

Work session changes for Lewisburg

By **Scott Pearson**
Associate Editor

The Lewisburg City Council set its agenda for next week on Tuesday afternoon and must consider the replacement of two key figures in city government.

The meeting began with Mayor Jim Bingham reading into the record the resignation of Ward 1 Councilman Bam Haislip, effective January 9.

Haislip transitions to the role of city manager on January 10, replacing the retiring Buck Beard.

A special election to fill Haislip’s seat will be scheduled for later in the year.

The city charter requires that no fewer than three of the five council members be elected to their seats and two members, Jack Cathey and Peggy Harwell, are already serving by council appointment.

Lewisburg must also seek a replacement for Steve Broadway, who has served as the city’s attorney for the past 11 years.

Bingham read Broadway’s notice of retirement into the record as well.

Broadway said that after 40 years of practice he was to the point of scaling back his workload.

He plans on leaving at the end of February.

Bingham said that a couple of local attorneys had already expressed interest in the position, advising the council on legal issues.

The council chose to advertise the position, hold interviews on January 25, and make an appointment prior to the end of February.

The council will also consider re-adopting a requirement for sprinkler systems to be installed in new townhouse construction, defined as three or more connected dwellings,

The requirement was removed from the last adoption of residential building code standards made by the city but since then the demand for town home construction has greatly increased, with some 200 units proposed in the city currently.

Both County Codes Director Clint Williams and Lewisburg Fire Chief Larry Williams spoke in support of the change.

The council will consider a payment in lieu of taxes agreement with Berry Global on a planned \$13.8 million expansion at the Lewisburg plant.

The agreement would offer a three year reduction on taxes for new equipment and four years on the building expansion.

The council will consider a recommendation from the planning commission that would unify the city design and signage guidelines on each of the city corridors into one consistent standard.

Currently each corridor carries different rules, adding complexity to development and making compliance more difficult.

The council deferred this resolution at last month’s meeting.

Can you build a snowman?



Marshall County might have gotten lucky last week when it dodged a prediction of potentially dangerous straight line winds, but Mother Nature wasn’t going to let southern Middle Tennessee off without some drama, dumping an estimated 8 inches of snow in Lewisburg over the weekend. That meant fun outside for Esther Thornhill (pictured) and her snowman but a forecast for Thursday of additional sleet and snow in the area casts a damper on other activities and plans.

Tennessee moving to weekly COVID-19 data updates

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — At a time when the omicron variant of the coronavirus is surging, Tennessee health officials say they will no longer provide daily COVID-19 data releases starting this week.

The Tennessee Department of Health will release weekly updates each Wednesday. The data will include the previous Sunday through Saturday period, news outlets reported.

Dr. Lisa Piercey, the state’s health commissioner, said the decision will enable the department to incorporate COVID-19 monitoring with the department’s pre-pandemic priorities, such as addressing drug overdose deaths.

Piercey said the number of reported virus cases are becoming less accurate due to an increase in at-home testing. She said no matter what the data shows, safety measures such as getting COVID-19 vaccinations, wearing masks and isolating when sick should continue.

New resources for Horton



Henry Horton State Park is a resort park that has multiple operations that includes lodging, golfing, hiking trails, campground, cabins, and more. The nature of having multiple operations managed by one maintenance team means that a lot of the parks equipment is tied up maintaining the day to day operations. The new resource management trailer will allow rangers and park staff to have tools dedicated to managing the trails, invasive plant population, and other natural resource projects to improve the visitors experience. We are excited to see how the addition of this trailer will benefit the park and allow us to be more effective and efficient in managing these resources. The Friends of Henry Horton State Park recently received a \$500 matching grant from the Friends of TN State parks that enabled them to provide the funds to refurbish a new Resource Management Trailer. Pictured from left for the recent Resource Management trailer dedication and volunteer day to remove invasive species from the Ronnie Bowers Wetland Trail on Saturday December 4, 2021. Misty Delk, Tommy Delk, Cate Delk, Suzie Comstock, Ricky Knight, Stacey Cothran, Henry Horton State Park Ranger Jesse Jewell, Chuck Holland, Georgeanne Holland, Jaren Bussell, and James Bussell.

Warner ranked among most conservative legislators

NASHVILLE, Tenn.— State Rep. Todd Warner, R-Chapel Hill, has been ranked among the most conservative members of the Tennessee General Assembly by the American Conservative Union (ACU).

Warner received the fifth highest score given to any member of the Tennessee House or Senate for his support of conservative positions during the 2021 legislative session, according to an analysis of roll call votes by the ACU.

“It’s an honor to be recognized by the ACU for my voting record,” Warner said. “My goal is to always support true conservative legislation and do anything I can to limit the government’s role in the everyday lives of Tennesseans.”

As part of its analysis, the ACU looked at votes on legislation that addressed a variety of issues including bills that prohibit government from mandating COVID-19 vaccinations or imposing vaccine passports, strengthen Second Amendment protections by establishing “constitutional carry” in the state and ban critical race theory in schools.

Warner sponsored the Tennessee Firearm Protection Act last year which prohibits the use of state or local funds to enforce any federal law or executive order regulating the sale of firearms, ammunition or firearm accessories if they violate state law or the Tennessee Constitution. The ACU supported the legislation.

According to its website, the ACU believes that the Constitution of the United States is the best political charter yet created by men for governing themselves. It is also the organization’s belief that the constitution is designed to guarantee the free exercise of the inherent rights of the individual through strictly limiting the power of government.



Obituaries

Al Cooper

Mr. Al Cooper, 70, of Unionville, TN, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021. A graveside service was held at 2 p.m., Fri-

day, Dec. 31, 2021, at Simpson Cemetery in the Rover community of Bedford Co. Lawrence Funeral

Home & Cremation Services, of Chapel Hill, TN was in charge of arrangements.

Alfred Eugene Lane

Mr. Alfred Eugene Lane, 77, of Thompsons Station, TN, formerly of Chapel Hill, TN, died Thursday, Dec. 30,

2021. A graveside service will be conducted at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, at Swanson Cem-

etery in Chapel Hill, TN. Lawrence Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

James Larry McAdams

James Larry McAdams, 76, of Lewisburg, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, at his residence.

He was a native of Marshall County, the son of the late Leonard Clay and Clara Crowell McAdams. He was a retired mechanic for the City of Lewisburg. He was a member of the Belfast Methodist Church and the Lewisburg Elks Club.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, John David McAdams and sister, Nancy Ann Turner.



He is survived by his wife, Barbara Russell McAdams; daughter, Christie Lynn (Chris) Stephens of Fayetteville; son, David Brian (Starlith) McAdams of Lee Summit, MO; three grandchildren, Aaron

Michael Stephens, Maggie Gracelynn Stephens, and Elijah Jackson Stephens; sister, Mary Louise Baber of Lewisburg. Graveside services will be conducted Friday, Jan. 7, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Head Springs Cemetery with burial to follow.

Visitation with the family will begin Friday at 11:30 a.m. and will continue until 1:30 p.m. at London Funeral Home.

London Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

Kenneth Kirby Newman

Mr. Kenneth Kirby Newman, 70, of the Wheel community of Bedford County, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2021, in Shelbyville, TN.

Family members re-

ceived friends Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, from 4 until 6 p.m. at Lawrence Funeral Home. Graveside services were conducted at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022, at Mt. Lebanon United Meth-

odist Church Cemetery, 537 Mt. Lebanon Church Road, Shelbyville, TN.

Lawrence Funeral Home & Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

Wista Carroll Fullerton

Wista Carroll Fullerton, 79, of Lewisburg, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, at her daughter's home.

She was a native of Marshall County, the daughter of the late Willie B. Carroll and Melba Whitsett Carroll. She was a homemaker and a member of the Westvue Church of Christ.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Fullerton and sister, Connie Hobbs.

She is survived by three daughters, Vonnie (Neal) Watson of Boonshill, TN, Lori (Raj) Fullerton Pathak of Milton, MA, and Carroll Cope of Lewisburg; son, Jim



(Beth) Fullerton of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Reilly and Ana-Meleia Watson, Aidan, Lily, and Declan Pathak, Sydney, Maris, and Brit-tany Fullerton, Reagan Cope; one great-granddaughter, Evalyn Marin; honorary grandchildren, Fain Spray and Evan

Watson. To them, she was the best Nana.

A graveside service will be conducted on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, at 3 p.m. in Lone Oak Cemetery with burial to follow.

Visitation with the family will begin on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, in Lone Oak Cemetery at the graveside from 2 until 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude PL, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

London Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Transfers

LAND TRANSFERS 11/08/2021 - 11/12/2021

Doyle Gene & Sandra Matthews to Brian S Watson, Commerce Street, .35 Acres/Commerce Street, 1.38 Acres, Dist 3, \$237,500; James Bromley to Amanda Mireles, Spring Place Rd, 5.32 Acres, \$539,900; William F & Joanne Maddux to Ken & Janice Ernsting, Reynolds Rd, Dist 1, \$3,100,000; James Kevin Whitfield to Davie & Michele Hesse, J C Petty S/D, Dist 3, \$225,900; Scott Dodson to Tami Saviers & Jeffery A Trantham, Beech Grove S/D, Dist 3, \$432,000; Richard A & Alison A Bruer to Melanie B Newman, Green Valley Estates, \$450,000; Steven Patrick Rutherford to Jonathan & Desiree Cavazos, Overland Meadows, \$295,000; Lisa Weaver to Bill Floyd Mathis, Westview S/D, Dist 3, \$230,000; Dugout Properties Trust to Drew Fraser Tr, Castellan Trust, Maple Street, Forrest Street, TRACT, \$205,000; Carter K & Katherine H Rasmussen to Felipa Mendez, Buchanan Addition, .23 Acres, Dist 3, \$115,000; Lisa Fay Savage, Jeffrey Ray Whitefield, Terry Savage to Matthew Morgan & Mary Ann Williams, Bob Cheek Rd, .34 Acres & Eddie Whitefield S/D, Dist 2, \$370,000; Johnny E Aycock to Keyflip LLC, Hearthstone, Lot 70, \$150,000; Keyflip LLC, Dontre Doxley to Cheyenne Investments LLC, Hearthstone, Lot 70, \$176,500; Aaron Andrew & Chelsea Lynne Raymer to Rex Richardson, Rolling Hills S/D, Dist 3, \$177,000; Nathan & Lorraine Sommers to Jeff Poarch, Brown Shop Road, 5.02 Acres, Dist 6, \$60,000; Vickie & Bryan K Bean to Peyton Henderson, Greater Lewisburg Heights, Lots 4, 5, 6, Dist 3, \$150,000; Wallace R & Verna F Sommers to Elizabeth & Wallace R Sommers Jr, Petersburg/Cornersville Rd, Brown Shop Rd, Dist 6, \$300,000; Beth Ann Clem to Anthony Nichols, Round Hill Rd, 5.69 Acres, Dist 8, \$11,380; Ann L White to Krystal S Huffman, Marvin W Moore Property, Dist 1, \$195,000; Dianne E Wayford to TMC Construction Services LLC, Milltown Rd, 30.31 Acres, Dist 2, \$400,000; Joshua L

Donnell to Mariana Balcazar Calderon & Helson Noel Rodriguez Rivera, Stegall Road Commons, Dist 2, \$275,000; Amy L Bedore, Southern Square Homes LLC to Jennifer & Carl Porter, Warner Ridge, \$445,000; Candhl Tara & James Anthony Williamson Jr to Aaron Andrew & Chelsea Raymer, Crestridge S/D, \$390,000.

