiding tourists through what became known as the Tullahoma Campaign from June 24 through July 3, 1863. The Battle of Hoover's Gap was the main engagement of the campaign which resulted in Confederate General Braxton Bragg retreating south to Chattanooga.

In addition to the kiosks a brochure was published to guide visitors along the route. A book was also commissioned.

Dianne Murray, executive director, and the Backroads board are embarking on a three-prong campaign.

"We want to make the Tullahoma Campaign signs look new again and update the accompanying publications," Murray said. "We must continue to study the historical attributes that are in this

area and give travelers the opportunity to learn more about the Civil War and the effects it had on their family and the country."

The kiosks are the first priority as the elements and time have forced a need to replace or repair them. The second tier is reprinting the self-driving brochure that directs tourists as well as providing information about each stop. Phase three is to revise and reprint the Tullahoma Campaign book, which includes map details, historic photos and other information about the campaign.

The three-tiered project has a cost estimate of \$30,000. Backroads has been awarded a small grant from the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development to assist with the project. Backroads is also seeking donations from interested parties to complete the project. The completion of Phase One funding is scheduled for June.

"Heritage travelers want to experience the places, artifacts and activities that authentically represent the stories and people of the past and present," Murray

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Submitted photo

This is an example of the 28 kiosks used to designate important aspects of the Tullahoma Campaign. Due to more than 20 years in the elements it is time to replace or refurbish them. Donations are being accepted to help with the project.

OBITUARIES

Daniel "Dan" Newton Bush

March 24, 2023

We are sad to announce the passing of Daniel "Dan" Newton Bush of Wartrace, TN. He died at the age of 80 on March 24, 2023 after a battle with kidney disease.

Daniel was born on July 4, 1942 to Oliver Newton Bush and Fruzie Alene Bush of Normandy. He graduated from Coffee County High and pursued a career in radiology by attending General Hospital in Nashville. It is there where he met and married Linda Cox Bush. They had 32 fun filled years together, raising three daughters Terrie Quick-Hill and Sherrie Cleveland and was preceded in death by daughter, Amanda Escue.

Throughout his career in X-ray, he worked alongside countless friends whom loved him dearly. It was evident of the joy he brought to his workplace by the lifelong friendships he made there.

His hobbies included golf, golf, and more golf. Every now and then he could be found telling a joke on the tee box. He also was an avid University of Tennessee fan. Some of his retirement days were spent traveling and enjoying casinos with his second wife, Donna Ann Bush.

He was a devoted member of Riley's Creek Baptist Church and loved praising the Lord and singing the old hymns. He looked forward to readings his daily devotional, Jesus Calling, with anyone who would come for a visit.

He is preceded by his wife, Donna Ann. He is survived by four siblings, June Bearden, Betty Dozier, Keith Bush and Judy Kraft. Among the survivors are his two daughters Terrie Quick-Hill, (Michael) and Sherrie Cleveland, (David). He is also survived by five grandchildren, Hampton Quick, Hanna Spough, (John), Maggie Dunlap, (Dylan), Grant McGuire, Samantha Escue.

For arrangements, family and friends met at Rose Hill Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 27 for a 2 p.m. service.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations made to Highland Rim Habitat for Humanity. P.O. Box 1295 Tullahoma, TN 37388

Online condolences may be made at www.davesculbertson-funeralhome.com.

Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dixie Sutton Bell

March 22, 2023

Mrs. Dixie Sutton Bell, age 91, of Christiana, passed away Wednesday, March 22, 2023, under the loving care and comfort of her family and Alive Hospice.

Funeral services were 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Faith Baptist Church. Brother Charlie McNeil officiated, with burial following in Willow Mount Cemetery.

The family received visitors from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the church.

Bell was born May 21, 1931, in Moore County, to the late Robert and Dovie Nelson Helton. She was a homemaker and a faithful member of Faith Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Sutton, in 1971; brothers and sisters, Donald Helton, Denzil Helton, Joe Helton, Shields Helton, Mary Elizabeth Pressley, Birdie Lou Cummings, and Jewell Helton.

Survivors include her daughters, Marie Olive and her husband David, Brenda Blackburn, and her husband Dewayne, and Lisa Bowen, and her husband Dean; grandchildren, Matthew Blackburn, Bradley Blackburn, Jamie Blackburn, and his wife Missy, Brandon Blackburn, Tammy Wells, Greg Olive, and his wife Stacey, Christy Phillips, and her husband Rod, Rodney Bowen, and his wife Jessica, Drew Bowen, and Daniel Bowen, and his wife Kacey; great grandchildren, Mallorie Proctor, Quintin Bowen, Brees Bowen, Tatum Bowen, Ellie Bowen, Amanda Dye, and her husband David, Amy Jett, Halee Olive, Lucas Olive, Jake Phillips, Carley Blackburn, Kenzie Blackburn, Molly Blackburn, and Lillie Blackburn; great great grandchildren, Natilee Ragan, Keagan Dye, and Henslee Dye.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Patsy Burnette Pearce

March 24, 2023

Patsy Burnette Pearce, age 72, of Tullahoma, lost her battle with cancer Friday, March 24, 2023. Patsy had been fighting the fight against cancer both ovarian and breast for the majority of her life as well as Parkinson's Disease. She is finally able to rest in the arms of her Father and is free of pain and worry.

A Tullahoma native, she eventually married and moved to Murfreesboro, where she spent the majority of her adulthood until moving to Shelbyville, where she and her son co-owned TuTu's Treasures a unique home decor and gift store. Patsy worked as the office manager for Dr. Ben Jamison DDS in Murfreesboro for over 40 years and kept working until the day she died. Before Parkinson's made getting around difficult she really enjoyed hiking with her fellow Tullahoma Wildcats class of 1968. Together, they spent many weekends conquering the hills, or in her words, "mountains", of Middle Tennessee. Patsy was a huge supporter of her son, David, his entire life. She cheered him on in both his singing and acting endeavors, camped in tents covered in snow with the Boy Scouts as a Scout Leader, helped him with his store, and even encouraged him to follow his dreams of moving to New York City. David, returned a year ago to spend the final year of her life by her side. Patsy loved her entire family dearly as well as the handful of friends with whom she was close.

To honor her request, the family has decided not to have a funeral and asks that donations can be made in her memory to one of the following charities: The Parkinson's Foundation, The American Cancer Society, or The Tennessee Equality Project.

Patsy is preceded in death by her father John Frank Burnette and her mother Mary Helen Burnette.

Patsy is survived by her son, David Jonathan Pearce; her sister, Kathie Burnette White (Lavory White); nieces and nephews John Leslie Rollins, Phillip White, Virginia Dennis, and numerous other family members.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.



Three children, three adults killed at Christian school in Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A female shooter wielding two "assault-style" rifles and a pistol killed three students and three adults at a private Christian school in Nashville on Monday in the latest in a series of mass shootings in a country growing increasingly unnerved by bloodshed in schools.

Police said they believe the 28-year-old female shooter was a former student at The Covenant School, a Presbyterian school founded in 2001. Police shot and killed her. Investigators were searching her Nashville-area home.

The attack at The Covenant School — which has about 200 students from preschool through sixth grade, as well as roughly 50 staff members — comes as communities around the nation are reeling from a spate of school violence, including the massacre at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, last year; a first grader who shot his teacher in Virginia; and a shooting last week in Denver that wounded two administrators.

"I was literally moved to tears to see this and the kids as they were being ushered out of the building," Metropolitan Nashville Police Chief John Drake said at an afternoon news conference.

The identities of the deceased and the suspect have not been released. The shooter's motive was also not immediately clear.

President Joe Biden, speaking at an unrelated event at the White House on Monday, called the shooting a "family's worst nightmare" and implored Congress again to pass a ban on certain semi-automatic weapons.

"It's ripping at the soul of this nation, ripping at the very soul of this nation," Biden said.

The suspect's identity as a woman surprised experts on mass shootings. Female shooters make up only about 5% to 8% of all mass shooters, said Adam Lankford, a criminal justice professor at the University of Alabama who has closely studied the psychology and behavior of mass shooters.

Researchers believe there are three

main explanations for why men commit more shootings than women, according to Jonathan Metzl, a professor of sociology and psychiatry at Vanderbilt University who has studied mass shootings for more than a decade.

Metzl listed those explanations as: Men have more testosterone, are socialized to be engaged in violence and own more guns than women.

"There is some story we don't know here," Metzl said of the suspected female shooter in Nashville. "From school shootings historically, very often we think that people have some historical connection or emotional connection to the school. There's an untold story here."

Monday's tragedy unfolded over roughly 14 minutes. Police received the initial call about an active shooter at 10:13 a.m.

Officers began clearing the first story of the school when they heard gunshots coming from the second level, police spokesperson Don Aaron said during a news briefing.

Why does Russia want tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus?

The announcement by Russian President Vladimir Putin that he intends to deploy tactical nuclear weapons on the territory of Belarus appears to be another attempt to raise the stakes in the conflict in Ukraine.

It follows Putin's warnings that Moscow is ready to use "all available means," to fend off attacks on Russian territory, a reference to its nuclear arsenal.

A look at Putin's statement and its implications:

HOW DID PUTIN EXPLAIN HIS MOVE?

Putin said President Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus has long urged Moscow to station its nuclear weapons in his country, which has close military ties with Russia and was a staging ground for the invasion of neighboring Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022.

Russia already has helped modernize Belarusian warplanes to make them capable of carrying nuclear weapons — something that Belarus' authoritarian leader has repeatedly mentioned.

In remarks broadcast Saturday, Putin said the immediate trigger for the deployment of Russia's tactical nuclear weapons to Belarus was Britain's decision to provide Ukraine with armor-piercing shells containing depleted uranium. Putin toned down his language after first falsely claiming that such rounds have nuclear components, but he insisted they pose an additional danger to the civilian population and could contaminate the environment.

Putin also said that by stationing tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus, Russia will be doing what the United States has done for decades by putting its nuclear weapons in Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Turkey. He alleged the Russian move doesn't violate an international treaty banning the proliferation of nuclear weapons, even though Moscow has argued before that the U.S. has breached the pact by deploying them on the territory of its NATO allies.

Putin's move contrasted with a statement he and Chinese President Xi Jinping issued after their talks in the Kremlin last week, which spoke against nuclear powers deploying atomic weapons outside their territories, in an apparent jab at the United States.

WHAT ARE TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS?

Tactical nuclear weapons are intended to destroy enemy troops and weapons on the battlefield. They have a relatively short range and a much lower yield than nuclear warheads fitted to long-range strategic missiles that are capable of obliterating whole cities.

Unlike the strategic weapons, which have been subject to arms control agreements between Moscow and Washington, the tactical weapons never have been limited by any such pacts, and Russia hasn't released their numbers or any other specifics related to them.

