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Commission down a member

By Scott Pearson
Associate Editor

The Marshall County Commission will have another vacant seat to fill after Monday's monthly meeting.

Marshall County Mayor Mike Keny informed the commission that District 2 Commissioner Joseph Warner had offered his resignation from the body, following a move out of the county.

Warner was in his third term on the commission.

Otherwise the 14 item agenda was routine, with all 13 items going to a vote being approved unanimously.

A resolution amending the county zoning guidelines was withdrawn until April.

Commissioners approved a resolution accepting some of those funds, which are expected to come in over time.

A section of the county personnel policy regarding lodging reimbursement, sent back to committee last month, was approved after revision. The policy retains the more than 60 mile radius required for lodging reimbursement but sets the Courthouse Annex as the starting point for commissioners to avoid differing eligibility depending on home addresses. The policy also adds a \$250 maximum reimbursement for lodging costs.

Funds from settlements made in lawsuits filed against opioid manufacturers and distributors are beginning to come in, although guidelines are not yet finalized on acceptable ways for those funds to be spent.

Commissioner Mickey King briefed the commission on the current status of water projects in the county, after several resolutions concerning bond repayment schedules.

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North end blaze Sunday



Photo courtesy of Chapel Hill VFD

The Chapel Hill Volunteer Fire Department responded on Sunday to a structure fire in the north of the county on Simpson Lane. Heavily involved when crews arrived, fire fighters were forced to contain the blaze to prevent spread. Maury County Fire, Berlin VFD, Farmington VFD, and Marshall County Emergency Management sent equipment to aid the effort, especially tankers to assist with water supply.

One lane of occasional pain



Tribune photo by Scott Pearson

Traffic snarled last Thursday as contractors began to work on the Nashville Highway bridge over Rock Creek. The Tennessee Department of Transportation project, since Highway 31A is a state road, will replace the bridge one lane at a time, meaning that temporary signals have been placed to control traffic on the remaining single lane. The lights are set on a three minute cycle in order to keep traffic moving, although at time, especially in the afternoon, traffic can sometimes back up to the Ellington Bypass. In a meeting earlier this month, Lewisburg Mayor Jim Bingham estimated that the \$3.5 million project, entirely funded by TDOT, could take a year to complete.

Lewisburg treasurer search continues

By Scott Pearson
Associate Editor

The city of Lewisburg extended the search for a new city treasurer at a special called meeting held last Thursday.

The original purpose of the meeting was to discuss two candidates interviewed by the council the previous week.

Both had withdrawn their candidacy prior to the start of the meeting.

With no viable candidates, the council decided to reopen the search period for an three additional weeks, while deciding to increase the salary range for the position.

Chuck Downham, with the Municipal Technical Advisory Service from the University of Tennessee, repeated his comments from this month's council meeting that the range of compensation

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Walk of Heroes "more of a success than dreamed"



Tribune photo by Scott Pearson

Lewisburg city officials joined with First Farmers Bank leadership last Thursday to celebrate the success of the bank administered Walk of Heroes project at Rock Creek Park.

Barry B. White had recently been named president of the Marshall County Division of First Farmers Bank. The bank wanted to do a project that would have a positive effect on the community. White, the local board and employees, in conjunction with the city of Lewisburg, came up with the idea of the "Walk of Heroes" to be constructed at Rock Creek Park.

The concept of the "Walk of Heroes" was to honor everyday heroes who had made positive impacts on our lives, by purchasing a brick

in the heroes name. It honored veterans, family, friends, teachers, and mentors who had helped others. First Farmers, particularly Monette Fagan, administered the program over the years. The brick are at Rock Creek, surrounding a garden, in the shadow of the American flag. The city helped install the bricks and has maintained the memorial since its inception.

Since the project's dedication in 2005, more than 550 bricks have been purchased, honoring more than

1,000 individuals. Over the years, excess proceeds from the sale of bricks have accumulated and on Thursday, First Farmers turned over \$14,857 to the city of Lewisburg. The program has been more of a success than dreamed of at its inception. White said that he would like to thank then Mayor Bob Phillips and then City Manager Eddie Fuller for the initial help years ago, and also succeeding administrations up to the present for their partnership in this program



OPEN HEARTS FOR PALM SUNDAY

Obituaries

Timothy Lee Davis

Beverly Williams Lewis

Beverly Williams Lewis, age 76, of Lewisburg, Tennessee, passed away at her home on March 2, 2023. Beverly was born December 21, 1946 in Jackson, Tennessee to Thomas Eugene Williams, Sr., and Annie Margaret Odell Williams.



A wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother (MiMi), teacher, painter, and foremost a believer in Jesus the Messiah, she was blessed with the gifts of song and music, singing with symphonies, oratorio societies, baroque ensembles, her sisters, and other groups. She earned three musical degrees, the most recent being a Doctor of Musical Arts in Vocal Performance in 1979 from the University of Memphis. She had a love for the Jewish people with a desire to see that they be saved and a love for the Jewish roots of her Christian faith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Mel Lewis and her sister Rosalyn Hailey of Collierville, Tennessee. She is survived by her two children, Matt (Elizabeth) Lewis of Lewisburg, Tennessee and Margaret (Joe) Cuschieri of Alexandria, Virginia; seven grandchildren, Marshall Lewis, Garrison Lewis, Temperance Lewis, Crockett Lewis, Nels Lewis, Oliver Lewis, and Claire Cuschieri; three siblings, Thomas

E. (Barbara) Williams, Jr. of Jackson, Tennessee; Patricia Brock of Lewisburg, Tennessee; and Teresa Irvin of Friendship, Tennessee.

A family graveside service was held on March 5, 2023, in Alamo, Tennessee.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for you to donate to Jews for Jesus or the Nashville Rescue Mission. Please share your memories of Beverly by visiting her memorial page at <http://www.gatherings.com/memorial/beverly-w-lewis/9673>. Ronk Funeral Home in Alamo, Tennessee was charge of arrangements. Please visit www.ronk-funeralhome.com.

The family would like to thank Dr. Alex Brunner and the staff at Mercy Community Healthcare in Lewisburg, Tennessee and the staff at Compassus. Thank you all for your care and kindness.

Timothy Lee Davis, 46, of Lewisburg, Tennessee, died Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Marshall Medical Center.

He was a native of Marshall County, the son of Eulis B. and Kathy Whaley Davis. He was a CAD manager for Loftis Steel and was a member of the Farmington Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife of 22 years, Laura L. Burch Davis; two sons, Elijah and Joshua Davis of Lewisburg; one brother, Andrew (Melissa) Davis of Fayetteville.



Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. from the chapel of London Funeral Home, 324 West Church Street, Lewisburg, Tennessee 37091, with burial following in Whaley Cemetery in Farmington.

Visitation with the family began Wednesday, March 29, 2023, from 12:00 noon until the funeral hour.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to HopeTown of Lewisburg, 402 2nd Avenue North, Lewisburg, TN 37091.

London Funeral Home and Crematory is honored to assist the family with the arrangements.

Meeting and happenings

Meetings and happenings are published at no cost. There is no guarantee of publication.

- March 31 - The Westvue Support Group will meet Friday evening, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. at Westvue Church of Christ, 1710 Mooresville Hwy. A potluck fellowship will begin at 6:00 p.m. If you are burdened with the cares of this world and are in need of friendship and encouragement come join our group for a potluck meal and an encouraging devotional thought that will be brought to us by Danny Hanson. For additional information, please contact Westvue Church of Christ at 359-2571.

- April 1 - Free food giveaway Saturday, April 1st at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church 4011 Nashville Hwy beginning at 9 a.m.
- April 4 - The Mayor and Council of the City of Lewisburg will hold a work session Tuesday, April 4th at 5:00 p.m., at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 East Church Street.

- April 6 - The Marshall County Solid Waste Committee will meet Thursday, April 6th at 5:00 p.m. at 611 Hawkins Drive.
- April 6 - The Marshall County Building Committee will meet Thursday, April 6th at 6:30 p.m. at 206 Legion Avenue.

- April 7 - The Marshall County Board of Public Utilities at 624 West Commerce Street, Lewisburg will be closed Friday, April 7th, in observance of Good Friday. The office will reopen Monday, April 10th at 8 a.m.
- April 7 - The Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, and Hardison Annex will be closed Friday, April 7th in observance of Good Friday.

- April 11 - The Mayor and Council of the City of Lewisburg will hold their regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m. at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 East Church Street.
- April 12 - Ostella FCE will meet Wednesday at Cornersville Church of Christ at 11:30 a.m.

- April 13 - La Leche League of Lewisburg will have a meeting April 13th, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call for location-Anna Childress 931-637-5810.
- April 17 - The Airport Board of the City of Lewisburg will meet Monday, April 17th, 2:00 p.m. at Lewisburg Ellington Airport, 1877 Franklin Pike.

- April 18 - Lewisburg Gas Dept. Monthly Board Meeting, April 18, 4:00 p.m., 505 N. Ellington Pkwy.
- April 18 - The Marshall County Board of Public Utilities will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. at 624 West Commerce Street in the Doug Rogers Board Room.
- April 18 - The

day, April 7th in observance of Good Friday.

- April 7 - The Marshall County Probation Office will be closed Friday, April 7th in observance of Good Friday.
- April 7 - All offices of the City of Lewisburg will be closed on Friday, April 7th in observation of the Good Friday Holiday.

- April 8-9 - Cornersville United Methodist Church, 100 South Mulberry Street, Cornersville will be presenting their Easter Cantata, "GLORIOUS DAY," Saturday, April 8th @ 6 p.m. and Easter Sunday, April 9th @ 11 a.m.
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- April 19 - The Budget Committee for the City of Lewisburg will meet on Wednesday, April 19th, at 2:00 p.m. at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 E. Church Street.
- April 19 - The Mayor and Council for the City of Lewisburg will conduct interviews for a City Treasurer on Wednesday, April 19th beginning at 3:30 p.m. at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 E. Church Street. The public is welcome to attend.