LAND TRANSFERS 11/14/2021 - 11/20/2021

Kenneth & Stefanie Lancaster to Rebuilt Realty LLC, Timberhills S/D, \$125,000; Tony & Donna Burrahm to Samantha & Raymond Hood, Hwy 31A, Town of Cornersville Survey, Dist 4, \$136,000; River Forest LLC/Doug Schenkel to D R Horton Inc,River Forest S/D, Lots 1, 2, 24-58, 79-90, PO Lot 92, \$3,087,000; Donna J Robbins to Brittany A & Matthew M Abrunzo, Liberty Valley Acres S/D, Dist 8, \$230,000; Matthew M & Brittany Abrunzo to Larissa & Andrew Herrera, Belfast/Farmington Rd, .43 Acres, Dist 2, \$178,000; Regina D Marlowe to Lauren Elise Matthews & Hildred Lee Hudgins, Stoney Brook S/D, \$330,000; Jeremy Golden/Golden Excavating & utilities LLC to James c & Jessica C Moore, Millard F Mitchum Jr Estate Survey, Dist 1, \$0; George Claiborne to Justin W Norton & Taylor a Lucci, Morgan, Meadows, Dist 7, \$225,000; Norman Doggett, William Hodge, Wanda Hodge Woods, Dolly Ridiner Hodge, Kristin Hope Gilliam to Jason E & Morgan C Terry, Doggett Estate, 29.32 Acres, Dist 4, \$73,250; Richard A & Alison A Bruer to Austin & Makayla Hargrove, Harris Harber S/D, Dist 3, \$240,000; Japheth Jackson to Jerrett & Casandra Ban, Jackson Meadows, \$476,528; Rober L & Amalia C Brown to Steven J & Gioia C Ansbach, Belfast Farmington Rd, .98 Acre, Dist 2, \$350,000; Hardison G McConnell to Harry & Diana Crabtree, Bryant Station Rd, 10.23 Acres, Dist 7, \$30,000; Rebuilt Realty LLC/Brian K Newcomb to Melo Holdings LLC, Timberhills S/D, \$145,000; Yvette Meldrum, Engedi Real Estate GP to William Don & Danielle C Gibson, Silver Creek Rd, Dist 3,

\$180,000; Bradley D & Shatara R Richards to Daniel Hinrichs, Rolling Meadow S/D, Dist 1, \$485,000; Rober L & Amalia Brown to Steven J Ansbach, Hwy 40, 6.10 Acres, Dist 2, \$40,000; Timothy R & Christina L Warren to Christopher Jennings & Megan Kovzelove, Stanley Estates, \$350,000; Kimberly Marie & Robert Romero to Joshua McKnight & Ashley Orr, Armory Drive S/D, Dist 3, \$250,000; Andrew & Caroline D Sils to Katie Saylor, Hickory Hills S/D, \$467,380; Peggy Stanley, Crawford P Fortune Jr, Thelma Sue Fortune to Spring Creek Farms Partners LLC, Hwy 431, 104.17 Acres, \$1,014,000; Ann L White to Luke Knight & Alicia Richardson, Marvin W Moore Property, Dist 1, \$230,000; Frank B England to Chad Riner, Wentzel Survey, 4.75 Acres, Dist 4, \$350,000; Jefferson Scott Shreve/Storage Express Mgmt LLC to Setn Fultonbsh LLC, Chunn S/D, \$1,118,539; Wentzel & White Properties to Sixto & Ana M Jaimes, Old Farmington Pike & Tract, Dist 3, \$75,090.89; Ethel L Gibson to William Casey & Claire Margaret Franklin, Thick Road Water Tank Add on Property, 9.51 Acres, Dist 1, \$260,000; Dennis Wentzel & Terry L Wentzel to Linda Sue Maxfield, Dennis Wentzel S/D, Dist 4, \$45,000; Terry & Jo Lynn Udell to Vail & Ruth Prest, Holy Grove Estates S/D, Dist 3, \$241,000; Shanda P Sparrow to Freedom Holdings TN LLC, Marshall Heights S/D, Dist 3, \$151,000; Matthew T Pappas to Janelle & Dale Lawrence Jr, Coble Acres, \$410,000; William Casey & Claire Franklin to Cindy Peden, Brookhaven Estates S/D, \$367,000; Jason Jent to Chelsea Anne & Robert Ewing Jones II, Stoney Brook S/D, Dist 1, \$365,000; Ryan Perryman/Perryman Investments LLC to Mace LLC, Ezell Farms Dev, Dist 1, \$60,000; Chelsea Anne & Robert E Jones II to Edmund David & Sharon Teresa Quail, Two Bells S/D, Dist 1, \$279,900; Kyle N & Priscilla D Jones to Michael T Anderson, Hillside Estates, Dist 3, \$162,500.

Meetings and Happenings

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- 10th Annual Trivia Night - Forrest Alumni-Jan. 29 at Forrest Auxiliary Gym. If you would like to sponsor a team or donate a door prize, or need more information, contact Beth Chunn 931-580-5999. The team must be registered before Game Night.
- Jan 8 - Lewisburg Gas Dept. Monthly Board Meeting, Jan. 18, 4 p.m., 505 N. Ellington Pkwy.
- Jan 10 - Planning Commission Meeting at Cornersville Town Hall, 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend.
- Jan 10 - The Marshall County Board of Education will meet Monday, Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, 700 Jones Circle.
- Jan 11 - The Mayor and Council of the City of Lewisburg will hold their regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 6 p.m. at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 East Church Street.
- Jan 13 - Notice of Meeting Of the Marshall County Election Commission: The Marshall County

Election Commission will meet Thursday, Jan. 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the Marshall County Election Commission office located at 230 College St., Suite 120- To conduct election business which comes before the commission pursuant to its duties listed in, but not limited to, T.C.A. § 2-12-116, and to conduct any other business that may come before the commission at that time. Marshall County Election Commission, 230 College St., Suite 120, Lewisburg, TN 37091 931-359-4894 M-F 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Jan 17 - All City of Lewisburg offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 17th in observation of the Martin Luther King Holiday. City offices will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 18th at 8 a.m.
- Jan 18 - Lewisburg Water & Wastewater will hold the monthly Board meeting Jan. 18 at noon at 100 Water St.
- Jan 18 - The Marshall County Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, Jan 18 at 6 p.m. at the Marshall County Annex, 2nd Floor, Room 2202/2204.
- Jan 20 - The South Central Human Resource Agency Head Start/ Early Head Start Policy Council meeting will

meet at 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 20 at the South Central Human Resource Agency Central Office, in Fayetteville.

- Jan 21 - Les Misérables Student Edition Musical at the Lewisburg Middle School, Friday, 7 p.m.
- Jan 22 - Les Misérables Student Edition Musical at the Lewisburg Middle School, Saturday, 7 p.m.
- Jan 23 - Les Misérables Student Edition Musical at the Lewisburg Middle School, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
- Jan 24 - The Airport Board of the City of Lewisburg will meet Monday, Jan. 24, 2 p.m. at Lewisburg Ellington Airport, 1877 Franklin Pike.
- Jan 25 - The Community Development Board of the City of Lewisburg will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 25th, 12 p.m., at the Historic 1st Avenue Building, located at 207 1st Ave. North.
- Jan 31 - The Board of Lewisburg Electric System will hold their January Board Meeting on Monday, Jan. 31 at 5 p.m. The meeting will be held at the LES office, 599 W. Ellington Pkwy. The meeting is open to the public.

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Reining in government spending will be very tough

By Lee H. Hamilton

With a \$1 trillion infrastructure package on the books and the Biden administration's \$1.8 trillion "Build Back Better" measure pre-occupying the Senate after passing the House, government spending is very much on Americans' minds. In public meetings, I frequently hear people say that government's share of the economy is too big, and it's likely that voters' feelings about federal spending in particular will figure prominently in next year's elections.

If you look ahead, even beyond the current debate on Capitol Hill, there's no question that there will be intense pressure to expand even further. To deal effectively with

climate change, reckon with the impact of an aging population, handle the health care needs of Americans post-pandemic—these are problems that will demand a role for government. Which, in turn, will mean more spending, more bureaucracy, more opportunity for corruption, and less space for the individual enterprise that fuels economic prosperity.

The US is not alone in this. "On current forecasts," The Economist wrote recently, "government spending will be greater as a share of GDP in 2026 than it was in 2006 in every major advanced economy."

What other countries do about it will be up to them. What the US needs to do, however, is to take a hard look at where we're headed. This will be extremely difficult. Inertia is powerful in government—once a program is established, it's much eas-

ier just to let it continue, no matter how ineffective. And public interest in using government to solve real problems that people care about is a powerful force. Politicians quickly learn that not everyone who decries big government really means it; some people may oppose the idea in general, but when it comes to cutting a government service or program that benefits them or addresses an issue they follow, they'll storm the barricades.

It's worth remembering that government did not grow big by accident. It was pushed by a desire to address real problems, to respond to the demands of real people—both well-meaning and self-interested—and to meet the soaring visions of elected leaders.

