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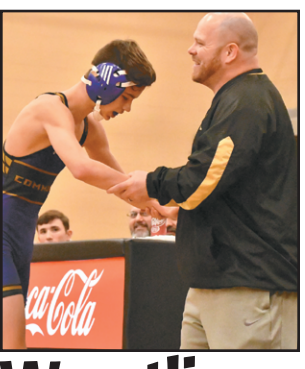

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Christmas, without Eli

Parents grieve son's death

By DAWN HANKINS
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Christmas is going to be different this year for Steven and Debbey Fritchley's family. As many in the community are already aware, their 12-year-old son, Elias Arthur "Eli" Fritchley, died Nov. 28 by suicide.

Still, because this is known as the season of perpetual hope, Eli's parents are prayerful that something positive will come from this recent devastating tragedy. That is why they're speaking out on such a tender topic; they want to prevent this from happening again, that is, to someone else's child.

That is possible through lots of education, Debbey says. Those near and dear to the young teen believe he took his own life, due to the bullying he was experiencing at Cascade Middle School.

"Losing a child is like losing the will to breathe," says mom, Debbey. "Your body just takes over but your mind and heart cease. Numbness becomes your new normal. If I could have taken my beating heart out of my chest that night as I performed CPR and given it to him, I would have happily done so. I have stood opposite grieving parents and tried to offer comfort, now I stand in their shoes and there is no comfort, there are no words that will ease this pain but we do appreciate every single person for trying."

Eli's obit stated, "Eli was full of fun and loved bright colors, especially pink." They asked those attending the service to dress accordingly, if possible, for the funeral.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that the community donate to the Go Fund Me account (https://gofund.me/0866b476) — one to be used, Debbey

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Elias Arthur "Eli" Fritchley

Police dog scares suspect into submission

By DAVID MELSON
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Never underestimate the power of a dog.

A heavily-armed alleged sex offender wanted on multiple charges backed down Wednesday morning when confronted by Shelbyville Police Department's K-9 Trigger.

Cody Daniel Morrow, 31, of Benton, Tennessee was being sought for allegedly pistol-whipping another man Tuesday in addition to the sexually-related charge in Benton County.

Shelbyville authorities were notified by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office that Morrow's cellphone was pinging near the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration grounds.



Morrow

Police checked the pings and found Morrow hiding in a wooded area off Madison Street behind Badcock Furniture and McDonald's around 11:15 a.m.

"He has made threats against law enforcement in the past and was believed to be armed and dangerous," Officer Brock Horner, Trigger's handler, said.

Horner, Trigger and Lt. James Wilkerson approached a blue tarp near a fence line and Trigger took particular notice.

"Trigger's behavior began to change and he got locked in on the tarp and his ears pointed straight up," Horner said. "At this point I knew someone was under the tarp. As we got closer I began giving commands to see his hands."

Morrow showed his hands but refused to walk toward the dog, Horner said. He surrendered when Horner threatened to release Trigger.

"Lt. Wilkerson was able to get through the brush and go hands on cuffing him without incident," Horner said.

Morrow appeared to be ready for a challenge, wearing body armor under his sweatshirt, according to police.

"He had a loaded Taurus 9mm stuck in the small of his lower back, three 12-round magazines full of ammunition along with another 108 rounds in his backpack and a fixed blade knife out of its sheath under his waist," Horner said.

Morrow was being sought specifically on an aggravated assault charge in Franklin County. He was also wanted on a sex offense in Benton County and is being charged locally for unlawful possession of a firearm due to prior criminal history.

Police did not determine Morrow's actual name until questioning by Det. Lt. Charles Merlo and Deputy Chief Brian Crews. Franklin County authorities identified him as "Daniel Smith" but said they'd been given several aliases and were uncertain of his actual identity.

The Bedford County Sheriff's Office was also involved in the arrest. BCSO detectives walked through McDonald's looking for Morrow while city officers searched outside.

Marsh highlights 2021 achievements in House

First year as speaker pro tem

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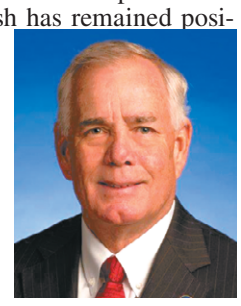
The year holds less than a month before it turns 2022. And between what local leaders say, there's a lot to expect in the upcoming year.

State Representative and Speaker Pro Tempore Pat Marsh has remained positive in local City and County projects.

Recently, the Petersburg native said he didn't have plans to go into local politics.



State Rep. Pat Marsh

Political background

Marsh comes from a farming family, who raised milk cows and corn and tobacco. Farming still carries on today as he co-owns with his son, John, 400 acres where they raise cows, bulls, and calves.

"I'm a farm boy, I guess you could say. I like it," he said.

Increasing prices

Having lived in this area for the entirety of his life, Marsh said both Bedford and Lincoln Counties are still agricultural. It's part of the identity of the area.

But there's a strain on the industry. Having talked with many of the farmers, supply prices, like for fertilizer, have increased as much as 300 percent — from $300 per ton of fertilizer to $1,000, Marsh said.

"That just cannot work. At 1,000 dollars a ton...something's got to give."

In addition to the changing agricultural business, Bedford County is experiencing exponential growth.

"I just can't believe how many people are moving here, and how the price of our homes have really, really gone up," he said.

Money from the federal government too is skewing the way things are operating, Marsh said. The state was $1 billion up in revenues in just four months, over budget. The federal government asked when they could have back, which the state plans too but will need to keep some to prepare for the future.

On the state-level, Marsh said they are working on whittling taxes down. (The state has gotten rid of 18 or so different taxes, such as the Hall tax and estate tax as well as cutting the grocery tax. There are also plans in the upcoming year to get rid of the professional privilege tax, Marsh said).

"We have to keep the state strong in

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LIVE CHRISTMAS DECOR



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Tabby Scarlette got in a wee amount of trouble recently when she decided to become part of the Grissom family Christmas tree. But, who could resist that face?

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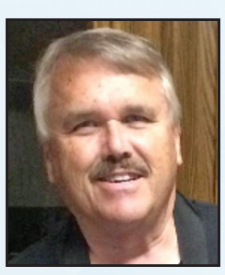

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DEATH NOTICES

Frankie 'Buster' Stacy

December 14, 2021

Frankie "Buster" Stacy, 62, of Shelbyville, passed away Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

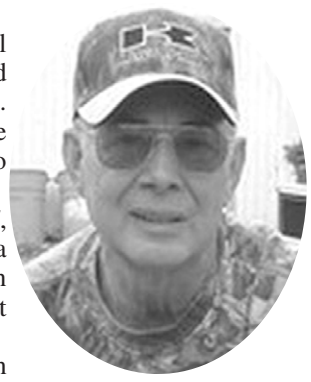
A memorial service will be held 3:00 P.M. Sunday, December 19, 2021, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel with burial to follow at Pressgrove Cemetery.

The family will receive visitors two hours prior to the service. The family requests that guests dress casually and please bring their motorcycle.

OBITUARIES

Robert Henry McConnell Sr.

December 14, 2021



Robert Henry McConnell Sr., 80, of Shelbyville died Tuesday, December 14, 2021. Per his request he will be cremated. He requested no services.

He was born January 17, 1941 in Wartrace. He was a retired employee of American Can Co. and a member of Flat Creek Baptist Church.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Moody McConnell, Mary Ellyson Brown and his wife, Joyce Stacy McConnell.

He is survived by two sons, Robert H. McConnell II (Pam) of Shelbyville, Mark Alan McConnell of Nashville; his sister, Shirley Mumpower; grandchildren, Angela McCullough, Robert H. McConnell III (Cindy); and great-granddaughter, Ravven McCullough.

Hillcrest Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Towns mourn tornado victims

DAWSON SPRINGS, Ky. (AP) — Tightknit communities still digging out from the deadly tornadoes that killed dozens of people across eight states in the South and Midwest are turning to another heavy-hearted task: honoring and burying their dead.

The storms that began Friday night destroyed lives and property from Arkansas to Illinois and in parts of neighboring states, carving a more than 200-mile (320-kilometer) path through Kentucky alone. The National Weather Service recorded at least 41 tornadoes, including 16 in Tennessee and eight in Kentucky.

Along the violent storm path, a funeral home in western Kentucky prepared to serve the families of those who lost loved ones while grieving losses of its own.

Beshear Funeral Home in Dawson Springs was preparing for at least four services in coming days for storm victims, while also catching up with funerals delayed by the massive storm, said funeral home owner Jenny Beshear Sewell, a second cousin of Kentucky's governor.

The storm-related deaths include those of two sisters who had worked at the funeral home, the only one in town.

Eighty-year-old Carole Grisham and 72-year-old Marsha Hall decided to "ride it out" in their home as the tornado barreled down in the dark of night, Sewell said by phone Wednesday. The home, which lacked a basement, was demolished.

Hall, a fixture at the funeral home, had a hard day's work Friday, hours before she died in the storm, Sewell said. As she left work, Hall's parting words were: "Well, I'll see you."

As the tornado approached, Sewell texted Hall with an update on the storm's path and urged the sisters to shelter in the funeral home's basement or a church basement. Hall replied "OK" — the last communication Sewell received from the longtime employee whom she considered a member of the family.

Arrangements were still pending for Grisham and Hall, but a double funeral is expected, Sewell said.

Meanwhile, the funeral home is also preparing services for other storm victims and for a woman whose funeral was delayed since last Saturday, the day after the storm hit. If the building's natural gas hasn't been restored once services resume, "everybody will just need to bundle up," Sewell said. "That's the best we can do."

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear has pledged $5,000 payments to each of the victims' families to help with burial expenses. The state was the hardest hit, with 74 deaths reported so far.

In the western Kentucky town of Madisonville, family and friends were mourning a couple killed when the twister ripped through nearby Dawson Springs.

Jeffrey Eckert, 70, was remembered as "mysterious and cool" by his nephew Mike Eckert, who recalled his uncle playing in various bands, always owning a boat and buzzing his home after he'd earned his pilot's license to let the family know it was time to meet him at the airport.

Many of the mourners wore animal prints in honor of Jeffrey Eckert's wife, Jennifer Eckert, 69, who loved to wear them and was remembered by her niece Kathy Moore for her chocolate meringue pies and the love of her grandchildren.

Moore said her grief was tempered by the memories and the relationships Jennifer Eckert left behind.

"When it's all said and done, relationships are all that matters," Moore said. "Life has to end. Love does not."

The grieving, meanwhile, has extended beyond the states hardest hit and into Florida, the home of a father and son killed while staying at a west Tennessee resort.

Steve Gunn and his 12-year-old son Grayson were staying at the Cypress Point Resort, a popular destination for hunters and anglers. They will be buried in Florida this weekend.

"You couldn't go to Walmart with him without a hundred people stopping him," said Steve Gunn's sister, Sandy Gunn. "His son was the kid you grew up dreaming to have."

Sandy Gunn's brother-in-law, Jamie Hall, also was part of the hunting group and remains missing.

"Our world has been shattered," she said. "I'm terrified each time I hear the phone ring. My brother-in-law was the kindest and most gentle man you would have ever known."

At the heavily damaged courthouse in downtown Mayfield, Makayla Wadkins, 24, helped set up a makeshift memorial. Flyers with color photographs and the names of victims were taped to the fence surrounding the building.

"We're just going to allow the families to have a place to come where they can grieve and see their loved ones surrounded with flowers and beauty," said Wadkins, from neighboring Kirksey.

Eli

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says, for the sole purpose of addressing bullying and helping other children like Eli.

Eli's Mom talks about how she thinks now her son's death could have been prevented. The family is aware that he was the subject of bullying, but perhaps they will never know to the greatest extent of pain he was suffering each day.

Now, they're dealing with their own pain as parents who've buried their child. But, instead of lashing out in anger, with legal ramifications, this grieving mom is trying to help others through more education on the subject of discrimination and bullying.

The school system has a bullying policy in place — one which has to be reviewed each year and is available to parents through the school system. "All the policies in the world won't help if incidents do not get reported by students and staff," says Debbey.

The Fritchleys note that Cascade Middle Principal David Parker has been working with them from the start and has been very responsive to their needs. "We don't as of yet know what the future will look like in terms of bullying awareness and prevention but we believe education is a start . . . for the students but also for the parents."

The pictures this local realtor holds to her heart show a young boy with golden locks, young eyes and a warm smile. The grieving mom describes her son, who played in the CMS band, as a "pure soul."

"I know people say that about their children all the time but he really was. He loved animals and children; they gravitated towards him. He has nieces and a nephew who he loved so much and they are now missing him. He has Lilly, the Chihuahua. He has been carrying her around since she was 2 years old; they were a pair and I know she is missing him."

Their home, which was once filled with teenage chatter from Eli and his friend, Jessica, is quiet now.

Lilly, the family's rescue dog, sits peacefully.

The Fritchleys won't be asking Eli about his Christmas wishes this year. He will also be missed by his five brothers and grandparents, nieces and nephews.

Debbey talks about how Eli liked his Playstation; he had a few school friends that would keep him busy. There's one thing this Bedford County mom clings to — the wonderful 12 years of memories Eli left with them.

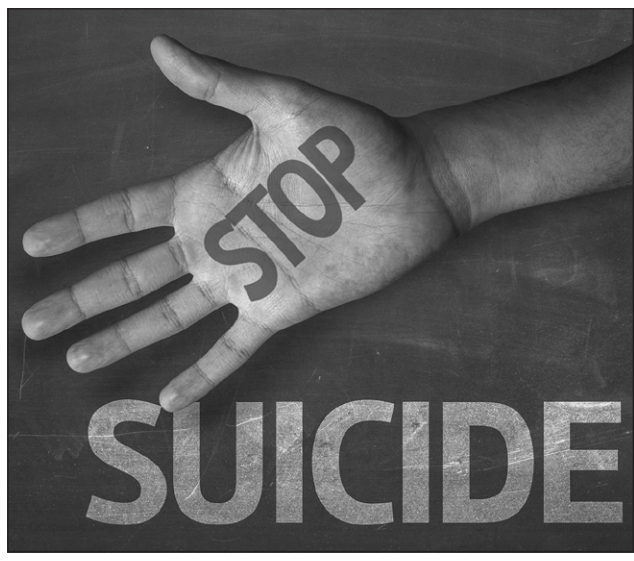
"When he was small, he would leave the house with a change of clothes as he didn't like to get them dirty… would have a little roller bag that he would put his toys into. Even if we were just going to the store it would look like we were setting off on a weekend camping trip. He's also a crafter – jewelry making, sewing blankets for Lilly – if I couldn't find any of my supplies, they would be in his room. He loved band… seems he took to trombone very naturally."

Debbey says the CM Band students were his friends; his little group and they made him so happy. She described Eli as always quiet and one who relished alone time.

She realizes that many times, there are warning signs when a person is contemplating suicide — a note or comment. That really wasn't the case with Eli.

"He would tell me things that had been said but he would smooth it over by telling me it was fine and that he told them to shut up," she recalls. "The one incident I did speak to school about was a girl in his class following him out and calling him a 'faggot.' The school acted on this and I thought the issue was fixed. Over Thanksgiving he told me a few things that I was not happy about and I told him we would come into school after the break."

Of course they never had that chance. Now, his parents have some advice that they hope other parents will heed.



ALARMING SUICIDE TRENDS

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) youth suicide has become an increasingly prominent public health issue. Recent research has documented increases from 2005 to 2017 in serious psychological distress, major depression, and suicidal thoughts and attempts among adolescents and young adults. A recent report from the National Center for Health Statistics found that the suicide death rate among persons aged 10–24 increased 56% from 2007 through 2017 (when last data was collected by the CDC.)

"If someone reaches out to you and lets you know that your child is involved in actions that can cause mental and physical harm to a child, let them know it is unacceptable. Don't think that your child is not capable of such a thing because we have seen that they are. To the parents who think their child may be getting bullied, no matter how small you think the incident is or how your child plays it down, act on it. It's too late for Elias but not for any other child out there going through this."

The Fritchleys note the community has already done so much for them — not just the local community here in Tennessee but almost worldwide. "We have love and support coming in from India, Germany, Italy – our friends and family in the UK. The LGBTQ+ community have also taken Elias into their hearts and reached out to us."

She mentions that Bedford County will be working with them regarding bullying and that the GoFundMe has raised a massive amount for the Elias Fritchley Foundation.

The Fritchleys are English – from West Yorkshire; they moved to South Carolina with their three older boys back in 2005 and eventually settled in Tennessee — the place they intend to call home for good.

Debbey says with much sadness that now, the family, and their good friends, are trying to carry on with a positive note, just like Eli would have wanted. "Everyone who knew Eli will not forget him. His unique and perfect self . . . with the Fritchley family humor— that [which] would sometimes leave me groaning. His Spongebob top that he really did live in (only after cleaning it every night); his strength; he never changed who he was. Even when he was teased for his Spongebob top, he still wore it. He never stopped wearing the little cross body phone purse he wanted. He would wear nail polish occasionally, if he liked the color. He NEVER tried to change who he was – our son – and he made us proud every single day. I just hope we can make him proud and continue on this journey."

If you are experiencing a mental health emergency, call the state crisis services and suicide prevention hotline, now. Help is available 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week. Call 855-CRISIS-1 (855-274-7471) or text "TN" to 741-741.

