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Saturday was the perfect day for Nick Mayer Chevrolet Buick GMC of Lewisburg's first Annual Cruise-In Event. Over 80 automobiles showed up including Corvettes and antique cars, trucks, and more.

Perfect day for a Cruise-In



Nick Mayer employees joined in with the car enthusiasts at the Cruise-In. Left to Right: Carl Grammatico, Halla Hanna, Spencer Dudley, Joey Young, Michael Creque and Greg Shuman

Kaly and Liberty

By Patty Blackburn
Tribune Staff

Kaly Hinds had a great weekend while competing at the Steve McNeil Memorial Central Region 4-H Horse Show at the Tennessee Miller Coliseum in Murfreesboro. Kaly and Liberty placed first in the Poles competition; first in the Flag Race; second in the Barrels and second in the Stake Race. She was a high point winner and won her first buckle. Liberty's owner is Melissa Johns at Lazy J Farms in Chapel Hill.

Kaly is the daughter of Jason and Brandy Hinds from Lynnville and attends Cornersville School.



Chamber Festivities on 4th of July

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a day of festivities on Tuesday, July 4, at the Lewisburg Recreation Center. Admission fee is \$5. Applications for the Chamber of Commerce Miss Marshall County Pageant (girls 16-24), the Little Miss and Mister Contest (children 4,5,6), the Baby Contest (0 -47 months), the Outstanding Citizen of Marshall County 2023, and the Tiger Dash 5K are all available at the Chamber of Commerce, 227 Second Avenue North, Lewisburg. The applications are available outside the Chamber door. They may be dropped off at the Chamber or left in the drop box.

3rd generation American Legion delegate

By Patty Blackburn
Tribune Staff

American Legion Boys State is one of the most respected and educational programs of government instruction for high school students. Since 1935, this program has been in operation in 49 states and in the District of Columbia.

This year was the 84th year for this tradition which was held at Tennessee Tech University and has been held at this university since 1965. Around 400 American Legion Boys State delegates were chosen to attend Boys



Jonathan Zachritz

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Ribbon cutting



The Cricket and The Cactus' ribbon cutting was May 31st and the Grand Opening took place, June 3, 2023. This boutique is located on the Lewisburg Square at 112 2nd Ave North. Stop by to say hello and browse through their variety of women's clothing and accessories.



Observe Flag Day, June 14th

Obituaries

Martha Sue Wilson

Martha Sue Wilson, 89, of Lewisburg, TN, died Thursday, June 1, 2023, at NHC Lewisburg.

She was born June 1, 1934, in Prospect, AL, to the late Odie and Lucy Crabtree Wilson. She was formerly employed by Impact in Lewisburg and was a member of the First Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers.

She is survived by her cousin and caretaker, Frances Gibson of Lewisburg; great neph-



ew, Jerry Bunn; several cousins; sisters-in-law, Ann Fogg and Pat Wilson.

Graveside services were conducted Tues-

day, June 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Lone Oak Cemetery, Lewisburg, TN 37091, with burial following.

Visitation with the family was conducted Tuesday, June 6, 2023, from 9:30 am until 10:00 a.m. at the cemetery prior to the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Special Olympics.

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

SNHU announces winter 2023 President's List

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2023 President's List. The winter terms run from January to May.

Whitney Webb, Elizabeth Dunn, and Emma Poarch, all of Lewisburg, were named to the list.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above

for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, non-profit institution with a 90-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 170,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approxi-

mately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

Meetings and happenings

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

• June 8 - 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.

• June 9 - Marshall County Farmers Market will be open starting June 9th. Every Tuesday, 3 p.m.-7 p.m. and every Friday 6 a.m. to noon, at Rock Creek Park. Selling vegetables, eggs, baked goods, and more.

• June 10 - Cool Springs Missionary Baptist Church, 3213 Hwy 431, Spring Hill, will have a singing on Saturday at 5 p.m. Singing will be Ron Perry and Charles Willis, Terry and Deborah Luna. Refreshments will be served. For more info call Danny at 931-797-9274.

• June 13 - The Mayor and Council of the City of Lewisburg will hold

their regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, June 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 East Church Street.

• June 15 - Hiring Event; Marshall County American Job Center, 1794 Mooresville Hwy, Thursday, 10 a.m. to noon. For more info, call 931-422-2338.

• June 16 - 62nd Annual Belfast Lions Club Horse Show, Friday, June 16th at 5:30 at the Belfast Lions Showgrounds, 430 Belfast Farmington Road, Belfast.

• June 17 - Junteenth Celebration on the Bedford County Square. The Memorial Walk starts at 7 a.m. and the parade starts at 10 a.m. If you plan to be in the parade, please contact Betty White, 931-703-0913 for more info and for application information.

• June 18 - 21 - Gospel Meeting at Robertson Fork church of Christ; 7 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday; Ran-

dy Kersey-speaker and Clay Derryberry-song leader.

• June 20 - The Lewisburg Recreation Advisory Board will hold their regular meeting Tuesday, June 20th, - 5:00 p.m. in the large conference room at the Lewisburg Recreation Center, 1551 Mooresville Hwy.

• June 21 - The Budget Committee for the City of Lewisburg will meet on Wednesday, June 21st at 2:00 p.m. at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 E. Church Street.

• June 27 - Lewisburg Gas Dept. Monthly Board Meeting, June 27, 2023, 4:00 p.m., 505 N. Ellington Pkwy.

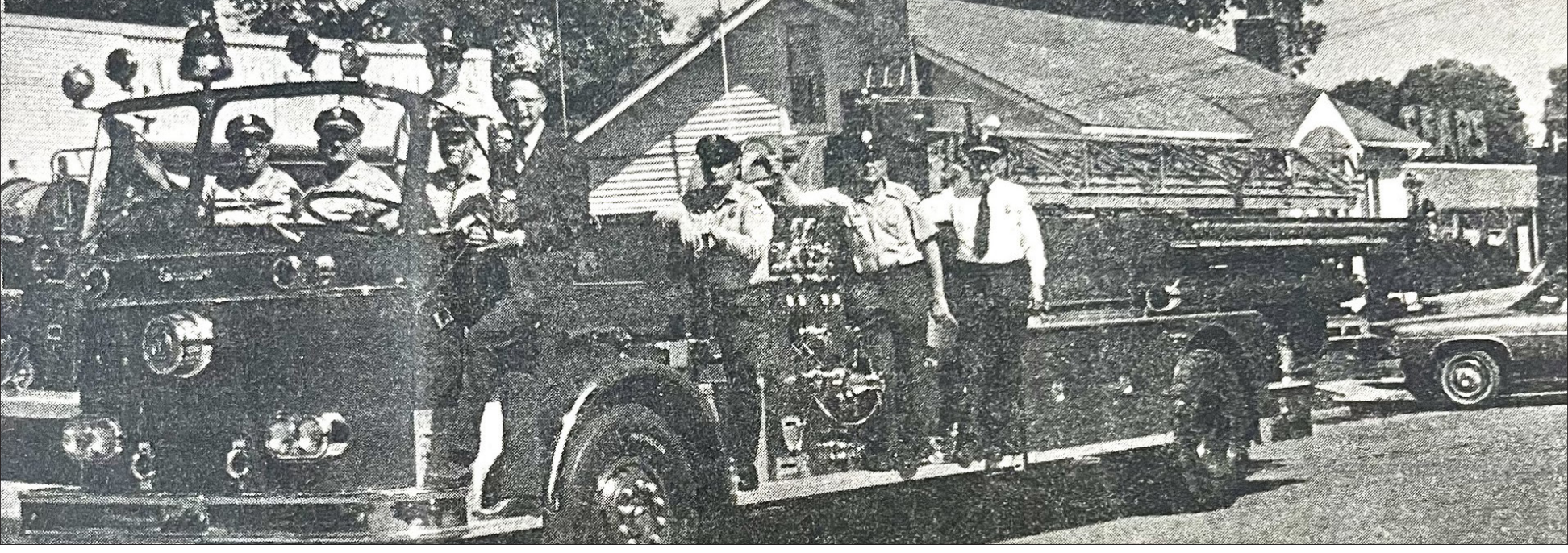
• June 27 - Notice of Board Meeting - Lewisburg Housing Authority will hold their Monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 11:00 am. The meeting will be held at the George W. Turner Center. The building is located at 741 Silver Street, Lewisburg, TN 37091

DAR Flag Day observance June 14

The Robert Lewis Chapter of the DAR will again host the Flag Day Ceremony on June 14 at the Abner Houston Memorial Cabin at the intersection of Cornersville Road and Yell Road. The ceremony will begin at 10:00

A.M. and visitors should bring their own chairs. Frank Sullivan from Hopetown will be the featured speaker and the Lewisburg Police Department will present the colors.

LOOKING BACK



Lewisburg Fire Dept - Photo taken for Fire Prevention Week. (from The Lewisburg Tribune, Oct 3, 1974.)

Land transfers

LAND TRANSFERS 3/19/2023 - 3/25/2023

Kevin Walker, et al to Johnny Adams & Cody Adams, Coleman Acres, Dist 4, \$60,000; Sean & Maggie Crigger to Janice & Bry-

an Geiger, Polly Adams Rd, 16.90 Acres, Dist 5, \$460,000; D R Horton Inc to Christopher & Madison Bray, Spring Creek Farms, Dist 1, \$325,185; Joseph Lee & Heather Richards to

Arielle & Tyler Miller, Hearthstone S/D, Dist 1, \$325,000; D R Horton Inc to Phyllis Scales Sanford, Spring Creek Farms, Dist 1, \$303,620; Opendoor Property Trust to Gayla & Jose Alanis Jr, Chapel Woods at Walnut Hills, Dist 1, \$390,000; Estelle Warner to Chuck Allen, et al, Thick Rd, 5.40 Acres, Dist 1, \$400,000;

Joshua & Lacey Acres to Anne E Brancheau, Chapel Woods, Dist 1, \$370,000; Amy & Martin Von Almen to James Davis & Judith Washburn, Green Valley Estates S/D, Dist 3, \$175,000; D R Horton Inc to Lacey B & Joshua L Acres, \$429,000; Doris W Russell Estate to Austin & Alexis Swayze, Green Valley

Estes, \$390,000; Ronald Greer to Truevillion Haddox, Greer Haddox Add On, Dist 8, \$10,000; Joseph Roy & Brittany Goldman to Stephen & Hailey Lifferth, Cherry Grove Estates S/D, \$429,000; Bryan Whitehead to Treasured Homes LLC, Woodwards & Tract, Dist 3, \$206,000; Richard Bryan & Marie Aycock to Elizabeth Rutledge & Bryan Whitehead, Cornerstone S/D, Dist 4, \$336,000; Gracie E Williams to Christy Lynn & David Glenn Robinson Jr, Pigg Hollow Rd, 36.35 Acres, Dist 6, \$163,800; Bed Douglas Taylor to Brittany Danielle Toseland, Champions Run S/D, Dist 15, \$285,000; D R Horton Inc to Nikki

L & Douglas Edward Altheide, River Forest S/D, \$304,990; Kimberlee Alsop Clerk & Master to Wayne Neese & Jessica White, Franklin Ave, 1.47 Acres, Dist 3, \$81,000; D R Horton Inc to Shannon Buckley & Juan Pedro Banales, Spring Creek Farms, Dist 1, \$349,990; D R Horton Inc to Michael Anthony & Marisa Alexis Cali, River Forest S/D, \$325,820; Jacob & Ariel Reiter to Timothy & Christy Stansbury, Robert C Edde Addition, Dist 2, \$472,980; Carol Cathey Murdock & Cathey Sweeney Conservator to Catherine Haley, Forest Hills Addition, Dist 3, \$360,000.