The challenge, it seems to me, will be to develop a mindset that looks realistically at what government can and

cannot do well and that appreciates that government's ability to satisfy the demands it faces is limited. Overall, our goal should be to sustain a government that performs well, intervening where it can be effective and avoiding areas where it cannot be.

How do we do this? We have to focus on where government is being asked to intervene and ask whether it's really necessary and whether there are market-based or other solutions that are preferable. We have to examine the effectiveness of public programs—at the federal, state, and local levels—by checking regularly on how they're operating, asking whether improvements can be made, examining whether the private sector could do it better, and, where a program is ineffective, either cutting or eliminating it.

To be sure, it's baked into the American system to

debate the proper role and scope of government. We've been doing it since the beginning. But turning debate into action is far more difficult. When I first entered politics, I thought that making government more efficient and effective was such a blindingly obvious goal that everyone would rush to embrace it. And, rhetorically, most people—both in and outside government—do. But regardless of their ideological hue, they all have their exceptions, places where they want government to expand—the military or health care or basic R & D or critical infrastructure. Add those up, and you get a government that never stops growing.

What we need, in the end, is to lower our expectations of government. So far, we haven't shown that we're very good at it.

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How New Year's resolutions impact mental health

By Martha Bowman

It's that time of year again where we begin wrapping up and reflecting on our biggest accomplishments of the year. In those moments of reflection, some of us may tend to find flaws in ourselves and begin to create lofty goals that are difficult to reach in the new year. While the new year is a fresh start full of opportunities, there is often immense pressure to achieve better versions of ourselves.

Unfortunately, there is an unspoken rule that resolutions should be all or nothing extremities. Our competitive culture has instilled in us this idea of punishing ourselves if we don't succeed at something, and ultimately we can end up hurting ourselves more. This pressure to perform well and achieve these unreasonable goals might lead us to fail more than it does to help us succeed. Studies have shown that only eight percent of people who make a New Year's resolution will follow through all year, and 80 percent of people quit by February. Some reasons that lead people to fail at keeping their goals moving forward include existing extremities (all or nothing behavior), having little or no accountability, or setting goals that are not measurable.

The issue with these types of goals is that they can lead to some degree of self-sabotage before you realize it. The idea is that we shoot for the stars, but life doesn't always work that way. If you don't ease your way into your goals, you might find yourself failing more. When we fail, it might impact our mental health in negative ways, and can perpetuate a cycle of slipping back into old habits.

You can create healthy resolutions by following these steps:

- **Be reasonable.** Expect yourself to fail at times, and know that results might be slow-moving. Understand that life happens and things can get in the way of your goals, so try to ensure your goals are healthy and can be achieved without harming your physical or mental health.
- **Create a timeline.** Try to avoid being rigid in your timeline, and understand that your timeline should not be compared to anyone else's. It will be more proactive and productive to make small, incremental goals instead of extreme expectations.
- **Monitor progress.** Understand that nothing changes overnight, so it might be helpful to find an accountability partner to help you monitor progress. Keep a journal to acknowledge your feelings regarding your progress, and document your feelings about your goals and what obstacles you face.
- **Allow flexibility.** Offer yourself flexibility and give yourself grace. If you don't do well this month, try again next month! Instead of trying to set goals that might not benefit your mental health, find activities that make you happy instead.

The new year does not have to be a brand new you. Take the time to do something fun and adventurous, and prioritize your health over punishing yourself. If you find yourself struggling in giving yourself grace and putting pressure on yourself, it may be time to reach out to a mental health professional. They can provide more tools on ways to set goals and how to create healthy boundaries with yourself.

Martha Bowman is the Manager of Adult and Family Services at Centerstone, a not-for-profit health system specializing in mental health and substance use disorders.

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Doing our part to serve the state and meet future workforce demands

By Randy Boyd

President University of Tennessee System

As we begin a new year, I am reflecting on the great progress we have made as a state toward the Drive to 55 and the University of Tennessee System's contribution toward it.



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In 2014, Gov. Bill Haslam introduced the Tennessee Promise that made community and technical colleges free of tuition and fees for all Tennessee high school graduates.

A few years later he introduced Tennessee Reconnect, providing the same benefit for non-traditional students, aka working adults.

At UT, we introduced UT Promise in 2019 making attendance at all of our campuses free of tuition and fees for families making under \$50,000. Last month, we increased that threshold to \$60,000. And, we have raised more than \$30 million in our endowment toward our goal of \$100 million to pay

for it, truly making it a promise for generations to come.

While financial accessibility is important, so is physical access. For many reasons, not every student can leave home and move into an on-campus residence hall. Southern middle Tennessee was the farthest away from any UT campus and a 23-county region of our state was without any public four-year college. With the support of our Gov. Bill Lee, the Tennessee General Assembly and our UT Board of Trustees, we acquired Martin Methodist College and converted it to UT Southern, the first university added to our system in more than 50 years. This fall UT Southern's enrollment increased 9%, leading the state, and its applications for next year are up 200%!

This all reflects on our continued Drive to 55. When we announced the goal in 2013, 32% of Tennesseans had a post-secondary certificate or degree. Today 44% have achieved higher education! The 55% wasn't an arbitrary goal: forecasters have predicted that by 2025 that's the level we need to meet workforce

demands.

We have a lot to be proud of as a state and university, but we still have a long way to go in few years. If 100% of high school graduates go to college and 100% graduate on time, we will only get halfway to our goal. There are just not enough traditional high school graduates to get us to our goal. Thus, we must do a better job of reaching our working adults. We have to meet them where they are, through dramatically enhanced online and virtual opportunities and through new certificate programs that allow them to get the critical job skills they need in less time in this rapidly changing world. It will take a concerted effort by all our higher education partners in the state. At UT we are not just committed to doing our part, but to lead by being bold and innovative. We know that the continued economic growth and success of the state lies in an educated workforce. At UT we're committed to doing our part to change the lives of Tennesseans through education and thus the state.

Report to the Governor reveals gains in all major agricultural sectors

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Researchers from the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture outline gains in all major agricultural sectors in this year's economic report to the governor, a marked improvement from the previous fiscal year that reflected depressed global demand for U.S. exports tied to the COVID-19 pandemic and continued trade tensions.

Tennessee's agri-forestry industrial complex encompasses the supply chain from farm and forest to the manufacturer and is a vital part of the state's economy. Accounting for multiplier effects, the complex provides an estimated \$79.3 billion to Tennessee's economy and accounts for 339,400 jobs.

Farm receipts in Tennessee totaled \$3.6 billion, with approximately 65.5% of this value coming from crops and 34.5% from animals and animal products. In terms of harvested acreage, Tennessee's four largest row crops include soybeans (1.47 million acres, down 9% from 2020); corn (970,000 acres, up 18%); wheat (330,000 acres, up 43%); and cotton (270,000 acres, down 4%)

"The dominant factors for producer profitability in 2022 will be input prices and availability, particularly fertilizer and crop protection products," said crop marketing specialist Aaron Smith, an associate professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

Cattle and calves represent the third largest agricultural sector in the state with cash receipts totaling \$512.5 million, which accounts for 14.3% of total agri-

cultural cash receipts. Total beef export value over the first eight months of 2021 totaled nearly \$5.96 billion, an increase of 36% compared to 2020. "Looking into 2022, the livestock, poultry and dairy industries will continue to navigate the changes to the domestic and international markets brought on by the pandemic," said livestock marketing specialist Andrew Griffith, an associate professor of agricultural and resource economics. "The cattle and beef industry will look to expand as prices increase, while the hog and pork industry will follow export demand. Beef and pork demand are both expected to remain strong, which will further support prices."

Total U.S. agricultural and related exports were \$186.8 billion in 2021, up 23% from 2020. This overall increase is attributed to the nation recovering from the pandemic and increased export sales to China, up 89% from the previous fiscal year. The increase is a result of the U.S.-China Phase One Trade Agreement where the Chinese government agreed to purchase \$80 billion in U.S. agricultural products over a two-year period. In 2021, China surpassed Canada as the leading destination market for U.S. agricultural and related exports, with purchases totaling \$36.2 billion.

The factors affecting exports at the national level directly impact Tennessee exports. The state's agricultural and related exports totaled \$2.2 billion in 2021, up \$325 million or 17% when compared to the previous fiscal year. Tennessee experienced increases in all major categories in 2021. Con-

sumer-oriented exports, which includes meat and dairy products, processed food products and distilled spirits, were up \$138 million. Exports of bulk agricultural commodities, which include cotton, tobacco and soybeans, were up \$104 million. Exports of intermediate products, such as soybean meal and oil and other feeds, were up \$51 million. Related products exports, mostly comprised of forest products, were up \$32 million.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture projects 2022 agricultural exports could reach a record year at \$177.5 billion, primarily due to higher projected exports of soybeans and cotton. "While these projected increases should bode well for Tennessee in the coming year, there are two major issues that could affect Tennessee agricultural production and trade: the recent rise in fertilizer prices and container freight rates," said UTIA trade expert Andrew Muhammad, a professor of agricultural and resource economics.

The report also highlights Tennessee's rural infrastructure needs. The state's off-farm storage capacity is projected to be short by roughly 57 million bushels, while the state's road and highway system — the major mode of transporting agricultural products — has deteriorated due to insufficient state and federal funding. As of 2021, approximately 14% of Tennessee's major roads are in poor or mediocre condition, while 4% of the state's bridges are rated poor or structurally deficient. Other infrastructure needs highlighted in the report include broadband and water/wastewater.