Marsh

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the future," Marsh said.

That being said, Marsh added that one of the driving forces of his political career was a desire to help people.

"It's really rewarding because you get to help a lot of people. I've been trying to help people all my life, and this is one of the ultimate ways to help people in a whole lot of different ways," he said.

Big G Express

But before there was the floor of the Capitol, there was trucking.

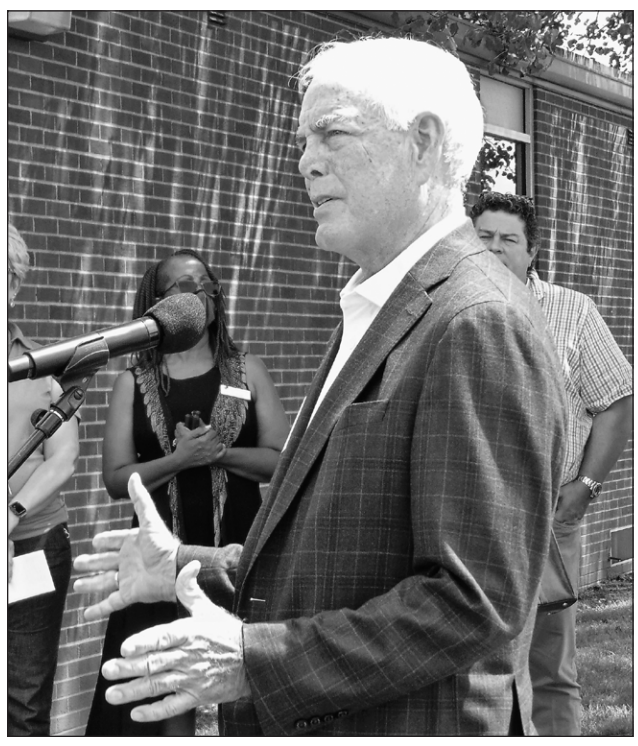
Marsh's family was firmly planted in local business. They owned Marsh's Department Store on the Petersburg Square while his father managed three different banks.

Marsh started higher education studying dentistry at the University of Tennessee. Making only fair grades, even though he attended every class, Marsh decided to follow in the footsteps of his roommate — who was not attending every class — and major in transportation.

After graduating, Marsh worked for Ford Motor Co. in Nashville. It was a good job, but he didn't enjoy it. So, he followed some of his other transportation classmates who were working at Goggin Trucking — which began in 1917 and was the oldest trucking business in Tennessee, Marsh said.

Goggin was eventually built up to include 1,000 people, 47 terminals, and 500 trucks from the original six tractors and 12 trailers it had when Marsh entered the business.

Wanting to start a truck load division of his own, Marsh and his brother started Big G Express (the G being representative of Goggin) in 1995. There were no terminals, just trucks and drivers, and it's grown to include 600 trucks today, Marsh said.



State Rep. and Speaker Pro Tem Pat Marsh speaks at a Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Shelbyville event. Construction for the new facility is planned for this spring off Highway 231 North.

It's also an employee-stock ownership plan — where every employee owns a part of the company, which has kept the "team together," Marsh said.

"Trucking has been really good to me. It's a really tough industry — very hard, long hours, a lot of people problems..." But it helped him meet a lot of people.

New chapter

Again, Marsh said, "I had no desire to go into politics," he said. At 60, he was actually interested in retiring.

But there were two main factors that made Marsh a good candidate: for one, he was from Lincoln County and owned a successful business; and two, he jokes he was kin to half the people in Lincoln County. So, in 2009, Marsh ran and won.

"I really didn't know but one person in Nashville," Marh said. That one person was State Sen. Jim Tracy, who encouraged Marsh to go into politics. "It was totally new — I didn't know how the state operated; I didn't know many state representatives; I didn't know how many people were represented; I didn't know much at all. It was a very eye-opening experience."

But once you're in, it's hard to get out. What was supposed to be a part-time job turned into an almost full-time position.

Now in his 12th year of office, Marsh has been serving as House Speaker Pro Tempore, which he was elected to last December by the whole body of representatives.

"I really was never interested in being in the leadership part so much," Marsh admitted. "Well, after being there 10 years, I felt like I needed to try to do something like that, and I had several friends ask."

Facing no opposition, Marsh won.

Accomplishments and new legislation

Right now, Marsh is on the state's redistricting committee. The committee is finishing up working on the House of Representatives' lines, and their next move will be reworking the Congressional districts with the Senate. It'll be a "big deal," Marsh said.

There's also the Basic Education Program (BEP) Committee. In the upcoming year, they plan to rework the BEP funding formula to accommodate the rising population of the state.

"It's going to be a lot more money," Marsh said, but he agreed it will serve as an investment for public schools.

"I think people have got to understand how important education is."

So far, Marsh said one of his proudest moments has been getting the $42 million budget for Shelbyville's new Tennessee College of Applied Technology facility. Work will hopefully begin this spring on its location at the 231 North Business Complex, he said.

"It'll make a difference, long after I'm gone."

Locally, Marsh said he is proud of several projects, such as the new justice center; Vanderbilt acquiring the hospital; Nearest Green setting up their distillery; and Duck River Electric Membership Corporation and United Communication's recent partnership to bring broadband to rural Bedford County.

"I'm just really excited about the City and County working together," Marsh said. "Just everywhere you turn, there's positive things going on."

Drug suspects found inside home

By DAVID MELSON
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Two suspects found in a home on Liberty Pike outside Bell Buckle without permission Thursday face drug-related charges, the Bedford County Sheriff's Office said.

Taylor Michelle Ledbetter, 19, of Frank Martin Road allegedly had 1.2 grams of methamphetamine in her purse and meth pipes were confiscated from near the area where she had been with Spencer Damion Gurton, 25,of Rattlesnake Lodge Road, an investigative report said.

They told deputies they had been given permission to be in the home, which was denied by the homeowner.

Ledbetter was charged with possession of a schedule II drug and both were charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. She was held on $5,000 bond. Gurton was also charged with violation of probation and held without bond.

•Jocorie Emonna Smith, 23, White Drive was charged with possession of a schedule II drug Thursday when crystal methamphetamine was found in her vehicle outside her home, a BCSO report said.

Deputies were serving a warrant and noticed Smith allegedly in the vehicle trying to conceal a bag of meth. Another bag was found in a cigarette pack, the report said.

Smith was held on $3,500 bond.

Shoplifting

A mother and son were charged with shoplifting Tuesday at Dollar General Market, North Main Street.

The manager told police Shirley Cook, 62, and son Timothy Edward Cook, 45, both of Tate Avenue, were stuffing items into a purse and clothing.

Shirley told the manager she puts items in her purse to make the price easier to calculate when she pays. Store manager Abriana Speegle responded to Shirley that she's been seen before in the store taking items and not paying.

Small items ranging from seven cigarette lighters combs were found in the purse, police said. Two lighters were found on Timothy by an officer. The total amount of merchandise taken was $32.

Both were cited without being arrested.

Theft from school

Tote bags, shoes and socks were stolen overnight Tuesday from one of the portable classrooms at Bedford County Vocational School, J.G. Helton Drive, police were told.

A window was broken to gain entry.

Suspect arrested

A suspect in several gunshot-related incidents last summer was taken into custody Thursday.

Michael Joseph Gamble, 22, of Smyrna is being held on $200,000 bond at Bedford County Jail.



Shelbyvile Police Department photo

Trigger, Shelbyville Police Department's K-9 officer. See story, page 1A.

Gamble, who police were told is known on the street as "Beno," allegedly fired several shots in the Barksdale Lane area, pointed a gun in the face of a woman on Jennifer Circle and was seen and heard holding and chambering a pistol in a video visit with a jail inmate during the summer.

Jail intake

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

•Mark Anthony Buntley, 35, Tanner Circle; domestic assault; held, $3,500 bond

•Bradley Wayne Carter, 40, Methvin Drive; possession of drug paraphernalia, simple possession of schedule VI drug, simple possession of schedule II drug; released, $6,000 bond

•Terrence Mauri Fortenberry, 27, homeless, Shelbyville; probation revocation; held, $2,500 bond

•Michael Joseph Gamble, 22, Smyrna; assault with a deadly weapon (five counts), aggravated assault, felon in possession of a firearm; held, $200,000 bond

•Raymond Harold Goad, 52, Singleton Road; driving on revoked license (14th count); released, $4,000 bond

•Darrell Steven Graves, 60, Whitaker Road; probation revocation, show cause hearing; held, $2,500 bond

•Spencer Damion Gurton, 25, Rattlesnake Lodge Road; possession of drug paraphernalia, violation of probation; held, no bond

•Kyle Matthew Hamlin, 30, Fayetteville; shoplifting; released on recognizance

•Jeremy Bryant Hardison, 47, Pepper Hill Road; possession of firearm, firearm use in association with dangerous felony, possession of drug paraphernalia; held, $13,500 bond

•Jeremy James Hollingsworth, 20, Lynchburg; failure to appear, bench warrant; released, $5,000 bond

•Taylor Michelle Ledbetter, 19, Frank Martin Road; possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule II drug, bondsman surrender; held, $5,000 bond

•Kazanie Malik Noel, 21, Warners Bridge Road; evading arrest, reckless driving, failure to exhibit license on demand, speeding, financial responsibility; released, $4,500 bond

•Danela M. Rodriguez-Robinson, 28, Gregory Mill Road; failure to appear; released on recognizance

•Dustin Rolando Robinson, 28, Gregory Mill Road; failure to appear; released, no bond

•Zachary Preston Schultz, 22, Canova Drive; reckless/careless driving, speeding, failure to notify of address change; released, $2,000 bond

•Jocorie Emonna Smith, 23, White Drive; possession of schedule II drug; held, $3,500 bond

•Derek Bradley Stout, 24, North Jefferson Street; failure to appear; held, $5,000 bond

•Damion Walden, 18, Cottonwood Drive; domestic assault; released, $2,500 bold

•Sydney Morgan York, 21, Shapard Street; failure to appear; released on recognizance

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Suggestion for giving cash gifts



Dear Heloise: For many years, I have given my grandchildren cash for their birthdays, with this caveat: They can spend one-third however they wish, one-third is to save, and one-third is to donate to their favorite charity. The one-third that excites them the most is their donation, and they cannot wait to tell me which charity it is, plus this gets them into the habit of regular charitable giving when they are older. -- Big Al, Farmington, Connecticut

Big Al, this is a wonderful suggestion and certainly a learning one for family members. Getting in the habit of giving to local charities is a good thing for you, as well as for all those charities that give communities so much needed help. -- Heloise

SILVERFISH INVASION?

Dear Readers: If you suddenly notice these wingless insects all over your house, there is a reason. They are coming in to eat and live in warm, damp spots like the basement. They enter your house through cracks in walls or through pipes. Examine these areas and seal them off from the silverfish.

Be aware that the silverfish will consume anything that is high in sugar, starch or protein. They will munch on your magazines, books and starched clothing. So toss out old piles of magazines and keep your basement and other damp spots dry. If your home is clean, they won't drop by for a visit. -- Heloise

HOW TO STORE MUSHROOMS

Dear Readers: When you bring mushrooms home from the supermarket, here's what to do to keep them fresher, longer. Don't wash the mushrooms before storing, because they will get slimy if you put them in the refrigerator. Instead, just wipe the mushrooms with a dry paper towel and place them in a paper bag, which lets them breathe. Rinse with water and pat dry right before you use them. -- Heloise

HELP AT CHURCH

Dear Heloise: The lady who was reluctant to ask for help with her walker should talk with her pastor about getting help at church. If friends and family aren't able to help, there is probably someone at church who she isn't aware of who would enjoy and welcome her company. Many times support comes from strangers, not friends or family. In the past, we had someone from my mother's church help her, and it became a great friendship. Mom paid for gas and at times lunch after church. The lady who helped her welcomed the company as well as the help with gas. They remained friends well after Mom was no longer able to attend church. -- Ann Weber

AFTER A HOLIDAY PARTY

Dear Readers: When your party is over, pick up everything right away so your pets don't eat or drink something that could be harmful to them. This includes food debris, chocolate, coffee, alcohol, ribbons, wrapping paper and flowers. Also make certain that all candles are extinguished. -- Heloise

PET PAL

Dear Heloise: This is my daughter Mallory's long-haired Chihuahua named Duffy. He keeps me company while she is away at college. -- Stephanie, Augusta, Maine

Readers, to see Duffy, go to www.Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week." -- Heloise

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READY FOR CHRISTMAS



Cousins, Anna Barnes, Vission Montalvo and Leah Barnes are ready for Christmas.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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SATURDAY

Story with Santa

Shelbyville Recreation Center is hosting Storytime with Santa at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, December 18. Preregistration is required at 931-684-9780. The event includes cookies, milk, a toy for each child and a story read by Santa Claus.

Food giveaway

First Baptist Church on Depot Street is having a food giveaway Saturday. Call 931-684-1641 Thursday between 8 a.m.-4 p.m. to schedule a pick-up time,

Christmas program

The Cavaliers will sing at Amazing Grace Community Church's Christmas program at 5 p.m. Saturday, December 18. A spaghetti dinner will follow the program. The church is at 1046 Unionville-Deason Road.

VFW Music Night

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

SUNDAY

Food giveaway

St. Paul United Methodist Church, U.S. 41A North between Unionville and Rover, will hold a food giveaway at noon Sunday, December 19.

Gospel concert

Steven Bowen and the Soul Stirrers (formerly the Clarksville Soul Stirrers) will be in concert 5 p.m. Sunday, December 19 at Hurricane Creek Missionary Baptist Church, 699 El Bethel Road. Attendees are urged to wear masks.

DEC. 25

Food giveaway

The Johnson Family food giveaway will be noon-2 p.m. Christmas Day at Chili's, 1738 North Main St. For delivery or questions, call or text 931-735-0301 or 662-380-6522.

ONGOING

Soup kitchen

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Seniors meals

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

County meetings

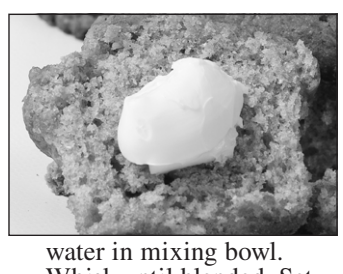
Bedford County Courthouse is closed for government meetings until at least March due to remodeling. Meetings of the full County Commission are held at Shelbyville Central High School auditorium on Eagle Boulevard and committee meetings at Bedford County Office Complex on Dover Street.

Easy Christmas morning breakfast

Christmas morning is an exciting and joyous time for families. Children are anxious to rush downstairs and see what Santa has left under the tree, and parents are eager to see the looks on youngsters' happy faces.

Having a fast and easy breakfast at the ready on Christmas morning allows families to jump right into the festivities rather than spending too much time in the kitchen.

This recipe for "Spiced Yogurt Muffins," courtesy of the National Dairy Council, Dannon and McCormick, can be made in advance and then enjoyed while peeking into Christmas stockings or watching holiday parades on television. This big-batch recipe is ideal for feeding a houseful of overnight holiday guests. Or it can be prepared in advance and doled out as needed throughout the week. The muffins also can be made as a treat for holiday office luncheons. Cut the recipe in half for smaller yields.



Spiced Yogurt Muffins

(Yield: 50 servings)

61/2 cups Dannon plain fat-free Greek yogurt

4 cups water, room temperature

1 box (5 lbs) Gold Medal® Muffin Mix, Whole Grain Variety

3 tablespoons McCormick pumpkin pie spice

2 tablespoons McCormick Chipotle cinnamon

Combine yogurt and water in mixing bowl. Whisk until blended. Set aside.

Add spices to dry muffin mix in a large bowl. Add yogurt and water mixture to the muffin mixture. Mix until just blended. Don't overmix.

Using a scoop, portion into greased or lined muffin pans. Bake at 350 F for 24 minutes, or 17 to 20 minutes in a convection oven, until the tops are golden brown.

Public Notice

City Hall Christmas Holiday Closing
&
Trash Schedule

Christmas:

City Hall will be Closed on Thursday, December 23rd and Friday, December 24th in observation of the Christmas holidays.

Public Works will be closed Thursday, December 23rd and Monday, December 27th in observation of the Christmas holidays Thursday's trash will be picked up on Wednesday, December 22nd with Wednesday's regular route. Monday's trash will be picked up on Tuesday, December 28th with Tuesday's regular route.

Please be advised per the Residential Solid Waste Rules of the Shelbyville Public Works Department trash must be curbside no later than 6:00 AM on the scheduled day of collection. To see a complete list of Rules & Regulations please refer to the Public Works Department website **www.shelbyvilletn.org/publicworks.htm**

Lisa Smith, City Recorder

Buck Vallad, Public Works Director

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Gospel through the ages: Soul Stirrers

By ZOË HAGGARD
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Steven Bowen and the Soul Stirrers are a Gospel quartet and 9-piece band based out of Clarksville.

Formed over 40 years ago, "The Clarksville Soul Stirrers," as they were originally known, perform both old-school songs and original material.

Bowen, Floyd Henry, and Michael Turange are some of the longest-standing members of the band. Those 40 years ago, Bowen along with Turange and Henry's fathers, began the gospel quartet with the intent of spreading The Gospel through music.

