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Beautification through art

by Patty Blackburn
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VFW Post 5109, located at 148 East Church Street, Lewisburg, is in the process of a makeover. Brandie Liggett, drawing instructor at the Marshall County Art Guild, is painting a mural and will be painting several more in the future, on the sides of the building at VFW Post 5109. A bit of remodeling has also taken place inside the building.

Brandie has a Bachelor's degree from Austin Peay State University and has been active for years at the Marshall County Art Guild. Themes of Brandie's art include common humanity and her faith. She is passionate about cultivating art's ability to bring together people from all walks of life. She is the instructor of the Drawing Therapy Non-Clinical Workshops and Drawing Instruction Workshops. She instructs drawing lessons for children during summer camps, as well as drawing classes the last Saturday of each month. Her art business, Brandie's Studio, includes murals, portraits of people, pets, landscapes, and also commissioned draw-

ings. Brandie enjoys face painting during Fun Fridays and other events. Her extraordinary talent has been brought to the attention of many which has led to the planning stages of other murals in Marshall County.

The mural she is working on at the present time, at the VFW Post 5109, is of an eagle flying over beautiful landscape and poppies. The eagle symbolizes courage, strength and immortality - the emblem of powerful nations. The red poppies symbolize and honor those who gave their life for our country. They are also a sign of faith, remembrance, and support of those who still wear our nation's uniforms. Go see this in person. It is magnificent!

In the near future, at the VFW Post 5109, Brandie plans to paint murals of the six branches of the military and a memorial of the Space Shuttle Challenger and the seven crew members who were tragically killed in 1986. These murals will enhance the appearance of the outside of the building while the inside has recently been remodeled with new fixtures which have created a more appealing atmosphere.

In the past, only mem-



The mural Brandie Liggett painted at VFW Post 5109.

Photo by Patty Blackburn

bers could go inside the VFW Post 5109, but this has changed. The public is now welcome to dine inside. They are open each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 4 p.m. until and Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. until. The menu includes pizza, burgers,

build-a-burger, fries, deep fried mushrooms, a variety of salads and more. Catfish is served on Fridays, as well as ordering from the menu. Dine in or take out on any day.

When driving by VFW Post 5109, the murals will really "catch your

eye" after they are completed. It is noticeable now with only one mural finished.

As Brandie paints these murals, she is displaying her talent and spreading the joy with the beautiful colors and the symbolism of the murals' themes.

Plus, the murals create a sense of community. They are welcoming and they also beautify the area. On any mural, if you see #marshallmurals, it is part of Brandie's dream and effort to bring Marshall County to life with art.

Ronnie Robinson – a Belated Introduction from 2021

At the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on Monday, Jerrie Henry, a lifelong friend of Ronald Robinson, gave a long overdue tribute to the recipient of the Outstanding Citizen Award for 2021. Henry and Robinson grew up as neighbors, started to first grade together, and graduated in the same MCHS Class in 1972. She felt that her friend's accomplishments in life were deserving of the honor, and therefore nominated him two years ago. However, Covid had kept the Chamber from having the traditional breakfast where the award winner is normally presented. The following information about Robinson outlines his many contributions to the community.



Ronald Robinson with his wife Deborah (Perkins) Robinson on the left and nominator, Jerrie Henry.

Ronnie Robinson has been serving as the Executive Director/CEO of the Lewisburg Housing Authority since April of 2004. He is 69 years old and a 1972 graduate of Marshall County High School. Before taking the job with the Housing Authority, he was employed at Nissan Motor Manufacturing as a supervisor for 12 years and at Dole Refrigeration Company in the maintenance department for 16 years.

He is a faithful member of the Second Avenue Church of Christ where he is the Bus Driver, Purchasing Agent, Videographer/Photographer, a member of the Meals on Wheels Delivery Team, and the Building and Transportation Committee.

He was a County Commissioner for the 7th District for two terms, serving from 1986 to 1992. He was appointed to the Lewisburg City Council as a representa-

tive of the Third Ward in April 2008 for a brief term. He is a Certified Notary Public of the State of Tennessee.

He is a 2006 graduate of Leadership Marshall and currently serves on the Board for Junior Leadership Marshall. A long-time member of the NAACP and the Marshall County Voters Council, he was a member of the Columbia State Community College Generational Mentoring Program

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Fun Friday crowd enjoying the entertainment by Scott Southworth.

Fun Friday-June 30th

Fun Friday, a popular event by the Young Professionals of Marshall County, was a huge success this past Friday. The sweltering heat did not stop the crowds from enjoying the car show, food trucks, entertainment, face painting, and much more.

Brandie's Studio, Koley's Art & Friends were busy face painting. Emma Jane, daughter of Brett and Kristen Rogers, was one of the many who experienced the magnificent talent of Brandie Liggett.

At the end of Fun Friday, fireworks illuminated the sky with their vibrant colors and thunderous sounds. Well some of those sounds were really thunder as a violent wind storm moved



Emma Jane Rogers delighted with "new look" by Brandie Liggett.

into the area later that evening.

There will be one more Fun Friday, July

28th. Try not to miss it. This event will be better than ever!



Today is National Fried Chicken Day

Obituaries

Wanda Sue Wells Cashion

Wanda Sue Wells Cashion, 77, of Lewisburg, departed this life on Sunday, July 2, 2023. She was born in Lincoln County to Hubert and Nannie Sue Wells. Wanda was a loving mother, grandmother, and friend. She has always had a love for helping others. On many occasions she contributed to local community fundraisers. She adored antiques, especially Fenton Glass. She also had fondness for QVC products and cameo jewelry. Visitation for Wanda Cashion will be at the chapel of Bills-McGaugh & Hamilton Funeral Home on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at



11:00 a.m. until the funeral hour of 1:00 p.m. with burial following at Old Orchard Cemetery. Wanda is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Thomas Allen Cashion; and two sisters, Glenda Brown and Clea Jean Warrick. She is survived by her son, Gregg Howell;

daughter, Tonya (Dirk) Shelton; two brothers-in-law, Monroe Brown and Frank Warrick; grandchildren, Cheney Shelton, Amber (Sammy) Holley, and Brandy (Josh) Winn; several great-grandchildren and numerous cousins who she loved dearly.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Marshall County Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 82, Belfast, TN 37019

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

Dorothy Pietruszka Hansen

Dorothy Pietruszka Hansen, 88, of Lewisburg, TN, died Friday, June 30, 2023, at Williamson Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 1, 1934, in Mechanicsville, Connecticut, to the late Stanley and Helena Golumb Pietruszka. She was a veteran of the US Army and served as a nurse in the Women's Army Corp until her retirement. She was of the Catholic faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husbands, Wil-



liam Stalneck and John Hansen.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna (Rocky) Spencer of Lewisburg; son, Michael

Stalneck of Arizona; three grandchildren, Molly (Aron) Chamness of North Carolina, Rachel Morton of Lewisburg, and Mathew Morton of Shelbyville; seven great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service and interment will take place at a later date in Arizona.

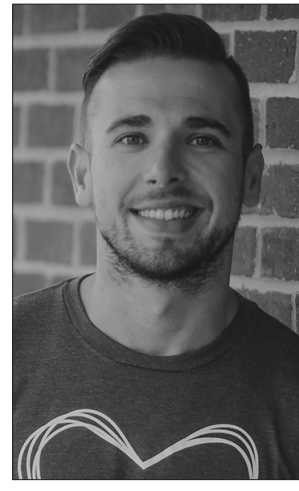
London Funeral Home and Crematory is honored to assist the family with the arrangements.

John Hardin (Jack) Whaley

John Hardin (Jack) Whaley passed away on June 29, 2023. He was the husband of Lana Kai Whaley and father of Piper Leara Whaley.

