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Win gas!

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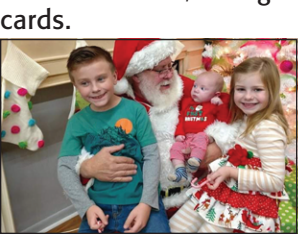

It's Santa!

Santa Claus took time to talk to the T-G. See what he had to say on Page 10A.

T-G office

The T-G office will be closed today and next Friday so employees may spend Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve with their families.

A PRIZE WINNING NEWSPAPER

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GOD WITH US



Submitted Photos

Normandy churches recently presented a live Nativity program for the community. Pastors from the Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches presented the Christmas message and scripture. See more photos on Pg. 5.

Christmas Church Services

T-G STAFF REPORT

On Friday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m., **First United Methodist Church**, 122 Public Square North, will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. The Rev. Paul H. Mullikin will offer a message called "The Choice of Christmas" using Luke 2:1-20 as his text. All are welcome! This service will also be live-streamed on the church's Facebook page.

Christmas Sunday, Dec. 26, during the 10 a.m. worship service, they will also have a Blessing of the Toys. Each child is invited to bring their favorite new non-noisy, non-violent toy to be blessed. This will be an informal service of favorite carols and a delightful Christmas story. In addition to being in-person at The Church on the Square, this service will be live-streamed on the Facebook page and broadcast on WLIJ radio.

New Hope Chapel, 295 New Hope Road, will hold its annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24.

First Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Brittain St., will have its Christmas Eve Service with Communion at 5:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24.

Cannon United Methodist Church, 1001 S

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Murder case to grand jury Jan. 20

By TERENCE CORRIGAN
Special to the T-G

On Monday this week, Briana Stipe described in horrific detail the June 19, 2020 murder of her friend and roommate Adrienne Cox, 30, in their apartment on Neeley Avenue in Shelbyville.

Stipe, 24, was the state's only witness in the preliminary hearing in the first-degree murder case against Steven Lokey, 31. Lokey was living at the apartment where the murder took place.

Lokey is also charged with several lesser offenses including theft of a 2005 black Chevrolet Tahoe used to evade capture by law enforcement and for attempting to bring methamphetamine into jail on July 27, 2020.

Preliminary hearings are conducted in General Sessions court to determine if the state has sufficient evidence to take the case to a grand jury. If the grand jury then determines that the charges are warranted — issuing a true bill — the case goes to trial in Circuit Court. The case against Lokey will go before Bedford County's grand jury on Jan. 20 and will likely be arraigned that same day.

Cox was strangled with an electrical cord, stabbed twice, once in the head and once In the left side of her chest and sustained blunt force injuries to the head.

Stipe said she sat frozen in fear on a bed as her then-boyfriend, Lokey, strangled and stabbed Cox first while they struggled on the bed and then during the struggle they fell to the floor. Stipe said she feared for life as Lokey had threatened to kill her and Cox.

When questioned by Lokey's

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Steven Lokey

Merry Christmas to All



T-G Employees, front row, left to right, Dawn Hankins, Diandra Womble and Morris Winfrey, second row: Megan Kipker, David Melson, Adria Sharp, Yolanda Flick, Lindsey Parker, Zoe´ Haggard, Sherri Frame, Carol Spray and Mary Cook, back row, Will Ferguson.

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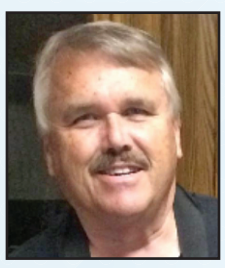

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DEATH NOTICES

Lillie Seawillow Farley

December 19, 2021



Lillie Seawillow Farley, 81, of Shelbyville died Sunday, December 19, 2021 at Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 22 at Gowen-Smith Chapel with Sister Charlene Brogden officiating. Burial followed at Willow Mount Cemetery.

OBITUARIES

Addison Margaret Noblitt

December 21, 2021



Addison Margaret Noblitt, 14 of Shelbyville passed suddenly from this life Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital.

Born October 5, 2007 in Fayetteville, TN Addison was the daughter of Brian Curtis Noblitt and Lindsay Hornaday Noblitt. She was preceded in death by: grandfather, William B. Hornaday; and grandmother, Margaret Collins Noblitt.

Addison was in the 8th grade at Harris Middle School and was a member of First Baptist Church of Shelbyville. She enjoyed arts & crafts, traveling, shopping, visiting science museums, and she especially liked anything by Elvis Presley.

Along with her parents she is survived by: grandparents, Judy Hornaday Brady (Herbert B., Jr.) of Shelbyville, Harold Ray Noblitt (Helen) of Decatur, AL; great grandmother, Dorothy Dean Lang of Wills Point, TX; uncles, Jacob Thomas Hornaday (Emory) of Redding, CA, and Bruce Noblitt of Huntsville, AL; great aunt, Sylvia Faye Autrey of Wills Point, TX; along with several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at First Baptist Church of Shelbyville with Pastor Jeff Rasnick officiating.

Visitation will be held prior to funeral service starting at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, at the church.

Memorial Donations may be made in her name to First Baptist Church, 304 East Depot St., Shelbyville, TN. 37160

Case

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court-appointed defense attorney Robert Marlow, as to why she did nothing to try and stop the murder — like screaming for help or breaking a window to escape — Stipe replied that Lokey "told me if I interfered, Chris (Gunsell) would slit my throat."

Chris Gunsell is also known by his nickname, Diego, Stipe said. He is charged with criminal responsibility for first degree murder.

According to Stipe, Lokey called Gunsell, of Emily Lane in Bell Buckle, to the apartment that night as the incident evolved. According to Stipe, Lokey said to Gunsell on the phone "I'm going to need some help burying some bodies."

The first round of violence that night started when Lokey and Cox got into a fight over a clogged hypodermic needle, Stipe said. Stipe said she and Cox regularly injected heroin. Lokey's drug of choice was methamphetamine, she said.

The medical examiner's toxicology report, determined that Cox had morphine, fentanyl, amphetamine and methamphetamine in her bloodstream when she was murdered.

During the fight over the clogged needle, Stipe said, Lokey struck Cox and then after injecting himself with methamphetamine, he became enraged because he believed Cox and Stipe were going to report his acts of violence against Cox to police and he would immediately be put back in jail.

Stipe testified that both she and Cox tried to calm Lokey by assuring him they would not call police.

He testified that before the fatal attack began, Lokey went to the kitchen and brought knives into the bedroom. Then, according to Stipe, Lokey wrapped a black electrical cord around his wrists and attacked Cox on the bed where she and Cox were seated. As they struggled, Stipe testified, they fell to the floor and hit a dresser causing the knives to fall to the floor.

Cox, at 5-foot-5 inches and 114 pounds, allegedly fought hard but she stood little chance against Lokey who, when he was incarcerated at Hardeman County Correctional Facility, was reportedly 6-foot-4 inches and weighed around 220 pounds.

During the struggle Gunsell allegedly stood outside the bedroom door watching. Lokey had Gunsell help him carry Cox's lifeless body to the bathroom and put her in the tub. Lokey later choked Cox again, to be sure she was dead, Stipe said.

During the attack, Stipe testified, she mouthed the word "help" to Gunsell and he replied mouthing that "it's OK."

When the attack was over, Stipe and Gunsell wrapped clothing in bedsheets and the threesome fled in Gunsell's car. From the crime scene, they went to a woman's home (identified in court as named Faith). The woman agreed to let Lokey use her Chevrolet Tahoe to go and get her methamphetamine. Lokey, Gunsell and Stipe, however, did not go looking for methamphetamine but instead went to "Diego's" house, then to a motel in Shelbyville.

Lokey and Stipe were finally captured in Moore County, after stealing another vehicle in Decherd. In the Decherd auto theft, the vehicle owner was giving Lokey and Stipe a ride to a hotel where they were staying in Monteagle. During the ride, Lokey grabbed the vehicle owner by the neck and forced her out of the car. Lokey was finally captured in Manchester at 4 a.m. on June 22, two days after Cox was murdered. He attempted to elude police by jumping into a moving tractor-trailer.

Lokey, at the time of the murder, had been released 48 hours earlier from jail on his own recognizance (no bond) in Rutherford County. Lokey had been jailed on a charge of probation violation. The new charges in Rutherford County were for auto burglaries. The earlier crimes he was found guilty of were aggravated assault, two counts of theft of property and vandalism.

His bond is set at $1 million.

County committees end year on positive note

By ZOË HAGGARD
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T-G Photo by Dawn Hankins

Bedford County native and archivist Carol Roberts is discovering historic pieces as renovations continue at Bedford County Courthouse. She recently spoke to the county finance committee.

In the process of the Bedford County Courthouse's renovation, some hidden historical tidbits have been found.

During Tuesday night's County financial management committee meeting, archives director Carol Roberts reported on the archives update.

After construction workers had moved some cabinetry out on the second floor, she said a great 1890s book came to surface. "It was an excellent docket of money of paid dues," explained Roberts.

For example, any fees that were paid in a case, such as Smith v Jones, the fees are structured in the docket. Roberts said, since the book's information was already recorded in minutes, it must have slipped behind the file cabinet and been forgotten, only to be discovered over a hundred years later.

From the hand-written names to the details of the account, Roberts said it really makes the area's history "come alive."

Roberts, retired from the Tennessee State Library, also said a whole series of architectural drawings for New Center Church Road and the junction in Flat Creek were discovered. "The significant piece with that for researchers will be every single landowner is documented because they were gaining the right-of-way for the new road," Roberts said.

Roberts believes that since the drawings are dated 1934 that they represent a Works Progress Administration (WPA) construction project from the New Deal era the time in which former president Franklin D. Roosevelt tried to stimulate the economy during the Great Depression through creating government-funded jobs.

Roberts said all the documents were "nice and filthy," but Roberts assured she is very excited to clean them.

Also, in the basement of the Courthouse, original foundation rock wall was found as workers were taking down walls blasting out all the concrete floor.

Archives also received "generous donations" of research materials that will enhance the County records, Roberts said. For example, some researchers' master thesis on the history of Bedford County were recently given to the archives.

"They're excellent reference pieces to apply to the County records," said Roberts.

History in the making

As new roads and electricity were brought to Bedford in the 1930s to benefits the residents then, the County today continues to oversee projects as Commissioner Greg Vick said during the meeting to have a "rendezvous with destiny."

Exciting news announced

"Excited news" during Tuesday's financial meeting that a $1 million site development grant was awarded to Shelbyville from the State of Tennessee for the construction of sewer lines at the 231 North Business Park.

According to a recent press release, the grant was a competitive one, awarded to only 11 other recipients and totaling $8 million with the intent to "help communities prepare industrial sites for business investment."

School system update

Bedford County Director of Schools Tammy Garrett said during the committee that the new Community High School wing will be opened in the fall of 2023 and the new elementary school, planned to be built near the 437 Bypass, will be opened in the fall of 2024.

The new elementary school should alleviate the number of students in portables for Eakin and Eastside Elementary Schools, according to Garrett.

Law enforcement committee

During the law enforcement committee meeting, County Fire Chief Mark Thomas asked about the lack of handicap ramps around the street at Learning Way Elementary.

Thomas assured that it's a simple fix but suggested bringing this concern up to the property committee. County Mayor Chad Graham added that the benefit of schools conducting different emergency drills is to locate issues such as this.

Year-end wrap-up

Commissioner Greg Vick also gave a "positive" end of the year list of accomplishments in Bedford County which included :

-The County lowering the tax rate to $1.97

-The State providing $43.7 million for the new TCAT-S facility

-$4 million for a new road at the industrial park

-The new hospital partnership with Vanderbilt

-Shelbyville's historic downtown revitalization

-The restoration of the courthouse and the new archives building (done without property tax money being spent, Vick added)

-Clean water brought to Union Ridge and other communities

-Broadband expansion to more than 2500 residents

"We are no longer lunging from crisis to crisis. We are managing our growth... Things are happening in Bedford County for the best," said Commissioner Vick.

Future items

Discussed during the courthouse and property committee meeting was the City of Shelbyville's request from city manager Joshua Ray for the County to appropriate $100,000 to assist in completing Shelbyville's downtown square sidewalk project.

These funds would help take down the old light posts around the courthouse, put up new ones, as well as remove overhead powerlines, Commissioner Julie Sanders explained. The total cost for this portion of the project will cost around $290,000.

Essentially, Mayor Graham said there was confusion over whether the City or County owned the light poles on the inner circle of the Courthouse (on the Pope's Café side to the First United Methodist Church side).

Uncertain of this, this portion of the project was not budgeted at the onslaught of the sidewalk project's grant process, according to Mayor Graham. The Courthouse is County property, while all the lights on the Square belong to the City.

Providing the $100,000 "would ensure the project goes ahead and gets finished...Instead of going back and tearing up everything up to do this later, I do recommend that you highly consider doing this," said Graham.

Graham suggested that if the commissioners would like to go through with the appropriation that they can use the funds gained from the selling of the gymnasium at Harris Middle School, which brought in a couple hundred thousand, according to Graham.

This item will be discussed and voted on at the next finance committee meeting.

The rules and legislative committee discussed the possibility of naming a bridge, located at the corner of Unionville-Deason and Longview roads, after former commissioner Jimmy Patterson who passed away Sept. 19, 2020, at the age of 82. He was a U.S. Marine veteran and served as commissioner for 13 years. However, the commission is still discussing whether his accomplishments suffice enough in justifying the honor.

Commissioner Jason Sanders sits in Patterson's former seat and has gained a petition of 25 signatures to name the bridge.

The item will be placed on the agenda at next month's commission meeting on Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. at Shelbyville Central High School's auditorium.



CHATTING WITH SANTA

During Santa's recent visit to the Gingham Jellybean on the public square, 3-year-old Knox Leverette seemed pretty interested in Santa.

Submitted Photo

Services

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Cannon Blvd, will have a Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24.

St. William of Montevergine Catholic Church, 500 S Brittain St., will have a Christmas Eve service at 4:30 p.m. (English) featuring Christmas carols followed by Mass. They will also have a Spanish version at 10:30 p.m. Christmas Day there will be an English Mass at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Spanish Mass at 11 a.m.

Next weekend, St. William will have a Dec. 31 New Year's Eve English Mass at 4:30 p.m. and a Spanish Mass at 7 p.m. The first service of 2022, on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, they will have an English Mass at 9:30 a.m. and a Spanish Mass at 11 a.m.

Amazing Grace Community Church, 1046 Unionville-Deason Rd, will also have a Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service at 5 p.m. Dec. 24.

Edgemont Baptist Church, 150 Fairfield Pike, will have its Christmas Eve service starting at 6 p.m.

First Christian Church, 309 Madison St, will have a Candlelight and Communion Service on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, beginning at 4 p.m. They will listen to the Christmas story, sing Christmas carols, and share together in The Lord's Supper.

Fair Haven Baptist Church, 2726 Highway 231 North, will conduct a special Christmas Eve service, featuring the choir on Friday from 5 to 5:45 p.m.

ANNUAL DONATIONS



Photo by Bedford County Government

For a number of years, a Shelbyville couple – who choose to remain anonymous – has made annual donations during the Christmas season to Shelbyville and Bedford County law enforcement, fire protection and animal welfare agencies. This year's checks were distributed on Monday, Dec. 20, at the historic Bedford County Courthouse. Receiving agencies included Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Shelbyville Police Department, Bedford County Fire Department, Shelbyville Fire Department, Bedford County Animal Control, Middle Tennessee Spay & Neuter Clinic, and Shelbyville-Bedford County Humane Association. Front row, from left: Kimberly Warren, Middle Tennessee Spay and Neuter Clinic, Christine Abbey-Carlton, Shelbyville-Bedford County Humane Association, Jane DeAtley, Shelbyville-Bedford County Humane Association. Back row: Josie Lowery, director, Bedford County Animal Control, Sheriff Austin Swing, Brian Crews, deputy chief, Shelbyville Police Department, Bedford County Fire Chief Mark Thomas, Shelbyville Fire Chief Matt Doak, Eric Smith, deputy chief, Shelbyville Fire Department.

CORRECTION



T-G Photo by David Melson

Brian Belden, with Cora and Christine Belden, were among attendees at Saturday morning's Breakfast with Santa. Kids enjoyed a light breakfast, were read the traditional story "'Twas The Night Before Christmas by Santa Claus (Johnny Reed) and received small gifts and sweets.