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“...Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.” – **Ephesians 5:14**

A man in a Boston apartment complex fell asleep one night and his bed caught on fire from a cigarette that he inadvertently dropped. He awoke to the smoke in his dark bedroom, arose, ran frantically to the door, opened it, went through it, and slammed the door behind him. To his surprise, he quickly discovered that he was in his clothes closet and could not get out. Meanwhile, the other tenants sounded the alarm. The firefighters arrived quickly to the scene and extinguished the blaze. After all the commotion of putting out the flames, they then heard a pounding

on the door and they opened the closet door to release the frantic smoker. Is this not like humanity? The person who refuses the light of Christ, gets caught in the deep sleep of their sin, and when the danger of death appears they frantically run in the dark to any door and rush through only to be trapped in their false hope. Is it any wonder that God’s Spirit cries out through the apostle Paul, “Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light?” This cry to “awake” from sleep and to “arise” from the dead is a call to avoid the dark dangers of sin and death, which serves as a reminder of the great spiritual stupidity and moral carelessness that we get ourselves into. It shows how

It’s time to “awake”
and “arise”

dull we are to the spiritual dangers that are around us at ever moment of everyday. If we are honest, we usually do not catch ourselves dozing off into spiritual danger. That’s why God in His word is constantly saying to each individual, “awake” and “arise.” Believers are to “awake” out of their spiritual slumber, and unbelievers are to “arise” from the dead, and each one will receive the light that only Christ can give.

This light that only Christ can give, is the spiritual illumination that leads us to the right door of escape. Only a God-given spiritual understanding shines the light on the door of escape from this sin cursed world that will go up in flames. Anyone who attempts to find safety by any other

door will find him or herself trapped forever without hope.

When God calls us to the gracious and loving light of His Son Jesus Christ, we find that Christ is not only the Light (John 8:12), but He too is the door of escape. Jesus said, “I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved...” (John 10:9). So let us “awake” and “arise” to the light of Christ and go through the door of Christ living in His presence. For He is the Savior and He is ready to assist with His saving grace. He will deliver us into the safety of eternal glory in heaven, and away from the flames of eternal judgment.

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Lady Rockets gut out home win

By **Anthony S. Puca**
Sports Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The Forrest Lady Rockets entertained Watertown Tuesday night at Chapel Hill in the next to last non-conference game before starting district play on Saturday and they gutted out a tough 45-32 win over the Lady Purple Tigers. “I never felt comfortable, even with a double digit lead,” Forrest coach Hal Murrell said. “We still enable teams to hang around sometimes with our inability to handle the ball and sometimes our decision making is not what it needs to be. So that’s still a work in progress for us.”

“It’s a lot better than what it was a month ago and I really think by February we will be clicking.”

Forrest outscored Watertown in each of the four quarters and had three players in double figures in the scoring column with Macyn Kirby leading the way with 12 points, including one 3-pointer and a perfect 5-for-5 effort from the free throw line.

Ryann Lewis had 11 points and made 3-of-4 from the charity stripe while Addison Bunty had 10 points and turned in another great defensive effort.

Megan Mealer had five points, Cadence Chapman netted four, and Kinslee Inlow made one 3-pointer.

The Lady Purple Tigers started quick,



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Megan Mealer (15) drives to the hoop for a score and was fouled on the play, ultimately making the free throw for the three-point play.

jumping out to a 9-2 behind five points by Madison King.

Forrest took over from there as they ended the first quarter with a 12-0 run that was sparked by a pair of Bunty steals, Inlow’s 3-pointer, and back-to-back baskets in the paint by Lewis at the end of the stanza.

The Lady Rockets scored just six points in the second period, but turned in a great defensive effort and held Wa-

tertown to four points for a 22-13 halftime lead.

Gwen Franklin hit two free throws for Watertown to start the second half to cut the Forrest lead to seven points and hit another field goal a few minutes later to keep the deficit the same before Kirby came up with a three-point play the old-fashioned way to boost the Forrest lead to 10 points at 27-17.



Ryann Lewis (30) had a big game for the Lady Rockets with 11 points.

The Lady Purple Tigers came back with a 6-0 run to make it a four-point game, but Kirby nailed a pair of free throws and Bunty came up with a steal and score to double the Forrest lead to eight points at 31-23.

Franklin hit two charity shots before Bunty scored and on the ensuing inbound pass by Watertown, Lewis stole the rock and laid it off the glass to give the Lady Rockets a 35-25 lead headed to the fourth period.

Lewis made 1-of-2 from the free throw with just over five minutes to play in the game to give Forrest an 11-point lead and after a timeout, the Lady Rockets turned a Watertown turnover into a Kirby long bomb to stretch the lead to

41-29.

The two squads played almost even the rest of the way as the Lady Rockets improved to 5-6 on the season while busting Watertown’s (9-6) five-game winning streak.

“Up until Christmas I thought we played a pretty tough schedule and I feel like that stretch will enable us to line up and compete in our district,” Murrell said.

Forrest travels to Giles County Friday night before opening up District 7-AA play Saturday when they host Grundy County.

“I told the girls everybody wants to win, but ultimately we want to play our best ball come February and tonight I saw spurts of that where we are headed in

that direction,” Murrell said.

District 7-AA has only four members this season with Forrest, Grundy County, Community, and Cascade.

With the oddity, all four teams will qualify for the Region 4-AA Tournament regardless of finishing spot in the district tournament.

“I think that is good and bad,” Murrell said. “I like the fact that you earn yourself in to the region, so it may be a sense of complacency.”

Watertown	9	4	12	7	—	32
Forrest	16	6	13	10	—	45

Watertown (32): Gwen Franklin 13, Kierah Maklary 8, Madison King 7, Jaleigh Robinson 2, Joslyn Lackey 2. Three-point goals (2): King, Franklin. Free Throws (7-for-8): Franklin 5-for-5, Maklary 2-for-2, Robertson 0-for-1. Forrest (45): Macyn Kirby 12, Ryann Lewis 11, Addison Bunty 10, Megan Mealer 5, Cadence Chapman 4, Kinslee Inlow 3. Three-point goals (3): Kirby, Bunty, Inlow. Free Throws (12-for-15): Kirby 5-for-5, Lewis 3-for-4, Mealer 3-for-3, Bunty 1-for-3. Halftime Score: Forrest 22, Watertown 13.

Rockets escape with win over Purple Tigers

By **Anthony S. Puca**
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CHAPEL HILL — The Forrest Rockets took on the Watertown Purple Tigers Tuesday night at Chapel Hill in the first meeting between the two squads since 2002 and led for much of the game before a fourth quarter surge by the visitors put the victory in jeopardy.

“We are a streaky bunch,” Forrest coach Shane Chapman said. “We missed a ton of shots inside and the guys that usually score a lot of points didn’t, but I love the way our guys fought for 32 minutes.”

“We had a lapse here and there, but they were able to refocus what we trying to do and we did a good job of that late.”

Eventually, the Rockets prevailed behind some clutch 3-point shooting by Brennan Mealer, who led Forrest in the scoring column with 14 points.

Deason Jones had 13 points for the Rockets, newcomer Davin Porter chipped in with eight points in the low post, and Hunter Bennett ended up with six points.

Ben Villazon only had three points in the contest, but they came on a clutch 3-pointer at the

end of the third quarter and Josh Rumley and Andrew Timmons had two points apiece.

Watertown led 11-10 at the end of the first period before Jones and Bennett sparked a 10-0 run at the outset of the second quarter that gave the Rockets their biggest lead of the game at 20-11.

The Purple Tigers responded with a 10-4 burst behind a late 3-pointer by Kier Priest to slice the Forrest lead to three points at 24-21 at the end of the first half.

The Rockets led by as many as five points late in the third quarter af-

ter a Mealer 3-pointer, but once again the Purple Tigers responded with a Trent Spradlin field goal followed by a 3-pointer from KJ Wood that tied the game at 31 with 32 ticks remaining in the stanza.

Villazon came off the bench and drilled a long 3-pointer to give the Rockets a 34-31 lead, entering the fourth quarter.

Brady Raines hit both ends of a one-and-one situation from the free throw line early in the fourth period to slice the Forrest lead to one point and they got the ball back and had a chance to take the lead after a missed shot by the Rockets.

Bennett had other ideas as he scored on

a put-back and Porter made it a 38-33 contest when he scored off of a Watertown turnover.

JJ Goodall, who led the Purple Tigers in scoring with 14 points, nailed a 3-pointer and Watertown called a timeout with 5:33 remaining in the contest.

Forrest turned the ball over out of the stoppage and Brady Raines scored, tying the game at 38-38 before Priest came up with a steal and fed KJ Wood for a layup and a Purple Tiger lead with 4:52 remaining in the game.

A couple of missed baskets by both teams over the next minute and half was broken by a steal and score to give Watertown its biggest lead of the game at

five points at 43-38 just under the four minute mark.

A Forrest turnover gave the ball back to Watertown, but they gave the ball right back to the Rockets and Mealer made them pay with a 3-pointer.

One Wood free throw made it a 44-41 contest before Andrew Timmons scored his lone field goal of the game on a rebound and put-back for the Rockets to cut the lead to one point.

Timmons fouled out of the game at the other end, but two missed free throws gave the ball back to the Rockets and Mealer came up with a huge corner rainbow 3-bomb, giving Forrest

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Brennan Mealer (12) had a huge game for the Rockets with a team-leading 14 points, including three 3-pointers as Forrest beat Watertown 48-45 at Chapel Hill Tuesday night.



Hunter Bennett (14) hits a fourth quarter pullup shot to give the Rockets a 48-44 lead with less than a minute to play in the game.

After a decade in purgatory, Vols have their guy



Chris Siers
The Extra Point

For over a decade, the Tennessee Volunteers have been in a perpetual state of rebuild after parting ways with Phillip Fulmer. During Fulmer's last season as head coach in Knoxville, the Vols slapped together a paltry 5-7 record, and as such the school wanted new blood on the sideline.

In the landscape of college football, there may not be a better example of the "grass is always greener."

Lane Kiffin arrived in Knoxville and led Tennessee to a 7-6 record before bolting Rocky Top for USC.

From there, Tennessee was in a state of football purgatory for over a decade.

From Derek Dooley, to Butch Jones and Jeremy Pruitt, Tennessee experienced its highs and lows for more than a decade.

Dooley was shown the exit after three seasons and never having posted a winning record.

Butch Jones gave the Volunteer faithful a flicker of hope with back-to-back nine-win seasons in 2015 and 2016, but lost the locker room along the way and after going winless in the SEC during the 2017 season, once again Tennessee was searching for a new head coach.

This prompted the Tennessee athletic administration to hire Jeremy Pruitt away from the Alabama Crimson Tide dynasty, and once again, on the surface it appeared that Tennessee may have had its guy.

But after going just 3-7 in a COVID-19 shortened season in 2020, allegations surfaced of recruiting violations and Pruitt was canned.