Born in Columbia, TN on April 17, 1992, Jack was the son of Jill (John) Karby and Sean Whaley. He graduated from Marshall County High School. He graduated with high honors and was a four-year letterman in baseball. Jack continued his education receiving a degree from Middle Tennessee in education. He was a physical education teacher at Nolensville Elementary. He loved his co-workers and students.

Visitation for Jack took place at First Presbyterian Church, Sunday, July 2, 2023, from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. and the Memorial Service followed at the First



Presbyterian Church at 5:00 p.m.

Jack is survived by his wife, Lana and daughter, Piper. He is also survived by his mother, Jill (John) Karby; mother-in-law, Kristy Harmon; grandparents, Harvey (Papa) and Donna (Nonna) Gillespie and Buddy (PawPaw) and Wanda (Nanny) Whaley; grandmother-in-law, Diane

Holder; sister, Austyn Whaley; brothers, Walker and Bryson Whaley; aunts, Ginger (Scott) Tepedino, Barbara (Brad) Medley, Shona Norman, and Shari (Tim) Taylor; and many cousins that he loved dearly. He is preceded in death by his father, Sean Whaley and grandfather-in-law, Jimmy (Twitch) Holder.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network. Mail the check to TSPN at 1321 Murfreesboro Pike #155, Nashville, TN 37217.

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

Meetings and happenings

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

Farmers Market at Rock Creek Park, Tuesday 3 to 7 p.m. and Friday 6 a.m. to noon.

July 9 - You are invited to Hannah's Gap Baptist Church, 283 Bledsoe Road, Petersburg, Sunday, July 9, 11 a.m. to hear special guest, country music artist, Jeff Bates. Refreshments will be served at 10 a.m.

For more information contact: 615-809-5585

July 10 - ARATT Fundraising event, round 2 at Amigo's Bar & Grill, 1197 Nashville Hwy, Lewisburg, July 10th, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. A percentage of the receipts will go to help the Animal Rescue Assistance Team.

July 12 - Blood Drive at

United Methodist Church in Cornersville, 100 South Mulberry, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

July 11 - The Mayor and Council of the City of Lewisburg will hold their regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, July 11th at 6 p.m. at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 East Church Street.

July 13 - La Leche League of Lewisburg will have a meeting July 13th, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call for location-Anna Childress 931-637-5810.

July 17 - The Airport Board of the City of Lewisburg will meet Monday, July 17th, 2 p.m. at Lewisburg Ellington Airport, 1877 Franklin Pike.

July 18 - The Lewisburg Parks & Recreation Advisory Board will hold their regular meeting Tuesday, July 18th, 5 p.m. in the large conference

room at the Lewisburg Recreation Center, 1551 Mooresville Hwy.

July 19 - The Budget Committee for the City of Lewisburg will meet on Wednesday, July 19th at 2:00 p.m. at Lewisburg City Hall, 131 E. Church Street.

July 20 - The South Central Human Resource Agency Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council meeting will meet at 10:30 a.m. on July 20, at the South Central Human Resource Agency Central Office, in Fayetteville.

July 21 - The 47th Marshall County Horseman's Assn. Horse Show is Friday, July 21st, 6:30 p.m., at the Marshall County Exposition Center on Robin Hood Road. Contact Wayne Dean for more info 931-703-9547.

Gloria Garrett Rambo

Gloria Garrett Rambo, 90, of Lewisburg, TN, died Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at Alive Hospice Murfreesboro.

Gloria was born Oct. 4, 1932, in Williamson County to the late Thomas and Mary Anna Baskin Garrett. She was a member of Belfast Presbyterian Church. Gloria retired from her position as receptionist at the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeder's and Exhibitor's Association after 57 years of service. Her job was her passion along with cooking and enjoying watching QVC.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Willard Odell Rambo; three brothers and two sis-



ters.

She is survived by her son, Billy Dell (Sherri) Rambo of Murfreesboro; grandchildren, Lauren (Andy) Vaughn and Eric (Whitney) Rambo both of Murfreesboro; great grandchildren, Will Vaughn, Emma Vaughn, Mayleigh Rambo, and Easton Rambo

all of Murfreesboro; one brother, Jerry (Trudy) Garrett.

Graveside Service was conducted Friday, June 30, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Round Hill Cemetery and burial followed.

Visitation with the family was held at London Funeral Home, 324 W. Church Street, Lewisburg, TN 37091, on Thursday, June 29, 2023, from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alive Hospice, Murfreesboro, 1629 Williams Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

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

South Central Human Resource Agency-Commodity Distribution

There will be a Commodity Food Distribution for Marshall County residents only on TUESDAY, July 11, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. located at Greater First Baptist Church, 512 6th Ave. North, Lewisburg, TN 37091.

If you HAVE NOT registered for the giveaway, please call the SCHRA office and do so please.

The distribution will be drive through and participants are to remain in their vehicles and SCHRA staff will get the required information needed. SCHRA staff will place the food in the trunk of the client's vehicle. If you have any questions, please call your local SHCRA office at (931)359-6393.

Eligibility will be based on total house-

hold income based that is within the income guidelines. Anyone receiving aid from one of the following programs is eligible for USDA Commodities: SNAP, Families First, SSI, LI-HEAP or proof of residency in Public Housing.

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G.S.I. – Girl Scout Investigators

By Trina Hardrick

Girl Scouts of Marshall County held their day ('twilight') camp during the 3rd week of June. This year's camp theme was G.S.I. – Girl Scout Investigators. Campers spent the week learning about forensic science and crime scene investigation.

On Monday, the campers began by discussing "What is forensic science?" They discovered that forensic science is a science that is used by the courts of law to provide unbiased scientific evidence to solve a crime and to expose the real criminal. Next, they learned about the Seven S's of Crime Scene Investigation. After which, they built a crime scene out of Legos then sketched the scene (one of the seven S's). The campers then took a brain break and did some special agent training on the obstacle course. Next on the agenda was the importance of using gloves and other safety gear. By using makeup and gloves, they were able to see how transference could happen between touched objects and cause cross contamination of evidence. At the end of the evening, campers used their powers of observation to see how good of an eyewitness they would have been by noting what items had changed on a couple of the leaders throughout the evening.

Tuesday was all about evidence and experiments. Campers started off learning about chro-

matography, which is the separation of a mixture into its components, by making an ink chromatography butterfly using coffee filters and felt ink pens. Next, they learned about various impressions. Shoe print castings were made of each camper's foot print. They attempted to identify tire tracks from various toy cars and to match the tool to its imprint casting. Each camper made a bite mark impression in a Styrofoam plate and looked to see how their impression was different from their friends. At this point they stopped to work on some scouting skills with compasses and maps; however, they related this work back to how these skills might help investigators when using search patterns.

On Wednesday, the camp had a wonderful guest speaker stop by to talk to the campers. "Sissy" Taylor, a former detective and current Girl Scout leader from the Spring Hill area, explained to the campers all about fingerprints. She also discussed cross contamination, what it was like as a female detective working with male detectives, and regaled us with a few stories of different crimes she had investigated. The campers then investigated their own fingerprints and attempted to lift fingerprints using cocoa powder and cornstarch. They ended the day learning about blood spatter and attempting to create different spatters with fake blood.

Campers started Thursday off by doing a little archery. Then they headed off to experiment with extracting DNA from strawberries. Next on Thursday's agenda was practicing some scouting skills. Campers worked on various knots, such as square knots and lark's head knot. When working on knife skills, campers used candles and wax paper to make fire starters.

The last day of camp began with a wood fire and S'mores. Campers then used their new detective skills to solve an outdoor 'escape room' to find the lost Girl Scout jewels. They then worked on their fire building skills which include safety, how to light a match, and what types of wood to gather. The evening concluded with a family and friend's potluck and camper awards.