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MMC Career Scholars

Pictured, from left, are Rebecca Clark, Jessie Beth Woodard and Kendall Adams.



MMC Volunteers Scholars

Pictured, from left, are Kendall Adams, Mary Davis and Rebecca Clark.

Marshall Medical Center awards college scholarships

LEWISBURG, Tenn. — Marshall Medical Center (MMC) recently presented \$9,000 in college scholarships to six high school graduates from Marshall County who plan to pursue careers in health care.

The first scholarship was presented by the Marshall Medical Center Volunteer Association and consisted of three \$2,000 scholarships for students plan-

ning to pursue their education in a health care field. Recipients of the award included Kendall Adams, a Marshall County High School graduate; Mary Davis, a Cornersville High School graduate; and Rebecca Clark, a Forrest High School graduate.

MMC also presented three Marshall Medical Center Career Scholarships worth \$1,000 each

to Marshall County students to help them pursue their college education goals. Award recipients included Clark, Adams and Jessie Beth Woodard, a Cornersville High School graduate.

"Congratulations to all of these amazing graduates," said Phyllis Brown, CEO of Marshall Medical Center. "They're all so deserving of these scholarships, and we're thrilled

to have the opportunity to help them as they start their college journeys."

MMC has awarded scholarships to area high school students interested in health care professions for more than two decades.

For more information about the services offered at Marshall Medical Center, visit MaurRegional.com/MMC.

Delegate

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State. While there, they learn how the state government works. These delegates have the privilege to organize political parties and establish city, county, and state governments by election, as well as realizing what it means to respect the country and the American flag. Featured speakers and guests such as the TN Supreme Court, state representatives, judges, public defenders and many others make presentations.

Each year, two rising seniors are chosen to attend Boys State. The students are chosen by the guidance counselors in the school they attend. This year was a bit different for Marshall County. Besides the delegates from MCHS, Forrest, and CHS, a homeschooled student was a delegate also.

The nomination process is a bit different for a homeschooled student. Since this was the first year for this, the local American Legion did not have a protocol established - so the state American Legion Office handled the nomination and registration as a homeschooled student. The local American Legion was extremely supportive also and helped this homeschooler connect with individuals from another service organization who were interested in him attending.

Jonathan Zachritz, a homeschooled rising senior, was chosen to attend American Legion Boys State, which took place May 21-26. During Boys State week, Jon-

athan was elected as a state representative for his party and worked on legislative matters for their mythical state. He thoroughly enjoyed the speakers and the curriculum.

It just happens that Jonathan is a third generation American Legion delegate. His grandfather, Elza Daugherty, was a Boys State delegate in Idaho; his grandmother, Jacqueline Daugherty, attended Girls State in Idaho; his mother, Rebecca Zachritz, was a Girls State delegate in Colorado; and his sister, Abigail, was a Virginia Girls State delegate. Now Jonathan can say he was an American Legion Boys State delegate for Marshall County, Tennessee.

Jonathan has enjoyed meeting members of the local American Legion Post and is grateful to Vince Cuevas for his support and well as the individuals who donated to send him.

The 30-foot Cross that could be seen for miles

By Bill Carey Tennessee History for Kids

There's a hill south of downtown Nashville that contains Carter-Lawrence Elementary School and several sports fields, one of which is Belmont University's home baseball stadium. On a recent Friday, I took my dog to the top of it and saw joggers, people playing softball and the students taking part in their annual field day. It was a wonderful place to be.

However, one hundred years ago this week, the Ku Klux Klan held its most widely viewed meeting ever in Middle Tennessee there.

On the night of June 1, 1923, residents of Nashville were mesmerized by the sight of a huge cross lit by incandescent lights on the hill.

The Nashville Tennessean had a front-page article about the event the next day. "Approximately 1,000 Klansmen, dressed in white . . . paced slowly along the outposts and inner circles of the carefully guarded peak, while an initiatory class of 500 persons knelt, and with upraised arms swore allegiance to the Ku Klux Klan as a 'body created for the reservation of 100 percent Americanism.'"

According to the story, an estimated 5,000 people migrated to the base

of the hill to get a closer look. They were stopped by members of the Klan from proceeding past a pre-designated boundary - although reporters were allowed to go closer.

The front-page story reminds us that the KKK was at the peak of its power a century ago. It was a major force in state and national politics and had millions of members across the U.S. (membership estimates vary). Unlike the Klan of the late 1900s, which held meetings at secret locations, the Klan of a hundred years ago was hard to avoid.

In Nashville, the Andrew Jackson chapter had a well-publicized headquarters and bought ads in the paper. "You are hereby notified that the next open air meeting will be held Friday evening, June 22, at 7:30 p.m. at our new home, corner First and Cleveland Streets," ran an ad in the Tennessean only a few weeks after the June 1 meeting. On June 22, a reported 200 new members joined up.

The next year, 1924, the Klan signed a lease on a mansion and surrounding property at the corner of Sixteenth Avenue and Division Street, then spent a reported \$60,000 to convert its large backyard into a meeting space for 6,000 people. (This would have

made it, by far, the largest gathering space in Nashville at that time.) Atop the mansion, the Klan placed a large cross, lit by 300 light bulbs.

The Tennessean ran several small items about events at Nashville's Klan headquarters during the next year or so. The day after Thanksgiving 1924, a musical program was staged there, attended by 200 women who were all given carnations. That night, 350 more members were initiated, bringing local membership up to about 2,000. In 1925, Nashville's morning newspaper had small articles about revivals, lectures and Daughters of the Confederacy gatherings that took place at Sixteenth and Division. "The Protestant public is invited," mentioned one article about a lecture on evolution.

However, as stories spread about KKK atrocities, the Klan's reputation declined precipitously. The cozy relationship between the organization and the Tennessean appears to have vanished by 1927. The Klan abandoned its Sixteenth Avenue location within a few years, and the city converted the site into a playground in 1939.

A generation later, the Country Music Association began raising money for a Country Music

Hall of Fame and Museum. In 1963, Nashville Mayor Beverly Briley announced that the city was donating a piece of land to the cause consisting of "a small park at the corner of Sixteenth Avenue South and Division Street, which provides a commanding location."

At the time, there was no mention of the fact that the land had previously been the Nashville Klan headquarters. When I first encountered these newspaper clippings around 2002, I asked many knowledgeable people whether they knew the Country Music Hall of Fame had sat on land that had once been a Klan venue. The only person who knew this was Andrew Benedict, the longtime president of First American National Bank. He said he knew about the history of the site because he had helped raise money for the hall of fame in the early 1960s. Benedict, who died in 2008 at the age of 94, was the only person who knew.

Suffice it to say that it is interesting what we choose to remember about history.

Thanks to Allen Forkum, editor of the Nashville Retrospect, for his assistance in researching this column.

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For more information, contact:
Rollie Beard 931-637-0195
Nancy Lynn Greene 931-993-3187

Ready to fire up those Father's Day memories?

Tyrades! by Danny Tyree It's difficult to wrap my mind around it, but this will be my 20th Father's Day as a father. All of those third Sundays in June have blurred together, but I certainly have warm memories of son Gideon's every-day march toward adulthood. (He marched. I hopped -- because of %\$#@ plastic toys on the carpet.) Ah, the embarrassing anecdotes I can someday share with my theoretical grandchildren! Once upon a time, Gideon made a journal entry about a visit to the farmers cooperative where I work. The entry casually mentioned "watching the chicks dancing." Several months later, he did an annotated version. ("Earlier, when I said I was watching chicks dancing, I meant baby chickens, not girls.") I guess he didn't want posterity assuming the cooperative hosted Rat Pack parties. His first-ever sighting of twins elicited an outburst of "There's two of that girl!" On another occasion, Gideon started gushing about his beloved CD of children's songs. He said one of the songs was sung by a fish. I playfully asked him if it was a real fish. He innocently replied, "I don't know. It sounded like one!" Good thing I didn't actually bust a gut laughing, or he might have tried giving me a "burial at sea" with the toilet. I remember a meltdown Gideon experienced when he was seven. He was inconsolable because my wife wouldn't let him play on the bird-splattered outdoors playground at a McDonald's. Putting my college child psychology course to good use, I took him aside and suggested that we send his mother packing and advertise for an open-minded new mommy who would let him



play on a bird-splattered outdoors playground. He stopped blubbering long enough to splutter, "But that's not what the Bible says!" I'm glad he's a kind-hearted boy; I could imagine some of his less-spiritual peers responding to a similar offer with, "Yeah! Let's find one named Jezebel!" That's far from the only McDonald's playground anecdote. When Gideon was older, my wife offered to take him to the playground as part (!) of a shopping excursion. All he heard was "McDonald's playground." (This was par for the course. When he first studied American history, we had to drum it into his noggin that the teacher did not say George Washington was "first in war, first in peace, first in line for the tunnel at the McDonald's playground.") Gideon wallowed in self-pity as he was dragged from store to store to store. I told him he shouldn't have expected just a playground visit, since "You know how Momma is." "Yes, but I thought she would change!" he wailed. Ready for marriage at such a tender age. At age eight, he announced he wanted to explore a bachelor's degree program for videogame design. I told him that it's a highly competitive world out there and that he would have to be the best at whatever career he settled on. He would need to offer something extra -- whether he wound up designing videogames, building bridges or constructing the time machine that he always dreamed of. After mulling it over, he very solemnly suggested, "I could put a cup holder in the time machine." I hope Father's Day 2023 really rocks for your family. May you have money for nothing and chicks for free. Last paragraph, when I mentioned chicks for free...

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Vogel - UT Knoxville

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is proud to announce that Lewisburg, TN native Faith Vogel was awarded a U.S. Department of State Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. Vogel is a first-year honors student studying mechanical engineering with a minor in business administration. Her scholarship will take her to Seoul National University in South Korea, where she will further her engineering studies.