Car hits man walking in street

By DAVID MELSON
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One man was injured when struck by a car Monday night in front of West Lane Market, West Lane Street.

Kendall L. Sanders, 31, of Shelbyville was walking eastbound in a traffic lane when struck by a car driven by Tina Beth Hatfield, according to a Shelbyville Police Department report.

Officer Clint Adams said Sanders landed on the hood of Hatfield's car, shattering the windshield due to the impact. Hatfield told police she thought she'd struck an animal and continued on her way to work, but came back to the scene shortly afterwards to see if she'd hit a person.

Sanders was taken to Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital for treatment.

A man near the accident site in a car with front end damage was in the wrong place at the wrong (or right, from a law enforcement view) time.

Corie A. Warner, 23, of Buzzard Roost Road was charged with simple possession after officers checked before Hatfield returned to see if the car he was in was involved in the accident. The vehicle was not connected with the wreck.

Officer Brad Evans told them he smelled marijuana and asked permission to search the car. Evans found marijuana, a half-smoked blunt and a pipe in the car.

Warner, a passenger, said all the items belonged to him. He was cited and allowed to leave.

•The driver of a car that overturned in the yard of a home on Maplewood Drive at Locust Street late Monday night was charged with driving on a suspended license, police said.

Sonya Marie Leverette was not seriously hurt and initially claimed a man named "Jason" was driving and ran away, Officer Tracy Teal's report said. Leverette later admitted being behind the wheel, Teal said. She was given a summons into court and allowed to leave.

Angry rage

A customer angered over napkins threatened to kill an employee of Burger King, North Main Street, police said.

The man, recognized as a "regular customer," had received his order through the drive-up window shortly before 2 a.m. then began honking his vehicle's horn. The clerk motioned him to wait and he threw his drink at the window.

He angrily demanded more napkins, which the clerk threw into his late model Hyundai Santa Fe or Tucson SUV. The suspect got out, walked to and struck the closed window while yelling and cursing that he was an "ex-Marine" and would kill her.

The man was described as black, in his 30s or 40s, and wearing blue work clothes.

Homeless arrests

•A man awakened from sleeping on picnic tables behind Experience Church, Elm Street on Tuesday allegedly refused to leave when asked by a staff member Tuesday.

Stephen Henry Lovett was visibly intoxicated when found behind the Goodwill store on Lane Parkway, police said. Lovett allegedly admitted drinking and just wanted "to go home to the river" (referring to the homeless camp near Fisherman's Park on the banks of Duck River), Officer Joseph Cleek's report said.

Lovett was charged with public intoxication. He is being questioned by the TBI in regard to a suspicious small fire set elsewhere in Shelbyville on Tuesday, police said. No fire-related charge had been filed against Lovett as of midday Wednesday.

•A man who lives with others in a tent behind the former Pizza Hut building on Lane Parkway was charged with disorderly conduct for allegedly angrily cursing police officers and others Tuesday night.

Officers were told a man carrying a City of Shelbyville trash can was attempting to break into a nearby fenced area. Police found Bernie Austin Caldwell along with another man and a woman in and around the tent within the fence.

Caldwell allegedly became upset when seeing Amanda Webb being arrested on a narcotics charge from Indiana. He allegedly threatened the other man and police and, after his arrest, kicked the inside of a patrol car and was placed in a restraint chair at Bedford County Jail.

The other man was in possession of the trash can. He told police he'd "borrowed" it from The Fly Arts Center. Police ordered him to return it within two hours or face arrest.

Shoplifting

A man was charged with shoplifting Monday after allegedly hiding items taken from packages in his clothing.

Michael Anthony Caldwell, 38, of Sun Circle was being handed items by a companion, a store manager told Shelbyville police. The companion was not charged since, as the police report noted, "she hadn't taken anything herself." None of the items were in her possession, police said.

Caldwell was issued a summons but not arrested.

Jail intake

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

•Maria Miguel Gaspar, 32, Wheeler Street; no driver's license; released, no bond

•Brice Klein, 41, Kingston Springs; failure to yield, financial responsibility, driving on suspended license; released, no bond

•DeAngelo Montez Laye, 45, Oakdale Street; driving on suspended license, running red light; released on recognizance

•Kevin James Moran, 46, Nashville; violation of probation; held, $500 bond

(Those arrested since Tuesday are not listed; the jail intakes were not available due to county offices being closed for Christmas. They will be listed next week.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Touched heart

I just wanted to let you know that I have several grandchildren and your story of Eli just touched my heart. You took something so tragic and made it so heartwarming and I couldn't stop reading until the end. My prayers go out to this precious family and may God comfort them during this time. I am not from this area however I do work here and again I just wanted to recognize you for such wonderful skills you have needed to make the awareness understandable for all.

Thank you,
Holly Potts

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Happy holidays



Hints from Heloise

Heloise

Dear Readers: We all really need to take time to enjoy the holiday season and stay close to loved ones, family and friends. Neither this country nor the world in general is a perfect place, but in the days ahead, let's all work toward a better understanding of one another, a greater tolerance of those who are different from ourselves, and show kindness to all creatures great and small. If we can all do this, perhaps the world will be a better, safer and happier place to live. -- Heloise

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MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Dear Heloise: It's the gift-giving season and, as you know, that means some gifts are returned. One of the easiest ways to return an item is to have a receipt. Not necessarily a sales receipt, but one that many retailers offer that shows where the item was purchased and the date but not the price. If you ask for one of these sales receipts or if it is offered, by all means, accept it and tape it to the inside of the box lid or attach it to the item. Every year we get items in our store that were bought at a different store, and when we refuse to take back another company's merchandise, there's usually an argument. With proof of purchase, however, we will make a refund or at least give you a store credit without any hassle. --Jordan S., Syracuse, N.Y.

HOLIDAY COOKIES

Dear Heloise: I used to make fudge and cookies, and mail them to my grandchildren (I have eight grandchildren), but they always arrived stale or dried out. Finally, I decided to pack all edibles in plastic freezer bags, then wrap the plastic bags in a cling wrap. Now I can ship goodies to all my grandchildren and have them arrive as fresh as the day I baked them. -- Katie P., Lawton, Oklahoma

BLANK CHECK

Dear Heloise: When I went to pay for a sweater I wanted to buy, I found I was out of checks. Now, to avoid that problem, I have a solution. When I'm about four or five checks from the last check, I write myself a sticky note and place it on one of the checks that reminds me to put another stack of checks in my wallet. It's saved me a great deal of embarrassment at the checkout counter! -- Sharon B., Jackson, Mississippi

DOGGIE DILEMMA

Dear Heloise: A couple of weeks ago my dog and I were taking a walk when he suddenly bolted and yanked the leash from my hand. He saw a rabbit and ran after it. I called and looked for him, but he didn't come and I couldn't find him. I was sick with worry! Then a friend of mine suggested that I place a piece of clothing that carried my scent in the spot where my dog ran off. I took a jacket I wore often and placed it on the ground where he was last with me and check it often. Sure enough, a day later he was curled up on my old jacket, safe but hungry. -- Joyce N., New Iberia, Louisiana

Dear Readers: To save money, you can create your own citrus deodorizer for your house. It will cost less than buying commercial ones, and will smell just as good and help mask odors. Here's how to make one.

1. Fill a large pot with water and add any citrus -- grapefruit, orange or lemon -- in slices, wedges or rinds.

2. Add a dash of cinnamon or cinnamon sticks and simmer on low heat.

3. Make it even spicier by dropping in other spices like nutmeg or a peppermint stick.

4. Watch the pot closely (never leave unattended) and don't let it boil dry. Pour into small glass jars. Punch holes in the lids and secure them tightly. Then place them around your home and enjoy the aroma. -- Heloise

REUSING PAPER-TOWEL TUBES

Dear Readers: Most of us use paper towels, but don't throw out the cardboard tubes when the paper towels are gone. Instead, recycle them by placing the tube in your boots to help them stay upright and keep their shape. And you can flatten the paper-towel tubes and use them as a protective sleeve for knives in your utility drawer. Just staple them to create the right size for each knife. -- Heloise

GIFT-WRAPPING ART PROJECT

Dear Readers: Your kids will have fun with this idea. Buy plain, white nonadhesive shelf paper, several small round sponges and poster paint. Then let the painting art party begin! Your children can dip the sponges in the poster paint and then create colorful designs and patterns on the shelf paper. When done, they will have created their own wrapping

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Send calendar items to tgnews@t-g.com, notify us on Facebook, call 931-684-1200 or drop by our offices, 323 E. Depot St., weekdays from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

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

Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen serves meals from 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays at the old Save-A-Lot building on South Cannon Boulevard. One take-away meal per person present, with come-and-go service only. Donations may be made to Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen, 122 Public Square N., Shelbyville, TN 37160 and are tax deductible under its 501c3 non-profit designation.

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.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

Baptist

The message at **Edgemont Baptist Church**'s 6 p.m. Christmas Eve service will be "The Promise of Christmas" from John 1:9-14 by Pastor Jimmy West. Sunday's message will be "The Day After Christmas" from Luke 2:1-20.

Catholic

St. William of Montevergine Catholic Church has announced its holiday season schedule. Christmas Eve Mass will follow Christmas carols at 4:30 p.m. Christmas Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. (Spanish) and 11 a.m. (English). December 26 schedule is Mass at 9 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (Spanish). New Year's Eve includes English Mass at 4:30 p.m. and Spanish Mass at 7 p.m. New Year's Day schedule is Spanish Mass, 9:30 a.m., and English Mass, 11 a.m. Schedule for January 2 is Spanish Mass, 9 a.m., and English Mass, 11 a.m.

Christian (Disciples of Christ)

First Christian Church will offer a "Christmas Road Trip" in a 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service. A second Christmas Road Trip with the Magi to worship the Christ child at Bethlehem will be in Sunday's service at 10 a.m.

Church of Christ

Fairlane Church of Christ's sermon will be "What now?" from Acts 1:6-8. Services are livestreamed and broadcast on WLIJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM).

"The Lord's Church Gives!" from Exodus 13:11-16, part of "The Lord's Church" series, will be the 10 a.m. message Sunday at **Southside Church of Christ**. Prayer and parent groups meet Subday night and a study of I Peter continues Wednesday night. The Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services are livestreamed at cofcsouthside.com.

Methodist

Cannon United Methodist Church will have a Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m.

First United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 p.m. Friday. The Rev. Dr. Paul H. Mullikin's message will be "The Choice of Christmas" from Luke 2:1-20. The service will be live-streamed on Facebook. Sunday's service will be a Blessing of the Toys. Each child is invited to bring their favorite new non-noisy, non-violent toy to be blessed. This will be an informal service of favorite carols and a delightful Christmas story. The Sunday service will be livestreamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLIJ (98.7 FM/1580 AM).

Nazarene

Rev. Kevin Thomas' message in the 10 a.m. Sunday service at **First Church of the Nazarene** will be "The Dawning of the Light" based on Matthew 2:9-11. No Sunday School will be held. Wednesday night's service begins at 6:30 p.m. Services are livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Non-denominational

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

A cheesy winter warm-up



(Family Features)

One of the easiest ways to warm up at the end of a winter day – both inside and out – is by sharing a comforting meal with loved ones.

Getting your whole family to the table can be surprisingly easy when a savory dish like Cheesy Spinach Ravioli awaits. This recipe offers a kid-friendly way to get a serving of greens along with favorite flavors. Originally started by an Italian mother more than 80 years ago, having a delicious jar of RAGÙ sauce in hand, with its distinctive yellow cap, can help anyone create this mouthwatering recipe and quick real-world dishes at home.

Having a go-to jar of sauce in your pantry offers an invaluable resource for at-home cooks who want to "cook like a mother" and create delicious, homemade recipes regardless of culinary skill. With a wide array of flavor varieties, the rich heritage of these familiar sauces can quickly help you make cold days feel far away while elevating everyday meals at the family table.

Cheesy Spinach Ravioli

Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: about 1 hour
Yield: 17-20 ravioli

Dough:
3 cups all-purpose flour, divided
1 pinch salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon olive oil
4 whole eggs
2 egg yolks
water

Filling:
1/2 teaspoon olive oil
2 cups chopped spinach, fresh or frozen
1 pinch salt
1 pinch pepper
1 container (15 ounces) ricotta cheese

Toppings:
1 jar (24 ounces) RAGÙ Old World Style Traditional Sauce
shredded mozzarella cheese
2 chopped basil leaves
2 chopped sprigs rosemary
grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

To make dough: Place 2 1/2 cups flour in bowl and make hole in center. Add salt, garlic powder, olive oil, eggs and egg yolks to hole. Slowly bring flour into middle and knead into ball. Cover with bowl and let rest 20 minutes.

To make filling: In pan over medium heat, add olive oil; add spinach, salt and pepper then saute until spinach is wilted. Let cool then mix in ricotta cheese; set aside.

Cut dough in half. Sprinkle remaining flour on large cutting board and roll dough to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut into rectangle then cut into 2-3-inch squares. Set scraps aside. Brush water on squares then spoon 1 teaspoon spinach-ricotta filling in center of every other square. Top with remaining squares. Use fork to crimp edges. Repeat with remaining dough. Form scraps into ball and repeat.

Put ravioli in boiling water, 8-10 minutes; they will rise to top when done.

In saucepan over medium heat, heat sauce until simmering.

Place ravioli on plate and top with warm sauce, mozzarella cheese, basil and rosemary. Grate Parmesan cheese on top, if desired.

Sudoku answer

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

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Nativity night in Normandy

The churches of Normandy recently presented a live Nativity night in downtown Normandy. The program was presented every 30 minutes. Pastors from the Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches presented a message and scripture. Live animals were present at the nativity, which featured a stable and manger and most important, The Christ Child.



LEFT: And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

BELOW: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

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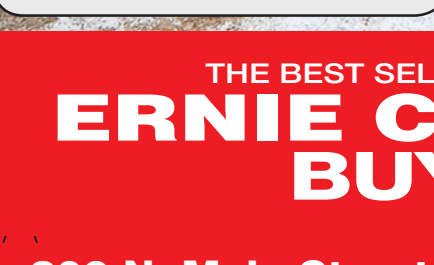
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One weak quarter derails Viqueens in loss

T-G STAFF REPORT

TULLAHOMA — A sluggish second quarter ultimately proved to be the difference for the Community Viqueens in a 43-40 loss to Franklin County in the Tullahoma Classic on Tuesday afternoon.

The Rebelettes went on an 11-4 romp through the second period and withstood a second-half Viqueen surge to escape with the three-point win.

The two teams were evenly-matched through the first period, leaving the score deadlocked at 12 apiece following the first eight minutes.

Community's only second-quarter points came courtesy of M.J. Simmons, who banked a two-point basket and a pair of free throws.

Meanwhile, Franklin County charged ahead on an 11-point romp with four different players scoring in the quarter.

Still, the Rebelettes held just a seven-point lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Community flipped the script and it was the Viqueens who were able to orchestrate a run by getting to the free throw line and cashing in on those chances.

During the third quarter alone, the Purple and Gold made good on 5-of-6 free throw attempts and by the start of the fourth quarter, Community had cut the Franklin County advantage to just one point.

Community continued to hang its hat on the efforts of M.J. Simmons, who added another seven points to the cause in the fourth quarter, but in the end, Franklin County had just a little more in the thank and held on for the three-point victory.

Simmons' 19-point effort led all scorers, while Breanna Whitaker also hit double figures and added 10.

Destiny Russell led Franklin County with 16 points.

Community also proved to be an efficient 10-of-12 free throw attempts.

Community will get the remainder of the week off before returning to action next week in the AFLAC Christmas Shootout, hosted by Watertown High School.

The Viqueens will take on DeKalb County on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Franklin Co.	12	11	7	13	— 43
Community	12	4	13	11	— 40

Franklin Co.: Destiny Russell 16, Katie Walker 9, Lucy Barnes 9, Danica Stovall 5, Daryn Morris 2.
Community: M.J. Simmons 19, Breanna Whitaker 10, Shelby Cawthon 6, Addison Brothers 5.
3-Point goals: Community (2): Brothers, Simmons.
Halftime score: Franklin Co. 23, Community 16.



T-G File Photo by Rickey Clardy

M.J. Simmons scored a game high 19 points against Franklin County on Tuesday afternoon at Tullahoma.



T-G File Photo by Chris Siers

Paige Blackburn led the Eaglettes with 14 points against PCA, including three 3-pointers.

