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Bartow County Commissioner Steve Taylor speaks at Thursday morning's Eggs and Issues event at NorthPointe Church in Adairsville.

Commissioner addresses labor shortages, residential growth

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What a difference a decade can make. Ten years ago, the United States was gripped in the Great Recession. The national unemployment rate hovered around 9.9%, and on the local level, the economic outlook was even grimmer — in September 2009, Bartow's unemployment rate stood at a stunning 13.2%. Fast forward to April 2019, when the national unemployment rate held steady at 3.6% — with Bartow County hitting a record low mark of 3%. Today, Bartow County Commissioner Steve Taylor said the local economy has an entirely different problem

than the one that plagued it 10 years earlier — the county now has more jobs than people available to fill them. And the local government itself, Taylor said, is far from immune from the ongoing labor shortage. "In our public works department, Joe Sutton comes by most every morning into my office and we visit and now the latest few months, the topic of the conversation is 'I've lost this worker, I need an operator, a heavy equipment operator, I need a truck driver,'" Taylor recounted at Thursday morning's Eggs and Issues event sponsored by the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce at NorthPointe Church in Adairsville.

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RANDY PARKER/DTN
Bartow County Sheriff Clark Millsap speaks at Thursday morning's Eggs and Issues event at NorthPointe Church in Adairsville.

CCBOE to vote on budget, honor retirees

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The Cartersville School Board will take care of a couple of end-of-the-year items next week.

At the regular monthly meeting Monday night, the board will hold the second required public hearing on the fiscal year 2020 consolidated budget, which totals \$56,177,915.

Following the hearing, Superintendent Dr. Marc Feuerbach will recommend approving the budget, which hasn't changed since it was first presented to the board.

"That is the budget; that is not the millage rate," Finance Committee Chairman Tim Chason added.

Board members also will recognize the 17 2019 retirees, who have a combined total of 514 years of experience: Rosemary Chesley, 24 years; Stacey Cravey, 32 years; Gail Goodwin, 21 years; Leah Hobgood, 30 years; Kelly Hopkins, 31 years; Jodi James, 27½ years; Linda Linn, 30 years; Ken MacKenzie, 46 years; David Matherne, 33 years; Margaret Morris, 41 years; Dixie Mullinax, 33 years; Kim Norwood, 29 years; Linda Patterson, 26½ years; Brad Payne, 37 years; Linda Templeton, 24 years; Rena Vaughan, 36 years; and Dean Williams, 13 years.

"We're losing a lot of quality experience," Feuerbach said.

The superintendent will ask the board to reject all received bids for the fieldhouse renovation project at the high school, which will release all bond security money back to the bidders.

"They were way over what we had budgeted so we're going to a Plan B right now," he said. "We're just putting that process on hold at this time. We're still working through that process right now."

Feuerbach also will recommend:

— Awarding the bid for musical instruments for the high school to low bidder Washington Music Center for \$28,563 and for the middle school to low bidder Taylor Music for \$12,695 for a total cost of \$41,258, with \$40,000 being paid from the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax account and the remainder coming from the two schools.

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SPECIAL
Clear Creek Elementary fourth-grader Cameron Wilson experiences what it feels like to fly in the wind tunnel at iFly Atlanta last month.

CCES STEM students learn about flying, wind tunnels at iFly

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Field trips sure have changed in the past few decades.

A group of GATEWAY students from Clear Creek Elementary School got a sample of what it feels like to jump out of an airplane during their visit to iFly Atlanta last week of school.

The 51 fourth- and fifth-graders and 10 chaperones took part in an interactive science, technology, engineering and mathematics presentation, physics lesson and flight training before suiting up to try indoor sky diving.

GATEWAY teacher Robin Morrow said she and fellow GATEWAY teacher Shelly Abernathy learned about iFly after having a class there last year when they were working on a science endorsement in the

Math/Science Partnership through Kennesaw State University.

"Prior to going to iFly, I expected their STEM field trip experience to be basic and be a simple overview of STEM," she said.

"We were amazed by the level of instruction, the real-world application and the engagement level of the STEM Field Trip Program. We wanted to provide our students with the same opportunity to have a unique experience and see the application and excitement of STEM in the community."

The two teachers, along with instructional lead teacher Jennifer Mauldin and paraprofessional Jessica McKinney, took students who study STEM in GATEWAY or on the after-school STEAM team to participate in the three-hour experience.

"Students began with a lecture session where they learned about the engineering

design process involved in creating and improving the wind tunnels by iFly," Morrow said. "Students learned about the physics and math required to create a safe flying experience."

After the lecture and presentation, they got to witness firsthand how different materials such as water, a beach ball, a basketball and a Nerf gun performed inside the wind tunnel, Morrow said.

"Students also watched an expert flyer perform various tricks and experiments in the wind tunnel," she said. "For the next activity, students were able to apply their knowledge and understanding to design and experiment with a parachute STEM challenge. Finally, students participated in flight instruction and safety training before suiting up and flying in the wind tunnel."

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Cartersville City Council hears first reading of FY 2020 budget

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The City of Cartersville's proposed 2020 fiscal year budget calls for a millage rate increase — as well as an uptick in water, sewer and gas utility rates.

"It's a proposed property tax increase of 1.0 mills," City of Cartersville Finance Director Tom Rhinehart said at Thursday evening's city council meeting. "The last time that was increased was in 2017."

The City's current millage rate is set at 3.228 mills. Under the proposed FY20 budget that would increase to 4.228 mills.

The end result, Rhinehart said, would be a roughly \$68 increase for the median household in Car-

tersville. Owners of homes valued at \$170,000, for example, would see their property taxes go from \$219.51 to \$287.51 under the proposed rate increase.

"If you want to break that down on a daily basis, it's 19 cents per day," Rhinehart said.

Rhinehart gave an overview of the budget's proposed utility rate increases.

"There's a 5% increase in the base tier rate for inside-the-City-limit residents — this equates to an increase of \$2.73 per month for the average residential customer based on 7,000 gallons consumed," he said. "The current [monthly base] rate is \$9.45 a month, and the new rate would be \$9.92 a month."

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JAMES SWIFT/THE DAILY TRIBUNE NEWS
Cartersville Mayor Matt Santini presides over Thursday evening's city council meeting.

Sheriff Millsap encourages firearm licenses following murder-suicide

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Bartow County Sheriff Clark Millsap revealed some new information on the murder-suicide that transpired off Gray Road on June 1 at a Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce event in Adairsville Thursday morning.

"We had a real tragedy this weekend, I've still yet to figure out," he said. "He showed her, alright — he blew her away and then he blew himself away."

Officials announced Monday that Jose Flores-Neve, 37, of Kennesaw, shot and killed Nayeli Fernandez-Diaz, 34, and Matthew McArthur, 42, on a dead-end street close to Old Rudy York Road before tuning the gun on himself last weekend.

Flores-Neve and the female victim were technically married, although they had been separated for close to a year. While Millsap said investigators hadn't determined a clear motive for the double murder yet, he did indicate that McArthur, who was from White, Georgia, was armed at the time of the shooting.

"Folks, this weekend that guy showed up in Bartow County with an AR-15 and a 9-millimeter," Millsap said. "The male victim had a .40-caliber — he didn't do too good in returning fire, unfortunately."

With the local sheriff's office battling a pronounced manpower shortage — as of Thursday morning, the Bartow County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) had at least 19 open positions — Millsap said such incidents certainly reinforce his staunch Second Amendment convictions.

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Harrison Wilbanks

Harrison Wilbanks, age 70, passed away Sunday, June 2, 2019. He was born on September 16, 1948, in Hall County to parents, Frank and Emmilee Wilbanks. Mr. Wilbanks operated the Chevron station on Tennessee Street in Cartersville. He sold produce and gas until he retired. Some people called him the watermelon and tomato man. He was a loving father, husband, brother, son, grandfather, and uncle. He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers, L.D. and David Wilbanks.



Wilbanks

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jewel T. Wilbanks; sons, Terry Dale (Lori) Jenkins, Cody Smith, Brayden Wilbanks, and Matt McAbee; daughter, Daphne (Earl) McCreary, grandchildren, Hunter McCreary, Brandon Jenkins, Michael Somers, Kyle Somers, and Gretchen Ensign; brother, Clinton (Kathy)

Wilbanks; sisters, Dot Tinsley, Joann (Ronald) Fagan, Sandra Holbrook, Susie McBrayer, and Vickie Wright; 5 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews, all special to him. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Elvin Canty Jr.

Mr. Elvin Canty Jr., 60, of Cartersville, Georgia, passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2019. Funeral service will be held on Monday, June 10, 2019, at 12:00pm (noon) at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 147 Jones Street, Cartersville, GA 30120. The body will lie in state in the church from 11:00am until the hour of service. Interment will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Sunday, June 9, 2019 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm at the Mack Eppinger and Sons Funeral Home, 210 North Bartow Street, Cartersville, GA. 30120.

Elvin Canty Jr. was born on October 29, 1958, to the late Elvin Canty Sr. and Annette Dodson Canty. He received his formal education in the Summer Hill and Cartersville School Sys-

tems, graduating from Cartersville High School in 1977. Elvin accepted Christ as his Savior at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church at an early age.

He worked at Lewis Carpet Mills and Shaw Industries until his health issues no longer allowed him to work. Elvin had a gift for working on cars and lawn mowers.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his significant other Thelma Richards; mother, Annette Canty; brothers, Vann (Erika) Canty, Paul (Charmease) Canty of Austell, Ga.; sisters, Paula Canty (Kevin) Cobb of Duluth, GA., and Jorinda Brown of Chicago, IL.; nieces and nephews, Vandie Canty, Vaneka Canty, Vann Canty Jr., Alex Joyner, Taylor Cobb, Loren Cobb, and Devyn Canty; great nieces and nephews, Makylah Cain, Demetrius (DJ) Cain, Ryleigh White-Canty, and Zoey McConnell; aunts, Emma Jean (Ralph) Foster, Mae Helen Trice, Betty (Charles) Masten, Bertha (Steve) Paul, and Peggy Davis; uncle, Phillip Dodson; great aunts, Roberta Jones and Sinclair (Sam) Livsey; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Berniece Stone Guyton

Ms. Berniece Stone Guyton, 95, of Euharlee, died on Thursday, June 6, 2019, at her residence. Born in Fairmont on December 4, 1923, she's the daughter of the late Oscar Stone and the late Julie Garrett. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Frank Guyton; her daughter, Dorene Patterson; her grandsons, Victor Nichols, and Jason Nichols; and her siblings, John Stone, Walter Stone, Dorthia Wright, Bill Stone, Lonnie Stone, and Grady Stone.

Ms. Guyton worked as an inspector at Union Carbide until her retirement. She was of the

Baptist faith and enjoyed cooking, flowers, and being around small children.

Survivors include her granddaughter, Tina Chambers (Will) of Euharlee; her grandson, Kenneth Patterson of Cartersville; great-grandchildren, Whitney Spradley (Brett) of Cartersville, Michael Massey (Janet) of Cartersville, Kelly Chambers (Carol) of Calhoun, Harleigh Lanham (DJ) of Adairsville; and her great-great-grandchildren, Matilyn Chambers, Matheu Chambers, Preston Massey, Dylan Chambers, and Parrish Chambers.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2019, in the chapel of Parnick Jennings Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Interment will follow in Sunset Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, 2009 at the funeral home.

Parnick Jennings Funeral Home and Cremation Services is honored to serve the family of Ms. Berniece Stone Guyton; please visit www.parnickjenningsfuneral.com to share memories and to post tributes.

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The FY20 budget, however, would include a 4% decrease for City of Cartersville sewer customers who reside outside the City limits. For those utility users, Rhinehart said the monthly rate would drop from \$4.15 to \$3.98.

Also included in the proposed budget is a 5% increase in monthly fire service charges for all pipe sizes and an increase in surcharges for high strength wastes. Rhinehart noted that the latter hasn't increased since 1989.

The budget also calls for the base monthly rate charge for residential gas customers to increase from \$10 to \$15. Commercial gas customers should expect to see their monthly base rate charge increase from \$15 to \$20.

"These have not been adjusted since July 2015," Rhinehart said.

The total proposed FY20 budget comes out to about \$165.3 million. That's nearly \$3 million less than a tentative budget presented by Rhinehart at a city council work session meeting last month.

"The budget puts in the fiscal austerity, basically," he said. "I think that I can speak for the whole entire City departments, we look for anything that we can save."

The FY20 budget is roughly \$17.8 million less than the City's FY19 budget. That nearly 10% overall decrease is primarily explained due to the City's removal of Cartersville City School Board appropriations as a line item — something that was recommended for deletion by auditors from Mauldin and Jenkins earlier this year.

Under the proposed budget, personnel expenses are set to increase by \$1.7 million, while operating expenses are set to increase by almost \$1.3 million. Meanwhile, commodities purchases are set to decrease by \$1.8 million, while debt services are set to decrease by \$1.9 million.

Capital expenses are set to increase by about \$925,000 while transfers to the general fund will remain the same as in FY19.

Fire (\$7.5 million), police (\$6.1 million) and parks and recreation (\$3.7 million) are the three highest-budgeted general fund expenses. The projected enterprise fund

expenditures in the proposed budget includes \$47.1 million for electric, \$28.8 million for gas and \$23.4 million for water pollution control plant repairs and construction.

Earlier this year, the Cartersville City Council approved a roughly \$37.5 million contract with Archer Western to upgrade the infrastructure at the James R. Stafford Water Pollution Control Plant off Walnut Grove Road. Rhinehart said the aforementioned utility rate increases are not being used to offset the expenses associated with that unfunded mandate from the State.

"This is not to recoup some of the costs of the ongoing construction process for the water pollution control plant," he said. "These are actually costs that the City has to put into it in order to basically treat the water and have it come back to the State's standards."

The City's gas fund is seeing a \$7.1 million decrease while its water and sewer fund is set for a \$5.2 million increase under the proposed budget. The budget also includes an estimated \$3.5 million increase for the general and special revenue funds.