Much fun was had by all! We would like to thank all of our Volunteer Unit Leaders, our older girl Unit & Game helpers, Henry Horton for making sure we had a pavilion to use and getting us the archery range to use, and Bakin' Cakes for providing our theme cake for award's night.

Girl Scouts of Marshall County is a part of Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee. If you are interested in volunteering to be a troop leader or having your child join, you can visit <https://gsmidtn.org/join-us/>

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Chamber of Commerce Hosts Breakfast - Edmund Roberts is the Marshall County Outstanding Citizen for 2023

The Marshall County Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual breakfast for members and guests on Monday morning, July 3, at 8:00 a.m. in the large meeting room at the Lewisburg Recreation Center. Chamber President, Jennifer Neill, welcomed the early-morning crowd. Lewisburg Mayor Jim Bingham led the invocation. After a delicious breakfast prepared by Tara Lashwood and Amanda Humphrey, Neill gave an overview of the activities occurring on the 4th. She introduced Jessica King Gilliam, the director for the Miss Marshall County Pageant, and Amanda Smith Putman, the Mistress of Ceremonies for the pageant. The twelve girls who will be competing for the title were in attendance. Each girl introduced herself and named her sponsor.

Jerrie Henry then introduced Ronnie Robinson, the Outstanding Citizen from 2021, who had not been honored at an annual breakfast. (See separate article.)

Next, Will Wilson, standing in for Jim Moon, who nominated Edmund Roberts for the 2023 Outstanding Citizen Award, read a detailed account of Edmund Roberts's background and many contributions to the community. Wilson noted that on April 28, 1980, two people were hired by Faber-Castell - a young man who had just graduated Tennessee Tech (Wilson talking about himself) and Edmund Roberts who was selected to one day step into the impressive footprints of Bob McCullough.

Edmund Roberts was born in Moorhead, Mississippi, where his mother was a teacher before she had her two sons and became a stay-at-home mom, and his father was a civil engineer, building railroad bridges. Later his father would work as the chief engineer for the Federal Housing Administration in Washington, D.C. The family lived in ten different places before settling in Arlington,



Will Wilson and the 2023 Marshall County Outstanding Citizen, Edmund Roberts

Photo by Patty Blackburn



Chamber of Commerce Breakfast - Senator Joey Hensley, State Representative Todd Warner, and Will Wilson

Photo by Patty Blackburn

Texas, when Edmund was in the second grade. The family would remain in Texas until Edmund graduated from Arlington High School and attended two years of college at the junior college that later became the University of Texas at Arlington. The last summer in Texas was spent working at a General Motors plant. This would give Edmund insight into the manufacturing process. When the parents moved to Atlanta, Edmund enrolled at Georgia Tech where a degree in Industrial Engineering was earned in 1957. After college he went through basic training with the Air National Guard. The first real job was with a corrugated paper plant in Detroit, Michigan, where the au-

tomobile manufacturing plants were a fascinating study. When the company transferred him to Streator, Illinois, to the largest glass bottle plant in the United States, he purchased the first of his many vintage vehicles in the form of a 1929 Model A Ford at a cost of \$250. Later a move was made back to Georgia to work in an electrical switchgear plant. That lasted ten years until a Wisconsin company employed him to work in the desert area of Southern California. The job required supervision of manufacturing plants that made golf clubs and golf bags in Los Angeles and El Centro, California and two plants in Mexicali, Mexico, plus one week each month at the corporate headquarters

in Wisconsin. The last job before moving to Lewisburg was with a die casting company in Moultrie, Georgia. To answer that question that we always ask here in Marshall County: What in the world led you to Lewisburg? It was simply a compromise on climate. He had met his second wife in Wisconsin, where it was too cold for him and moved her to Georgia where it was too hot for her. The Tennessee climate seemed like a great compromise and there was a job waiting at Faber-Castell where he became plant manager. Before he retired, he was the Vice President of Manufacturing with three plants in the Lewisburg area, one in Newark, New Jersey, and one in Chicago, Il-



Jennifer Neill, Marshall County Chamber of Commerce president

inois. When most people think of Edmund Roberts, they think of all those "old cars" he drives or shows at cruise-ins, so it is no surprise that he has been the president of the Marshall County Old Car Club. He has always been active with the Chamber of Commerce and has helped man the food tents and work the gate at many 4th of July Celebrations. He is a past board member of the Chamber and checks in regularly to see if he can help in any way. He is a graduate of Leadership Marshall. He has served as the chairman of the Lewisburg Community Development Board since 1998. He has served as the chairman or vice-chairman of the Joint Economic Community Development Board since 2001. He served on the local Red Cross Board for 5 years and was chairman for 4 of those years. He has been an active member of Rotary longer than any other member and has served as president twice. At the Rotary 100th Celebration, he was designated the first J. Floyd Murrey "Rotarian of the Decade." He chaired the City of Lewisburg's Vision Plan, which created a path for making our community better. He has served on the Marshall Medical Board, is a past chairman of United Way, is a member of the Elks Club, and last year was

one of five board members that re-organized the Goat Festival into the Fair Board and kept this festival alive. If you attended Goats, Music and Fair last year, you know that he was in charge of parking and was on site from early each morning to the last to leave that night. Most people are amazed at his energy. He will be 89 years old at the end of this month! Until recently he was playing tennis with Jim Moon and a group of his friends.

A little bit about his family--Edmund had two children by his first wife. His daughter has passed away, but his son Keith is a golf pro at an Atlanta course. Keith has three children. He is married to the former Rita Westerberg. They have one son, Brian, who lived as a yoyo professional for several years. Brian is now married, still living in California, and works for WP Engine, but he is still active with the yoyo community and was recently inducted into the Yoyo Hall of Fame.

To conclude the program, Chamber members, Senator Joey Hensley and Representative Todd Warner, gave an informative summary of the bills passed through the State legislature this session.

Robinson

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and served on the Development Committee for the Columbia State Community College Access and Diversity Plan. He served for several years as the Chairman of the Three-Star Housing Committee.

He currently serves on the following boards: the Child Development Center with emphasis on the Golf Committee; the South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance Youth Council; the Marshall County Health Council; the Marshall County Planning Commission; the City of Lewisburg's Industrial Development Board; the Marshall County Children and Family Task Force; and Junior's House. In the

past he served on the Tennessee Nutrition and Consumer Education Program Board and the Marshall County Foster Care Review Board.

For many years before the closing of WAXO Radio, he worked part time and videoed all MCHS football games and all MCHS girls' and boys' basketball games for studio playback.

In 2014 he received the George W. Turner Award for contributions to his community. He has been married to the former Deborah Perkins for 42 years. They have two sons, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandsons.

The Chamber was very glad to honor Robinson, though it was long in coming. No Outstanding Citizen Award was given in 2022.



Hand sewing projects with Savannah and Summer Cole

Maury Regional Health launches a \$115 million facility improvement plan

COLUMBIA, Tenn. — Maury Regional Health is launching an extensive \$115 million facility improvement plan to enhance patient care and experience, according to CEO Martin Chaney, MD.

"This will be the first major construction project at Maury Regional Medical Center in approximately 20 years to enhance the patient experience and expand access to care," said Dr. Chaney. "As more patients continue to choose Maury Regional Health for their care, we are recruiting physicians to support growing service lines, offering additional services and expanding our facilities to meet the changing needs of our community."