Eaglettes slump in second half

T-G STAFF REPORT

After battling PCA closely through the first half, Shelbyville Central fell behind in the third quarter and never could recover in a 57-39 non-district loss on Monday night.

The game got off to a slow start for both offenses, with PCA clinging to a slim, 9-8 lead after the first period.

But in the second quarter, both offenses took off, with PCA outscoring the Eaglettes, 18-16, to take a three-point lead into the half.

It was the effort of Abby McFarland in the third quarter that spring boarded the visitors out in front.

McFarland scored nine of her game-high 19 points in the quarter and the Lady Lions charged ahead, outscoring Shelbyville 21-9.

In the second half, Shelbyville managed just 15 points.

In addition to McFarland's 19 points, Markham added 14, while Daisy Gale chipped in 11.

For the Shelbyville, Paige Blackburn was the lone Eaglette in double figures with 14 points, which included three 3-pointers.

The Eaglettes will return to action during the DOT Foods Tournament, beginning on Tuesday, in Dyersburg.

PCA	9	18	21	9	— 57
Shelbyville	8	16	9	6	— 39

PCA: Abby McFarland 19, Maggie Markham 14, Daisy Gale 11, Bella Hartman 7, Mia Alexander 6.
Shelbyville: Paige Blackburn 14, Jaleigha Harris 7, Lanaya Young 6, Jaz Western 5, Lilly Brown 5, Zoe Reed 2.
3-Point goals: PCA (6): Markham 2, McFarland 2, Hartman, Gale; Shelbyvile (5): Blackburn 3, Harris, Western,
Halftime score: PCA 27, Shelbyville 24.

Furious Eagle effort falls short

T-G STAFF REPORT

A valiant comeback effort in the fourth quarter by Shelbyville Central came up short against PCA on Monday night as the Lions held on to escape with a 48-44 win over the Eagles.

Shelbyville outscored PCA 20-12 in the fourth quarter by working its way to the free throw line and knocking down opportunistic baskets.

The Eagles cashed in on 8-of-11 tries in the quarter, but just couldn't finish the rally.

The two teams sat deadlocked at nine apiece after the first quarter, but PCA carried a six-point lead into the half after the Eagles only scored five points in the second quarter.

After being held to just 14 first-half points, the Eagles finally hit double figures in the third quarter by adding 10 more before erupting with 20 in the fourth quarter.

PCA's Max McMurry was the only player to reach double figures in the game. He led all scorers with 17 points.

For the Eagles, Zay Reese and Devyn Heath each scored nine, while Kyler Trice and Jayshon Jones added eight apiece.

PCA	9	11	16	12	— 48
Shelbyville	9	5	10	20	— 44

PCA: Max McMurry 17, Tryce Grensing 9, Kenton Walker 7, M.J. White 6, Eli Wilson 5, Anderson Reddell 4.
Shelbyville: Zay Reese 9, Devyn Heath 9, Kyler Trice 8, Jayshon Jones 8, Terrance Johnson 6, Joe Harris 4.
3-Point goals: PCA (6): Grensin 3, McMurry 2, Reddell; Shelbyville (4): Reese, Heath, Harris, Trice.
Halftime score: PCA 20, Shelbyville 14.



T-G File Photo by Chris Siers

Zay Reese knocked down nine points to pace the Eagles, along with teammate Devyn Heath.

NHL to skip Olympics amid COVID surge

By JOHN WAWROW and STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Hockey Writers

The NHL is not sending players to the Beijing Olympics over concerns that the pandemic will disrupt the league's ability to complete a full season.

Two people with direct knowledge of discussions told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the league informed the NHL Players' Association it was exercising its right to withdraw from the Beijing Games because there was a material disruption to the season.

The people spoke to The AP on condition of anonymity because an announcement had yet to be made. An announcement was expected Wednesday.

The decision is an abrupt turnaround from September, when the NHL, union, International Olympic Committee and International Ice Hockey Federation struck a deal to put the best players in the world back on sports' biggest stage after they skipped the 2018 Pyeongchang Games. The fast-spreading omicron coronavirus variant forced the scrapping of those plans.

A week ago, the NHL attempted to halt the spread of the omicron variant by reintroducing more restrictive COVID-19 protocols, which included daily testing and limiting player gatherings, especially on the road.

Then a sudden rash of postponements brought the total to 50 this season, a daunting number to reschedule and complete an 82-game season while taking an Olympic break for more than two weeks in February. The NHL's bottom line is at stake, with the league and players drawing no direct money from competing at the Winter Games.

The decision comes long before

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the league faced a Jan. 10 deadline to pull out without financial penalty. As a result, the men's Olympic hockey tournament will go on without NHL players for the second consecutive time.

Winnipeg Jets goaltender Connor Hellebuyck, the likely U.S. Olympic starter, expressed displeasure Tuesday with the decision not to go and called the rash of postponements overkill.

Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby already was bracing for the possibility of the NHL not participating and, at the age of 34, ending what could be his final chance to represent Canada at the Olympics one more time.

"These are opportunities and experiences of a lifetime that you don't get very many of as an athlete, and you might only get one," said Crosby, who won Olympic gold with Canada in 2010 and 2014. "It just might happen to fall in your window and if it doesn't happen to work out, it's unfortunate."

While the NHL and NHLPA agreed on Olympic participation last year as part of a collective bargaining agreement extension, the deal to go to Beijing was contingent on pandemic conditions not worsening.

Unless the Beijing Games are postponed a year like Tokyo's, a generation of stars including American Auston Matthews, Canadians Connor McDavid and Nathan MacKinnon, German Leon Draisaitl and Swede Victor Hedman will need to wait until 2026 to play in the Olympic men's hockey tournament for the first time.

"It's a thing you've been looking forward to for a very long time," Hedman said. "For us to not be able to go, it's going to hurt for a while."

The NHL was full go on the Olympics until the delta and omicron coronavirus variants began spreading around North America earlier this month. Before Calgary's outbreak in the first half of December, only five games needed to be rescheduled and one was already made up.

The NHL did not participate in the Olympics until 1998, which started a string of five in a row through Sochi in 2014. The season was not stopped in 2018, leaving mostly professionals playing in Europe and some college players to make up the national rosters in South Korea, where the IOC was reluctant to pay for insurance and expenses.

Russia, which won gold at the Pyeongchang Games, immediately becomes the favorite without NHL players leading the Americans thanks to an influx of homegrown talent playing in the Kontintental Hockey League.

Several NHL players already had expressed hesitations about participating, including Vegas goalie Robin Lehner, who pulled his name out of consideration to represent Sweden. Lehner cited mental health reasons in noting the potentially lengthy quarantines for athletes who test positive during the competition.

"I'm very disappointed and it was a tough decision for me as it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Reality is that what have been said about how it's going to be is not ideal for my mental health," Lehner wrote in a text.

McDavid referred to the potential five-week quarantine requirement as "unsettling."

"I'm still a guy that's wanting to go play in the Olympics," McDavid said. "But we also want to make sure it's safe for everybody. For all the athletes, not just for hockey players."

Pittsburgh's Mike Sullivan will be missing his first opportunity to serve as coach of the U.S. national team. He had been holding out hope for NHL participation earlier Tuesday.

"We're all human beings right. Emotions are a part of it. My hope is that we all have a chance to participate," said Sullivan, who served as an assistant coach on Peter Laviolette's staff at the 2006 Olympics. "It's an unbelievable honor to represent your nation in the Olympics, it's the honor of a lifetime quite honestly. And so I know I don't feel differently than a lot of people that pull their nation's sweaters over their heads."

Turnovers trim Titans' margin for error

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans have a simple problem that threatens to ruin their strong start to this season.

Too many turnovers.

A team that turned it over all of 12 times for the 2020 season has had 13 in its past three losses. Only the Jets (26) have more turnovers than Tennessee, which is tied with Kansas City, Chicago and Jacksonville with 25 turnovers this season.

"I told the team the ball is not round, we don't know which way it is going to bounce," Titans coach Mike Vrabel said Tuesday. "We have to do everything we can to take care of it. Sometimes they make a good play, and sometimes it is our own doing."

The Titans were 8-2 with a playoff berth and high playoff seed seemingly assured when the turnover issue worsened. They turned it over four times in their 19-13 loss to Pittsburgh on Sunday that dropped them to 9-5, four more in losing the AFC's top seed in a defeat to the Patriots on Nov. 28 and five in a loss to Houston on Nov. 21.

Vrabel went through the latest turnovers and explained each one. Tight end Anthony Firkser was loose with the ball after a third-down catch and had it knocked out. Rookie wide receiver Racey McMath was trying to make a catch and run with a defender on him and the ball came out on a center-quarterback exchange.

"We can keep going," Vrabel said. "I don't know if that is making a play or not. Just poor ball security."

Protecting the football from prying hands is something the Titans have worked on all season. Assistant coaches don boxing gloves tying to punch the ball away from running backs, wide receivers and tight ends.

Yet, the Titans have lost 11 of 22 fumbles with seven players losing one fumble each.

Record 27 teams remain alive in NFL playoff hunt

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Pro Football Writer

While no team has clinched a postseason spot in the jam-packed AFC, there never have been more teams alive in the playoff hunt this late in a season.

Only Chicago, Detroit, Jacksonville, Houston and the New York Jets have been eliminated so far, with 27 teams still with at least a sliver of a postseason chance, tied for the most ever with three weeks left in the season.

The only other times that has happened came in 2004, 1995 and in 1982, when 16 teams made the playoffs in a strike-shortened, nine-game season.

The only team that has clinched a spot is the Green Bay Packers, who have won the NFC North after beating Baltimore on Sunday.

No team has clinched in the AFC, marking just the sixth time since the eight-division format started in 2002 that no team in a conference had clinched a playoff berth with three weeks left in the season.

It last happened in the AFC in 2016. It also happened in the AFC in 2002, the NFC in 2010 and both conferences in 2014.

Fourth down gambles

The two successful fourth-down conversions this week by the Chargers gave the NFL 301 on the season, topping the 300 from 2018 for the second-most in a season, behind the record 362 last year.

There were 20 more in Week 15, leaving the league on pace to break last year's mark.

But the failed chances for the Chargers this week in the overtime loss to Kansas City got much more publicity.

The Chargers got stopped on fourth-and-goal twice in the first half, becoming the first team to do that since the Chargers did it 37 years to the day on Dec. 16, 1984, against Kansas City, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

The Chiefs were stopped on a fourth down from inside the 5, marking the first time since at least 2000 that teams combined to fail on at least three fourth downs from the 5 or closer, according to Sportradar.

But while the failed fourth downs proved costly this past week, the Chargers have been successful on them plenty this season, tying for the league high with 15 conversions. They have gone for it on fourth down on 17 drives in field-goal range and scored 51 points on those possessions.

The Chargers weren't the only team struggling on fourth downs near the goal line. The Falcons were stopped three times inside the 10, the first time in the last 40 years that has happened, according to Elias.

Rare blankings

Tom Brady had a rare shutout loss this week with a 9-0 defeat to the New Orleans Saints, marking the first time his team had been held scoreless since Dec. 10, 2006, at Miami.

Brady had gone 255 straight starts in the regular season and playoffs without being shut out, the second-longest streak ever for a QB behind Drew Brees, who was never shut out in 304 career starts.

It also was the first time in Brady's career that he was shut out at home.

Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger has the longest active streak without being shut out for any current QB, with the Steelers scoring in his last 225 games in the regular season and playoffs.

Brady's old team, the Patriots, were held scoreless in the first half in their loss to Indianapolis for the first time since Oct. 2, 2016, against Buffalo, when Jacoby Brissett started in the final game of Brady's suspension for "Deflategate."

New England had gone 99 straight games in the regular season and playoffs without being shut out in the first half, the longest streak in the NFL since at least 1991. The Patriots also held the previous record of 82 straight games from 2006-11.

Touchdown Taylor

Jonathan Taylor of the Colts capped off another big performance with a game-sealing 67-yard TD run against New England that gave him a TD run in the 11th straight game.

Taylor is now tied with Priest Holmes (2002) and Emmitt Smith (1995) for the third-longest streak in a season in NFL history. Only John Riggins (12 in 1983) and LaDainian Tomlinson (12 in 2004) have had longer streaks in a season. Tomlinson's streak, which started in 2004 and carried over until the next season, went 18 games, the longest ever.

Taylor has scored 31 career TDs before his 23rd birthday on Jan. 19, with Edgerrin James (35) the only player with more before turning 23.

Elite company

Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert threw two TD passes and ran for a third score last week to give him a record 71 combined touchdown runs and passes in the first two years of his career, one more than Hall of Famer Dan Marino.

Herbert has posted back-to-back seasons with at least 4,000 yards passing and 35 combined TD passes and runs, joining an elite group with Brees (2011-13), Peyton Manning (2012-14), Brady (2020-21) and Aaron Rodgers (2011-12).

NFL's COVID list expands to 21

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Another 21 NFL players were placed on the reserve/COVID-19 list Tuesday, including Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Tyreek Hill, cornerback Rashad Fenton and tight end Blake Bell.

They were among nine players, including two on the practice squad, who joined tight end Travis Kelce and kicker Harrison Butker on Kansas City's growing list.

The Chiefs also have Charvarius Ward on the list, which means two of their top three cornerbacks are in the league's virus protocol, along with defensive tackle Chris Jones, linebacker Willie Gay Jr. and wide receiver Josh Gordon.

Linebacker Nick Bolton, offensive lineman Kyle Long, right tackle Lucas Niang and safety Armani Watts also were added to list on Tuesday.

On Monday, the first day under the NFL's revised protocols, 47 players were placed on the COVID-19 list, the most in a single day since the pandemic began.

Another receiver on an AFC contender tested positive Tuesday when the Buffalo Bills placed wideout Cole Beasley — the team's most vocal vaccine critic — on the COVID-19 list. Unvaccinated players aren't eligible to return for 10 days so Beasley wouldn't be available for Sunday's game at New England with first place in the AFC East on the line.

Buffalo could now be missing two starting receivers after Emmanuel Sanders missed this past weekend's win over Carolina because of a knee injury.

Beasley, who was fined by the NFL last summer for failing to wear a mask inside the team's facility, threatened to retire in June over how the league's COVID-19 protocols specifically targeted unvaccinated players.

In July, Beasley opened training camp by saying he's not anti- or pro-vaccination, but pro choice, in criticizing the NFL for failing to provide transparent information in making their choice to get vaccinated. In doing so, he contradicted coach Sean McDermott for saying the team has done everything possible to educate its players.

For the Chiefs, Jones, Gay and Gordon tested positive last week and missed Thursday night's win over the Chargers. There's a good chance the trio could return two negative tests and be available for this week's game against the Steelers.

"I'm hoping they're going to be there, but we just have to see how it goes," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "You know, there's a matrix of things you have to work out. That's where (head trainer) Rick Burkholder comes in. I can't sit here and tell you how all that works right now. Rick is working through everything every day to see where we're at."

Burkholder was among the experts that the NFL consulted during the offseason to devise its COVID-19 protocol.

Kelce, Butker and Ward tested positive on Monday, when the Chiefs began to return from their long weekend. The team did not have any formal meetings or practice until Tuesday and will begin game preparation in earnest on Wednesday.

Until the past two weeks, the Chiefs had navigated the season relatively unscathed when it came to COVID-19, losing only star safety Tyrann Mathieu for a week and a couple of role players. But the rapid transmission of the omicron variant across the league has hit Kansas City hard, resulting in some of their most important players going on the list.

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This lighted sign among the Christmas decorations at H.V. Griffin Park expresses the sentiments of many viewers.

Statement from Senator Shane Reeves regarding the award of a major Site Development Grant benefitting Shelbyville

(NASHVILLE), December 22, 2021—State Senator Shane Reeves (R-Murfreesboro) made the following statement regarding the announcement that Shelbyville will receive a Site Development Grant from the Department of Economic and Community Development. The $1,000,000 grant will be used to construct sewer lines to serve the North Business Park site.

"Shelbyville is full of hard working people and this grant will work well with their efforts to prepare for local economic development and industrial growth," he said. "I look forward to seeing the growth that will result from this investment."

The release from Governor Lee regarding the grant is copied below:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

Governor Lee, Commissioner Rolfe Announce 12 New Site Development Grant Recipients

• 12 grants totaling more than $8 million

• Program helps communities prepare industrial sites for business investment

• TNECD has awarded nearly 130 Site Development Grants across Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee and Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe announced today 12 new Site Development Grants, totaling approximately $8.3 million.