"Most of that is for the grant funds — we haven't had any grant

fund-budgeted items in several years," Rhinehart said. "Those equal about \$2.4 million."

The FY20 capital projects budget includes \$30.8 million set aside for numerous water projects, about \$20 million of which are also unfunded mandates. About \$2.6 million in 2014 SPLOST funding is going toward Fire Station No. 3 and other various projects, while about \$1.2 million in 2020 SPLOST funding is going toward a citywide advanced metering in-

frastructure (AMI) project and computer storage. The Transco distribution station and other gas projects are tabbed at about \$4 million, with funding for the Transco distribution hub listed at \$2.6 million.

The Cartersville City Council is set to hear a second reading of the proposed FY20 budget — with a council vote immediately following — at a public meeting scheduled for June 20 at 7 p.m. at 10 North Public Square.

Millsap

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In fact, he requested that everyone in attendance at the NorthPointe Church function not only obtain a firearm, but a Georgia Weapons Carry License to accompany it.

"If you don't have one, please go get one," he said. "Please, folks, we have to arm ourselves."

He said that the BCSO offers free shooting classes, with the next firing range date scheduled for June 22.

"If you don't have a gun, you can come and shoot ours," he said. "If you've got one, come and bring you some ammunition. I promise you when you get through with our six-hour course, you'll be able to shoot it upside down and behind your back like in the movies."

During the summer, he said larceny cases tend to spike throughout the county. He advised residents to always lock their cars and refrain from keeping anything valuable inside their vehicles.

"We've got kids walking neighborhoods — now that school's out, especially — at one and two o'clock in the morning," he said. "They'll just walk down a neighborhood, they're pulling door handles, and if it's open, they get in. If they look in there and they see something that they might want, they'll bust your window out."

Bartow County Chief Magistrate Judge Brandon Bryson, also in attendance at Thursday morning's event, said crimes are certainly on the uptick in the community.

"This year so far, my office has signed 4,000 warrants," he said. "That's too much, and it's not all here in Bartow County. The sheriff's offices of the surrounding jurisdictions do a great job catching people pass-

ing through."

As did Millsap, he asked residents to remain vigilant and take the proper — if not sensible — safeguards when out and about in public.

"Be aware of your surroundings and just understand that not everybody is looking out for your best interests," he said. "And if you see an officer, thank them for what they do, because they put themselves on the line all the time."

At this point, Bryson said his office has already surpassed the 2,500 mark for civil cases filed.

He said much-needed hardware and software investments over the summer should lessen the paperwork burden for employees and applicants alike.

"With this caseload, we're working everyday to make it more people-friendly and have a more efficient process," he said. "We are upgrading all our technology right now. You'll be able to file more cases online from your house ... by the end of this summer, you should be able to file garnishments online, personal property foreclosures and a host of other types of cases."

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BARTOW BIO

Local entrepreneur branching out with beer and doughnuts

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So you've operated a successful olive oil shop, wine club and independent coffee house in downtown Cartersville for over three years. What do you do for a follow-up?

For local entrepreneur Jennifer Smith, the answer is obvious: beer and doughnuts.

After running Southern Muggs Coffee Shop and Olive Tree and Vine alongside her husband Mark since spring 2016, Smith said she now has plans to open up two more businesses in and around the downtown Cartersville area: a craft beer boutique, complete with a "speakeasy" motif, and a hand-crafted doughnut shop with a far-out, 1960s-inspired theme.

"We're not thinking Grateful Dead, we're thinking peace, love and donuts — although that's taken and we couldn't use that," Smith said with a chuckle.

Laying the groundwork for "Hippie Donuts" has been considerably easier than bringing the speakeasy concept, which would be included inside the Smiths' current business at 26 West Main St., to fruition. In fact, Smith has been waiting more than a year and a half for the City of Cartersville to cross all their t's and dot all their i's on an ordinance amendment that would allow her shop to sell craft beers.

"It's been a very interesting insight into small city government, just because their timeline and a small business owner's timeline are very different," she said. "What's a long time to us is not a long time to government ... September 2017 was when it was first proposed that they wanted to write a new ordinance, that was when we first applied."

But with that alcohol ordinance amendment — which would allow onsite consumption and package sales of certain malt beverages at "specialty wine shops" within the City's Downtown Business District

(DBD) — approved by the Cartersville City Council at Thursday's meeting, Smith now has the legal go-ahead to begin the paperwork process on what she's tentatively dubbed "The Hat Shop."

At this juncture, she said she's optimistic that both the "speakeasy" and the new doughnut venture — which will be outside of the downtown Cartersville district — will be operational by early fall.

Which, naturally, raises the question: Now that she's Cartersville's undisputed olive oil/wine club/coffee shop/craft beer speakeasy/doughnut shop mogul, is there any other sector Smith wants to add to her ever-growing local business footprint?

"Not yet," the 52-year-old businesswoman said with a hearty laugh.

Name: Jennifer Smith
Age: 52
Occupation: Entrepreneur
Current City: Cartersville

The Daily Tribune News: To begin, can you give us a quick overview of your current businesses?

Jennifer Smith: Olive Tree and Vine is separate from Southern Muggs, so we have olive oil and balsamic vinegar, and we've done weekly wine tastings for just about three years with the wine club. We've wanted to do beer as well, it just took a little while.

DTN: What's the plan for craft beer sales moving forward?

JS: Our plan is really loose right now. Our idea is the storage room; we're going to clean that out and that will be the beer room, and we're thinking of trying to open it as a "speakeasy" style. So it will be open to the wine area, but also separate. The ordinance is craft-only, what we planned anyway, so we want to find some of the more obscure craft beers that aren't available everywhere else. ... We're thinking the name of it might be



Jennifer Smith shows off conceptual artwork for her new "Hippie Donuts" business, which she hopes to have open by early fall.

"The Hat Shop."

DTN: What's it been like preparing for the "speakeasy" addition to your business model?

JS: In Georgia, you have to go through a distributorship. Everything is through distributors, so we've already got relationships with all the distributors and they've been waiting for us to have beer. We've got a special wine tasting coming up, so [one distributor] is also going to be bringing some beers to sample — for us, not for the wine-tasting [patrons]. They deal with a lot of small craft companies, so we're excited.

DTN: Are there any particular brewers you are eying for a partnership?

JS: We like all the local ones, but we want to go regional at the very least. But there are some very good ones in the Northeast and the Midwest and the Northwest. It's exciting to think about how many different options we can have.

DTN: Do you have any thoughts on some of the proposals for microbreweries in the downtown Cartersville area?

JS: I think it's all good for down-

town. It'll be a lot of fun to have more reasons for people to come downtown, more things to do, more things to see. I think the fact that we haven't had a craft brewery downtown puts us behind a lot of other small towns in the area.

DTN: What's the strategy for operating three wholly separate — and very distinct — businesses

under the same roof?

JS: There is a lot of blending at the same time as there is keeping them separate. We do a lot of cross-training with all our employees, so that they can cover all the different areas. We try to limit it to the ones who are going to be comfortable with serving alcohol — of age, obviously — but it's more about community and family, so

it's finding the right people who will keep what we really want to maintain.

DTN: Do you have a timetable in place for when the new business may open?

JS: Hopefully by Labor Day. It would be great if it was sooner —

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Chinese Finance Minister Liu Kun, center, delivers a speech while Japanese Finance Minister Taro Aso, left, and French Economy and Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire listen during the G20 Ministerial Symposium on International Taxation in the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting in Fukuoka, southern Japan, Saturday.

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Trade disruptions, taxing tech companies are talk of G-20

By ELAINE KURTENBACH
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How to reorder the global financial system in an era of trade stand-offs and technological change held the attention of financial officials from the Group of 20 major economies on Saturday.

The central bank governors and other financial regulators meeting in this southern Japanese port city flagged risks from upsets to the global economy as Beijing and Washington clash over trade and technology.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said “no” when asked if other financial leaders attending the meetings in Fukuoka were raising concerns over the impact on global markets and trade from President Donald Trump’s crusade against huge, chronic U.S. trade deficits, especially with China.

But Mnuchin acknowledged that growth has been slowing in Europe, China and other regions.

“I’m hearing concerns if we continue on this path there could be issues. There will be winners and losers,” he said.

Trump and members of his administration contend that the ripple effects of the billions of dollars in tariffs imposed by Washington on Chinese exports over the past year are creating new business opportunities for other businesses in the U.S. and other countries.

The G-20 officials were expected to express their support for adjusting monetary policy, for example by making borrowing cheaper through interest rate cuts, in a communique to be issued as meetings wrap up on Sunday.

Their official agenda on Saturday was focused on longer-term, more technical issues such as improving standards for corporate governance, policing cyber-currencies and reforming tax systems to ensure they are fair for both traditional and new, online-based industries.

Ensuring that governments capture a fair share of profits from the massive growth of businesses like Google and Amazon has grown in importance over the many years the G-20 finance chiefs have been debating the reforms aimed at preventing tax evasion and modernizing policies to match a financial land-

scape transformed by technology.

One aim is to prevent a “race to the bottom” by countries trying to lure companies by offering unsustainably and unfairly low tax rates as an incentive.

Mnuchin said he disagreed with details of some of the proposals but not with the need for action.

“Everyone, we are now facing a turning point,” Japanese Finance Minister Taro Aso told the group. “This could be the biggest reform of the long established international framework in over 100 years.”

Some European members of the G-20, especially, want to see minimum corporate tax rates for big multinationals. France and Britain have already enacted stop-gap tax systems for digital businesses, but they are not adequate, said French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire.

“For the time being there is no fair taxation of this new economic model,” Le Maire said, adding that the hope is to have an agreement by the year’s end.

The issue is not confined to the wealthiest nations. Indonesia, a developing country of 260 million with more than 100 million internet

users, is also struggling to keep up.

“The growth has been exponential but we cannot capture this growth in our GDP as well as in our tax revenue,” said Indonesian Finance Minister Mulyani Indrawati.

Mobile banking, big data, artificial intelligence and cloud computing are among many technologies that are expanding access to financial services for many people who in the past might not have even used banks. But such innovations raise questions about protecting privacy and cybersecurity, Aso said.

“We need to stay vigilant against risks or challenges,” Aso said.

Japan, the world’s third-largest economy, is hosting the G-20 for the first time since it was founded in 1999. The venue for the annual financial meeting, Fukuoka, is a thriving regional hub and base for startups.

The G-20 group includes Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union.

Sex abuse on agenda as Southern Baptists convene

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Southern Baptist Convention gathers for its annual national meeting Tuesday with one sobering topic — sex abuse by clergy and staff — overshadowing all others.

Inside the meeting hall in Birmingham, Alabama, delegates representing the nation’s largest Protestant denomination will likely vote on establishing criteria for expelling churches that mishandle or cover up abuse allegations. They also may vote to establish a new committee which would review how member churches handle claims of abuse.

Outside the convention center, abuse survivors and other activists plan a protest rally Tuesday evening, demanding that the SBC move faster to require sex-abuse training for all pastors, staff and volunteers, and to create a database of credibly accused abusers that could be shared among its more than 47,000 churches. They will also be urging the church, which espouses all-male leadership, to be more respectful of women’s roles — a volatile topic that’s sparked online debate over whether women should preach to men.

Sex abuse already was a high-profile issue at the 2018 national meeting in Dallas, following revelations about several sexual misconduct cases. Soon after this election as SBC president at that meeting, the Rev. J.D. Greear formed an advisory group to draft recommendations on how to con-



Rape survivor and abuse victim advocate Mary DeMuth speaks during a 2018 rally protesting the Southern Baptist Convention’s treatment of women outside the convention’s annual meeting at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas.

JEFFREY MCWHORTER/AP, FILE

front the problem.

However, pressure on the church has intensified in recent months, due in part to articles by the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News asserting that hundreds of Southern Baptist clergy and staff have been accused of sexual misconduct over the past 20 years, including dozens who returned to church duties, while leaving more than 700 victims with little in the way of justice or apologies.

“For years, there were people who assumed abuse was simply a Roman Catholic problem,” said the Rev. Russell Moore, who heads the SBC’s public policy arm. “I see that mentality dissipating. There seems to be a growing sense of

vulnerability and a willingness to address this crisis.”

As evidence of that willingness, Greear’s advisory group issued a detailed report Saturday about sexual abuse within the SBC.

It contained several first-person stories by sexual abuse survivors, and acknowledged a variety of failures in how the SBC has responded to abuse — including inadequate training of staff, failure to believe and support victims, failure to report abuse to law enforcement, and recommending suspected perpetrators to new employment.

The scandals have created a major distraction at a time when recent political events have thrilled many Southern Baptist members.

The convention is happening in the state that passed the strictest abortion ban in the country, an issue near and dear to many Baptists. And President Donald Trump has advanced an agenda that has pleased many conservative Christians, including a remade U.S. Supreme Court.

With the abuse scandal spreading, Greear’s study committee issued 10 recommendations, and some action has been taken.

For example, a nine-member team has been developing a training curriculum to be used by churches and seminaries to improve responses to abuse. The team includes a psychologist, a former prosecutor, a detective, and attorney and abuse survivor Rachael Denhollander, the first woman to go public with charges against sports doctor Larry Nassar ahead of the prosecution that led to a lengthy prison sentence.

The study group also is considering new requirements for background checks of church leaders. And it is assessing options for a database listing abusers, though Baptist leaders say that process has been difficult because of legal issues.

Greear said he was “thankful for the light” that the articles by the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News “shined on a dark area of our Convention.”

“Only when sin is exposed to the light of truth, true repentance, healing and change can begin,” he wrote in an email to The Associated Press.

Trump’s Mexico deal: a political win, even with some limitations

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Donald Trump’s deal to avert his threatened tariffs on Mexico includes a few new solutions to swiftly stem the surge of Central American migrants flowing over America’s southern border. And it delivers enough for Trump to claim a political win.

The decision — announced by tweet late Friday — ended a showdown that business leaders warned would have disastrous economic consequences for both the U.S. and one of its largest trading partners, driving up consumer prices and driving a wedge between the two allies. And it represented a win for members of Trump’s own party who had flooded the White House with pleading calls as well as aides who had been eager to convince the president to back down.