The U.S. government believes Russia has about 2,000 tactical nuclear weapons, which include bombs that can be carried by aircraft, warheads for short-range missiles and artillery rounds.

While strategic nuclear weapons are fitted to land- or submarine-based intercontinental ballistic missiles that are constantly ready for launch, tactical nuclear weapons are stored at a few tightly guarded storage facilities in Russia, and it takes time to deliver them to combat units.

Some Russian hawks long have urged the Kremlin to send a warning to the West by moving some tactical nuclear weapons closer to the aircraft and missiles intended to deliver them.

WHAT EXACTLY WILL RUSSIA DO?

Putin said Russia already has helped upgrade 10 Belarusian aircraft to allow them to carry nuclear weapons and their crews will start training to use them from April 3. He noted Russia also has given Belarus the Iskander short-range missile systems that can be fitted with conventional or nuclear warheads.

He said the construction of storage facilities for nuclear weapons in Belarus will be completed by July 1. He didn't say how many nuclear weapons will be stationed there or when they will be deployed.

Putin emphasized that Russia will retain control over any nuclear weapons deployed to Belarus, just like the U.S. controls its tactical nuclear weapons on the territory of its NATO allies.

If Moscow sends nuclear weapons to Belarus, it will mark their first deployment outside Russian borders since the early 1990s. Belarus, Ukraine and Kazakhstan inherited massive nuclear arsenals after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 but agreed to ship them to Russia in the following years.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES BEHIND PUTIN'S MOVE?

With his latest statement, Putin again is dangling the nuclear threat to signal Moscow's readiness to escalate the war in Ukraine.

The deployment of tactical nuclear weapons to Belarus, which has a 1,084-kilometer (673-mile) border with Ukraine, would allow Russian aircraft and missiles to reach potential targets there more easily and quickly if Moscow decides to use

them. It would also extend Russia's capability to target several NATO members in Eastern and Central Europe.

The move comes as Kyiv is poised for a counteroffensive to reclaim territory occupied by Russia.

Dmitry Medvedev, deputy head of Russia's Security Council, warned last week that attempts by Ukraine to reclaim control over Crimea was a threat to "the very existence of the Russian state," something that warrants a nuclear response under the country's security doctrine. Russia illegally annexed Crimea from Ukraine in 2014.

"Every day of supplying Western weapons to Ukraine makes the nuclear apocalypse closer," Medvedev said.

Ukrainian military analyst Oleh Zhdanov said Putin's goal is to discourage Ukraine's Western allies from providing Kyiv with more weapons ahead of any counteroffensive.

Putin is "using nuclear blackmail in a bid to influence the situation on the battlefield and force Western partners to reduce supplies of weapons and equipment under the threat of nuclear escalation," Zhdanov said. "The Belarusian nuclear balcony will be looming over not only Ukraine, but Europe as well, creating a constant threat, raising tensions and rattling the nerves of Ukrainians and their Western partners."

WHAT ARE UKRAINE AND THE WEST SAYING?

Ukraine has responded to Putin's move by calling for an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council. A U.N. spokesman referred questions on the issue to the Security Council, which had announced no meeting on it by Monday afternoon.

"The world must be united against someone who endangers the future of human civilization," the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry said.

White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said Monday that U.S. officials "haven't seen any movement of any tactical nuclear weapons or anything of that kind" since Putin's announcement on Belarus. He has said Washington has seen nothing to prompt a change in its strategic deterrent posture.

NATO rejects Putin's claim that Russia only is doing what the U.S. has done for decades, saying the Western allies act with full respect of their international commitments.

"Russia's nuclear rhetoric is dangerous and irresponsible," NATO spokesperson Oana Lungescu said, adding that the alliance hasn't yet seen any change in Russia's nuclear posture.

Amer Madhani in Washington and Yuras Karmanau in Tallinn, Estonia contributed to this report.

Campaign

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said. "These travelers are extremely interested in this part of the Civil War and this project has brought tremendous economic benefit

to the area.

"In fact, Backroads has hosted two symposiums about the Tullahoma Campaign and the Civil War and attendees came from all throughout Tennessee as well as surrounding states. There has

been tremendous interest in learning about the soldiers and the ancestry component that folks want to study as it relates to their family heritage."

Donations of any amount are appreciated. They can be mailed

to Tennessee's Backroads Heritage, Attn: Treasurer, 1994 John R. Hill Road, Lewisburg, TN 37091. For more information contact Murray by email at tnbackroads@bellsouth.net or call 615-613-5627.

Marsh meets with 4-H clubs

By PAT MARSH

“To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.” - Proverb 21:3

I had a great meeting with the 4-H clubs of district 62 this past week. Thank you to Alex Sparks of Moore County, Dan Owen of Lincoln County, and Emily Osterhaus of Bedford County for stopping by my office to chat with several of their 4-H members. They had a busy week with all their meetings and tours of the Capitol.

I stopped by Webb School on Thursday to present Abby Cheeseman with a proclamation that Senator Reeves and I passed through the House and Senate. Ms. Cheeseman earned the title of TSSAA Division II, Class A Girls' Individual State Cross Country Champion. Congratulations Abby!

On Tuesday, Ted and Chris Cox from Bedford County and John Fitzsimmons from Lincoln County with Emergency Medical Services stopped by my office for a visit. Seeing them for TN Ambulance Service Association Day on the Hill was a pleasure.

We had several contentious bills in our committees this week - several even made it to the House Floor. I always want to vote on the right way on legislation, but often the “right thing” is not so clear. We study, meet, and ask questions to try to figure out the best way to move forward. Many times as lawmakers, we are forced to make difficult decisions that could and do affect people's lives in good and bad ways. I pray a lot!

Our education committee has advanced a bill to enhance third-grade literacy. This bill would expand fourth-grade eligibility by allowing students who score in the “approaching” category on the TCAP test to still be promoted to the next grade level if they score in the 50th percentile or higher on their most recent benchmark assessment provided by the state and given as a test. Parents would also be able to receive additional assistance from school administrators when filing a waiver to appeal their child's retention. The legislation also requires a tutor to be assigned for 1 year to all students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade who are retained beginning with the 2023-24 school year.

We passed HB1342 on the House Floor, which is a bill that protects Tennessee workers' rights. The bill states that an employer who accepts economic incentives from the State must protect workers' rights



State Rep. Pat Marsh, center, with Bedford's 4-H Club.

Submitted photo

by allowing a private ballot in union elections.

HB340 expands what constitutes a zero-tolerance offense to include threatening mass violence on school property or at a school-related activity. A violation would result in a student being expelled from school for at least one calendar year. It would be up to the local director of schools or the head of a charter school to determine

whether the expelled student must attend an alternative school or virtual classes.

HB1503 aims to protect Tennesseans from being unexpectedly billed for out-of-network healthcare services that were provided at in-network facilities. As amended, the comprehensive legislation would hold patients harmless in surprise billing situations as well as establish an independent dispute resolution process for insurers and

providers. It would also implement greater oversight of network adequacy standards. The Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act would not apply to TennCare.

I'm honored to serve as your state representative and please call or email if I can ever help. 615-741-6824, rep.pat.marsh@capitol.tn.gov. You are also welcome to come up to the Capitol and stop by my office at 610 in the Cordell Hull building.

Tennessee homelessness up 37% since 2019

A new study from MyEListing, a commercial real estate site, shows Tennessee's homeless population has grown by 37% over the past 3 years. Tennessee has seen the sixth highest increase in homelessness since 2019 of all the states in the US.

Tennessee follows Louisiana (#1), Vermont (#2), Delaware (#3), Maine (#4), and Rhode Island (#5).

In July of last year a law passed across Tennessee to make it a felony—punishable by up to six years in prison— for homeless people to camp on public and state property, like in parks or on benches.

However, despite the measure, the data shows just a portion of Tennessee's current homelessness. It's taken from the Annual Homeless Assessment Report conducted for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and shows the change in homelessness in the state since 2019.

Quick facts
The three-year percent change in homelessness is up 37%

- 6% increase in emergency sheltered
- 129% increase in unsheltered
- 47% decrease in transitional housing
- Homelessness rate is 15 per 10,000 people
- Total homeless population is 10,567 people total
- 33% - are in emergency shelters
- 58% - are unsheltered

The entire report can be viewed at <https://myelisting.com/commercial-real-estate-news/1444/homelessness-united-states-state-by-state-analysis/>.

American Red Cross luncheon April 13

NASHVILLE – The American Red Cross, Nashville Area Chapter will host the Nissan Lifesaver Luncheon presented by Randy and Jennifer Wolcott at Belmont University on April 13. This year's event will be held at the Curb Event Center at Belmont University in Nashville. This event is one of the largest celebrations of the Red Cross service and fundraiser for mission delivery to the citizens of Tennessee.

Red Cross Vice President Disaster Programs, Jennifer Pipa, will be the keynote speaker for the luncheon. Pipa oversees the nationwide development, implementation, and continuous improvement of the Red Cross's Disaster Cycle Services programs. She will speak on the increase of costly disasters happening more frequently around the world and in the United States. Larger scale disasters are happening every six days on average this past



year, and Red Cross volunteers are playing a huge role in responding to those multi-million-dollar and sometimes billion-dollar disasters.

The chapter will honor local humanitarian heroes who have made significant impacts in Tennessee with their philanthropic work. The honorees include:

Humanitarian Award: Dollar General Managers and Employees

Community Hero Award – The Hispanic Family Foundation

Storyteller Award – Singer and Songwriter Lauren Daigle

The chapter will also honor Nashville Red Cross Board Member and Tiffany Circle member Tricia McDowell with the Clara Barton Award. Clara Barton, the American Red Cross founder, was vigilant in her dedication to the mission of the Red Cross 140 years ago.

“We are always so in awe of our community and how philanthropic our partners are when it is most needed,” Joel Sullivan, regional executive director for the Red Cross Tennessee Region said. “It is our honor to recognize these organizations, companies and donors with these awards and each one has made such an impact for the Red Cross and our humanitarian mission.”

Lifesaver tickets are on sale now for \$75

online at RedCross.org/ Lifesaver Tickets will also be available the day of the event at the registration table.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members, and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamerica.org, or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).

CONEXON/UNITED COMMUNICATIONS (TN) PUBLIC RFP AD POSTING

FTTH Construction Services – Request For Proposal for United Communications

The United Communications-(TN) FTTH Construction Project will be issuing a Public Request For Proposal (RFP) for Field Data Collection, Construction & Drop Materials, Make Ready Engineering Services, Make Ready Construction, FTTH Construction, FTTH Drop Installation Services and FTTH Customer Premise Installation Services. You must reply by 5pm CT on **April 25th, 2023**. The RFP letter and bid details will be sent via email to those who respond by the deadline.