The facility improvement plan for the Maury Regional Medical Center campus will include the addition of two new

floors to the patient tower with the seventh floor being completed for high acuity patient care and the eighth shelled for future expansion. The Emergency Department will be fully renovated and expanded with 10 additional treatment areas for a total of 48. The medical center will also complete renovations in the main inpatient surgical unit and add at least four new outpatient surgical suites in the Pavilion along with a new central sterile processing department. The childbirth floor will expand, adding three post-delivery patient rooms and one delivery room to accommodate a growing number of births. The cafeteria on the ground floor and café on the first floor will undergo full renovations. Exterior upgrades will be completed to

modernize the façade and create a new drive-through lane separating traffic from the drop-off area at the main entrance to enhance safety. The Heart Center, which recently upgraded two cardiac catheterization labs, will have expanded procedural areas following the relocation of cardiac rehabilitation to a more accessible area on campus. New color palettes and finishes will be mirrored in public spaces throughout the project timeline. Maury Regional Health will also establish a health park in Lawrenceburg to provide primary care and a physician specialist clinic.

Maury Regional Health has selected Wold Architects & Engineers as the design and construction firm. Wold is a full-service design firm focused on sus-

tainable architecture and engineering for education, government, health care and senior living communities.

Funding for these projects will be obtained through a variety of sources, including a bond issuance, an energy-as-a-service agreement, a state grant and vendor partnerships.

"On December 16, 1953, Maury Regional Health opened its doors and admitted our first patient," Dr. Chaney said. "For the past 70 years, we have welcomed generations of newborns and provided life-saving care to patients. As we embark on this renovation and expansion plan, we strengthen our commitment to provide clinical excellence and compassionate care to our region for decades to come."

Mealer's transfer to Tennessee 'a dream come true'

By Chris Siers
sports@t-g.com

Former Forrest Lady Rocket standout softball player Laura Mealer has always had dreams of playing softball at a Power 5 school, specifically at Tennessee.

After the conclusion of the 2022 season, everything lined up perfectly for Mealer to transfer to Tennessee.

"There were a few different things that led to my decision to transfer from MTSU. Playing Power 5 has always been my dream, and the University of Tennessee specifically has always been my dream school. Another big factor was the fact that I want to attend law school after college. MTSU does not have a law school, and UT-K has a wonderful law school," she said.

With the NCAA's transfer portal, Mealer made her transfer official earlier this summer.

MTSU had quite the season, winning the Conference USA tournament and qualifying for the Alabama regional, where the Blue Raiders saw their season come to an end to the Regional host.

But one team that forged on to the Women's College World Series was Tennessee, and the draw of playing for a World Series participant was a major draw for Mealer.

"Tennessee did indeed have a fantastic year, and that definitely played a role in my final decision. Every girl that wants to play college softball wants the opportunity to play in the Women's College World Series, and I felt as if Tennessee puts their University and softball program in a great position to accomplish that," Mealer said.

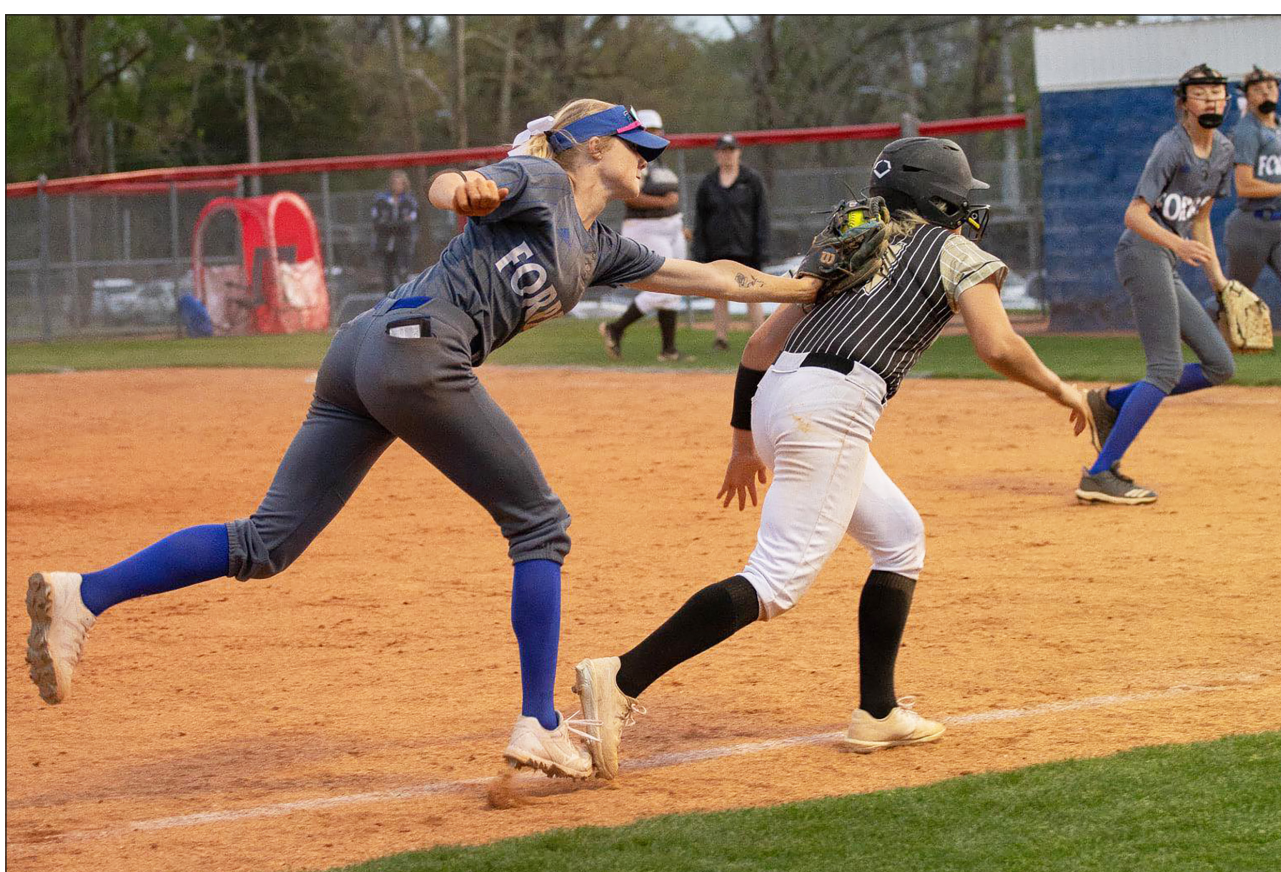
Fitting into a college environment is difficult for any student-athlete, but transferring to another school after fitting in for a few years brings about its own challenges.

"I have already been in college for two years, so I already have a little bit of an understanding of what I am going to



Former Forrest Lady Rocket was the team leader in batting average with MTSU during her sophomore season before announcing her transfer to Tennessee.

Photo courtesy of Maya Lewis



In high school, Mealer was part of a state championship and runner-up team with the Lady Rockets.

Tribune Photo by Kacy Kincaid

do. I honestly think that my biggest challenge will just be that I am moving a little bit further from home. I'm not super far from home, but I was less than an hour away from home at MTSU. My family has always played a big role in my athletic career, so that will be slightly different," Mealer said.

Mealer made her impact with MTSU, making the C-USA All-Con-

ference First Team, the C-USA Championship All-Tournament Team, and the Tuscaloosa Regional All-Tournament team.

She led the Blue Raiders in batting average with a whopping .388 and had 12 home runs and 57 RBIs to her credit.

She also had the third most doubles in all of Division I softball with 78.

Even with such an impressive resume built over the first two years of her college career, Mealer knows nothing is given and expects to fight for playing time with the Lady Vols.

"In sports, nothing is guaranteed especially playing time, so I always go into things knowing that I have to work extremely hard. I personally always feel like I am fighting for a

spot in the lineup, and that keeps me motivated to continue to work hard," she said.