But ultimately, it gives Trump the ability to claim victory on a central campaign promise that has been largely unfulfilled as he prepares to formally launch his 2020 campaign.

“In the face of naysayers, President Trump yet again delivered a huge victory for the American people,” Trump campaign spokesman Tim Murtaugh said in a statement, applauding the president for using “the threat of tariffs to bring Mexico to the table” and “showing that he is willing to use every tool in his toolbox to protect the American people.”

Trump ran in 2016 pledging to crack down on illegal immigration, but instead has watched as the number of border crossings has spiked to its highest level in over a decade — with U.S. Border Patrol apprehending more than 132,000 people in May, including a record 84,542 adults and children traveling together. That surge has been straining federal resources, leaving officials struggling to provide basic housing and health care to families fleeing violence and poverty in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador.

With Trump overseas and an unproductive opening negotiating session with Mexican officials Wednesday, many at the White House had expected Trump to move forward with the 5% tariff he’d threaten to slap on all Mexican goods on Monday in an effort to strong-arm the country into action, according to people familiar with the deliberations. Aides, including Vice President Mike Pence and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, were no personal fans of the policy, but they understood Trump’s frustration and presented several suggestions to the Mexican delegation to walk him back. They also made clear that Trump was dead set on the tariffs without dramatic action.

U.S. officials were nonetheless surprised when talks resumed Thursday and Mexico agreed to some of the things Pence had put on the table, including an expansion of a program that forces some asylum-seekers to return to Mexico as they wait for their cases to be adjudicated. And while such a measure never made it into the agreement, Mexican officials also expressed an openness to discussing something they had long opposed: Having Mexico become a “safe third country,” which would make it harder for asylum-seekers who pass through the country to claim refuge in the U.S.

Conversations continued Friday during a marathon session at the State Department led by White House counsel Pat Cipollone, with Trump briefed by phone aboard Air Force One.

A final decision was made during an evening conference call once Trump return to the White House on Friday evening, and shortly thereafter he fired off his tweet announcing the deal.

The decision was a relief for Trump aides — nearly all of whom were united in opposition to the tariffs, disagreeing on principle and in practice. It also came as relief for Republican lawmakers and their allies in the business community, who’d spent the week burning up White House phones and personally nudging the president to back down. In a rare rebuke, several had threatened to block the effort, with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell saying publicly there was little support.

Still, one Republican who discussed the situation on condition of anonymity said the outreach from Capitol Hill appeared to play far less a role than the concessions made by the Mexicans — particularly the agreement to expand the remain-in-Mexico policy.

A joint statement released by the State Department said Mexico had agreed to “take unprecedented steps to increase enforcement to curb irregular migration,” including the deployment of its new National Guard, with a focus on its porous southern border with Guatemala. Mexico, however, had already intended to deploy the National Guard to the southern border and had made that clear to U.S. officials.

The U.S. also hailed Mexico’s agreement to embrace the expansion of a program under which some asylum-seekers are returned to Mexico as they wait out their cases. But the remain-in-Mexico program was implemented earlier this year and, from the start, U.S. officials have vowed to rapidly expand it, even without Mexico’s public support. Indeed, officials from the Department of Homeland Security were working to spread the program, which has already led to the return of about 10,000 to Mexico, before the latest blow-up.

Administration officials noted the deal leaves open the possibility of “further actions” if “the measures adopted do not have the expected results.” And while the “third safe country” agreement did not make it into the deal, it is something officials plan to continue to discuss in the coming months.



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Swift at the MOVIES

'Detective Pikachu' should've stayed a video game



Swift

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You ever hear about this music group called BTS? They're basically this generation's Beatles, except they're all Korean and have haircuts like Ellen DeGeneres. And they rap.

Frankly, I have no idea what they're talking about in half their songs. For example, they've got this one track called "Airplane Part 2," and the chorus goes "Sky high, sky fly, sky dope, same try, same scar, same work."

So basically, they know English, but they don't really know English. Still, that hasn't stopped them from becoming the most popular band on the planet, to the point their music videos on YouTube don't just have millions of views, they've got upward of half a billion of 'em.

If you've got a teenage daughter under the age of 24, they're probably in love with at least one or five members of the group. And whether they're infatuated with Jungkook or Jimin or J-Hope (my personal favorite), you ought to be plum happy, because these BTS kids are probably the least intimidating boy band of all time. These guys are so soft, they make the Jonas Brothers look like Hells Angels.

I wouldn't exactly call their music "good," but at least it isn't horribly profane or peacocks to teen suicide like most of the stuff on the radio. And while most of their lyrics don't have a one-to-one translation to English, what I've managed to get outta' Google Translate doesn't seem too offensive. For example, they've got this one song called "Dionysus," where you kind of think they're talking about getting rip-roaring drunk, but then later on you find out

they're wanting their fans to get metaphorically drunk on art, bang a gong and say "Ong-Hae-Ya." And yes, I did my research and figured out that "Ong-Hae-Ya" is the name of a traditional South Korean folk song about farming. So unless "bang a gong" has some sort of furtive meaning in Hangul I'm not aware of, the worst things your kids are going to hear out of BTS are rallying cries to form agrarian unions.

As it turns out, BTS is just the crest of what they're calling the "K-Pop Revolution." There's at least one all-female BTS analogue called Blackpink, and their music is somehow even less offensive.

Their big song is called "Ddu-Du Ddu-Du," which is apparently what the Koreans think gunfire sounds like. I've listened to it, I don't know, 20 or 30 times, and I'm still not sure what it's supposed to be about. All I know is that if you're looking for some sort of sociopolitical message, it just ain't there.

And in a way, maybe THAT is why this kinda' music is so popular with kids nowadays. They're having political propaganda shoved down their throats by virtually every form of media imaginable — from Snapchat to video games to breakfast cereal commercials — so why wouldn't they embrace the one domain of pop culture that ISN'T obsessed with feeding 'em some kinda' partisan message? With that in mind, not only should parents be happy their kids are digging for joy, screaming "Ong-Hae-Ya" right beside 'em.

Anyhoo, speaking of things people over the age of 35 will never understand, our flick of the week is "Pokemon Detective Pikachu," the box office dud that's only taken me four

or five weeks to get around to reviewing.

To be honest, I don't really know anything about the cartoon or the video games or the card games or the tie-in to Pop-Tarts, but odds are they're probably not what this movie is about — an oddly morbid murder mystery about government conspiracies, complete with jokes about cocaine usage, that feels about as age-appropriate for elementary schoolers as a field trip to a liquor store.

About halfway through the movie a downright terrifying epiphany hit me. You know what Pokemon is really about? It's literally a metaphor for dog fighting.

You see, these kids go out into the woods and kidnap these cute little cartoon monsters and instead of feeding 'em and playing with 'em and cuddling 'em, they make 'em have flame-thrower fights with one another

in underground cage matches.

Don't let whimsical names like "Squirtle" and "Jigglypuff" throw you off — this thing is basically a start-your-own bloodsport ring manual for fourth-graders.

I ended up staying through the whole credits, just to make sure Michael Vick wasn't listed as one of its executive producers.

As for the story itself, there's not a whole lot of depth here. You've got this one 20-something insurance adjuster who lives in Pokemon City, and one day he finds this cute little yellow hamster monster that stops being so cute as soon as it starts talking and Deadpool's voice comes out of his mouth.

You see, Pikachu is actually a super-intelligent lab experiment gone right who's trying to find out what happened to this other super-intelligent lab experiment gone awry that's some sort of messianic cat-rabbit-person that can deliver long-winded monologues about speciesism even though the animators forgot to draw him a mouth.

Naturally, all of this tomfoolery ends in the only way Hollywood screenwriters can imagine it — with explosions galore during the middle of a hot-air balloon parade. Of course, they've decided to throw in one last "twist" right at the very end of the movie, so I ain't gonna spoil it here. Just rest assured, it's REALLY contrived and kinda' makes the first 90 minutes of the movie a moot point ... all while conveniently leaving the

door open for a sequel, which, considering this thing's anemic box office performance, probably won't be happening anytime soon.

Some of the special effects are decent, but that's pretty much all this one has going for it. All of the action scenes are painted by numbers and the dialogue is about as bland as sugarless, off-brand Jell-o. Even worse, your kids will either be too scared by

its violence or bored to tears by its stilted pace, so you're probably better off just giving them a Game Boy to fiddle around with for an hour and a half instead.

The best I can afford this high-concept snoozer is a majorly disappointing ONE-AND-A-HALF PIECES OF POPCORN OUT OF FOUR. Here's hoping the inevitable live-action "Frogger" and "Pac-Man" movies are far more entertaining.

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we'll probably start serving beer before we can implement the whole speakeasy idea.

DTN: What makes the craft beer component so appealing, from a business perspective?

JS: My hope is that it will bring more couples together, because there's a lot of people where one likes wine and one likes beer and the beer person wants to go out for a beer whereas the wine person is happy coming here for a wine. So it shortens people's opportunities to just enjoy having a glass of wine and forces them to go somewhere else — so having more people together will be good, I think.

DTN: What are your business plans for outside the downtown Cartersville area?

JS: Our next venture is we're looking at a doughnut shop — not in the DBD district, but it'll be close by — so that'll be more incorporated into Southern Mugs than beer and wine. They're all kind of hinging on each other because the storage room will become where the beer's going to go, so the stor-

age room has to go somewhere. So we're looking at a storage space as well as just incorporating a new business. It's sort of like when you start redoing your kitchen, you know? You think "I want new cabinets," and then you end up with everything.

DTN: What are your branding plans for the new doughnut shop?

JS: When we were trying to come up with coffee shop names, one of them was "Laissez-faire." We hadn't even selected a space yet, and Mark was convinced nobody would have any idea what that meant, which would not be good for a coffee shop. The name of the doughnut shop is going to be "Hippie Donuts." We've been playing with ideas for logos. We really, really want to use the hippie idea as much as possible — I just think color and fun and different.

DTN: And lastly, what's your favorite thing about running so many different businesses in the Bartow community?

JS: I obviously like talking to people, so it's always great to get to know the people, and that made us move here. So that's maybe up there — it made us residents.

County tag office announces new online services portal

STAFF REPORT

Over Memorial Day weekend, the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR), Bartow County, as well as all other counties across the state installed a new state-of-the-art system, Georgia Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES) to upgrade and modernize the vehicle registration and titling functions. Now that the statewide system

upgrade has been successfully completed, Bartow County, in conjunction with the Georgia Motor Vehicle Division, has launched a new web services portal to enable Georgia residents to complete more vehicle services online.

As of June 5, customers are now able to complete a host of services online, including online tag renewal notification, replace registration, cancel registra-

tion, pre-applying for title and registration, completing online renewals faster, changing a registration address, and insurance fine payments.

Throughout all of Georgia, county tag offices are using the new system and are encouraging customers to visit the new online portal to see what online services are available for their county.

"Georgia DRIVES is allowing Bar-

tow County residents to conduct their vehicle-related business with the county at their convenience. While we love seeing our customers, we are happy that they now have more options to self-serve when it comes to vehicle titling and registration," Bartow County Tax Commissioner Steve Stewart said.

Both state and local governments expect to leverage the new technology to

service the citizens of Georgia in a way that will make their user experience faster and more convenient. The new online portal is up and running today. Visit <https://eservices.drives.ga.gov> or www.bartowga.org to view the new online services available in Bartow County.

— This report was provided by the Bartow County Tax Commissioner's office.

Face-to-face real estate deals are best bet in the long run

Real estate deals can be lumped into two basic categories: Transaction-based and relationship-based.

Transaction-based deals are the ones where you really don't meet anyone in person. You buy these properties in places like auction sites, the MLS and foreclosure auctions. This deal type is attractive because, for the most part, you can buy them from the comfort of your home while you're sitting in front of a computer. You can do this in your spare time, and you can even buy all across the county if you wish.

The other thing that makes them attractive is that this type of deal is totally a numbers game. Because you're just placing bids, it takes any emotion out of the deal. By that, I mean you have no feeling for the seller. You just work your numbers, put the bid in, and if you get the



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house, that's great. If you don't get it, it's no skin off your back. You just move on to the next one.

These types of deals are also capital-intensive and rarely offer any sort of creative financing.

Relationship-based deals, on the other hand, require a different tactic. On these deals, your goal

is to meet with the seller, which is often more important than seeing the house. Here, you're asking the seller questions and really trying to find out how you can help solve their real estate problems.

These types of deals tend to be more local because you have to actually meet the seller. You also have to deal with the emotions associated with meeting them. The tradeoff here is that, because you're meeting with people, you have the opportunity to construct creative deals. This structure is far less capital-intensive than transaction-based deals and also can make seemingly impossible deals happen.

So, which is better?

Truthfully, you need both. Just like you switch back and forth between jeans and shorts, deciding what the market "weather" is

determines whether you need to focus more on transactional or relationship-based deals.

In my opinion, the current forecast says you need to be hitting relationship-based deals hard and heavy. Let me explain why.

We've all heard the mantra that inventory is down, right? This is very true if you're looking for deals on the MLS. REOs are very low right now. They're still available, but we have a supply and demand issue. There is a smaller supply and a big demand with investors looking for properties. This situation drives prices up and makes it harder to find deals in your area. Consequently, the investors I know who only do transaction-based deals are being forced to look all over the country for properties.

In my opinion, buying way out of your area across state lines

where you're not familiar with the local laws or the market makes this strategy very risky.

The numbers on foreclosures are way down, too. I was looking at some of our old files from 2012 to 2014 where we saw between 75 and 150 properties being advertised for auction per month. Last month, we saw no more than 16 properties advertised in each of the counties we worked. And only a quarter of those actually made it to the steps.

Finally, online auction inventory is almost nonexistent. Sites like auction.com, Hubzu and HUD have less than a handful of properties between them for each county we work.

Like I said, there is a supply issue.