It's in the family. Both Turange and Henry's fathers grew up in music. As children, when they were around 11 or 12 years old; they began performing at their church and throughout their community, Turange said.

Being steeped in the world of Gospel music, Turange started his own group, The Chosen Brothers.

But after Turange's stepfather passed away, he took his position to carry on the decades-long tradition with his Uncle Steven.

"It's quite an experience," said Turange. "Being able to travel and meet different people...It's kind of funny how every area has its own sound. So being able to go different places and take our sound to those places has definitely been an experience."

Those areas include music-rich communities like New Orleans, New York City, Charlotte, and Houston, (anywhere that's got good food, Turange joked.)

And those sounds are a good mix of the "old-sound" and the new stuff. It's one of the difficult parts of rehearsing, that is, making the 1990s music correlate with 2021.

Even though The Soul Stirrers find a lot of connection with their original material, the classics, such as "Amazing Grace" and "Pass Me Not," are constant crowd-pleasers.

"Once people hear stuff they know, they gravitate toward that . . . .The original material gets old. But the old-school songs always work," Turange said.

"Keep Running" and "Can't Even Walk" and "Turn Around" are some of their most popular songs.

"When a song that we sing actually someway, somehow, helps them who are going through a difficult situation—that's most rewarding," Turange said.

Turange has been performing for 21 years with the Soul Stirrers as well as his own group. But a couple of years ago, he also felt the tug of ministry.

"I quit singing to accept my call to the ministry...But the desire to keep singing was still there," he said.

So, he came back ready to sing the gospel tune. Turange is still a minister at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Clarksville—which is why they try to not book a concert on Sunday morning.

"Church is our first base," he said.

COVID played a role in shutting down many of their performances. However, they are back to aiming at two or three weekend performances per month.

"The joy of traveling and spreading God's Word through song, that's what we're all about," Turange said. "The best part is actually seeing the ministry aspect of it."

The Soul Stirrers will perform at Hurricane Creek Missionary Baptist Church, 689 El Bethel Dirt Road, 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 19. The program is themed, "Keep Running."

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Send church news to tgnews@t-g.com by noon Wednesday.

Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church services led by Pastor Jimmy Gray will begin at 10 a.m. All services are livestreamed.

Eastview Baptist Church will have special music by Dan Bell, Tom Branson and Bobbie Branson followed by sermon from Pastor Mark Rosson: "Journey To Bethlehem, Part 3: Circumstances." A Christmas Candlelight Service will be 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 22 with Christmas carols and the Christmas Story.

Edgemont Baptist Church's Praise Choir will present "Glorious Light of Christmas" in the Sunday service. Pastor Jimmy West's message will be "The Promise of Love" from Matthew 1:18-23. Services are livestreamed.

Steven Bowen and the Soul Stirrers (formerly the Clarksville Soul Stirrers) will be in concert 5 p.m. Sunday, December 19 at **Hurricane Creek Missionary Baptist Church**, 699 El Bethel Road. Attendees are urged to wear masks.

Christian (Disciples of Christ)

The "Christmas at the Movies" series at **First Christian Church** concludes with "It's A Wonderful Life."

Church of Christ

"The Gift" series continues at **Fairlane Church of Christ** with the sermon "A Gift to Us" from Matthew 1:18-21. Services are livestreamed and broadcast on WLIJ (98.7 FM/1580AM) at 9 a.m.

Southside Church of Christ's sermon Sunday morning will be "Celebrate the Body of Christ" from I Corinthians 11:29-34. A churchwide holiday gathering is scheduled at 5 p.m. Sunday. A study of I Peter continues on Wednesday evening. The 10 a.m. Sunday and 6 p.m. Wednesday services are livestreamed at cofcsouthside.com.

Methodist

Cannon United Methodist Church will have a Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. Friday, December 24.

St. Paul United Methodist Church, U.S. 41A North between Unionville and Rover, will hold a food giveaway at noon Sunday, December 19.

Nazarene

Rev. Kevin Thomas' message at **First Church of the Nazarene** will be "The Prince of Peace - The Price of Peace" based on Isaiah 53:5-6. Services are livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Non-denominational

The Cavaliers will sing at **Amazing Grace Community Church**'s Christmas program at 5 p.m. Saturday, December 18. A spaghetti dinner will follow the program. The church is at 1046 Unionville-Deason Road.

New Hope Chapel will hold its annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. Friday, December 24.

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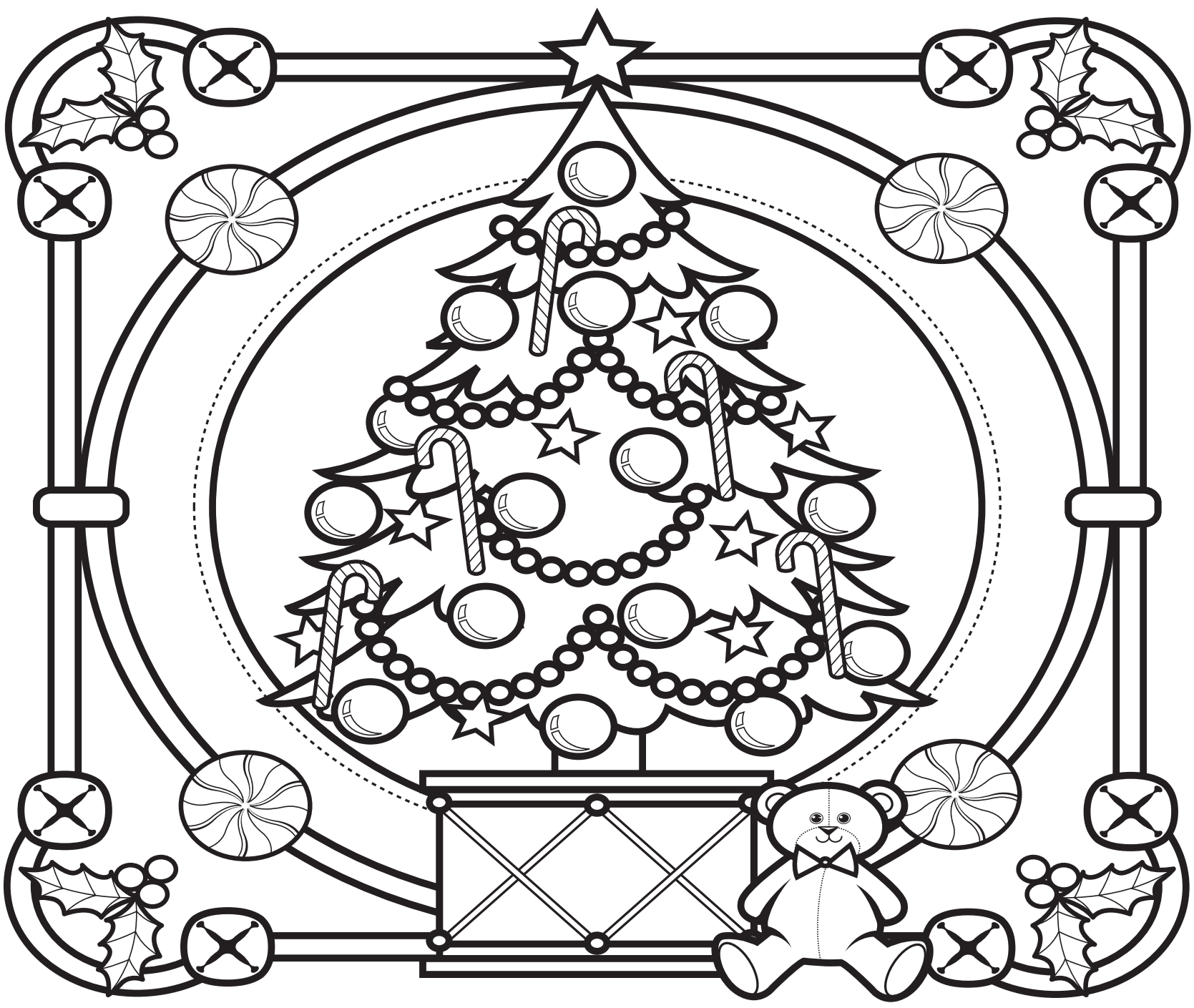

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Jackson Harris of the Vikings wins a decision over his opponent from Lawrence County and claims the first victory in Community wrestling history.

Champs win; Vikings start wrestling program

By RICKEY CLARDY
Sports Writer

The Cascade Champions won twice while the Community Vikings competed in their first wrestling competition in a tri-match Thursday night at Cascade.

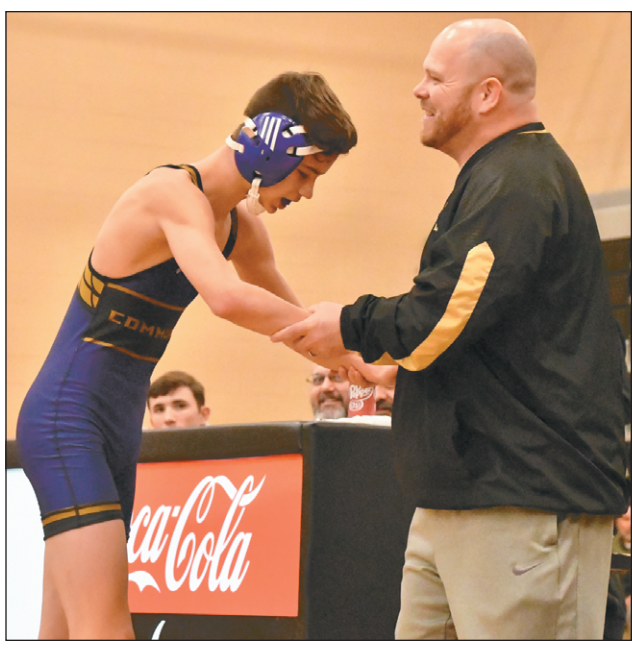
The Vikings started the night with a match against the Lawrence County Wildcats. Community made history off the bat as Jackson Harris won the first match in Viking history with a 13-4 decision over his opponent. Despite the Wildcat 42-10 win, another highlight was Alex Stanley pinning his opponent in the last class of the match.

The Champions came out strong in their initial appearance in match two and finished with a 45-16 victory over Lawrence County. Cascade had nine winners in the match as Landon Kling, Vayden Moore, David Bass, Hayden Dowell, and Dylan Warren were victorious via pins over their opponents. Chase Sutter, Isaiah Smith, and Waylon Napier were also victors while Isaac Chapa won on a forfeit.

The experience of the Champions showed in the final match of the evening as the Champs blanked the Vikings 66-0. Michael Martin, Taylor Dowell, Bass, Hayden Dowell, Chapa, Warren, and Kling won on pins while Moore, Sutter, Smith, and Napier recorded wins by forfeit.



Alex Stanley of the Vikings pins his opponent from Lawrence County.



Viking Jackson Harris of the Vikings celebrates with Coach Christopher Slaughter after his win.



Landon Kling of the Champions pins his opponent.



David Bass of the Champions pins his opponent.



Hayden Dowell of the Champions pins his opponent from Lawrence County. Cascade won both of its matches against Lawrence County and Community Thursday night.



Dylan Warren of the Champions pins his opponent from Lawrence County.

NBA, players agree to additional protocols through holidays

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

The NBA and its players have agreed to enhanced health and safety protocols through the holiday season in response to rising virus numbers, with additional testing coming and a return to mask usage in many situations.

The upgraded mask rules will be in place "until agreed otherwise by the NBA and Players Association," according to a memo shared with teams Thursday night and obtained by The Associated Press. Masks need to be worn again in almost all circumstances during team activities — including travel, when on the bench during games, in meetings and locker room, weight room and training room settings.

The exceptions: during on-court basketball activities for players, and for head coaches during games.

Testing will be increased from Dec. 26 through Jan. 8, the league said. The league also told teams that more requirements and recommendations would be coming in the next few days, "to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread within the team environment."

The memo was released on the same day that Russell Westbrook entered the health and safety protocols, joining Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo and Brooklyn's James Harden as past league MVP's currently sidelined by coronavirus concerns.

Westbrook played 42 minutes for the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night in their overtime win at Dallas. The Lakers said he would not play Friday night in Minnesota, along with four other players because of virus issues and two more because of injuries. ESPN, however, reported that one of the five Lakers in the protocols — Malik Monk — tested out Thursday night, which would make him eligible to play Friday.

If granted permission by the NBA to sign reinforcements and temporarily exceed the roster-size limit, the Lakers were planning to sign former All-Star guard Isaiah Thomas to a 10-day hardship contract Friday, according to a person with direct knowledge of the negotiations. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the pending league approval.

Titans can dent Steelers' playoff hopes

By WILL GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger still believes the Pittsburgh Steelers have what it takes to be a playoff team.

Time is running out, however, to prove it.

"We've got to make a run," Roethlisberger said.

At this point, one step in the right direction would be considered progress.

The Steelers (6-6-1) have been spinning their wheels for more than a month heading into a visit by AFC South-leading Tennessee (9-4) on Sunday, mired in a five-game funk in which they've won just once and been bullied in a way they haven't been bullied in decades.

A defense that finished third in the league last season is now in danger of finishing in the bottom 10 for the first time in 30 years. While Roethlisberger and the rookie-laden offense have had their fair share of issues, it's what's happening on the other side of the ball that's been far more alarming.

Three times in the last month the Steelers have found themselves trailing by at least 17 points. Twice they put together rallies to make it respectable, but respectable margins don't count in the win column — though it's telling of how wide open the underwhelming AFC North is that Pittsburgh finds itself in the mix as Christmas looms despite just two victories since Halloween.

"You can't spend a lot of time looking at big-picture perspective," Tomlin said.

Maybe because the smaller picture is so daunting. The Titans are in a position to win their second straight division title even without star running back Derrick Henry, who hasn't played since October due to a foot injury. Tennessee has found a way despite having 50 different players start at least one game. Only New Orleans has had more.

Tennessee's success is a testament to its depth and the steadying presence of coach Mike Vrabel.

"Things haven't been perfect for us up until this point, but we have ourselves in a good situation," Tennessee quarterback Ryan Tannehill said. "Coach Vrabel has talked about this last two weeks and that is that we are just getting started. Have a lot of football out in front of us and we want to play our best football here down the stretch."

Hurry up or wait?

Pittsburgh's 144 fourth-quarter points are tops in the NFL. Most of those have come out of necessity while the team attempts to play catch-up. They've also come with Roethlisberger running the no-huddle offense in an effort to save time.

First-year offensive coordinator Matt Canada has been reluctant to use it earlier in games because of the burden it places on a still relatively inexperienced offensive line. Still, 13 games in, it might be time to just hand the keys to Roethlisberger in the first half and see if it can jump-start a unit that's been a notoriously slow starter much of the year.

Regardless of what speed Pittsburgh plays at, Roethlisberger believes it's time for the offense to start avoiding the false starts and sloppiness that has dogged it at times.

"I think we just need to play smarter football," he said.

Playoff sweep?

The Titans have beaten each of the seven 2020 playoff teams they've faced already this season and will go for a full sweep Sunday. If Tennessee beats the Steelers — the defending AFC North champions — it would join the 2007 New England Patriots as the only teams since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger to beat all eight teams that made the playoffs the year before.

Healing up?

The Titans have already used 86 players this season, an NFL record. There's hope that number won't tick much higher with the playoffs looming in a month.

Wide receiver Julio Jones is among three who came off injured reserve before their last win over Jacksonville. Outside linebacker Bud Dupree, who starred at Pittsburgh before signing with the Titans last spring, could have a chance to return off injured reserve himself Sunday against his former team. Tennessee's injury report is at its shortest in weeks with only eight Titans listed.

What the watt

When outside linebacker T.J. Watt is healthy and available, the Steelers are dangerous. Pittsburgh is 6-2 when Watt plays a full four quarters and 0-4-1 when he is limited or out entirely. Watt left the loss to Minnesota in the first half with a groin injury but there's hope he'll be available on Sunday.

The Titans have been leaky along the line. Tannehill has absorbed 37 sacks and any chance the Steelers have of pulling the upset will rely heavily on if they can get to Tannehill and force him to make mistakes.

Rushing Titans

The Titans took a big hit losing Derrick Henry, then the NFL's rushing leader, to a broken right foot on Oct. 31. But they have found a way to keep running without the reigning NFL Offensive Player of the Year, settling on D'Onta Foreman and Dontrell Hilliard as a running back by committee approach.

They helped Tennessee run for 270 yards in a loss to New England last month. Tennessee ranks fifth in the NFL averaging 137.8 yards rushing per game. Foreman is averaging 4.4 yards per carry. Hilliard is even better at 7.2 yards per rush. Then there's Tannehill, who has six TDs rushing, one shy of his career high set last season.

• *AP Pro Football Writer Teresa M. Walker contributed.*

Titans' Dupree to return soon

NASHVILLE (AP) — The Tennessee Titans designated outside linebacker Bud Dupree for return from injured reserve Wednesday.

The move opens a 21-day window for the Titans to put Dupree back on their active roster.

Dupree was signed by the Titans as an unrestricted free agent to a six-year, $82.5 million contract to help improve their pass rush. Dupree's first season in Tennessee has been filled with injuries, as he has just one sack in seven games this season.