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Drizzle chocolate without the mess

Dear Readers: Here's an easy way to melt semi-sweet chocolate chips, to use as frosting for a cake or as decorations on cookies.

Hints from Heloise

Heloise



Keep the chips in the bag they come in, place the bag into a bowl of hot water and knead until the chips are melted. Then, just cut a small hole across one corner of the bag and drizzle the chocolate right from the bag onto the cookies or cake. No mess to clean up. -- Heloise

in the shower. So I put a large rubber band, like the ones that come on vegetables, around the shampoo bottle; now I don't accidentally use the wrong one.

I also have arthritis and had trouble opening bottles and jars. I found that a metal nut-cracker works great to open small bottle tops. A plumber's wrench that has a hard handle with an adjustable rubber strap is perfect for opening large jar lids. -- Jill T., Vancouver, Washington

WATCH THOSE DIAMOND RINGS

Dear Heloise: People who wear diamond rings should be aware of the damage they can cause while doing household chores. When cleaning any type of glass or mirror, care should be taken to not scratch the surface. The same holds true for filters in dryers. New filters are expensive, so people wearing rings should be careful when removing lint.

I read and enjoy your column in the Marshall News-Messenger. -- P.A. Almqvist, Marshall, Texas

P.A., you're right! It's a good idea to remove your diamond rings and any other jewelry when you are cleaning or doing other household tasks -- indoor and outdoors! -- Heloise

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

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LET IT GO TO VOICEMAIL

Dear Heloise: I'm an 81-year-old man who reads your column daily. My wife and I have been married for over 61 years. We have Caller ID on our phone, and if we don't recognize the name or number, we let the call go to voicemail. If we get a message that we need to respond to, we respond. We don't have to worry about scams this way.

It seems to me that a lot of older folks could avoid problems with scamming by doing the same thing. We also have cellphones where we can be reached by family and friends. -- Bill, in Arkansas

USES FOR OLD SHEETS

Dear Heloise: Here are some uses for old sheets. You can use them as drop cloths when painting to cover furniture or the floor. You can also use one as a protective cover for the floor or the trunk of a car, or the bed of an SUV or a van, when transporting things that may make a mess (like plants, bags of mulch, yard debris that will be taken to a recycling facility, etc.). -- Tim Davis, Kettering, Ohio

HANDY HINTS

Dear Heloise: I'm losing my vision and cannot tell the difference between shampoo and conditioner when I rinse

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

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Underwater Egg Hunt

Shelbyville Parks & Recreation's Underwater Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 1 at Shelbyville Recreation Center for ages 3-13. Starting time vary by age from 9-10:30 a.m. A mandatory \$4 preregistration fee includes free all-day swimming. Register at the Rec Center or its website.

Book signing

Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library will host an author presentation and book signing with Dr. Lona Bailey of Manchester at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1, in the Community Room. Bailey's newest book, "The Voice of Villainy," covers the life and work of actress Betty Lou Gerson from Chattanooga, the voice behind the original Cruella de Vil from Disney's One Hundred and One Dalmatians. The event is free to attend for all ages. For more information call 931-684-7323.

SCHS '57 reunion

Shelbyville Central High School's Class of 1957 will meet at the back parking lot of King's Museum (the old SCHS) on Saturday, April 1, at 9:30 a.m. They will tour the museum and then meet at Legends, 1609 N. Main St., at 11:30 a.m. for their reunion. Guests are welcome.

Easter egg hunt

First Community Bank will host a free Easter egg hunt at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at its main office, 207 Elm St.

Flat Creek meeting

Flat Creek Community Center's monthly potluck will be held Saturday, April 1 at 6 p.m. at the center, 115 New Herman Road. Al Simmons, president of the Bedford County Historical Society, will discuss the history of Flat Creek.

APRIL 2

Soup Kitchen fundraiser

The Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen will be hosting a fundraiser on Sunday, April 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 336 S. Cannon Blvd. A portion of the proceeds will be shared

with Gateway Church, who provides them storage space, facilitates clothing, and distributes additional food. To-go orders available. Reservations are appreciated but not required.

APRIL 3

Good Samaritan Bag Day

The Good Samaritan Bag Day will be Monday, April 3, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at 201 E. Highland.

APRIL 5

Card making class

The Senior Citizens Center will be offering a card making class every Wednesday, beginning April 5, at 10 a.m. Call Nellie at 684-0019 to sign up.

APRIL 8

Paper-postcard show

The 19th Shelbyville Regional Postcard & Paper Memorabilia Show will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at The Fly Arts Center. A dinner, speakers and a silent and live auction are scheduled.

Easter egg hunt

Blankenship United Methodist Church, 3602 Midland Road, will host an Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. Children through fifth grade are invited. Refreshments will follow.

Bell Buckle egg hunt

Bell Buckle Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, at 2 p.m. at Bell Buckle Park for children ages to 10 years.

APRIL 10

Arts Council program

The Bedford County Arts Council will hold their Monthly Potluck and Program on April 10 beginning at 6 p.m. The featured artist for April and May will Tony Teal. Guests are encouraged to bring a friend, bring a dish, and join the Bedford County Arts Council as they welcome the former Shelbyville resident and talented artist. Exhibit starts at 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 13

Community meeting

A community meeting

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

for District 3 residents led by Commissioner Troy Thompson will be held on Thursday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Middle School Theater.

APRIL 15

Benefit for Hope

The Youth Leadership Bedford Class of 2022-23 will host Benefit for Hope, to help minimize the stigma surrounding mental health, from 4:30-8 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at Shelbyville Central High School. Tickets are \$20 and include dinner, speakers and a silent and live auction. Tickets are available at the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce website. For more information email ylb.benefitforhope@gmail.com.

APRIL 21

SNAP talk

Bonnie Walker with SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program), will be at the Senior Center on Friday, April 21 at 9 a.m. to discuss the program and to call BINGO. Call Nellie at 684-0019 if you would like to attend.

APRIL 22

Barbecue cookoff

Shelbyville Moose Lodge #2197 will hold its 14th annual barbecue cookoff Saturday, April 22. For more information call the lodge, 931-684-9137.

Glow in the Park 5K

The eighth annual Glow in the Park 5K will be Saturday, April 22 at 8 p.m. at H.V. Griffin Park. Fee is \$25 in advance, \$30 day of race. Register before April 1 at Shelbyville Recreation Center or its website to be guaranteed a free t-shirt.

APRIL 25

Book sale

Friends of the Library Book Sale will be Tuesday, April 25-Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. until an hour before closing each day.

Used hardcover books are \$1 each, paperbacks are 50 cents each, and DVDs and audiobooks \$1 each. To volunteer, call 931-684-7323.

APRIL 27

Junior's House meeting

Junior's House Child

Advocacy Center is hosting a Bedford County Town Hall Meeting on April 27 at 6 p.m. at Edgemont Baptist Church, 150 Fairfield Drive. Guests will get an inside look into the organization.

APRIL 29

Fern sale

Boston and Kimberly ferns will be on sale from 8-11 a.m. Saturday, April 29 at the Wartrace well house. Proceeds will go to the Wartrace gym. For more information or to place an order see Friends of Wartrace Gym on Facebook or call Beverly Saylor, 931-205-4702 or Claudia Curl, 931-703-4605.

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 Boulevard 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.

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.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery meets each Monday at 6 p.m. at International House of Prayer, 865 Union St. Attendees do not have to be a church member. For more information call Doug, 931-703-3159.

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Did you know?

The number of people in the world affected by hunger continues to rise despite a global commitment to

end hunger, food insecurity and all forms of malnutrition by 2030, according to the Food and Agriculture

Organization of the United Nations. Ensuring access to safe and sufficient food for all people or eradicating malnutrition has proven a substantial, if preventable, challenge. The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) indicates that, in 2020, between 720 and 811 million people faced hunger. Due to the global pandemic, the prevalence of undernourishment rose in 2020 to 9.9 percent from 8.4 percent the year prior. Worldwide, the Central African Republic, Yemen, Afghanistan, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), are among the countries with the high-

est three-year averages of undernourishment. Even though the United States and Canada have lower rates of undernourishment when compared on a global scale, food insecurity is still a concern domestically. According to Save the Children, 17 percent of all U.S. children are living in food-insecure households that cannot provide nutrition at some points during the year. Plus, a Household Food Insecurity in Canada study conducted by researchers at the University of Toronto found 15.9 percent of households across all provinces experienced food insecurity in 2021.

AG NOTES

By John Teague
UT/TSU Extension

VET RELATIONSHIP

One of my friends went to a local farm supply store Saturday evening to purchase meds for a sick animal. The store personnel told him that he would have to get a prescription from his veterinarian to be able to purchase it. While this is not exactly correct for right now, it will be come June 11 of this year.

Our Extension Veterinarian, Dr. Lew Strickland, has prepared a publication on this matter. I can provide it to anyone who would like a copy. Send me an email or call the office at 684-5971 and I'll be happy to get you one. In the meantime, here is some information from the publication W1134.

On January 1, 2017, changes were enacted concerning medically important over the counter (OTC) feed additive antibiotics to bring them under the oversight of veterinarians (currently known as VFD). As this change was enacted, future guidance documents were being prepared for medically important OTC injection antibiotics.

These documents were part of FDA's 5-year plan to support the judicious use of antimicrobials. The goal is to only use medically important antimicrobials when necessary for treatment, control and prevention of specific diseases.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has now published a report that starting June 11, 2023, medically important OTC injection antibiotics will become prescription items as well. With this announcement, your veterinarian will become increasingly important in developing prevention protocols, diagnosing and treating disease in your herd.

Selecting the proper treatment depends on accurately diagnosing the problem, so work with your veterinarian to develop a health care program designed to fit your specific needs. If you have not established a veterinary client patient relationship (VCPR), I strongly recommend that you consider establishing this relationship as soon as possible.

An appropriate veterinarian client patient relationship will exist when the veterinarian has assumed the responsibilities for making clinical judgements on your farm, the veterinarian has examined your animals within the past 12 months or made annual visits to the premises where the animals are kept, and the veterinarian is readily available or has arranged for emergency follow up evaluation in the event of an adverse reaction to the medication.

Folks, this is a real situation. All of this is to help prevent the development of resistance to these medically important antibiotics in humans. There are seven groups of these medicines that are commonly used in both livestock and humans for bacterial diseases, so this is agriculture's contribution to the cause. We can still treat sick animals with these products, but there are some extra steps that provide oversight that we'll have to go through. This action does not apply to vaccines used for the prevention protocols of common diseases. These vaccines should continue to be available as they have been.

As of June 11, we'll no longer be able to just walk in and purchase an antibiotic at the supply store. You'll have to be involved with your vet in order to make a purchase. Discuss this with them and the supplier if not the vet.

So, don't wait until the animal is sick and dying, be ready. And remember, the label is the law.