So, what does that mean for you as an investor? It's simple: you're going to have to get out from be-

hind your computer and get face-to-face with sellers. You'll do that by stopping at every for-sale-by-owner and every for-rent-by-owner sign you see. You will need to get out and drive for dollars and be willing to door knock every time you can. You will need to tell everyone you know what you do and ask for help getting the word out that you buy houses.

If you do all this, if you get face-to-face with sellers and ask Peter Fortunato's famous question, "Why are you selling such a nice house as this?," you will thrive in the current real estate market.

— Joe and Ashley English buy houses and mobile homes in Northwest Georgia. For more information or to ask a question, go to www.cashflowwithjoe.com or call Joe at 678-986-6813.

A few tips for managing your money in a gig economy

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 16.5 million people rely on contingent or alternative work arrangements for their income. Often referred to as the "gig economy," these nontraditional or contingent work arrangements include independent contractors, on-call and temp agency workers, and those who sign up for on-demand labor through smartphone apps.

If you are a contingent worker, you need to pay close attention to your finances in order to make up for any gaps in earnings that may occur between jobs. In addition, you'll have to plan ahead for health-care costs, taxes and saving for retirement, since you will have to shoulder these expenses on your own.

The following are some tips for managing your money in a gig economy:

Prepare for slower periods between jobs

While establishing a cash reserve is an integral part of any financial strategy, it is especially important for contingent workers. You'll want to set aside enough money to cover unexpected expenses and large bills that may come due during slower months between jobs. A good strategy is to make it a habit to deposit a portion of your income in your cash reserve.



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Maintain good credit

Even a robust cash reserve might not be able to weather a significant downturn in contingency work. That's why it's important for contingent workers to have access to credit to help them get through leaner times. Make sure that you maintain a good history by avoiding late payments on existing loans and paying off your credit card balances whenever possible.

Come up with a budget...and stick to it

Because your income flow fluctuates, you'll need to come up with a budget a bit differently than someone with a regular income. Your first step should be to determine your monthly expenses. If it helps, you can break them down into two types of expenses: fixed and discretionary. Fixed expenses are expenses that will not change

from month to month, such as housing, transportation and student loan payments. Discretionary expenses are expenses that are more of a "want" than a "need," such as dining out or going on a vacation. Once you come up with a number, you should determine how much income you need to keep up with all of your expenses.

For a contingent worker, it's especially important to stick to your budget and keep your discretionary expenses under control. If you are having trouble keeping on track with your budget, consider ways to cut back on spending or find additional sources of income to make up for any shortfalls.

Consider health insurance options

Unfortunately, as a contingent worker, you don't have access to an employer-sponsored health plan. However, you do have health insurance options.

If you are a recent college graduate and still on your parents' health insurance plan, you usually can stay on until you turn 26. If you are no longer on your parents' plan, you may be eligible for a government-sponsored healthplan, or you can purchase your own plan through the federal or state-based Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit healthcare.gov.

Plan ahead for taxes

In a traditional work arrange-

ment, employers typically withhold taxes from employees' paychecks. As a self-employed worker, you'll have to plan ahead for federal and possibly state taxes so you don't end up with a large bill during tax time. The IRS requires self-employed individuals to make quarterly estimated income tax payments, so make sure you set enough money aside each time you get paid to go toward your tax payments. Because contingency income fluctuates from month to month, the IRS allows you to make unequal quarterly payments. In addition, you'll be responsible for paying a self-employment tax, so you need to account for that as well. For more information, visit the IRS website at irs.gov.

Don't forget about retirement

While being self-employed has benefits, it also comes with tough challenges. In particular, a lack of structured benefits, such as an employer-sponsored retirement plan, can lead contingency workers to end up sacrificing their retirement savings. And even though anyone with earned income can set up an IRA, the contribution limits are relatively low — \$6,000 in 2019 (\$7,000 if age 50 or older).

Fortunately, there are some options that may allow you to make larger retirement contributions. Consider contributing to a solo or individual 401(k) plan (up to \$56,000 in 2019, not counting

catch-up contributions for those age 50 and over) or a SEP IRA (25% of your net earnings, up to \$56,000 in 2019).

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1988. The retirement plan began over two cups of black coffee. Not by coincidence, it was toasted with a 30-year-old single malt in **2018.**

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

STOCK MARKET INDEXES							
Dow Jones Industrials							
4.74		512.40		207.39		181.09	
263.28		25,983.94		Close: 25,983.94			
1-week change: 1,168.90 (4.7%)							
MON		TUES		WED		THUR FRI	
26,951.81	21,712.53	Dow Jones Industrials	25,983.94	+1168.90	+4.71	+11.39	-2.64
11,623.58	8,636.79	Dow Jones Transportation	10,140.64	+402.61	+4.13	+10.58	-7.29
822.33	655.52	Dow Jones Utilities	806.60	+22.17	+2.83	+13.14	-21.48
13,261.77	10,723.66	NYSE Composite	12,765.86	+501.37	+4.09	+12.23	-5.2
8,176.08	6,190.17	NASDAQ Composite	7,742.10	+288.95	+3.88	+16.68	+1.26
2,954.13	2,346.58	S&P 500	2,873.34	+121.28	+4.41	+14.62	+3.39
2,053.00	1,565.76	S&P MidCap	1,892.00	+81.50	+4.50	+13.77	-5.43
30,560.54	24,129.49	Wilshire 5000	29,545.54	+1176.15	+4.15	+14.74	+1.93
1,742.09	1,266.93	Russell 2000	1,514.39	+48.90	+3.34	+12.30	-9.45
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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST													
Name	Ex	Div	Wk Chg	Wk %Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Ex	Div	Wk Chg	Wk %Chg	YTD %Chg		
AT&T Inc	NY	2.04	32.49	+1.91	+6.2	+13.8	iShBrazil	NY	.67	42.60	+9.5	+2.3	+11.5
AbbottLab	NY	1.28	80.74	+4.61	+6.1	+11.6	iShChinaLC	NY	.87	40.52	+1.5	+0.4	+3.7
AMD	NA	...	32.41	+5.00	+18.2	+75.6	iShEMkts	NY	.59	41.18	+4.7	+1.2	+5.4
Allstate	NY	2.00	100.72	+5.21	+5.5	+21.9	iS Eale	NY	1.66	65.56	+2.16	+3.4	+11.5
AlpAlerMLP	NY	1.35	9.75	+1.11	+1.1	+11.7	iShiBxHYB	NY	5.09	86.10	+1.20	+1.4	+6.2
Altria	NY	3.20	51.38	+2.88	+4.7	+4.0	Intel	NA	1.26	46.03	+1.99	+4.5	-1.9
Apache	NY	1.00	28.95	+2.88	+11.0	+10.3	IntPap	NY	2.00	44.97	+3.50	+8.4	+11.4
Apple Inc	NA	3.08	190.15	+15.08	+8.6	+20.5	Inv QQQ	NA	1.45	181.04	+7.09	+4.1	+17.4
BP PLC	NY	2.44	42.14	+1.42	+3.5	+11.1	JohnJn	NY	3.80	138.55	+7.40	+5.6	+7.4
BankOZK	NA	.92	30.51	+1.61	+5.6	+33.6	KindlMorg	NY	1.00	21.13	+1.18	+5.9	+37.4
BkofAm	NY	.60	27.53	+1.08	+4.1	+11.7	Kroger s	NY	.56	23.93	+1.12	+4.9	+13.0
BarnesNob	NY	.60	6.62	+2.23	+50.8	-6.6	LaJollaPh	NA	...	12.86	+7.47	+138.6	+36.4
BeyondMtn	NA	...	138.65	+34.53	+33.2	+110.9	LegacyRts	NA26	+14	+110.3	-82.8
BlockHR	NY	1.00	27.21	+9.6	+3.7	+7.3	LockhdM	NY	8.80	355.23	+16.69	+4.9	+35.7
BrMySq	NY	1.64	46.75	+1.38	+3.0	-10.1	Lowes	NY	2.20	96.76	+3.48	+3.7	+4.8
CSX	NA	.96	78.07	+3.80	+4.8	+25.7	McDrlds	NY	4.64	205.48	+7.21	+3.6	+15.7
CaersEnt	NA	...	9.48	+6.9	+7.8	+39.6	Merck	NY	2.20	82.46	+3.25	+4.1	+7.9
CampSp	NY	1.40	43.08	+6.77	+16.6	+30.6	MicronT	NA	...	33.99	+13.8	+4.2	+7.1
Caterpillar	NY	3.44	124.46	+4.65	+3.9	-2.1	MicroSoft	NA	1.84	131.40	+7.72	+6.2	+29.4
ChesEng	NY	...	1.89	-0.3	-1.6	-10.0	Mohawk	NY	...	146.95	+11.40	+8.4	+25.6
Chevron	NY	4.76	121.48	+7.63	+6.7	+11.7	MORGStan	NY	1.20	42.70	+2.01	+4.9	+7.7
Cisco	NA	1.40	55.93	+3.90	+7.5	+29.1	SP UR	NY	...	31.74	+11.4	+3.7	+37.5
CpgVellCrd	NY	...	12.34	+4.1	+3.4	+38.7	Nabors	NY	2.4	2.35	-0.1	-0.4	+17.5
CpgVellCrd	NY	...	8.49	-4.7	-5.2	-46.7	NewellBr	NA	.92	14.57	+1.15	+8.6	+21.8
Citigroup	NY	1.80	65.69	+3.54	+5.7	+26.2	NikeB s	NY	.88	83.41	+6.27	+8.1	+2.5
Cloudera n	NY	...	5.10	-4.07	-44.4	-53.9	PepsiCo	NA	3.82	131.40	+6.23	+5.1	+20.8
CocaCola	NY	1.60	51.49	+2.36	+4.8	+8.7	Phizer	NY	1.44	42.92	+1.40	+3.4	+1.7
ColgPalm	NY	1.72	73.99	+4.37	+6.3	+24.3	PhilpMor	NY	4.56	78.17	+1.04	+1.3	+17.1
Comcast	NA	.84	41.48	+4.8	+1.2	+21.8	ProctGam	NY	2.87	108.77	+5.86	+5.7	+18.3
ConAgra	NY	.85	29.63	+2.86	+10.7	+38.7	SPDR S&P500ETF	NY	4.13	287.65	+12.36	+4.5	+15.1
Darden	NY	3.00	121.32	+5.00	+4.3	+21.5	SPDRGX	NY	.73	25.84	+2.3	+0.9	-2.6
Deere	NY	3.04	148.71	+8.54	+6.1	-3.1	SiriusXM	NA	...	5.31	-7.0
Disney	NY	1.76	138.04	+6.00	+4.5	+25.9	SouthCo n	NY	...	13.87	+1.99	+1.6	+15.7
Docusign n	NA	...	48.16	-7.90	-14.1	+20.2	SwthEngy	NY	2.48	54.71	+1.21	+2.3	+24.6
Dupont rs	NY	...	73.64	+9.06	+14.0	...	SWStnEngy	NY	...	3.50	-0.9	-2.5	+2.8
ElliLily	NY	2.58	118.35	+2.41	+2.1	+2.3	SPDR Fndt	NY	4.6	27.12	+1.11	+4.3	+13.9
EnCana g	NY	0.7	5.04	-2.3	-4.4	-12.8	SP UR	NY	1.55	60.67	+1.81	+3.1	+13.5
Equifax	NY	1.56	130.17	+9.27	+7.7	+39.8	SumStrt	NY	2.00	62.67	+2.66	+4.4	+24.2
EsteeLdr	NY	1.72	176.58	+15.83	+9.8	+35.9	3M Co	NY	5.76	166.61	+6.86	+4.3	+12.6
ExxonMbl	NY	3.48	74.58	+3.81	+5.4	+9.9	US OilFnd	NY	...	11.23	+1.3	+1.2	+16.3
FITD Cos If	NA	...	19	-6.0	-76.1	-87.3	VeriCom	NY	2.41	57.24	+2.89	+5.3	+1.8
FordM	NY	.60	9.76	+2.4	+2.5	+27.6	WalMart	NY	2.				

BARTOW BLOTTER

The following information — names, photos, addresses, charges and other details — was taken directly from Bartow County Sheriff's Office jail records. Not every arrest leads to a conviction, and a conviction or acquittal is determined by the court system. Arrests were made by BCSO deputies except where otherwise indicated.

June 6



Ronnie Lee Poole Jr., of 22 E. Rocky St. NE, White, was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamine.



Jeremy Lee Robbins, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamine.



Rodney Allen Roberts, of 101 Perry Road NE, Rydal, was held on an agency assist.



Tasha Lynn Roberts, of 82 Oak Bend Road, Lanier, was arrested and charged with driver to exercise due care-proper use of radios and mobile phones allowed, failure to maintain lane, driving while license suspended or revoked and striking fixed object.



John Jefferson Thurman, of 413 Long Ave., Rockmart, was arrested and charged with probation violation.



Thomas James Tims, of 264 Iron Hill Road SW, Taylorsville, was arrested and charged with failure to maintain lane and too fast for conditions.



Collin James Womack, of 69 Hopkins Farm Drive NW, Adairsville, was arrested and charged with burglary.

June 7



Delphine Valencia Bennet, of 415 Princeton Road, Linden, New Jersey, was arrested and charged with possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana.



Gregory Scott Broadaway, of Georgia, was arrested and charged with three counts of exploitation and intimidation of disabled adults, elder persons and residents; and 20 counts of financial transaction card fraud.



Alaine Dora Burnley, of 321 S. Main St. NW 15, Adairsville, was arrested and charged with obstructing or hindering persons making emergency phone calls, battery-family violence and simple assault-family violence.



Tracy Lebron Calloway Jr., of 5331 Old Mission Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee, was arrested and charged with tampering with evidence and possession of more than 1 ounce of marijuana.



Kevin Walter Donahue, of 905 N. Tennessee St. SE, Cartersville, was arrested and charged with simple battery against police officer/LE dog/corrections or detention officer; and two counts of criminal trespass.



Jonathan Ivy Duke, of 17 Sutton Trail NW, Cartersville, was held for a drug court sanction.