Each semester, Bethel University recognizes students enrolled in its College of Arts and Sciences who have excelled academically by naming them to the Dean's List or Honor Roll. Cindy Mallard, vice president and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has indicated that Kennedy Gillespie of Chapel Hill has achieved the Honor Roll designation for the spring 2023 semester.

Local Bethel student earns recognition

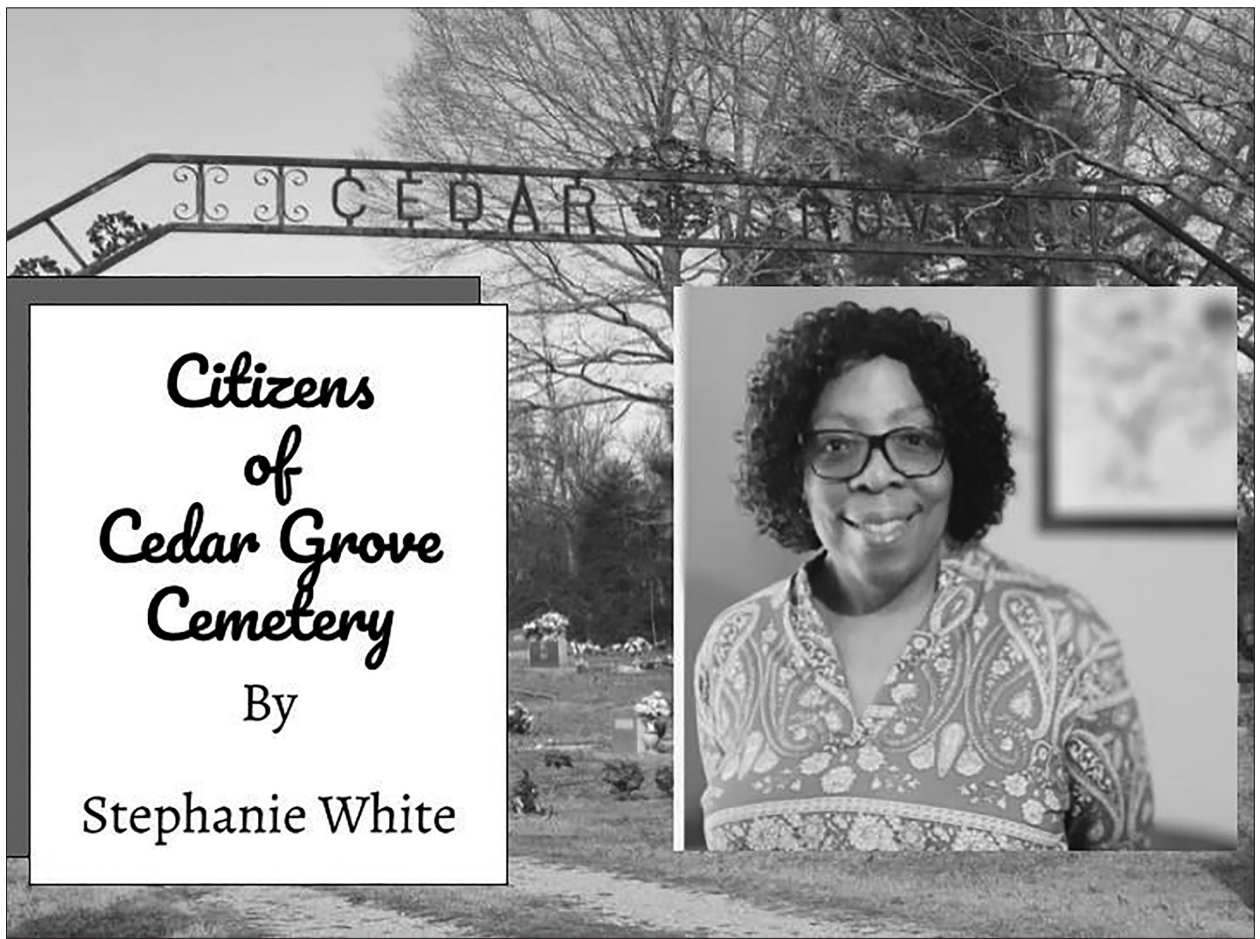
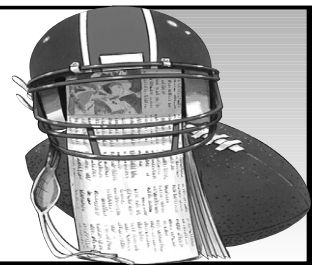
To qualify for the Honor Roll, undergraduates must have completed 12 or more hours of academic coursework in the College of Arts and Sciences with a grade point average of 3.7 or above and no grade lower than a C. To qualify for the Dean's List, undergraduates must have completed 12 or more hours of academic coursework in the College of Arts and Sciences with a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 and no grade lower than a C.

Bethel University, founded in 1842, is a private, not-for-profit university affiliated with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church that offers both on-campus and online degree programs.

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Honoring our family legacy: The Story of Cedar Grove Cemetery

By Stephanie Mason White Special to the Tribune

On Saturday, May 6, 2023, Stephanie Mason White and White & Company members held their book dedication to Ms. Annie E. Freeman Mason.

Several members of Marshall County and the Belfast community showed in support.

Families that had members present were the Freeman, Williams, Bishop, Davis, Haislip, Ewing, Floyd, Greer, Osborne, Caruthers, Wilson, Foster, Potts as well as many friends of these Families.

The program began with a brief history of the book, "Citizens of Cedar Grove Cemetery," along with the inspiring dialog that has been given to us by Ms.

Annie Mason. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to sit and look back on times and events that have gone by.

After the history and introduction of the author, Stephanie Mason White, we were introduced to White & Company, which has been very instrumental in the production and the publication of our book. White & Company is an up and coming business that offers services in historical research, grant research and writing and business consulting.

The Cedar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church became established around 1873, when the Black members of the Union Presbyterian Church were given a proposal to either stay as members or start their own

church with deacons, elders, and the choice of their minister to lead the church.

The members chose to establish their church and 22 members received their letters of dismissal from the Union Presbyterian Church. In 1904, the Elders of the Cedar Grove Presbyterian Church were given the vacant Bethel Church, and later sold the valuable cedar logs to a pencil slat company for \$300, and built their own church house on the property.

As we delve into the stories of Cedar Grove Cemetery, let us be inspired to cherish and honor our own family legacies. May we recognize the importance of passing down our history to future generations and keeping the flame of remembrance alive.



Martinez receives scholarship

Congratulations to Alex Martinez, the 2023 recipient of the MCHS Class of 1975 Memorial Scholarship. This is the 4th year that the Marshall County High School Class of 1975 has presented a \$1000 scholarship to a MCHS graduate. The 1975 Memorial Scholarship is to honor the memories of their classmates who have passed away. Pictured are: LaDelle Smith, Alex, Alice White, Melody Spence and in the back, Guerry Marsh.



Bryan Giles Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Through generous donations, Bryan Giles' family was able to award \$6000 in scholarships this year to the 2023 graduates of Cornersville High School. Congratulations to these students and a very special thank you to everyone who supported our yearly fundraiser in the memory of Bryan Giles.

Place under the photo: Football scholarship was awarded to Riley Qualls. Students receiving the academic scholarship - Karly Cloutier, Kaylee Foster, Chloe Hulshof, Kaitlyn Jones, Sarah Wamble

Riley Qualls. Students receiving the academic scholarship - Karly Cloutier, Kaylee Foster, Chloe Hulshof, Kaitlyn Jones, Sarah Wamble

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PROPOSED BUDGET - MARSHALL COUNTY, TENNESSEE - FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE REVIEWED IN PUBLIC DISCUSSION AT THE MARSHALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX ROOM 2204, MARSHALL COUNTY, TENNESSEE ON JUNE 15TH, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M. ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE URGED TO BE PRESENT.

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Est. Assessed Valuation	\$1,164,174,133
Proposed Collections Per \$.01	\$111,761
Expected Current Tax Income	\$20,325,922

PROPOSED TAX RATE

FUND	RATE
General Govt.	\$0.8440
Highway	\$0.0453
Gen. Purpose School	\$0.8248
Other Capital Projects	\$0.1046
TOTAL	\$1.8187

MARSHALL COUNTY, TENNESSEE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

	ACTUAL 2021-2022	ESTIMATED 2022-2023	ESTIMATED 2023-2024
General Fund:			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$11,928,789	\$12,199,923	\$12,842,249
State of Tennessee	\$1,288,470	\$1,564,595	\$1,579,039
Federal Government	\$160,605	\$116,612	\$688,000
Other Sources	\$12,065,848	\$5,261,516	\$5,294,938
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$25,443,712	\$19,142,646	\$20,404,226
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries and Benefits	\$11,432,668	\$12,021,518	\$13,997,959
Other Costs	\$5,599,133	\$5,923,783	\$7,601,180
Total Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	\$17,031,801	\$17,945,301	\$21,599,139
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	\$13,754,419	\$22,166,330	\$23,363,675
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30	\$22,166,330	\$23,363,675	\$22,168,762
Employee Positions	208	211	215
Highway Fund:			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$1,085,416	\$1,085,433	\$1,095,726
State of Tennessee	\$2,838,913	\$3,213,908	\$5,642,292
Other Sources	\$426	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$3,924,755	\$4,299,341	\$6,738,018
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries and Benefits	\$2,042,539	\$2,100,697	\$2,125,974
Other Costs	\$1,920,195	\$2,382,350	\$5,288,189
Total Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	\$3,962,734	\$4,483,047	\$7,414,163
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	\$1,150,834	\$1,112,855	\$929,149
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30	\$1,112,855	\$929,149	\$253,004
Employee Positions	34	32	31
General Purpose School Fund:			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$14,277,007	\$14,428,741	\$11,644,382
State of Tennessee	\$31,789,211	\$31,854,635	\$38,543,152
Federal Government	\$366,504	\$148,502	\$0
Other Sources	\$792,162	\$272,453	\$256,367
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$47,224,884	\$46,704,331	\$50,443,901
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Salaries and Benefits	\$37,546,230	\$39,462,205	\$44,884,372
Other Costs	\$7,083,708	\$7,695,499	\$8,458,108
Total Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	\$44,629,938	\$47,157,704	\$53,342,480
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	\$9,348,763	\$11,943,709	\$11,490,336
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30	\$11,943,709	\$11,490,336	\$8,591,757
Employee Positions	598	602	624
Debt Service Fund:			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$5,269,269	\$5,377,764	\$4,850,000
Other Sources	\$454,700	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$5,723,969	\$5,377,764	\$4,850,000
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Debt Service Cost	\$3,989,235	\$1,750,893	\$1,625,441
Total Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	\$3,989,235	\$1,750,893	\$1,625,441
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	\$5,866,087	\$7,600,821	\$11,227,692
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30	\$7,600,821	\$11,227,692	\$14,452,251
Other Capital Projects Fund			
Estimated Revenues and Other Sources			
Local Taxes	\$1,163,291	\$1,183,830	\$1,214,417
Other Sources	\$534,447	\$111,974	\$1,160,983
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$1,697,738	\$1,295,804	\$2,375,400
Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses			
Other Capital Expenditures	\$2,966,343	\$1,896,823	\$2,517,758
Total Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	\$2,966,343	\$1,896,823	\$2,517,758
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	\$4,590,234	\$3,321,629	\$2,720,610
Estimated Ending Fund Balance - June 30	\$3,321,629	\$2,720,610	\$2,578,252

Columbia State pins nursing grad Larissa Hobby



LARISSA HOBBY

Columbia State Community College recently celebrated 42 nursing graduates in a pinning ceremony in the Webster Athletic Center.