The grants are designed to help communities achieve Select Tennessee site certification and prepare industrial sites for economic development projects. The funding helps communities invest in infrastructure and engineering improvements on project-ready sites.

"Thanks to the support of the General Assembly, the Site Development Grants program will enhance an additional 12 industrial sites for future economic development projects," Lee said. "I remain committed to rural Tennessee, and these grants will help our communities attract jobs and support economic growth across our state."

The Site Development Grant program, part of the Rural Economic Opportunity Act, works in tandem with TNECD's Select Tennessee program. Since 2016, TNECD has awarded 127 Site Development Grants across the state, totaling more than $47 million in assistance to local communities.

"The Site Development Grants program is essential to our Tennessee communities as it not only helps to create shovel-ready sites but serves as a catalyst for achieving the ultimate goal of Select Tennessee site certification," Rolfe said. "We look forward to the seeing the communities' successes that follow this latest round of awards."

The grants awarded this round include:

• **Anderson County Economic Development Association**

First Quality Drive, $1,000,000 – Complete due diligence studies, grade and prepare the site

• **City of Cookeville**

Lemon-Farris Site, $25,200 – Complete due diligence studies

• **City of Shelbyville**

231 North Business Park, $1,000,000 – Construct sewer line to serve the site

• **Decatur County**

Highway 641, $394,650 – Construct sewer line to serve the site

• **Dickson County**

Canterbury Site, $598,260 – Prepare and grade the site

• **Grundy County**

Pelham Industrial Park, $500,000 – Prepare, grade, and extend utilities to the site.

• **Industrial Development Board of Perry County**

I-40 Industrial Park, $794,200 – Replace water line, clear and grade the site

• **Loudon County Economic Development Agency**

Centre 75 Business Park, $222,000 – Prepare and grade the site and construct a marketing road

• **Macon County**

Lafayette/Macon Industrial Park, $1,000,000 – Assist with purchase of the site

• **The Henderson County Joint Economic and Community Development Board**

Reeves Property, $736,689 – Prepare and grade the property and pave road into the site

• **The Industrial Development Board of the City of Fayetteville and Lincoln County**

Fayetteville Lincoln County Industrial Park, $1,000,000 – Prepare and grade site

• **Washington County**

Washington County Industrial Park, $1,000,000 – Prepare and grade site, construct an access road and mitigate wetlands on site.

Applications were reviewed by an advisory committee made up of TNECD, Austin Consulting, the Tennessee Valley Authority, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and Tennessee Department of Transportation.

Each application was supported by the community's senator and representatives in the Tennessee General Assembly.



Shane Reeves
State Senator

About the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's mission is to develop strategies that help make Tennessee the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs. To grow and strengthen Tennessee, the department seeks to attract new corporate investment to the state and works with Tennessee companies to facilitate expansion and economic growth. Find us on the web: tnecd.com. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram: @tnecd. Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/tnecd.



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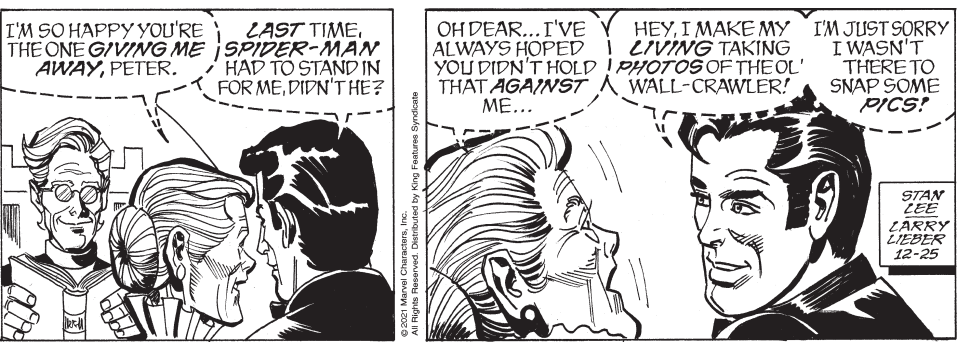

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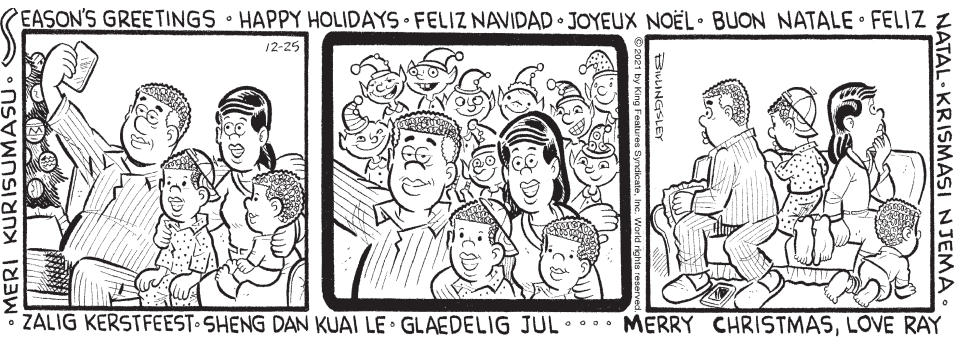

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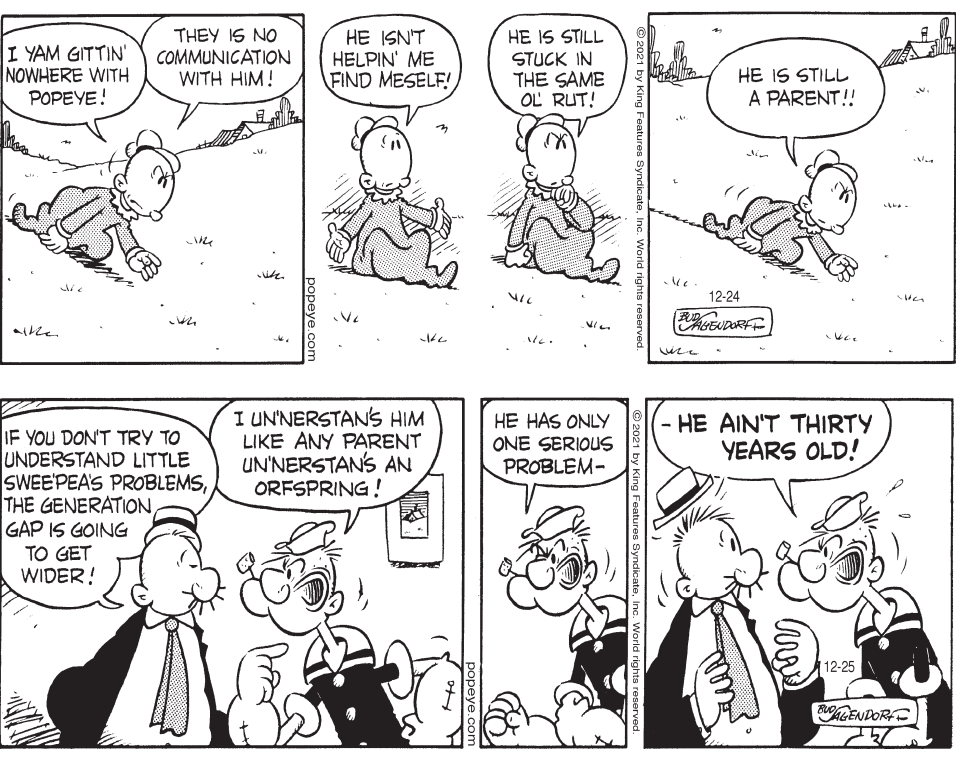

HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the number 1 through 9 without repetition.

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See answers to the Sudoku on Saturday's page 4A

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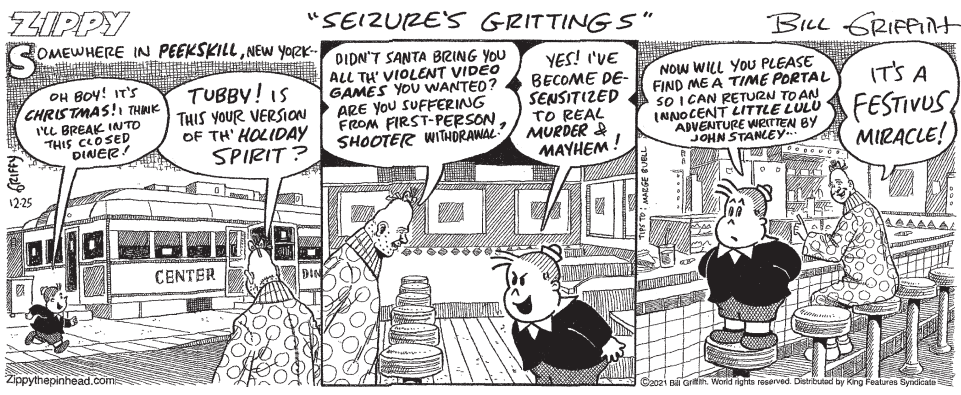

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

AFRICAN
ARTWORK
BLACK
CANDLESTICKS
COMMUNAL
COMMUNITY
CORN
CREATIVITY
CROPS
CULTURAL
DETERMINATION
FAITH
FEAST
GIFTS
GREEN
HERITAGE
HOLIDAY
JOYOUS
PRINCIPLES
PURPOSE
RED
RESPONSIBILITY
SYMBOLS
UNITY

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

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

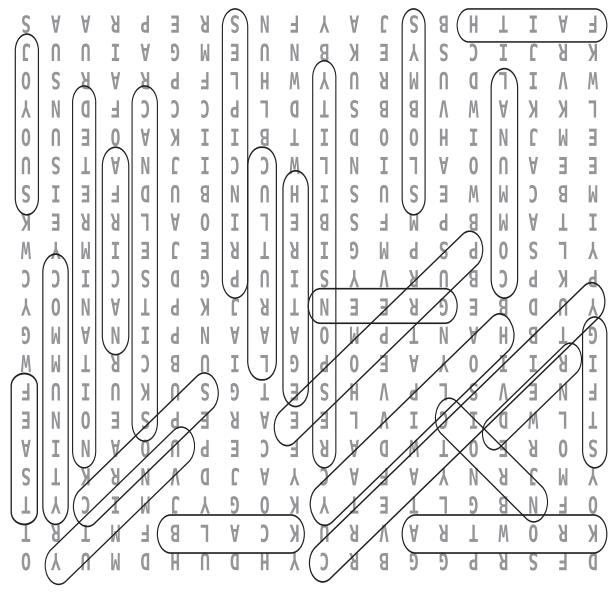
A. 5 9 12 9 8 14 3 26 9
Clue: Acknowledge a happy day

B. 17 3 14 18 9 11 26
Clue: Gathering crops

C. 21 3 6 7 12 23
Clue: Relatives

D. 26 14 3 22 7 26 7 10 20
Clue: Passing down customs

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



T-G interview with Santa

By DAWN HANKINS
dhankins@t-g.com

The T-G gets letters from children all over the county this time of year. We thank all of those kids, teachers and families who submitted them.

One of those received recently was quite adorable.

Dear Santa,

My name is Dakylee Dionn Buckmon. I am 4 years old. I have been good a little bit.

Thank you for the presents, already.

I want a heart pillow, lipstick, G.G.'s deviled eggs, a doll and makeup.

I would like for you to bring my Rents (parents) some candy, heels, dresses, shirts, boys shoes, girl shoes and man shirts.

Before I forget, can you please bring my Aunt Neh Neh a good partner. Whatever that is.

I will leave you some cookies and fruit out.

Thank you,

Love,

Dakylee Buckmon

Santa is often asked a lot of questions, such as: "How do your reindeer fly? Some kids tell Santa to be nice to their brothers and sisters, though they really don't deserve it.

Others ask Santa to bring gifts to others they love, not just themselves.

Terry Badger was at the Gingham Jellybean on the historic public square recently and just happened to run into Santa. He even let him borrow his suit for a while. Thanks, Terry for your help in this interview.

So, here goes. Let's see what Santa has to say this year.

"Ho! Ho! Ho! Tennessee! I've gotten so many letters from your corner of the world, so I thought I would answer some of your questions!

Some of you want to know what time I will be arriving. Well, this is a very good question but very hard to answer. Christmas Eve, from start to finish, has no time at all! I start at the North Pole and I finish at the North Pole! It has a little bit to do with the time-space continuum and a whole bunch to do with magic! Have you ever seen a picture of me with a watch on? It's not going to happen!

Time just sort of ceases to exist until I'm finished bringing Christmas joy to all. Oh, here's a question along the same lines: how do my reindeer fly?

Since there is no time, I can exist anywhere I want with them and do whatever I want—no time, no gravity! I move through space and we don't fall.

Also, Rudolph has this red nose you might have heard about. It doesn't just glow, it sprays out magic powder and covers all the reindeer and I with happiness and joy. Same powder helps me get into your home.

Speaking of your home, I really like those Oreo cookies that have been dipped in white chocolate! So do my reindeer.

Everything is very busy now at the North Pole. The elves and Mrs. Claus are all good and well!

COVID up here? Nope. It's too cold.

One last thing: Daniel, your brother has the same anger issues as you. I suggest talking to him and coming to a compromise-an agreement. It is so much easier to get along and love each other. Still time to stay on my "Nice List." You've always been one of my favorites. You may even have a gold star by your name!

Well, I hope I have answered some of your questions. I need to get back to loading my sleigh! Merry Christmas to all. See you soon, maybe!

Nick."

'WE LOVE SANTA'



Submitted Photo

Brayden Warren, Addie Badger and JJ McDonough seemed to be quite comfortable in Santa's lap recently at the Gingham Jellybean in Shelbyville. Santa took time to talk with the T-G a little later.

Traditional Christmas Red Velvet Cake still famous

When looking to save time and still keep the expected elegance of your Christmas cake, turn to the Red Velvet Cake. Decorating is up to you, but the more time spent on icing, the more elegant it will be.

Have a Merry and "Red Velvet" Christmas!



For the cake:

3/4 C. (170 grams) unsalted butter, at room temperature

½ C. (120 grams) canola oil

2 C. (400 grams) sugar

3 large eggs, at room temperature

2-1/3 C. (320 grams) all-purpose flour

2 Tbsp. cocoa powder

1½ tsp. baking soda

3/4 tsp. salt

1-1/4 C. (300 grams) whole milk, at room temperature

1/4 C. (60 grams) white vinegar

2 tsp. vanilla extract

2 Tbsp. red food coloring (optional)

For the frosting:

1-1/2 C. (285 grams) unsalted butter, room temperature

1 block / 8 oz. (225 grams) cream cheese, room temperature

½ tsp. salt

1½ tsp. vanilla

Approximately 5 C. / 1½ lbs. (680 grams) of powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease three 8-inch round pans and line the bottoms with pieces of parchment paper cut to fit inside the bottom.In a large bowl or the bowl of a stand mixer, beat the butter, oil and sugar on medium speed for 3 minutes, scraping the sides of the bowl as needed. Add the eggs one at a time, scraping the sides of the bowl as needed. Stir to combine. In a separate bowl, gently whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt. In a separate bowl, combine the milk, vinegar and vanilla. Add half of the dry ingredients mixture to the butter and stir on low to combine. Add half of the liquid ingredients and stir just to combine. Scrape the sides of the bowl and then repeat this process. Add the red food coloring and stir to combine. Divide the batter equally among the three pans and bake in the preheated oven until puffed and a toothpick inserted comes out clean, about 22-25 minutes. Allow to cool completely prior to frosting.

Frosting:

In a large bowl or the bowl of a stand mixer, beat the butter on medium speed (I use 4 on my stand mixer) for 2-3 minutes until light and creamy, scraping the bowl as necessary. Add the cream cheese and beat to incorporate for an additional minute. Add the salt, vanilla and powdered sugar and beat on low speed until incorporated. Scrape the sides of the bowl and continue to beat until well combined. Do not overbeat, as this can cause the cream cheese to loosen. If needed, add a tablespoon of water or milk at a time to get the frosting the right consistency. Refrigerate as needed to thicken the frosting up.