Eric Austin Ellis, of 128 N. Cass St. NW, Adairsville, was arrested and charged with simple assault-family violence.



Gregory Lyle Epperson, of 901 Pete Davis Road, Newnan, was held on an agency assist.



Aubrey Troy Grant Jr., of 366 Old Mill Road SE 705, Cartersville, was arrested and charged with probation violation.



Gary Gus Gravelly, of 26 Montgomery St. SE A, Cartersville, was held for a drug court sanction.



Shafanique Alese Heard, of 271 Shaw Drive, Acworth, was arrested and charged with speeding in a construction zone and driving under the influence of drugs.



Richard John Hoffman, was arrested and charged with financial transaction card fraud; unlawful to possess, display or use any fraudulent, altered identification documents; and forgery.



Kevin Lamar Hollis, of 6041 N. Main St. SE, Acworth, was arrested and charged with battery-family violence.



Bruce Wayne Hornbeck, of 25 Carnor Loop NW 130, Cartersville, was arrested and charged with theft or lost or mislaid property.



Melissa Nicole Jones, of 100 Brandon Farm Road SW 9, Taylorsville, was held for a probate court sentence.



James Michael Jordan, of 60 Plantation Drive Lot 25, Lincoln, Alabama, was arrested and charged with probation violation.



Phillip Gregory Maples, of 116 N. Cass St. NW, Adairsville, was held for a drug court sanction.



Malcolm Mondell McConnell, of 364 Poplar Springs Road NW, Adairsville, was arrested and charged with probation violation.

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Morrow said she hoped they "learned some of the physics principles involved in flying and the application of STEM in the real world." Rising fifth-grader Kaydence Dustin learned several fundamentals of flying from the presentations. "The instructors taught everyone how to use wind dynamics with the flow of their bodies in the wind tunnel," the 9-year-old said. "The instructors showed hand instructions to be able to balance in air flight. When there was a lighter-weight person, there was less wind force, and when there was a heavier person, there was more wind force to keep them up." Emma Phillips, who just finished fifth grade, said she learned about "how they get people to fly when they step inside the chamber and the physics behind it as well." Morrow said she was very pleased with the field trip and with "the opportunity to see our students conquer fears, collaborate to solve problems and encourage each other." "It was exciting to see students have an 'a-ha' experience and be able to explain the physics concepts reinforced throughout the day," she said. Ten-year-old Keira Woodside, a rising fifth-grader, said the flying was her favorite part of the day "because it felt like I was falling and sky diving, and it was a lot of fun." Emma, 11, also enjoyed the flying and "the feeling when you are actually in the air." "I also enjoyed being able to stay with my friends the entire time," she said.



Rafael Elijah Parjito, of 32 Saddle Lane NW, Cartersville, was arrested and charged with battery-family violence.



Marcus Leroy Smith, of 113 Woodvale Ave., Chattanooga, Tennessee, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of multiple substances, speeding, possession of cocaine, driving while license suspended or revoked, possession and use of drug related objects, reckless driving, tampering with evidence



Jessica Nicole Tate, of 145 Coggin Loop, Calhoun, was arrested and charged with driving without license on person, expired license plate and driving while unlicensed.



Anomie Ravion Williams-Taylor, of 55 Collins Place SE, Cartersville, was arrested and charged with willful obstruction of law enforcement officers and party to a crime.

Lil Nas X's 'Old Town Road' inspires autistic boy to sing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Atlanta rapper's take on country music has inspired a mostly nonverbal autistic boy in Minnesota to sing.

Lil Nas X has found huge success with the song, "Old Town Road." It has sparked controversy, spawned a clothing line, made the rapper a household name and got his collaborator Billy Ray Cyrus a Maserati.

Now, it's being credited for doing a lot more.

Cottage Grove, Minnesota, mother Sheletta Brundidge tweeted Tuesday about her family's "#oldtownroad miracle." The Atlanta Journal Constitution reported. She filmed her 4-year-old son, Daniel, humming the tune and then singing the lyrics. Now, she says therapists are using the music in his sessions.

Cyrus retweeted the video and Lil Nas X, whose real name is Montero Lamar Hill, tweeted "What a King" in response to the clip.

"Old Town Road" climbed the Billboard charts in April and gained national attention when Billboard removed it from the Hot Country Songs chart, declar-



SHELETTA BRUNDIDGE VIA AP
Daniel Brundidge's mom, Sheletta, tweeted Tuesday that she filmed Daniel humming the tune "Old Town Road" and then singing the lyrics.

ing it not country enough. The song has now spent nine weeks at No. 1 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart and even broke the streaming record previously held by Drake.

Hill recently partnered with Wrangler and released a clothing line inspired by the song.

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Commissioner

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“Those are the kinds of skills that are lacking right now and he’s constantly trying to fill the gaps to keep the paving crew going, the stormwater crew ... that’s just a continuous dilemma we have within all the departments throughout County government.”

The Bartow County Sheriff’s Office is no exception.

“Our problem is, and it’s all throughout the State and all throughout the nation, is a manpower issue,” said Bartow County Sheriff Clark Millsap. “We have over 19 openings at the Sheriff’s Office.”

Nor does increasing benefits — and even amping up pay — seem to be doing the trick.

“We’ve increased our starting pay, we got a huge pay increase to be competitive with other agencies around us, we’ve got a signing bonus, we’ve got a retirement plan now thanks to the commissioner,” he said, “but it’s still hard to find people.”

Taylor said many major employers in the private sector are experiencing the same problem.

“The workforce in this community is really good, but it’s tight,” he said. “In the old, old days, it used to be ‘come to the South for cheap labor and cheap taxes.’ Now they’re coming looking for a skilled workforce.”

With an almost 800,000-person strong workforce in Bartow’s labor draw area — which includes all of Bartow’s neighboring counties — Taylor said there’s certainly enough people ready, able and willing to work. The difficulty, he said, comes in matching those workers with the skills current and prospec-

tive employers in the area are looking for.

Indeed, earlier this year voestalpine AG blamed its global reduced profit forecast in part on being unable “to find and maintain enough qualified personnel” to process orders in time at its manufacturing facility in Bartow.

“We’ve got plenty of workforce here and we want to keep that pipeline full as far as future workers coming,” Taylor said. “You start recruiting a company right now, it’s probably two years out before they get fully employed and operating.”

And more economic developments are coming. In Adairsville alone, Taylor listed plans for a major, 1.8 million-square-foot-plus Ashley Capital investment off Highway 140, as well as a \$42.5 million Vista Metals Corp. expansion project.

Then there’s Chick-fil-A’s plans for a first-of-its-type distribution center on 50 acres of land near the Cartersville Business Park, which was approved for up to \$45 million in bonds from the Development Authority of Bartow County at a meeting in April.

“Of course, everybody already knew what a great company they were, but you can tell this is the kind of company we want in Bartow County,” Taylor said. “A company like Chick-fil-A takes care of the community — I expect great things when they locate here, and that’s about 300 jobs they’re going to locate right in the center of the county off Cass-White Road.”

And with the county’s per capita income increasing by

about \$7,000 since 2013, Taylor said additional economic “vibrancy” is likewise occurring in Cartersville and Emerson.

“But the vibrancy in the community cannot happen unless we have some disposable income — that’s income after your house payment, after your car payment, you can take that leftover money and go spend it in the restaurants and businesses around our communities, and that’s what we’re looking for,” he said. “When we recruit for jobs, we’re looking for jobs that pay good wages.”

Taylor said he’s also optimistic about the County’s tax digest, which increased by about 8% last year. At the very least he said he anticipates this year’s numbers increasing by 6%, with a stark possibility that 2018’s growth rate is surpassed.

“You’re not going to see a millage increase this year, I’ll go ahead and make that announcement,” he said. “But hopefully in the next few years you won’t see any millage increases, either, because of that tax digest growing.”

Citing data from the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission, Taylor said Bartow’s average income has increased by about 15% over the last six years. Over that same timeframe, he said average wages in the county have increased 42%.

“You look at that in a big plot, that’s about \$500 million since 2013 up to right now in extra money coming into this community. It just trickles down and keeps circulating throughout our communities,” he said. “We’re not going to bring any low-wage jobs in, not as far as our parks go, as far as the County can control things.”

He briefly touched upon the subject of tax allocation districts (TADs), an economic development tool Bartow

County voters authorized for the local government last year. The County announced the formation of the \$1.4 billion Etowah-Allatoona Economic Corridor TAD — which comprises about 1,497 acres, mostly near the old Paga Mine property — in late 2018.

“It’s not a tax abatement for anybody, it’s not putting money in a developer’s pocket, not the way we’ve designed it,” Taylor said. “TADs help pay for water, sewer and roads. In this case, it’s going to help us fill in some mining holes.”

Jim Jacoby, founder of Atlanta-based Jacoby Development, Inc., has announced plans for a massive, mixed-use project — the Villages at Red Top — which would entail about 2,000 residential units and as much as one million square feet of commercial and retail properties within that corridor.

“Instead of us using our tax dollars to run water and sewer and build a road, the increment from inside that TAD is having to use it,” Taylor said. “So if the property values inside the TAD doesn’t increase, then this project doesn’t get built. And the only way that a TAD can happen is the County government and all the jurisdictions — mainly the school board — everybody has to get on.”

With about 900 new homes being built in Bartow last year, Taylor said residential growth is also anticipated in the local community.

“In the City of Cartersville they’re looking at a couple of pretty good projects and so are we. There’s one right off of Peoples Valley Road — the guy that developed Mountainbrook

subdivision, I think he’s looking at a [planned use development] or has been, to bring in several homes there,” he said. “We’ve had some developers looking around Highway 20. A lot of this depends on where they can get the water and sewer infrastructure and the roads, too.”

What residents shouldn’t expect anytime soon, Taylor said, are “big tract builders” breaking fresh ground in Bartow.

“[They] are not here like they are in Paulding County, and neither do I think we want those, that type of growth,” he said.

That segued into discussion of affordable housing.

“We realize that we need housing for the workforce,” he said. “Workforce housing is short right now, we know that. But as a County government, I don’t think we can do a whole lot about it. I’m not a public housing-type person, I think the market should drive housing.”

Rather, Taylor said he believes the best way to solve the County’s housing woes is by raising wages within the community.

“Better wages brings better housing,” he said. “Just keep working like we’re doing, bringing good jobs and increasing the wages and letting the free market work its way out.”

Regarding potential south Bartow development, Taylor said the County is eyeing potential attractions in and around Lake Allatoona.

“Maybe we’ll partner with the City of Emerson to have a nice little park there along

the river, from 293 all the way down to Pumpkinvine Creek,” he said. “The County owns about 500 acres down there and with this Jacoby development that everybody already knows about, as it comes along maybe that would be a good spot for at least another launch site.”

He concluded the presentation with a quick update on the proposed Rome-Cartersville Development Corridor project. The transportation project, currently estimated at roughly \$155 million, would effectively link Highway 411 directly to Interstate 75 via a new, 6.2-mile connector.

“The State and feds can move forward with a good road design. We know where it’s going to come out, right there at Anheuser-Busch at the bridge. So I know they’ve still got just a few environmental issues to work through, but that road is going to happen,” he said. “I think now that the politics is right and Bartow and Floyd County for the first time ever is on the same page ... both counties know how important this road is, to both communities and northwest Georgia, to get it done.”



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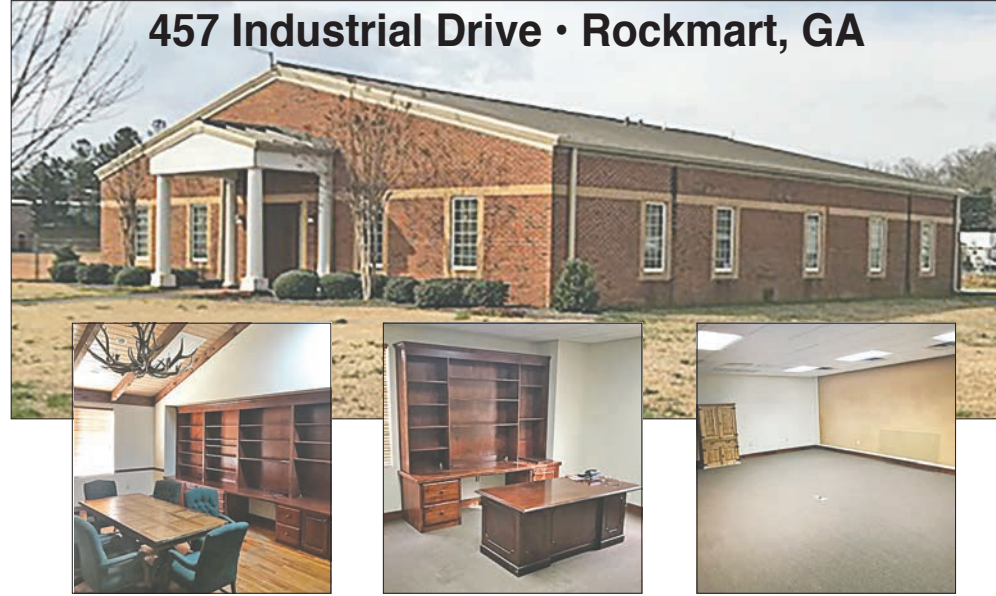
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DTN All-County Baseball Team

Canes stars Welchel, Davis, Barnett earn superlative honors

STAFF REPORT

As a whole, the 2019 Bartow County high school baseball season ended up being fairly disappointing for all four local teams.

Adairsville, which was coming off a fantastic 2018 season, and Cass relied upon young players almost exclusively during rebuilding campaigns. Doing so against some of the top teams in Northwest Georgia certainly hurt the teams' overall marks.

The hope for the Tigers and Colonels will be that the learning experience helps each program build for the future. Offense wasn't really the issue for the teams, so the onus will be on the pitching staffs to step up in 2020.

Woodland, likewise, didn't have a veteran lineup this spring. Although, the Wildcats did have experience in some key spots. That's partly what helped them put together the second-best season of the locals.

The team had to overcome a coaching change early in the year. That being said, Woodland promoted interim head coach Mike Montgomery to the position on a permanent basis, securing the services of one of the area's top coaches.