HAY SALES

There are some weed control products used in hay production that help to eliminate broadleaf weeds. These are safe for the environment and effective. However, the hay grown in fields treated with these products can contain weed control residue that can damage legumes or other plants in pastures, hay fields, or gardens if the hay is contained in animal waste and applied to areas such as gardens.

If this hay is sold, then the seller must provide a copy of the label to the buyer of the hay so that they are notified of the potential for damage. These labels should be available at the point of purchase. All sellers and dealers of hay need to be aware and have these labels ready to hand to the purchasers. There is a log available to record who the buyers are and other details of record.

WISDOM

I had an encounter with a small boy this week and he impressed me with his consideration of sharing a treat with his brother, who was not present. And he said thank you and other polite things during our time together. Here are some quotes from Progressive Farmers Cornerstones section back in 2012 on manners. I'm always glad to see our young 'uns with polite manners.

Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe said "A man's manners are a mirror in which he shows his portrait." Solomon Gabriel said "The test of good manners is to be patient with bad ones." Eric Hoffer said "Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength." Ralph Waldo Emerson said "Life be not so short but that there is always time for courtesy." Fred Astaire said "The hardest job kids face today is learning good manners without seeing any."

Two of my favorites follow. Barry Goldwater said "To disagree, one doesn't have to be disagreeable." Sir John Vanbrugh said "Good manners and soft words have brought many a difficult thing to pass."

Think about it.

Burn permits required through May 15

NASHVILLE — A debris burn permit is required through May 15 for outdoor burning from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Division of Forestry where local restrictions do not apply.

"Fire prevention begins with you," State Forester David Arnold said. "Burning piles of leaves and brush can be an efficient way of cleaning up your yard, but don't let that debris burn turn into a wildfire. Practice safe debris burning by creating a wide vegetation-free zone around your pile, have a rake, shovel, or even a bucket of water on hand to control embers, keep an eye on changing weather conditions, and always stay with your fire until it is completely out."

Materials that can be burned include leaves, branches, tree limbs, twigs, and other woody vegetation and yard trimmings gathered on site. Permits are issued only when conditions are conducive to safe burning. If you live inside city lim-

its, check with your municipality for additional restrictions before you burn.

Obtaining a burn permit at BurnSafeTN.org or the MyTN mobile app is free, fast, and simple. Online permits are issued seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. central time on the day of the burn for any size leaf and brush burn pile. Each pile should be completely out by the permit expiration. Residents with limited internet access may call 877-350-BURN (2876) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time, except on holidays.

For broadcast burning applications such as forestry (understory, site prep), agricultural (crop stubble, field clearing), wildlife (habitat, warm season grasses), land clearing (dozer piles, windrows) or other burning, call 877-350-BURN (2876) to request a permit.

A list of materials that may not be burned can be found in the open burning guidelines from the Tennessee

Department of Environment and Conservation at www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/apc-air-pollution-control-home/apc/open-burning.html.

Debris Burn Permit Reminder

Burning without a permit is a serious offense that can result in a fine and/or up to 30 days in jail. To report air quality concerns or the burning of prohibited items, call 888-891-TDEC (8332).

If you have information about an intentionally-set fire, call the 24-hour Tennessee Arson Hotline at 800-762-3017. You may remain anonymous and could earn a cash reward from the Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson and the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office.

Visit www.BurnSafeTN.org for additional tips to burn safely and to protect your community.

Mississippi tornado recovery tough for low-income residents

ROLLING FORK, Miss. (AP) — A massive tornado obliterated the modest one-story home that Kimberly Berry shared with her two daughters in the Mississippi Delta flatlands, leaving only a foundation and some random belongings — a toppled refrigerator, a dresser and matching nightstand, a bag of Christmas decorations, some clothing.

During the storm Friday, Berry and her 12-year-old daughter huddled and prayed at a nearby church that was barely damaged, while her 25-year-old daughter survived in the hard-hit town of Rolling Fork, some 15 miles (24 kilometers) away.

Berry shook her head as she looked at the remains of their material possessions. She said she's grateful she and her children are still alive.

"I can get all this back. It's nothing," said Berry, 46, who works as a supervisor at a catfish growing and processing operation. "I'm not going to get depressed about it."

Like many people in this economically struggling area, she faces an uncertain future. Mississippi is one of the poorest states in the U.S., and the majority-Black Delta has long been one of the poorest parts of Mississippi — a place where many people work paycheck to paycheck in jobs tied to agriculture.

Two of the counties walloped by the tornado, Sharkey and Humphreys, are among the most sparsely populated in the state, with only a few thousand residents in communities scattered across wide expanses of cotton, corn and soybean fields.

Sharkey's poverty rate is 35%, and Humphreys' is 33%, compared to about 19% for Mississippi and under 12% for the entire United States.

"It's going to be a long road to recovery, trying to rebuild and get over the devastation," Wayne Williams, who teaches construction skills at a vocational education center in Rolling Fork, said Sunday as people across town hammered blue tarps onto damaged roofs and used chainsaws to cut fallen trees.

The tornado killed 25 and injured dozens in Mississippi. It destroyed many homes and businesses in Rolling Fork and the nearby town of Silver City, leaving mounds of lumber, bricks and twisted metal.

The local housing stock was already tight, and some who lost their

homes said they will live with friends of relatives. Mississippi opened more than a half-dozen shelters to temporarily house people displaced by the tornado.

President Joe Biden issued an emergency declaration for Mississippi early Sunday, making federal funding available to hardest-hit areas.

Berry spent the weekend with friends and family sorting through salvageable items at her destroyed home near a two-lane highway that traverses farm fields. She said she walked to the church before the tornado because her sister called her Friday night and frantically said TV weather forecasters had warned a potentially deadly storm was headed her way. Berry said as the storm rumbled and howled overhead, she tried to ignore the noise.

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Shelbyville Central's Renaissance Rally

Shelbyville Central High School had their Renaissance Rally on Friday to celebrate faculty and student achievements as a kick off to spring break. Some of the achievements recognized were students with perfect attendance for the third quarter, delegates for American Legion's Boys and Girls State, Leadership Bedford students, SCHS students selected for Governor's Schools, Renaissance Cardholders, athletes with exceptional honors and achievements, SCHS Science Olympiad, staff and faculty members making a difference, and SCHS SCOPE representatives. To celebrate the big achievements students and staff were encouraged to dress in their best 80s-inspired costumes. Principal Michael Hickman even rode in on his motorcycle to the laughter and cheers of the students.

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DISPATCHER RECOGNIZED



Submitted photo

The Shelbyville Police Department recognizes officers and support staff on their employment anniversary date for their respective years of service with the department. Last week, Dispatcher Jennifer Pruitt celebrated seven years of service with the Shelbyville Police Department. She is assigned to the B-nights shift.

Police blotter March 28

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

- Ajani Shomari Akil, 55, Canova Drive; bondsman surrender, disorderly conduct, driving on a revoked license, violation of implied consent; \$14,500 bond
- Jason Lynn Barnes, 41, Ledbetter Road; driving on a revoked license, failure to yield right of way; released, \$500 bond
- Ouidio Juan Bartolome, 27, Morton Street; DUI, failure to use turn signals, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; \$5,500 bond
- Haleigh Danna Brooks, 22, Tullahoma; DUI, failure to maintain lane; released, \$3,500 bond
- Charles Edward Brown, 38, Lewisburg; violation of probation (two counts); \$500 bond
- Carl A. Foster, 50, Nashville; disorderly conduct, driving on a revoked license, DUI, financial responsibility, light law, open container law, violation of implied consent; \$20,000 bond
- Elder Gomez, 24, Tanner Circle; aggravated domestic assault; released, \$5,000 bond
- Michael Todd Hadler, 27, East Lane Street; failure to appear (two counts); no bond
- Jose Jimenez, 36, Murfreesboro; evading arrest, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, resisting arrest by officer, speeding; released, \$6,000 bond
- Jamarcus Lacre Leach, 30, Stonefield Circle; driving on a revoked license, financial responsibility, running red light/stop sign; released, \$1,500 bond
- Jonathan Henry Legas, 46, Deerpoint Road, Unionville; DUI, failure to maintain lane; released, \$5,000 bond
- Audelina Lopez Lopez, 34, Smyrna; driving on a suspended license failure to maintain lane, financial responsibility; released on recognizance
- Stephen Henry Lovett, 42, South Wood Lane; public intoxication; \$5,000 bond
- Marcos Lucas Lucas, 20, Quarry Street; financial responsibility, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released, \$2,000 bond

- Ismar Lucas Samayoa, 33, homeless; criminal impersonation, public intoxication; \$4,000 bond
- Gabrielle Marie McConnell, 32, South Brittain Street; violation of parole; no bond
- Kimberly Ann O'Neal, 54, Belmont Avenue; shoplifting, simple possession; released, \$3,000 bond
- Gary M. Painter, 44, Tullahoma; violation of probation; \$1,500 bond
- Gumerindo Ramos Majia, 31, Nashville; child abuse/neglect/endangerment, child restraint law, DUI, light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; \$8,000 bond
- Deanna Sierra Reid, 37, Arizona; DUI, financial responsibility, reckless/careless driving, speeding, violation of implied consent, violation of registration law; released, \$5,000 bond
- Wilson Sanchez, 22, Bridlewood Drive; no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released, \$500 bond
- Vixay Sayboune, 39, Smith Street; driving on a suspended license, financial responsibility, seatbelt law; released on recognizance
- Jack Harry Stevenson, 55, Forest Avenue; driving on a suspended license; \$1,500 bond
- Randall Monte Trice, 46, South Cannon Boulevard; violation of probation; released, \$2,500 bond
- Joseph Wayne Tucker, 24, River View Drive; conspiracy to commit (misd), possession of schedule 6 drug; released, \$10,500 bond
- Maurice Mandell Walker, 28, South Cannon Boulevard; assault, violation of probation; \$2,500 bond
- Terry Joe Walker, 37, Kingwood Drive; driving on a revoked license, violation of registration law; released, \$250 bond
- Justin Wayne White, 28, Pepper Hill Road; driving on a revoked license, possession of drug paraphernalia, violation of registration law; \$4,500 bond
- Ronald Blake Whitehead, 34, Unionville Deason Road, Bell Buckle; driving while in possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule 2 drugs (two counts), resisting arrest by an officer, simple possession, speeding; released, \$54,000 bond
- Christian Isaha Wooten, 19, Troupe Road; violation of probation; \$5,000 bond

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Deputies accused of shoving guns in mouths of two Black men

BRANDON, Miss. (AP) — Several deputies from a Mississippi sheriff's department being investigated by the Justice Department for possible civil rights violations have been involved in at least four violent encounters with Black men since 2019 that left two dead and another with lasting injuries, an Associated Press investigation found.