The Titans knew Dupree would not be 100 percent at the start of the year, even before they signed him in March. Dupree suffered a torn ACL last December while playing for the Pittsburgh Steelers, and admitted in October that he had rushed himself back from the injury. Dupree missed three games before returning to the lineup in Buffalo on Oct. 18. He then suffered an abdominal injury on the first series of the game against New Orleans on Nov. 14 and has missed the past three games.

If Dupree can make it back this week after a full week of practice, he would get the opportunity to play against his former team, as the Titans (9-4) travel to Pittsburgh (6-6-1) on Sunday to face the Steelers.

Division rivalries highlight NFL week

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

Division rivalries add extra spice to NFL matchups. There are a bunch of them in Week 15 as teams hit the stretch run.

OK, maybe no one is paying attention to the AFC South meeting between Houston and Jacksonville. Balance that with these: Saints at Buccaneers, Cowboys at Giants, Washington at Eagles, Jets at Dolphins, and Vikings at Bears. All with some playoff implications.

Not to forget other significant games in a week severely impacted by COVID-19.

"Guys know, but at the same time we try every week to make it about the week, not make it bigger than it needs to be," Colts quarterback Carson Wentz says of facing New England in one of those big games. "We know the magnitude of the game, the magnitude of who we are playing in the conference and where teams sit. We know all that stuff."

The action began Thursday night with Kansas City's 34-28 overtime win over the Los Angeles Chargers. Travis Kelce caught a short pass from Patrick Mahomes and made several defenders miss for a 34-yard, game-ending touchdown as the Chiefs (10-4) won their seventh straight and took command of the AFC West. Kelce caught 10 passes for a career-high 191 yards and two touchdowns, and Mahomes threw for 410 yards and three scores. The Chargers (8-6) failed to convert three fourth downs while in field-goal range and also lost a fumble at the Kansas City 2, ending a 97-yard drive with no points.

New England (9-4) at Indianapolis (7-6), Saturday

Fans won't see Tom Brady vs. Peyton Manning, the glory days of QB competitions. The folks in Indiana surely don't like seeing any players from New England. Indianapolis has lost eight straight against the Patriots since a win in 2009. The Patriots are tied with Kansas City for most consecutive 30-point games in a series. New England has done it nine straight times against the Colts.

A seven-game winning string has put New England atop the AFC. Staying could require slowing down the league's leading rusher, Jonathan Taylor. He has rushed for 100 yards in seven of the past 10 games and can tie Lenny Moore's franchise record with a TD run in his 11th straight contest.

Las Vegas (6-7) at Cleveland (7-6), Saturday

What a mess. No, not just the plummeting Raiders. Cleveland is in the midst of a major COVID-19 outbreak that could see quarterbacks Baker Mayfield and Case Keenum sidelined, putting Nick Mullens in the lineup. Browns coach Kevin Stefanski also is in the protocol; he missed a playoff win at Pittsburgh in January for the same reason.

The Raiders have won three straight in this series, but have dropped five of six games since starting the season 5-2. They come off their second-most lopsided regular-season loss in the Super Bowl era, 48-9 to Kansas City and have been held to 16 points or fewer in all seven losses.

Green Bay (10-3) at Baltimore (8-5)

The Ravens have been ravaged by injuries from the preseason on, and might be in their worst shape yet. Quarterback Lamar Jackson was sidelined in a loss to Cleveland by a sprained ankle, and the secondary is down to third-stringers. Not the best way to face Aaron Rodgers, who is having another superb season, and the balanced Green Bay attack.

But history is on Baltimore's side. It has won 13 straight games against the NFC, the longest active streak by a team against the opposing conference. Slowing wideout Davante Adams will be the biggest challenge, and the Packers take the NFC North by winning.

Arizona (10-3) at Detroit (1-11-1)

One of the NFC's top teams against the league's tail-ender. Seems like a rout, especially with Arizona being 7-0 on the road and in position to clinch a playoff spot.

If the Cardinals win, they will be the 10th team with eight road victories in a season; they play at Dallas on Jan. 2 and could be the NFL's first team with a 9-0 road record in a season. The league is playing a 17-game schedule for the first time.

Cincinnati (7-6) at Denver (7-6)

A pair of streaky teams pursuing AFC playoff spots, with the Bengals in contention for the title of the jumbled North. But they have lost two straight and the Broncos have dominated the series, especially in Denver, where they're won 13 of 16.

"I think everybody is still optimistic. They all know we have a good team," coach Zac Taylor says. "We have to find ways to handle our business and get some wins here. But it's not doom or gloom."

Lots of playmakers to keep an eye on, from Cincinnati receivers rookie Ja'Marr Chase and the emerging Tee Higgins (three 100-yard games in a row) to Denver's running backs, Melvin Gordon and rookie Javonte Williams.

Atlanta (6-7) at San Francisco (7-6)

Yet another game involving two contenders. The Niners have won four of five. Atlanta is 5-2 on the road and seeks its first season with six road wins since 2016, when it went to the Super Bowl.

This one could be decided in the red zone. San Francisco has scored an NFL-best 5.7 points per trip inside the 20 with touchdowns on a league-leading 73% of those drives. Atlanta has struggled to stop teams near the end zone, ranking 29th in points allowed per red-zone drive (5.58) and 28th in TDs allowed (68.8%).

Carolina (5-8) at Buffalo (7-6)

Each team is reeling, though the Bills still control their chances of being in the Super Bowl mix they once were favored for. The Bills have dropped three of four and five of eight. They have not lost three straight since a four-game skid in 2018 when quarterback Josh Allen was sidelined with a sprained right elbow. Now he has a left foot issue.

Bills coach Sean McDermott faces his former team for the second time; he was the Panthers defensive coordinator from 2011-2016. Carolina has lost eight of its past 10 and QB Cam Newton has lost 11 straight starts for Carolina going back to the 2018 season.

New York Jets (3-10) at Miami (6-7)

Winners of five straight to climb back into the playoff chase, the Dolphins have won seven of the past eight games in the series, including the past three by a combined 68-20. But the Jets, losers in their past five visits, actually are 4-0 in their past four December trips to Miami. New York will clinch last place in the AFC East by losing; that's a spot it has owned four of the past five seasons.

Jets rookie quarterback Zach Wilson needs to watch for a fellow rookie, linebacker Jaelan Phillips. He has five sacks in his past two games and seven sacks during the victory string.

Washington (6-7) at Philadelphia (6-7)

With 9-8 seemingly a wild-card qualifying record, the winner at the Linc could be in good shape. Not that either team is in the best of shape at quarterback, with Philly's Jalen Hurts and Washington's Taylor Heinicke battling injuries.

Washington, in the midst of a COVID-19 outbreak, plays the second of five consecutive divisional games to end the regular season. The previous time that occurred was 1995 for Tampa Bay.

Dallas (9-4) at New York Giants (4-9)

Dallas is in a strong position to secure a playoff berth and, soon, the NFC East title. Don't look for the undermanned Giants to stand in the Cowboys' way. Dallas is 3-0 against the NFC East and has a three-game division lead with four games remaining. No other NFL team is unbeaten in its division.

The Cowboys likely will return to the run game; they rushed for 201 yards on 39 attempts in an early season victory over New York. Meanwhile, the Cowboys have tied a club record with five defensive touchdowns, and Trevon Diggs is the NFL leader in interceptions with nine.

Seattle (5-8) at Los Angeles Rams (9-4)

A victory and some losses elsewhere would get the Rams into the postseason parade. For now, they must concentrate on an opponent that has won its past two and must win out for any shot at a playoff berth. Seattle could be hampered, too, with top wideout Tyler Lockett in COVID-19 protocol.

NFL updates its COVID protocols

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

In moves reminiscent of the environment for the 2020 season, the NFL has updated its protocols and advocated for booster shots in reaction to an increase in COVID-19 cases around the league.

As part of its protocol changes, it is requiring masks regardless of vaccination status, and remote or outdoor meetings. It also is stopping in-person meals, adding restrictions on activities outside the facility, prohibiting outside visitors during team travel, and limiting the amount of people in team weight rooms.

"Finally, and based on expert advice, we will adjust the return-to-participation requirements for those who have recovered from COVID-19," the league said in a statement. "All of these changes are grounded in our data and science-backed approach, with safety our No. 1 goal for the entire NFL community."

The updated protocols will be enforced through Week 15 games, but are likely to continue or even be strengthened after that point.

Dr. Allen Sills, the league's chief medical officer, said the omicron variant of the coronavirus is "in many ways (like) addressing a new disease." Omicron is responsible for the significant uptick in positive COVID-19 cases, according to Sills, which are emanating from within team facilities. That is the opposite of where previous positives had come from right after Thanksgiving.

The league and the players' union, advised by independent infectious disease officers, have developed a mechanism in the protocols that might lead to shorter stints on the sidelines for people testing positive.

Previously, a vaccinated person — players, coaches, executives and staffers — who tests positive must then have two negative tests 24 hours apart and be asymptomatic before being cleared to return. Beginning immediately, the new protocols relax that requirement a bit, allowing for two PCR tests or two Mesa tests — or one of each — being negative. The logistics for that could speed up the return of sidelined players.

"We have to think differently about this phase of the pandemic," Sills said. "We are facing a different set of challenges and in some ways almost a different disease ... and it is going to require a different (strategy) from us."

The 32 teams also were told Thursday that they may continue current media policies that include media wearing masks at all times in a club facility. But the teams can also shift to virtual interviews for the rest of this week, something a few of them already have done.

Also Thursday:

— The Los Angeles Rams put linebacker Von Miller and eight more players on the reserve/COVID-19 list Thursday, giving them a whopping 25 players on the list.

Los Angeles added Miller, linebacker Troy Reeder, linebacker Ogbo Okoronkwo, linebacker Christian Rozeboom, offensive guard Bobby Evans, defensive back Antoine Brooks, offensive tackle Tremayne Anchrum, defensive back Jake Gervase and defensive backKareem Orr to the list.

The Rams (9-4) have roughly 10 potential/probable starters on the list, along with several backups who would have seen action at defensive back in particular. They canceled practice for the second straight day Thursday and held virtual meetings.

A team spokesman said the Rams have been in contact with the league to gauge their options in case they don't have enough players to field a full team Sunday at SoFi Stadium against the Seattle Seahawks.

— The Chicago Bears were missing all three of their coordinators because of COVID-19 protocols as they prepared for Monday night's home game against the Minnesota Vikings. And they had seven players out because of illnesses.

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12/07/2021—12/13/2021

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Dorothy J. Stillwell, James W. Stillwell to Tylar R. Prosser—0 money, 0 acres, no address

Running With Scissors LLC to Shawn L. Linne, Barbara J. Linne—$245,000, 13.95 acres, Hwy 231 S.

Kenneth Miller to Robert Alvin Miller—$110,000, 0 acres, no address

Savannah Gayle Eady to Shannon Ryan Stephenson—$205,000, 0 acres, Hilltop Dr.

Michael S. Harrdison, Debra K. Hardison to Steven Pittinato, Karen Pittinato—$40,000, 6.12 acres, Hwy 64

Billy Dye, Dawn Dye to Christian Carmen Caldron, Luis Alberto Rojas—$200,000, 0 acres, Hobson Ave.

David M. Bryant, David W. Bryant to David M. Bryant, Elizabeth Ashley Bryant—0 money, 0 acres, no address

Brian Kilgore to Jeffrey G. Ritter, Misty D. Ritter—$589,900, 0 acres, Longview Rd.

James B. Kyle Jr. to KHI Corp., Jacquelyn Dale Kyle—$105,000, 0 acres, S. Cannon Blvd.

Cynthia Gay W. Reese, James Glen Woodward, James Hubert Woodward to James Glen Woodward—0 money, 0 acres, Hwy 64

Cynthia Gay W. Reese, James Glen Woodward, James Hubert Woodward to James Glen Woodward—0 money, 58.9 acres, no address

Donald Mitchell, Donald H. Mitchell, Barbara Mitchell, Barbara A. Mitchell, Mitchell Consolidated Investments 401 to Richard Harvey, Cathe Harvey—$2,300,000, 0 acres, Cortner Rd.

Jason T. Stacey, Stephanie Nicole Stacey to Longway Logistics LLC—$140,000, 16.32 acres, Big Springs Rd.

Jeff Moody to Dipakkumar Patel, Bhumika Patel—$1,700,000, 29.31 acres, Edd Joyce Rd.

Michael R. Weber, Annette F. Weber to Weber Trust Dated April 19, 2006—0 money, 3.37 acres, no address

Jeromy Wayne Jones, Tidarat Jones to Anelia Rizzo—$285,000, 0 acres, Tremont Dr.

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Jason Adcock, to Music City Holdings LLC—$60,000, 0.17 acres, Maplewood Dr.

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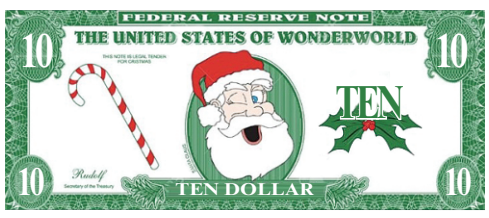

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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM BETA SIGMA PHI



Submitted Photo

Beta Sigma Phi Chapter recently celebrated with a Christmas party. From left, first row: Connie Smith, Jennifer Thompson, Ginny Saylor, second row, Peggy Orrell, Kay Simmons, Donna Simmons, Joan Gray, Debbie Donegan, Joy Caskey, Mickey McLean, Pam Fisher, Debbie Alcorn, Linda Anderton, Lyn Robinson and Fay Sudberry.

How to simplify cooking for a crowd this holiday season



Families big and small typically celebrate the holiday season together. For some, celebrating the holidays with family requires traveling, while others stay put and welcome family and friends into their homes.

At some point during the holiday season, celebrants who host family and friends will no doubt prepare a home cooked meal for their loved ones. Cooking for a crowd can seem like a daunting task, especially for first-time hosts. However, there are various ways for hosts to simplify cooking for a crowd this holiday season.

1. Prepare a familiar dish.

Hosts may agonize over their holiday menus, and some may feel compelled to prepare a family specialty or the same dishes their parents or grandparents prepared for holiday dinners when they were children. But holiday hosts can make things easy on themselves by choosing dishes they've made in the past, regardless of their place in family history. Chances are the ingredients for hosts' own specialties are already in the pantry, saving a potentially time-consuming trip to the grocery store. And thanks to the familiarity factor, hosts' own specialties likely won't require as much time to prepare.

2. Share some cooking duties.

Another way to simplify cooking for a crowd is to invite guests to bring along a side dish or dessert. Guests who live nearby can make something in advance of the big meal, while hosts can hand over their kitchens to overnight guests who express a willingness to contribute their own home-cooked dish to the party. Sharing the cooking duties gives hosts more time to connect with friends and family and serves as a great way to plan the menu in advance.

3. Only make what guests are likely to eat.

Hosts also should not feel pressured to cook more food than is necessary. Holiday meals have a tendency to be lavish, but hosts don't have to spend all day in the kitchen preparing food that will likely end up as leftovers or trash. Get a final headcount in the days before everyone comes over and adjust your recipes accordingly.

4. Start early.

If the big is on Christmas Day, that does not mean hosts have to start cooking while everyone unwraps their presents. Hosts who are uncertain about what to cook can look for meals that can be prepared in advance so come the big day all they need to do is turn on the oven and let meals cook while the family spends time together.

Hosts can employ various strategies to simplify the process of cooking for a crowd this holiday season.