To assemble the cake:

Use a serrated knife to level the cakes. Smooth a small amount of frosting on an 8-inch cake board or plate and center a single cake layer on top. Smoothly spread a thick layer of frosting on top, extending the buttercream all the way to just beyond the edge of the cake. Stack the second cake layer on top and repeat the entire process once more. Place the final cake layer on top. Spread a thin coat of frosting (crumb coat) all over the cake and allow it to set up in the fridge prior to applying the final coat of frosting. You can skip this step if desired. Finish frosting the cake as desired with the rest of the buttercream. Cake will keep in the refrigerator covered in plastic for up to three days.

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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 request for qualifications for the following:

Public Television Channel Consultant - RFQ

Details may be found on our website at www.shelbyvilletn.org. Sealed RFQs must be received at the City of Shelbyville Purchasing Office, 201 N. Spring St., Shelbyville, TN by 11:00 a.m. CST on Thursday, December 30, 2021. Any submittals received after the scheduled closing time for receipt of request for qualifications will be returned to the bidder unopened.
(Dec. 21, 25, 2021)

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on January 11, 2022 at 1:00PM local time, at the south door, Bedford County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Shelbyville, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by Lynda A. Johnson, to Sonya Robinson, Trustee, as trustee for CitiFinancial Services, Inc. on July 21, 2006 at Book TD630, Page 509, Instrument No. 06006740; conducted by LLG Trustee TN LLC, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Bedford County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party Entitled to Enforce the Debt: Elizon Master Participation Trust I, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Owner Trustee, its successors and assigns.

The real estate located in Bedford County, Tennessee, and described in the said Deed of Trust will be sold to the highest call bidder. The terms of the said Deed of Trust may be modified by other instruments appearing in the public record. Additional identifying information regarding the collateral property is below and is believed to be accurate, but no representation or warrant is intended.

Street Address: 120 Stanley Boulevard, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160

Parcel Number: 090 007.04

Current Owner(s) of Property: Lynda Ann Johnson

This sale is subject to, without limitation, all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory right of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances including those created by a fixture filing or any applicable homeowners' association dues or assessments; all claims or other matters, whether of record or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

The following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property to be affected by the foreclosure: any judgment creditor or lien holder with an interest subordinate to the said Deed of Trust or any party claiming by, though, or under any of the foregoing. Such parties known to the Substitute Trustee may include: SERVPRO of Coffee/Franklin/Warren.

Terms of Sale will be public auction, for cash, free and clear of rights of homestead, redemption and dower to the extent disclaimed or inapplicable, and the rights of Lynda A. Johnson, and those claiming through him/her/it/them.

Any right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are waived in accord with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

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. If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified/bank check made payable to or endorsed to LOGS Legal Group LLP. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded only by the Substitute Trustee at any time. If the Substitute Trustee rescinds the sale, the purchaser shall only be entitled to a return of any money paid towards the purchase price and shall have no other recourse. Once the purchaser tenders the purchase price, the Substitute Trustee may deem the sale final in which case the purchaser shall have no remedy. The real property will be sold AS IS, WHERE IS, with no warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding condition of the property or marketability of title.

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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.

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Omicron disrupts holiday plans for many

By LAURA UNGAR and TALI ARBEL
Associated Press

Dave Fravel and his wife invited several relatives to their Cape Cod home for Christmas to share food, gifts and the togetherness they've longed for during the lonely days of the pandemic. They were also looking forward to a holiday sightseeing trip to New York City.

But the coronavirus spoiled all those plans. With cases surging in their state of Massachusetts and the super-infectious omicron variant racing around the world, they feared spreading the virus even before Fravel's 18-year-old son, Colin, came down with COVID-19.

Rich England has been there before. In the summer, when the delta variant was surging, he said no to a Christmastime vacation with his parents and sister's family to London and Scotland. But he, his wife and 2-year-old daughter are keeping plans for a four-day trip from their home in Alexandria, Virginia, to Miami on Dec. 31.

"The safest thing to do would be to say 'We have to cancel,'" he said. "But there's a lot of letters in the Greek alphabet — there's going to be variants after omicron. You can't just respond to every single variant by shutting down."

For the second year in a row, the ever-morphing virus presents would-be revelers with a difficult choice: cancel holiday gatherings and trips or figure out ways to forge ahead as safely as possible. Many health experts are begging people not to let down their guard.

World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus put it starkly this week when he said that "an event canceled is better than a life canceled."

But pandemic fatigue is real. And while travel restrictions in some places have forced cancellations, many governments have been reluctant to order more lockdowns, leaving decisions about who to see and where to go increasingly in the hands of individuals.

Complicating matters is the mystery that surrounds omicron. Scientists now know it spreads fast — perhaps up to three times faster than the delta variant. It also seems to be better at evading vaccines, although boosters rev up protection, particularly against hospitalization and death. But a crucial question remains: Does omicron cause less severe illness than delta? Some research suggests that it does, but the studies are preliminary.

Even if it is milder, omicron could still overwhelm hospitals because of the sheer number of infections. That makes it difficult to know how far to turn down the dial on the festive season.

In the United States, infections average around 149,000 a day, and officials announced this week that omicron dethroned delta as the dominant variant. In Britain, where an omicron-fueled surge is seen as a harbinger for many other European countries, daily cases topped 100,000 for the first time on Tuesday. France, Spain and Italy are also seeing infection spikes.

Fravel and his wife, Sue Malomo, who are both software developers and have six children between them, are worried about omicron and delta. Fravel, 51, said they nixed their trip to New York City because "the thought of being in those big crowds didn't seem to make a whole lot of sense."

Neither did having lots of people at their house. Typically, 20 to 25 people filter through between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. But this year, only the kids will come and not all at the same time.

"Right now, the plan is everyone's just kind of staying put in smaller circles or doing FaceTime," Fravel said.

England, an energy lobbyist, also weighed his options — and decided a trip could be made. He and his wife both got booster shots, which reassures him, though his daughter is too young for the vaccine.

"We picked Miami in part because we would be able to eat exclusively outdoors and then spend time on the beach and at the pool," he said. But even he is still hedging: As of Tuesday evening, they were "80/20 going."

Colombia native Julieta Aranguren has already begun her trip. The 18-year-old was on a stopover in Madrid on Wednesday on her way to Dubai, where she planned to spend time with relatives. She spent thousands of dollars on flights and hotels — booked nine months ago — so she said that she didn't consider canceling.

But she still faces the unknown. Her group plans to go shopping, dine out and visit the World Expo in Dubai, so "it would be no fun at all if there were more restrictions," Aranguren said.

It's still unclear which path most people will take. Ryanair, Europe's biggest airline, lowered its forecast for the number of passengers for December from 11 million to 10 million, chief executive Michael O'Leary told the Guardian last week.

Several airlines in the United States remain fairly upbeat.

For the period from Dec. 17 through Jan. 3, Delta Air Lines says it expects to fly about 8 million people, more than double last year's holiday season but short of the 9.3 million passengers in 2019. American Airlines plans about 5,000 daily flights between Dec. 19 and Jan. 1, up from 3,700 at the same time last year. But there were a lot more — 6,300 — during the 2019 holidays.

Both airlines noted that international travel was the most affected by the omicron variant.

That rings true for Alex Wong. The freelance journalist and radio producer in Toronto canceled a mid-December flight to New York that would have been his first trip since the pandemic began. He worried about being stuck in quarantine upon his return, which would leave him unable to see his family during the holidays.

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Doug Dezotell
Musings and Memories

God is right with us

One of my favorite pictures of my father, Fred Dezotell, was a black and white photo of him standing on a tall ladder decorating a 20 foot tall Christmas tree.

My dad would put up a huge tree every year in the grand ballroom of the Student Union at The University of North Dakota.

Dad was the maintenance supervisor for the Student Union and decorating that tree was a job he looked forward to every year.

Dad loved Christmas.

Not only did he look forward to decorating that ballroom at UND, but he loved to decorate the outside and the inside of our house for his favorite holiday too.

Back in the days when I was growing up the strands of lights people used to decorate with were multicolored, and the bulbs were quite a bit bigger than the little white lights most people use today.

At night the houses in our neighborhood, and all over Grand Forks, looked like they had been hit with a box of bright Crayola crayons.

All those lights would shimmer off the snow in our yards and on our roofs, turning that snow into a sparkling rainbow of color.

Every year, shortly after Thanksgiving, Dad would load us kids up in the car and we would go shopping for the perfect Christmas tree.

He always made sure we had a real fir tree for our house, one that filled up one end of our living room from floor to ceiling.

Dad was partial to a Douglas fir. I like to think that he preferred the Douglas fir because his baby boy was named Douglas.

Dad would make sure there was always just enough room for his favorite decoration to go on top of the tree.

That ornate tree-topper was a beautiful gold and silver shimmering angel, with real white feathered wings.

Dad's angel was always packed away safely from year to year, lovingly and tenderly wrapped with tissue paper and placed in its special box.

Then when it came time to decorate our tree, Dad would bring the angel out from its hiding place.

That beautiful angel was the last thing Dad would gently secure on our tree. After she was finally placed on that top branch, Dad would step back and

▷ See **Doug**, Page 3B

Johnson family serving community on Christmas

Fourth year for meal program

Tyrell Johnson and family find peace on Christmas Day through serving others a hot meal.

The family gathering to feed folks started with the philanthropic work of matriarch Mamie Johnson. She continues to serve the community in many ways, including the August backpack program for students.

Mamie's been a mentor to many and has largely impressed upon her family to give back to the community through action, not just talk. Her grandson, Tyrell, is now heading up a Christmas Day dinner over at Chili's on North Main; he works for one of the Nashville locations.

The 35-year-old says he was as well influenced to help others through his own parents, Tyrone and Karen Johnson; his sister Ashley Johnson also serves meals on Christmas Day.

Those needing food call ahead to order (931-735-0301) and generous folks help the Johnsons by delivering the food. It's a meat and two sides, such as warm mac and cheese, which Tyrell says is all received with gratitude.

In last three years of the Christmas Day meal, the Johnson Family have also managed to feed firefighters and policemen. As well, a lot of senior citizens, he advised, benefit from the Christmas Day food.

"A lot of older people . . . don't have a lot to help them," says Tyrell.

It's a time for many of those delivering food to talk with those alone, perhaps even offering a Christmas Day prayer, if the people ask. Or, perhaps some will just want a little conversation; they're prepared to serve.

Christmas Blessings

Johnson Family Food Give-A-Way, call or text 931-735-0301. Serving plates at Chili's and delivery from noon to 2 p.m. Dec. 25.



His employer, Chili's, donates the space and Publix and Palmer Food Service has assisted, along with many members of the community. It takes a village, according to Tyrell, who explains the first year they served 100. The next year it was 300 and last year, 500 people received plates.

Even when they run out of food, like they did last year, Tyrell notes that they improvise; he served chicken tenders at the end of the event in 2020. He says while some items might be harder to come by this year, given supply and demand issues in the country, he's finding that most everything is available to conduct their event.

As someone who works in food retail, he knows it just takes a lot of organization and pre-planning to pull off such an endeavor. He says he's blessed with help from a lot of good folks.

Tyrell notes that he has a 15-year-old son; he wants to mentor him to continue this legacy of love on Christmas Day. "You don't have to be a celebrity to lead . . . want to show kids how to do it now."

His dad created the original schematic for the course of events, he says. Such ventures do take a lot of time and manpower, but through generous donations, the Johnsons hope it will continue in Shelbyville and beyond for generations to come.

Tyrell says giving the increase in numbers, he's also enlisted more delivery help this year—people who know "the lay of the land." He credited members of the Jaycees for helping out too.

The Johnsons are no doubt tired by sunset on Christmas Day. Their family will gather this Saturday night for their own holiday dinner.

People will continue to call into the night, Tyrell says with a chuckle.

One thing for sure, the Johnsons and friends will have a good Christmas sleep, knowing many, many people in want or need have been fed. "You can't really receive a blessing without giving to someone else," says Tyrell; his mother nods in agreement.

Leave Santa a 'cheesy' treat

Irish Jambon perfect for Christmas Eve

We all know that Santa travels all over the world on Christmas Eve, right? So maybe he'd like something different than milk and cookies?

It's a thought.

We're borrowing this 'cheesy' pastry recipe from our Irish friends. A traditional Irish cafe food, it's a cinch to prep and whip up at home with just a few ingredients. Actually, four, to be exact.

Make these ahead and experiment with different cheeses. The Dubliner cheese can be found at many area grocery stores which offer Kerrygold dairy products.

So, you're welcome Santa. Enjoy these warm pastries with a cold glass of milk.



Irish Jambon (Ham and Cheese Pastries)

Irish Jambon (Ham and Cheese Pastries)

Yield 12 to 18 pastries

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1 C. finely diced ham *see note below

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1 egg

Preheat oven to 400 degrees and line two baking sheets with parchment or silicone liners. Let pastry sheets thaw in fridge. Lay out on lightly floured surface and use a rolling pin to roll them out just a bit larger than their given size. You'll need to cut dough into even squares (can be larger or smaller depending on your preference) so you may want to grab a ruler to make sure you've got it at a good size to cut even squares. I like to cut into 9 squares for small bites and just 6 for larger, more traditional size.

Place a good amount of cheese and a sprinkle of ham in the center of each square. Be generous. Then take the corners of each square and pull them up to the center and pinch to close. (They will open back up during cooking and that's okay!)

Whisk egg with 2 tablespoons water in a small dish and then brush egg wash over the top of each sealed square. Bake at 400 degrees for 20-25 minutes, until puffed and golden brown.

Note:

If you'd like to re-heat leftover pastries from room temperature or fridge, simply place on a baking sheet in a 375 degree oven for just a few minutes, until heated through again. You can also prepare these and freeze PRE or POST baking. To cook, place frozen pastries directly on baking sheet and bake as directed. They'll need a few extra minutes.



Mark McGee
My Take

Naming of sports venues

During the research for one of my symposium presentations at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York I made an interesting discovery in Savannah, Tennessee.

Hank DeBerry, a former major league baseball player, the subject of my presentation, had been honored with the naming of a sports complex in his name featuring four baseball and softball fields. The bronze plaque honoring DeBerry could use a good cleaning, but the fields and the facilities were immaculate.

I started thinking about what sports facilities could be named here in Bedford County.

There is the basketball court at Shelbyville Central High School which bears the name of former girls' basketball coach Rick Insell who created a dynasty before moving on to Middle Tennessee State University. The late James Cotham, known simply as "Coach" to most who knew him, has been honored with the naming of the court at Cascade Middle School for his many years of service as a coach, educator and administrator.

But there are so many other facilities which could be used to honor the contributions and accomplishments of those involved in sports in the county.

The accomplishments of the Bedford County Training School football team that posted a 78-0-4 record, including 52 straight shutouts, are honored at the Central High School football field. There were so many legendary players and coaches during that run from 1943-50 that is seems fit to honor them all collectively.

Later the school was renamed to honor Sydney W. Harris. In the early 1960s Jim Mitchell became a local star at Harris High. He went to play at Prairie View A & M. Mitchell played 11 years in the NFL for the Atlanta Falcons and won All-Pro honors. He and his close friend and teammate Claude Humphrey, who passed away earlier this month, held free football camps here. Mitchell, whose health had been ravaged by diabetes lived out his last years in Shelbyville.

Charlie Coffey is another option. He played for the legendary General Robert Neyland at the University of Tennessee. He then went on to a distinguished college coaching career which included serving as a defensive line coach

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TOY DRIVE

ABOVE: Community Middle recently held its Toys for Tots drive. Students were all smiles on delivery day.

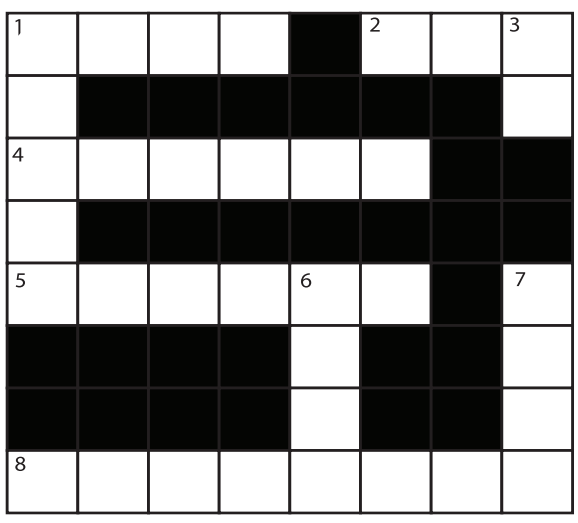
LEFT: Giving back—that's what Community Middle's mission was before Christmas.