Meanwhile, Cartersville put together a great year, on paper. The Canes finished 28-6 with an 11-1 record in Region 5-AAAA play en route to a second straight championship.

However, a senior-laden group that came agonizingly close to winning a state title in 2018 came up just short again. Cartersville dropped a pair of close, low-scoring games to eventual-champion Northside, Columbus in the quarterfinals to end the careers of some outstanding players.

Two of those Canes earned superlative titles on this year's all-county team, while the team's lone non-senior starter also garnered one of the top individual honors. Each of the three landed on Georgia Dugout Preview Magazine's Class 4A all-state first team, which would seem to validate their status as the most deserving of those awards.

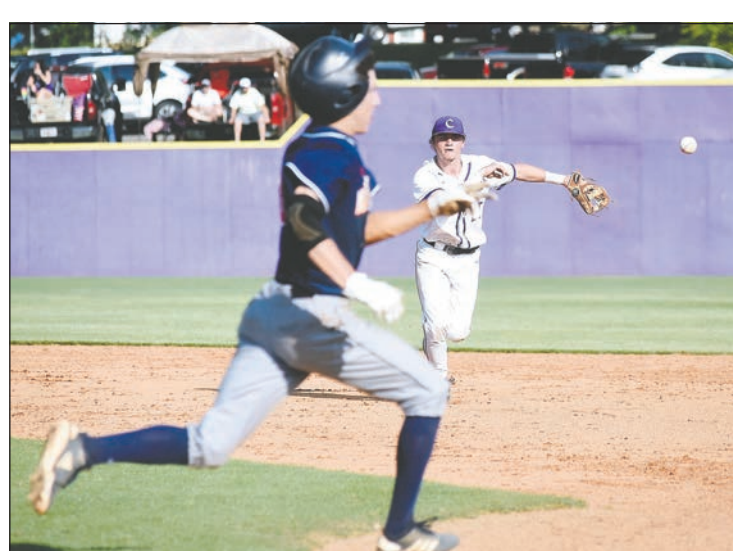
Player of the Year:

Preston Welchel, Cartersville senior

In his senior year, Welchel finally put everything together at the plate to become the best all-around player in the county. A top-notch defensive center fielder, Welchel had often shown flashes of power but had been streaky at the dish. In 2019, it all came together in the form of a .408/.520/.745 slash line. The South Alabama signee produced 40 hits, including nine doubles, three triples and six home runs, to go with 20 walks. He finished with 29 runs scored and 34 driven in. Welchel earned Region 5-AAAA player of the year honors after slashing .594/.705/.969 in a dozen league games.

Hitter of the Year:

Josh Davis, Cartersville junior



RANDY PARKER/THE DAILY TRIBUNE NEWS
Clockwise from top, Cartersville's Preston Welchel, Mason Barnett and Josh Davis earned superlative honors on the DTN all-county baseball team.

Hitting out of the leadoff spot, Davis proved to be one of Cartersville's most consistent players throughout the season. While everybody on the Canes, even Welchel, seemed to go through highs and lows, Davis managed to contribute with an incredibly high floor. It didn't hurt that his ceiling is pretty high, as well. He finished the year slashing .391/.468/.536. In 2020, he'll be Cartersville's only returning starter. It means he'll be asked to remain the leader in hits (43), runs scored (32) and stolen bases (8), as he was in 2019, along with continued improvement defensively and in the power department.

Pitcher of the Year:

Mason Barnett, Cartersville senior

Believe it or not, Barnett actually landed hitter of the year in our compilation of the 2018 DTN all-county team. While his offensive stats dipped during his senior season, his already outstanding numbers on the mound somehow improved. Barnett compiled a 10-1 record, a 0.47 ERA, a 0.84 WHIP and a .131 batting average allowed. He struck out 90 batters in a dozen starts, spanning 59 1/3 innings. An Auburn signee, Barnett will follow in the footsteps of Elliott Anderson, a former Cane turned Tiger, who gave up hitting to focus on pitching at the next level. He still managed a .439 OBP in his senior year.

SEE ALL-COUNTY, PAGE 6B

Anderson helps put Tigers 1 win from Omaha

Cartersville High grad continues to shine for Auburn

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Rankin Woley had a 3-run double in the eighth inning, Edouard Julien a 3-run homer in the ninth and Auburn scored nine runs in the last two innings on Saturday to rally for an 11-7 win over North Carolina in the first game of the Chapel Hill super regional.

Tar Heels' starter Tyler Baum left with one out in the seventh inning having allowed just four hits and a 4-2 lead. But five relievers gave up nine runs on six hits. Before the outburst, the Tigers' (37-25) only runs came on a 2-run homer by Steven Williams in the fifth.

Conor Davis drove in a run with a double in the eighth and another scored on a wild pitch before Woley's double to right center gave Auburn its first lead at 7-5. A single and two walks loaded the bases in the ninth. Kason Hollard hit a sacrifice fly before Julien drove to right field for his ninth home run. North Carolina (45-18) added a pair of runs in the ninth.

Jack Owen gave up four runs on eight hits in his start for the Tigers. Cartersville High product and recent Kansas City Royals draft pick Elliott Anderson (7-2) took over in the sixth with Cody Greenhill pitching the last two innings for his 12th save. Joey Lancellotti (6-43), who gave up Woley's double, took the loss without recording an out. Game 2 in the best-of-three series is today.



STEVEN RYAN/AP

Jockey Joel Rosario, atop Sir Winston (7), right, reacts after crossing the finish line ahead of Tacitus (10) to win the 151st Belmont Stakes Saturday in Elmont, New York.

Sir Winston takes Belmont

BY TOM CANAVAN
AP Sports Writer

Sir Winston provided a perfect finish to a crazy Triple Crown. After a disqualification in the Kentucky Derby and a runaway horse in the Preakness, of course the Belmont Stakes goes to a 10-1 long shot.

Sir Winston captured the \$1.5 million race Saturday, holding off favored Tacitus by a length. The win gave trainer Mark Casse the final two jewels in the showcase for 3-year-old thoroughbreds. He won the Preakness with War of Will, who was expected to battle Tacitus in the 1 1/2 mile Belmont.

Instead, Casse's other's colt took the lead after a ground-saving ride by Joel Rosario.

"I wasn't really a shock to Casse. I said all week he was doing really well," Casse said. "He had a

race over the track. What can I say? It's just exciting."

Sir Winston, who was making his Triple Crown debut, finished second in the Peter Pan Stakes, the traditional prep for the Belmont.

Rosario rode him for the first time in that race, and the two put on a show Saturday in front of a crowd of 56,217, earning \$800,000 for owner Tracy Farmer.

Long shot Joevia finished third and Tax was fourth.

The Triple Crown grind caught up to Preakness winner War of Will, who ran in all three races. He finished ninth in the 10-horse field.

"I could see where War of Will was struggling a little bit," Casse said. "He looked like maybe he was a little flat today."

The Belmont capped an entertaining Triple Crown highlighted by the disqualification of Maximum Security in the Kentucky Derby. It sparked interest in thoroughbred racing despite no possibility of the third Triple Crown winner in five years, coming on the heels of Justify last year and American Pharoah in 2015.

It was all positive. There were no tragedies on the track. No horses died.

The Belmont was a jockey's race and Rosario was the right rider on a horse full of run.

Breaking from the No. 7 post, Rosario guided the chestnut colt to the rail for an energy-saving trip. Sir Winston was eighth for the first half-mile and then started to rally on the final turn.

Up front, 21-1 long shot Joevia continued to set the pace with Tax closely tracking. In the stretch, Rosario angled Sir Winston — named for Winston Churchill — off the rail and slightly bothered stablemate War of Will.

SEE BELMONT, PAGE 2B

Louisville 1st to clinch CWS bid

BY ERIC OLSON
AP Sports Writer

Louisville became the first team to clinch a spot in the College World Series, and Florida State coach Mike Martin moved a win closer to getting back to Omaha one more time before he retires.

The Cardinals' Bobby Miller carried a no-hitter through eight innings in a 12-0 win that wrapped up a two-game sweep of East Carolina in a super regional on Saturday. He gave up a hit in the ninth before Michael Kirian finished to preserve the shutout for No. 5 national seed and host Louisville (49-16), which reached the CWS for the fourth time since 2013 and fifth overall.

"I don't know if it gets more complete than that," said Louisville coach Dan McDonnell, whose team outscored the Pirates 26-1 in the two games. "Two quality starts, with double-digit runs and a big lead. Fortunately, we jumped on them early."

SEE BASEBALL, PAGE 5B

Teheran excels, Braves blank Marlins

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Rookie Austin Riley and the Atlanta Braves made the most of their hits, thanks to Julio Teheran and a trio of relievers.

Teheran pitched six sharp innings and Riley scored the only run, lifting the Braves over the Miami Marlins 1-0 on Saturday.

Riley gave extra effort for a leadoff double in the seventh against Trevor Richards. Riley's hard grounder glanced off the glove of shortstop Miguel Rojas and rolled into the outfield.

"I just hustled and then once I saw it get through I maybe knew I had a chance and heard 'go, go, go, go,' and I was going," Riley said.

Riley took third on a flyball and scored on Tyler Flowers' sacrifice fly.

The Braves won despite getting only three hits and improved to 5-0 this season at Marlins Park. Miami, which was shut out for the 11th time this season, had just four hits.

Atlanta had outscored the Marlins 26-6 in the previous four wins in Miami.

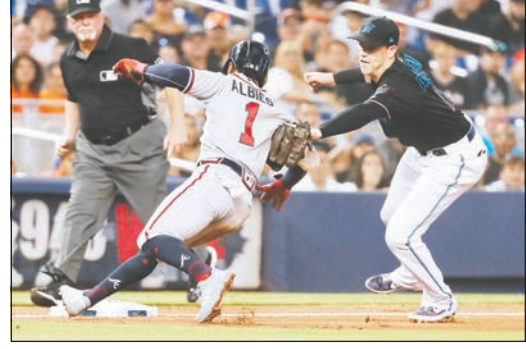
Teheran (4-4) gave up two hits and struck out five. He has not allowed more than one earned run in each of his last seven starts.

"(Teheran) was great again. I'm just glad we got him a win ... he was awesome," Atlanta manager Brian Snitker said.

Teheran wasn't thinking about the pitchers' duel but on being effective when the Marlins threatened in the third and sixth innings.

"I know there were a couple of situations where I got runners on bases, but I keep my faith," Teheran said. "That was something big and I was happy that I got the win, obviously."

Luke Jackson recorded four outs for his ninth save. With two outs and runners at the corners in the eighth, Miami's Brian Anderson hit a slower roller to third base and was out in a close play — a replay



WILFREDO LEE/AP

Miami Marlins third baseman Brian Anderson tags out Atlanta Braves' Ozzie Albies (1) as he heads for third base during the third inning Saturday in Miami.

confirmed the call. Richards (3-6) gave up two hits in seven innings. He had won three straight decisions and suffered his first loss since starting the season 0-5.

"I think I've been able to attack the hitters a little bit better and locate better (since the poor start)," said Richards, who did not allow a hit until Freddie Freeman singled with two outs in the sixth inning.

Back on May 4 in his previous outing against Atlanta, Richards gave up just two hits in 4 2/3 shutout innings. He remains winless in three career starts against the Braves.

Miami manager Don Mattingly was impressed with his starter, who needed only 15 pitches over the first two innings against Atlanta's potent lineup.

"I thought he did a really nice job with that club," Mattingly said. "It's all about us getting that key out or that key hit and today we just weren't able to do it."

SEE BRAVES, PAGE 6B

With Leonard leading way, Raptors on cusp of 1st NBA title

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — There was a moment, not long before the postseason started, when Toronto coach Nick Nurse learned all that he really needed to know about Kawhi Leonard and what makes the man of few words tick.

The conversation was about the 82-game regular season.

Leonard shrugged and described those games as “just practice.”

“That’s when I knew,” Nurse said, “that this guy has another gear that he was going to get to.”

Everyone knows that now — or at least, everyone should be reminded of that now. Leonard was the NBA Finals MVP in 2014 and looks very much like the soon-to-be NBA Finals MVP in 2019. He is at the top of his game and has shown that not only is he over the leg ailment that cost him basically all of last season but that he might just be better than ever.

They call Leonard “the King of the North” in Toronto now, and on Monday night that title might expand to cover the entire NBA as well. Leonard is on the cusp of a second championship and possibly ending a second era. The Raptors lead the Golden State Warriors 3-1 in the NBA Finals and Toronto plays host to a potentially championship-clinching Game 5 on Monday night.

“It’s not over yet,” Leonard said. The way he’s playing, it’s hard to imagine this slipping away.



TONY AVELAR/AP

Toronto Raptors forward Kawhi Leonard speaks at a news conference after Game 4 of the NBA Finals Friday in Oakland, California.

Leonard is averaging 30.8 points and 10.3 rebounds in the finals. For the entirety of the playoffs, the averages are 31.1 points and 9.1 rebounds. The elite club for shooters in the NBA is the one dubbed “50-40-90” — 50% from the field, 40% from 3-point range, 90% from the foul line. Leonard is at 49.8% shooting, 39% on 3s and 89% from the line in the postseason, with every team’s plan geared to stop him.

“I don’t think you’re ever going to rattle Kawhi,” conceded Golden State’s Draymond Green.

There’s no shame in that. The War-

rriors have some defenders of exceptional pedigree. Green is a former defensive player of the year. Klay Thompson was an all-defensive team player this year. Andre Iguodala and Andrew Bogut have earned their way onto that team in previous seasons.

Separately, together, it doesn’t matter. The Warriors haven’t had an answer for Leonard.

“He’s just been phenomenal,” Nurse said. “The energy that he brought on the defensive end translated to his offensive game. To me, talking about ‘where does he rank’ and blah blah blah, he’s like the

best team player. He might not be the best player in the NBA — he’s in the conversation of some sort of top five or top three or whatever you want to have — but he’s the best team player.”

They’re even noticing that outside of basketball.