Two of the men allege that Rankin County sheriff's deputies shoved guns into their mouths during separate encounters. In one case, the deputy pulled the trigger, leaving the man with wounds that required parts of his tongue to be sewn back together. In one of the two fatal confrontations, the man's mother said a deputy knelt on her son's neck while he told them he couldn't breathe.

Police and court records obtained by the AP show that several deputies who were accepted to the sheriff's office's Special Response Team — a tactical unit whose members receive advanced training — were involved in each of the four encounters. In three of

them, the heavily redacted documents don't indicate if they were serving in their normal capacity as deputies or as members of the unit.

Such units have drawn scrutiny since the January killing of Tyre Nichols, a Black father who died days after being severely beaten by Black members of a special police team in Memphis, Tennessee. Nichols' death led to a Justice Department probe of similar squads around the country that comes amid the broader public reckoning over race and policing sparked by the 2020 police murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

In Mississippi, the police shooting of Michael Corey Jenkins led the Justice Department to open a civil rights investigation into the Rankin County Sheriff's Department. Jenkins said six white deputies burst into a home where he was visiting a friend, and one put a gun in his mouth and fired. Jenkins' hospital records, parts of which he shared with AP, show he had a lacerated tongue and broken jaw.

Deputies said Jenkins was shot

after he pointed a gun at them; department officials have not answered multiple inquiries from the AP asking whether a weapon was found at the scene. Jenkins' attorney, Malik Shabazz, said his client didn't have a gun.

"They had complete control of him the entire time. Six officers had full and complete control of Michael the entire time," Shabazz said. "So that's just a fabrication."

Rankin County, which has about 120 sheriff's deputies serving its roughly 160,000 people, is predominantly white and just east of the state capital, Jackson, home to one of the highest percentages of Black residents of any major U.S. city. In the county seat of Brandon, a towering granite-and-marble monument topped by a statue of a Confederate soldier stands across the street from the sheriff's office.

In a notice of an upcoming lawsuit, attorneys for Jenkins and his friend Eddie Terrell Parker said on the night of Jan. 24 the deputies suddenly came into the home and proceeded to handcuff and beat them. They said the deputies stunned them with

Tasers repeatedly over roughly 90 minutes and, at one point, forced them to lie on their backs as the deputies poured milk over their faces. The men restated the allegations in separate interviews with the AP.

When a Taser is used, it's automatically logged into the device's memory. The AP obtained the automated Taser records from the evening of Jan. 24. They show that deputies first fired one of the stun guns at 10:04 p.m. and fired one at least three more times over the next 65 minutes. However, those unredacted records might not paint a complete picture, as redacted records show that Tasers were turned on, turned off or used dozens more times during that period.

The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation was brought in to investigate the encounter. Its summary says a deputy shot Jenkins at approximately 11:45 p.m., or about 90 minutes after a Taser was first used, which matches the timeframe given by Parker and Jenkins. The deputy's name was not disclosed by the bureau.

Police say the raid was prompt-

ed by a report of drug activity at the home. Jenkins was charged with possessing between 2 and 10 grams of methamphetamine and aggravated assault on a police officer. Parker was charged with two misdemeanors — possession of paraphernalia and disorderly conduct. Jenkins and Parker say the raid came to a head when the deputy shot Jenkins through the mouth. He still has difficulty speaking and eating.

Another Black man, Carvis Johnson, alleged in a federal lawsuit filed in 2020 that a Rankin County deputy placed a gun into his mouth during a 2019 drug bust. Johnson was not shot.

There is no reason for an officer to place a gun in a suspect's mouth, and to have allegations of two such incidents is telling, said Samuel Walker, emeritus professor of criminal justice at the University of Nebraska.

"If there are incidents with the same kind of pattern of behavior, they have their own set of rules," he said. "So these are not just chance experiences. It looks like a very clear pattern."



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Snapshots from Humble Baron's grand opening

To celebrate their grand opening, Humble Baron held a ribbon cutting and thanked many Shelbyville City and Bedford County officials for their part in helping develop the distillery, located on U.S. 231. They also hosted American Idol winner and Winchester native HunterGirl as their key performance Thursday night; she is just one of many more artists planned to come.

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Executive Chef Jay Craddock



From left, Kelly North, Jenni and Henry Feldhaus, and Beth Davis.



Keith Weaver, left, with Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham, State Rep. Pat Marsh, and Commissioner Greg Vick.



Winchester's Hunter Wolkonowski performs Thursday night.



Chris White and wife Emily Cartwright




Humble Baron's cigar lounge, located behind the bar.

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Eagles hammer Rockets for 1st win

By **CHRIS SIERS**
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SHELBYVILLE —

After knocking on the door of finding a win for several games now, the Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles brought out the heavy lumber and shelled the Forrest Rocket pitching staff to the tune of 22 hits in Friday's first win of the season.

The Eagles plated a staggering 10 runs in the bottom of the fourth inning and crushed the Rockets, 16-5.

Things appeared to tip in favor of the Rockets in the first inning, as Forrest was able to drive in three runs.

The Rockets scored the first game on an error in the Eagle infield and added two more when Brennan Mealer scored on a passed ball.

A third run scored on a RBI single.

Parker Burks pitched just 1/3 of an inning before William Bobo hit the mound in relief.

Bobo recorded the final two outs of the inning.

But as quickly as the Rockets took a 3-0 lead, Shelbyville answered with back-to-back singles by Bobo and Jaquai Beverly to lead off the inning.

Bobo eventually scored the first run of the game for Shelbyville on a passed ball, before Carston Williams drew a walk.

Nick Johnson then doubled, scoring Beverly.

An error scored the third run of the inning for



T-G Photos by Chris Siers

ABOVE: Jaquai Beverly makes contact on a first-inning single against Forrest on Friday night.

RIGHT: William Bobo delivers a pitch in the first inning against the Rockets.



Shelbyville, before Kyler Trice singled home the go-ahead run.

Forrest answered the Eagle surge by plating two more runs in the top of the second.

Shelbyville got one back in the bottom of the second when Williams singled on a line drive to center field, scoring Beverly.

Shelbyville took a one-run lead in the bottom of the third when William Bobo scored.

But the crushing blow

came in the 10-run fourth inning in which the Eagles battered the Rocket pitching staff to the tune of nine hits, including a pair of doubles.

In total, four Eagles connected on three hits and another five had two-hit nights.

Williams was the top run-producer, going 3-for-3 with five RBIs, while Trice went 3-for-3 with three RBIs.

Johnson also went 3-for-4, with three doubles on the

night.

On the mound, Burks went 1/3 of an inning and allowed three runs on one hit, while Bobo pitched an inning and gave up two runs on two hits, while striking out two.

Caden Thomas also pitched an inning and didn't allow a hit, while striking out a pair.

Caleb Molder mirrored Thomas' inning and didn't give up a hit while striking out two.

Marquis Wilson took the win on the bump, going 1 2/3 innings. He did allow a hit, but also struck out a batter and didn't allow a run to cross the plate.

Shelbyville opened a two-game series against Franklin County on

Monday in Winchester, before hosting the Rebels in Game 2 on Tuesday.

Forrest 320 00 — 5 4 3

Shelbyville 411 (10)x — 16 22 0

Shelbyville: William Bobo 2-for-3, Jaquai Beverly 3-for-4, Carston Williams 3-for-3, Nick Johnson 3-for-3, Caden Thomas 2-for-3, Mason Shavers 2-for-2, Kyler Trice 3-for-3, Caleb Molder 2-for-4, Marquis Wilson 2-for-3.
WP: Wilson
LP: Haynes



T-G Photo by Will Carter

Viqueens freshman Annie Prince commanded the game on the mound by allowing only two hits and striking out 14 Lady Champions throughout the game on Friday night.

Viqueens edge Lady Champs in county clash

By **WILL CARTER**
Sports Writer

BELL BUCKLE — In what was a defensive battle on the diamond between the Community Viqueens and the Cascade Lady Champions on Friday night, freshman pitcher Annie Prince shined on the mound

by giving up only two hits while striking out 14 batters throughout the contest as Community shutout their second straight opponent in the 2-0 victory over Cascade.

"My freshman pitcher came out and balled tonight," Viqueens coach

Cam Farrell said.

"I asked her the other day if she was going to be ready, and she said 'absolutely.' We had a couple timely hits, but Cascade isn't a pushover — they have strong pitching too. We knew it would be a battle."

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Horn's no-hitter delivers Lady Champs' 4th straight

By **Will Carter**
Sports Writer

BELL BUCKLE — It was an all-around effort from the Cascade Lady Champions in their 13-0 mercy rule win against the Moore County Raiderettes on Thursday night with starting pitcher Brianna Horn tossing a four inning no-hitter, and an eight-hit, 12 RBI performance from a culmination of Lady Champs at the plate.

Horn struck out eight Raiderette batters along the way, and was two walks away from a perfect game in Cascade's third-straight win via mercy

rule.

The Lady Champions (4-1) found themselves with a substantial lead after one inning by making quick work of Moore County in the top half, and pushing across seven runs on two hits in the bottom half for a 7-0 advantage.

Ella Thompson accounted for both hits and two RBIs in the inning.

After Horn struck out two more batters in the top of the second, the Lady Champions produced their final six runs of the game on five hits in the bottom half of the inning.

Caitlin Fannin, Claire

Perry, Kloe Carter, and Horn all knocked singles while Kyndal Bolden blasted a two-RBI double to right field to bring in the final two runs.

Carter posted a game-high three RBIs in the win.

While the Lady Champions didn't muster another run, they made quick work of the Raiderettes with a three up, three down inning to close out the contest.

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Cascade 760 x — 13 8 0

Cascade: Kyndal Bolden 1-for-1, Ella Thompson 2-for-3, Hannah Vandiver 1-for-2, Caitlin Fannin 1-for-2, Kloe Carter 1-for-2, Claire Perry 1-for-3, Brianna Horn 1-for-3.
WP: Horn.



T-G Photo by Will Carter

Claire Perry drives the ball to center field for a RBI single in the bottom of the second inning against Moore County.



LEFT: Jackson Benson rushes to return a serve in doubles on Friday afternoon against Tullahoma.

ABOVE: Ryann Samons slaps a shot back across the net for the Eaglettes in doubles.

Shelbyville splits matches with Tullahoma

By CHRIS SIERS
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SHELBYVILLE — Shelbyville Central got a strong outing against Tullahoma on Friday afternoon as the Eaglettes beat arch-rival Tullahoma, 5-2. The Eaglettes had a

stellar showing in singles, with Addie Berry and Ryan Samons both claiming 8-4 singles victories.

Addie Berry also took an 8-4 singles win in the No. 2 singles seed.

Evelyn Burks posted the biggest win of the after-

noon, beating Tullahoma's KT Payne, 8-2.