- April 20 - Lewisburg FCE will meet Thursday, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center in the Hardison Annex.
- April 24 - The Board of Lewisburg Electric System will hold the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Monday, April 24, 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the LES office, 599 W. Ellington Pkwy. The meeting is open to the public.

- April 25 - The Community Development Board of the City of Lewisburg will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, April 25th at 12:00 p.m., at the Historic 1st Avenue Building, located at 207 1st Ave. N.
- April 25 - The Cemeteries Advisory Board for the City of Lewisburg will meet on Tuesday, April 25th at 4:00p.m. at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 E. Church Street.

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Land transfers

Land Transfers 1/29/2023 - 2/4/2023

D R Horton Inc to William Kelley, River forest, \$90,975; Perryman Investments LLC to Daniel Vargas Guzman & Aida Aparicio Lopez, Belfast Rd/Reliance Street, \$110,000; D R Horton Inc to Pamela Cothorn, Amanda Cothorn Michael Grissom, River Forest S/D, \$315,690;

Carl & Catherine Groover to Robert Dale Huey, Jeffrey Walker Moore, Jason David Jent, Verona Caney Rd, Dist 3, \$440,000; Jerry T & Della Beech to Osmani & Madiley Denis, Lunns Store Road/Neil Road, 49.59 Acres, Dist 1, \$200,000; Jose Galvan to Joanne E Norris, Second Avenue, Dist 3, \$279,900; D R Horton Inc to Barbara Ann Cochran, Spring Creek Farms, Dist 1, \$295,000; Linden C Cash to Tracey Bauer, John D Miller S/D, Dist 2, \$579,900; Michael Schklar to Jackson Bailey, Olean Bishop S/D, 5.67 Acres, Dist 8, \$200,000; Miguel Melchor to Music City Mgmt Investments LLC, Greater Lewisburg Heights Lots 4, 5, Dist 3, \$40,000.

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Mary Agnes Pendergrass

Mary Agnes Pendergrass, 79, of Lewisburg, TN, died Friday, March 24, 2023, at Williamson Medical Center.



She was a native of Perry County, the daughter of the late Ben and Opal Grindner Garner. She was a retired office manager of the Marshall County Health Department, being employed there from 1990 until retirement in 2006. She studied at Freed Hardeman University where she met her husband and became his help-meet while he ministered. She was a member of Westvue Church of Christ.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Pendergrass in 2015. She is survived by two daughters, Gale

(Gary) Francis of Thompson Station and Angela Pendergrass of Lewisburg; two sons, Phillip Pendergrass of Wyoming, and Henry (Karen) Pendergrass of Spring Hill; two sisters, Helen Brewer and Connie Love; five brothers, Jimmy Garner, Joe Garner, Jerry Garner, Roy Garner, and Philip Garner; six grandchildren, Clay (Carter) Stokes, Zach (Brittany) Stokes, Autumn Pen-

dergrass, Chase (Danielle) Pendergrass, Ally Pendergrass, and Katy Pendergrass; three great-grandchildren, Laney Stokes, Nolen Stokes, and Juniper Pendergrass.

Memorial services were conducted Monday, March 27, 2023, at 1:00 pm from the Westvue Church of Christ, 1710 West Commerce St., Lewisburg, TN 37091.

Visitation with the family began Monday, March 27, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. and continued until the funeral hour.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Roundup Church of Christ (Roundup, Montana.)

London Funeral Home and Crematory is honored to assist the family with the arrangements.

Carl Wayne "Buddy" King

Carl Wayne "Buddy" King, 75, of the Ostella Community, passed away Monday, March 27, 2023, at his home.



Buddy served his country in the US Army and was the recipient of two purple hearts while serving in Vietnam. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and was on the Board of Directors for Duncanville Cemetery. He was retired after 30 years with the Tennessee Department of Transportation. He was a loving husband, Daddy, Gramby, Granddaddy, brother, and friend. Buddy liked to stay on the go. He enjoyed golf, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Elvonda Gipson King; one son, Richard

King (Gena); one daughter, Janet King Harris (David); three grandchildren, Katie King, Olivia Harris, and Ryan McDaniel; one great grandchild, Johnse McDaniel. Buddy is also survived by one brother, James King (Betty); one sister, Linda Burrow (George) and several nieces and nephews.

Buddy was preceded in death by his parents. Willie Bob and Alva Mooningham King; a brother, Thomas King;

and two sisters, Olene Dockery and Hattie Powell.

Visitation with Buddy's family will be Thursday, March 30, 2023, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the chapel of Bills-McGaugh & Hamilton Funeral Home. Visitation will resume at noon, Friday, March 31, 2023, and will continue until the funeral hour of 2 p.m. The burial will follow at Short Cemetery with military honors.

Bills-McGaugh & Hamilton Funeral Home & Crematory is honored to assist the family with the arrangements. Condolences may be extended online at www.billsmcgaugh.com

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Chapel Hill Police Department promotes "Slow Down Tennessee" to reduce speeding-related

Chapel Hill, TN – Chapel Hill Police Department is partnering with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) for "Slow Down Tennessee." During April 14 – 28, Chapel Hill Police Department will increase education, awareness, and enforcement efforts to help reduce speeding-related crashes, injuries, and fatalities statewide.

Officers are working diligently to help continue the 2022 trend in which crashes were reduced

from 37 crashes in 2021 to 34 crashes in 2022. In the first three months of 2023 Chapel Hill has had thirteen crashes, a significant increase over 2022. Over the past two months officers wrote several citations for speeds that were extreme, including 108 mph in a 40 mph and 98 mph in a 55 mph. To help promote safe driving officers will be conducting extra saturation patrols in the months of April and May and looking for drivers exceeding the

speed limits.

The State of Tennessee requires motorists to always exercise due care and maintain a safe speed while driving. Speed limits may vary depending on the county and road conditions; therefore, drivers must always pay attention and adhere to posted speed limits to ensure the safety of all roadway users. For more information about speeding, visit www.tntrafficsafety.org/speeding.

Nashville looks to vigil for solace after school shooting

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — As Nashville awaited a candlelight vigil Wednesday to mourn three children and three adults killed in a shooting at a Christian school, Pope Francis sent his condolences to a grief-stricken city and offered prayers to those affected by the violence.

In a telegram, Francis asked Bishop J. Mark Spalding, of the Catholic Diocese of Nashville, to convey his "heartfelt condolences" and the assurance of his prayers.

"He joins the entire community in mourning the children and adults who died and commends them to the loving embrace of the Lord Jesus," reads the telegram, which was sent by the Vatican's secretary of state in the pontiff's name.

Police have said a 28-year-old former student at The Covenant School drove up to the building Monday morning, shot out glass doors, and gunned down three 9-year-olds, a cus-

todian, a substitute teacher and the head of the school. Authorities have not yet determined the shooter's motive but said they did not target specific victims.

Nashville Mayor John Cooper said in a news release that the city-wide vigil was being planned for Wednesday evening "to mourn and honor the lives of the victims, and lift up the survivors and families" of the school. Metropolitan Nashville Police Chief John Drake and other city leaders were also expected to speak during the vigil.

Authorities have identified the dead children as Evelyn Dieckhaus, Hallie Scruggs and William Kinney. The adults killed were Katherine Koonce, 60, the head of the school; substitute teacher Cynthia Peak, 61; and custodian Mike Hill, also 61.

The deadly shooting has led to an outpouring of prayers and support.

"There have been innumerable prayer meetings and crying out for

comfort and solace," said Pastor George Grant, a leader with the Nashville Presbytery, which is connected to the school.

"As pundits and politicians try to make sense out of the senseless, we're not really asking why. We know why — we live in a broken, fallen world."

In a blog post published Wednesday, Grant recounted how notifications about an active shooter at the school interrupted a presbytery planning meeting that included Chad Scruggs, Covenant Presbyterian Church pastor and father of one of the shooting victims.

"We emptied into the hallway, stricken, eyes clouded with disbelief, horror, and grief. ... Our worst fears were realized," Grant wrote.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee said late Tuesday that Peak was a close friend of his wife, Maria, and that the two had been planning to meet for dinner after

Peak's work that day.

"Maria woke up this morning without one of her best friends," Lee said in a video statement Tuesday, adding that his wife once taught with Peak and Koonce. The women, he said, "have been family friends for decades."

Police said the shooter, whom they identified as Audrey Hale, was under a doctor's care for an undisclosed emotional disorder and was not on the radar of police before the attack.

Police have given unclear information on Hale's gender. For hours Monday, police identified the shooter as a woman. Later in the day, the police chief said Hale was transgender. In an email Tuesday, a police spokesperson said Hale "was assigned female at birth" but used masculine pronouns on a social media profile. Then the chief later used feminine pronouns to refer to Hale.

Commission

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He said that the Highway 31A capacity expansion was waiting on pipe and fittings to be delivered in order to begin, and that several aspects of Public Utilities plan to construct a water treatment plant near the Duck River were scheduled to be let

out to bid in the near future.

"We cleared a lot of hurdles on this project in the last week," King said.

Commissioners again tweaked items in the recently adopted personnel policies, approved several grant applications, and adjusted budgets to accommodate new revenue.

Search

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council meeting that the range of compensation advertised for the position, \$75,000 to \$90,000, was substantially lower than that being offered by comparable cities for the same position.

Treasurer positions for Manchester and Mount Pleasant have both been recently filled at, or above, the \$100,000 range.