BOTTOM: Students collected more than 60 toys and delivered them recently to Fire Station No. 1 in Shelbyville to be delivered to needy children in Bedford County.

Photos by Cynthia Donnelly



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1. "Santa _____"
2. "We Wish ____ a Merry Christmas"
4. "Oh ____ Town of Bethlehem"
5. "_____ Bells"
8. "O Come all Ye _____"

DOWN
1. "Jingle _____"
3. "_____ on the Rooftop"
6. "As ____ Happy Christmas"
7. "The First _____"

Answers:
Across
1. Baby 2. You 4. Little 5. Silver 8. Faithful
Down
1. Bells 3. Up 6. Each 7. Noel

Visiting small town USA



Dawn Hankins
Pencil Shavings

The late journalist and author Charles Kuralt (one of my all-time favorites) said once, "I did stories about unexpected encounters, back roads, small towns and ordinary folk, sometimes doing something a little extraordinary."

That's really what makes this profession so much fun, especially at Christmas time. There are so many beautiful small towns still in existence.

On what I had hoped would be a quiet morning of Christmas shopping, I stopped off in Lynchburg. It was a rainy morning (turned off cool later in day.) But as the clock ticked on last Saturday, more and more people headed out to enjoy some Christmas music, shopping and a little small town life.

At Christmas we enjoy watching, "It's a Wonderful Life" set in the fictitious Bedford Falls. Millions of visitors from all over the world stop off at Jack Daniel's country each year for a similar taste of small town life. But that doesn't include drinking as Moore County remains a dry county.

From Jack Daniel fudge (yes, you can buy that and commemorative whiskey bottles) to antiques—many of those used by someone's grandma in the kitchen but still in mint condition—there are unique gift finds in Lynchburg. You can also buy T-shirts with your favorite political statement or satire.

Moore County is the second smallest county in the state (Trousdale is currently the smallest.) Moore CountyUSA was created in 1871, during the Reconstruction era.

And of course, it is the home of Jack Daniel's Whiskey.

As Miranda Lambert once said in her song, "Famous in a Small Town:"

"They say life is so much sweeter
Through the telephoto lens of fame
Around here you get just as much attention
Cheerin' at the high school football game."



My 4-year-old grandson, Alex, found this statute of Jack Daniel quite intriguing on a recent visit to Lynchburg.

See more photos from Lynchburg on page 3 today.

I welcome your photos from your recent visits to small town U.S.A. Send to dhankins@t-g.com.

Does Baby New Year give you the creeps?



Danny Tyree
Tyrades

Perhaps one reason I never get invited to New Year's Eve parties is that I tend to overanalyze things.

Take Baby New Year (a.k.a. "Bundle of White Male Joy"), for instance.

Society's reliance on this iconic tyke in editorial cartoons, greeting cards and advertising campaigns causes me to lose more sleep than the ball drop in Times Square.

Most people blithely accept a half-naked, curfew-deprived newborn galivanting about the countryside unchaperoned; but I see it as one more troubling repercussion of the "Defund Child Protective Services" movement. For the kid's sake, it's a good thing no one has revoked the self-defense "crawl your ground" laws yet.

From mid-December through mid-January, images of Baby New Year are ubiquitous; but we still possess only a maddeningly sketchy picture of his agenda. Every autumn as the jack-o'-lanterns make way for turkeys, folks inevitably ask, "Where did the year go?"

That's an excellent question.

We almost never see Baby New Year again until late December when he has deteriorated into osteoporosis-plagued Old Year. What is he doing in other seasons, at other life stages? Is he using his sash to hide his zits? Does his noisemaker drown out his mother-in-law? Is he using his trusty hourglass to keep track of his Viagra?

There's something creepy about the way the kid invariably becomes decrepit in a mere 12 months. I don't care if he can say "Mama" or "Dada." My question to him is "Can you say, 'more research funds for extreme glandular conditions, please'?"

We're supposed to feel comforted by the annual ritual of Old Year "passing the torch" to Baby New Year, but there's always the risk of Old Year setting his stereotypical beard on fire in the process! Why can't years aspire to being The Year World Peace Was Achieved instead of The Year I Became ZZ Top?

Time after time, Old Year lets the naïve, effervescent Baby New Year take the reins, without any warning of the "nothing new under the sun" mixture of earthquakes, pestilences, economic hiccups and celebrity scandals that will inevitably ensue. Occasionally, an Old Year will try to blink out a warning in Morse Code, but the cataracts cause miscommunication. ("Put the kibosh on term limits? Thanks, sir!")

I am deeply frustrated by the inconsistency of the mythology. Sometimes Baby New Year starts as an infant, sometimes as a toddler. He bears a suspicious resemblance to Valentine's Day mascot Cupid. Old Year sometimes is and sometimes isn't conflated with Father Time. (Father Time is reportedly not keen on the title, musing, "I'm going to beat the snot out of the Old Year in which paternity tests were introduced.")

As my son Gideon reminded me, the animated holiday special "Rudolph's Shiny New Year" contains helpful backstory on one particular New Year ("Happy") and the Archipelago of Last Years, where the Old Years go to retire. But I'm not sure I accept that cartoon as canonical. It has the distinct aroma of a Chinese disinformation campaign, especially the uncut version with the Island of Non-existent Lab Leaks.

On a brighter note, you could make a billion dollars if you could write a book on "What to Expect When You're Expecting Baby New Year."

Of course, your fortune might still meet a curve ball. ("Alec Baldwin just accidentally nuked the computer servers holding your money! Oh, the cryptocurrency…!"

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Doug

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stand for a while admiring his handiwork.

I loved the smell of that tree in our living room throughout the Christmas season.

Dad would make sure to keep sugar water in the basin where the tree trunk stood securely. I'm not sure of the logic behind putting sugar in the water, but Dad seemed to think it was a necessity. And I grew up thinking that "Father knows best."

Picking out the perfect Christmas tree was a family affair. I can still see my father standing in the middle of a Christmas tree lot, grabbing a certain tree, spinning it around, and checking it from every angle.

He would shake all the snow and ice off the branches, and smile and say, "Okay kids, what do you think about this one?"

And then finally, standing there in that below-freezing weather, we'd hear Dad proudly proclaim, "I think we found the perfect tree!"

Every year we had the perfect tree.

Christmas trees have always been an important part of Yuletide celebrations for most Americans, going back to the early days of our nation.

I remember back in December of 2012, Americans watched the news coverage of the terrible events that unfolded at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, when a 20 year old man opened fire with an assault rifle, killing 20 children and 6 adults.

I heard a reporter talking to a man from Massachusetts who was with a group that had brought more than 20 Christmas trees to Newtown. They set the trees up along the road leading to Sandy Hook Elementary.

There was one tree for each of the shooting victims. Each tree was decorated in a special way for each child and staff member.

That group of mourners knew that all those children would never see the Christmas trees in their homes again.

They would never open the presents that their families had lovingly placed under their trees for them that year.

Each of those children and adults will be missed greatly every Christmas from that day on by their families and loved ones.

Their Christmas celebrations will never be the same as it was prior to that horrible day.

Those Christmas trees standing along that road in Newtown, Connecticut represented the thoughts and prayers of people whose hearts were broken for those families.

Those Christmas trees were perfect for a time like that, as they were a symbol of love and concern.

On Christmas Eve in 1963, I was as excited as any fourth grade boy could be. My family had spent the evening at my oldest sister's house eating a Christmas meal and opening the gifts we found under my sister Rita's perfect Christmas tree.

It had been a great Christmas Eve celebration. When it was time for us to go home, I put on my coat and I was the first one out the door.

Standing on the landing outside Rita's apartment, I heard shouts and cries from inside and I turned around and ran back in there.

Right away I was ushered into a back room with my siblings, my nephews and my grandmother.

Something had happened to Dad, but we didn't know what and we were all scared.

We learned later that Christmas Eve, that Dad had died of a massive heart attack.

Christmases changed for the Dezotell family after that.

Our perfect Christmas tree in our living room back at our house had lost its wonder. And the angel on top of the tree seemed heartbroken just like we did.

People surrounded my family with love and support back in 1963, just like a caring nation surrounded the community of Newtown with love and support in 2012.

I remember a TV reporter covering the news in Newtown asked a Jewish Rabbi what he would say to the people who wondered where God was when tragedy happens to them. His response was, "There's an old Hebrew saying, 'When our heart is breaking, God cries alongside us.'"

God is right there with us, to comfort us, to hold us, and to cry with us.

God cried alongside the Dezotell family that year.

We don't have a real Christmas tree in our home this year, and we haven't had a live tree for years.

But the tree we do have is a nice one. It may be artificial, but it's a nice, pre-lit perfect artificial tree.

It has been decorated beautifully by my lovely wife and our granddaughters. And it's the perfect tree for us.

I can't look at Christmas trees without thinking about my dad. Fred Dezotell loved Christmas, and he loved Christmas trees.

Ever since 2012 when I look at Christmas trees, I also think of those 26 trees lining the road in Newtown and the lives they represented.

And yes, I think of our Great God who "cries alongside us."

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Mark

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at Tennessee, defensive coordinator under Frank Broyles at Arkansas and a stint at Virginia Tech as head coach. Coffey returned to Shelbyville where he started a successful trucking firm.

Naming the field for one and the stadium for the other should be considered as options. Such decisions are left to the Bedford County School Board.

Glenn "Bo" Melson, the longtime sports editor of the Times-Gazette, covered local sports from junior pro and Little League through high school locally. He was a fixture on the sidelines of football games and next to the courts for basketball games and near the action at baseball games with his camera always ready. Naming the press box at Central High School for Melson would be a fitting honor. Naming the sports fields complex at H.V. Griffin Park for Melson would also be a possibility.

Chuck Taylor, from Bell Buckle, pitched for the St. Louis Cardinals, Montreal Expos and Milwaukee Brewers. Cascade should recognize him by naming the baseball field in his honor.

There are many possibilities. Naming a list of people is always dangerous and I know there are others who could be considered for such honors. But all those mentioned have passed away. They need to be remembered for what they did.

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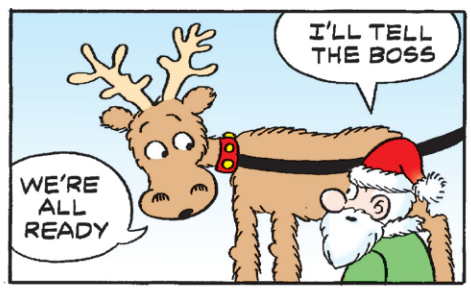

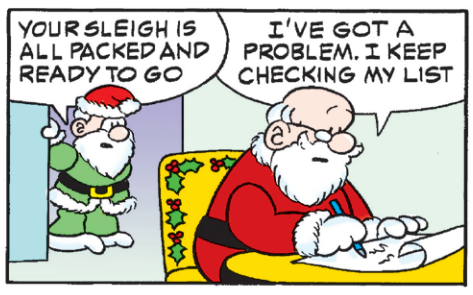





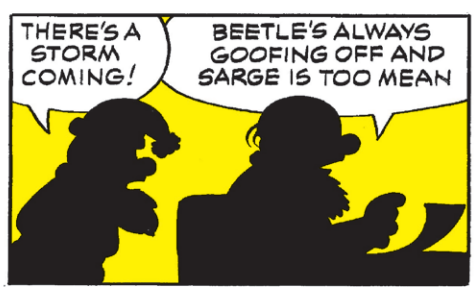





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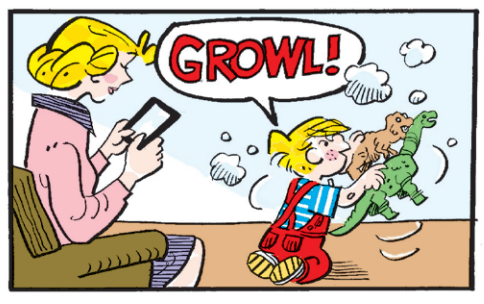
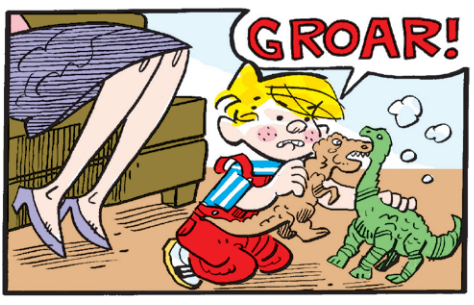
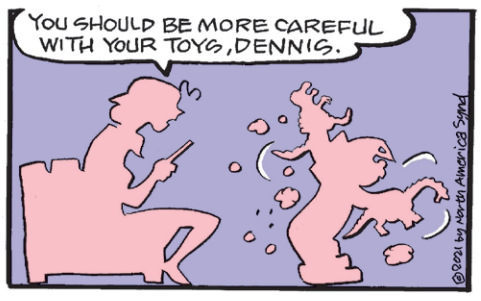
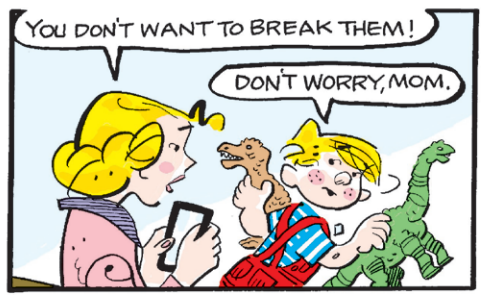
On Borrowed Time

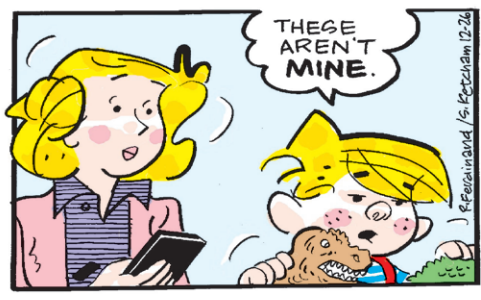












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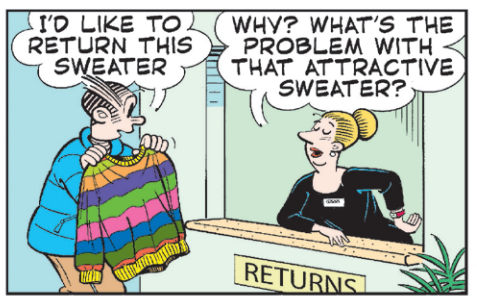

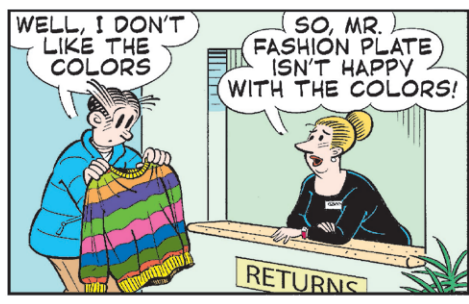



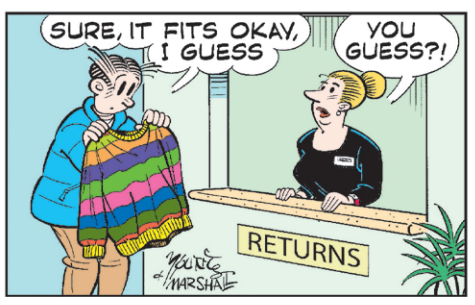

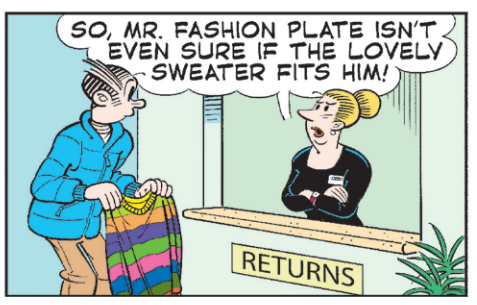

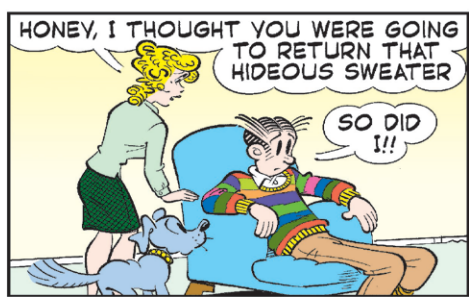

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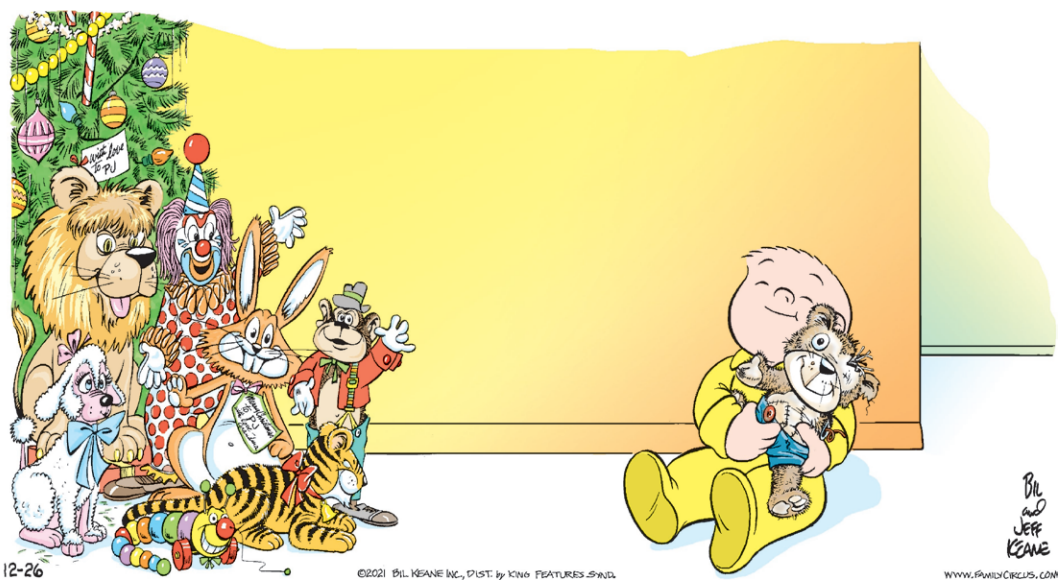