Marshall County's Larissa Hobby is one of those new graduates.

Columbia State nursing graduates completed four semesters of classroom instruction and 540 hours of clinical instruction to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in nursing.

Next, graduates

must pass the National Council Licensure Examination in order to earn licensure, which is required to practice as a registered nurse. The 2021 Columbia State nursing students' first-attempt pass rate for the NCLEX is 92%, exceeding both the state average of 86% and national average of 80%.

The Columbia State nursing program is committed to excellence in nursing education. It has received full approval from the Tennes-

see Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. The program's three-year average graduate job placement rate is 99.3%.

Columbia State's nursing program has a competitive admission process with applicants admitted twice per year. For more information about applying to the program, visit www.ColumbiaState.edu/Nursing.

Sarah Kate Blackburn pinned nursing grad



SARAH KATE BLACKBURN

Middle Tennessee State University awarded more than 2,600 degrees during its four ceremony commencement, May 5, 2023 and May 6, 2023, at the Murphy Center.

On May 5, 2023, Jenny Sauls, professor and the director of the School of Nursing, pinned 39 nursing students, during the traditional pinning ceremony.

Sarah Kate Blackburn, a resident of Mar-

shall County, was one of the students pinned. She graduated Cum Laude and was awarded her Bachelor of Science Nursing Degree from President, Sidney A. McPhee during the commencement ceremony May 6, 2023.

While at MTSU, she was a member of the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society and National Student Nurses' Association. She was a recipient of the Hope Lottery,

received the Mary Iles Nursing Scholarship, Adams Family Nursing Scholarship, John Floyd Endowed Scholarship, MTSU Alumni Legacy Scholarship, and Pam Wright Future Leaders Scholarship, two years in a row. She was honored with The School of Nursing - Marie Potts/Clyde Hall Award during the pinning ceremony.

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Courtney Faulkenberry signs her letter of intent to continue her cheerleading career at UT-Southern.

Forrest's Faulkenberry picks UT-Southern

By **Chris Siers**
sports@t-g.com

Courtney Faulkenberry had a vision of attending a big school, like the University of Alabama or Tennessee.

But a chance workout at Premier Athletics in Columbia eventually led Faulkenberry to signing a letter of intent to continuing her cheerleading career at UT-Southern.

"I am so excited. Honestly, when I first started looking, I had no intentions on going for sports. I got an email from them and some of the girls who go to UT-S, the main coach for the cheer team works at Premier Athletics in

Columbia, which is where our cheer team goes to practice," she said.

Faulkenberry knew some of the cheerleaders for UT-Southern, so that started a chain of conversation that eventually led to her signing to continue cheerleading in college.

"I've seen some of their girls around there. When I went, they said they really liked me a lot and wanted to give me a scholarship offer," she said.

Initially, Faulkenberry planned to pursue a nursing degree at Tennessee or Alabama, but the draw of the small-town environment, plus the addition of a scholar-

ship, was too good of an offer to pass up.

"I had considered going to Alabama and I also considered going to UT-K. When they gave me that offer, I couldn't say no," she said.

"I loved it. It was a great campus. The people there were so friendly. As opposed to bigger schools, it's a small town and everyone knows everyone. They care a lot about you."

She's been cheering most of her life and throughout all the events she's been part of, preparing for homecoming in Chapel Hill will always be one of her favorite memories.

"I've been cheering for 15 years. A big thing for our

small town is homecoming. That's been the biggest thing since I was a kid. We would make and ride on our cheer float. As we've gotten older, we've ridden in jeeps," she said.

As far as picking out a degree, Faulkenberry plans to pursue the family lineage and become a nurse.

"My mom is a nurse. We have 26 nurses in the family and it's something I've been really passionate about," she said.

While she's still a few months from embarking on her college career, she knows the practices will be a bit different than what she's been accustomed to in high school.

"It's like three times a week, every morning we will get up at five and run two miles and then we will have practice right after that. We have practice every day, but it just may be a different location or times," she said.

While the adjustment from high school to college life is a big step for anyone, Faulkenberry, who also served as student council president at Forrest, has been in touch with the SGA leadership in hopes of securing a position in the SGA down the road.

"I'm student council president at Forrest. They have SGA there and I've already been emailing with their president there," she said.

Byard practices, doesn't talk yet at minicamp

By **TERESA M. WALKER**
AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE — Two-time All-Pro safety Kevin Byard practiced Tuesday and didn't look as if he missed a beat with the Tennessee Titans despite staying away after being asked to take a pay cut earlier this offseason.

What he thinks about that request will wait for another day because the longest-tenured defender with the Titans didn't speak to reporters on the opening day of the team's mandatory minicamp.

Derrick Henry, the three-time Pro Bowl running back and one of only eight in NFL history to run for at least 2,000 yards, was drafted 19 picks ahead of Byard in 2016. The man going into the final year of his contract who also turned 30 in January joined the Titans' offseason program earlier than usual.

The run plays may not have changed much. However new offensive coordinator Tim Kelly's offense is different.

"It's a completely new offense and just coming here trying to learn everything and getting used to the terminology," Henry said. "It has changed."

Whether new general manager Ran Carthon might trade Byard, Henry or both was a hot topic of conversation



AP Photo/George Walker IV

Kevin Byard appeared at the Titans' practice on Tuesday, but didn't speak to reporters after being asked to take a pay cut earlier this offseason.

earlier this offseason. Carthon confirmed before the draft that they had asked Byard, the first pick of the third round in 2016, to take a pay cut.

Byard had stayed away from the voluntary portion of the Titans' offseason program, working out on his own. Both Titans coach Mike Vrabel and defensive coordinator Shane Bowen made clear they expected Byard to be around when the veterans had to be.

Vrabel said Byard looked like everybody else. "Looked like he knew

what he was supposed to be doing and looked like he was in good shape," Vrabel said. "So it's good to have everybody out there that's ready to perform and able to be out there."

Byard is a four-time defensive captain who has never missed a game since being drafted out of Middle Tennessee. He has started 105 of 114 games played and led Tennessee in tackles and interceptions each of the past two seasons.

He leads all NFL safeties with 27 interceptions since the start of the 2017 season.

Linebacker Azeem Al-Shaair, a free agent signee this offseason, noticed a difference in communication on the field immediately with Byard making sure teammates were lined up in the right spots. Byard also had a nice play to break up a pass at one point.

"He was gone, but you could tell he'd been taking care of himself," Al-Shaair said. "You know obviously a pro all the way through and through because he came in and you would have thought he was

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PGA Tour, European tour agree with Saudis to end LIV Golf feud

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

The PGA Tour abruptly dropped its expensive fight with Saudi Arabia's LIV Golf venture on Tuesday and instead announced a stunning merger that creates a global operation featuring the world's top players backed by the Saudis' massive wealth.

As part of the deal merging the PGA Tour and European tour with Saudi Arabia's golf interests, the sides immediately are dropping all lawsuits involving LIV Golf.

From the golf side, still to be determined is how players like Brooks Koepka and Dustin Johnson can rejoin the PGA Tour after defecting last year for signing bonuses reported to be in the \$150 million range.

From the commercial side, the governor of Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund joins the PGA Tour board of directors and leads the new business venture as chairman, though the PGA Tour will have a majority stake.

News of the deal came as a surprise to many watchers of the lawsuits and Saudi Arabia's inroads into U.S. politics, sports and culture.

"This is a huge development and obviously opens a world of golf, which has been perhaps more tradition-bound in the past," said Kristian Ulrichsen, a Middle East fellow at Houston's Baker Institute.

Under Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund has made a point of seeking out investments, like LIV, where it could shake up existing industries, Ulrichsen said.

"That's sort of one of their mantras, is to try to be disruptive and to take on the status quo," he said. "And in this case, they seem to have succeeded."

The announcement comes a year after LIV Golf began. PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan was at the Canadian Open that week and said pointedly about any player who joined LIV or was thinking about it: "Have you ever had to apologize for being a member of the PGA Tour?"

Now they are partners, giving Saudi Arabia a commercial voice in golf's premier organization.

"I recognize everything I've said in the past. I recognize people will call me a hypocrite," Monahan said in a conference call Tuesday

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evening. "Any time I've said anything, I've said it with the information I had, and I said it with someone trying to compete with our tour and our players."

Most PGA Tour players were bewildered by the shocking turnaround. It didn't help that a news outlet broke the embargoed announcement before Monahan could send a memo to the players. Most learned of the development on social media.

"I love finding out about morning news on Twitter," two-time major champion Collin Morikawa tweeted.

Many were not happy. Wesley Bryan tweeted, "I feel betrayed, and will not ... be able to trust anyone within the corporate structure of the PGA Tour for a very long time."

Byeong Hun An added on Twitter: "I'm guessing the liv teams were struggling to get sponsors and pga tour couldn't turn down the money. Win-win for both tours but it's a big lose for who defended the tour for last two years."

"They were going down their path, we were going down ours, and after a lot of introspection you realize all this tension in the game is not a good thing," Monahan said in a phone interview with The Associated Press.

"We have a responsibility to our tour and to the game, and we felt like the time was right to have that conversation."

Monahan held a player meeting at the Canadian Open, though most top players are not there. He described the meeting as "intense, certainly heated."

And while this likely will only lead to greater riches in golf, there still was explaining to do on why the tour would merge with a group that tried to take away some of the PGA Tour's best players and was seen as the latest example of "sportswashing."

The deal was in the works for the last seven weeks, when Monahan first met with Yasir Al-Rumayyan, governor of the Public Investment Fund. Players typically approve changes to the schedule and other competition matters. On this one, they were left out.

"No one had word of this," Monahan said. "Our players expect us to operate in the best interests of the tour."

Instead, he cited guidance from corporate members of the PGA Tour board.

Still, Monahan has his toughest work ahead of him.

He sought loyalty from his players against a league accused of taking part in sportswashing, an attempt by Saudi Arabia to shift focus away from its human rights abuses, such as the 2018 killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Now the very group that posed such a threat is the commercial partner of the PGA Tour and European tour.