He suggested that the noncompetitive salary led to the low numbers of responses, overall,

and the lack of qualified candidates over the first two postings of the position.

Downham also suggested the city conduct a comprehensive salary study to bring the city in line with peer municipalities regarding compensation.

Council decided to extend to top of the range advertised for the position to \$100,000.

Deadline for the new search window will be April 12 and the council plans to interview candidates on April 19.

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The Miss Marshall County Tri-Star Scholarship Pageant, directed by Marti and Marilyn Sullivan, will be held on April 15th at the Historic Dixie Theatre. For ages 5-21, the pageant is open to anyone who lives in Marshall County or attends a Marshall County School. There are no residency restrictions for the Baby Pageant, ages 0-4.

The scholarship packages are as follows:

- Miss Queen- \$3,000 Scholarship
- Miss Congeniality- \$1,000 Scholarship
- 1st Runner Up- \$400 Scholarship
- 2nd Runner Up- \$300 Scholarship
- 3rd Runner Up- \$200 Scholarship
- 4th Runner Up- \$100 Scholarship

Applications can be picked up at Michael D. Sullivan CPA office located at 655 North Ellington Parkway Lewisburg, TN 37091 or visit the Miss Marshall County Tri-Star Facebook page to submit an online application. Applications are due by April 5th.

TVA to return ancestral remains of Native Americans

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Valley Authority is taking steps to return the ancestral remains of nearly 5,000 Native Americans, according to federal records.

The TVA filed notice in the Federal Register for publication Wednesday that it intended to repatriate all ancestral remains and associated funerary objects it possesses, the Knoxville News Sentinel report-

ed. The remains and associated objects were removed from their original resting places in Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama.

TVA has identified ancestral remains of at least 4,871 Native Americans and 1,389 lots of objects that the utility corporation believes were placed with or near the ancestral remains "at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony," the notice said.

The process of repatriation allows tribes and descendants to take possession of the remains and associated funerary objects. The TVA said the remains would be available for return on or after April 29 and it listed 21 tribes that could make requests.

If competing requests are filed, TVA would determine "the most appropriate requestor."

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Planning a post-Easter hiatus?

By Danny Tyree
 Right now, the land echoes with songs such as "Power in the Blood" and "Because He Lives," but past performance assures me that the ditty waiting in the wings is (apologies to Alice Cooper) "God's Out For Summer."

Yes, countless people (whether unchurched or nominally religious) are counting down the days until Easter goes hopping down the bunny trail for another year.

Admittedly, these folks have endured four or five stressful months. Sure, there have been talking snowmen, Cupid and green beer to keep them distracted; but some killjoy inevitably brings up "the reason for the season" or delves into the real-life travails of Saints Nicholas, Valentine and Patrick.

To add insult to injury, these people weren't permitted to focus solely on statesmen, scientists and entertainers during Black History Month. No, some meddling reporter fixated on the vital role of Black churches in the civil rights movement.

Then came their Lenten sacrifices (or listening to other people brag/complain about their Lenten sacrifices), leading up to all that cringe-inducing talk about the crucifixion.

Understandably, numerous worshippers and innocent bystanders are suffering religion fatigue. They're yearning for a spring and summer of lawn-mowing, fishing, barbecuing, home repairing and vacationing.

True, Mother's Day may inspire memories of mom as a God-fearing woman and Memorial Day has its somber side; but for all intents and purposes, these folks have a six- or seven-month reprieve from religious thoughts.

The fun doesn't come to a screeching halt until those pesky Pilgrims remind us what ingrates we are and Linus trots out his Nativity speech for the umpteenth time.

(I'm writing this from a Christian perspective, but I'm sure there are Jews, Muslims and members of other faiths who suffer burnout from their own holidays and traditions.)

However you've been rationalizing your downtime (recharging your batteries, cleansing your palate, getting back to the Real World), I implore you not to

perpetuate the cycle of making spirituality a purely seasonal observance.

Every day is a day the Lord has made, not just the days after Halloween.

From a practical perspective, it's hard to get back in the saddle after a prolonged absence from thinking about the meaning of life. It's like schoolchildren. I don't begrudge them their summer vacation; but unless the kids frequent the library in July or take educational trips, they invariably return to school in the autumn needing to re-learn the math and grammar they supposedly learned in May.

Nature abhors a vacuum, but Satan loves one. Theoretically, you can fill your mind with secular thoughts that are always productive or at least benign; but it's so much easier to drift toward endeavors that are selfish or self-destructive.

Several prominent Bible figures were praised for their steadfastness. I don't remember a single account of lackadaisical religious observance having a happy ending.

How do you keep up the momentum after Easter? Regular fellowship with good people is the ideal, but do what you can. Download another "verse of the day" app. Browse the bookstore for thought-provoking Christian apologetics books. Learn from a sacred-minded shut-in. Consider recalibrating your music playlist to contain maybe a couple fewer kick-your-butt-in-a-barroom and get-nekkid-ASAP songs and a couple additional songs of praise and glory.

No, despite what your wishful thinking might whisper to you, God won't be out for summer. He doesn't run out on you.

But time does. Use your time wisely, year-round.



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EXPIRED TAGS LEAD TO DRUG ARRESTS

On March 20, Lewisburg Police stopped a vehicle displaying expired tags. The driver, Lacey Russell, was driving on a revoked license due to DUI and records showed three prior convictions for the same.

Additionally, the license plate did not belong to the vehicle and the registration sticker appeared to have been altered with a marker.

Due to Russell's priors, the vehicle was searched resulting in the reported discovery of several syringes and baggies containing a crystalline substance, loaded syringes with a brownish substance believed to be heroin, a scale, and nine pills of Alprazolam, a controlled substance.

A passenger in the vehicle initially gave a false name to police, but when informed that that individual had a warrant from Marshall

County, identified himself as Sean Johnson, who had a violation of probation warrant out of Lewisburg City Court. Johnson was also told officers that he was in possession of marijuana and a scale, according to the report.

Russell was charged with altering a license plate, unlawful removal of vehicle registration, simple possession Schedule I, simple possession Schedule II, simple possession Schedule IV, drug paraphernalia, and cited with financial responsibility and an unregistered vehicle. Bond was set at \$12,500.

Johnson was served with the probation violation warrant and charged with criminal impersonation. He was cited for simple possession and paraphernalia.

On March 20, Sheriff's deputies stopped a vehicle displaying tags that had expired in 2021. A check on the

registration showed a different tag assigned to the vehicle, also expired.

After a search, deputies reportedly discovered folded foil with burn marks and residue and a straw in the shoes of the passenger, Ronald Cates, who also had a suboxone strip in his wallet, according to the report.

Both Cates and the driver, Justin McCord, denied ownership of a container found in the vehicle, containing a jar of a white, powdered substance, a lighter and a pipe.

The substance tested positive for fentanyl, according to a field test.

Cates was charged with simple possession Schedule II, simple possession Schedule III, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was also cited for failure to wear a seatbelt.

Bond was set at \$3,000.

McCord was charged with simple possession

Schedule II and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was also cited for failure to wear a seatbelt, expired registration, expired wheel tax, misuse of a tag, and failure to have insurance.

He was held on \$2,000 bond.

THEFTS

- On March 23, a man filed a report stating that a Cub Cadet lawn mower and a Colt revolver had been stolen from his property recently. He valued the items at \$8,555.50.

- On March 22, a trailer was reported stolen from a house under construction on Franklin Pike. The 16', black trailer with a wood deck was valued at \$2,650.

Columbia named Compassus Program Of The Year

COLUMBIA, Tenn. – The Compassus hospice and palliative program serving Columbia, Tennessee, and surrounding counties earned the distinguished title of Program of the Year last month.

The Columbia program outperformed more than 150 Compassus locations throughout the country in the six Pillars of Success categories, including regulatory compliance, colleagues and culture, quality care, service excellence, expanding access to service and fiscal responsibility.

Compassus established its Pillars of Success

program to unite the company's nearly 200 locations across 30 states in a common service vision based on measurable goals driving each program to improve the quality of care for patients.

"Achieving the Program of the Year award recognizes the achievement of Columbia as the highest-performing hospice program in our organization over the past year. This recognition serves as a testament to the dedicated leadership and tireless commitment to our rigorous quality standards by all the members of this team," said

Dr. Kurt Merkelz, senior vice president and chief medical officer for Compassus. "They are a shining example of our commitment to prioritizing service and quality to ensure we deliver superior hospice care to meet the medical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and families."

"As one of the largest hospice providers in the country, Compassus is committed to excellence and aims to set the standard of care for all hospice providers. Receiving the Program of the Year award is so meaningful because it's a tangible representation of the impact we are having on patients and families in Columbia, Tennessee, and surrounding areas. I am incredibly proud of the care our teammates and volunteers provide every day to those who trust us with their care," said Hospice Area Executive of Clinical Operations Edie Rimas.

The local hospice and palliative program serve patients and families in Maury, Marshall, and Hickman counties in Tennessee. For more information about local hospice care, visit compassus.com.

Maury Regional named a Best Place for Working Parents

COLUMBIA, Tenn. — Maury Regional Health (MRH) has been named a 2023 Best Place for Working Parents by Best Place for Working Parents for the health system's efforts to provide progressive benefits packages for the organization's more than 3,000 employees across southern Middle Tennessee.

Organizations included on the yearly Best Place for Working Parents list are assessed on family

friendly policies, including company-paid health care coverage, paid time off, parental leave, nursing benefits, "Best Place" designation, onsite child care, child care assistance, backup child care, flexible hours and remote work.