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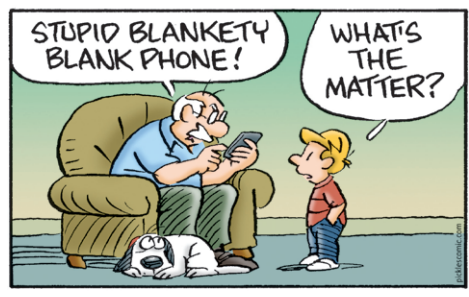

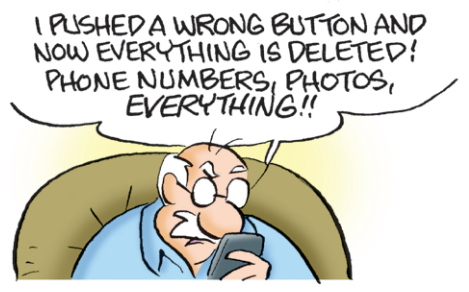

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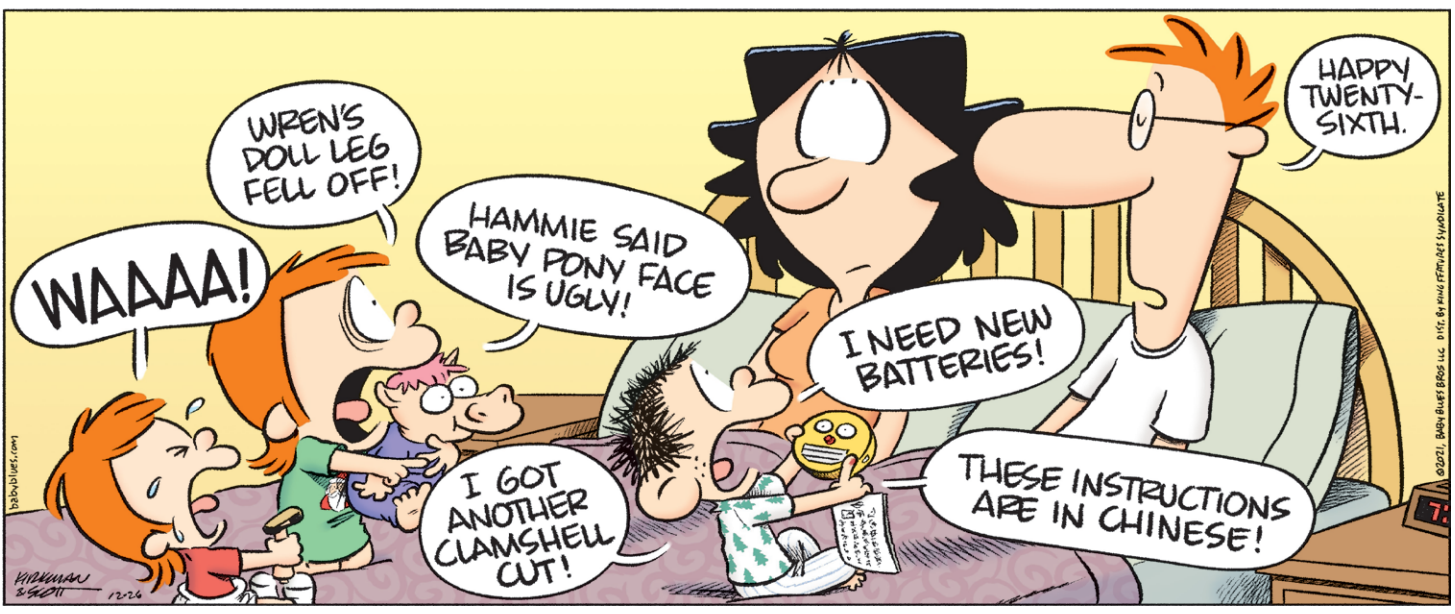

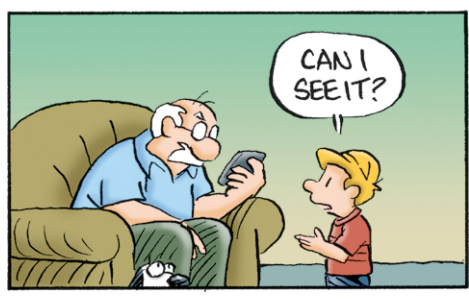





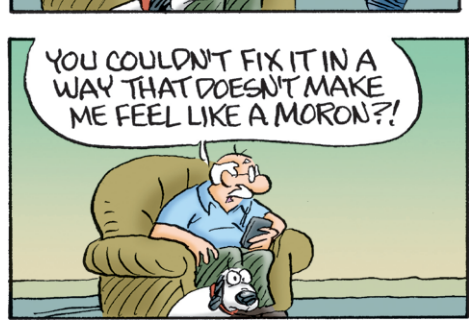

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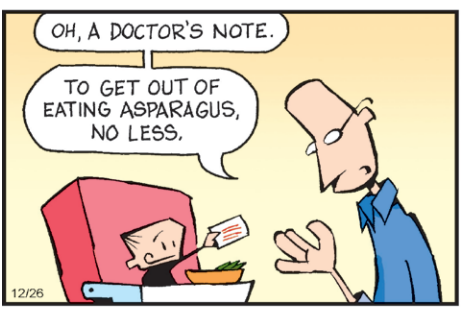



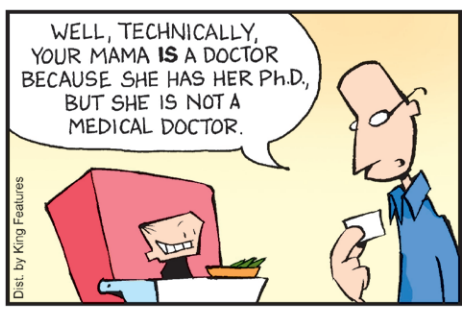



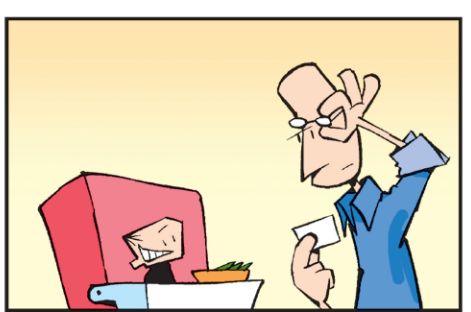

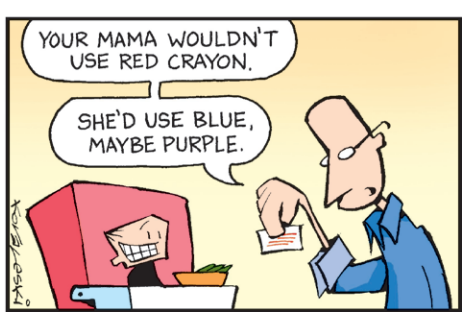

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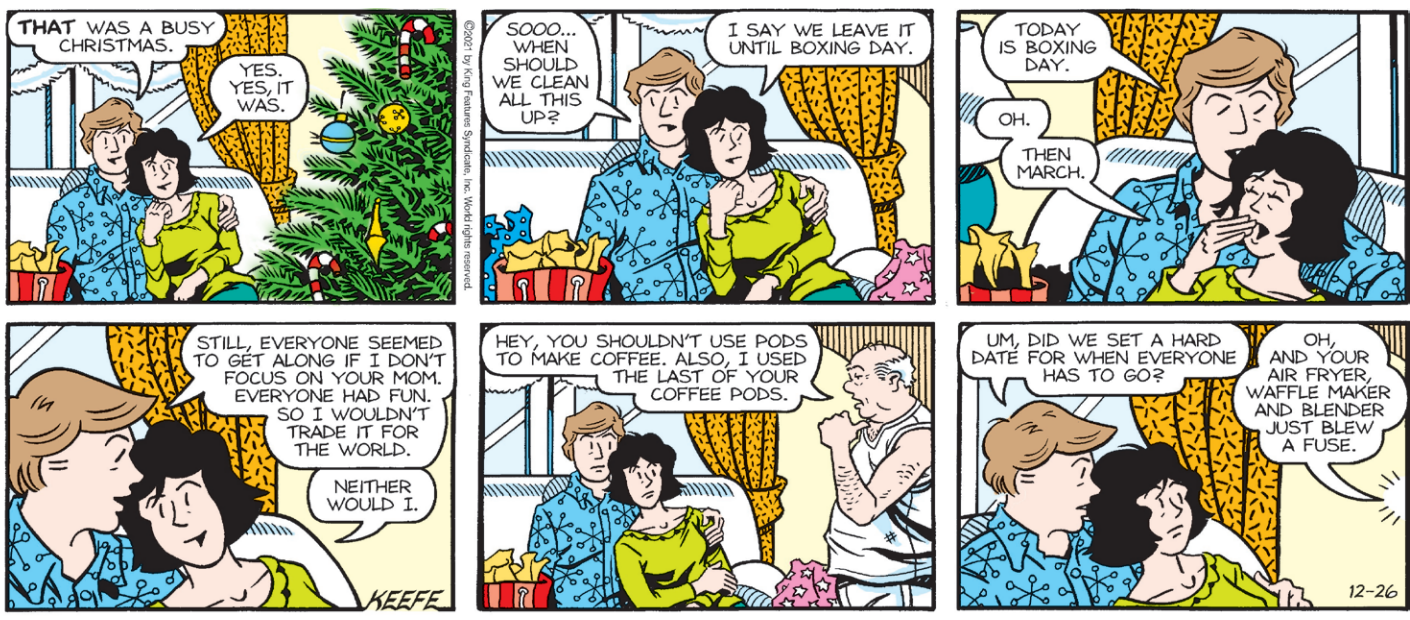

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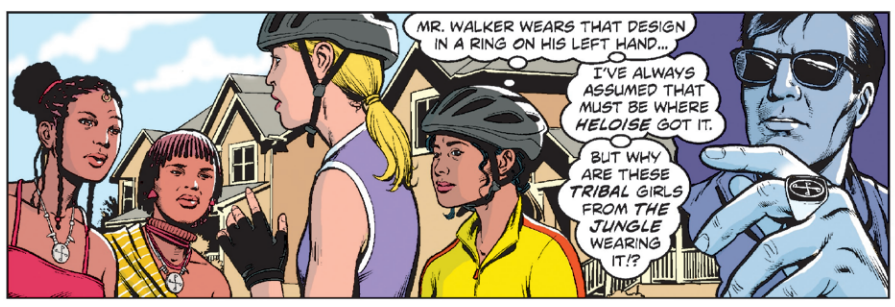

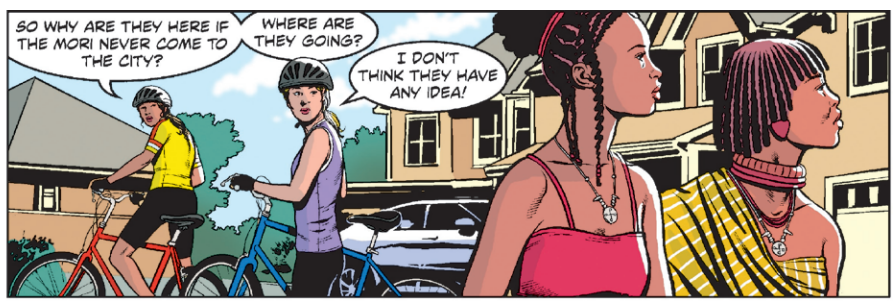

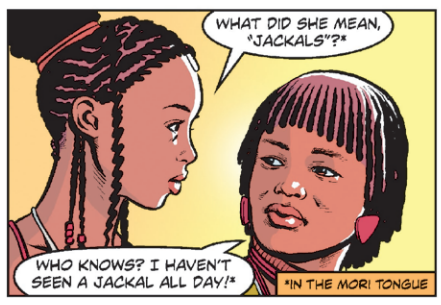



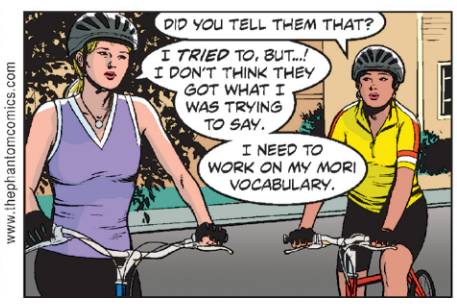

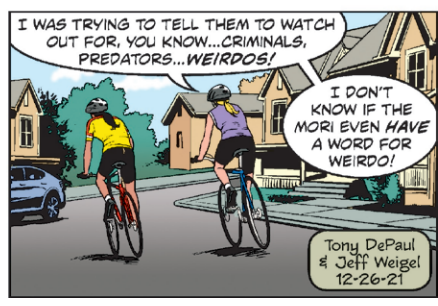

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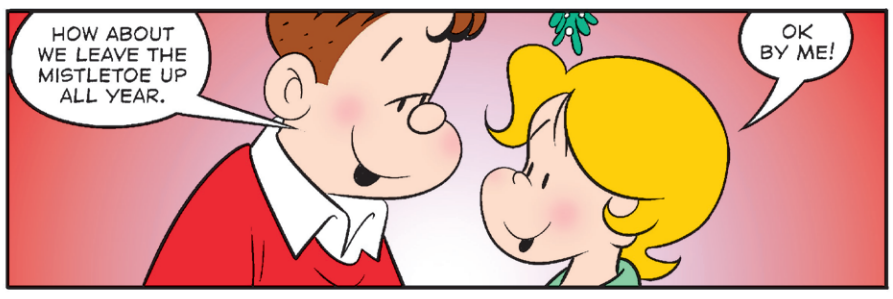