Mealer has been a lifelong sports fan, stretching back to her earliest days playing t-ball.

While she played plenty of sports throughout her youth, she learned early on, softball was her true passion.

"I have always loved everything about sports, specifically softball and

basketball. I started off in t-ball just like everyone else, but I quickly fell in love with softball as I got older. I played every season every year as soon as I was old enough to play, and I did the same with basketball. I was pulled up as an eighth grader to play high school basketball and softball," she said.

Like her softball career, Mealer was an impact player on the hardwood for the Lady Rockets as well and has earned awards virtually every stop along the way leading up to her transfer to Tennessee.

"I ended up being a 1,000-point scorer in basketball, and I finished my high school softball career with two state championships and one state runner-up. I went to MTSU for my first two years of college where I earned several personal awards such as C-USA First team, Tuscaloosa All Region Team, and many others. My team also won the C-USA championship as the No. 6 seed this year, and that was pretty special. I now have signed to play with the University of Tennessee in Knoxville to finish my degree, eligibility, and compete for a chance to win a national title," she said.

With the culture and experience of the Lady Vols reaching the Women's College World Series, Mealer hopes to add to an already potent Tennessee roster.

"I want to be part of a team with a great cultural environment, and by spending time with players and coaches at UT, I feel as if they really have that. I want to have fun, and I want to be pushed to be my best on and off the field. I want to compete every single day. I want to win the SEC and have a chance to play for a national title. The team last year had a wonderful season, and most of the team is returning again this year. With that being said, nothing is guaranteed, so I expect us to outwork everyone else," she said.

Chestnut chomps way to 16th hotdog title



Chris Siers
The Extra Point

When it comes time to settle into summer, there's a few things that I can pretty much hang my hat on.

For starters, it's an incredibly slow time for sports, and after the break-neck pace of covering a ton of sports in spring, it's a nice chance to kick back and enjoy some down time.

For me in particular, it's a chance to get out in the sun, get on a kayak and spend some time in the pool.

This summer has been a nice change of pace for enjoying my Cincinnati Reds, who are arguably the hottest team in baseball,

but there's one other thing I always tune into when it comes to the middle of the summer—the Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest.

For nearly two decades now, Joey Chestnut has been arguably the most dominant professional athlete on the face of the planet and the Fourth of July hot dog eating contest is the competitive eating world's Super Bowl, NBA Finals, World Series, etc.

It's simply the biggest event in competitive eating and on Tuesday, Chestnut once again chomped his way to another world title, scarfing down 62 hotdogs to claim his 16th Mustard Yellow Belt.

While still well off his mark of 76 franks, he blazed through the competition and the second-place finisher managed just a distant

49 hotdogs in the 10 minute competition.

For comparison, let's look at some of the notable professional athletes and their world championships.

The great Tom Brady won seven Super Bowls in his 23-year career.

Michael Jordan won six NBA championships. Bill Russell won 11.

And all things considered, Chestnut trumps all of them in terms of championships.

Now I get the fact competitive eating isn't a traditional sport and some might even call it a gross display.

And sure, some of the competitions aren't "pleasant" to watch.

But at the end of the day, competitive eating is recognized as a professional sport.

Back in 2007, Chestnut burst onto the scene and stunned Takeru Kobayashi to win

his first-ever Mustard Yellow belt and since then, the competitive eating world has been trying to keep pace.

Chestnut did lose the 2015 competition to fellow American Matt Stonie, but returned to championship form in 2016 and has dominated ever since.

So when it comes to the blazing heat of summer, getting out and enjoying all the summer has to offer is certainly at the top of the list, but in addition to cooking out, hot apple pie and Fourth of July fireworks, every year, the Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest is a must-see for it to truly feel like summer.

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We need your submissions!

One thing I've always loved about the Bedford and Marshall County communities is just how much the folks here love their local sports.

For one, it's given us a steady source of material to report on, but it's also been a great pool for us to generate excellent news sections.

In being able to report locally, we often would bridge the gaps between sections with relevant state and local news stories.

While we will still do this from time to time, one thing we want to get back to is getting user submissions.

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That schedule runs for roughly nine to 10 months until the doldrums of summer set in.

Over the years, we've seen summer leagues become far and few between here locally with AAU teams and travel ball teams.

Here's where we need the community's help. We're looking for feature story ideas, as well as user submissions, for us to report on.

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New Zealander wins Chicago Street Race in NASCAR debut

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CHICAGO—When the Grant Park 220 turned topsy-turvy at the 49-lap mark, the change didn't slow New Zealander Shane van Gisbergen, the first driver to win a race in his first NASCAR Cup Series start since Johnny Rutherford accomplished the feat 60 years ago. Driving the No. 91 Chevrolet under the aegis of Trackhouse Racing's Project 91 program, the three-time Supercars champion charged from eighth on a Lap 61 restart to the front of the field and won the series' first-ever street race on the Chicago Street Course in overtime. Asked whether he thought victory was possible in his NASCAR debut, Van Gisbergen chuckled. "No, of course not, but you always dream of it," he said. "Thank you so much to the Trackhouse team and (sponsor) Enhance Health, Project91. What an experience in the crowd out here. This was so cool. This is what you dream of. Hopefully, I can come and do more." What changed the tenor of the race dramatically was NASCAR's decision near the midpoint of the event to shorten the race from the scheduled 100 laps to 75, putting a large group of cars that had pitted on Lap 43 inside their fuel window. After the previously dominant cars of Christopher Bell, Kyle Larson and Tyler Reddick pitted with others for tires and fuel on Lap 47—Van Gisbergen among them—Justin Haley, Austin Dillon and Chase Elliott led the field to green on a single-file restart on Lap 49. At the time Van Gisbergen was 18th, but not for long.

"Wow, when we had that back strategy back to 18th, I started to worry a bit, but the racing was really good," said Van Gisbergen. "Everyone was respectful. It was tough, but a lot of fun."

The Kiwi passed Haley for the lead



New Zealander Shane van Gisbergen took the checkered flag in his NASCAR debut on Sunday in Chicago.

on Lap 71 and beat him to the finish line by 1.259 seconds, after the sliding car of Bubba Wallace knocked Ricky Stenhouse's Chevrolet into the Turn 1 tire barrier to cause the ninth caution on Lap 74 and force overtime.

The decision to shorten the race was a saving grace for Elliott, who had crashed his No. 9 Chevrolet during qualifying and started from the rear of the field in a backup car. Elliott held third after the final restart and finished ahead of Hendrick Motorsports teammate Kyle Larson and Kyle Busch, who were fourth and fifth, respectively.

"Once they changed that race distance, we got pretty fortunate to end up being able to make it on gas," Elliott said. "We kind of inadvertently flipped the strategy."

Haley, who started 36th after crashing

in practice on Saturday, said he was beaten by a world-class driver on 16-lap better tires.

"Yeah, it was tough," Haley said. "I put it in the tire barrier yesterday and we stayed up all night. I stayed with the guys through the rain and rewrapped this thing, put a new body on it..."

"Obviously congrats to Project91. It sucks, obviously, where we are right now we don't have a... we aren't in position to win every week, so coming that close obviously is not what you want."

"But just really proud of everyone at Kaulig Racing and what an awesome event. Can't wait to come back next year."

Shortening the race wasn't what Bell wanted or needed. He had overtaken Reddick for the lead on Lap 9 and won

the first 20-lap stage by a comfortable margin. After a cycle of green-flag pit stops, Bell held an advantage of nearly nine seconds before Noah Gragson's third adventure into the Turn 6 tire barrier caused the third caution on Lap 29.

By then, drivers had transitioned from wet tires at the start of the event to slicks as the racing line dried out.