"At Maury Regional Health, we are committed to providing a supportive environment for our employees and their families to thrive," said Dennis Fisher, chief hu-

man resources officer at MRH. "Our organization is known for having one of the most competitive and comprehensive benefits packages in southern Middle Tennessee. To ensure we are meeting our employees' needs, our team consistently evaluates new and existing benefits for our employees, striving to support their physical, emotional, spiritual and financial wellbeing."

In addition to the organization's comprehensive medical, dental and vision plans, as well as short- and long-term disability packages, Maury Regional Health offers various benefits to help employees meet their personal and family needs.

One of these offerings is the onsite daycare center Hospitots, which is available at a reduced rate for employees. Hospitots opened in 1988 as the first employer-sponsored early education and care program in Maury County. It was also the first facility in Maury County to earn a three-star rating and accreditation by the National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs.

Maury Regional Health also recently introduced a new wellness program to provide further support for employees as they work to meet their personal health and wellness goals. The Maury Strong Wellness Program promotes action-based goals and includes wellness challenges, educational videos, recipes and meal planning options that can be used by the whole family. Employees also receive an employer-paid subscription to the Calm app that may be shared with up to five family members, as well as behavioral health services to ensure employees and their families have access to timely and high-quality resources on demand.

MRH offers employees free access to financial coaches through SmartPath to provide objective and trustworthy financial advice, in addition to a retirement savings plan with employer-matching opportunities and merit-based pay increases. The health system also partners with Rain to give employees access to earned wages prior to payday.

Some other benefits offered by MRH include career navigation and professional development opportunities; a discount program with Abenity that gives employees access to exclusive perks and savings on things like pizza, zoo and movie tickets, oil changes, hotels, car rentals and more; on-site amenities like free employee parking, access to a fitness center and Employee Health clinic, car maintenance and dry-cleaning services; and family friendly events like movie nights, holiday parties and a family picnic, which will make its much anticipated return this spring.

"This designation as a 2023 Best Place for Working Parents is reflective of our commitment to our employees," said MRH CEO Martin Chaney, MD. "I am grateful to Dennis Fisher and the entire human resources team for consistently examining and evaluating new and existing benefits for our employees. They help make MRH a great place to work."

The recognition as a 2023 Best Place for Working Parents comes after MRH was named to Forbes' "America's Best Employers by State" list in 2022.

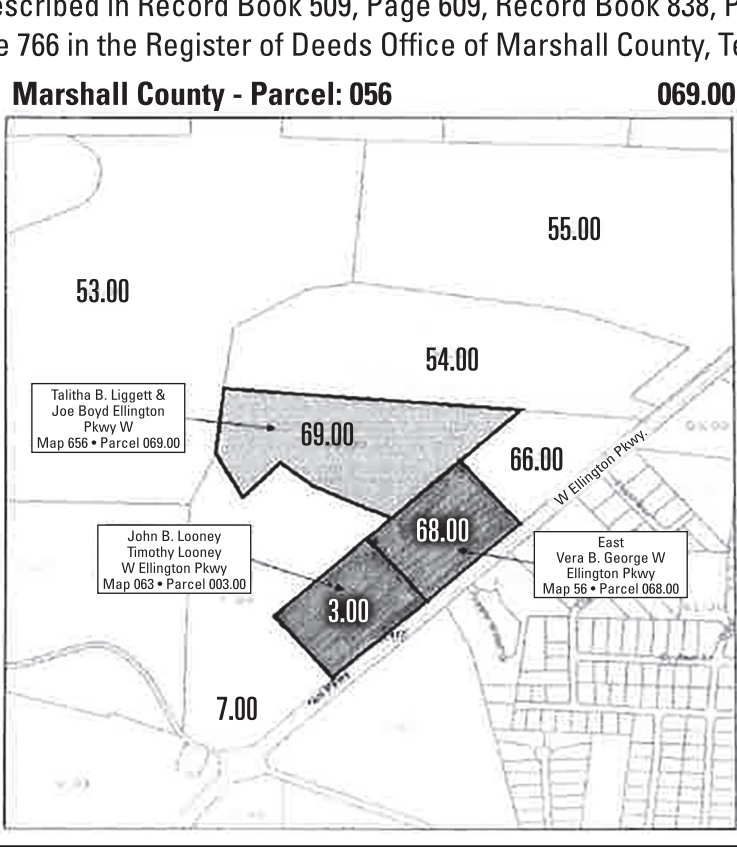
To learn more about career opportunities at Maury Regional Health, visit Careers.MauryRegional.com.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Mayor and Council of the City of Lewisburg will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 5:50 p.m. at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 East Church Street, followed by their regular meeting at 6:00p. The public hearing will be to hear comments or opinions concerning the following:

a. Ordinance 22-32, an Ordinance to approve the rezoning of property located on West Ellington Parkway from C-4", Medical/Professional, "R-2", Medium Density Residential, and "R-1", Low Density Residential to "LDRPUD" Low-Density Residential Planned Unit Development and to approve the preliminary development master plan as recommended by the City of Lewisburg Planning Commission. Property owners - John B. & Timothy L. Looney, W. Ellington Pkwy, Mp. 063, Pel:003.00 and Vera B. George (William), W. Ellington Pkwy., Mp.056, Pel:068.00, Talitha B. & Joe B. Liggett, Ellington Pkwy. W., Mp. 056, Pcl:069.00 containing approximately a total of 44.05 acres, described in Record Book 509, Page 609, Record Book 838, Page 660 and Record Book 667, Page 766 in the Register of Deeds Office of Marshall County, Tennessee.

Marshall County - Parcel: 056 069.00



Savor Spring Flavor with Fresh Seafood Recipes

FAMILY FEATURES

Fresh, flavorful ingredients take springtime meals to another level, and it's hard to top seafood as a seasonal favorite. Skip the wait at restaurants and instead create your own savory seafood dishes by taking advantage of easy-to-make recipes.

While takeout may be an easy option, the satisfaction of enjoying a delicious, home-cooked meal like Shrimp Pad Thai with Jasmine Rice can make you feel like you're enjoying a restaurant-quality dinner. Next time you're craving Asian cuisine, swap out traditional rice noodles for this version with Jasmine rice as an aromatic, quick-cooking solution for your own spin on a classic.

Take the guesswork out of cooking rice with an option like Success Boil-In-Bag Rice, which offers a heat safe, BPA-free and FDA-approved solution for fluffy, flavorful rice that cooks up perfectly. The high-quality grains are quick, easy, mess-free and ready in 10 minutes, so you can enjoy hassle-free dishes such as Successful Crab and Rice Cakes.

These crispy crab cakes come together easily and are served with a zesty, homemade aioli that tastes just like you're on the coast. If you're new to making crab cakes, it's simpler than it may seem—just cook rice beforehand so it can cool then mix in beaten eggs, seafood and seasonings. Refrigerating and resting the mixture helps it hold together before frying to a mouthwatering golden brown for a delicious appetizer, snack or side dish.

Visit SuccessRice.com to find more springtime meal ideas.



Shrimp Pad Thai with Jasmine Rice

Successful Crab and Rice Cakes

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 4

Crab Cakes:

- 1 bag Success Brown Rice
- 2 eggs
- 1 pound lump crabmeat
- 2 tablespoons seafood seasoning
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

Aioli:

- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 lemon, zest and juice only
- lemon wedges (optional)

To make crab cakes: Prepare rice according to package directions. Allow to cool.

In medium bowl, beat eggs lightly. Stir in rice, crabmeat and seafood seasoning; mix well. Refrigerate 5 minutes. Shape mixture into eight patties.

In large, nonstick skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Working in batches, carefully place patties in skillet. Cook 5 minutes on each side, or until golden brown. Transfer to paper towel-lined plate.

To make aioli: Stir together mayonnaise, garlic, lemon zest and lemon juice.

Serve aioli with crab cakes and garnish with lemon wedges, if desired.



Successful Crab and Rice Cakes

Shrimp Pad Thai with Jasmine Rice

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 4

- 1 bag Success Jasmine Rice
- 3 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon chili garlic sauce
- 2 tablespoons canola oil, divided
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 cup bean sprouts
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro leaves, chopped

- 2 tablespoons dry roasted peanuts, chopped
- 4 lime wedges

Prepare rice according to package directions. Set aside.

In small bowl, combine brown sugar, fish sauce, lime juice, soy sauce and chili garlic sauce. Set aside.

In large wok or skillet over high heat, heat 1/2 tablespoon oil. Quickly scramble egg. Remove from pan and reserve.

Add remaining oil to wok over high heat. Add shrimp and garlic; stir-fry 5 minutes, or until shrimp are cooked. Add reserved sauce and rice; stir-fry 2 minutes. Add green onions and reserved egg; toss to combine.

Divide pad Thai between four bowls. Top each with bean sprouts, cilantro and peanuts. Serve with lime wedges.

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Completed application will be accepted until **4 PM April 13th**. No phone calls please.

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Candidates should possess a Bachelor's degree of Business Administration, Accounting, Finance, or closely related field or in lieu of Bachelor's degree possess five (5) years or more of relevant experience, preferably in public accounting and finance or closely related field. Candidate should have three (3) years of progressively responsible management experience in accounting and financial management. Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) designation is preferred but must be obtained within 2 years of employment. A position description is available at www.lewisburgtn.gov Send cover letter and resume by April 12, 2023, via electronic mail to the University of Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Service, attention Chuck Downham, MTAS Municipal Management Consultant, at chuck.downham@tennessee.edu. Initial review of applications will occur on April 13, 2023. Please direct questions to Chuck Downham, MTAS Municipal Management Consultant, at the same email address. Position open until filled.

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Lily Ledford, Connie Potts of Duck River Electric, and Garrett LaLonde enjoyed a tour of the historic Tennessee State Capitol.