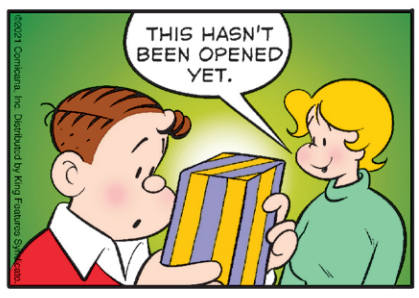

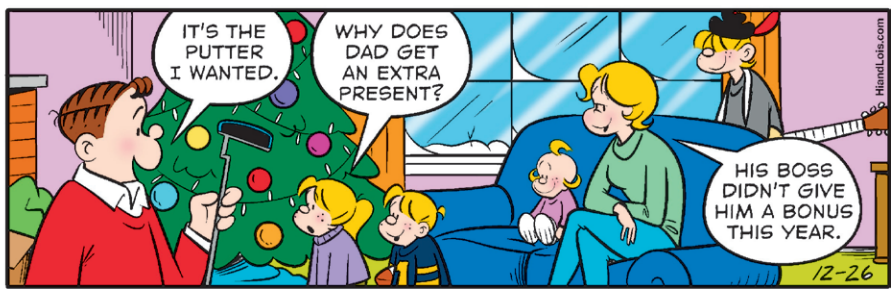

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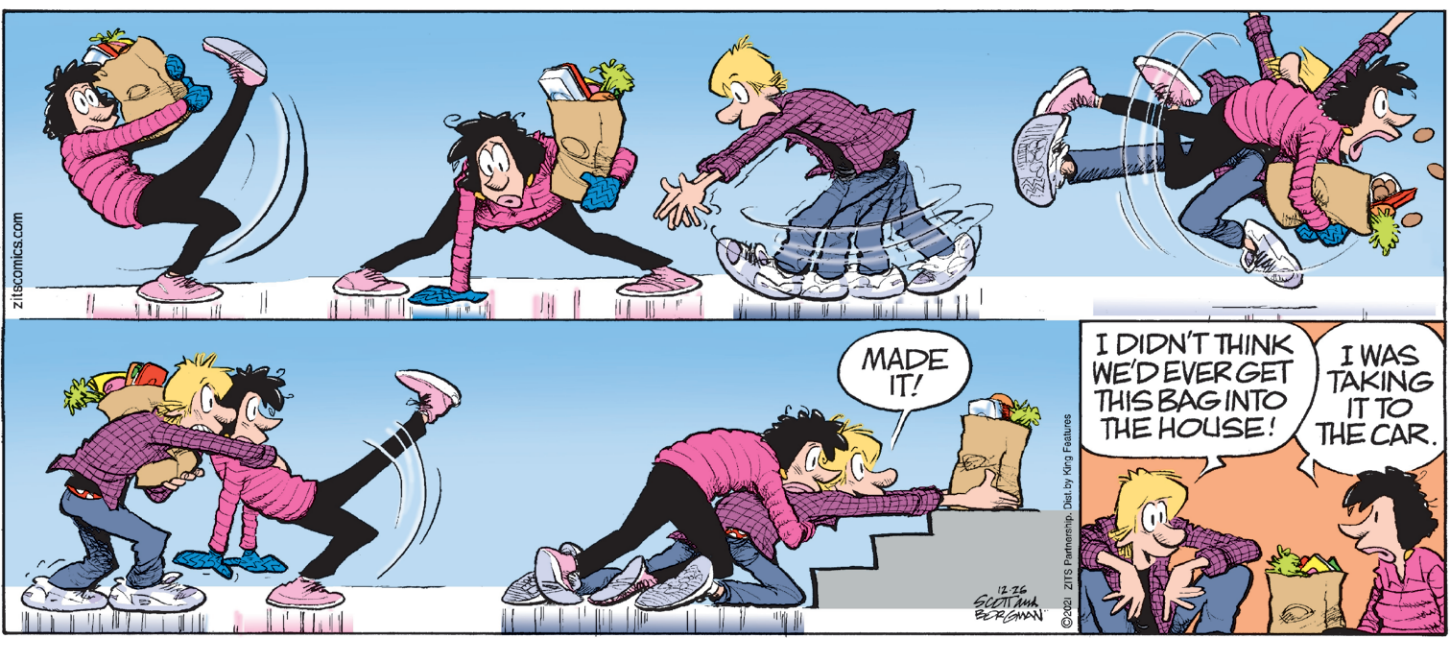

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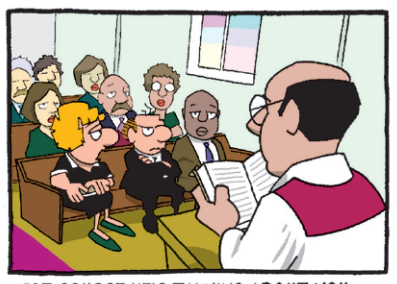

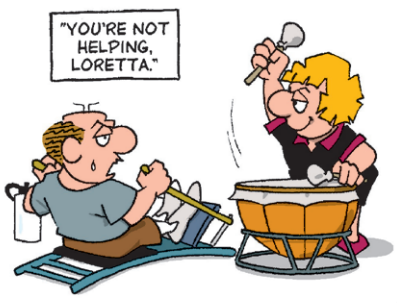

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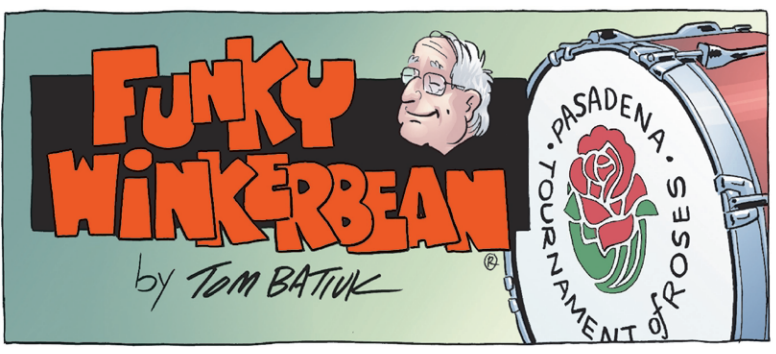

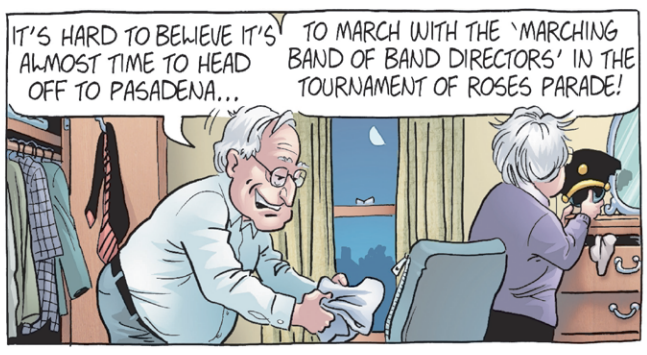





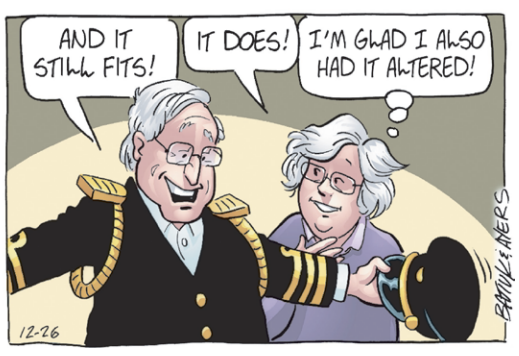





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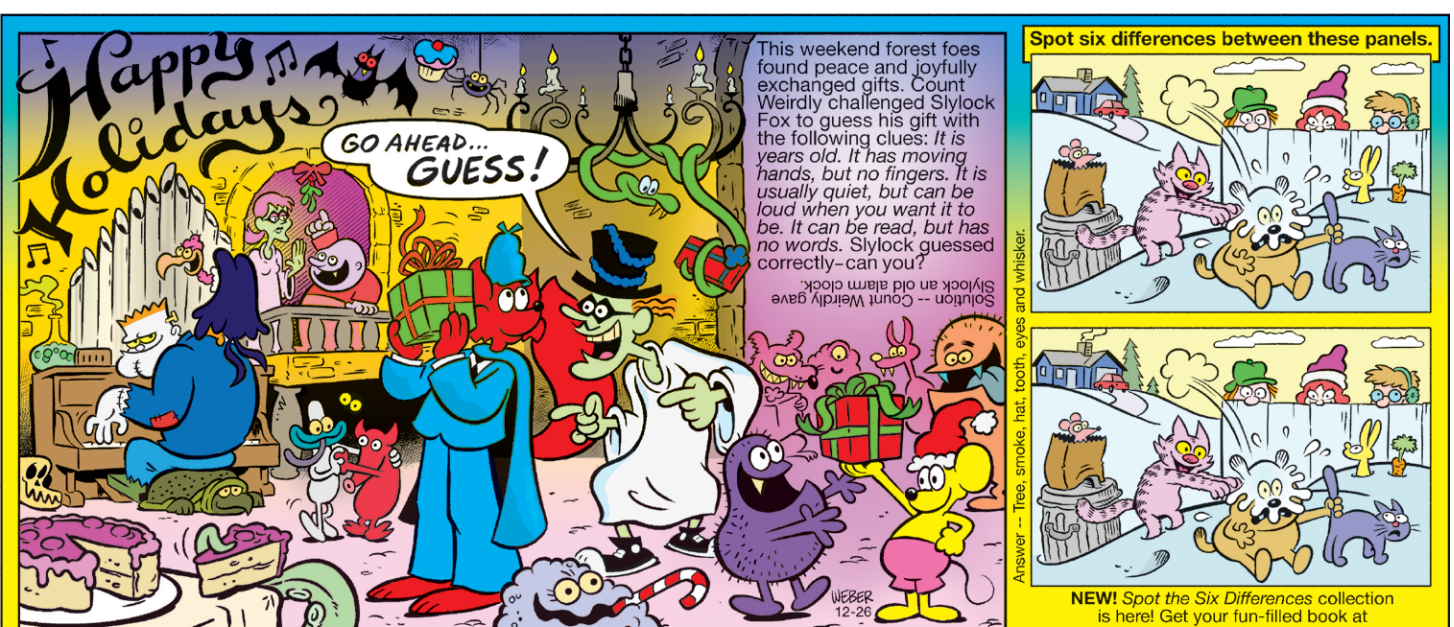

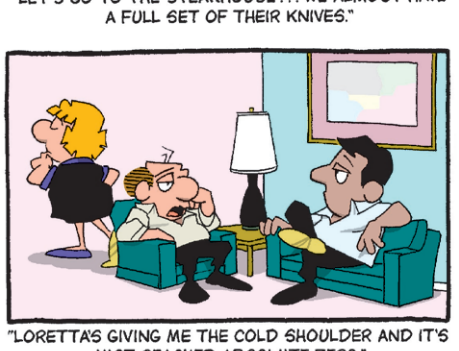





Faye Sudberry opens home to SWC

By DAWN HANKINS
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The third home in the recent Shelbyville Woman's Club Christmas Tour of Homes belongs to Shelbyville's own Faye Sudberry.

Faye told the SWC members how in August of 2019, she down-sized. In February of 2020, she moved to Celebration Street. As she hosted the event at her spacious home earlier this month, she said she believes her new home was a good choice.

"I love it. The people here are fabulous . . . great neighbors. It's very convenient to all stores."

Several SWC members participated in this bi-annual program. A lunch was served at Riverbend Country Club prior to the gathering.



















Warm Up Winter with Comforting Classics

FAMILY FEATURES

Whipping up family favorites all winter long is a perfect activity to keep loved ones warm in the kitchen while avoiding the bitter chill outdoors. Delicious, heartwarming snacks offer a simple and savory way to bring everyone in from the cold while enjoying comforting flavors together.

Lean on beloved ingredients like go-to RAGÚ sauces when it's time to come together for quick bites. The possibilities are nearly endless with delicious recipes using classics like the RAGÚ Old World Style Traditional or RAGÚ Simply Traditional options.

Hearty flavors can take away the chill of winter in recipes like Snowman Pizza Bombs, Polenta Bites and Baked Tomato Goat Cheese Dip. Easy to make and fun to create together, these simple snacks are perfect for a cold afternoon spent together in the kitchen or watching a family-movie marathon.

Originally started by an Italian mother more than 80 years ago, RAGÚ sauce, known for its distinctive yellow cap, is the perfect have-on-hand pantry staple to help you create easy and delicious home cooking. As an invaluable resource and family favorite since 1937, RAGÚ sauces easily allow anyone, regardless of gender or culinary skillset, to "cook like a mother" and serve up delicious, homemade favorites. The brand's rich heritage and array of sauce choices ensures that your next cold-weather day spent inside will be elevated with family-favorite snacks and easy and taste-tempting meals made with RAGÚ.

Find more recipes perfect for warming up this winter at Ragu.com.



Baked Tomato Goat Cheese Dip

Baked Tomato Goat Cheese Dip

Recipe courtesy of Marzia Aziz of "Little Spice Jar"
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4-6

- **Nonstick cooking spray**
- **2 cups RAGÚ Simply Traditional Sauce**
- **3 cloves garlic, divided**
- **1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped, divided**
- **1/8-1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes**
- **1 log (10-10 1/2 ounces) goat cheese, softened at room temperature**
- **2 teaspoons olive oil, plus additional for brushing, divided**
- **1/4 teaspoon fresh thyme**
- **kosher salt, divided**
- **pepper**
- **1 large baguette, sliced on bias**
- **blistered tomatoes, for serving (optional)**

Position one rack in upper third of oven and one in lower third. Preheat oven to 375 F. Spray small, round baking dish with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.

Add sauce to small bowl. Grate in two garlic cloves then add 1/8 cup basil and red pepper flakes. Stir to combine then pour sauce into baking dish.

Smash goat cheese log into ball. Place ball between two sheets plastic wrap. Using hands, flatten cheese into thick, round disc about 1 inch smaller in diameter than baking dish. Remove goat cheese from plastic wrap and place in center of sauce. Drizzle cheese with 2 teaspoons olive oil. Sprinkle with fresh thyme, kosher salt and pepper. Bake on lower rack, uncovered, 20-25 minutes, or until sauce is bubbly and cheese is warmed through.

Place baguette slices on baking sheet. Drizzle or brush with olive oil and sprinkle with kosher salt. Bake crostini on upper rack 10-12 minutes, flipping halfway through. When bread is done, remove from oven, cut last garlic clove in half and rub cut side on bread.

Top dip with remaining basil and blistered tomatoes, if desired, and serve with crostini.

Note: To make blistered tomatoes: Heat skillet over medium-high heat until almost smoking. Add 1 pint cherry tomatoes to dry skillet and let sit 1 minute. Lower heat to low, toss tomatoes with 2 teaspoons olive oil and cook 2-3 minutes, or until tomatoes are about to burst. Remove from heat; sprinkle with pinch of salt and pepper.



Polenta Bites

Polenta Bites

- **1 tube (18 ounces) polenta**
- **1 1/2 teaspoons olive oil**
- **1 jar (24 ounces) RAGÚ Chunky Tomato, Garlic and Onion Sauce**
- **1 package (8 ounces) shredded mozzarella**
- **2 sprigs, rosemary, destemmed and chopped**
- **3 basil leaves, chopped**
- **1 block (8 ounces) hard Parmesan cheese**

Cut polenta into slices. In skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat; fry polenta slices 10-12 minutes on each side until crispy and golden brown.

In saucepan over medium heat, warm sauce.

Place polenta slices on tray and sprinkle with mozzarella. Place 1/2 teaspoon warm sauce on each slice then sprinkle with chopped rosemary and basil. Grate hard Parmesan onto each slice for topping.



Snowman Pizza Bombs

Snowman Pizza Bombs

- **1 tube (11.8 ounces) pizza dough**
- **1 jar (24 ounces) RAGÚ Old World Style Traditional Sauce**
- **1 package (6 ounces) pepperoni slices**
- **1 package (6 ounces) Canadian bacon slices**
- **1 package (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese**
- **4 tablespoons melted butter**
- **1 teaspoon garlic powder**
- **1 1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning**
- **1 package (8 ounces) mozzarella cheese slices**

Decorative vegetables (optional):

- **multicolored sweet peppers**
- **olives**
- **spinach**
- **mushrooms**
- **cherry tomatoes**

Preheat oven to 400 F.

Cut pizza dough into 12 squares. On each square, place 1/2 teaspoon sauce and evenly top with pepperoni, Canadian bacon and cheddar cheese.

Pinch corners of dough together to round into balls then place in muffin tins.

In small bowl, mix melted butter, garlic powder and Italian seasoning; brush generously over dough balls.

Bake 15-20 minutes until golden brown.

Remove from muffin tin and carefully shape dough balls into circles; place on baking sheet. Cover with mozzarella slices and bake until melted.

Create snowman faces by decorating each with peppers, olives, spinach, mushrooms and cherry tomatoes, if desired. Use remaining sauce for dipping.

MERRY CHRISTMAS 231-SOUTH!

Tiffany Lemmon recently conducted a Christmas concert in Bell Buckle. Her community, around her business, Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation on Highway 231-South, can be proud of this Shelbyville woman's recent accomplishment. A total of 105 New Testaments, sponsored from the recent concert, "A Christmas with Tiffany" will be distributed.

Lemmon family photo



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