While the Eaglettes took a team win from Tullahoma, the Wildcats split the afternoon, defeating the Eagles, 7-2.

Jackson Benson and

Brayden Blackwell delivered the only wins for the Eagles—both of which came in singles action.

Benson edged out an 8-5 win over Logan Zihmecki, while Blackwell beat Eli Martinez, 7-5.

- Girls
SCHS 5, Tullahoma 2
- Singles
1. Laila Lusk (T) def. Caitlyn Burdick (S), 9-7.
 2. Addie Berry (S) def. Natalie Turpin (T), 8-4.
 3. Alyssa Fanning (S) def. Lexa Barnes (T), 7-4.
 4. Ryann Samons (S) def. Lloe Thomas (T), 8-4.
 5. Evelyn Burks (S) def. KT Payne (T), 8-2.

- Boys
Tullahoma 5, SCHS 2
- Singles
1. Ryan Tenison (T) def. Henry Stone

- (S), 8-4.
2. Luke Reagan (T) def. Justin Spence (S), 8-3.
3. Jackson Benson (S) def. Logan Zihmecki (T), 8-5.
4. Brayden Blackwell (S) def. Eli Martinez (T), 7-5.
5. Matthew Thompson (T) def. Hoyt Wessner (S), 9-7.

- Doubles
1. Tenison/Regaon (T) def. Stone/Benson (S), 8-4.
 2. Martinez/Banks (T) def. Spence/Blackwell (S), 8-5.

T-G Photos by Chris Siers

Champs drop doubleheader to Davidson Academy

By WILL CARTER
Sports Writer

BELL BUCKLE — While the Cascade Champions made a strong comeback effort in their second game of a doubleheader against the Davidson Academy Bears on Thursday night, they ultimately fell short in an 8-6 loss where the Bears launched three home runs.

Davidson Academy got off to a quick start with the long ball as they knocked all three homers in the first two innings, including a two-run shot to take a 4-0 lead — and a bases loaded walk added one more run before the second inning ended for a 5-0 early advantage.

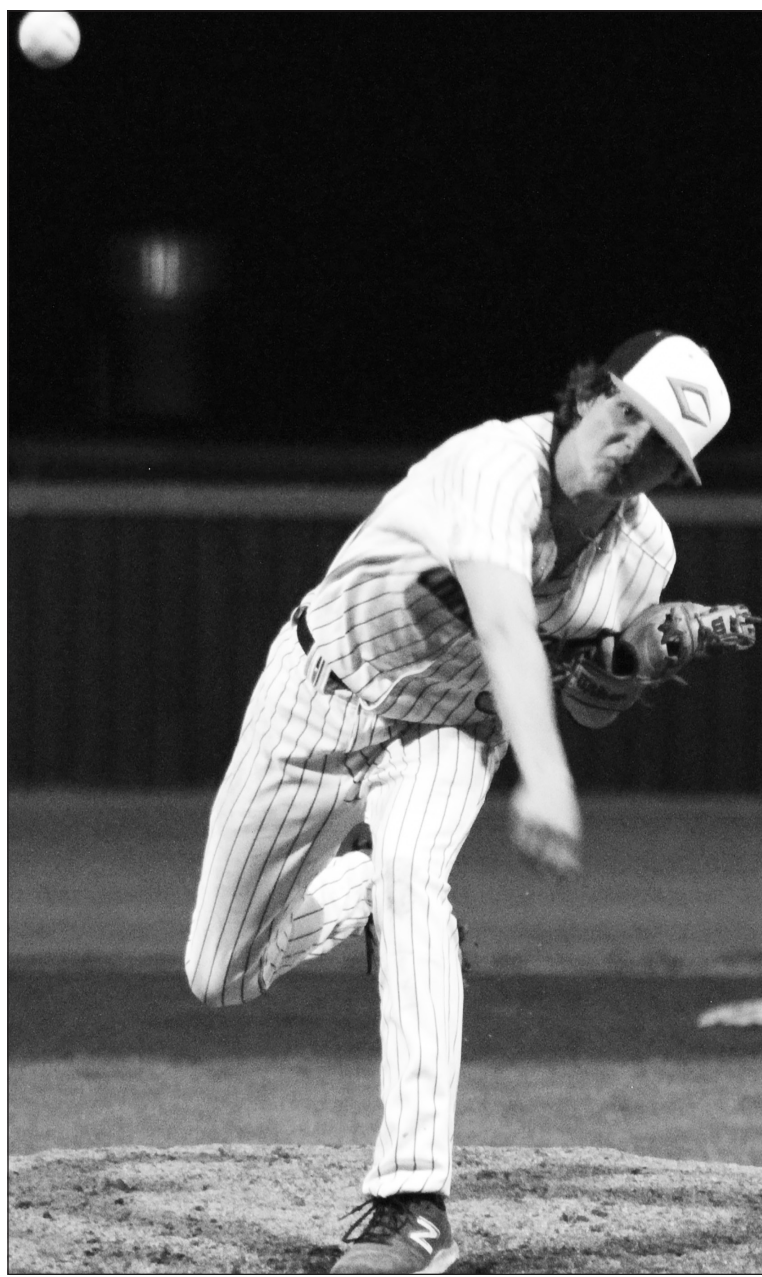
Champion starting pitcher Logan Green closed the inning with a four-pitch strikeout for his fourth of the game.

He fanned five batters in 2 1/3 innings of work.

Cascade found a rhythm at the plate in the bottom of the second inning with Sawyer Lovvorn and Zach Crosslin knocking singles which set up Chance Brown to bring Lovvorn home on a single of his own to lessen their deficit to 5-1.

The Bears added two more runs in the top of the third inning on a two-RBI double to make it 7-1, and Green was replaced on the mound by freshman Elizah Wesenberg two at-bats later.

Wesenberg struck out the first batter he faced, and forced a fly out to close the half inning.



Logan Green pushes hard off the mound for a strikeout in the second game of the doubleheader against Davidson Academy on Thursday night.

T-G Photo by Will Carter

Davidson Academy plated their final run of the game in the top of the fourth to take an 8-1 lead, but the Champions came clawing back an inning later.

A walk and two singles to open the bottom of the fifth inning put Jaxon Sheffield in prime position to give Cascade some much needed runs, and he answered the bell with a two-RBI single to right field to make it an 8-3 game.

Soon after Noah McGeary scored on a bases loaded walk, and Sheffield made it all the way back around on a sacrifice fly to close the gap even more.

Heading into the sixth inning, Cascade trailed 8-5.

After Cascade kept the Bears hitless in the top of the sixth inning, Sheffield notched his team-high third RBI of the game with another single to right field to score Chance Brown after he previously stole second and third.

Neither team could muster a hit in the final inning as the game came to a close.

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Cascade 010 041 0 — 6 8 0

Cascade: Zach Crosslin 1-for-2, Chance Brown 2-for-3, Noah McGeary 2-for-4, Jaxon Sheffield 2-for-4, Sawyer Lovvorn 1-for-3.
WP: Graham
LP: Green

DAVIDSON 17, CASCADE 8

In the first of the two-game set, the Champions jumped out to an early 4-0 lead after the second inning, but Davidson Academy got hot at the plate and launched five home runs throughout the contest, including three three-run

shots for a 17-8 win over Cascade.

Cascade pushed three runs across in the bottom of the first to take a 3-0 lead with a pair of walks and singles, and later extended their lead to 4-0 in the second on a two-out double by Chance Brown scored Logan Green.

The Bears answered back with a two-run shot in the top of the third to close it to a 4-2 game, and tied it at 4-4 an inning later with another two-run homer.

Later in the same half inning, they added five more runs on a sacrifice fly, RBI single, and a three-run homer to take a 9-4 lead heading into the bottom of the fourth.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Champions made it a 9-5 game with a Lovvorn single and three-consecutive walks brought him all the way back around.

Cascade added three more runs later in the game, but the Bears stayed hot at the plate and scored eight more runs on four hits and two three-run shots throughout the final two innings to secure the win.

The Champions were back in action on Monday night against the Forrest Rockets for their first district game of the season, followed by Game 2 in the series on Tuesday at Chapel Hill.

Davidson 002 703 5 — 17 16 1
Cascade 310 101 2 — 8 12 0

Cascade: Chance Brown 2-for-3, Walker Craig 2-for-3, Sawyer Lovvorn 2-for-4, Tyler Rodgers 1-for-2, Jaxon Sheffield 1-for-2, Noah McGeary 1-for-3, Logan Pulley 1-for-3, Conner Melson 1-for-4, Logan Green 1-for-4.
WP: Suggs
LP: Crosslin

Viqueens

(Continued from Page 1B)

Both teams held their own in the field and didn't allow for much offense until the top of the fifth inning when the Viqueens (6-2, 2-0) found a hole in the left side of the Lady Champions (4-3, 1-1) defense for a pair of singles that plated the first run of the game.

After Abi Brown was hit by pitch and Zoey Dixon knocked the first single of the inning, Alana Tate laid down a sacrifice bunt to move her teammates into better scoring position with Carlie Blanton heading to the plate.

And with two outs down, Blanton sent a hard ground ball to shortstop where Lady Champion Hannah Vandiver laid out to make the stop, but couldn't get

the out to prevent the run, and Community took a 1-0 lead.

Vandiver produced the third out of the inning on the very next play to get her team off the field.

The Lady Champions knocked a lone single in the bottom of the fifth inning, but couldn't get much else to work at the plate with Prince in a groove on the mound.

After a quick sixth inning where Community went down 1-2-3 in the top half and Cascade didn't have a runner move past second base, the Lady Vikings produced another run in their final inning at the plate to give themselves some insurance heading into the bottom of the seventh.

Anna Haskins singled to open the bottom of the seventh — and after an error two at-bats later — she found

herself in prime scoring position on third base with Dixon reaching second base in the same play.

Cascade pitcher Brianna Horn fanned the next batter for her second of the inning, but the next at-bat proved costly for the Lady Champions.

Blanton stepped to the plate with two outs and runners in scoring position, and popped the second pitch she saw up into the air in the infield, but there was a miscommunication between the Lady Champions and the ball fell to the dirt as Haskins crossed the plate to give the Viqueens a 2-0 advantage heading into the final half inning.

“Bri (Horn) was on it and we were having a hard time with her,” Farrell said. “We’ve been hitting pretty well lately, but she was on her game tonight. Getting

those timely runs were big for our energy late in the game instead of dragging to the dugout with nothing on the board.”

Horn gave up six hits on the night while striking out six batters in the loss.

In their last chance at potentially tying or winning the game, the Lady Champions put up a strong fight to get runners in scoring position, but ultimately couldn't produce a run in the end.

Vandiver walked to open the bottom of the seventh, and later found herself on third base after Alivia Fanning singled and they both stole a base on a defensive indifference from Community.