Two Marshall County youths learn about government, cooperatives at DREMC-sponsored event

Lily Ledford and Garrett LaLonde, both of Marshall County, joined high school juniors from across the state in Nashville for the annual Youth Leadership Summit sponsored in part by Duck River Electric Membership Corporation.

"We congratulate these future leaders for being selected to represent their high schools, community and Duck River Electric at this leadership event," said Scott Spence, DREMC President and CEO. "These students are selected by their guidance counselors, and they truly are among the best and the brightest."

Each year, Tennessee's electric cooperatives sponsor two students from their respective service areas to attend the Summit. Because DREMC serves multiple counties, students are selected on a rotating basis among the communities served by the cooperative. Delegates to the event received an up-close look at state government, practiced networking and leadership skills, and developed a better understanding of their local electric cooperatives.

While in Nashville, delegates visited the State Capitol Building where they were welcomed by Secretary of State Tre Hargett and members of the Tennessee General Assembly. Summit attendees held a mock legislative session in the Senate Chambers, debating and voting on a bill they developed. In addition to lawmakers, students heard from leaders like Miss Tennessee's Outstanding Teen, Jane Marie Franks, and State Trooper Shane Moore and K-9 Officer Sumo with the Tennessee Executive Protection Detail. The Youth Leadership Summit also included a day of leadership training at the Joe C. Davis YMCA Outdoor Center and a behind-the-scenes tour of Bridgestone Arena prior to a Nashville Predators game.

Delegates to the Youth Leadership Summit are encouraged to be leaders and use their talents to improve rural Tennessee.

"The future is built on the investments we make today, and there is no greater investment that we can make than to prepare these young people to face the opportunities and challenges of tomorrow," adds Spence. "The Youth Leadership Summit is an example of the many ways that electric cooperatives, like Duck River Electric, are building a brighter Tennessee. It is an honor for Duck River Electric to help prepare them for the opportunities that are ahead."

Birth Announcements



Brandon and Jessica (Beard) Morrison of Nashville announce the birth of their daughter, Edith "Edie" Rose Morrison, on March 16, 2023, at Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 18.5 inches long. Her maternal grandparents are Linda Dalton and the late Eddie Dalton of Lewisburg and the late George Kenneth Smith formerly of Lewisburg. Her paternal grandparents are Sarah Morrison of Indianapolis and Jeff and Trisha Morrison of Mt. Juliet.



Lindsey Fagan and Justin Taylor would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Madilynne Joyce Taylor, on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:57am. She weighed 7lbs 5ozs and was 20in long. She has twin brothers, Jordan and Jacob Taylor. She is the granddaughter of Chris and Leah Fagan and the late Lynne Jackson of Lewisburg. She is the great-granddaughter of Annie Maye Cozart and the late Teddy Cozart, the late Buddy and Joyce Fagan, Sandy Birdsong and John and Merirae Jackson, all of Lewisburg.

Kendra Raymond wins "Spot the Leprechaun" drawing



Photo submitted

Congrats to Kendra-Kiki Raymond for winning our Spot the Leprechaun cash and prizes from local Main Street businesses! She & baby J Spotted the Leprechaun at Rockhouse Coffee & Bakery - posted it online and tagged Rockhouse Coffee & Bakery. Kendra was one of almost 30 who entered the contest and won almost \$500 in cash and prizes including a free kids art class from the Marshall Co. Art Guild, tokens from Small Town Board & Games, gift certificate from Perfect 10 Salon and gold coins from First Horizon Bank. The cash came from donations from all the participating businesses in the downtown Main Street Lewisburg area. Be looking for more events, contests and more from Main Street Lewisburg and remember to Shop Local, Shop Small, Shop Main Street Lewisburg! Huge thanks to these participating businesses!!BB's Boutique, Bird in a Bush Boutique, Davis Law Firm, Marshall County Art Guild (MCAG), Accents by Tara, Sassy's Boutique, Nspire Nutrition of Lewisburg, H & S Pharmacy - Express Rx, East Commerce Automotive, Brandon Brandon & Stewart Law Firm, Lewisburg Industrial & Welding, Inc., Southern Charm Printing, Mane Attractions Salon, A Victorian Melody, Marshall County Community Theatre, Impact Realty of Lewisburg, The Breakfast Shop, Studio 20 SOUTH, The Weathered Farmhouse, All Star Trophy, First Horizon Bank, Napa Auto, Rustic Living Workshop, Small Town Games Lewisburg, TN, CCG Organized Play Hangout, Tattoos by Anthony -Sparrow Tattoo, Parsons Pharmacy, Perfect 10 Salon, Rockhouse Coffee & Bakery, Premier Painting and Lewisburg Jewelry.



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Lydia Hileman, who attends Cornersville Elementary School, caught this 4 lb. 2 oz., 21.5 inch, Rainbow Trout, at Rock Creek in Lewisburg.

Wildcats finish sweep of Marshall Co.

By Chris Siers
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TULLAHOMA — Hits were scarce for the Marshall County Tigers in Game 2 against Tullahoma on Tuesday night.

The Wildcats kept the Tigers' bats in check and only gave up two hits as Tullahoma finished the sweep of Marshall County with the 4-1 win.

Evan Tomlin drove home the first run of the game in the bottom of the first, following a walk and back-to-back singles off Tiger starter Grayson Miller.

Wildcat pitcher Baylan Tuten then struck out the side in the top of the second before the Tullahoma bats broke the game open with a three-run second inning.

Tullahoma padded its lead with a one-out walk, followed by an RBI double, RBI single and a RBI fielder's choice, bumping the lead to 4-0.

But Miller settled in after the second inning and posted two scoreless frames before being relieved by Trey Warner.

Warner finished the

game for the Tigers, pitching three innings of scoreless baseball, while giving up three hits and striking out a pair.

But like the Wildcats, Marshall County struggled on offense until finally the Tigers were able to scratch a run across the plate in the top of the seventh.

Miller drew a one-out walk and was followed on base by Reid Mitchell, who singled Miller into scoring position.

Miller eventually scored on a sac-fly by Eli Cross.

Marshall County will be on the road on Thursday at Knoxville Catholic at 2 p.m.

Marshall Co.: John Morgan Thomas 1-for-1, Reid Mitchell 1-for-3.
WP: Tuten
LP: Miller
S: Collins

Tullahoma 10, Mchs 4 LEWISBURG

One big inning got away from Marshall County on Monday night against visiting Tullahoma.

In what started off as a dandy of a pitcher's duel

between Tiger starter Bailin Luttrell and Wildcat starter Evan Tomlin, Tullahoma eventually broke the game open with a six-run fifth inning and took the 10-4 win over the Tigers.

After recording two outs, Luttrell had to work around a bit of trouble in the top of the first, following a Marshall County error and a single by Jayron Morris.

He eventually struck Colton Emory out looking to retire the side.

It wasn't until a John Morgan Thomas triple in the third inning that either team got on the board.

After James Hery walked with one out, Thomas tripled to right to plate the first run of the game.

But the Wildcats answered right back in the top of the fourth with a triple by Emory that plated the first Wildcat run of the game.

Tullahoma then took a 2-1 lead over Marshall County on a sac fly.

Leading 2-1, it was a six-spot in the fifth inning

that gave Tullahoma an 8-1 lead.

The Tigers responded in the bottom of the frame when Luttrell tripled to score Thomas.

Grayson Miller then singled home Luttrell to cut the Wildcat lead to 8-3.

Tullahoma again answered the Marshall County scores with two more runs.

Facing a 10-3 deficit, Thomas put a charge into a solo homer in the bottom of the seventh, but that was as close as Marshall County could get to making a run at the Wildcat lead.

Both teams connected on eight hits, with Thomas' solo homer being the biggest hit of the night.

Luttrell pitched 4 2/3 innings, giving up eight runs on six hits, but only three of which were earned.

Eli Cross pitched the final 2 1/3 innings in relief.

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Marshall Co.: James Hery 2-for-3, John Morgan Thomas 2-for-2, Bailin Luttrell 1-for-4, Grayson Miller 1-for-4, Thomas Beech 2-for-3.
WP: Tomlin
LP: Luttrell



James Hery gets a read before making a run for second base.



Bailin Luttrell delivers a first-inning pitch against Tullahoma in Monday night's home district game.



Reid Mitchell fields a hit and fires the throw to first for the out.

Rockets take control of 7-AA with sweep of Cascade

By Chris Siers
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CHAPEL HILL — A four-run second inning was ultimately the difference for Forrest on Tuesday night as the Rockets finished a sweep of Cascade in a key District 7-AA matchup.

The Rockets got 6 1/3 strong innings from starter Luke Allen and the Rockets held off a late-game rally to take the 7-3 win.

After putting the first two batters on base in the second inning, Forrest made the Champs pay after Austin Dillon drew a walk to load the bases.

Carter Walk was then hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to score the first run of the game for the Rockets.

With the bases still loaded and with two outs, Tyler Baxter smacked a three RBI double to center field to clear the bases and break the game open.

Cascade eventually got one back in the top of the fourth inning, much in the same fashion the Rockets scored.

With two outs, Conner Melson crushed a double to left field, scoring Walker Craig from second base.

But as quickly as Cascade scored, the

Rockets answered in the bottom of the second with two more to pad its lead.

Dillon and Walk drew back-to-back walks to lead off the inning and Preston Gentry drove in both runs on a single to right for the 6-1 lead.

Gentry again was the culprit for adding to the Rockets' lead in the bottom of the fifth when he was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

With a 7-1 lead in hand, Cascade made a late-game rally and plated a pair of runs in the top of the seventh when Chance Brown ground into a RBI fielder's choice and Noah McGeary added a RBI single.