Golf is about as individual a sport as there is. But the sixth-ranked golfer in the world Justin Thomas marveled after seeing Leonard in person during these playoffs.

“I’m a huge Kawhi fan,” Thomas said. “I think he’s awesome to watch. I love his demeanor, his work ethic, how he goes about his own business and he’s never blaming anybody. He never complains. He kind of just goes out, does his work and is always thanks his teammates. He’s never putting anything on himself. It’s pretty cool.”

Leonard’s moment of entering the realm of NBA superstardom probably came in the 2014 finals when San Antonio faced Miami for the second consecutive year.

Leonard scored nine points in a Game 1 win, nine points again in a Game 2 loss. He was struggling, almost deferring too much to Spurs leaders like Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili. That’s when San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich gave Leonard now-infamous advice: “The hell with Tony, the hell with Timmy, the hell with Manu, you play the game. You are the man.”

The words resonated.

Leonard’s point totals in finals games since that night: 29, 20, 22, 23, 34, 30, 36.

The Spurs won the 2014 title to end LeBron James’ time in Miami and the Heat “Big Three” era. The Raptors are a win away from ending Golden State’s two-year run as NBA champs and potentially ushering in major roster changes for the Warriors this summer as well, with Kevin Durant among the team’s free agents.

“We’ve got a lot of talent and we’ve got a lot of pride and these guys have been to the finals five straight years for a reason,” Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. “They’re unbelievably competitive. And they’re together, and they’re going to fight. They’re going to fight the whole way. So we’ll go try to get one win and, if we can do that, come back (home) and see what happens.”

Leonard has scored 684 points in this postseason, which is already the eighth-most by any player in any playoff run. If he scores 14 more on Monday, he passes No. 7 Kobe Bryant (2009) and No. 6 James (2012) on that list. If he scores 24, he then passes No. 5 Shaquille O’Neal (2000) as well.

Michael Jordan scored 759 in 1992. James scored 748 last year. Hakeem Olajuwon scored 725 in 1995. Allen Iverson scored 723 in 2001. Leonard is now in their club, their level of elite. And if a second finals MVP trophy comes, Leonard would join only James and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as players to claim one of those with multiple franchises.

“It doesn’t matter,” Leonard said, “until you get that fourth win.”

That’s the one he’ll aim to get on Monday.



MICHEL EULER/AP

Serbia’s Novak Djokovic reacts after missing a shot against Austria’s Dominic Thiem in their semifinal match of the French Open at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris.

Djokovic Slam run ends in semis; Thiem, Nadal to meet in Roland Garros rematch

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

PARIS — Novak Djokovic’s 26-match Grand Slam winning streak ended in the French Open semifinals because he made some odd strategic choices, because the wild weather bothered him, because the chair umpire got under his skin.

Mostly, though, because Dominic Thiem managed to outperform Djokovic at his own brand of defense-to-offense, speed-and-power baseline game.

Thiem put an end to the No. 1-ranked Djokovic’s bid for a fourth consecutive major championship Saturday with a dramatic 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, 5-7, 7-5 victory in a wind-whipped and rain-interrupted match that spanned more than four hours over two days.

“I don’t want to point out some reasons or find excuses for this loss,” said Djokovic, who had won nine of his past 10 five-setters and was 29-9 overall in such matches. “I mean, he took it, he won it, and well done to him.”

It wasn’t easy. Shouldn’t be against Djokovic, who kept digging holes for himself and climbing out.

Thiem wasted two match points with quick unforced errors when serving for the victory at 5-3 in the fifth, but he made his third chance count, smacking a forehand winner to break Djokovic in the last game.

“An epic match. I mean, so many ups and downs. And rain, going back to the locker, on court again. Somehow I had the feeling that I had the lead in the whole match, and then at the end, it got so tough,” Thiem said. “Both of us, we could win, and I luckily got the better in the end.”

Djokovic was stopped two victories short of collecting his fourth consecutive major championship, a run that began on the grass at Wimbledon last July, then continued on the hard courts of the U.S. Open and Australian Open.

Instead, it is Thiem, an Austrian ranked No. 4, who now gets a chance to win his first Grand Slam trophy on the red clay of Roland Garros.

Thiem will face 11-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal today in a rematch of last year’s final. Nadal won that one, part of an 8-4 lead for the Spaniard in their head-to-head series.

“All the time, if someone reaches the finals here, it’s against Rafa,” Thiem said with a laugh.

It will be the fourth straight day that Thiem is in action because of postponements, whereas Nadal will be well-rested, having played his quarterfinal Tuesday and his semifinal Friday, when he beat Roger Federer 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. Beating Thiem again would allow Nadal to raise his Grand Slam total to 18 titles, moving him with

two of Federer’s record for a man.

In the women’s final, which started 1½ hours late Saturday because it followed Thiem-Djokovic at Court Philippe Chatrier, No. 8 seed Ash Barty of Australia won her first major title by beating unseeded 19-year-old Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic 6-1, 6-3.

On Friday, Thiem had just broken Djokovic to go up a break at 3-1 in the third set when their match was suspended because of a shower. They resumed 18½ hours later, in dry, breezy conditions. The wind that was so fierce Friday — spreading loose, rust-colored clay dust from the court surface all over the place, making for something that seemed like a sandstorm — was much more manageable Saturday. It rippled players’ shirts but did not cause havoc with serve tosses and shots the way it had the evening prior.

“One of the worst conditions I have ever been part of,” Djokovic said about Friday. “That’s all I can tell you.”

Repeatedly, they engaged in long and entertaining points that lasted 10 shots, 20 shots or more. They used anticipation and enviable court coverage to track down each other’s shots. They walloped the ball from all angles.

The very longest of these exchanges tended to go Djokovic’s way: He won 37 of 61 points (61 of nine or more strokes).

For whatever reason, Djokovic often felt compelled to try to shorten points often, hardly his usual strategy. So that led to this key statistic: He won only 35 of 71 points when he went to the net. Thiem, meanwhile, took 18 of 20 on his more judicious forays forward.

Serving at 15-all while down 6-5 in the third set, Djokovic was agitated by a warning from chair umpire Jaime Campistol for letting the serve clock expire. Djokovic wouldn’t let it go, complaining so much he was called for unsportsmanlike conduct.

The lack of focus drifted into his play, too, including a serve-and-volley attempt that handed that set to Thiem.

After forcing a fifth, Djokovic faltered again, getting broken to trail 3-1 when he missed a volley, before Thiem held for 4-1, shortly before rain came.

Djokovic was a point from losing when Thiem served at 5-3, 40-15. Except Thiem couldn’t close. Dumped a backhand into the net. Pushed a backhand wide. Sent a forehand long. Slapped a backhand into the net.

Hard to recover from that sort of collapse.

But Thiem regrouped. It was Djokovic who faltered — and who lost, something he hadn’t done on a Grand Slam stage since the 2018 French Open quarterfinals.

Barty party: Australian wins 1st major at French Open

8th-seeded Aussie routs Czech teen, will soon rise to No. 2 in rankings

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

PARIS — Ash Barty knew she needed a break from tennis, from the pressure and expectations, from the week-in, week-out grind. So she stepped away in 2014 and wound up trying her hand at cricket, joining a professional team at home in Australia.

After almost two years away, Barty was pulled back to the tour. Good choice. Now she’s a Grand Slam champion.

Taking control right from the start of the French Open final and never really letting go, the No. 8-seeded Barty capped a quick-as-can-be rise in her return to the sport by beating unseeded 19-year-old Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic 6-1, 6-3 Saturday for her first major championship.

“I never closed any doors, saying, ‘I’m never playing tennis again.’ For me, I needed time to step away, to live a normal life because this tennis life certainly isn’t normal. I think I needed time to grow as a person, to mature,” Barty said.

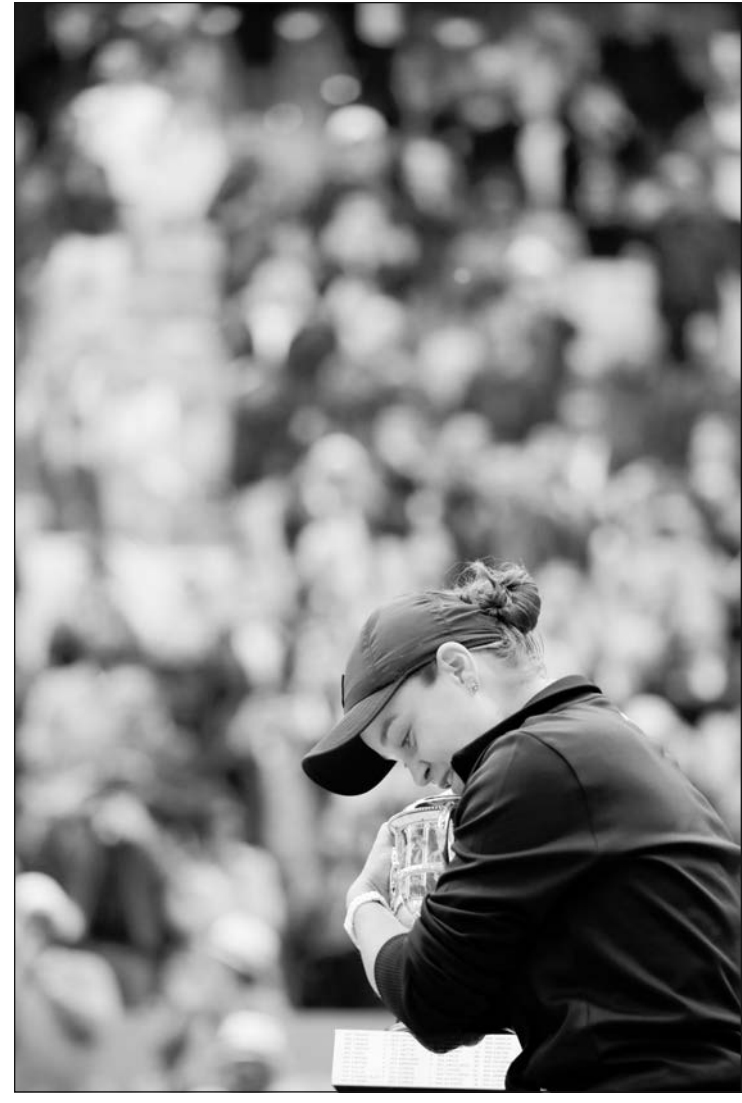
And as for why she came back three years ago?

“I missed the competition. I missed the 1-on-1 battle, the ebbs and the flows, the emotions you get from winning and losing matches,” said Barty, who will jump to a career-best No. 2 in the rankings Monday behind Naomi Osaka. “They are so unique and you can only get them when you’re playing and when you put yourself out on the line and when you become vulnerable and try and do things that no one thinks of.”

That last part is an apt description of how she approaches each point, looking for just the right angle or speed, understanding where an opponent might be most vulnerable at any given moment. After using her given backhand, topspin forehand and kick serve to do just that to Vondrousova, she called it a “kind of ‘Ash Barty brand’ of tennis.”

Vondrousova’s take?

“She’s mixing things up. And she has a huge serve.” Vondrousova said. “So it’s all, like, very tough to play against.”



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

Australia’s Ashleigh Barty hugs the trophy as she celebrates winning the women’s final of the French Open against Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic in two sets, 6-1, 6-3, Saturday at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris.

Barty raced to a 4-0 lead and then held on, showing that she learned her lesson after blowing a 5-0 edge in the opening set of her quarterfinal victory a day earlier against another unseeded teenager, 17-year-old American Amanda Anisimova.

“An absolute roller-coaster,” Barty called it.

Her coach, Craig Tytzer, said the two of them huddled with Ben Crowe, who helps Barty with the mental side of things, and they had a “really good discussion about it” to make sure she’d avoid that sort of trouble in the final.

Neither Barty, 23, nor Vondrousova had ever played in a Grand Slam final before. Neither had even been in a major semifinal until this week, either. But it was only Vondrousova who seemed jittery at the outset; she was playing at Court Philippe Chatrier for the first time.

Barty wound up with a 27-10 edge in winners to become the first Australian to win the trophy at Roland Garros since Margaret Court in 1973.

“I played the perfect match today,” Barty said.

Pretty close to it, particularly by the beginning. By the end, Barty compiled a 27-10 edge in winners.

It took all of 70 minutes to wrap things up.

“She gave me a lesson to-

day,” said Vondrousova, who is ranked 38th. “I didn’t really feel good today, because she didn’t let me play my game.”

The women’s final started about 1½ hours later than scheduled because it followed the resumption of Dominic Thiem’s 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, 5-7, 7-5 victory over Novak Djokovic in the men’s semifinals, a match suspended Friday evening because of rain.

Thiem will face 11-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal on Sunday in a rematch of last year’s final.

In a women’s draw filled with surprises, Barty faced only one seeded player, No. 14 Madison Keys of the U.S., along with the women who eliminated Serena Williams and defending champion Simona Halep.

After the U.S. Open five years ago, Barty left competitive tennis. She had been a successful junior, winning the 2011 Wimbledon girls’ title, and played in three doubles finals by then, too.

But she needed to get away and reconsider how to approach her job and all that came with it. Look where she is now.

“If she didn’t take a break, I’m not sure she’d still be playing. So I think the time away was the best thing for her,” Tytzer said. “She got her head around that this is what she missed and this is what she wanted to do.”

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Ford drivers look for more success at Michigan

By **NOAH TRISTER**
AP Sports Writer

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Yes, victory lane this season has been dominated by Joe Gibbs' Toyotas, but this weekend the NASCAR Cup Series is in Michigan.

That means Ford's drivers should be motivated — and history suggests they'll be tough to beat.

"I had the privilege of having dinner with the Ford family (Thursday) night," Brad Keselowski said. "All the Ford drivers got together to do that at the Henry Ford estate in Dearborn. While we were there, Mr. Edsel Ford, or as we like to call him, The Godfather of Ford Performance, got up and gave a speech. One of the things he said was that Ford's winning percentage here was almost 50 percent at the Cup level."