Bell survived two subsequent cautions and won Stage 2 under yellow after Alex Bowman stopped on the track at the exit from Turn 5 because of engine issues. By then, Larson had worked his way into the second position and was hounding Bell before the caution.

After the field flipped, Bell finished 18th, thanks to a late spin into a tire barrier.

Delayed for nearly 75 minutes by rain, the historic race was eventful from the start. As soon as the green flag waved, Reddick pulled even with pole winner Denny Hamlin. The drivers raced side-by-side until Reddick cleared Hamlin through Turn 5.

Aric Almirola spun near Turn 6 on the opening lap. Erik Jones drove too deep into Turn 6 and collected Brad Keselowski and Gragson. All three drivers extricated themselves from the tire barrier and continued.

On Lap 2, Hamlin slid sideways into the tire barrier on the outside of Turn 2 and lost 11 positions. A lap later, Busch lost control while making a move off the racing line and plowed nose-first into the tire barrier, causing the race's first caution.

After a safety crew pulled Busch's No. 8 Chevrolet from the barrier with a tether, Busch rejoined the field without losing a lap. On Lap 13, Gragson buried the nose of his No. 42 Chevy into the barrier in Turn 6, which proved an early trouble spot on the wet street course.

Five bold predictions for the 2023 NFL season

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In the dog days of summer, sports fans are clamoring for the first kickoffs of the upcoming football season and right now, talk and predictions of the upcoming season are dominating the tables of conversation.

Here are five bold predictions for the upcoming NFL season:

The Cincinnati Bengals dethrone Kansas City in AFC Championship

It's no secret that Joe Burrow has put Cincinnati football on the map and is arguably one of the top three quarterbacks in the league.

The AFC is loaded with quarterback talent, stretching from Justin Herbert with the Chargers, to Patrick Mahomes with the Chiefs and Josh Allen with the Bills.

Burrow put together the statistical best season in college football history when he led LSU to the national championship with a perfect 15-0 season.

Since then, he's done nothing but deliver top-tiered performances—and barring injury, nothing else should be expected from the former LSU gunslinger.

There's nothing short of a logjam of top-end talent in the AFC.

On the heels of his first Super Bowl appearance in the 2021 season, Burrow and the Bengals locked up the No. 3 seed in the AFC.

Burrow entered the post-season on a tear and the Bengals took down Baltimore and Buffalo before running into the juggernaut Kansas City Chiefs, led by Mahomes.

Against the generational talent like Mahomes, Burrow had to be perfect and he just wasn't as the Chiefs took care of the Bengals in a 23-20 thriller.

Burrow threw for 270 yards, but managed just 26-of-41 attempts and had two interceptions against one touchdown.

While the Chiefs went on to win the Super Bowl, getting beat in the AFC Championship is plenty of a motivating factor for Burrow for the 2023 season.

The one thing Burrow now has is Super Bowl experience and a motivation to get back to the big game.

Still, even in a loaded AFC playoff picture that will include opponents like Mahomes, Allen, Trevor Lawrence, Tua Tagovailoa and Lamar Jackson, Burrow and the Bengals will have as good of a shot as any to not just make it back to the Super Bowl, but

hoist the Lombardi Trophy next January.

Titans miss the playoffs

If one thing has become evident in the past three to four seasons, it's the AFC is absolutely loaded with maybe the best crop of quarterback talent to ever play the game.

It really isn't fair for playoff paths to run through Joe Burrow, Patrick Mahomes, Lamar Jackson, Tua Tagovailoa, Trevor Lawrence, Justin Herbert and Russell Wilson.

And if your team doesn't have one of those gunslinging arms running your offense, the odds of a deep post-season run are definitely stacked against you.

Nobody is doubting the positive impact that Ryan Tannehill has had during his time in Nashville, but the Titans drafted a quarterback for the second-straight year for a reason.

Father time is unbeaten against every player to step on a NFL field and the Titans' window for a Super Bowl run is closing.

The Titans' offense has run through Derrick Henry for seven years now and in his eighth year out of Alabama, questions about the Titans' future with the best back in the league are starting to surface.

The 29-year old is entering a contract year and is entering the final year of a \$50 million, four-year deal he signed in 2020.

There's certainly enough talent on the Titans' roster to make a run, but in an age where successful playoff quarterbacks are true gunslinging talents, the Titans sport a different brand of football with Tannehill and his game-managing style, rather than an air-it-out scheme.

With talents like Lawrence emerging in Jacksonville, who appears to be making a major step forward and the Colts drafting potential generational player Anthony Richardson and Houston drafting C.J. Stroud out of Ohio State, Tannehill is the oldest quarterback in the division and it's not close.

With the game shifting towards a pass-heavy, high-scoring game, simply put, the Titans aren't built like the teams who have found recent playoff success.

That's not to say the stars won't align, but the Titans do not have star names in the receiving corps.

Last season, Treyton Burks was drafted to be the heir apparent replacement to A.J. Brown; there's certainly potential for the Titans to create a household name in re-

ceiver, but doing so will have to change the flow of work through Henry and because of that, the Titans won't be able to keep pace with the AFC South's young gun quarterbacks.

Joe Burrow wins MVP

As stated, the AFC is enjoying perhaps the best crop of quarterback talent in NFL history. Simply put, there's no shortage of highlight reels each and every Sunday.

Someone who has been there, done that is Joe Burrow—except for winning a NFL MVP and Super Bowl.

In order for the Bengals to make the Super Bowl and win, it has to be a MVP caliber performance each week.

In-state rival Cleveland will certainly be an obstacle for the Bengals to make a deep run, especially if Deshaun Watson is able to build off a lackluster 2022 outing.

But Burrow has been as consistently good as anyone in the NFL and with plenty of motivation to make the Super Bowl, Burrow led the AFC with 68% of his passes being completed and 35 touchdowns against 12 interceptions—a ratio trailing only Mahomes in terms of passing touchdowns.

The past few seasons' meetings between Kansas City, Cincinnati and Buffalo have been nothing short of spectacular and Burrow has emerged as arguably the best quarterback in the league, aside from perhaps Mahomes.

Aside from divisional meetings against Cleveland and Baltimore, the Bengals will be put to the test against non-divisional standouts like Seattle, San Francisco and Buffalo. With a Week 17 matchup against Kansas City, the winner could end up being the 2023 MVP winner, and with January's playoff matchup falling Mahomes' and the Chiefs' way, there could be an absolute historic performance from Burrow on New Year's Eve.

Bills miss the playoffs

Since his first season in the NFL in 2018, Josh Allen has been among the best in the NFL at quarterback.

He's got a career 63% completion record and just last season, threw for over 4,200 yards and had 35 touchdowns, but had 14 interceptions.

After outlasting Miami in a wildcard thriller, the Bills laid an absolute dud in a rematch with Cincinnati, in which the Bengals won a 27-10 decision in the AFC divisional round of the playoffs.

Over the past five seasons, it's been Kansas City that

has stood in the way of a deep Bills' playoff run.

Twice, Mahomes and the Chiefs have ended the Bills' postseason, including the best game in decades in 2021 in which the Chiefs won in overtime in a 42-36 win.

So what's going to change for the Bills in 2023?

Bills fans, dubbed "Bills Mafia" have been delighted to some of the most exciting regular season play since Allen entered the league.

But since then, the Bills have essentially had their run through the AFC East in what's been arguably the weakest division in the NFL since Tom Brady bolted New England for Tampa Bay.

However, the Bills are no longer the top-dog in the division.

Since being drafted in 2020, Tua Tagovailoa has steadily been on the rise in South Beach, despite battling concussion injury over the past few seasons, highlighted by a scary scene against Cincinnati in Week 3 in which resulted in him being carted off the field and treated at a hospital for several days.