Baxter and Gentry were RBI machines on Tuesday night against the Champs and each drove in three runs.

Kason Fuller worked the final 2/3 inning in relief for the Rockets and gave up one hit, but didn't allow a run to cross the plate.

Forrest will have a busy weekend ahead in the Viking Classic.

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Forrest: Tyler Baxter 1-for-3, Preston Gentry 1-for-2, Riley Durbin 1-for-4, Kason Fuller 1-for-4, Branham Haynes 1-for-3.
WP: Allen
LP: Sheffield

Forrest 6, Cascade 3

BELL BUCKLE — Rocket ace Riley Durbin pitched a complete game and got timely hitting from throughout the Rocket lineup as Forrest took Game 1 against Cascade on Monday night, 6-3.

Ryan Meglis doubled in the top of the first inning, scoring Kason Fuller, who walked to lead off the inning.

Cascade responded with a single run in the bottom of the first with a Sawyer Lovvorn homer, but the lead was short-lived as Kason Fuller connected on a RBI fielder's choice in the top of the third.

Both teams got a pair of runs in the sixth inning and this time, Durbin helped his own cause with a RBI single to center field, scoring Carter Walk.

Kason Fuller then safely reached base on a dropped third strike, allowing Tyler Baxter to score from third, giving Forrest a 4-1.

Cascade made things interesting after an RBI double and a Rocket error plated two Champion runs in the bottom of the inning.

Still, Forrest wasn't done and added to its lead with



Luke Allen delivers a pitch against Cascade. He pitched 6 1/3 innings and struck out three, while giving up three runs on five hits.



Tribune Photos by Chris Siers

Grayson Miller fires a strike across the plate in the third inning. Miller pitched a scoreless two innings in middle relief.



John Morgan Thomas makes contact and drives in a run after grounding into a fielder's choice.



Trey Warner mashes a pitch for a double and drives in a run for the Tigers. He finished the game with three RBIs on Thursday night.

Tigers hammer Hume-Fogg

By Chris Siers
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LEWISBURG — Just about everything fell Marshall County's way as the Tigers won their third-straight, beating Hume-Fogg in blowout fashion on Thursday night, 19-2.

The Tigers showcased discipline at the plate and hammered the Hume-Fogg pitching in the first frame to the tune of nine runs on three base hits, five walks and three batters hit by pitch.

Marshall County padded its lead with a 10th run in the second inning on an error and scored again when Trey Warner ground out to second, stretching the Marshall County lead to 11-0.

Bailin Luttrell got the start and pitched the first two innings for Marshall County, striking out five batters and not giving up a hit, before Grayson Miller took over in the third.

Miller kept the scoreless trend alive as he pitched two innings of scoreless baseball, while striking out two.

While the Tiger pitchers were dealing on the mound, Marshall County continued to hammer the scoreboard and scored a 12th run of the game in the bottom of the third when Eli Cross ground into a fielder's choice.

But another monster inning by Marshall County came in the bottom of the fourth when the Tigers tacked on seven more runs in the fourth.

Much like the first inning, the Tigers were selective at the plate, but made their swings count.

Warner doubled after Colton Flick drew a leadoff walk to plate the first run of the inning.

But the next two Tiger runs came off Hume-Fogg errors and then plated two more runs on bases-loaded walks, to take an 18-0 lead.

The 19th run of the game came when Thomas Beech ground into a fielder's choice in the fourth.

Hume-Fogg did manage to plate two runs in the top of the fifth, but couldn't make much more of a dent in the massive Marshall County lead.

In total, the Tigers connected on just six hits, but were led by Warner, who went 1-for-2 and drove in three runs in the night.

Luttrell also drove in three runs on a 2-for-3 night.

Hume-Fogg 000 02 — 2 1 5
Marshall Co. 921 7x — 19 6 1

Marshall Co.: James Hery 1-for-1, Trey Warner 1-for-2, Bailin Luttrell 2-for-3, Grayson Miller 1-for-3, Ronan Scott 1-for-1.
WP: Luttrell
LP: Messina



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Ryan Meglis makes solid contact for the Rockets in the second inning.

Commanders report to be released even if team sold

By David Brandt
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Embattled Washington Commanders owner Dan Snyder could very well sell the franchise before an investigation into his organization's conduct can be complete.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said even if that's the case, any report will be made public.

"Yes, we've committed to releasing the findings," Goodell said Tuesday at the league's annual meetings.

Snyder and the Commanders are still under investigation by former U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White, who was retained by the league to look into various aspects of the organization stemming from a congressional review into workplace misconduct that also included a referral to the Federal Trade Commission for potential business improprieties.

"We'll allow (White) to do her job and then we'll see where we are," Goodell said.

A group led by Josh Harris and Mitchell Rales and another group led by Canadian billionaire Steve Apostolopoulos have formally submitted fully financed bids for the Commanders, according to a person with knowledge of the situation.

Two people confirmed the bid from Harris. Both spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Tuesday because details of the bid have not

been publicly announced.

ESPN reported both bids came in at Snyder's \$6 billion asking price.

No review for roughing passer

There will be no assist from the replay booth when it comes to the NFL's roughing the passer rule.

The league's 32 teams declined to adopt a proposal from the Los Angeles Rams that would have allowed coaches to ask for a replay booth review of the often-controversial call. It was one of several potential changes discussed at the league's annual meetings on Tuesday.

Rich McKay — the NFL's Competition Committee chairman — said the league's brief 2019 experiment that allowed replay booth review of pass interference calls weighed heavily in the process. The rule was reversed in 2020 and highlighted the tricky nature of reviewing judgment calls on the field.

"There are a lot of issues that go into it," said McKay, who is also the Atlanta Falcons CEO. "It is a dramatic and almost drastic change of officiating, taking it from the field, up to the booth."

"It wasn't a long discussion and then we voted and it did not pass."

The list of changes on Tuesday was relatively minor. Among them: Tightening rules on helmet blows by eliminating the "butt, ram, spear" language that McKay said allowed

several players to escape fines.

No flex
The NFL said it will not move to a flexible scheduling model for Thursday night games — at least for now.

The league has explored a method to adjust its Thursday schedule as the season progressed, giving teams a 15-day notice that their upcoming game would be moved from the weekend to Thursday.

"These national windows are for clubs who are playing well," said Brian Rolapp, the league's chief media and business officer. "We want to put the best teams in the best windows."

Rolapp said the flex proposal could come up again in May for a vote.

The group did pass a resolution that allows teams to play two Thursday games each season on short weeks.

Zero hour
Most NFL players now have a new choice when selecting their jersey number — zero.

All players — including offensive and defensive linemen — can now select No. 0 if they choose.

Offensive linemen are still limited to the numbers between 50 and 79 while defensive linemen can select any number from 50 to 79 or 90 to 99.

New Jaguars receiver Calvin Ridley announced he would be among those who would wear No. 0 next season.

Rockets

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two more in the seventh.

Baxter drew a bases-loaded walk and Durbin again came through with a

RBI single.

Durbin went the distance for the Rockets and struck out nine Champion batters, while giving up three runs on seven hits, only two of which were earned.

He also went 2-for-3

with two RBIs to his credit as well.

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Forrest: Riley Durbin 2-for-3, Brennan Mealer 1-for-2, Ryan Meglis 2-for-4, Carter Walk 1-for-2.
WP: Durbin
LP: Craig

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Tigerettes keep busy in Warrior Classic

TRIBUNE STAFF REPORT
MURFREESBORO — The Marshall County Tigerettes had a busy weekend competing in the Riverdale Warrior Classic. Over the weekend, the Tigerettes had their shares of highs and lows, but competed against teams from across the country.

Washington 8, MCHS 0
 Things got off to a rough start for the Tigerettes in the 'Classic, falling to Washington, 8-0. Washington capitalized off a six-run fifth inning to blow the game open. Kaniyah Taylor recorded the only hit of the game for the Tigerettes.

MCHS: Kaniyah Taylor 1-for-2.

MCHS 6, Elmwood Park 5
 Against Elmwood Park, the Tigerettes bounced back to claim a slim, 6-5

win in the Warrior Classic. The Tigerettes plated a single run in each of the first three innings to take an early lead over Elmwood Park.

Mallory Woodward tripled in the bottom of the first inning to score Courtney Lynch.

Abby Leverette laid down a bunt in the second inning, which allowed Kinley Wiser to score, bumping the Tigerettes' lead to 2-0.

A third Marshall County run scored in the third frame when Haylee Hobby ground out, but not before Lynch scored her second run of the game by stealing home.

By the end of the third frame, Marshall County led, 3-0.

And with some timely hitting by the Tigerettes, Hobby was dealing from the pitcher's circle.

After retiring six-straight batters through the

second and third innings, Elmwood Park took advantage of an error and back-to-back hits to plate two runs against Marshall County.

Elmwood Park eventually took the lead with a three-spot in the top of the fifth inning.

With two outs, Brittany Lynch was hit by a pitch to load the bases and Hobby followed with a bases-loaded walk to score the first of three fifth-inning runs.

Taylor followed with a two-run single to put the Tigerettes on top, 6-5.

Working in relief in the sixth inning, Courtney Lynch slammed the door shut on any comeback bid by Elmwood park by sitting the visitors down in order, 1-2-3.

Wiser and Woodward both tripled to lead Marshall County.

Hobby pitched 4 2/3 innings, giving up five runs on eight hits, while Lynch

went 1 1/3 innings and struck out one and didn't allow a run to score.