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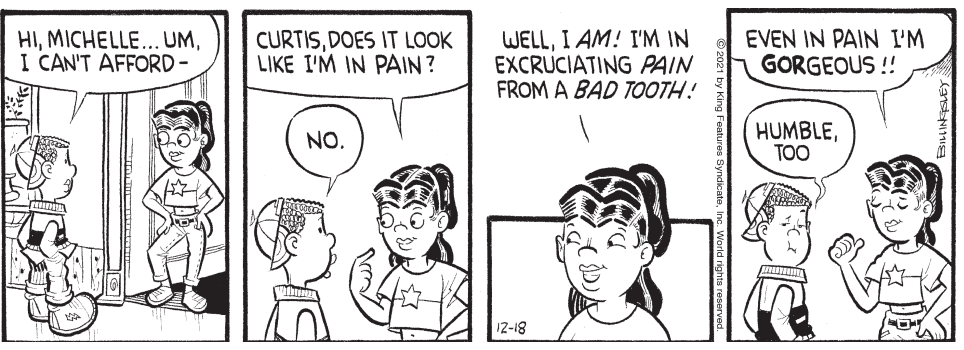

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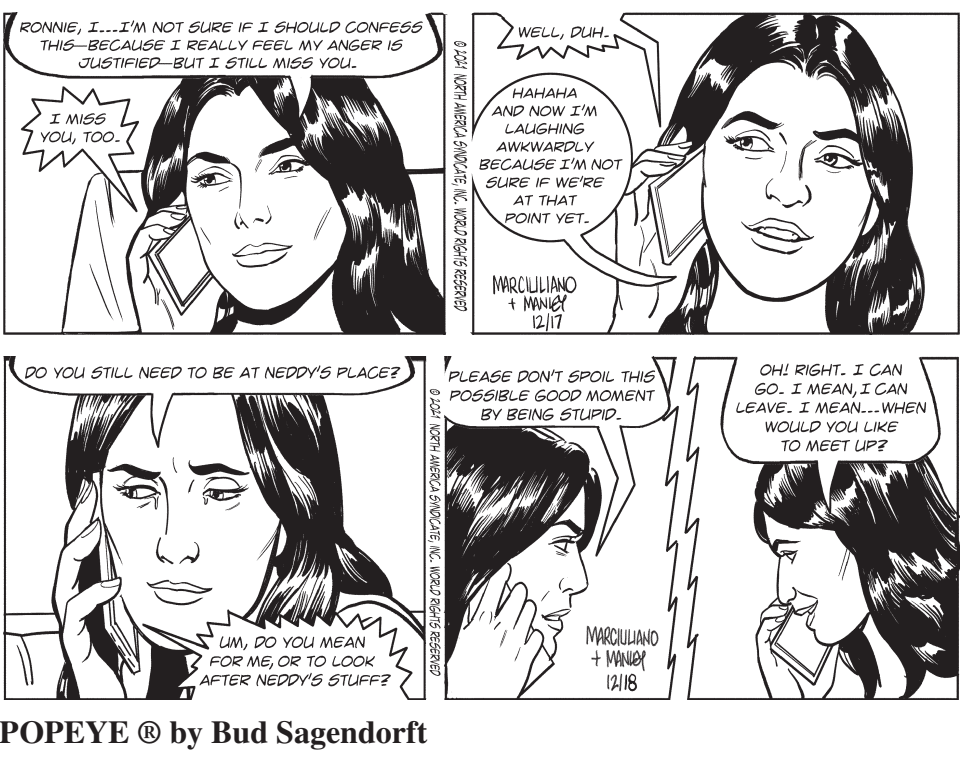

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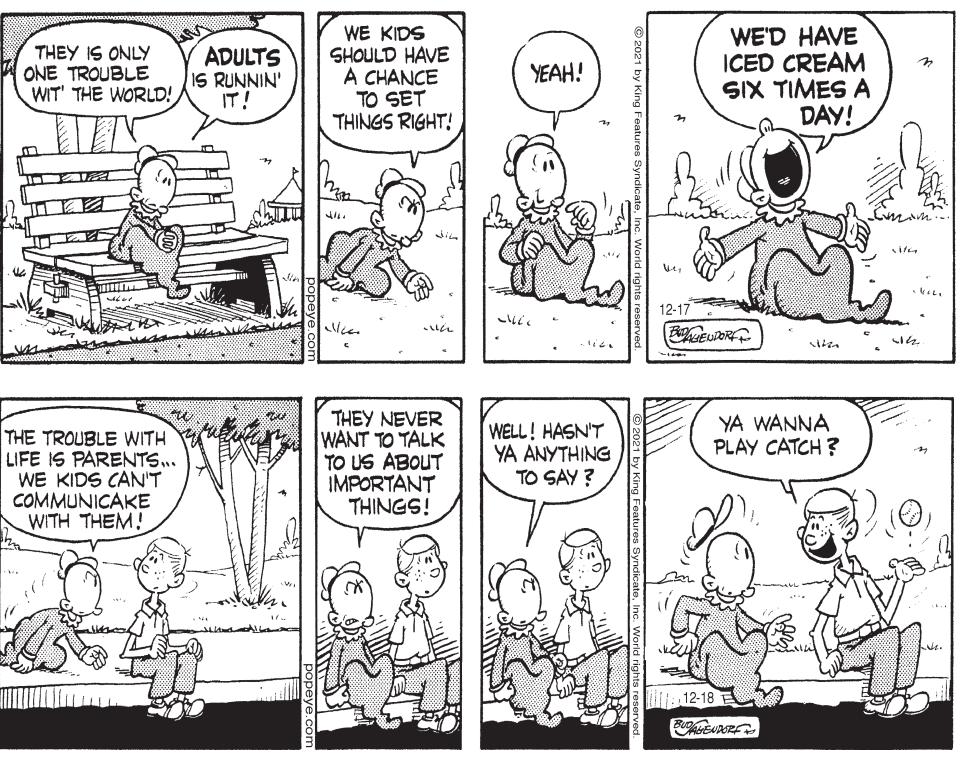

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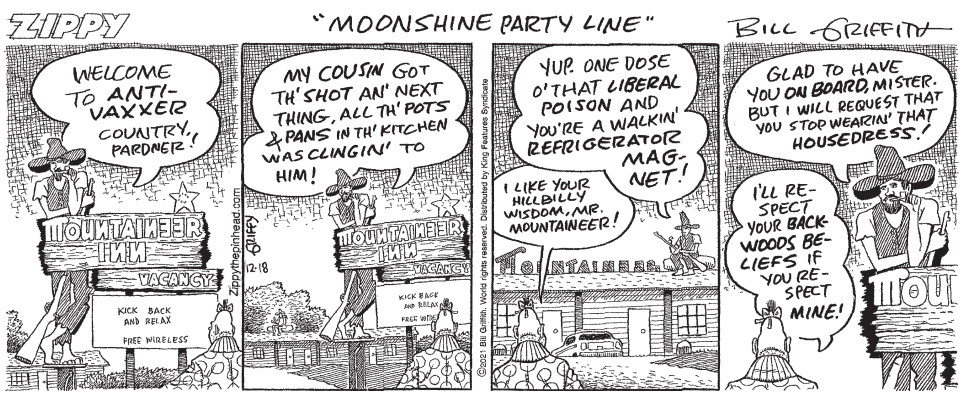

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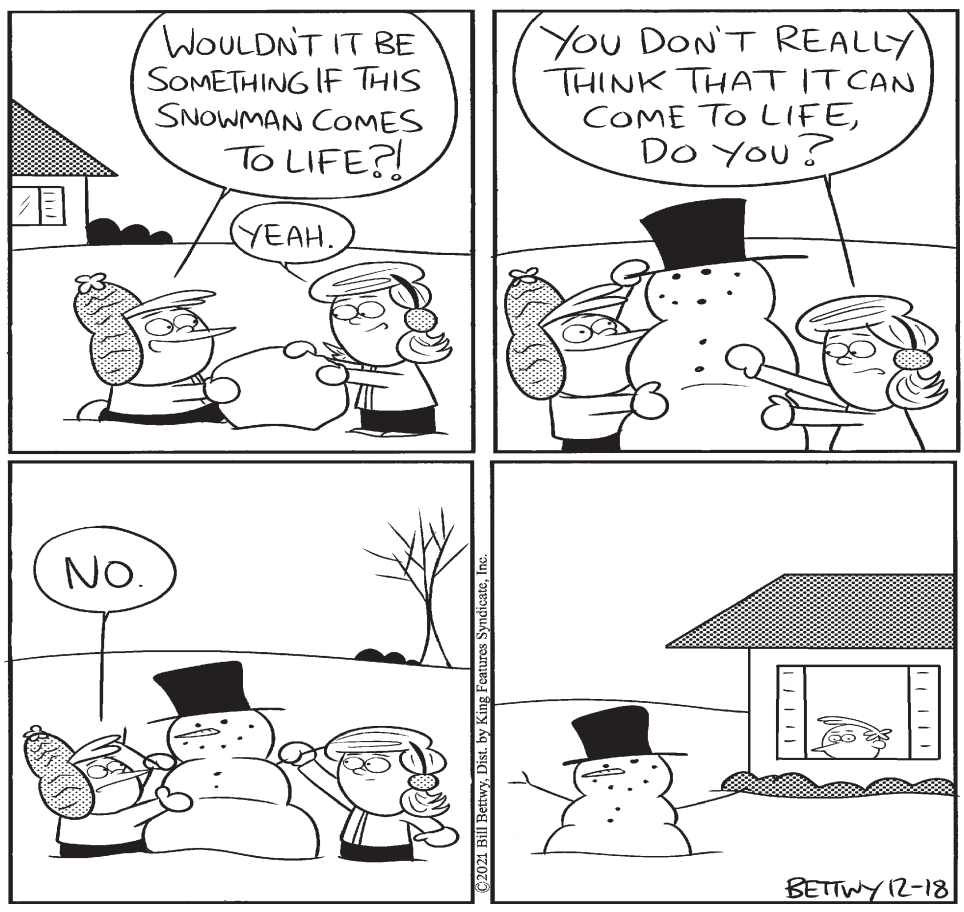

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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Solve the code to discover words related to gifting.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 14 = **P**)

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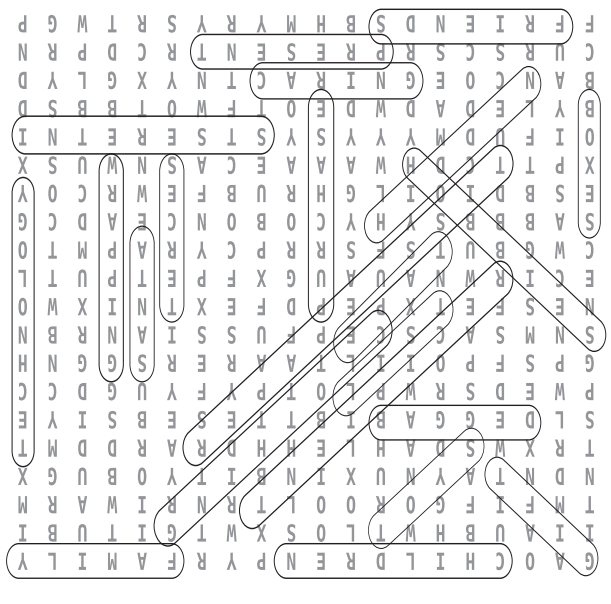
Clue: Outer covering

B. **18 6 10 6 11 14 24**
Clue: Proof of purchase

C. **18 11 7 7 2 21**
Clue: Strip of fabric

D. **14 9 18 10 22 23 17 6**
Clue: Acquire something

Answers: A. wrapping B. receipt C. ribbon D. purchase



Bologna sandwich, hold the peanut butter

Rock House Deli serves sandwiches with 'local flare'

By ZOË HAGGARD
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Rock House Deli owners, from left, are: Brenda Wheeler, Marie Pope and Anita Wade.

Growing up, sisters Anita Wade and Marie Pope knew two types of sandwiches: ham and bologna.

"Ok, we said, I guess we'd better go with some modern stuff," Pope said with a laugh. They've done that and a little more with their sandwich shop The Rock House Deli.

Located at 401 Blackman Blvd. in Wartrace, the building has been a couple things: a home, a hair salon, a boutique, and now a deli, which serves up local sandwiches, salads, and meat-and-threes.

And every item has a little local flare to it ~~li~~ke the "Cascade Cruiser" or the "Strollin' Jim Italian-tyle Panini" or the "Chockley Tavern BBQ Chicken Sandwich."

"But...Mr. Rickey still comes in and gets bologna sandwiches all the time, so we do have some that still want the old," said Pope.

It's a great lunch, they advise, to take when going fishing, which many do on their way to Coy Gaither Bedford Lake.

And if you want that fried, come on Fridays. They're "fry-days," note the owners.

Since everything is made-to-order, they have gotten some weird requests—like peanut butter on bologna or fried bologna on a Philly cheesesteak.

When you're hungry, you'll eat 'most anything. And the majority of the deli's customers are just that ~~h~~ungry farmers or construction workers coming in for their early morning lunch.

"I'd always wanted a deli, but I didn't know how to do that," said Brenda Wheeler, the head cook at the deli.

The Michigan-native said she learned to cook from her mom and grandma, who owned a country store there. Coming down to Nashville to pursue music in 1997, Wheeler and her husband settled in Wartrace to meet their country-living lifestyles.

Wheeler's husband manages the Wartrace Music Fest, so she met the sisters about two years ago through the Wartrace Chamber of Commerce.

One day, driving by The Rock House, Wheeler asked just under her breath, "Lord, let me have a little deli." Two days later, she gets a call from Pope, who, knowing Wheeler's cooking skills, asked if she wanted to open a sandwich shop.

She said absolutely. And after making plans around the beginning of April, the deli was open by April 28.

Deli hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Since Wartrace's two other restaurants are open during the evening, they chose to open the deli during the day to offer a lunch place to residents and visitors.

"We knew that we wanted to make it comfortable—like you're coming to your grandma or mom's house," said Wheeler.

And even when the lunch crowd starts streaming in around 11:30 a.m., and she's making dozen of sandwiches, there's a certain satisfaction in the work.

"I love cooking for people, and giving them... Makes me happy because they let me dote on them."

For daily specials visit their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/rockhousedeli/.



T-G Photos by Zoe Haggard

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Kerry Brewer makes their most popular sandwich, "The Strollin' Jim."

Free access to family planning resources

SPECIAL TO THE T-G

This opinion column was submitted by the non profit, A Step Ahead of Middle Tennessee.

During the pandemic, we've watched women step up in tremendous ways. We all know a strong woman who is putting others before herself and her own health and well-being.

We see this too often, especially when it comes to reproductive health. Access to medically-accurate information and effective forms of free contraceptive care is essential for women living in middle Tennessee. Healthy women equal healthy children and healthy families. During this time of rebuilding from natural disasters and COVID-induced setbacks, it is more important than ever that every woman, regardless of her income level, insurance coverage, or employment status, has an opportunity to access costly but highly effective birth control known as LARC (long-acting, reversible contraception.)

LARC methods are over 99% effective and can help prevent unplanned pregnancies for 3-10 years. Tennessee ranks 41st in the nation for LARC usage, with just 7% of the reproductive population using this method (Guttmacher Institute).

If a woman decides this is the best contraception option for her, all barriers should be removed to make this option a reality. When provided with free family planning resources, a woman is given the ability to make healthy decisions and plans for herself and her family. This could mean a woman earns a high school diploma, completes a college degree, secures stable employment, or increases family stability before starting or adding to a family.

Free LARC can make the difference between financial success and poverty for many women and their children. There is a significant financial burden to the public from unintended pregnancies, and taxpayers save money by investing in family planning resources. For example, Tennessee saved $131 million in 2015 due to a decline in the teen birth rate (Power to Decide, 2021). Those who experience an unintended pregnancy often do not receive the level of prenatal care necessary for the best birth outcomes.

Children of teen moms are more frequently born at a low birth weight and spend more time in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU. Babies born with neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS), a continuing problem in Tennessee due to the opioid crisis, often spend weeks in the NICU.

Children born of unplanned pregnancies often encounter significantly higher Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's,) impacting long-term infant and child welfare (Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 2017). The cost of much of this care is paid for by Tennessee's publicly funded Medicaid program, TennCare.

Funded in partnership with the Tennessee Department of Human Services and others, A Step Ahead of Middle Tennessee is working to strengthen families and the communities they live in by removing barriers for anyone reproductive age seeking access to contraceptive care in Davidson and the 17 surrounding counties.

A Step Ahead covers all LARC-related costs that clients would otherwise incur when they visit a partner clinic. Of the clients served by A Step Ahead, more than 4 out of 5 do not have health insurance, nearly all live at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, and more than half have less than a high school education.

When more teens and women are connected to free LARC services, economic security is increased, educational success is ensured, and family stability is improved, creating a pathway to prosperity for families in the middle Tennessee community.

Co-Authors:Jacqueline B. Dixon, Esq.,, is board president of A Step Ahead of Middle Tennessee and Revida Rahman, MBA, is vice president.