Tua eventually returned to play and despite the injuries, flourished when healthy. He completed nearly 65% of his passes last season and had 25 touchdowns against eight interceptions.

Throw in the fact when healthy, the Dolphins have two of the most dynamic receivers in Tyreek Hill and Jaylen Waddle—the Dolphins will be a contender as long as Tagovailoa stays healthy.

Since Tom Brady's departure from New England, the Patriots have searched for their franchise quarterback and the jury remains out on Mac Jones.

Jones has thrown the ball well in two seasons with the Patriots, but has struggled turning the ball over.

In addition to the Dolphins, the biggest divisional obstacle for the Bills is now the New York Jets, who traded for future Hall of Fame quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

The arrival of Rodgers in New York immediately puts the Jets as a contender in the AFC East.

His experience alone will be an issue for the Bills' defense, who has been susceptible at times over the past few seasons.

With a crowded AFC playoff picture, it won't be a shock to see the Dolphins or Jets take the division and continue to deny the Bills' postseason glory.

Seattle makes NFC Championship

Similarly to Aaron Rodgers' tenure in Green Bay, Russell Wilson found a new home a season ago and was traded to the Denver Broncos, hoping to return the franchise to a legitimate postseason contender.

Instead, rumors or internal troubles surfaced and the Broncos struggled throughout the season.

With the departure of Wilson, longtime Seattle coach Pete Carroll turned to backup Geno Smith, who eventually was named the NFL Comeback Player of the Year.

Smith lit up scoreboards in college at West Virginia and became widely known for his big arm and ability to make big time plays.

However, that success never fully translated to the NFL and after a lackluster, 11-18 record as the Jets starter through his first two years, Smith bounced around to the Giants, Chargers and eventually backed Wilson up for four seasons.

When he was eventually named the starter prior to the 2022 season, Carroll knew the Seahawks offense would be in capable hands.

Smith dazzled throughout the regular season and completed a staggering 70% of his passes. He threw 30 touchdowns and had just 11 interceptions while leading Seattle to a playoff Wild Card playoff berth.

Smith pulled his weight in the wildcard round, but "Purdy Magic" was in full swing and the San Francisco backup quarterback out-dued Smith to advance in the post-season.

Now a year later, Smith has one full season in Carroll's system and should be more comfortable in Year 2, despite the NFC West being jam packed full of potential Super Bowl teams.

The Rams figure to bounce back in Year 3 with Matthew Stafford at the helm and the '49ers proved to be a worthy postseason contender as well, with a push to the NFC Championship.

Not to mention that Kyler Murray returns to Arizona after a season-ending knee injury last year.

Still, Smith and Carroll have plenty of experience between the two and if the 2022 Comeback Player of the Year is able to translate more individual success into team wins, the Seahawks should not just find themselves back in the playoffs, but perhaps poised to be in Super Bowl contention.

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Christ is Jacob's Ladder

"And Jacob went toward Haran. And he... tarried there all night and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it." - Genesis 28:10-12

This historical account of Jacob's dream of a ladder is spiritually rich. Jacob understood that there was great significance to this ladder because it connected heaven and earth with the angels of God ascending and descending on it. Once he awoke, he was in such awe that he said, "This is none other but the House of God, and this is the Gate of Heaven" (Genesis 28:17). This revelation to Jacob was amazing. However, there was even

a greater revelation that he was not given. It is the fact that the ladder was a prophesy of the person and ministry of Messiah (the Christ) to come. Jesus Christ said to His disciples, "But blessed are your eyes, for they see and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which you see and have not seen them; and to hear those things which you hear, and have not heard them" (Matthew 13:16,17). This is seen at the end of John chapter one, when Nathanael first meets Christ. Before Nathanael spoke, Christ addressed Nathanael in a way that proved He already knew Nathanael. Nathanael said, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you under the

fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael immediately said, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Christ said to him, "You will see greater things than these. I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Christ used the same language to Nathanael that Jacob used in describing the ladder. Christ was revealing at the beginning of His ministry that He was Jacob's Ladder come to bridge heaven and earth. This surpassed what Jacob understood. Christ even gave a glimpse of this to Nicodemus when He said, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven" (John

3:13). Jesus Christ was revealing that He was both in heaven and on earth at the time He was speaking to Nicodemus. Also, we read how the angels of God are ministering spirits which do God's will (Hebrews 2:2; Galatians 3:19), and how the angels ascended and descended as they ministered to Christ in Gethsemane, at His resurrection, and at His ascension into heaven (Luke 22:43; Matthew 28:2-7; Acts 1:10,11).

Obviously, Jesus Christ is Jacob's Ladder who alone is the way that bridges heaven and earth. Jesus Christ Himself said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6).

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Is there a loud talker in your life?

"We are the Cubs from Den 3/And no one could be prouder/If you cannot hear our shout/We'll yell a little LOUDER."



That chant from my Cub Scout pack-meeting days comes to mind as I explore the issue of moderation-challenged speakers, or, as the prestigious American Psychiatric Association clinically labels them, "bozos who wouldn't know an indoor voice if it bit them on the rear."

Surely you could name some loud talkers. Maybe you ARE a loud talker. When you overhear people whispering about boorish behavior, perhaps you should consider asking, "Lord, is it I? I said, LORD, IS IT I????"

Booming voices disseminating too-much-information revelations are everywhere: across the hedge, in the classroom (my second-grade teacher Mrs. Shubert dubbed me "Old Cannon Mouth"), on the beach, in the grocery store, in the homes of people who use recorded jackhammer sounds in their "white noise" machine...

Retailers certainly need all the business they can get, but frontline employees dread the arrival of certain clueless extroverts. Everyone in the building hears them as soon as they enter the front door. Heck, the store's vendors in Southeast Asia hear them as soon as they enter the front door!

You should consider yourself lucky if you meet an acquaintance who is merely loud. Sometimes you also get a dislocated shoulder from vigorous handshaking, a stinging slap on the back and a public recitation of how you obtained the embarrassing nickname you've been trying to live down since high school. ("I know you're trying to get to the ER, stranger, but the ambulance driver can wait until you hear about Mr. Who Put the Dissected Frog in my Jockstrap?")

Count your blessings (not out loud!) when you encounter a solo loudmouth. Too often, there are entire families who have been competing for attention for generations. ("Yes! Let's play Twister! Then I can get even closer to your ear! What? No, I love YOU more. What? You actually said, 'let's make some s'mores'? I love you even more.")

It's obvious that some people unleash the decibels because they grew up poor in the middle of the 20th century. ("I can't change my volume because I can't find the pliers.")

I wish all loud talkers could take some subtle hints when they're getting carried away, but apparently many of them are colorblind as well. They mistake the blood oozing from your ears for sweat.

Don't fall into the trap of pigeonholing people purely on the basis of volume. Some people are loud only intermittently, when they're excited to share some news; others are always "on." Some are apologetic; some are oblivious. Some are amiable and earnest with their gushing. Others are downright obnoxious. Some you make excuses for. Others, you make burial-in-a-shallow-grave plans for.

Not all loud talkers are egotistical. Some are preemptively bluffing to cover their insecurities. (Judging by the intensity of their utterances, they must think that alien invaders are about to drain their bank account and induce male pattern baldness.)

I would shout, "Yahoo!" now that I have met my deadline, but my wife is sensitive to loud noises, and I don't want to trigger any migraines.

She might throw out my Cub Scout merit badge for Untying Sheepshank Knots by Yodeling at Them.

Almost as coveted as the one for Scaring Little Old Ladies into Crossing the Street to Avoid You.

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I swear I just saw a new driveway crack!