Furthermore, the Volunteer football program faced severe penalties from the NCAA, pending the outcome of the investigation.

After all that turmoil that spanned over a decade, the university finally made a knock-out hire in athletic director Danny White, who helped mold the University of Central Florida into one of the top non-Power 5 programs in the nation. It seemed only fitting that Knight's head coach Josh Heupel follow, and that's just what happened.

What separates Heupel from the previous hires over the last 13 years is he's been a head coach. Sure, Jones was a head coach for the Cincinnati Bearcats, but Heupel comes without having a huge, outspoken persona.

His teams do the talking for him and the Volunteer fans got a small taste of what's to come with what should have been a throwaway season in 2021.

Following the exodus of Pruitt, a huge portion of the Vols' top-end players hit the transfer portal and left the cupboard fairly empty.

But good coaches have a way of getting the most out of their players and that's exactly what Heupel did.

Tennessee should never have been competitive in 2021 with the lack of scholarship players and the sheer lack of experience.

Yet Heupel and the Vols managed to churn out a 7-6 season, make it to a bowl, and quite honestly should have had a bowl win over Purdue if not for a botched fourth-down goal line call in the Music City Bowl.

Sure, there were the lumps Tennessee took from the usual suspects, including Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

But Tennessee was in a dog fight with Alabama until the fourth quarter.

And the white-hot Vols' offense put more points on the board against a stingy Georgia defense than anyone else until that point in the season.

Even a non-conference loss to Pitt, who turned out to be pretty good, was just a one-score separation between the two.

Vols fans should consider themselves lucky.

They know all too well that in the college coaching carousel, you sometimes end up with busts.

As long as Heupel is able to recruit at a high clip, he's shown he can take a ragtag bunch under trying circumstances and make a competitive squad.

Give him two years and the Vols are going to be knocking on the door of a SEC title, if not even higher.

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Enjoy CFB while it is here, all of it



Will Carter
Carter's Corner

For those that have a favorite college team and others that are simply fans of the sport, college football brings us the best of times and the worst of times.

Comeback stories like that of the Baylor Bears — a two-win team last season to now a 12-win team crowned as Sugar Bowl Champions—are why we love the game.

A 93-point Rose Bowl barn burner between Ohio State and Utah with a 15 reception, 347 yard and three touchdown performance from the Buckeyes' Jaxon Smith-Njigba was a spectacle regardless of who you choose to cheer for.

As the 2021-2022 college football season unfortunately nears its end, many narratives have surrounded players and teams since the final regular season whistle pierced the air.

One that took me by surprise was that there are too many "meaningless" bowl games—games that do not matter in the world of the College Football Playoff.

Teams that could care less whether they were invited to a bowl game after a below average season.

To that I would say, there is never enough and never will be enough college football.

True fans of the sport might find more excitement in the Duke's Mayo Bowl that paired two rivals, South Carolina and North Carolina, than the two blow-outs we saw in the first round of the Playoff.

Personally, I loved watching first-year USC head coach Shane Beamer go toe-to-toe with legendary coach Mack Brown.

The ensuing victory bath of mayo Beamer received was icing on the cake.

Diving deeper into that game, the Gamecocks spread the wealth amongst Zeb Noland — a former graduate assistant thrown into the fire early in the season — and Dak Joyner who started the season as a wide receiver, but returned to his natural position of quarterback for the bowl game.

Joyner completed all nine of his pass attempts for 160 yards and an absolute dart

in the first quarter to give the Gamecocks an early lead.

He added 64 yards on the ground on 10 carries.

Noland threw only six times, but extended the lead with a missile of his own early in the game.

Following the win, Joyner shook hands with the opposing Tar Heels and enjoyed the celebrations with his fellow Gamecocks before virtually collapsing with emotion.

He proved many people wrong, but more importantly he proved himself to be right.

From that I raise the question, how can any bowl game be deemed "meaningless?"

In my opinion, there is too much focus and energy put on the College Football Playoffs, forcing people to miss the point of why the game is played in the first place.

I am all for a champion being crowned at the end of the season and everyone celebrating their greatness, but do not downplay the rest of the competition when the players and coaches are there for the love of the game.

The second narrative that took me a few years to come to terms with is players opting out of games at the end of the season to ensure their safety and prepare for the NFL Draft.

I grew up with the mindset that if you start something, you finish it.

Following that initiative is difficult at times, especially in the climate we live in today.

Until I understood the business side of the NCAA, I was right there with everyone; pitchfork in hand, calling players "quitters" and "greedy" for not finishing out the season with their teams that helped them reach that goal.

Now that the NCAA has become more and more greedy itself, I can see why players forgo a final game or two to chase the dream they have worked their whole life for.

Most people may not agree with that, but at the end of the day you have to respect someone's personal decision for themselves.

One person that obviously does not agree with me is ESPN's College Gameday host and analyst, Kirk Herbstreit.

When previewing the New Year's Day bowl games, a discussion of players opting out sparked which led to

Herbstreit making the comment that, "this era of player just doesn't love football."

The same players that by the transitive property pay Herbstreit's bills, so you would think he would choose his words more wisely.

As expected, his comments were met with former and current players publicly criticizing him which led to Herbstreit issuing a clarification via social media.

"Of course some players love the game the same today as ever, but some don't. I'll always love the players of this game, and sorry if people thought I generalized or lumped them all into one category."

That seems to me that he is simply covering his tracks, but I will not jump to conclusions as he did on national television.

Regardless of if he meant it or not, it is a very bold and broad statement to make.

What does Herby have to say about college coaches leaving their team early for a job somewhere else like Brian Kelly did to Notre Dame and Lincoln Riley to Oklahoma?

Do they love football as much, or is that just a business decision?

Because in my opinion, that is the same as players leaving early for the pros.

Not to mention that Brian Kelly notified his team of his departure via group text, but that is a conversation for another day.

In the players' defense, I would direct your attention once more to Dak Joyner and South Carolina's raw emotion after winning a "meaningless" bowl game.

Or you can take the Sugar Bowl for example, and ask Matt Corral what the game of football means to him.

Corral could have opted out of the bowl game with most mock drafts having him being a first-rounder making millions of dollars, but he did not allow for much speculation on whether he would participate or not.

Almost immediately after the Egg Bowl versus cross-state rival Mississippi State, Corral announced he would finish the season with the team that stood by him in his up-and-down career at Ole Miss.

Essentially saying, it was never in question.

Early in their matchup with Baylor, though, Corral suffered an ankle injury that sidelined him for the rest of the game - giving further insight into why highly touted players opt-out.

Luckily, Corral's X-ray came back negative for a fracture, so his stock should not drop substantially.

The final piece of evidence for my arguments belongs to the University of Alabama at Birmingham Blazers.

Flashback to the 2014 season when UAB officials decided to cancel the football program that had been on a downward spiral for several years prior, but the program was reinstated shortly after.

A two-year hiatus from college football gave the program time to recruit and build back to what it once was.

In 2018, the Blazers won their first conference championship along with their first bowl game.

Fast-forward to the present day where the Blazers finished the season with a 9-4 record and a bowl bid to play 13th ranked BYU in the Independence Bowl - a bowl the "meaningless" crowd surely did not watch.

The Blazers entered the game as 6.5 point underdogs, but ultimately won 31-28.

Canceled and reinstated, sat idle for two seasons, and Independence Bowl champions over a top-15 team all within a decade.

So, once again, how can any bowl game ever be considered "meaningless?"

Who is to say that this era of players doesn't love football?

Because I guarantee that Dak Joyner, Matt Corral, and the entire UAB football program would love to sit down and have that conversation.

As an avid college football fan, my point is this - if you truly love and enjoy college football, then you can never get enough of it, bowl games included.

Finally, to opt-out or not is a player's personal decision that should be respected regardless of the situation because who is to tell someone that they should wait just a little bit longer before they chase that dream they have been working towards for 20 some years.

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Tigers outlast Giles Co. comeback

Staff Report

LEWISBURG — After holding a firm control on the scoreboard during a low-scoring non-district clash against Giles County on Tuesday night, the Marshall County Tigers (9-7) had to survive a torrid fourth-quarter rally and held on for the slim, 48-44 victory over the Bobcats.

For much of the first three quarters, it was a take care of business effort by the Tigers.

The hosts posted a 12-7 lead after the first frame and matched Giles County's six points in the second quarter to take a slim, 18-13 lead into the half.

Marshall County exited the intermission and posted a 16-9 run through the third period, seemingly heading to the final eight minutes with all the momentum in the world.

Giles County's Jack Harper was having none of it.

After scoring just eight of the Bobcats' points through the first three quarters, Harper went off in the fourth and led a late-game surge where Giles County out-scored the Tigers, 22-14.

Harper connected on a pair of fourth-quarter 3's and scored 13 points in the period, nearly leading the Bobcats to the come-from-behind victory.

But Marshall County countered with a balanced offense that scored 14 points in the quarter, including a perfect 4-of-4 effort at the charity stripe by Jamal Gentry, to help secure the victory.

Five different Tigers scored in the quarter and in addition to Gentry's efforts at the free throw line, Montai Vaughn added a pair of baskets as well to help the Tigers cling to the four-point victory.

Marshall County saw eight players score against the Bobcats and shot an incredibly efficient 10-of-13 attempts at the free throw line.

Gentry was the lone Tiger to reach double figures as he led Marshall County with 15 points.

Jayden Hart and Omari-

on Alred added eight apiece, while Devonte Davis added seven.

Harper's 21 points led all scorers, while Jake Cardin added 12.

No other Bobcat scored more than four points against the Tigers.

The Tigers will return to action on their home court on Tuesday as they open district play against Lincoln County.

Marshall Co. 12 6 16 14 — 48

Giles Co. 7 6 9 22 — 44

Marshall Co.: Jamal Gentry 15, Jayden Hart 8, Omariion Alred 8, Devonte Davis 7, Montai Vaughn 5, Marcus O'Neal 2, Kintarius Morris 2, Blake Hardison.

Giles Co: Jack Harper 21, Jake Cardin 12, Kareem Bryant 4, Clay Mitchell 3, Ka'mauri Turner 2, Jaceion Coffey 2.

3-Point goals: Giles Co. (5): Harper 3, Cardin, Mitchell.

Halftime score: Marshall Co. 18, Giles Co. 13.