"The divisiveness is now over, and two years of disruption and distractions ... is over and now we can concentrate on building our respective tours," said Keith Pelley, CEO of the European tour. "And we are building it with PIF, who is clearly committed to the game."

Along the way, PGA Tour players also got rich. The tour raised prize money at elite events to \$20 million, the same purse for LIV's individual competition. The 2024 schedule has been reshaped for

roughly 16 tournaments like that.

"In the short term, I expect a lot of questions and criticism," Monahan said. "In the long run, players who stayed with the PGA Tour will see they benefited in many ways."

The agreement combines the Public Investment Fund's golf-related commercial businesses and rights — including LIV Golf — with those of the PGA and European tours. The new entity has not been named.

Al-Rumayyan will join the board of the PGA Tour, which continues to operate its tournaments. The PIF will invest in the commercial venture.

"From the very beginning, the whole initiative was how to grow the game of golf," Al-Rumayyan said. "And I think what was achieved today was exactly that."

Augusta National and the Royal & Ancient welcomed the news because it ends a bitter feud. Augusta National said the deal "represents a positive development in bringing harmony to men's professional golf." R&A CEO Martin Slumbers said it would help golf "move forward in a collaborative, constructive and innovative fashion."

As for the new role of Greg Norman, Al-Rumayyan said only that Norman is LIV Golf's commissioner and details of his future role would be announced in the coming weeks.

Monahan's memo to players indicated a strong Saudi Arabian presence. He said PIF would make a financial investment to become a "premier corporate sponsor" of the PGA Tour, the European tour and other international tours.

The PIF initially will be the exclusive investor in the new entity and will have the exclusive right to further invest, including a right of first refusal on any capital that may be invested.

Al-Rumayyan has been spotted wearing a "MAGA" hat during LIV events at courses owned by former President Donald Trump.

Trump predicted last July that a merger was inevitable and said anyone not signing with the Saudi league would be losing out. He weighed in Tuesday and called it a "glamorous deal for the wonderful world of golf."

Monahan said the merger came together the last seven weeks, with PGA Tour board member Jimmy Dunne responsible for bringing together Monahan and Al-Rumayyan. Dunne and Ed Herlihy, chairman of the PGA Tour's board, will serve on the board of the commercial venture.

Phil Mickelson and Bryson DeChambeau were among 11 players who filed an antitrust lawsuit against the PGA Tour last August. LIV joined as plaintiffs, and the PGA Tour countersued.

The concern for PIF was whether its leaders could be deposed, which Saudi Arabia wanted to avoid. Being open to depositions would leave the kingdom's leaders more vulnerable to legal action, including lawsuits demanding they reveal business deals in the United States.

A federal judge had ruled the PIF could not claim immunity from the Foreign Service Immunity Act because of its commercial work with LIV Golf in the U.S.

The PIF appealed the ruling to the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which was likely to extend the lawsuit deep into 2024 if not longer.

Tennessee's free fishing day set for June 10

NASHVILLE — Tennessee's 2023 Bobby Wilson Free Fishing Day is Saturday, June 10 in Tennessee and all state residents and visitors of any age may fish free without a license in Tennessee's public waters. Additionally, those youth ages 15 or younger may fish free the entire week, beginning on Free Fishing Day and continuing through the following Friday, June 16.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency provides the annual free day and week in hopes of introducing children to fishing and also to increase interest

in fishing. Fishing is not only a great family activity but helps brings awareness to the natural environment.

The TWRA is among several organizations planning special fishing events, primarily for youngsters. Various events are scheduled across the state. Visit the TWRA website, www.tnwildlife.org for the latest updates. The TWRA annually stocks several thousand pounds of fish for events.

Free Fishing Day was named in honor of Bobby Wilson who retired last year after more than

40 years of service to the TWRA. He served in the Fisheries Division for 35 years, before being named TWRA Deputy Director in 2015 and Executive Director in 2020.

Bobby Wilson Free Fishing Day and Free Fishing Week apply to Tennessee's public waters, TWRA owned and operated lakes, and state park facilities. Some privately owned pay lakes continue to charge during this special day and week. Anglers will need to consult with those operators if there are any questions about a facility.

Hamlin fully participates 6 months since cardiac arrest

By JOHN WAWROW
AP Sports Writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — What was once routine for Damar Hamlin, such as pulling on a helmet and heading out to practice, has become something the Buffalo Bills safety celebrated with a phone call to his parents.

That was the case last week, general manager Brandon Beane said on Tuesday, after Hamlin participated fully in practice for the first time in the six months since having a near-death experience during a game at Cincinnati.

"Just so proud of him and thrilled for where he's at in his journey," Beane said.

"He's still got more milestones to hit. But to think back, we're just at the beginning of June, and that was the beginning of January, and we were just hoping he'd live," he added. "Now he's not only got a normal life, but we're

talking about playing not just any football, but NFL football."

The Bills practice on Tuesday was the first in which reporters were allowed to see Hamlin don his helmet and take part in various team drills. Beane said, Hamlin enjoyed his first full session on May 31, in a practice that was closed to reporters, after which the player called his parents in Pittsburgh.

Hamlin had previously been limited to taking part in individual drills and the stretching portions of practice since the Bills' series of spring voluntary sessions opened on May 22. The 25-year-old has made it his objective to resume his football career after going into cardiac arrest and needing to be resuscitated on the field after making what appeared to be a routine tackle during a game against the Bengals on Jan. 2.

The frightening collapse led to the game

being eventually canceled by the NFL, and had Hamlin spending 10 days recovering and being monitored in hospitals in Cincinnati and Buffalo. The third-year player was fully cleared to resume playing in April, and has spent much of the past two months working out at the team's facility.

On Tuesday, Hamlin appeared upbeat by happily waving to the cameras pointed at him during pre-practice stretching drills.

Soon after, he served as a punt protector in several special team periods and then took the field with the defense, in which he made a touch tackle in what are non-contact sessions.

At one point, Hamlin fell to the field while attempting to make a play on the ball, and stayed down for a moment, while trainers tended to his right shoulder. Hamlin eventually resumed practicing.

"I'm good," Hamlin told The Associated Press as he walked off the field.

"It's an amazing story," Beane said.

With Buffalo completing its spring practices with a three-day mandatory minicamp next week, the next step in Hamlin's comeback won't come until the Bills begin practicing in pads during full-contact sessions in training camp, which is set to open in late July.

"He's worked really hard on the mental side of this. Physically, he's all cleared. But this is a real deal from a mental standpoint after you've been to where he was," Beane said. "We'll continue to ramp him up with helmets on, but that'll probably be the next big hurdle for him, tackling."

He added Hamlin is working in consultation with team trainers in determining when to ramp up his practice routine.

Busch, Childress, once enemies, now winning NASCAR combination

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

MADISON, Ill. — Twelve years to the day that Richard Childress and Kyle Busch came to blows in one of the parking lots of Kansas Speedway, the two were celebrating a NASCAR Cup Series victory at a track straight down Interstate 70 near St. Louis.

It was proof of many things: That a team that once dominated NASCAR's top series with Dale Earnhardt behind the wheel of the famed No. 3 could still contend for championships, that Busch could be every bit as successful after moving on from powerhouse Joe Gibbs Racing, and perhaps most importantly, that a couple of boys can grow up.

"Yeah, I mean, people change," Busch said after holding off Denny Hamlin on Sunday night to win at World Wide Technology Raceway.

"The relationship that I have now, and the effort that's gone into securing me, to get me to go to RCR — the discussions and talks that happened there — just proves them right, right?"

Sure seems that way.

It's not as if Busch has magically turned around the No. 8 team in his first season; Tyler Reddick drove the car to three wins a year ago. But with his green-white-checked victory just outside St. Louis, the two-time Cup Series champion matched the total and is now halfway toward reaching Childress' audacious goal of winning six times this season.

"It's been fun to have that group around," said Busch, who's also won at Talladega and Auto Club Speedway in California. "They know when we go to places, we struggle at places, that we all want to get better, right? I could do a better job most of the time. (Crew chief) Ran-

dall Burnett and the guys can do a better job as well. We just all continue to strive and work hard and bounce off of each other in order to come out and have the best possible stuff every time we hit the race track."

Hard to believe there's such synergy between Busch and Richard Childress Racing given where they once were.

The infamous brawl between Childress and Busch came after a Truck Series race in 2011 at Kansas. Busch had been racing hard with Joey Coulter, who was driving for RCR, and Childress didn't appreciate it. He went to confront Busch and, after removing his watch and handing it to grandson Austin Dillon, proceeded to put him in a headlock and begin throwing punches.

Childress, a spry 65 at the time, had to be pulled off Busch, who went to the ground defensively to avoid any

more punches. He was later fined \$150,000 by NASCAR and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

"Yeah, we put that totally behind us," said Childress, now 77 yet every bit as fired up about winning races. "We talked about it. That was one of the first things we talked about. That's history. We've both grown a lot. I know I've grown up. I've grown older, but I've grown up, too. There's an old song out there, 'I'm still growing up but I'm getting older.'"

His team is getting better, too.

After winning four times with Kevin Harvick during the 2013 season, Richard Childress Racing went 0-for-everything in the Cup Series the next three years. At its nadir during the 2016 season, the team managed just six top-10 finishes in 108 starts, and the trio

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Byard

(Continued from Page B1) here the whole time. So that was really good to see."

A year ago, defensive tackle Jeffery Simmons came to minicamp but didn't take the field. The 19th pick overall

of the 2019 draft and now two-time Pro Bowl tackle got his extension in April.