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This is a full-time position with an hourly rate of $19.54. The City provides a comprehensive benefits package.
Applications and a complete job description may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City website: www.shelbyvilletn.org. Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 Spring Street or emailed to: stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.
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Stacey Claxton
Human Resources Generalist
(Dec. 14, 16, 18,21)

PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Shelbyville is accepting applications for the part-time position of Wellness Coordinator at the Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Center. Must enjoy working with the public. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED equivalent.
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Work schedule is MONDAY – THURSDAY, 6am – 4:30pm.
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Public Notice

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated August 28, 2014, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded September 4, 2014, in Book No. TD821, at Page 800 and re-recorded on January 15, 2015, in Book No. TD828, at Page 381, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Bedford County, Tennessee, executed by Christopher Gunsell, conveying certain property therein described to William L Yoder as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Southern Community Bank, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A..
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., will, on January 11, 2022 on or about 11:00 AM, at the Bedford County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Tennessee, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Bedford County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:
LAND lying in Bedford County, State of Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: BEING all of Lot No. 163, Covered Bridge Estates Subdivision, Section XII, according to plat and survey of same appearing of record in Plat Cabinet A, Envelope 299, of the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, to which plat reference is hereby made for more complete details of location and description of said lot.
ALSO KNOWN AS: 283 Emily Lane, Bell Buckle, TN 37020
This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property:
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The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. In the event of inclement weather, the trustee hereby announces that the sale will be postponed for a period of two weeks. In such situations, notices will be mailed to interested parties of record.
DATED December 7, 2021
WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C.,
Successor Trustee
(Dec. 11, 18, 25, 2021)

PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Shelbyville will be accepting sealed bids for the following:
GYM AND POOL LOCKERS FOR SHELBYVILLE RECREATION CENTER
Documents may be picked up at City Hall, 201 N. Spring St. during normal business hours or may be found on our website at www.shelbyvilletn.org. Sealed bids must be received at the City of Shelbyville Purchasing Office, 201 N. Spring St., Shelbyville, TN by 2:00 p.m. CST on Thursday, December 30, 2021. Any submittals received after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids will be returned to the bidder unopened.
Submittals will be opened at 2:00 p.m. by council appointed bid committee on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at Shelbyville City Hall.
(Dec. 18, 21, 2021)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
INDUSTRIAL PARKS SEWER EXTENSION
BID NO. 22-29
Notice is hereby given that the Owner, Bedford County, will accept bids for the construction of the Project identified as Industrial Parks Sewer Extension.
All bids must be in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared and issued by St. John Engineering, LLC, located at 923 Jackson Street, Manchester, TN 37355.
The following is a general description of the Project:
Installation of approximately 932 linear feet of 8-inch ductile iron sanitary sewer main, approximately 711 linear feet of 8-inch PVC sanitary sewer main, 7 manholes, and completion of three (3) stream crossings in accordance with the Aquatic Resources Alteration Permit (ARAP) issued by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). Contractor shall be responsible for making himself familiar with site conditions and construction plans and specifications.
Specifications may be examined at the Dodge Room online at www.construction.com, and the office of St. John Engineering, LLC, 923 Jackson Street, Manchester, TN. Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained online at www.stjohnengineering.com/bids at no charge or at the office of St. John Engineering, LLC after 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 14, 2021 upon depositing the sum of $125 for each set of documents. No partial sets will be issued and no refund will be provided for sets that may be returned.
A "Bid Bond" or other bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid amount must accompany the submitted bid.
All bids must be returned, sealed, to the Bedford County Department of Finance no later than 2:00, Tuesday, January 4, 2022 to be opened and read to the public in accordance with the requirements of Bedford County Department of Finance. Each envelope should be plainly marked with "Bid No. 22-29 Sewer Extension". Bedford County Department of Finance reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
It is the policy of Bedford County Department of Finance to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 49 CFR, Part 21.
All bidders must be licensed contractors as required by the Contractor Licensing Act of 1976 (T.C.A. Title 62, ch. 6). No bid will be opened unless the sealed envelope containing the bid provides the following information: the contractor's license number, the date of the license's expiration, that part of the classification applying to the bid, and other information required by law. In the case of joint ventures, this information must be provided by all parties submitting the bid.
(Dec. 14, 16, 18, 2021)

SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE
ANTHONY R. STEELE is the Successor Trustee of a Deed of Trust executed on January 18, 2019, by ANTHONY L. LYNCH. The Deed of Trust appears of record in the Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee, at **Book TD923, Page 377** ("Deed of Trust"). The Successor Trustee will sell the property described in the Deed of Trust for cash at a foreclosure sale requested by the current holder of the Deed of Trust and underlying indebtedness, **First-Bank**. Pursuant to T.C.A. §47-9-604 this sale shall also include the affixed manufactured home described in the Deed of Trust as one (1) 2011 Southern Estates Manufactured Home bearing Serial Number SOUOO6094AL.
Sale Date and Location: January 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the entrance door of the Courthouse in Shelbyville, Bedford County, Tennessee.
Property Description: Abbreviated description per TCA 35-5-104(a)(2) is the property referenced and described fully in the Deed of Trust and additionally at **Deed Book 203, Page 886**, and commonly known as 106 Clem Creek Road, Chapel Hill, TN 37034.
Property Address: 106 Clem Creek Road, Chapel Hill, TN 37034.
Tax Map Identification No.: 028-037.05 (However, the property description shall control in the event of any inconsistencies between the description and address or tax identification number).
Parties Interested: NONE KNOWN.
All sales of Property, both real and personal, are "AS IS" and "WHERE IS" without representation or warranty as to merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose or of any kind, except as to title and authority to convey.
The sale of the described property is subject to all matters shown on any recorded plan; any unpaid taxes, any restrictive covenants, easements, setback lines, prior liens, encumbrances, if any, and any other priority as may appear in the public records.
The right is preserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.
THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT THE DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED AS A RESULT WILL BE USED FOR THAT EXPRESS PURPOSE ONLY. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
This the 10th day of December, 2021.
Anthony R. Steele, Successor Trustee
Winchester, Sellers, Foster & Steele, P.C.
P. O. Box 2428
Knoxville, TN 37901
(865) 637-1980
(Dec. 18, 25, 2021)
(January 1, 2022)

The Shelbyville Municipal Planning Commission will meet on 12/22/2021 in a Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Shelbyville Recreation Center, Meeting Room B, 220 Tulip Tree Road. Call City Hall with questions 931-684-9001. Agenda: 1. Call to Order; 2. Roll Call; 3. Approval of Agenda; 4. Approval of Minutes from PC Meetings of November 17 and November 29, 2021; 5. New Business: A. Consideration of Preliminary Plat for Global Manor Subdivision, Phase 9;
B. Consideration of Preliminary Plat for Stones Throw Subdivision, Phase 4; C. Consideration of a Concept Plat for Ridgelawn Subdivision; D. Consideration of a rezoning application for a property on the west side of Green Lane near Archery Lane; 6. Approval of 2021 training hours for PC members; 7. Election of Chairperson; 8. Election of Vice-Chairperson; 9. Reports from Staff: A. Administratively reviewed projects; B. Updates about the Comprehensive Plan; 10. Adjourn.
(Dec. 18, 2021)

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Doug Dezotell

Musings and Memories

Light a Candle

Christmas Eve is a special time for my family and for my church family at Cannon United Methodist.

But last year we had to cut back on special celebrations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In previous years my family and I would gather with the congregation of Cannon for a Candlelight Communion Service in the dimly lit, but beautifully decorated, sanctuary to honor the birth of the Christ Child.

We will be gathering once again this Christmas Eve for this special celebration at 6 p.m. and we want to invite anyone and everyone to join us to honor that Special Someone.

I want to invite you.

We celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with songs of praise and with prayers to the One who came to give His life for all mankind.

We share in Holy Communion together to commemorate His sacrifice, and then we each light a candle to remind ourselves that Jesus is the Light of the World.

The Apostle John wrote in his Gospel, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."

John was talking about Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us; the One we honor, worship, and celebrate at this time of the year.

I encourage all of us to honor, worship, and celebrate The Word, Emmanuel, The Light of Men, all the year through…day in and day out.

In John 8:12, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

On Christmas Eve, as we leave the sanctuary that night, we will be reminded to carry that Light into the world in which we live… to carry the Light of Christ in our hearts, and to let it shine on others.

In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus told His followers, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works

See **Doug**, Page 3B



Thomas Photos by Leandra Habel

Thomas Magnet students present "Frozen"

By DAWN HANKINS
dhankins@t-g.com

Thomas Magnet recently conducted a "Winter Fest," featuring a chili supper and silent auction.

A meet-and-greet was also held with "Ice Spirit Queen" and "Olaf." A sing-a-long and dancing followed with the "Ice Spirit Queen."

The Thomas Drama Club presented Disney's "Frozen" before a large crowd. The students, dressed in full costume, reportedly did an excellent job and sang their young hearts out.





Mark McGee

My Take

Christmas trees

Based on where you look it up the German phrase "O Tannenbaum" it can mean "fir tree", "pine tree" or simply "Christmas tree".

After searching for a real Christmas tree this season I am convinced, like a comedian I heard a few years ago, that "O Tannenbaum" is actually a profane phrase reserved for Christmas time.

Some say it was a blight in North Carolina. Some point to global warming. Some claim financial issues prompted some farmers not to plant trees. Others blame supply chain issues.

I admit is started looking for a tree a little later than usual, so maybe some of the blame is mine. Nevertheless, with Christmas producing enough stress already, searching endlessly for a tree didn't need to be added to pressure cooker.

I first checked with the business here in Shelbyville where I bought a very nice tree last year. There were no trees there, period, no matter what time of the season I had decided to shop.

"O Tannenbaum!"

Next, I returned to a Christmas tree farm outside the county where I had bought several great trees in the past. They ran out of trees and then received a new shipment, but no trees remaining were taller than six feet. I like an eight-foot tree that almost touches my living room ceiling, so a six-footer was not going to work.

It didn't matter though. A note on their website stated those trees were quickly scooped up before I could have driven there.

"O Tannenbaum!"

In desperation, I called a business in an adjoining county whose website promised all types of trees and all sizes. I called to see what the inventory was and after a clerk went to check, always a bad sign, I was told they had four or five left at $15 apiece.

I really didn't want to envision what a $15 tree might look like. Call me a Christmas tree snob...

"O Tannenbaum!"

I was ready to do something really out of character for me. I started looking at artificial trees. In my parents' home and in my home for 64 years there has never been an artificial tree with presents around it.

The prices of live or cut trees have been spiraling high enough in past years, but I was not prepared for the sticker shock of what a nice artificial tree would cost.

"O Tannenbaum!"

Feeling a little like the cartoon character Charlie

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Youth support local soup kitchen

By DAWN HANKINS
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When Kay Bartley spoke to the Breakfast Rotary recently, she emphasized: whose blessings are greater—the giver or the receiver?

Bartley notes that this question is constantly at the surface as work with Community Soup Kitchen is undertaken.

"In the past several weeks, these blessings have been particularly evident as those who regularly work with Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen have had the privilege of watching young people interact with and aid at-risk individuals in our community. Nothing quite comes as close to perfection as having adults and youth team up together with a common goal of selflessly helping others."

Gratefully, the soup kitchen has been the recipient of many items donated by the community, which are then passed along to those in need. Kids are also a huge part of that, according to volunteer Bartley.

"Last year, Shelbyville Central Student Council donated its Great Canned Food Drive non-perishable foods and toiletries to soup kitchen. These items continue to be distributed to help with supplemental feeding for individuals and families.

"As we move toward the Christmas holidays, with these items dwindling, Community Middle School Student Council and friends at McGrew & Main recently collected and donated canned foods which have been packed into holiday giving boxes for soup kitchen families."

Recognizing that cans can be tricky for a homeless population to utilize, Bedford County's 4-H Honor Club collected and donated can openers to alleviate that problem. With two weekly meals now being served to soup kitchen guests (Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings) it requires many willing hands in service.

Bartley is confident when she says, "Never fear, as long as Bedford County youth are near!"

Almost from its inception, young people have been an integral part of soup kitchen, Bartley adds. Many individuals, church youth groups, club members and others have offered themselves in a myriad of ways. Kids have helped organize clothing in blazing-hot conditions, helped with a recent fundraiser mule show, helped cook and serve meals, provided Christmas and Halloween treats, and the list continues.

In October and November alone, SCHS Future Farmers of America loaded, transported and served 180 meals on a Tuesday night, following closely on the heels of energetic and excited groups of adults and youth from Normandy First Baptist and First United Methodist Churches, who also cooked and served evening meals.

During the fall, and exciting new project surfaced which is combining youth and adults learning new skills as they work together toward making durable sleeping mats for the homeless. The idea was born in Fleece on the Duck Fiber Guild and is readily growing avid apprentices throughout the county. The mats are made of disposable plastic shopping bags that are generally discarded or recycled. It takes from 500-700 bags and approximately 40-60 hours to make one mat.

"When the fiber guild ladies decided they would work on this project, it became evident that having others help to cut the bags and create what they term plarn to use in crocheting the mats, would be more than helpful. Enter youth, again!"

SCHS National Honor Society and 4-H Honor Club jumped in to help cut and ready the "plarn," with some youth even wishing to learn to crochet the mats. Fast-forward to Oct. 12, when the first sleeping mat was given to a homeless man during soup kitchen.

Bartley recalls, "This man's gratitude, as he accepted it with tears brimming from his eyes and thankfulness on his tongue, harks back to the question—whose blessings are greater, the giver or the receiver? The faithful and continued support of this community, both youth and adults, enables soup kitchen to help families who struggle with the uncertainty of where their next meal will come from or where they will find to rest for the night. As we move deeply into the cold season, caring for the homeless and vulnerable can become an even greater challenge. If we love our neighbors as ourselves and give in whatever ways we can, together we will continue to be a community that proves its generosity and compassion to those who need it most."

Any donations to help with the mission of SCSK may be sent to: Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen 122 Public Square, North Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160. Call 684-2535 for more information.

Make-ahead meals for tasty holiday dinners

Individuals may be presented with plenty of opportunities to cook for a crowd over the course of a typical year. But no time of year is more synonymous with large sit-down meals than the holiday season.

Certain foods, such as pasta dishes and casseroles, are ideal dishes to cook for crowds. However, for those home cooks who want to prepare in advance and then enjoy themselves on the actual holiday, it may be best to choose foods that taste better the day after the dish has been cooked. Many recipes develop deeper flavor profiles after they have been left to rest and are then reheated. Holiday hosts can explore these ideas for meals that can be cooked in advance and taste even better when reheated after a day in the refrigerator.

Subhead Stew

A stew that's been simmering on the stove or in the slow cooker all day will have a winning flavor. But stew can be even more delicious the next day. The starch in the potatoes will enable the sauce of the stew — whether it's tomato-based or comprised of a mix of brown gravy and meat drippings — to thicken. The meat may continue to cook and tenderize while reheating. As a one-pot meal, stew is simple to prepare in advance and then serve in an attractive crock for the holidays.

Meatloaf

The herbs and spices in a meat loaf continue to release their flavors, and letting the loaf sit can improve the texture and the ability to slice it without it falling apart. Consider pan-frying individual slices of meatloaf until they're browned so they'll be crisp on the outside and tender in the middle.

Lasagna

Lasagna is a layered pasta dish featuring flat noodle sheets, cheese, sauce, and sometimes meat like ground beef or sausage. Lasagnas that are served right out of the oven can be runny even if they taste scrumptious. Baking it and letting it sit overnight allows all of the layers to gel together, making for a much more cohesive and fortified dish the following day.

Curries

Curries are typically made with many spices that help to make the dish flavorful. A curry that is freshly made may feature intense flavor because each of its components can be tasted individually. After a night of resting in the refrigerator, those flavors meld and mellow. Furthermore, if potatoes are used in the recipe, a night in the fridge gives the potatoes an opportunity to absorb the spices, making for an even tastier meal.

Note: Many meals can be made ahead of time for holiday dinners and will taste even better when they are served the following day.

How is your self-image this Christmas?



Danny Tyree
Tyrades

I distinctly remember what I ate for supper on Christmas Eve 50 years ago.

Not the entrée perhaps, but certainly the vegetable.

My mother served stewed potatoes ("potato slopters," as she dubbed them).

I remember the potatoes because I was passionately reading my newly purchased 25-cent comic book ("Justice League of America" Vol. 1 #96, featuring the JLA versus Starbreaker the Cosmic Vampire) at the dining room table and splashed the food all over it.

That damaged comic book still has a place of honor in my old bedroom. And it serves as a metaphor for the extreme ways some people regard themselves in relation to the one who is the Reason for the Season.

Back in 1971 I could've had a perfectionist meltdown and discarded the comic book as a soiled, worthless piece of garbage.

I recognized that I had defaced the periodical, but I nonetheless saw the enduring non-monetary worth of it. It remained perfectly readable. It retains sentimental value. And its continued existence means it can be passed on to future generations.

What does that have to do with self-image? Well, many people feel particularly useless, helpless and unloved at this time of year. Whether it's because of family reputation, poverty, chronic illness, an ugly divorce, substance abuse or some other calamity, some folks view themselves as irredeemable – permanently stained and hopeless. They see their only alternatives as either more self-pity or a "George Bailey" suicide attempt.

Christians have an obligation to remind these people that God has always utilized flawed individuals to accomplish great tasks and that Jesus felt compassion for the poor, afflicted and outcast. He dined with tax collectors and sinners. Instead of memorizing sad songs, those with low self-esteem should restore their dignity by memorizing John 3:16.

On the other hand, for the past five decades I could have lied to myself about my comic book. I could try to bluff and bully a collector into accepting it as in "mint" condition, but my delusions would not change reality.

That's my way of leading into this indisputable truth: some people have an inflated view of their value to God and man. "Humility" and "reverence" are not in their lexicon. They consider themselves to be self-sufficient, entitled and answerable to no man or deity.

If they stumble upon Jesus amidst the snowmen and candy canes, they pigeonhole Him as (a) a myth, (b) a good teacher but nothing else or (c) "okay, maybe the Son of God, but I've got a lot of wild oats to sow before I'll have time to settle down and follow Him."

I don't find the phrase "Cruisin' for a bruisin'" in the Bible, but the sentiment fits such people.

Certainly, I pray for world peace this Christmas. I pray for health and happiness for friends and family. But I also pray that those on the extremes of self-image will learn some moderation.

Neither arrogance nor despair are in the best interests of mankind.

Life is a balancing act. I take it by faith that humans are made in the image of God. But imperfections, interdependence and responsibility must all be considered.

Surprisingly few of life's problems can be solved with a "POW!," "BAM!" or "ZAP!"

Ah, but by developing a realistic assessment of your potential and your obligations, you can move mountains.

Go tell it on the mountain.

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









Doug

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and glorify your Father in Heaven."

Our Candlelight Communion Service is a holy family tradition, and we would love to have you join us to celebrate the Light of Christ. Feel free to bring your family and friends.

We welcome everyone.

We start our worship service at 6 p.m. and we try to close the festivities before 7 so you can get home to continue your Christmas celebrations with your family and friends.

Cannon United Methodist Church is located at 1001 So. Cannon Blvd. in Shelbyville. We are next door to Southside Elementary School.

My prayer for you, your family, and your circle of friends at this time of the year is this:

May the Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, bless you and keep you.