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Titans linebacker cited for misdemeanor assault

NASHVILLE (AP) — Tennessee outside linebacker Bud Dupree has been charged with misdemeanor assault in connection with a physical altercation at a Walgreen's hours after the Titans clinched their second straight AFC South title.

Metro Nashville police detectives cited Dupree on Tuesday morning after consulting with the district attorney's office. Dupree and his attorney met with detectives Tuesday morning.

According to the citation, a Walgreen's employee argued with some people shopping around 8 p.m. Those people left and came back into the store with Dupree who "then grabbed the victim and his phone" followed by the altercation before Dupree left.

Dupree is scheduled to be booked in three weeks. The 6-foot-4, 269-pound linebacker was the Titans' top free agent signee last March with a five-year deal worth \$82.5 million. Dupree, who tore his right ACL in December 2020, has started five of 10 games played this season and has three sacks and a forced fumble.

The Titans issued a statement saying they are "aware of the situation and are gathering additional information."

Tennessee (11-5) can clinch the No. 1 seed in the AFC with a win Sunday in Houston.

Raiders set NFL record with 5 last-second victories

By **JOSH DUBOW**
AP Pro Football Writer

In a record-setting season for last-play wins, no team has sweated it out more than the Las Vegas Raiders.

After game-winning field goals on the final play this week by Cincinnati's Evan McPherson and Las Vegas' Daniel Carlson, there have been 32 games decided by a winning score on the final play, the most in NFL history.

Carlson has provided four of those wins himself, making overtime field goals to beat Miami in Week 3 and Dallas on Thanksgiving, along with kicks at the end of regulation against Cleveland in Week 15 and Indianapolis last week.

The Raiders also won on a walk-off overtime TD pass from Derek Carr to Zay Jones in the opener against Baltimore, becoming the first team in NFL history to win five games in a season with a score on the final play, according to Sportradar.

There have been 46 games this season with the game-winning score coming in the final minute of regulation or in overtime, the fifth-most in NFL history. Only 2013 (49), 2015 (49), 2003 (48) and 2002 (47) had more.

DIVISION DOMINANCE

Aaron Rodgers is on the verge of another near-perfect passing season against the NFC North.

Rodgers has thrown 16 TD passes without an interception this season for the Green Bay Packers against their division foes. This comes after Rodgers had 20 TD passes and no interceptions against Detroit, Chicago and Minnesota in 2020.

There have been only four seasons since the merger when a quarterback threw at least 15 touchdown passes without an interception. Rodgers has three of them, having also thrown 18 TD passes and no interceptions in the NFC North in 2014.

The only other quarterback to do it was Rodgers' former teammate Brett Favre, who had 15 TD passes and no interceptions for Minnesota against the NFC North in 2009.

Coaching excellence

Rodgers' play has helped the Packers win at least 13 games for the third time under third-year coach Matt LaFleur.

LaFleur is already tied for the fourth-most 13-win seasons for a coach in NFL history, trailing only Bill Belichick (seven), Sean Payton (four) and George Seifert (four).

Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin set another mark, as he is once again assured of not having a losing season. Tomlin has never had a losing season in 15 years with the Steelers, breaking Marty Schottenheimer's record for the most consecutive years to start a coaching career without a losing mark.

Turnaround teams

The Cincinnati Bengals completed a worst-to-first turnaround.

The Bengals clinched the AFC North for the first since 2015 a year after finishing last in the division, marking the 17th time in the past 19 seasons that a team won the division a year after finishing last or tied for last.

Dallas also has won the division after the playoffs last season, marking the 18th time in the past 19 seasons that at least two teams won the division a year after missing the playoffs.

Arizona and New England have clinched the playoffs after missing out last season and can join Dallas and Cincinnati as division winners by winning in Week 18 and getting some help. Philadelphia has also clinched the playoffs after missing last season.

This is the 32nd straight season that at least four teams made the playoffs after missing out the previous season. San Francisco, Las Vegas and the Los Angeles Chargers can

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NFL's 2nd season of COVID just as trying as 1st

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**
AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL worked around COVID-19 with pauses and postponements during a 2020 season that figured to be the worst in dealing with the virus.

Now the league — and its teams, coaches and players — are just working through coronavirus concerns in 2021, even with positive tests skyrocketing compared to late in the season a year ago.

Las Vegas and the Los Angeles Chargers are set for a playoffs-or-bust finale to the first 17-game regular season on Sunday. Masks and large meeting rooms — even virtual position-group gatherings — are as much a part of game plans as Xs and Os for those and other teams on the playoff bubble. Same for the teams already in.

"I'm worried about COVID just like the rest of the league is," said Dallas coach Mike McCarthy, whose team clinched the NFC East in Week 16. "It's just another variable in our league to be successful. The experience from last year is definitely beneficial. We'll do the best we can with it."

The Philadelphia Eagles are relieved they wrapped up a postseason berth over the weekend because 12 more players landed on the COVID-19 reserve list Monday, including defensive tackle Fletcher Cox and tight end Dallas Goedert.

The league and players' union agreed to ease return-to-play guidelines as the focus shifted from isolating infected players to encouraging vaccine booster shots as the best way to deal with the highly contagious omicron variant.

There were nearly 600 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases among players and league personnel from Dec. 12 to 25 compared to about 100 from almost the same timeframe in 2020, according to NFL figures.

But the league has only postponed three games, all in Week 15 when two games were moved to Tuesday.

One of the postponements involved Cleveland after Baker Mayfield tested positive as part of an outbreak for the Browns, and the frustrated quarterback lashed out on Twitter as the league was negotiating possible

changes to testing protocols.

The game was pushed back two days, and the Browns lost to Las Vegas 16-14. They were eliminated from the playoffs before losing at Pittsburgh on Monday night.

As the numbers escalated, the 10-day quarantine was reduced to five for players who test positive but aren't showing symptoms. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention adopted similar guidelines about the same time.

"We wanted to go where the science was going, and I will say that that five-day period sort of mirrors the data we have been seeing in our own NFL testing data throughout the year," Dr. Allen Sills, the NFL's chief medical officer, told the NFL Network. "So, it really wasn't about player availability or roster numbers. It was, 'What is the science telling us?'"

The changes helped the unvaccinated Carson Wentz of Indianapolis avoid becoming the latest starting quarterback to miss a game. The Colts lost to the Raiders anyway, and need a Week 18 victory over two-win Jacksonville to make the playoffs.

Kirk Cousins, also unvaccinated, and Minnesota weren't so lucky. He was out against Green Bay on Sunday, and the Vikings never had much of a chance in a last-gasp effort to keep their postseason hopes alive, losing 37-10.

Baltimore needs a victory over Pittsburgh this week to reach the playoffs, and the Steelers can stay alive with a win. New Orleans lost to Miami two weeks ago after a COVID-19 outbreak decimated the roster. Still, the Saints can advance if they beat Atlanta and San Francisco loses to the Los Angeles Rams.

"I think the players and staff here handled a lot of challenging things not always perfectly, but we have managed to keep our head above water, keep grinding, and keep fighting," said Saints coach Sean Payton, whose team had another outbreak early in the season while also displaced because of damage in New Orleans from Hurricane Ida.

"You're just looking at the number one goal, outside of winning the division, is making it to the postseason. We have the opportunity to do that this weekend. You just want to find a way to get into the tournament."

NFL players are traditionally off on Friday nights for Sunday games, and the most recent one fell on New Year's Eve. It's safe to say that was a topic of conversation in locker rooms.

"I don't think many guys are partying right now," Dallas quarterback Dak Prescott said. "Now that you're reminding me, there may be a young guy or two that may have the inkling to do that. So we'll have to just make sure that everybody understands where we are in this season, where we're trying to go, what the important things are right now."

Tampa Bay won last season's Super Bowl in its home stadium with a pandemic-limited crowd of 25,000. While there hasn't been an indication of reducing capacity for the first Super Bowl in 70,000-seat SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California, on Feb. 13, the competing teams won't arrive until late in the week just as they did last year in Florida.

The NFL also has the traditional extra week built into the playoff schedule, between the conference championship games and Super Bowl. There wasn't a need to adjust during the playoffs last season, but the positive cases all but disappeared as the postseason progressed.

Plenty of the player absences this season, particularly in December, have been late in the week, leaving a feeling of randomness as to whether teams will be missing star players. The anxiety will grow along with the stakes.

"To say that I'm not concerned wouldn't be accurate," Rams coach Sean McVay said last month as his team dealt with an outbreak. "I think you want to find out a little bit more because to my understanding, just looking at the landscape of the league, this was as bad as the outbreak has gotten."

"And the hard thing is for some of these guys — and I don't want to get into the specifics just out of respect for the individuals — but for some of them, there's no symptoms," said McVay, whose team has qualified for the playoffs and can win the NFC West with a win over the 49ers or an Arizona loss to Seattle. "They feel great and that's what's unfortunate."

The rules have been changing to try to adapt.

Washington to reveal new name on Feb. 2; won't be RedWolves

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
AP Sports Writer

Washington's NFL team announced Tuesday it will unveil its new name on Feb. 2 and that it will not be the Wolves or RedWolves.

Commanders, Admirals, Armada, Brigade, Sentinels, Defenders, Red Hogs, Presidents and the status quo "Washington Football Team" were among the other finalists.

"We are on the brink of starting a new chapter, but our history, our legacy cannot be lost along the way," team president Jason Wright said in an episode of the team-produced show "Making the Brand." "Now, more than ever, it's important that we stay connected to our roots. We understand the importance of choosing a meaningful name: one that will anchor the team for the next 90 years and beyond."

Wright said the decision was made not to go with Wolves or RedWolves because of trademarks held by other organizations. Those possibilities were popular among Washington fans.

The new helmets and uniforms will feature the franchise's signature burgundy-and-gold colors, with three stars on the collar and stripes on the shoulders of otherwise plain jerseys. In a "Making the Brand" clip showing him getting a look at one of the helmets, coach Ron Rivera said:

"I love this. Right on. I think the look's going to be hot."

A trailer teasing the reveal included a "W" logo making an appearance.

The video featured the messages: "Hail to the greats that laid the foundation for our legacy," "Hail to the fans we consider family," "We are and always have been Washington," "We will fight for our community" and "Together we will define our future."