Byard agreed to a new extension in July 2019 and is poised to go into his eighth NFL season second only to quarterback Ryan Tannehill on the team with a \$19.6 million salary

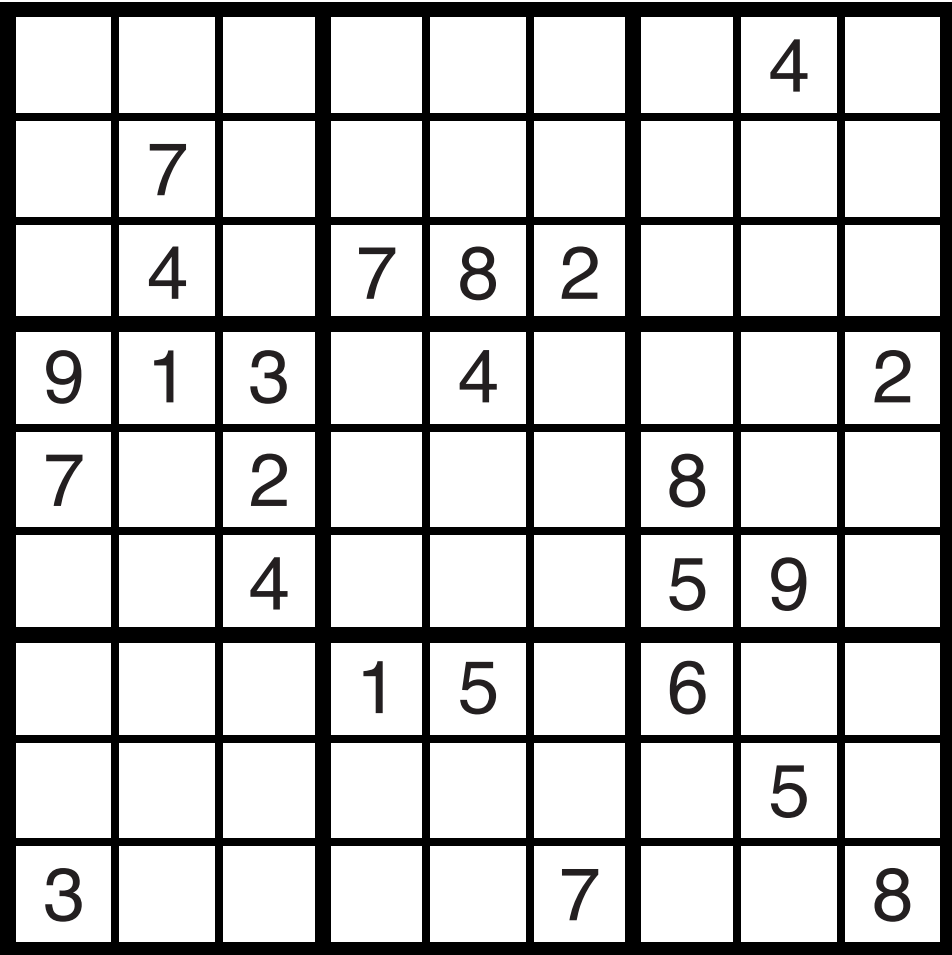
cap hit. That includes a \$3.7 million hit for restructuring, according to Spotrac.com.

Henry ranks fourth with a \$16.3 million salary cap hit. He ranked second in the NFL last season in rushing for 1,538 yards and had career highs with 33 catches for 398

yards. The 2015 Heisman Trophy winner out of Alabama has never talked about his contract status and isn't changing now.

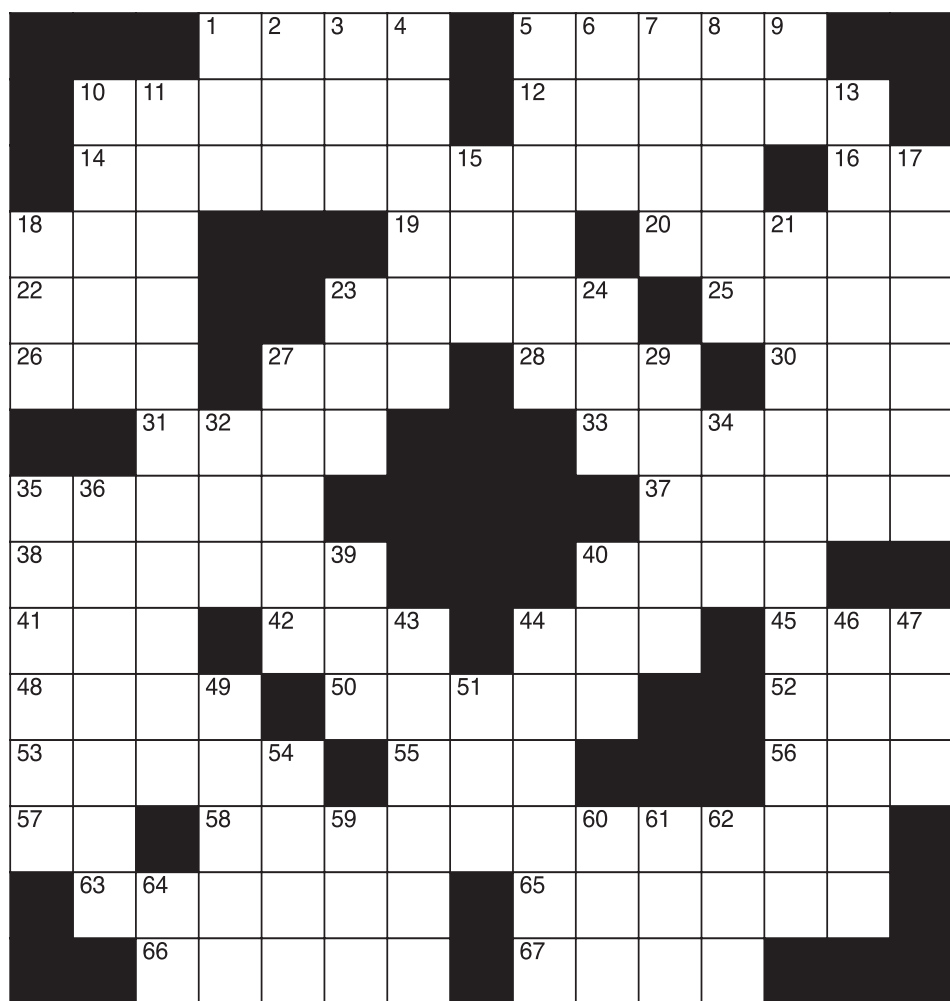
"Yeah, I'm not going to change what I do," Henry said. "I just continue to work. Be who I am, and let everything else take care of itself."

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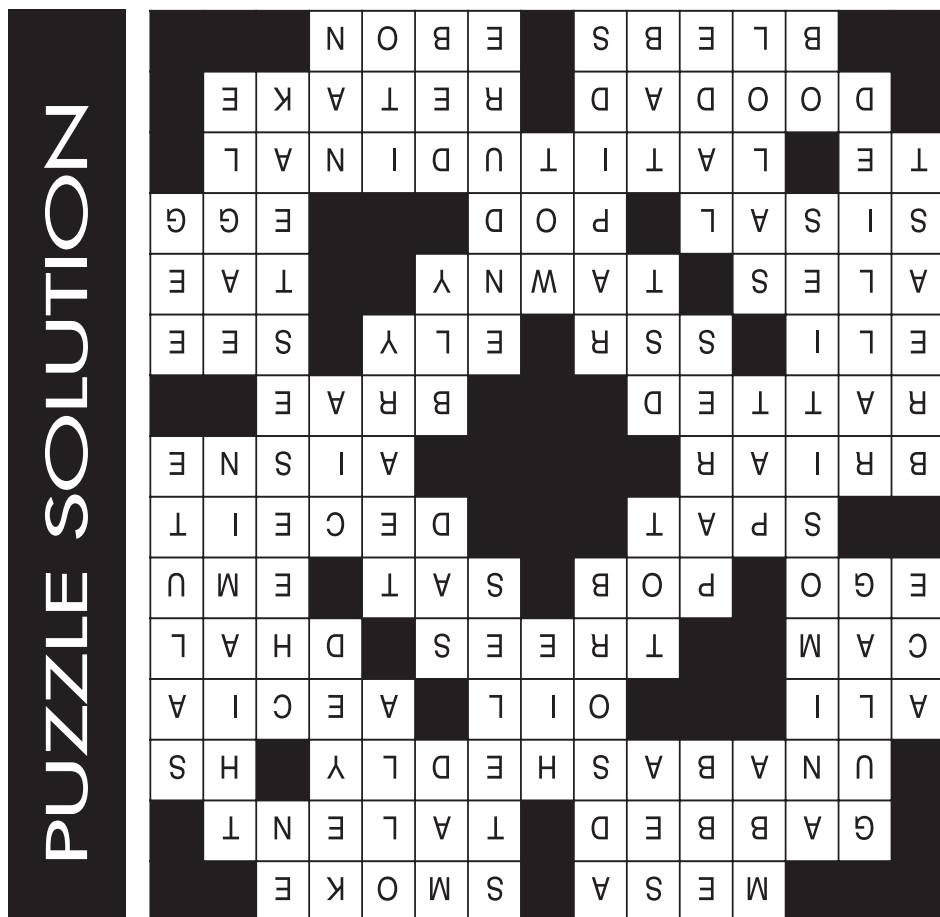


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Flat tableland with steep edges
- 5. Where there's __, there's fire
- 10. Talked incessantly
- 12. Skill
- 14. Without shame
- 16. Where teens spend their days (abbr.)
- 18. Boxing's GOAT
- 19. Used to anoint
- 20. Cluster cups
- 22. Footballer Newton
- 23. They make up a forest
- 25. Split pulses
- 26. Self
- 27. Post-office box
- 28. Test for high schoolers
- 30. Large, flightless bird
- 31. Expectorated
- 33. Falsehood
- 35. Prickly, scrambling shrub
- 37. French river
- 38. Told on
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Cathedral city in Cambridgeshire
- 45. Witness
- 48. Brews
- 50. Yellowish-brown
- 52. Arctic explorers, abbr.
- 53. Mexican agave
- 55. A type of "cast"
- 56. Encourage
- 57. Atomic #52
- 58. Relating to position north of south of equator
- 63. Gadget whose name you forget
- 65. Another recording
- 66. Small blisters
- 67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Licensed for Wall Street
- 2. " __ and flow"
- 3. A very large body of water
- 4. Accumulate on the surface of
- 5. Central cores of the stem
- 6. Angry
- 7. Ceramic jar
- 8. Scraped a car
- 9. __ route
- 10. Soviet labor camp system
- 11. Strong hostilities
- 13. Vitamin of the B complex
- 15. Go quickly
- 17. Toast
- 18. A team's best pitcher
- 21. A Philly culinary specialty
- 23. Small child
- 24. Unhappy
- 27. Trims away
- 29. Characterized by crying eyes
- 32. Soft touch
- 34. American spy organization
- 35. A person's chest
- 36. Came from behind to win
- 39. Fall back
- 40. Nellie __, journalist
- 43. Great places to kayak
- 44. Suffer patiently
- 46. Majestic bird
- 47. Electroencephalograph
- 49. Organic compound used as an antiseptic
- 51. Objects connected to the web (abbr.)
- 54. Ship as cargo
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. Upper-class young woman (abbr.)
- 61. Judge in OJ Simpson trial
- 62. One's grandmother
- 64. Siberian river



Weekly Tennessee Cattle and Grain Summary

USDA Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News
Nashville, TN Monday, June 5, 2023
For Week Ending: Saturday, June 3, 2023
Receipts: 4,855 Last Week: 4,966 Last Year: 3,888

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers were mostly 2.00-5.00 higher with instances 3.00-6.00 higher. Good demand was noted for all feeder classes throughout the week with buyers showing the best interest in long-weaned preconditioned feeder cattle.