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Jennifer Savage, instructed the campers on how to use oil pastels and watercolors during one of the many Marshall County Art Guild's Summer Art Camps.



The Marshall County Art Guild has been busy the last two weeks. Brenda Hayes instructed the campers during a morning session titled "Lettering & Self Portraits."



Drawing Class with Brandie Liggett at the Marshall County Art Guild



Marshall County Art Guild 2023 Scholarship was presented to Kaylee Foster in honor of her outstanding performance and dedications to the arts.

ATTENTION

ALL FARM BUREAU MEMBERS

Marshall County Farm Bureau

Annual Meeting

Thursday, August 3rd, 6:00 p.m.

Church Street Church of Christ Annex
(adjacent to the Marshall County Farm Bureau office @326 West Commerce Street)

Possible changes to election bylaws will be discussed and voted on at the meeting.

Door Prizes & Refreshments



Summer Camp Art - Paper Art- Quilting with Pat A. Statom

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Small Eurasian deer
- 4. Irish county
- 10. A major division of geological time
- 11. Broadway actor Lane
- 12. Canadian province
- 14. It causes fainting (abbr.)
- 15. Two
- 16. A notable one is blue
- 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. Rings
- 23. Sullies
- 24. Occurs
- 26. Publicity
- 27. Near
- 28. Tools of a trade
- 30. Offer in good faith
- 31. "American Idol" network
- 34. Garments
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 37. Retired NFL DC Dean
- 39. Hot meal
- 40. A type of gin
- 41. Percussion instrument
- 42. A \$10 bill
- 48. About ground
- 50. Medicine man
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. National capital of Albania
- 53. Appendage
- 54. OJ trial judge
- 55. By the way
- 56. Bicycle parts
- 58. Barbie's friend
- 59. In a way, stretched
- 60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make up for
- 2. American songbird
- 3. Pay
- 4. International organization
- 5. Engravers
- 6. Declared as fact
- 7. Criminal
- 8. Jewelry
- 9. Hospital worker (abbr.)
- 12. Nonsense (slang)
- 13. Town in Galilee
- 17. Value
- 19. Another name
- 20. Sheep in second year before shearing
- 21. Town in Surrey, England
- 25. Appropriate during a time of year
- 29. Creative output
- 31. Recesses
- 32. District in N. Germany
- 33. Rider of Rohan
- 35. The official emblem of the German Third Reich
- 38. One who puts down roots
- 41. Scribe
- 43. Painted a bright color
- 44. Tycoons
- 45. Actress Thurman
- 46. Walking accessory
- 47. Crest of a hill
- 49. Member of a North American people
- 56. Type of computer
- 57. U.S. State (abbr.)

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Weekly Tennessee Cattle and Grain Summary

Nashville, TN Monday, July 3, 2023

For Week Ending: Saturday, July 1, 2023

Receipts: 4,500 Last Week: 9,151 Last Year: 6,062

Compared to last week, feeder cattle were too limited for an accurate test, but a weak undertone was noted. Slaughter cows and bulls were mostly steady to 3.00 higher. Offerings this week were limited due to the 4th of July holiday.

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USDA Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News

WEEKLY 400-600 LB FEEDER STEER M&L 1-2
WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE (\$/CWT)

WEEKLY 400-600 LB FEEDER HEIFER M&L 1-2
WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE (\$/CWT)

WEEKLY TENNESSEE CATTLE AUCTION RECEIPTS

WEEKLY TENNESSEE CORN BID AVERAGE PRICE (\$/CWT)

STATE AVERAGES	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	251.88	254.35	189.67
350-400 lbs	253.13	264.01	186.06
400-450 lbs	246.18	254.64	185.41
450-500 lbs	246.83	251.30	175.30
500-550 lbs	242.40	244.68	170.86
550-600 lbs	237.24	235.34	163.20
600-650 lbs	227.55	230.66	163.07
650-700 lbs	227.33	222.00	158.10
700-750 lbs	215.91	214.20	144.91
750-800 lbs	193.33	204.16	146.50
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	238.36	230.76	155.04
350-400 lbs	227.94	225.82	154.31
400-450 lbs	221.55	223.60	159.98
450-500 lbs	219.68	218.30	155.19
500-550 lbs	214.18	211.56	151.34
550-600 lbs	206.84	208.30	145.28
600-650 lbs	196.81	202.84	141.99
650-700 lbs	189.18	190.85	135.87
700-750 lbs	177.09	185.18	130.42
750-800 lbs	177.74	182.31	120.78

WEELY COW SUMMARY	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	91.00-110.00	102.00-112.50	87.00-100.00
Boners	90.00-104.00	100.00-117.50	83.00-95.00
Lean	80.00-95.00	94.00	60.00-82.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1's	114.00-130.00	127.50-137.00	105.00-115.00

June 26, 2023 Columbia, TN

GOATS: 894

Kids-Selection 1 40-49 lbs 212.50-235.00; 55-56 lbs 257.50-280.00; 63-65 lbs 230.00-242.50; 90 lbs 230.00; 110 lbs 220.00. **Selection 2** 45-49 lbs 200.00-210.00; 50 lbs 200.00; 60-64 lbs 215.00-230.00.

LAMBS: 627

Hair Breeds-Choice & Prime 2-3 45-49 lbs 132.50-170.00; 51-55 lbs 142.50-170.00; 65 lbs 160.00; 70-75 lbs 175.00-205.00; 84-85 lbs 167.50-235.00; 90-96 lbs 155.00-240.00; 110-130 lbs 135.00-215.00; 150 lbs 130.00. [View Full Report](#)

GRAINS	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	4.94-6.17	5.81-6.79	6.19-7.75
Soybeans	14.51-15.67	14.77-15.25	16.26-16.87
New Crop Wheat	5.96-7.22	6.55-7.37	7.69-8.76

Market Recap

	Last	1-Week Change
Dow	34,370.69	+2.18%
S&P	4,450.78	+2.50%
Nasdaq	15,198.37	+2.22%
VIX	13.04	-7.58%
Bitcoin	\$30,396.83	-0.01%
Gold	\$1,920.81	-\$3.25
Copper	\$3.74	-\$0.05
WTI	\$70.38	+\$0.88
3-Month Bill	5.45%	+0.05%
10-Year Note	3.85%	+11bps

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

THURSDAY EVENING JULY 6, 2023

Table with columns for time slots (7:00-7:30, 7:30-8:00, etc.) and rows for various TV channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc.) listing program titles and details.

FRIDAY EVENING JULY 7, 2023

Table with columns for time slots and rows for various TV channels listing program titles and details.

SATURDAY EVENING JULY 8, 2023

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SUNDAY EVENING JULY 9, 2023

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MONDAY EVENING JULY 10, 2023

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TUESDAY EVENING JULY 11, 2023

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BLOOD SUGAR: Do you know your numbers?

Did you know that a fasting blood sugar level of 126 mg/dL or higher is considered diabetic? And that those with a blood sugar level of 100-125 mg/dL are considered prediabetic?

Diabetes is a serious condition that can lead to increased risk for heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, amputation and blindness if it is not properly managed. In fact, two out of three people with diabetes die from heart attack or stroke.

Knowing you have diabetes or prediabetes is the first step to managing the condition. At Maury Regional Health, we are committed to helping patients navigate diabetes — from the moment of diagnosis in your doctor's office through every step along your journey. To learn more, call 931.540.4324 or visit MauryRegional.com/Diabetes.

You don't have to manage your diabetes alone.

Maury Regional Health is committed to helping those with diabetes and high blood sugar manage their condition with:

- Free monthly diabetes support group meetings for adults and children
- Diabetes self-management classes
- Nutrition therapy
- An experienced medical staff, including endocrinologists and primary care providers



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