Photos of franchise greats were mixed in with current players meeting with military personnel and fans.

The organization dropped its old name in July 2020 after decades of complaints that it was racist toward Native Americans and recent pressure from team sponsors. The decision was made to be known as the Washington Football Team that season, which stuck around for 2021 while the front office went through a lengthy rebranding process.

"Our journey to a new identity is a marathon, not a sprint," Wright said. "To get it right, we had to take every step of the process seriously, and the destination is a sum of all those parts."

Washington was the first team in the four major North American professional sports leagues to move away from Native American imagery amid a national reckoning on race. Cleveland in Major League Baseball followed suit, adopting the new name

Guardians that is now in effect after settling a lawsuit with a roller derby team by the same name.

MLB's Atlanta Braves and the NHL's Chicago Blackhawks have defended keeping their names.

Wright made it clear during the rebranding process that Washington would not use any sort of Native American imagery moving forward. He, Rivera and others have made references to wanting to honor the once-storied franchise's tradition, which includes three Super Bowl championships.

"I just think the heritage and the history of our team is what's so important, and, as fans, I think we're going to rally around that team," Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs said. "I'd say probably what's more important about naming the team, it's trying to bring everybody together. ... That's the one thing that we've got going for ourselves is the loyalty that we have for that team."

Washington has not had a lot going on or off the field in recent years. The league fined the team \$10 million after an investigation into workplace conduct, owner Dan Snyder squabbled with minority partners before buying out their shares, the front office took criticism this season for botching late safety Sean Taylor's jersey retirement and over the past 15 years the team has not won a playoff game.

CFP championship: Matchups that will decide ‘Bama-Georgia II

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**
AP College Football Writer

The last time No. 1 Alabama and No. 3 Georgia played, things could not have gone much better for the Crimson Tide.

Alabama dropped 41 points on the Bulldogs, more than double the next-highest total they have allowed this season, in the Southeastern Conference title game on Dec. 4. Bryce Young shredded Georgia’s otherwise dominant defense for 421 yards passing, essentially locking up the Heisman Trophy.

So it’s back to the drawing board for Georgia and just run it back for ‘Bama, right?

“I don’t think you do everything the same, but I also don’t think you can make a lot of changes that the players are not going to go out and be able to play and execute with confidence,” Alabama coach Nick Saban said earlier this week.

Both teams are expecting a few new wrinkles — within reason.

“They’re not going to change up and go all Arkansas on us,” Georgia quarterback Stetson Bennett said. “They’re not going to do that. They’re going to be Alabama. And we’re going to be Georgia. And we’re going to see who executes better.”

Arkansas was one of four SEC teams that lost to both Georgia and Alabama this season.

Razorbacks coach Sam Pittman, along with ESPN analysts Greg McElroy and Cole Cubelic, help break down the matchups that could determine Bulldogs-Crimson Tide II.

What to do about Will?

Alabama outside linebacker Will Anderson Jr. is the best defensive player in the country. The sophomore has 17.5 sacks among 33.5 tackles for loss. Both totals lead major college football.

Georgia should feel good about its offensive tackles, especially left tackle Jamaree Salyer, who was key in shutting down Michigan star pass rusher Aidan Hutchinson in the semifinals.

But Anderson presents a different kind of challenge.

“The thing I like about Alabama is all the different things they do with him,” Pittman said.

Defensive coordinator Pete Golding likes to use Anderson on stunts and slants to get him

attacking different parts of the line of scrimmage.

“I think he’s best when he’s on the move,” Cubelic said.

Anderson is a game-wrecker on an Alabama defense that’s a little underrated, and it will take a team effort by Georgia to neutralize him.

Attacking Alabama’s corners

The Tide have shown some vulnerabilities in their secondary all season, and then senior cornerback Josh Jobe was lost for the playoff with a foot injury.

Jalyn Armour-Davis, who had been dealing with a hip problem, returned to start against Cincinnati in the Cotton Bowl but was in and out of the game.

Without them, freshman Kool-Aid McKinstry and Khyree Jackson are Alabama’s main cornerbacks.

If Georgia can hold off Anderson and the Alabama rush, it should find some holes in pass coverage, but can Bennett and the Bulldogs receivers take advantage?

Bennett, the former walk-on, has proved over and over that while he is no Heisman Trophy winner, he usually can get the job done.

Georgia’s receivers are talented, but their best weapons are tight end Brock Bowers, who had 10 catches for 139 yards in the first game against Alabama, and running back James Cook, who had four catches for 128 yards in the Orange Bowl.

The 230-pound Bowers often lines up in receiver spots.

“That guy is a problem,” McElroy said. “And there’s not really anybody that you can put on him that is going to disrupt what he can contribute to the game.”

It might not be a matter of whether Georgia has the players to attack Alabama’s secondary, but it’s in the Bulldogs’ DNA to play that way.

“Kirby likes to play physical football and get big with people and bully them, and it’s hard to bully Alabama,” said Pittman, who was Georgia’s offensive line coach for four seasons under coach Kirby Smart before taking over at Arkansas in 2020.

How healthy is Alabama’s O-Line ?

The story of the first Alabama-Georgia matchup was the Tide’s

offensive line.

“Their offensive line played better in that game than they had possibly all year,” Pittman said.

The Bulldogs’ defense has 45 sacks this season and the SEC title game was the only one in which it was shut out.

Cubelic said it seemed as if Georgia didn’t have a well-thought out plan for pressuring Young the way LSU and Auburn did.

Smart was Saban’s defensive coordinator before becoming coach at Georgia, and Pittman said their defensive schemes still have a lot in common. The Bulldogs and Tide mostly play straight up on second and third down, with lots of pressures and more exotic looks on third down. Especially those twists and blitzes that attack the middle of an offensive line.

The Tide tinkered with their line this season and found a combination they liked late but could be forced to make more changes in the title game. Right guard Emil Ekyior (shoulder) and right tackle Chris Owens (ankle) both left the Cotton Bowl with injuries.

Meanwhile, All-America nose tackle Jordan Davis and the Georgia defensive front reverted back to regular-season form against Michigan.

No Metchie

Maybe the biggest difference between the first and second meeting when Alabama has the ball is that the Tide will be without second-leading receiver John Metchie to complement All-America deep threat Jameson Williams.

Metchie was lost for the season against Georgia with a knee injury, but not before he had six catches for 97 yards and a touchdown. Alabama always has another receiver, but nobody else is as much as of a run-after-the-catch threat as Metchie.

“Now Slade Bolden can kind of be that a little bit in the slot,” McElroy said. “The young guys are great, but they’re still going to miss that presence.”

Russo’s prediction: Picking against Saban and Alabama twice in the same season is never wise but: GEORGIA 28-24.

Smart, Georgia trying to stop skid against Saban, Alabama

By **JOHN ZENOR**
AP Sports Writer

The Georgia Bulldogs aren’t the only team having a tough time beating fellow Southeastern Conference powerhouse Alabama.

They’re just the only one that gets another shot in the season’s biggest game.

The No. 3 Bulldogs have the kind of talent-rich roster that appears built to give the top-ranked Crimson Tide a run for their money. They’ll head into the national championship game Monday night in Indianapolis trying to finally get over that elephant-sized hump while Alabama is seeking its seventh national title since the 2009 season.

Beating ‘Bama for some five-star recruits has proven easier than besting coach Nick Saban & Co. on the field. Alabama has won the last seven meetings, including one in a previous national title matchup and three with SEC championships on the line.

Georgia coach Kirby Smart, a former Nick Saban disciple at Alabama, is 0-4 against his old boss. Smart points out they share those struggles “with a lot of teams.”

He’s right, but the Bulldogs are the ones who have a chance to change that recent history a little over a month after Alabama toppled them from the No. 1 ranking with a 41-24 win in the SEC championship game.

It matched the regular-season score from 2020 in Tuscaloosa.

“We have a tremendous amount of respect for them,” Saban said. “And I think it’s important for our players to know what they need to do to be able to continue to have success in the next game, regardless of what happened in the last game.”

Or the last seven games.

The Bulldogs also have pushed Alabama to the limit, most notably in their last for-all-the-national-marbles meeting on Jan. 8, 2018.

But the streak stands among the SEC’s two most dominant, talented programs.

— On Dec. 4, Bryce Young passed for an SEC championship-game record 421 passing yards, locking down the Heisman Trophy and the No. 1 College Football Playoff seed for his team. Alabama was actually the underdog, and Saban couldn’t resist crowing to reporters that “the rat poison you put out there this week was yummy.”

— Oct. 18, 2020. Alabama scored three touchdowns in a 10-minute span starting late in the third quarter for the first 41-24 win. Saban was cleared to be on the sidelines after a false positive COVID-19 test. Mac Jones passed for 417 yards and four touchdowns, similar to Young’s numbers in the first rematch.

— Dec. 1, 2018. Jalen Hurts got to be the hero this time. The former starter replaced an injured Tua Tagovailoa in the SEC championship game, throwing for one touchdown and running for another with just over a minute to play in a 35-28 win.

— Jan. 7, 2018. Also in Atlanta, Tagovailoa and fellow freshman DeVonta Smith connected on a 41-yard touchdown in overtime for a 26-23 victory. Tagovailoa had replaced a struggling Hurts in the second half.

“He just stepped in and did his thing,” Hurts said afterward. “He’s built for stuff like this. I’m so happy for him.”

Some 11 months later, he got a piece of glory himself.

Before Smart’s arrival, then-No. 13 Alabama routed Mark Richt’s eighth-ranked Bulldogs 38-10 on Oct. 3, 2015.

The Tide also survived a 32-28 SEC championship game in 2012 when the clock expired with Georgia stopped at the 5-yard line.

Alabama split the first two meetings under Saban, falling in overtime 26-23 in 2007 and winning 41-30 the following season. Smart was an Alabama assistant for that first meeting and defensive coordinator for the next few so his personal record in the rivalry is a more respectable 3-5.

Smart doesn’t need to emphasize the recent one-sided nature of the Alabama-Georgia series, describing his team’s mood simply as “they’re excited.”

“They earned another opportunity to go play a really good football team,” he said. “Now we’ve got a really good football team. Our guys are physical, excited and looking forward to this opportunity on the biggest stage there is.”