Slaughter cows were mostly steady to 1.00 higher with a more moderate quality offering this week than last week's notably high quality offering. Slaughter bulls were mostly steady to 2.00 higher.

STATE AVERAGES	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	259.67	250.95	190.63
350-400 lbs	255.10	256.30	184.08
400-450 lbs	251.94	252.81	177.05
450-500 lbs	240.21	240.20	172.17
500-550 lbs	237.08	234.11	166.34
550-600 lbs	229.43	231.66	162.65
600-650 lbs	219.33	231.28	158.04
650-700 lbs	218.62	219.68	152.18
700-750 lbs	202.31	195.67	141.02
750-800 lbs	199.58	204.59	138.35
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	227.80	224.49	158.16
350-400 lbs	222.98	224.89	158.85
400-450 lbs	221.78	219.45	155.99
450-500 lbs	216.83	210.30	153.38
500-550 lbs	207.64	207.68	146.84
550-600 lbs	201.25	200.61	140.36
600-650 lbs	199.82	189.23	131.87
650-700 lbs	188.41	187.88	131.34
700-750 lbs	172.26	175.95	119.85
750-800 lbs	171.29	164.38	121.11

WEELY COW SUMMARY

Slaughter Cows	Average	High	Low
Breakers	95.00-120.00	107.00-128.00	86.50-98.00
Boners	92.00-113.00	105.00-134.00	85.00-101.00
Lean	80.00-104.00	99.00-111.00	68.00-84.00

Slaughter Bulls

	Average	High	Low
Yield Grade 1's	108.00-135.00	135.00-143.00	91.00-121.00

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GOATS: 551
Kids-Selection 1 43-47 lbs 230.00-350.00; 50-59 lbs 350.00-360.00; 63-67 lbs 340.00; 85 lbs 280.00. Selection 2 40-49 lbs 220.00-325.00; 55-58 lbs 330.00; 63 lbs 280.00; 70 lbs 300.00; 85 lbs 240.00; 108 lbs 180.00.
LAMBS: 635
Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 2-3 45-49 lbs 180.00-200.00; 50-58 lbs 190.00-200.00; 65-67 lbs 177.50-195.00; 70 lbs 185.00; 88 lbs 210.00; 90 lbs 170.00; 100-120 lbs 170.00-182.50.

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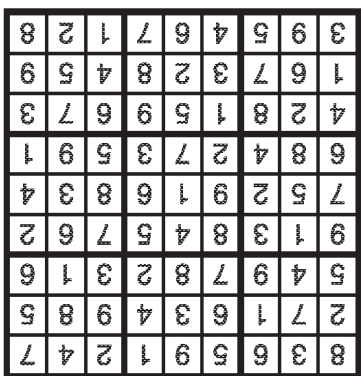
GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	5.54-6.49	5.31-6.44	7.02-7.59
Soybeans	13.43-13.63	13.31-13.71	16.78-17.36
New Crop Wheat	5.41-6.17	5.54-6.20	9.45-10.48

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ANSWER:

THURSDAY EVENING JUNE 8, 2023

Grid of TV programs for Thursday evening, June 8, 2023. Includes channels like ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, and various time slots from 7:00 to 11:30.

FRIDAY EVENING JUNE 9, 2023

Grid of TV programs for Friday evening, June 9, 2023. Includes channels like ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, and various time slots from 7:00 to 11:30.

SATURDAY EVENING JUNE 10, 2023

Grid of TV programs for Saturday evening, June 10, 2023. Includes channels like ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, and various time slots from 7:00 to 11:30.

SUNDAY EVENING JUNE 11, 2023

Grid of TV programs for Sunday evening, June 11, 2023. Includes channels like ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, and various time slots from 7:00 to 11:30.

MONDAY EVENING JUNE 12, 2023

Grid of TV programs for Monday evening, June 12, 2023. Includes channels like ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, and various time slots from 7:00 to 11:30.

TUESDAY EVENING JUNE 13, 2023

Grid of TV programs for Tuesday evening, June 13, 2023. Includes channels like ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, and various time slots from 7:00 to 11:30.

WEDNESDAY EVENING JUNE 14, 2023

Grid of TV programs for Wednesday evening, June 14, 2023. Includes channels like ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, and various time slots from 7:00 to 11:30.

THURSDAY EVENING JUNE 15, 2023

Grid of TV programs for Thursday evening, June 15, 2023. Includes channels like ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, and various time slots from 7:00 to 11:30.

PGA commish has 'heated' meeting with players after LIV Golf merger

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan spent more than an hour explaining to players Tuesday afternoon why he changed his mind about taking Saudi funds in a surprise collaboration, saying it ultimately was for their benefit.

And to think it was nearly a year ago to the day that Saudi-funded LIV Golf teed off in its inaugural event as a rival and a threat, flush with defectors from golf's top circuit.

Morals were questioned. Lawsuits were filed. Golfers doubled down on their affiliations.

A merger, it seemed, wasn't in the cards. But on Tuesday, professionals from both tours were caught off guard by news that their worlds would collide — that the PGA Tour, European tour and LIV Golf were merging.

"As time went on, circumstances changed," Monahan said in a conference call after the meeting. "I don't think it was right or sustainable

to have this tension in our sport.

"I recognize everything I've said in the past. I recognize people will call me a hypocrite. Any time I've said anything, I've said it with the information I had, and I said it with someone trying to compete with our tour and our players."

Before Monahan could send a memo to players, a news outlet broke the embargoed announcement that the tours were merging commercial interests. Some players learned about it on social media.

And that's where they responded.

"Nothing like finding out through Twitter that we're merging with a tour that we said we'd never do that with," Mackenzie Hughes tweeted.

"And everyone thought yesterday was the longest day in golf," tweeted Collin Morikawa, who also said he found out about the merger on Twitter.

Justin Thomas was in the middle of a practice session when he said his phone lit up with notifications. Tyrell Hatton simply tweeted an

NFL blindside hit. Sepp Straka felt that was an accurate depiction.

Not getting in on the social media reaction was Rory McIlroy, who spent the past year vehemently defending the PGA Tour against LIV before going quiet on the topic in recent weeks. McIlroy is the defending champion at the Canadian Open.

Monahan described Tuesday's meeting as "intense, certainly heated."

"I'm not surprised," he said. "This is an awful lot to ask them to digest. This is a significant change for us. As I'm trying to explain as we go forward, this ultimately was a decision in the best interests of all at the PGA Tour."

Phil Mickelson, among the loudest LIV defectors, called Tuesday "an awesome day."

It wasn't immediately clear how the unification would work going forward.

Players who switched to LIV inked lucrative signing bonuses — in Mickelson's case, a reported \$200 million — yet now might have a way to rejoin players who opted not to take money from a

league that some have called a Saudi Arabia "sportswashing" initiative.

Michael Kim jokingly tweeted that he might live stream the meeting. But he added: "Very curious how many people knew this deal was happening. About 5-7 people? Player run organization right?"

Monahan said he was operating under a pledge of confidentiality and the circle of trust had to shrink.

He relied mainly on two board members, New York attorney Ed Herlihy (the PGA Tour board chairman) and financier Jimmy Dunne, who lost colleagues and friends from Sandler O'Neill when terrorists flew a jetliner into the south tower of the World Trade Center.

Still to come are details on how this venture will work and what it means to the tour — players that want to return, what consequences they face for defecting, and whether LIV Golf will even exist next year. Monahan said an evaluation would determine how to integrate team golf.

"I don't want to make any statements or make any predictions," he said. "But what is in place is a commitment to make a good-faith effort to look at team golf and the role it can play."

PGA Tour member Byeong Hun An joked that Hideki Matsuyama "could have bought spirit airlines" if he had signed with LIV (Matsuyama was seen boarding a Spirit Airlines flight after the Memorial in Ohio). He also said his guess is "liv teams were struggling to get sponsors and pga tour couldn't turn down the money."

"Win-win for both tours but it's a big lose for (players) who defended the tour for last two years," he tweeted.

Dylan Wu, a 26-year-old second-year player on the PGA Tour, called the merger "hypocrisy."

"Tell me why Jay Monahan basically got a promotion to CEO of all golf in the world by going back on everything he said the past 2 years," Wu tweeted, adding: "I guess money always wins."

Vols join Wake Forest, Oral Roberts in Super Regionals

By **ERIC OLSON**
AP Sports Writer

No. 1 national seed Wake Forest completed one of the most dominant runs through an NCAA Tournament regional Sunday and joined Oral Roberts of the Summit League and seven others advancing to super regionals.

The Demon Deacons beat George Mason 15-1 in the final in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and outscored their three opponents by a combined 48-7.

Oral Roberts extended its win streak to 21 games and became the eighth No. 4 regional seed since 2006 to make a super regional when it held off Dallas Baptist 6-5 in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

No. 7 Virginia, No. 14 Indiana State, No. 15 South Carolina, No. 16 Alabama, Tennessee, Texas and Oregon also wrapped up regionals.

Virginia defeated East Carolina 8-3 in Charlottesville to make a super regional for the second time in three years. Indiana State, hosting a regional for the first time, won 11-8 over Iowa to make its first super regional. South Carolina, which

entered the tournament with losses in 11 of 14 games, beat Campbell 16-7 and is back in supers for the first time since 2018.

Alabama beat Boston College 8-0 for its first regional title since 2010. The Crimson Tide has won 13 of 17 games under interim coach Jason Jackson, who took over after Brad Bohannon was fired for allegedly violating NCAA rules against sports wagering.

Tennessee and Texas are in supers for the third straight year. The Volunteers beat Charlotte 9-2 to finish a sweep through the Clemson Regional, and the Longhorns won 10-6 at No. 9 Miami for the second victory in two days over the Hurricanes. Oregon beat Xavier 11-2 to return to supers for the first time since 2012.

Top-eight seeds that win regionals are assured of hosting best-of-three super regionals.

Wake Forest (50-10) will host Alabama (43-19) starting Friday or Saturday and advance to the College World Series for the first time since winning the 1955 national title if it wins

the best-of-three super regional.

Oral Roberts (49-11) probably will go on the road to play Oregon (40-20); Virginia (48-12) hosts No. 10 Coastal Carolina or Duke; Indiana State (45-15) would play at Arkansas or possibly host TCU; South Carolina (41-19) visits No. 2 Florida or possibly hosts Texas Tech; Tennessee (41-19) could host Penn or visit Southern Mississippi; and Texas (41-20) visits Stanford or meets Texas A&M at a site to be determined.

No. 4 Clemson became the highest national seed eliminated, continuing a decade of postseason frustration for the Tigers, and No. 6 Vanderbilt was knocked out of regionals a second straight year.

Charlotte ended Clemson's season with a 3-2 win, making it 10 straight appearances since 2010 that the Tigers have failed to make it out of the regional round.