Elmwood MCHS: 000 230 — 5 8 1
 111 03x — 6 6 3

MCHS: Reese Lentz 1-for-2, Courtney Lynch 2-for-2, Mallory Woodward 1-for-3, Kaniyah Taylor 1-for-3, Kinley Wiser 1-for-3, WP: Lynch

Arlington Heights 10, MCHS 7
 Despite scoring six runs in the top of the first, a seven-run second inning by Arlington Heights was more than Marshall County could manage in a 10-7 loss.

Three singles, a double and two walks allowed the Tigerettes to post a 6-0 lead by the end of the first inning.

But seven runs crossed for Arlington Heights in the bottom of the seventh, and an eight eventually scored in the third.

Anna Stewart recorded the only extra base hit against Arlington.

Reese Lentz led the Tigerettes at the plate with

two RBIs.

Brooklyn Nunely pitched one inning and gave up three runs on two hits. Abby Leverette pitched 1/3 of an inning before Hobby closed the game, pitching the final 2 2/3 innings.

MCHS Arlington: 600 10 — 7 8 0
 071 2x — 10 11 3

MCHS: Courtney Lynch 1-for-3, Mallory Woodward 1-for-3, Demiyah Blackman 1-for-1, Reese Lentz 1-for-2, Kaniyah Taylor 1-for-3, Anna Stewart 1-for-3, Brynlee Walls 2-for-3.

Highland 10, MCHS 2
 The final game of the Warrior Classic was a tough one for Marshall County.

Despite grabbing an early 1-0 lead, Highland scored in each of the final four innings to take the 10-2 win over the Tigerettes.

Kaniyah Taylor set the Tigerettes up with the early lead after mashing a solo home run to left in the bottom of the second inning.

Highland tied the game at one apiece with an RBI single in the top of the third

inning.

From there, Highland scored two in the fourth and three more in the fifth to take a 6-1 lead over the Tigerettes.

Demiyah Blackman scored a second Marshall County run on a RBI single in the fifth inning, but that was as close as the Tigerettes could get to retaking the lead.

In total, Highland hammered out 12 hits against the Tigerettes, while Marshall County cranked out seven, led by Taylor's solo blast.

After a busy weekend on the field, the Tigerettes get the rest of the week off and will return to their home field on Monday, hosting Page at 5:30 p.m.

Highland MCHS: 001 234 — 10 12 0
 5 010 010 — 2 7

MCHS: Courtney Lynch 2-for-3, Mallory Woodward 1-for-2, Demiyah Blackman 1-for-3, Brittany Lynch 1-for-3, Kaniyah Taylor 1-for-3, Kinley Wiser 1-for-2.

FAU coach has Owls on cusp of title

By Tim Reynolds
 AP Basketball Writer

Dusty May's March Madness run with FAU likely was one few saw coming.

May had, to be fair, not much better than minimal name recognition when he took the Florida Atlantic job five years ago. That wasn't the case with almost all the other FAU coaches over the years, names like Mike Jarvis and Matt Doherty and Michael Curry and Sidney Green and Rex Walters.

Curry had been an NBA coach and played for years in the league. Green was an NBA lottery pick. Doherty coached at North Carolina, his alma mater, and Notre Dame. Jarvis had been at three other schools and coached a high schooler named Patrick Ewing. Walters was a Big 8 star at Kansas and played in the NBA.

And their FAU resumes don't compare — some don't come even close — to what May has done.

A school that used to be known for coaches looking to rebound now has a team headed to the Final Four, led by a coach whose claim to fame when he entered coaching was that he was a student manager for Bob Knight at Indiana.

"I think Coach May obviously has done an incredible job building this program from humble beginnings," FAU athletic director Brian White said. "I think it is a great sign for the whole university and the athletic department that FAU is a place where you can come and build something special."

The Final Four — FAU (35-3) plays San Diego State (31-6) on Saturday in Houston, before Miami (29-7) plays UConn (29-8) in the other national semifinal — is rarefied air for the Owls. Truly. Before this year, the last time the Owls were in the final four of any postseason tournament was 2002, and that was the ASun Conference Tournament.

Think about that. Go two decades without so much as a trip to a conference final four, and end up this year in the Final Four. It's a crazy ride orchestrated by the only coach to win 100 games at FAU, someone who hadn't played in the NBA or been a head coach anywhere else, big-time or even small-time.

"Florida Atlantic is a new university," May said. "It's been booming before I got here. One of the reasons I took it was because it was the right place at the right time, and it's growing exponentially. So we've talked about it. We've just never had that moment as a university."

Until now.

There's no Division I men's basketball team in the country that has a better record this season than FAU. No team with more wins. No team with a longer winning streak. No team with a better home record, either.

All that would have been hard to envision five years ago. Or five months ago, for that matter.

The excitement on FAU's campus was felt most at the campus bookstore Tuesday. The Owls' Final Four apparel arrived late that morning, and students, alumni and fans walked around the store looking for their March Madness gear.

Some students stood on FaceTime with their parents, asking what size t-shirts to bring home to them.

"Gotta spend some money here and support," Chas Kaplan said as he checked out with a couple red and grey shirts.

And he's not even a student. Kaplan's aunt works at the university, and he traveled from Columbus, Ohio, to FAU to tour of the school's athletic department and support the Owls' tournament run.

FAU has tended to be a school where coaches go with hopes of winning, yes, but also reviving their own careers. It worked out for all sides during Lane Kiffin's three years as football coach at the school; the Owls won two Conference USA championships and Kiffin landed the Ole Miss job. He's been the exception to the rule; FAU wasn't exactly a springboard back to the biggest levels of big-time for other coaches who made their way to Boca Raton.

It didn't work for Willie Taggart, who was fired at Florida State and then got fired last fall by FAU after being unable to come close to matching Kiffin's success. The jury is out on Tom Herman, the former Houston football coach who'll coach his first game for the Owls this fall. Kiffin arrived with the burden of expectation and delivered. Taggart didn't. Time will tell on Herman.

Miami making history in 1st Final Four

By Tim Reynolds
 AP Basketball Writer

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Jordan Miller took 20 shots in the regional final for Miami and made them all, helping the Hurricanes rally their way into the Final Four. The personification of clutch.

Fitting.

A guy named Clutch is why he's at Miami, why Miller has become one of the stars of March Madness — and why the Hurricanes are one of the four men's teams lucky enough to head to Houston this weekend and see their season stretch into April.

It was around this time two years ago when Miami then-assistant coach Bill Courtney's phone rang with news that Miller had entered the transfer portal and was leaving George Mason. Courtney dove into some tape and began looking into Miller's background. Turns out, one of Courtney's old pickup-game buddies from Virginia — Clutch, real name Gary Collins — was Miller's AAU coach.

"The recruitment got pretty simple from there," said Courtney, now the Hurricanes' associate head coach.

Good thing that recruitment went the way it did, because Miami has needed Miller this season — never more than it did on Sunday. Miller was 7 for 7 from the field and 13 for 13 from the foul line in Miami's 88-81 win over Texas, a victory that sent the Hurricanes (29-7) into Saturday's national semifinals against UConn (29-8). For the season, Miller is averaging 15.4 points and 6.1 rebounds per game, second-most for Miami in both categories.

He helped the Hurricanes get to the Elite Eight last season — and at least one step further this season.

"That loss sat with me for a really, really long time," Miller said of the defeat to eventual national champion Kansas in last year's tournament. "I had to put it in the past because it was

a new season, but having the opportunity to kind of right your wrongs almost and get past something that stumped you previously is a great feeling."

The 20-for-20 combined shooting effort from the field and the line against Texas matched Christian Laettner's historic game for Duke against Kentucky in a regional final in 1992. Laettner — who went 10 for 10 from both the field and the line in that game — tweeted congratulations to Miller on Monday; Miller responded with "Appreciate you! Glad to join some elite company."

There is rich irony in that Miller came to Miami from George Mason — as did Hurricanes coach Jim Larrañaga, who took that school to the Final Four in 2006 and got Miami to the Final Four on exactly the 17th anniversary of that win.

"I just asked Jordan to ask the people at George Mason who know what kind of coach I am if he'd fit in my program," Larrañaga said. "And a lot of them told him, 'Yeah, you should go play for Coach L.' I was so impressed with him as an individual. You know, the basketball ability is one thing but his personality, his work ethic, his basketball IQ made me feel like 'OK, this kid will fit in really, really well.' I had no idea he was this good."

The Hurricanes were even talking to other players — frankly, with better numbers — than Miller had when he entered the portal. Had it not been for Clutch, it's extremely likely that Miami would have gone in a different direction. And then who knows how this season would have turned out for Miller or the Hurricanes.

"I don't know if anyone expected this," Courtney said. "Clutch was the only one who told me he could be this."

Larrañaga doesn't think many people know how good Miller is. He

calls the 6-foot-7, 195-pound wing "the most underrated player in the country."

That moniker might not hold up anymore, especially not after the show Miller put on on Sunday. The 27 points might be a breakout of sorts; it was the second-best scoring effort of his 141-game collegiate career, and by far the most points he's managed in a postseason game at either George Mason or Miami.

Larrañaga essentially challenged Miller when last season ended to be this guy.

"I sat down and talked to Jordan before this season began. I just said to him: 'Your role is going to completely change. We're going to expand it,'" Larrañaga said. "He asked me one question: 'Hey, if I get a defensive rebound, can I push it in transition, dribble it up the court?' I asked him one question: 'Are you going to turn the ball over?' And he said 'No.' I said, 'Then you can do it.'"

They chart everything in every practice at Miami, as is the case at many schools, and Larrañaga quickly became enthralled by the idea of Miller getting his way — grabbing a rebound like a big guy, then heading downcourt like a guard. For every turnover he had in scrimmages, he had seven assists. Such a ratio is absurd for point guards; for wings and combo players like Miller, it's unheard of. During the season, it's still a very respectable 2:1.