Rockets

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a 46-44 lead with 1:55 remaining in the game.

Moments later, Bennett scored on a short pull-up in the lane to give the Rockets a four-point lead and with 12 seconds left in the game, Villazon sealed the win with a steal for Forrest, who evened its record to 7-7 on the season.

The Rockets travel to Giles County on Friday before opening up District 7-AA play at home on Saturday versus Grundy County.

“The guys are super excited about getting ready for district play

and a region run and a win against a good Watertown team gets us turned in the right direction,” Chapman said. “I talked to our guys about setting ourselves up now for success down the road with wins like this and I’m just proud of the way our guys fight and compete night in and night out.”

Watertown	11	10	10	14	— 45
Forrest	10	14	10	14	— 48

Watertown (45): JJ Goodall 14, Trent Spradlin 9, KJ Wood 8, Bray Raines 6, Kier Priest 4, Chase McConnell 4. Three-point goals (6): Goodall 3, Priest, Raines, Wood. Free Throws (9-for-18): Spradlin 5-for-6, Raines 1-for-3, Wood 1-for-3, Priest 1-for-2, Goodall 1-for-4. Forrest (48): Brennan Mealer 14, Deason Jones 13, Davin Porter 8, Hunter Bennett 6, Ben Villazon 3, Josh Rumley 2, Andrew Timmons 2. Three-point goals (6): Mealer 3, Jones 2, Villazon. Free Throws (1-for-7): Jones 1-for-2, Mealer 1-for-1, Rumley 0-for-2, Porter 0-for-2. Halftime Score: Forrest 24, Watertown 21.

Raiders

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join them with wins this week.

Go for it

The NFL set a record this season for fourth-down aggressiveness.

Teams have gone for it on 734 fourth downs this season, 76 more than the previous high set just last season. Teams converted on 386 of those attempts, breaking the record of 362 set in 2020.

There have already been more than twice as many successful fourth-down tries in the NFL as there were a decade ago, when teams had 186 in 2011.

The success rate of 52.6% will fall a bit shy of the previous high from the last 30 years of 55.7% in 2018 and the 55% last season. But this marks the third time in four seasons that teams converted on more than half of fourth-down tries.

Extra game

The NFC got the edge from the extra 17th game added to the schedule this season, winning 10 of the 16 matchups despite all of them coming in AFC stadiums.

The league added the extra game for 2021, matching up teams that finished in the same place in their respective divisions.

Packers still on top in latest poll

By **SIMMI BUTTAR**
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK — New year, same old Green Bay Packers.

The Packers dominated the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday night to clinch the top seed in the NFC and home-field advantage throughout the conference playoffs.

With the best record in the NFL heading into the last week of the regular season, the Packers kept the top spot in the latest AP Pro32 poll.

The Packers earned all 12 first-place votes for 384 points in balloting Tuesday by media members who regularly cover the NFL.

“For the second straight year, the NFC’s road to Super Bowl 56 goes through Green Bay,” Newsday’s Bob Glauber said.

“Now we see if the Packers can take advantage of the No. 1 seed after Aaron Rodgers got them this far with what will almost certainly be a second straight MVP. A brilliant quarterback keeps getting better.”

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers moved up two spots to No. 2.

The Los Angeles Rams climbed two spots to No. 3. The Rams, who have won five in a row, can clinch the NFC West on Sunday with a victory over the San Francisco

49ers.

The AFC West champion Kansas City Chiefs fell two spots to No. 4 after a last-second loss to the Cincinnati Bengals, who clinched their first AFC North title since the 2015 season with a 34-31 victory. The Bengals moved up two spots to No. 7.

Despite having the AFC’s top seed at the moment, the Tennessee Titans are at No. 5 in the poll. The Titans inched up a spot after routing Miami and can wrap up home field with a win at Houston on Sunday.

The Arizona Cardinals rocketed five places to No. 6 after topping the Dallas Cowboys. The Cardinals can clinch their division with a win over Seattle and a Rams loss on Sunday. The Cowboys fell five spots to No. 8 and will finish the regular season at the Philadelphia Eagles on Saturday night.

The Buffalo Bills fell two spots to No. 9 after topping the Atlanta Falcons. The Bills can clinch the AFC East with a win on Sunday against the New York Jets.

And the New England Patriots remained at 10. The Patriots need to beat the Dolphins and have the Bills lose to take the division.

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By **Lynn Elber and Frazier Moore**
Associated Press

In a Snickers commercial that premiered

A sketch she had done with Jarvis turned into a syndicated series, "Life With Elizabeth," which won her first Emmy.

She was born Betty Marion White in Oak Park, Illinois, and the

At Beverly Hills High School, her ambition turned to acting, and she appeared in several school plays. Her par-

When asked in 2011 how she had managed to be universally beloved during her decades-spanning career, she summed up with a dimpled smile: “I just make it my business to get along with people so I can have fun. It’s that simple.”

[illegible]

1. Adequate yearly progress (abbr.)
4. Silicon Valley's specialty
8. Gather a harvest
10. Famed mathematician
11. No (slang)
12. Students use one
13. Type of molecule
15. Play make-believe
16. Large barrel-like containers
17. Touching
18. Treats allergies
21. Calendar month
22. Single
23. Cease to live
24. Brew
25. What ghosts say
26. Geological time
27. Focus
34. Discomfort
35. A citizen of Iran
36. Trip
37. Imitate
38. Makes happy
39. Double-reed instrument
40. Body parts
41. Transgressions
42. One-time emperor of Russia
43. Time zone

1. Used in treating bruises	20. Witness
2. One who cultivates a small estate	23. Gives
3. One who supports the Pope	24. Expression of creative skill
4. Annuity	25. A way to prop up
5. Geological period	26. Midway between northeast and east
6. Grab onto tightly	27. Winter melon
7. Kept	28. Supernatural power
9. Chinese city	29. Target
10. The most direct route	30. Threes
12. Type of tooth	31. A type of poetic verse
14. ___ kosh, near Lake Winnebago	32. They make some people cry
15. Popular veggie	33. Kindest
17. Supervises interstate commerce	34. Forman and Ventimiglia are two
19. Foolish behaviors	36. A way to liquefy

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**See answers to the
Sudoku and Crossword puzzles in the A section**



MEF First Commerce Teacher Grant (a): Katie Fears, a teacher at FHS, is the recipient of the First Commerce Bank Teacher Grant. Pictured from left: Dr. Tresha Grissom, MEF Chair, Melinda Sweeney of First Commerce Bank, Katie Fears, and Jimmy Bass of First Commerce Bank.

Marshall Educational Foundation grant awards

The Marshall County Education Foundation recently awarded several \$500 grants to county teachers to support their efforts in educating the county's students.

MEF was founded to support education in Marshall County and, in addition to teacher grants, administers several scholarship funds and funds an advisor to aid students in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, required for the TNPromise and Hope Scholarships, among others. Last year the advisor helped 150 high school graduates qualify for \$214,000 in financial assistance.



MEF First Commerce Bank Teacher Grant: Kim Anderson, a teacher at MCHS, is the recipient of the First Commerce Bank Teacher Grant. Pictured from left: Kristen Gold of First Commerce Bank and MEF Treasurer, Kim Anderson, and Dr. Tresha Grissom, MEF Chair.



MEF Linda Bussart Memorial Teacher Grant: Kim Anderson, a teacher at MCHS, is the recipient of the Linda Bussart Memorial Teacher Grant. Pictured from left: Judge Lee Bussart, Kim Anderson, and Dr. Tresha Grissom, MEF Chair.



MEF Marshall County Retired Teachers Grant: Lon Broyles, a teacher at MCHS, is the recipient of the Marshall County Retired Teachers Grant. Pictured from left: Kristen Gold, MEF Treasurer, Lon Broyles, and Dr. Tresha Grissom, MEF Chair.

How'd you like one across the lip?

By **Danny Tyree**

A YouTube video magically transported me back to what I was watching on Thursday, January 13, 1972.

The clip from NBC's red-hot "Flip Wilson Show" features Flip as a standup comedian being heckled unmercifully by guest Redd Foxx.

At the end of the segment, Flip broke character to announce that Foxx would be starring in a new sitcom called "Sanford and Son," beginning the very next night.

I vividly remember the plug! Unfortunately, I somehow missed that first episode; but I laughed myself silly over the second one. I love my sanitized 1960s sitcoms, but there was just something earthier and more relatable about the denizens of that Watts neighborhood. (Herman Munster never got stripped for parts on Mockingbird Lane!)

I joined millions of other Americans in a Friday night ritual of watching the dreams and schemes of cantankerous junk dealer Fred G. Sanford ("that's S-A-N-F-O-R-D period") and his long-suffering son Lamont.

For six seasons, the show provided stiff competition for Friday night high school athletic events. Between Fred calling Lamont "you big dummy" and sports fans calling the referee "you



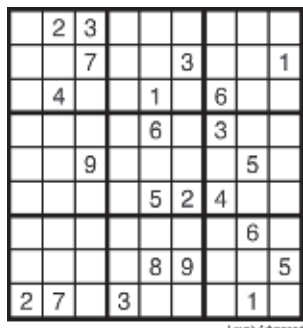
big dummy," Seventies therapists put in oodles of overtime on Saturdays.

Countless "must see" programs from just three or four years ago have completely evaporated from my memory; but after five decades, I still find myself whistling the "Sanford" instrumental theme song by Quincy Jones and exclaiming, "Good goobily goop" or "Great googly moogly!" like Fred's friend Grady. I still haven't verified the rumor that the Build Back Better plan includes funding for GSL (Grady as a Second Language) classes.

I am thankful that I have been able to share "Sanford and Son" reruns with my 17-year-old son Gideon. I am equally thankful that I still have him fooled about the clutter in my writing den. ("You're right -- it's an intentional shrine to the Sanford living room. Yeah, that's the ticket.")

Yes, it's admirable that Amazon Prime makes "Sanford and Son" reruns available to new generations, but it's certainly not the sort of show that could start from scratch in today's environment.

In the old days, widower Fred would fake a heart attack and shout, "You hear that, Elizabeth? I'm coming to join you, honey!" In these post-organized-religion times, he would likely backpedal with "Or maybe I'll just become one with the universe. Or embrace the aura of this Louisville slugger or... anyway, don't wait up."



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