No. 2 Florida stayed alive with an 8-2 win over Connecticut and a 7-1 win over Texas Tech, forcing a winner-take-all game with the Red Raiders in Gainesville.

No. 3 Arkansas bounced back from a 20-5 loss to TCU to eliminate Santa Clara 6-4 and would have to beat the Horned Frogs twice on Monday to advance.

No. 5 LSU will face Oregon State, which eliminated Sam Houston State 3-1 a.

No. 8 Stanford knocked out Cal State Fullerton 6-5 and beat Texas A&M 13-5 to set up a rematch with the Aggies.

No. 12 Kentucky beat Indiana 16-6 to set up a second final. Southern Mississippi beat Penn 11-2 to force a second final at Auburn.

Richardson's first and second homers since April 16 were grand slams in the first and second innings, and he hit a solo shot in the sixth and finished the game 5 for 6.

Arkansas, which had won 31 of 35 home games, sustained its most lopsided home loss in two years.

Big bats

Wake Forest's Pierce Bennett homered and drove in five runs and Danny Corona connected twice against George Mason. ... Oregon scored six times in the sixth inning against Xavier on Rikuu Nishida's three-run double and Drew Cowley's three-run homer. ... Tommy Troy's grand slam came during a seven-run seventh inning for Stanford against A&M. ... Keegan Watson's three-run homer in the seventh put Indiana State in control against Iowa. ... Jalin Flores' grand slam highlighted Texas' nine-run third inning against Miami. ... Jac Caglianone homered twice against UConn and became the first Southeastern Conference player since LSU's Brad Cresse in 2000 to

hit 30 in a season.

Mound marvels

Jacob McNairy struck out 11 in 7 2/3 shutout innings for Alabama. ... Tennessee's Drew Beam held Charlotte to two runs on four hits and struck out 10. ... Florida's Cade Fisher and Brandon Neely combined to strike out eight and hold Texas Tech to one run on six singles and a double.

Around the horn

Penn, leading 2-1, took a gut punch against Southern Miss when the fourth inning ended with the bases loaded when plate umpire Mike Morris called Calvin Brown out on full count for not being alert and ready when the pitch clock hit 10 seconds. ... West Virginia's JJ Wetherholt had three hits against Kentucky and finished the season with a .454 batting average, making him the first Power Five player over .450 since Florida State's Buster Posey (.463) in 2009. ... East Carolina has 33 tournament appearances without making a CWS, the longest streak of its kind.

NASCAR

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of Dillon, Paul Menard and Ryan Newman did little to engender confidence in the direction of the program.

Even after Newman ended that maddening 112-race winless streak at Phoenix in 2017, the wins were hard to come by. The team won once more that season and reached victory lane just twice over the next four seasons combined.

But last year was a breakthrough of sorts with Reddick winning four times and combining with Dillon to finish in the top three on 10 more occasions. There was clearly speed in the RCR cars again, and with Reddick soon to depart for 23XI Racing, it was only a matter of finding a driver capable of utilizing that speed

in the the No. 8 car.

Busch has turned out to be the improbably perfect fit.

"You know, we won a lot with Harvick, won a lot with Earnhardt. Our plan is to win a lot with Kyle," Childress said, "and not only be a contender for that championship. If we make the final four, we'll have a shot at winning it for sure."

Not just this year but for years to come.

"Kyle has been really — he's such a pleasure to work with," Childress said. "Everybody says, 'Man, how y'all going to get along?' Same questions they asked me about, 'You and Dale won't last six months.' We lasted 20 years. I want to keep Kyle here, and hopefully we can end his career when he gets ready."

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Saban visits kids with cancer, next up a lobbying trip to Washington

By JOHN ZENOR
AP Sports Writer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Nick Saban spent part of Tuesday morning cheerfully handing out talking toy ducks to children with cancer, posing for pictures and generally showing his softer side.

Next up is a business trip to Washington to help the Southeastern Conference make the pitch for federal regulation of how college athletes can make money off their fame. It's the most nationally significant trip of the week for the Alabama coach, if not the most personally meaningful for the grandfather of a 9-year-old and 3-year-old.

The SEC is scheduled to host a reception for lawmakers and congressional staffers Wednesday night before meetings with individual representatives and senators from the 11 states in the conference's footprint.

College sports leaders are seeking help from Congress in managing name, image and likeness compensation. The NCAA lifted its ban on athletes being paid endorers in 2021.

"I think that the whole idea is, we want to provide information based on our experience, so that maybe people that are involved in the House and Senate both sort of have an idea of what the issues really are and how it can impact and affect college football in the future," Saban told The Associated Press in an interview after the event organized by Aflac at Children's Hospital.

Saban, who has won six national championships at Alabama since 2009, reiterated his contention that the system doesn't work the same for everybody with such a wide disparity of NIL benefits available at different schools.

"I don't know exactly what the answer is, but I think if we can get more people aware of what the issues are for them to have input on how we can sort of create a



AP Photo/John Zenor

Nick Saban presents a robotic duck to a cancer patient at Children's Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama.

model that would help create some competitive balance but still give people opportunities to use their name, image and likeness to earn, I think, will be a good thing," Saban said.

And that's the reason behind the trip to Washington with SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey and other coaches and officials from within the league.

"With states having different laws, I think the only way is to have some federal legislation that controls and makes it the same for everybody," Saban said.

But before flying out to Washington on Wednesday morning, Saban and wife Terry had a different agenda.

The Aflac pitch man presented one of the company's

plush, mechanical ducks to each child at the end of a scavenger hunt, offering them the chance to name it and explaining how to make them talk by rubbing under the wings. In between, he found himself fiddling with the ducks and appearing relaxed for a coach known more for his scowling intensity than his kid-friendly demeanor.

"I like the thing myself. I wouldn't mind having one myself," he said, smiling. "You just rub it and it makes little sounds and it makes you feel good. I kind of like that. Sometimes when we're not stopping them on third down, or we're having trouble on third down, I might need this thing on the sidelines."

Aflac President Virgil Mill-

er said the company has donated more than 23,000 of the ducks to children with cancer and sickle cell in the United States, Japan and Northern Ireland since 2018.

Saban is a believer in their benefits.

"There is an emotional, psychological effect that this little guy has," he said. "There's no doubt. Especially on the kids that are old enough to realize, over 3, I think, they kind of get it. I enjoyed the ones that really got it and got a big smile on their face and it lifted their day."

"When you walked in this room today, a lot of these kids had a really tough look on their face. And when they left today, they had a big smile on their face."

Terry Saban, the more out-

going half of the couple, enjoyed seeing the other side of her husband on display in public.

"I think us having our grandchildren really brought out the softer side of Nick," Terry Saban said. "To see him on the floor playing with the babies, it really changes who you are. And then to see these children who are having a really tough time, you can't help but be heartbroken when they come in and then be happy for them when they leave, that maybe you did just one little thing to brighten their day."

"It's fun to see Nick interact with the children and laugh with them and tickle the duck. It was a great day."

Just don't expect to see that side of him on the sideline.

Jacob deGrom to have season-ending right elbow surgery

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texas Rangers signed Jacob deGrom to a \$185 million, five-year deal in free agency last winter hoping the two-time NL Cy Young Award winner could help them get back to the playoffs for the first time since 2016 and make a push toward winning a World Series.

They also knew the risks, with the pitcher coming off two injury-plagued seasons with the New York Mets.

Even with deGrom sidelined since late April, the AL West-leading Rangers are off to the best start in franchise history — but now will be without their prized acquisition until at least next year. The team said Tuesday that deGrom will have season-ending surgery next week to repair a torn ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow.

"We've got a special group here and to not be able to be out there and help them win, that stinks," deGrom said, pausing several times with tears in his eyes. "Wanting to be out there and helping the team, it's a disappointment."

General manager Chris Young said Tuesday the decision on surgery came after an MRI on deGrom's ailing right elbow, but the extent of

what is required might not be determined until the operation is performed next week.

Tommy John surgery, in which the damaged ligament is replaced, is often needed to fix a torn UCL, but Young and the Rangers didn't go as far as saying the pitcher would have that particular procedure. After being drafted by the New York Mets in 2010, deGrom made six starts in the minors that summer before needing Tommy John surgery and missing all of 2011, three years before his big league debut.

DeGrom last pitched April 28 against the New York Yankees, when he exited early because of injury concerns for the second time in a span of three starts. The announcement about surgery came a day after deGrom was transferred to the 60-day injured list.

Young said the latest MRI showed more inflammation and significant structural damage in the ligament that wasn't there on the scan after deGrom left the game against the Yankees.

"The results of that MRI show that we have not made progress. And in fact, we've identified some damage to the ligament," Young said. "It's obviously a tough blow for Jacob, for certainly the Rangers. But we do

feel this is what is right for Jacob in his career. We're confident he'll make a full recovery."

Young and deGrom, who turns 35 later this month, said the goal is for the pitcher to return near the end of next season. Both said they were glad to have clarity on what was wrong with the elbow.

Texas won all six games started by deGrom (2-0), but the right-hander threw only 30 1/3 innings. He has a 2.67 ERA with 45 strikeouts and four walks. He threw 3 2/3 scoreless innings against the Yankees in his last start before leaving because of discomfort in his arm.

The Rangers went into Tuesday night's game against St. Louis with a 39-20 record, the first time they were 19 games over .500 since the end of 2016, their last winning season.

Before going home to Florida over the weekend for the birth of his third child, deGrom threw his fifth bullpen last Wednesday in Detroit.

"I'd have days where I'd feel really good, days where I didn't feel great. So I was kind of riding a roller coaster there for a little bit," deGrom said. "They said originally there, we just saw some inflammation. ... Getting an MRI right after you pitch, I feel like anybody would

have inflammation. So, you know, I was hoping that that would get out of there and I would be fine. But it just didn't work out that way."

DeGrom spent his first nine big league seasons with the Mets, but was limited by injuries to 156 1/3 innings over 26 starts during his last two years in New York.

He had a career-low 1.08 ERA over 92 innings in 2021 before missing the final three months of the season with right forearm tightness and a sprained elbow.

The four-time All-Star didn't make his first big league start last year until Aug. 2 after being shut down late in spring training because of a stress reaction in his right scapula.

His latest injury almost surely will trigger Texas' conditional option on deGrom's contract for 2028.

The option takes effect if deGrom has Tommy John surgery on his right elbow from 2023-26 or has any right elbow or shoulder injury that causes him to be on the IL for any period of 130 consecutive days

during any season or 186 days in a row during any service period.

The conditional option would be for \$20 million, \$30 million or \$37 million, depending on deGrom's performance during the contract and health following the 2027 season.

"I feel bad for Jake. If I know Jake, he'll have the surgery and come back and finish his career strong," second-year Mets manager Buck Showalter said. "I know how much it means to him. He enjoys pitching. It's certainly sad news for all of us."

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