"He's underrated because he's under been under the radar," Larrañaga said. "People just haven't seen him to understand how good he is. I think he showed the country how good he is these past two weeks."

Indeed, thanks to Clutch, he's been clutch. And Clutch is heading to Houston this weekend, to see if Miller and Miami can grab a national championship. The underrated kid might end up standing tallest of all.

Ohtani tops possible free agent list in 2023-24

By Jay Cohen
 AP Baseball Writer

CHICAGO — The number will follow Shohei Ohtani until it is over. No, not Ohtani's home runs or strikeouts or any of his magnificent numbers from the field. Nothing like that.

It's all about how much. As in how much will his next contract be worth.

Ohtani is among several players going into their final seasons before they are eligible for free agency. There is still time for signatures and press conferences before opening day, but history shows a new contract becomes less likely once the real games begin.

There is no real precedent for placing a value on Ohtani's remarkable skills, especially after baseball's epic offseason spending spree. And that doesn't factor in the potential business opportunities that go along with the majors' only truly global star.

Ohtani hit .273 with 34 homers and 95 RBIs last season in his fifth year with the Los Angeles Angels. The 2021 AL MVP also went 15-9 with a 2.33 ERA in 28 starts on the mound.

He prepared for this season by leading Japan to the World Baseball Classic championship, striking out fellow Angels star Mike Trout for the final out in a 3-2 victory over the United States in the final.

Ohtani, who turns 29 in July, could set multiple records with his next contract, likely in the neighborhood of a \$45 million average annual value and quite possibly reaching \$500 million

in total.

If the Angels drop out of contention in the rough-and-tumble AL West, Ohtani likely becomes the top name on the trade market this summer. If the Angels are in the mix for the playoffs, the pressure builds on the team to get something done before possibly losing Ohtani in free agency for nothing more than a compensatory draft pick.

So yeah, definitely high stakes with Ohtani and the Angels.

Here is a closer look at five more players eligible for free agency after this season:

RHP AARON NOLA, PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES
 Nola, who turns 30 in June, went 11-13 with a 3.25 ERA in 32 starts for Philadelphia last year. He also had a career-best 235 strikeouts in 205 innings for the NL champions.

Nola was selected by the Phillies with the seventh overall pick in the 2014 amateur draft. There were extension talks during spring training, but it didn't work out.

"We are very open-minded to trying to sign him at the end of the season," President of Baseball Operations Dave Dombrowski said. "We're hopeful that he'll remain a Phillie for a long time."

3B MATT CHAPMAN, TORONTO BLUE JAYS
 Chapman hit 36 homers and drove in 91 runs for Oakland in 2019. He hasn't been able to duplicate that

production, but the three-time Gold Glover finished with 27 homers and 76 RBIs in 155 games last year in his first season with Toronto.

Chapman turns 30 on April 28. Long one of the game's top fielding third basemen, he is represented by Scott Boras, who generally takes his clients to free agency.

OF TEOSCAR HERNÁNDEZ, SEATTLE MARINERS
 Hernández was acquired in a November trade with Toronto. He hit .267 with 25 homers and 77 RBIs in his final year with the Blue Jays. He was terrific in 2021, batting .296 with 32 homers, 116 RBIs and a .870 OPS.

The change of scenery could help the 30-year-old Hernández set himself up for a big payday. He is a .357 hitter with three homers and seven RBIs in 16 games at Seattle's T-Mobile Park.

OF IAN HAPP, CHICAGO CUBS
 The switch-hitting Happ is coming off perhaps his best big league season, setting career highs with a .271 batting average, 72 RBIs and 42 doubles in 158 games. He also won his first Gold Glove and made the NL All-Star team for the first time.

Chicago had struggled to re-sign its own players in recent years, but it agreed to a \$35 million, three-year contract with infielder Nico Hoerner on Monday. The 28-year-old Happ, a first-round pick in the 2015 amateur draft, is on the executive subcommittee for the players' union.



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Haylee Hobby delivers a first-inning strike against Tullahoma on Thursday night.



Reese Lentz comes up firing after fielding a base hit by Tullahoma in left field.

Tullahoma edges Marshall Co. in thriller

By Chris Siers
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LEWISBURG — The Marshall County Tigerettes and Tullahoma Lady Wildcats battled in a dandy of a district matchup on Thursday night, but in the end, Tullahoma came through with a pair of runs in the top of the seventh to steal an 8-7 win from the Tigerettes.

Off the bat, Tullahoma drove in the first run of the game following a lead off double and a RBI single for the early 1-0 lead.

The Tigerettes answered with a leadoff double of their own by Courtney Lynch in the bottom of the inning.

She stole third and eventually scored when Mallory Woodward ground out.

The double frenzy continued as the Lady Wildcats led off the second with another two-bagger that eventually came around to score for a 2-1 lead in the inning.

Things continue to spin in the visitors' favor with two more runs in the third and fourth.

Facing a 6-1 deficit, the

Tigerettes' bats got going in the fourth inning.

After a ground out and a strikeout, Marshall County saw Reese Lentz single to right and later score on a Kinley Wiser single.

Things took an interesting turn in the fifth inning, as Marshall County further cut into the Tullahoma lead.

Demiyah Blackman reached via error to lead off and Haylee Hobby and Kaniyah Taylor doubled and singled, respectively, to reach base.

Hobby's double scored Blackman for the first run of the inning.

Hobby later scored on a sac-fly by Brittany Lynch and Taylor scored when Kori Lyttle ground out, cutting the Lady Wildcat lead to just one run.

Marshall County eventually took the lead in the bottom of the sixth after Wiser reached via walk and scored the tying run on an error.

Blackman crossed the plate on the go-ahead run on a Lady Wildcat error.

Leading 7-6, Marshall County needed just three outs to hand Tullahoma a

key district loss.

But as quickly as the Tigerettes were able to get the lead, a two RBI single put the Lady Wildcats back in front for good in the top of the seventh.

Hobby, who got the start in the pitcher's circle, led the Tigerettes at the plate with a 2-for-3 night, while Lentz added two more base hits as well.

Hobby pitched three innings and gave up six runs on 10 hits before Brookelyn Nunley and Courtney Lynch worked in relief.

Nunley pitched three innings and gave up one hit, but didn't allow any runs to cross, while Nunely pitched one inning and gave up two runs on one hit, while striking out two.

Tullahoma	112	200	2	—	8	12	3
Marshall Co.	100	132	0	—	7	8	1

Marshall Co.: Courtney Lynch 1-for-4, Demiyah Blackman 1-for-4, Haylee Hobby 2-for-3, Anna Stewart 1-for-1, Reese Lentz 2-for-4, Kinley Wiser 1-for-2.
WP: Griffin
LP: Hobby



Mallory Woodward makes contact and drives in the first Tigerette run of the game.

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MLB unveils new replay technology

By Larry Fleisher
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A season of seismic changes for baseball gets underway Thursday highlighted by significant new rules designed to speed up the pace of play and create more action on the field.

Major League Baseball also hopes fans noticed more transparency around replay reviews and efforts to boost marketing of players.

Improved replay technology and a refreshed marketing strategy designed to focus on players were among the notable changes unveiled at MLB's Innovation and Fan Engagement Showcase on Tuesday.

The sprawling replay facility resembles a television production truck and features workstations with umpires assigned to two games simultaneously with a replay operator, who required about four to five weeks of training.

Once a close play is spotted, they notify another group watching the isolated angles from television feeds.

"Us having access to all the angles at the ballpark is

what leads us to be faster and faster every year," said Jim Sensale, director of replay operations. "We're hoping to have the call before they even come to headset."

In terms of feedback from current umpires, Sensale said the feedback is positive.

"They love it now," Sensale said. "They don't want to be in the papers for getting the call wrong. They know they have this backup system and we're going to get the call right in here and help them out on the field."

The new feel of the replay room was unveiled about two weeks after MLB reached a deal with Zoom Video Communications Inc. allowing on-field umpires to watch the replay operations center evaluating contested calls.

Another new feature of the replay room includes limited number of telecasts getting access to the Zoom videos being seen by umpires on Apple TV+ and MLB Network Showcase telecasts. New technology may also become available for postseason broadcasts, and ballpark videos will have access to the Zoom

views on telecasts.

The new quicker pace of replay decisions is in conjunction with new initiatives cut down the average time of game. The average time of a spring training game dropped about 26 minutes this season, to 2 hours, 35 minutes.

The reduced time occurs after respondents to MLB's fan research said they wanted to see games lasting less than three hours and more events such as doubles, triples, stolen bases and defensive plays.

"Two pretty self-evident themes emerged from that research," MLB Executive Vice President of Baseball Operations Morgan Sword said. "The first was that fans want a pretty crisper pace of play. They want shorter games, pace to be improved."

"And when you asked them an open-ended question, how long do you want a baseball game to be, the immediate answer is two hours and 30 minutes."

According to Sword, last year the average time between seeing a ball put in play was nearly four minutes and stolen bases were up by nearly 50% during spring training.

"Players that have the ability to steal bases are exciting, athletic players who we want to see more of on rosters and fans want to see more of in the game," Sword said.

MLB also unveiled several new ads highlighting the rule changes, including one where actor Bryan Cranston says "Shift This" in an ad focused on the outlawing of infield shifts. Another features Mets designated hitter Daniel Vogelbach contemplating stealing a base because of decreased distances between bases.

MLB also held its first ever player marketing session last month in Arizona. Twenty-eight players from 13 teams participated in seminars involving lifestyle photoshoots, personality driven content and capturing content for social media.

"I think it was an opportunity that we put some resources behind and finally highlight the process and relationships discussions with players and their management," Karin Timpone, MLB Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer said.