With two outs down in the inning, Ella Thompson stepped to the plate for Cascade and battled with Prince until she popped the ball up behind the plate

and Chloe West secured the out and the win for Community.

For Lady Champions head coach Willie Carter, errors in the field and a lack of adjustments in the batter's box made it difficult for his team to get past the pitching of Prince.

“We still have a lot of growing to do,” he said. “We made a lot of mental errors and didn't adjust in the box against their pitching. In the end, that's what cost us. With a pitcher that, what I call, short-strokes the ball, you have to adjust throughout the game and we never did. I can't stand mental errors in the field, so we're going to have to cut those out to succeed this year.”

The win puts the Viqueens in prime position in District 7-AA play as they will watch Cascade again after spring break

before meeting the Forrest Lady Rockets for the first time this season and Grundy County for the second time.

“That's two shutouts in the district,” Farrell said. “We haven't played Forrest yet, but I think this lets our girls know what they're capable of. We're young and old, but I think the younger ones are figuring it out that they can compete and win out here.”

Both squads will compete in their own respective tournaments over spring break as the Viqueens travel to Gulf Shores, Ala. while the Lady Champions compete in the Warriors Classic in Murfreesboro.

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Cascade 000 000 0 — 0 2 2

Community: Anna Haskins 3-for-4, Carlie Blanton 1-for-3, Abigail Brown 1-for-3, Zoey Dixon 1-for-4.
Cascade: Alivia Fanning 2-for-3.
WP: Prince
LP: Crosslin



T-G Photo by Will Carter

Ivan Draine takes a free kick from near midfield in the second half against Lincoln County. Draine notched an assist earlier in the match.

Champs bounce back with win over Lincoln Co.

By WILL CARTER
Sports Writer

BELL BUCKLE — Coming off a loss and a scoreless draw earlier in the week, the Cascade Champions were due for a proper performance, and they achieved that in a 2-1 victory over the Lincoln County Falcons on Thursday night to close out their week of competitions on a positive note.

At the midway point of the first half, the Champions (2-1-1) netted their first goal of the match when Gabriel Perez-Rubio assisted Blake Olive on his way to the back of the net to make it 1-0.

It was a back-and-forth battle for the next 20 minutes until Cascade found a seam in the Falcons' defense for another goal.

With just under five minutes remaining in the first half, Ivan Draine launched into the air to get his head on a lofty pass from midfield, and threaded it through to a streaking Will Cook, who audaciously one-touch chipped the ball over the Falcons' keeper from the 18-yard mark for their second goal of the match and a 2-0 advantage heading into the break.

After halftime both squads took their fair share of shots at goal, but nei-

ther was successful until Lincoln County found the back of the net with under 20 minutes to go in the match to make it 2-1 and put pressure on the Champions.

But Cascade was able to stonewall the Falcons for the rest of the match with keeper Nick Harris making several key saves along the way.

Harris totaled seven saves on the night to help the Champions secure the win.

Cascade will have a few days off before they head to Riverdale next Tuesday to take on the Warriors in Murfreesboro at 7 p.m.

Lincoln Co.	0	1	-	1
Cascade	2	0	-	2

Eagles fall to Nolensville

T-G STAFF REPORT

Shelbyville Central dropped a close 2-1 decision to visiting Nolensville on Thursday night.

"Again, we struggled to generate any momentum early in the game. One of our goals this year was to be better in the opening minutes of the game," Shelbyville Central coach Chris Fritz said.

Nolensville scored two goals in the first half, then

the Eagles (0-2-1) got a goal by on a penalty kick by freshman Fernando Gallardo.

"The challenge at half time was to make the fans get their moneys worth and we played with more electricity. Freshman Fernando Gallardo was a stand-out player with a number of tackles and creating havoc with his movement and dribbles up the field. He drew a penalty

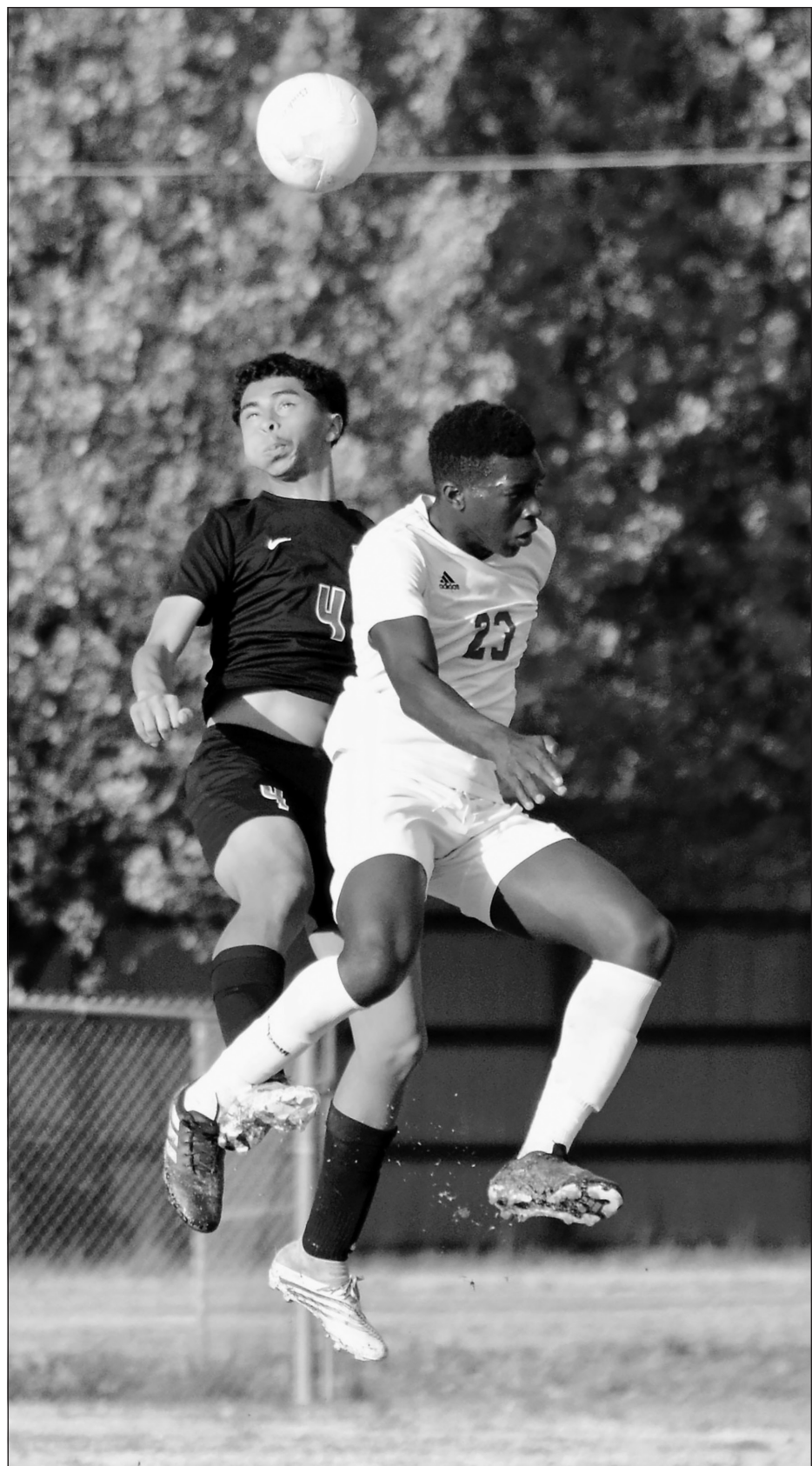
in the second half off of a good dribble"

"Senior Jake Betzelberger also had a strong game with a number of clever touches and passes to string our attack together. Fritz said. "Ultimately, we are playing some of the best teams in the state and have to keep our heads up for the Smoky Mountain Cup this weekend."



T-G Photos by Gary Johnson

Shelbyville Central's Luis "Yahir" Cervantes races past a defender in the Eagles match against Nolensville on Thursday night.



Golden Eagle Ryan Tacuba (4) win a header on Thursday night against Nolensville.



T-G Photo by Rickey Clardy

Carlie Blanton makes contact for the Viqueens. Blanton had a hit as Community won its opening game of the District 7-AA season.

Big innings land Viqueens 1st district win

By RICKEY CLARDY
Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — Taylar Wessner pitched a four-hit shutout and the Community Viqueens used two big innings to score all their runs as the Viqueens opened their District 7-AA slate with an 11-0 win over the Grundy County Lady Jackets Thursday night.

Community (5-2, 1-0) got off to a fast start with five runs in the first inning and then put the game out

of reach with six runs in the fourth.

The big hits were a 2-run double by Abby Murrill, an RBI-double by Zoey Dixon, and singles by Anna Haskins and Alana Tate that scored runs.

Chloe West also had an RBI as the Viqueens went up by 11 and had enough runs to end the game in the fifth inning on the run rule.

Meanwhile, Wessner allowed just four hits without walking a batter in a

complete game performance for the Viqueens.

The Viqueens belted 13 hits, with Tate, Murrill, Haskins, and Wessner each picking up two safeties.

All nine starters had at least one hit for the Viqueens.

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Community: Alana Tate 2-for-3, Abby Murrill 2-for-3, Anna Haskins 2-for-3, Taylar Wessner 2-for-3, Annie Prince 1-for-1, Abi Brown 1-for-2, Zoey Dixon 1-for-2, Carlie Blanton 1-for-2, Chloe West 1-for-3. WP: Wessner.

Braves rookies get rotation spots

NORTH PORT, Fla. (AP) — The Atlanta Braves will open the season with two rookie left-handers in their rotation while giving right-hander Kyle Wright more time to prepare for his first start.

Wright was told Sunday he would start the season on the 15-day injured list. He was the only 20-game winner in the majors last season but had a slow start this spring after getting a cortisone shot in January to address a shoulder issue.

Jared Shuster and Dylan Dodd, who each have impressed the team

this spring while competing for what was believed to have been one spot in the rotation, were told Sunday they will open the season with the team. The Braves optioned Ian Anderson and Bryce Elder to Triple-A Gwinnett on March 14 to clear the path for Shuster and Dodd.

Shuster, 24, was Atlanta's first-round draft pick in 2020. He is expected to start in the Braves' third game at Washington on April 2.

Dodd is expected to take the No. 5 spot in the rotation and start on April

4 at St. Louis.

Both rookies have impressed the Braves with good control this spring.

Shuster has posted a 1.45 ERA in five spring training games. He has 18 strikeouts and only four walks in 18 2/3 innings.

Dodd, 24, has a 2.00 ERA in 18 innings this spring, with 20 strikeouts and four walks. He was a third-round draft pick in 2021.

Wright was 21-5 with a 3.19 ERA in his breakout 2022 season.