May the Giver of Life, Emmanuel, God with us, make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

May the Word who was in the beginning with God…the One called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

Amen, amen and amen.

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Mark

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Brown I was ready to take any cut tree I could find. As he said in "A Charlie Brown Christmas", "This little tree needs me". After a couple of days of futility, those $15 trees were looking more attractive.

However, this week there was a Christmas miracle. While looking at those dreaded and obscenely expensive artificial trees I ventured in the garden center and low and behold, there were several fresh cut trees.

I found a seven-foot one, still a little shorter than I wanted. It isn't as fat as tree as I would like. It isn't perfect, but it will do.

"O Tannenbaum!"

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

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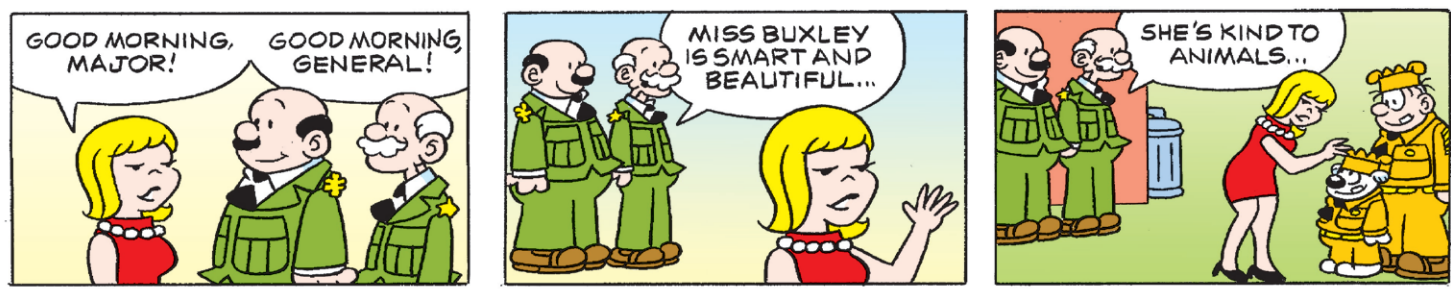

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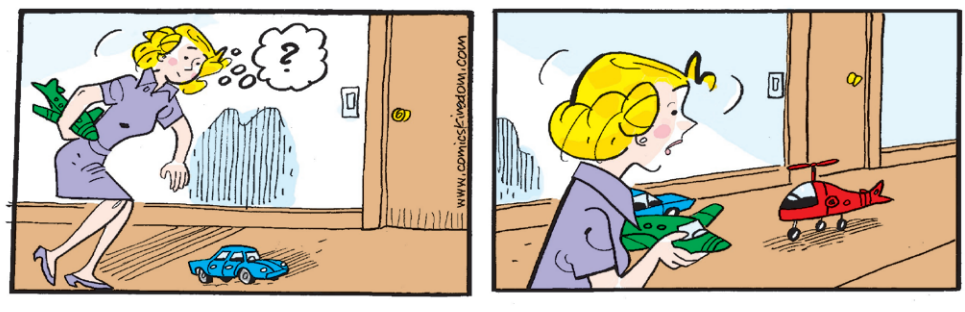

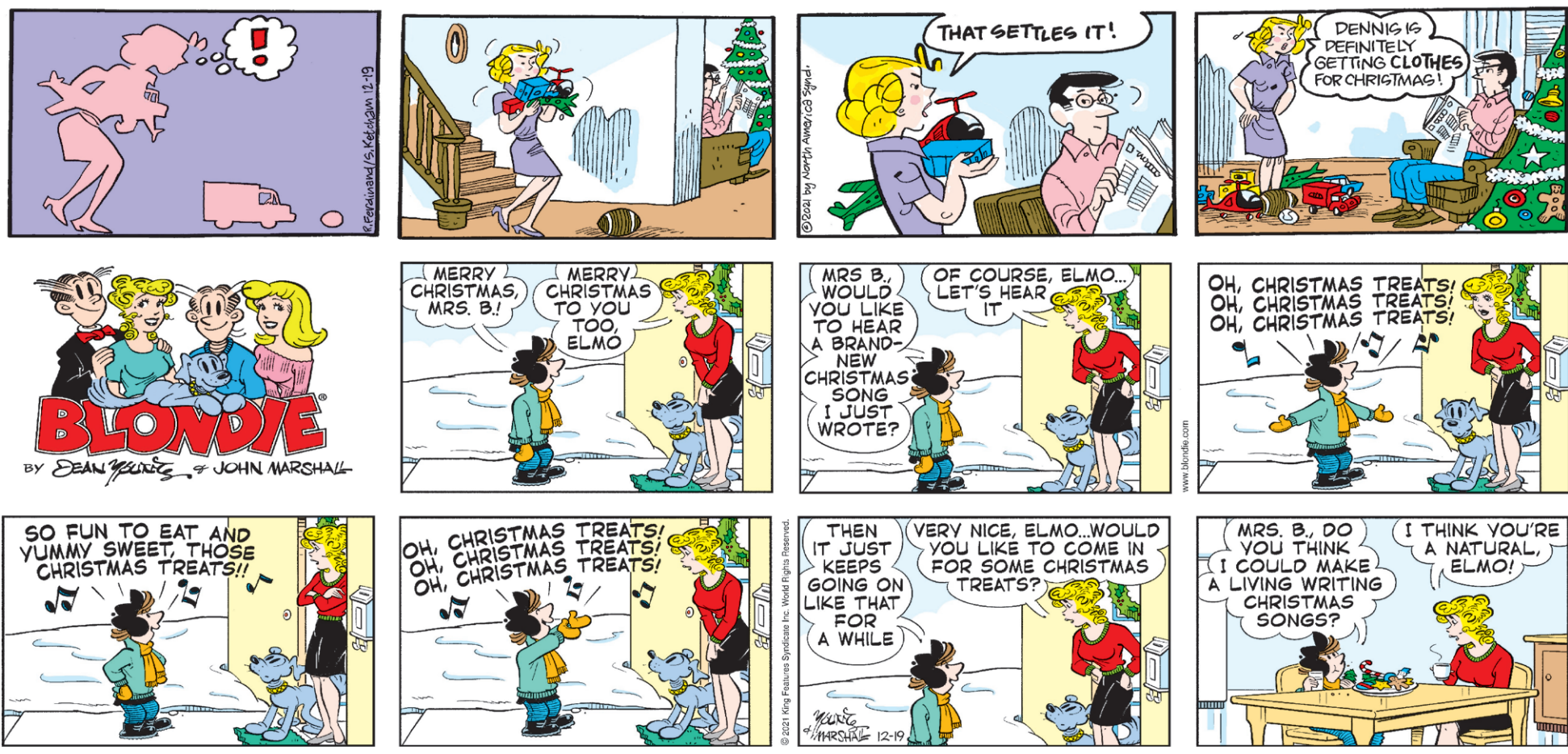

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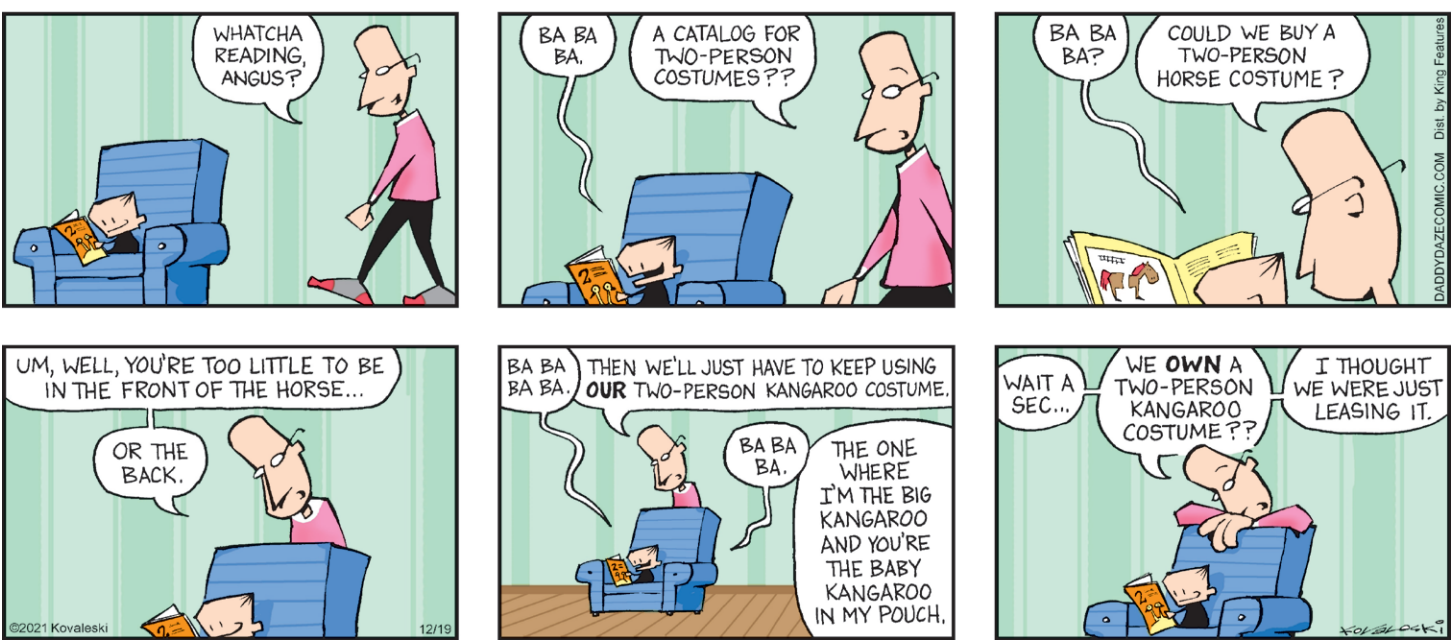

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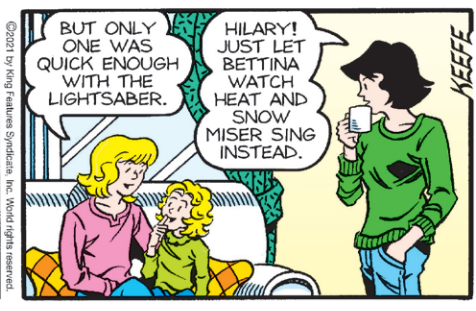

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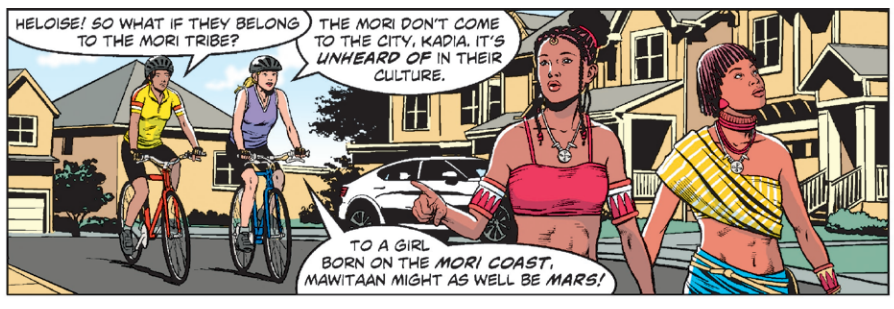

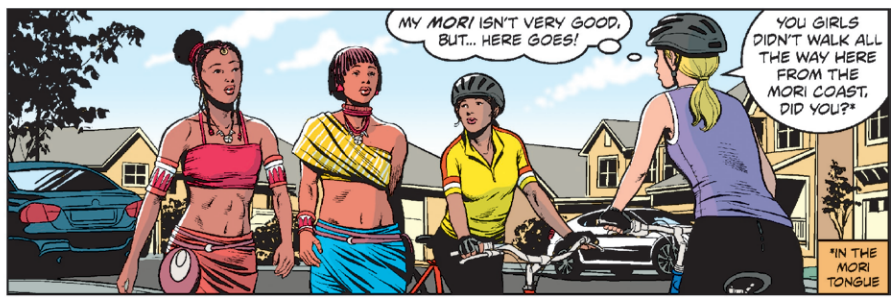

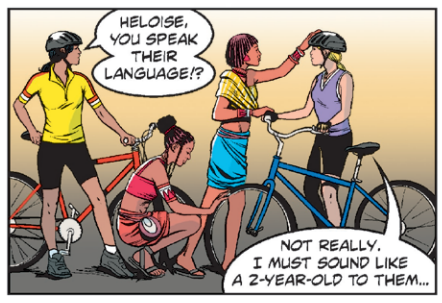

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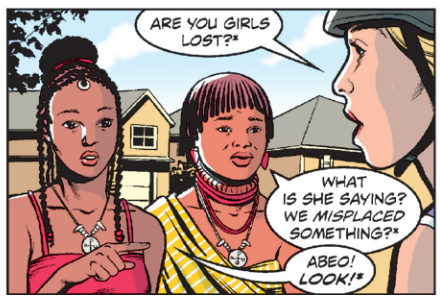

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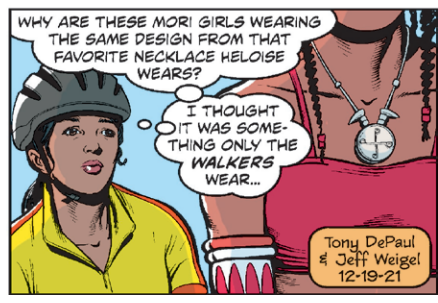

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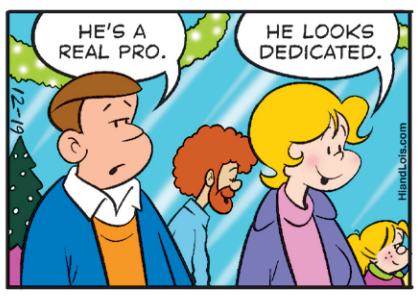





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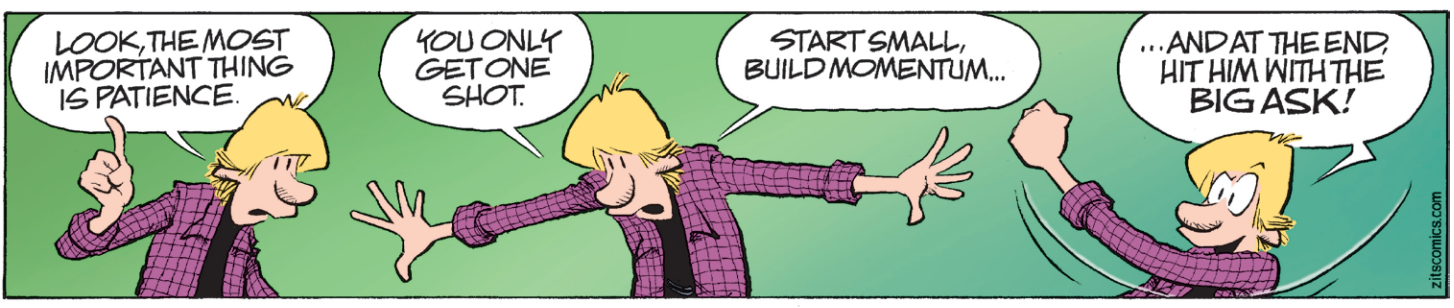

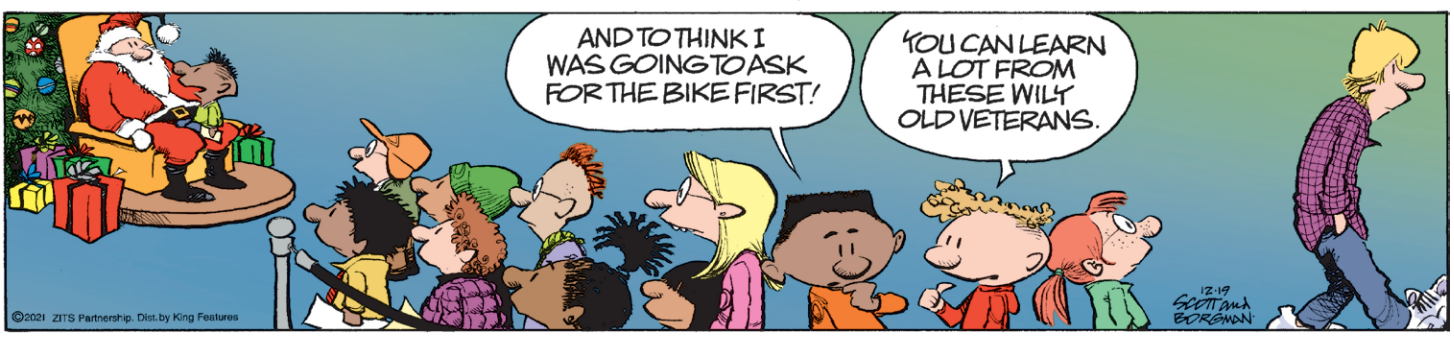

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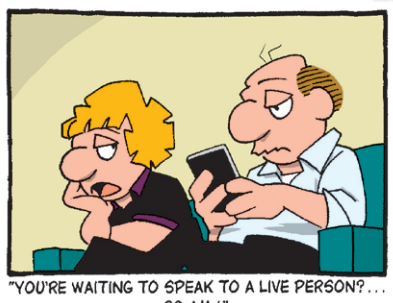

"YOU'RE WAITING TO SPEAK TO A LIVE PERSON?... SO AM I."