SFC shows out at Stones River Shootout

T-G STAFF REPORT

The Shelbyville Football Club was back in tournament action after a long winter break. Over the weekend of

March 17-23, seven teams competed in the Stones River FC Shootout, held in Smyrna.

Of the seven SFC teams that participated, five reached

the podium and three won their championships in their respective divisions.



The SFC 2011-2012 team was a finalist in its division during the Stones River Shootout.



The SFC 2013 girls team won its division in the Stones River Shootout.



The SFC 2014 boys team won its division.



The SFC 2014 girls team was a finalist in its bracket.



The SFC 2015 girls team won its championship match during the tournament.

Final Four packed with newcomers

By **EDDIE PELLIS**
AP National Writer

Everyone's heard of UConn. All these other guys? They'll need name tags at the Final Four.

When they travel to Houston next week to play for the national title, Florida Atlantic, San Diego State and Miami will be making their first appearances at college basketball's grand finale, the first time since 1970 that three first-timers all showed up in the same year.

If the unfamiliar names — to say nothing of the seedings — are any indication, fans might look back on 2022-23 as the season when true parity finally sunk down deep into the bones of America's favorite basketball tournament and turned March Madness into a total free-for-all, all the

way to the last weekend.

There will be no No. 1 seed at the Final Four for the first time since 2011. Instead, there will be a 9 seed in Florida Atlantic, a pair of 5 seeds in SDSU and Miami, and a 4 seed in UConn. The combined seed total of the four teams is 23, the second-highest total since the seeding began in 1979. This marks the first time that not a single top-3 seed made it.

The matchups for Saturday: San Diego State against FAU, in a not-so-classic 5-vs-9 matchup. (San Diego State, a 57-56 winner over Creighton on Sunday, is a 1.5-point favorite, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.) Who saw that coming?

In the later game, it's the Hurricanes as 5 1/2-point underdogs against UConn,

which is the prohibitive favorite, at minus-135, to bring a fifth national title home.

If UConn does win, it will join Kentucky, North Carolina and Kansas as the fourth school to win the championship under three or more coaches. Dan Hurley would join Jim Calhoun and Kevin Ollie in the winner's circle for the Huskies.

In the past, some of the upheaval in the brackets could have been pinned on the single-elimination format and the tournament selection committee, which sometimes overvalues its top seeds — this year, that included first-round loser Purdue and seven-loss defending-champion Kansas — while clearly underrating others.

No team got under-

valued more than UConn (29-8), which had 25 wins coming in, a No. 8 standing in the NET rankings — which looks at quality wins among other factors — and the still-developing potential of junior Adama Sanogo, who has averaged 20 points and just a touch under 10 rebounds in four tournament games.

But all the other factors — namely, NIL deals and the transfer portal — played a role here, too.

Heading into the Elite Eight, Miami coach Jim Larranaga — who brought George Mason to the Final Four as an 11 seed 17 years ago — said the portal was the basketball equivalent of speed dating. Worked for him. The third- and fourth-leading scorers for the Hurricanes (29-7), Nijel

Pack and Norchad Omier, both came to The U from the portal.

Also down in South Florida, FAU got three key players, including 7-foot-1 Russian center Vladislav Goldin, from elsewhere. All moved to the campus in Boca Raton after less-than-successful stays at big-conference schools. No one was quite sure how coach Dusty May would coach all these new faces from different places. Turns out, he did pretty well. At 35-3, nobody has more wins this season than the Owls.

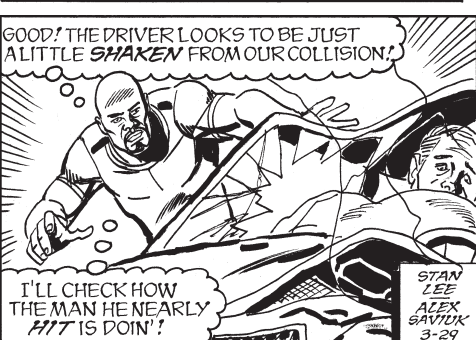
"We already had a good chemistry last year, and the pieces that we added just complemented everything we had going on," said Bryan Greenlee, in his second year at FAU after coming over from Minnesota. A longtime power in the

Mountain West Conference, San Diego State was 30-2 and projected for a No. 1 seed in 2020 when the season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Three years later, the Aztecs (31-6) are two wins away from the title. Their top two scorers, Matt Bradley and Darrion Trammell, are — you guessed it — products of the transfer portal, though coach Brian Dutcher brought them in as much for defense as scoring. SDSU made it this far behind a defense that held top-seeded Alabama to 32% shooting in the Sweet 16 and held Creighton to 11% from 3-point range in Sunday's win.

Asked what to expect from the Aztecs in Houston next week, Dutcher said, "I would think pretty good defense, to start with."

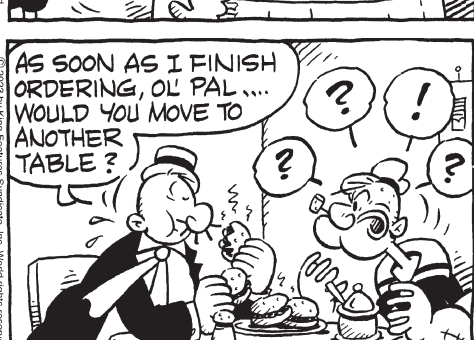
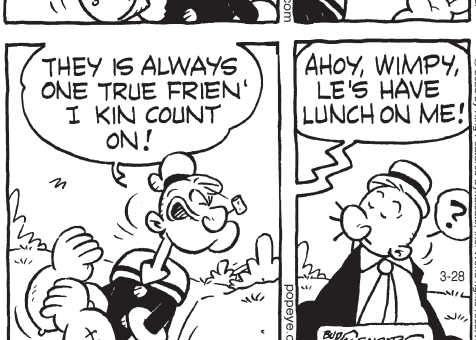
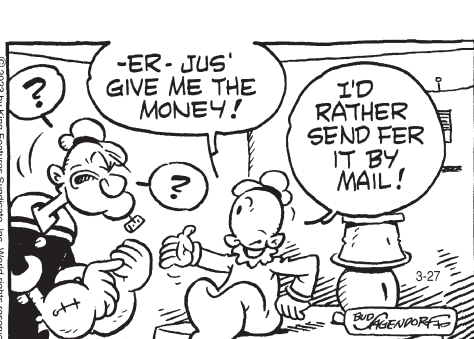
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- Pleasure seekers
- Computer manufacturer
- Home to college sports' Flyers
- Fungal disease
- Sleepwalk
- Spielberg sci-fi film
- Seasonable
- Taxis
- Radio direction finder (abbr.)
- Thin, narrow piece of wood
- "Mystic River" actor Sean
- Ingenuous
- Musical composition
- Turkish surname
- High or hilly area
- Wilco frontman
- Pour it on pasta
- Electric car company
- Sea eagle
- Walk with difficulty
- Sign of healing
- Boy
- Protein-rich liquid
- Washington city
- Individual portion of TV series (abbr.)
- Thought over
- Scads
- News agency
- Standard
- Deadlock
- Pre-Columbian empire
- Removed
- French commune

CLUES DOWN

- Large, dangerous animals
- Straighten out
- Family tree
- Large stinging paper wasp
- European river fish
- Cut down in size
- Denotes past
- Larry and Curly's partner
- Samoyedic ethnic group
- Male parent
- Specific gravity
- Demeaned oneself to
- Rigidly
- Yankovic is a "weird" one
- Belonging to me
- Path
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Level
- Atomic #94
- Born of
- Midway between northeast and east
- Northeastern bank
- Defunct airline
- Having no purpose
- A low wall
- Swedish city
- Earn a perfect score
- Atomic #81
- Beginner
- Give off
- Incorrect letters
- Telecommunication service provider (abbr.)
- Idyllic
- Popular beer
- A way to fine
- Evildoer
- More withered
- Seventh note of a major scale
- Commercial
- Abnormal breathing
- Moved more quickly
- City of Angels
- Partner to Pa
- Equally

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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ASTROGRAPH

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
It is very important that you do not count your chickens before they hatch, Aries. Something you suspected was a sure thing may not pan out this week.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
You have a secret desire that you want to let out, Taurus. But you're not sure of the timing. Stop letting your head dictate your heart and put plans into action.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Friendships could falter due to your insecurities, Gemini. Others want to be around you for good reason. Try to see the value in relationships and make the effort to socialize.

CANCER – Jun 22/July 22
Cancer, you could be defeating your own efforts this week. There may be something telling you that you're not good enough to go for your goals. A pep talk can put you back on course.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
There's a fresh development in your love life coming down the pike, Leo. Romantic feelings solidify and you might be in for some exciting adventures in the weeks to come.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, the crowd around you may not be the support system you need right now. Making new friends can be tough, but it's worthy pursuit at this point.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, no matter how much you want to spend time with family or friends right now, work seems to draw you away. Focus on finding more balance.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
You might be feeling fed up with the pace of lessons being taught to you, Scorpio. If the teacher or mentor simply isn't effective, then you might need to find a new educator.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, it might seem like having the utmost control sets you up for security, but that's not always the case. Being too controlling may push others away.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
This may be an emotion-

al week for you, Capricorn. Your relationship will have to weather a few storms before things right themselves again.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/ Feb 18
Poor habits can keep you from getting where you want to go, Aquarius. A friend or family member may need to step in to show you where you could be going wrong.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Help a partner heal by being sensitive to his or her suffering. You may not know all the ins and outs, but being supportive can help greatly.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
MARCH 19
Neil LaBute, Director (60)
MARCH 20
Spike Lee, Director (66)
MARCH 21
Jace Norman, Actor (23)
MARCH 22
J.J. Watt, Athlete (34)
MARCH 23
Victoria Pedretti, Actress (28)
MARCH 24
Jim Parsons, Actor (50)
MARCH 25
Elton John, Singer (76)

TUESDAY EVENING

MARCH 28, 2023

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like The Rookie, FBI, The Voice, and Chicago Fire.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

MARCH 29, 2023

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THURSDAY EVENING

MARCH 30, 2023

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FRIDAY EVENING

MARCH 31, 2023

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SATURDAY EVENING

APRIL 1, 2023

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SUNDAY EVENING

APRIL 2, 2023

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MONDAY EVENING

APRIL 3, 2023

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like American Idol, 2023 NCAA Basketball Tournament, and The Good Doctor.

TUESDAY EVENING

APRIL 4, 2023

Table with columns for Broadcast, Cable, and Premium channels, and rows for time slots from 7:00 to 11:30. Includes programs like The Rookie, FBI, Night, and Chicago Fire.



Career Day shows local possibilities

Community High School hosted a career fair day on Friday to introduce students to local job opportunities as well as post-secondary education options. The fair was open to all students from freshmen to senior.

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