"AND WHAT DID THIS 'NICE MAN' WHO OFFERED YOU HIS FREE TICKET LOOK LIKE?"



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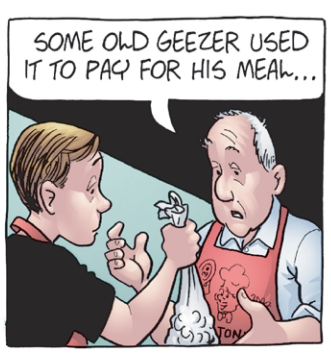
by Tom Batiuk









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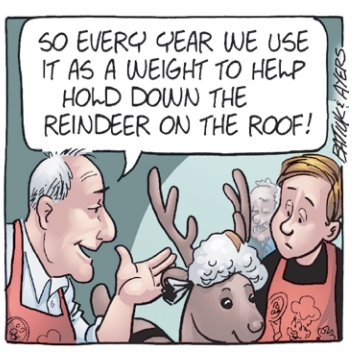
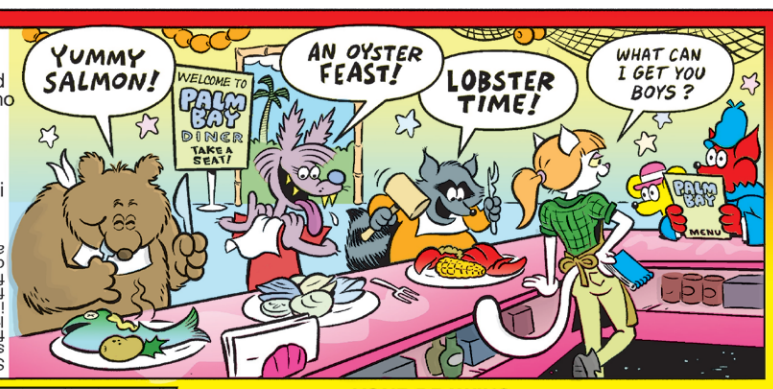


Slylock Fox and Comics for Kids

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Slylock Fox received a tip that Cassandra Cat stole pearls and served them to a customer who will deliver them to an illegal gem racket. Slylock will follow the customer who would have the strongest alibi if caught with pearls. Who will he follow?

Solution -- The wolf was served oysters. Pearls are formed inside these mollusks. If caught, the wolf would insist he was just lucky to find them in his meal. Slylock followed the wolf and convinced him to confess and give up Cassandra Cat.



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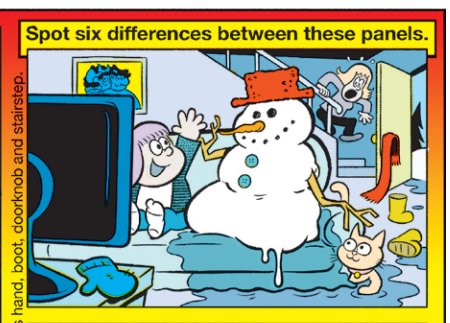

Answer -- Mitten, banister, snowman's hand, boot, doorknob and stairstep.

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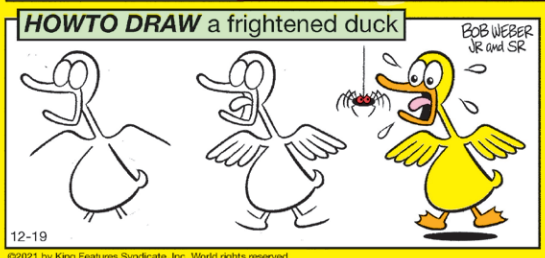

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YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Harper, age 9



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The scrambled words are sea creatures. How many can you unscramble?

1) SOTUCOP
2) LAWEH
3) GYTNRISA
4) RAESHESO

Answer -- 1) Octopus 2) Whale 3) Stingray 4) Seahorse

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"THE SECRET IS TO ALWAYS LEAVE ONE COOKIE IN THE JAR FOR SEED."



"LORETTA KNOWS WHEN I'M SLEEPING... SHE KNOWS WHEN I'M AWAKE."

A Christmas tree in every room

The Baums host SWC

STAFF REPORT

This is the second story of four on the recent Shelbyville Woman's Club Christmas Tour of Homes.

With the help of local interior designer, Calvin Cannon, Shelbyville Woman's Club members enjoyed seeing a Christmas tree in each room at the home of Jacob and Brittany Baum on Jennings Lane.

From plaid to sparkles, all the festive elements were rolled out for SWC members.

The Baums say they love to entertain, so when a visitor enters their home, they are greeted by a cheerful foyer they've dubbed the "main Christmas room."

You may also find a few Disney-themed items throughout their home. Their love of Disney is something they've had in common since they first met nearly 10 years ago.

The Baums say out of tradition, they also love to decorate—something they want to keep up for their 3-year-old son, Bentlee.

Jacob works with an animal shelter in Murfreesboro. For fun, Brittany dances with the Mid-State Cloggers of Shelbyville.

Of course, they're always busy, keeping up with their toddler.

Several SWC members joined the tour on Dec. 8, following a Christmas lunch at Riverbend Country Club. They were very grateful to the Baums for taking the time to host the traditional event.

"It was just spectacular," said one SWC member, as she gazed at the festively decorated white fireplace—a place of course where three Christmas stockings were hung, by the Baums, "with care, in hopes that Saint Nicholas would soon be there."















T-G Photos by by Zoe Haggard

SANTA ENJOYS LOCAL TREATS





Submitted Photos

Santa was taking advantage of all the food trucks recently, including Mooville Cookies and Cream at the Santa Fly-In at Shelbyville Municipal Airport. It's reported he enjoyed a Snickerdoodle laden with eggnog ice cream there. At the Fruity Lemon truck, he picked out a seasonal drink.

Italian Cheesecake makes ideal holiday dessert

After a delicious holiday meal, there's a good chance guests will be looking forward to a sweet treat. Many families have their go-to desserts on special occasions, but holiday meals can be made even more memorable, and flavorful, by taking a chance on new recipes.

A decadent cheesecake is on the menu in many Italian American families, who may dive in after enjoying a bowl of fruit, fennel and chestnuts.

Italian cheesecake does not typically contain the cream cheese or graham cracker crust found in many commercial cheesecakes. Rather, Italian cheesecakes are full of citrus flavor and made with modified pie crust.

Dig into this recipe for "Torta Dolce di Ricotta" from Daniel Paterna's "Feast of the Seven Fishes: A Brooklyn Italian's Recipes Celebrating Food & Family" (Powerhouse Books).

Torta Dolce di Ricotta

Serves 10 to 12

Crust:

2 C. all-purpose flour, plus extra to dust board and pan

3⁄4 C. sugar

zest of one lemon

1⁄2 Cup unsalted butter, softened, plus extra to grease the pan

2 large eggs

Filling:

8 large eggs

3 lbs. ricotta cheese, drained of excess water

2 tsp. vanilla

1 1⁄2 C. sugar

zest of 2 oranges

juice of 1 orange

Juice of 1 lemon

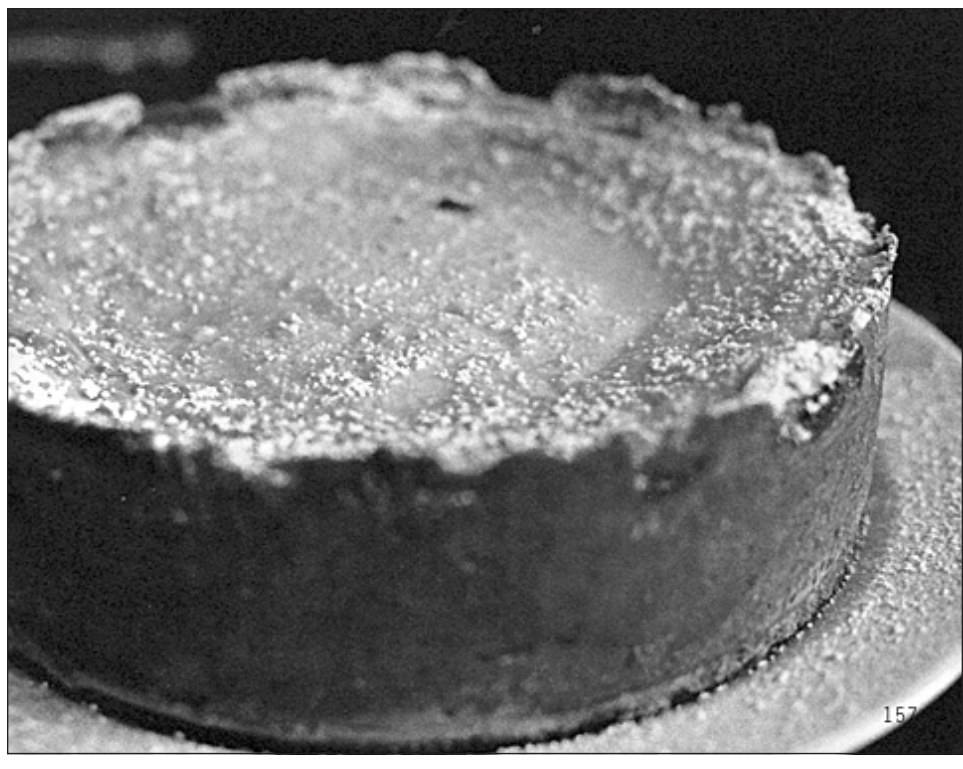
1⁄4 C. candied pear, chopped (optional)

To make the crust, place the flour, sugar, and zest on a pastry board or clean, dry, flat surface. Mix thoroughly to combine. Add the butter and work it into the dry ingredients. Gather the mixture into a round and create a well in the center. Drop eggs into the well, beat with a fork while gathering the dry mixture, then knead once the dough completely forms. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Butter and flour a 10-inch springform baking pan. Set aside.

Meanwhile, to prepare the filling, combine the eggs, ricotta cheese, vanilla, sugar, orange zest, orange juice, lemon juice, and candied pear (if using) in a large mixing bowl. Mix thoroughly and set aside.

After the 30 minutes, remove the dough from the refrigerator and place it on a large board or clean, dry, flat surface, lightly dusted with flour. Using a floured rolling pin, roll the dough out into a large circle, approximately 14 inches in diameter. Now roll the dough over the rolling pin and carefully unwind it over the baking pan, gently easing it to fit evenly in the bottom and up the sides of the pan.



Pour or spoon the filling mixture into the crust, leaving about 1⁄4 inch below the rim of the pan. Place the pan in a preheated oven and bake for 1 hour and 45 minutes, until the center is slightly firm. Cool for at least 2 hours. Author's note: I have left it unrefrigerated overnight when I have baked it the night before to save time.

Carefully run a plastic knife or rigid spatula around the sides of the pan to remove it, so that no crust is pulled away when you release the spring of the pan. Serve at room temperature.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa letters from Heather Anderson's 2nd Grade Community Elementary

Dear Santa,

Could I please have a tiny raindeer and could I have books and a baby bunny? Could I have a laptop please and a new treehouse please? Could I please have a Amarican girl doll? I would like a ponny please and a big giant bear stuffy please? And one thing is Rudolph real? If yes or no please write back yes or no. That's all.

Love, Dillon

Dear Santa,

Is Roodolf ril? How dus your randir fly? You bring all the people joy! Do you know Kate? Can I have a elf?

Love, Delylah

From...Izzy To...Santa—Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. So please can you give me a Rele Tiny Rane Dear? And all it needs is a bed for it, a tooth brush, some food, a Santa hat, and some tinsul for the Santa hat and a bath tub and that's all. By by.

Love, Izzy

Dear Santa,

I wish for a hover bord, a Loldoll, a toy pup that walks, barks and that dusz tricks. And liotion and X-mas cloes and shoes, tablet, ear buds.

Love, Ta'Maya

Dear Santa,

Is Roodrof ril yes or no? Can I have a fast mokichrul car. And wooding slaye and a wooding radieres? And awooding Santa, a bag of wooding presents ples. I wunt a fouruilur for Christmas. And I wunt sum Pokumon's. I wunt a liserd for Christmas. I wunt a fone. I wunt a big stufedbear.

Love, Tristan

Dear Santa,

I want a hello Kittey Alive doll and the ecsesery, a bathroom, a kichin and a bunk bed. And I want a Jeep, a unicorn. And I want some Christmas books.

Love, Hailey

Dear Santa,

I love you. I wut to see you. I wich togo to the library and my sissy to not lev me and my mom.

Love, Zoey K.

Dear Santa,

I wot pjs and clos and Cismiscos clos and a lego Box.

Love, Maury

Dear Santa, How is your elfs doing? My elfs move every night. I hope your raindeer are doing ok to. How is Mrs. Claws doing. Take care of your people. My elfs are doing ok. I'm trying to get my elf to eat my elf pellows. My elf was sitting next to Santa my decarason. I want only Pokemon and horses for Christmas. I love you Santa.

Love, Nevaeh

Dear Santa, How our your elves and you? I want airpod and a phone, a flip 32, new switch controls, fortnite toys, fgteev toys. Have good times. I like Chrismas and Ho, Ho, Ho, Ho.

Love, Jose To: Santa

Dear Santa, I want a Phone, Netendow and a new Ipad/cas, airpods, flip 32, acamra/felm.

Love, Haylynn

Dear Santa,

Thank you Santa because you gave me a great gift, a brother. Thank you God and Santa!

Love, Giovanni

Dear Santa,

I wish for a BarbeHouse for Chishmas. You are sweet when you smile. You can come see me. I love you.

Love, Autumn

Dear Santa,

I wonder how old are your elfs and what I want is a intindo switch. also can you write your ranedeers name on a paper. Aslo how cold is it down there. Theres one more thing I want all the fgteev books.

Love, Marcos

Dear Santa,

I am Colton. I wunt a dog and I shold my elv to tell you. I wunt a rain dear. I wunt love for my family. I wunt my dog to play with me. Love, Colton

Dear Santa,

I love you so much. How are the raindirs doing? Are the elfs doing good and are you doing good to?

Love, Zoey W.

Santa letters from Caron Lovvorn-Burr's first grade Southside Elementary

Dear Santa,

I'd like a 4-wheeler and a motorcycle. I will try to be careful. How does our elf have magic? Where is Elf today? We can't find him.

Your friend,

Joseph Crawford

Dear Santa,

I wish I had some makeup. I want a dollhouse to play with. I need a new kitchen. Can you bring snow down to Tennessee?

Your friend,

Emiree Dominguez

Dear Santa,

How do your reindeer fliye? I have a pet snake. I want it real please and I wish you a Merry Christmas. You're the best!

Your friend,

Drake Williams

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a doll house and a doll.

Your friend,

Yazleemar Velazquez

Dear Santa,

I want to go to the North Pole. I want a LEGO set. I want a toy car that I can drive.

Your friend,

Nathan Tamalavicz

Dear Santa,

Can you fly without your reindeer? When do you give out gifts? Why do you give out gifts? I wish I could see you.

Your friend,

Marley White

Dear Santa,

I want a doll and many more toys.

Your friend,

Mitzi Gaspar

Dear Santa,

How are your elves doing today? Well, I want an elf.

Your friend,

Akenzie Stanford

Dear Santa,

I want a new Pokeman card set. Please, can I have a car with a controller. I want a new TV.

Your friend,

Rayden McRoy

Dear friends,

Christmas is fun when you open your present. I get to spend time with my family. We celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Your friend,

Riley Jones

Dear Santa,

This Christmas, I want a couple of things like an XBOX and toys and cars and I want a new pillow to sleep and a new backpack for school next year and I want a Pop It to play with. I hope you can get me some of my wishes for Christmas this year. Thank you Santa for the gift.

Your friend,

Emmanuel Gaspar-Francisco

Dear Santa,

How do you get magic? I want three art kits and game JoJo toes and unicorns toes.

Your friend,

McKynzie Schneider

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Santa

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Dear Santa,
This year, I was a good girl and I want two presents. First I want a toy kitchen. Second i want a teddybear. I will save some cookies and milk for you.
Your friend,
Sofia Villereal

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I want an elf. I want an IPhone. I have been good.
Your friend,
Tyrone Craig

Dear Santa,
How are your rain deer? Can I have a Nintendo Switch? Do you live at the North Pole?
Your friend,
Zyren Williams

Dear Santa,
How is everything at the North Pole? I hope no one is sick with COVID. I have been good. For Christmas, I want a skateboard and a Nintendo Switch.
Your friend,
Nicholas Garcia

Dear Santa,
I will want a XBOX and a new T.V. and a Sonic toy and a yo-yo and 9 Stuffies and a Nerf gun and a toy do and a Pop-it and a tabet.
Your friend,
Liam York

Dear Santa,
I want some race cars and a remote control car. How old are your reindeers. I have been good sometimes. My brother just makes me angry!
Your friend,
Daniel Gaspar

Dear Santa,
Can I have a toy car that drives please?
Your friend,
Steve Velazquez



"MAKING LIFE BETTER"

Santa, a.k.a., Tyler Adams Bowman, teacher, recently greeted students at Cascade High School. He also serves as children's pastor at Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church.

Submitted Photo



'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'

Maya Angelou

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