Ford won both Michigan Cup

races last year, when Kevin Harvick and Clint Bowyer prevailed. Joe Gibbs Racing already has nine victories this season, but Gibbs only has one win in the last 14 races at Michigan. That came courtesy of Matt Kenseth in 2015. It's been — perhaps fittingly — a Ford and Chevy show since then.

"I think as you look at this particular race track, obviously Ford is not far from here and there is a great significance from the Ford Motor Company and the executives at Ford to win," Harvick said. "As you look at getting to victory lane at Michigan, it is the same urgency as it was last year and we did well at that."

Harvick is winless this year, but Keselowski has three victories. With Keselowski's wins and a victory by Joey Logano at Las Vegas, Team Penske has won almost all the Cup races not won by JGR. Only JGR's Kyle Busch has more

victories than Keselowski.

Saturday seemed especially encouraging for Ford, which had eight of the top 10 spots in qualifying. Logano took the pole for today's race.

That's only a start, though. JGR hasn't won any poles this season, and that hasn't held those drivers back much. Ford has plenty of work still to do if it wants to repeat its success from last year.

Today's race is the 100th at Michigan for NASCAR's top series. The first was 50 years ago this month, when Cale Yarborough won the Motor State 500 in a Mercury. Nostalgia aside, this is a big weekend. A few years ago, MIS began presenting the Michigan Heritage trophy to winning manufacturers at the track, adding still more incentive.

"You forget the significance of individual races sometimes, especially in the middle of the season,

and what they mean to different people," Keselowski said. "To the manufacturers that have for so long been the lifeblood of our sport and are based here out of Detroit, it means the world to them to have success in front of their executive teams and core employees, both white-collar and blue-collar."

That's probably been obvious for a while, but this week's dinner clearly left an impression on some of Ford's top drivers.

"There are certain things in life that just hit you. Those surreal moments," Bowyer said. "I was texting my father and a guy that means a lot to me and is really close to him and has been around hot rods and drag racing all my life, my whole upbringing. I'm like, 'You're never going to believe this. I'm at Henry Ford's estate with his great-grandson Edsel as a host at a dinner.' ... There's always incentive. It goes without saying."

Baseball

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In super regional openers, Florida State, Arkansas and Auburn posted wins and can clinch CWS bids today.

FSU, trying to return Martin to the CWS for a 17th time and give the all-time NCAA coaching wins leader one last shot at his first national title, overcame a four-run deficit for the first time this season to beat host LSU 6-4. The Seminoles (40-21) also continued Martin's streak of winning at least 40 games each of his 40 years at the helm.

Reese Albert hit two homers, the first a three-run shot that tied it 4-all in the seventh. The second made it a two-run game in the ninth, and JC Flowers worked a stressful ninth to put away the Tigers (40-25).

Jack Kenley's three-run homer in the first inning ignited 2018 national runner-up Arkansas in an 11-2 win over Mississippi. The host Razorbacks (45-17) got a career-high 8 1/3 innings from Seattle Mariners second-round draft pick Isaiah Campbell.

Auburn (37-25), down three runs after seven innings, scored nine runs in the last two to beat host North Carolina 11-7. Rankin Woley drove in three runs in the Tigers' five-run eighth, and Edouard Julien hit a three-run homer in the ninth to pull away from the Tar Heels (45-18).

PERTURBED PIRATE
East Carolina coach Cliff Godwin said his team deserved better treatment from the NCAA in scheduling and seeding. The Pirates (47-18) of the American Athletic Conference required five games to win their weather-plagued regional and had to play doubleheaders last Sunday and Monday. They got three

days off before opening the super regional.

"I felt like when you push two games together, our guys just ran out of gas having to play five games in 48 hours," he said. "And you'd think for student-athlete welfare — the NCAA is so concerned about that — we wouldn't have to play the first game on Friday. I guess that's the way it is when you're a non-Power 5 school."

Godwin also said the Pirates' resume merited them being a top-eight national seed, which would have allowed them to play super regionals at home.

"I'm not being a sore loser," he said, "but I'm protecting my guys and my guys deserve that. I was going to say this whether we won the super regional or lost it."

WILL BE DONE
Mississippi's Will Ethridge had a string of 24 2/3 innings without issuing a walk end in the first inning against Arkansas. He lasted 3

1/3 innings and allowed eight runs, six earned — the first time in four starts he had given up more than two runs.

BIG BATS
— Drew Campbell was 3 for 5 with a double and triple, and Justin Lavey was 3 for 3 with two doubles and three RBIs for Louisville.

— Since regionals, FSU's Albert is batting .421 (8 of 19) with three homers and nine RBIs.

— Arkansas' Trevor Ezell went 3 for 5 with a home run and two doubles.

MOUND MARVELS
— Arkansas' Isaiah Campbell pitched a career-high 8 1/3 innings with two runs allowed on five hits, one walk and seven strikeouts.

— LSU's Todd Peterson pitched 4 1/3 innings of no-hit relief after starter Cole Henry lasted two innings.

— North Carolina starter Tyler Baum allowed two runs and struck out seven in 6 1/3 innings.

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McIlroy moves into share of lead at Canadian Open



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, watches his approach shot on the 17th hole during the third round of the Canadian Open golf tournament Saturday in Ancaster, Ontario.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
ANCASTER, Ontario — Rory McIlroy added the Canadian Open to his schedule as a tune-up for next week's U.S. Open at Pebble Beach. Now he has a chance to add another national championship to his already impressive tally.

The Northern Irishman shot a bogey-free 6-under 64 on Saturday to move into a share of the lead after three rounds at Hamilton Golf and Country Club.

"I think the best preparation for tournaments ahead is to get yourself into contention and feel the heat of battle, and going down the stretch hitting the shots when you need to," McIlroy said. "If you can do that then I don't think there is anything else in the game that will give you more confidence than that."

Seeking his second victory of the season, McIlroy surged into a tie with Webb Simpson (67) and Matt Kuchar (69) at 13-under 197. McIlroy's round was tied for best on the day with Jonathan Byrd, who was tied for ninth at 8 under. Kuchar, who also shared the second-round

lead, has a shot at his career-best third victory of the season.

Adam Hadwin, seeking to become the first Canadian winner of the event since 1954, was one shot back after a 67. Shane Lowry (66) and Brandt Snedeker (69) were also 12 under.

McIlroy won The Players Championship in March but has not seriously contended since. A victory would be his fifth in a national open, following the U.S. Open (2011), Australian Open (2013), British Open (2014) and Irish Open (2016). McIlroy also counts the Hong Kong Open (2011) as part of his national-championship tally.

"National championships are very important. They're the oldest championships in our game for the most part," said McIlroy. "If someone said to me earlier, 'Do you know how many national opens you've won?' I could count them and I've won five."

"If I were able to win tomorrow that would be my sixth and that would be something I would be very proud of."

Simpson has played 54 holes

without a bogey.

"I think the times when it's a guess this week I've guessed correctly," Simpson said. "And I've been putting well, especially inside 10 feet. I've had to make a few 6-7-footers, but so far they've gone in and haven't made a blemish yet."

Snedeker, who shot a tournament-record 60 on Friday, said the conditions were much tougher in the third round.

"It's always hard to follow up a low round like I did yesterday," Snedeker said. "Today was a tough day. Wind was blowing, hard to put the ball in the fairway, and then the greens are firm and bouncing so really hard to get them close."

Hadwin will face intense pressure as he tries to win his national open, but he said the Hamilton layout suits his game.

"We'll see what happens ... with what the wind is doing and how everything has gotten," Hadwin said. "The nice thing about this place, because it's a little bit shorter, if you hit it well you can post a 5-, 6-under pretty solidly, like Rory today, or it can get you."

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ALL-COUNTY TEAM

Ian Inaba, Cartersville senior — Always a solid left fielder, Inaba improved by leaps and bounds at the dish in 2019. He had the third-highest batting average on a team that won 28 games and reached the state quarterfinals. He landed a spot on the all-region squad after particularly shining in the league. Even still, his overall numbers rival the best in the county. He finished with 32 hits, 16 runs scored and 12 RBIs, but his .360 batting average and .457 OBP really tell the story of his contributions.

Bryson Markley, Cass senior — One of the rare seniors for the Colonels, Markley garnered second-team all-Region 7-A status as an outfielder. Markley had to have been one of the few players in the state with more triples (4) than doubles (3). Regardless, his ability to find the gaps helped boost him to a team-leading .484 slugging percentage. That, in turn, helped him lead Cass in OPS at .898. He paced the Colonels with 13 RBIs to go with a .313

average and .413 OBP.

Logan Martin, Cartersville senior — Martin really came into his own in region play, finishing with a 3-0 mark and a 1.07 ERA, which was somehow only good enough for a second-team nod. He proved to be a steal for the University of the South-Sewanee, throwing 60 innings for the Canes with 90 strikeouts to just 22 walks. Overall, the lean right-hander pitched to a 1.98 ERA, a 1.10 WHIP and 9-1 record. His decision to rejoin the Canes this spring was the team's single biggest boost.

Gage Morris, Cartersville senior — The fact that Morris didn't make Georgia Dugout Preview Magazine's all-state team is laughable. The fact that he didn't even get a spot on the all-region team is criminal. After pitching out of his mind in 2018, Morris was even better his senior season. He posted a 3-1 record and seven saves in 22 appearances to go with a microscopic 0.40 ERA and 0.71 WHIP. Morris added 42 strikeouts in 35 1/3 innings and a .158 BAA for good measure.

B.J. Roper, Adairsville senior — One of the only returning contributors from Adairsville's great 2018 team, Roper picked up the slack this season. There were too many inexperienced players

around him for it to show, but the speedy center fielder put together a wonderful senior campaign. His 23 hits and 15 walks led to a solid .343 average and elite .476 OBP. His walks led the team, as did his nine steals. He matched fellow senior Trace Still with 15 runs scored to pace the Tigers.

Matt Shook, Cass sophomore — Shook showed flashes of potential during his freshman season before truly becoming one of the county's best hitters in 2019. He finished first or second on the Colonels in batting average (.337), OBP (.429), slugging (.458) and OPS (.886). The left-handed hitting infielder easily led the Colonels in hits (28), doubles (8) and runs scored (21) en route to first-team all-region honors. He seems likely to grab DTN hitter of the year before graduating.

Scotty Smith, Woodland sophomore — Smith might have put together the best under-the-radar season of anyone in Bartow County. He slashed .313/.405/.469. His slugging percentage and .874 OPS were both tops on the Wildcats. Smith chipped in with four doubles, two homers and 13 RBIs. If he can improve his walk-to-strikeout ratio, which included six base on balls and 21 punchouts this season, Smith has the potential to be a

mainstay on the all-county team for the next two years.

Koby Stansel, Woodland senior — Following the graduation of region pitcher of the year Kenny Jinks, Stansel seemed likely to impact the team mostly on the mound in 2019. While he led the team with three wins, his peripherals weren't great. However, the senior made a huge difference for the Wildcats at the plate. He finished with 15 RBIs and the same number of runs scored to rank first and second, respectively, on the team. Next year, he and teammate Bailey Ward will play for Young Harris.

Trace Still, Adairsville senior — Still did all he could to help Adairsville during an obvious rebuilding year. He led the Tigers in most offensive categories, including hits (27), doubles (7) and RBIs (16). He slashed .391/.455/.536 on the year, posting a top-notch .991 OPS. Some of his most impressive work came with runners in scoring position, when he hit .433. Still coaxed eight walks against just 11 strikeouts. He rounded out his standout swan song with 15 runs scored and three steals.

Bailey Ward, Woodland senior — Ward did anything and everything he could to help Woodland this season. The

fact that he earned all-region recognition at three different positions is pretty self-explanatory. Offensively, his .321 batting average and .433 OBP were each the highest on the team. A rock behind the plate, Ward's 26 hits and a dozen walks also led Woodland. On the mound, where he didn't contribute really at all last year, Ward struck out 38 batters in 39 2/3 innings.

Cohen Wilbanks, Cartersville senior — Wilbanks had the unenviable job of taking over at catcher for 2018 first-round draft pick Anthony Seigler. He did better than anyone could have asked, while also becoming a major cog in the Canes rotation. He went 4-1 with a 2.42 ERA. Wilbanks started seven games and went the distance in two of them. Offensively, he didn't hit for much power but proved to be the consummate No. 2 hitter, moving runners over and posting an OBP north of .450.

HONORABLE MENTION

Dallas Adams, Woodland junior; Landon Ayers, Adairsville senior; Blaine Ingram, Cass junior; J.P. Martin, Cartersville senior; Peyton Posey, Woodland sophomore; and Jordan Wilkie, Cartersville senior.

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'Safe Haven'

Former NBA player's summer outreach celebrates 30th year

RANDY PARKER/THE DAILY TRIBUNE NEWS
Yoga ... Anyone? is one of the offerings of the Eddie Lee Wilkins Youth Association Summer Program.



RANDY PARKER/THE DAILY TRIBUNE NEWS
Among the activities at the Track and Fitness camp was a tug of war.



RANDY PARKER/THE DAILY TRIBUNE NEWS
A.T. Barnes, right, was on hand to instruct the Track and Fitness camp at the J.H. Morgan Gym.

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vest my time and knowledge to the youth of Bartow County."

A former participant turned instructor, Anthony Tyrone "A.T." Barnes continues to "invest" in the Eddie Lee Wilkins Youth Association's Summer Program. Currently celebrating its 30th anniversary, the seasonal outreach provides free educational and athletic camps for Bartow youth ages 6 to 17.

"The impact that the program had on me as a child was powerful and built a strong work ethic that I carried to high school and beyond," said Barnes, who participated in the program's summer league from 2000 to 2005. "... As a child of the program, I remember the sold out, standing-room only gyms for the basketball games. We were representing ELW and the expectation to win was high as well as to compete.

"As an instructor, I just love to see the smiles and the joy of just giving a high-five to the kids. They love to talk — schools out — and I just make sure I keep them encouraged, moving and enjoying the moment."

For Barnes, the ELW Youth Association's Summer Program has turned into a family affair. As the Cartersville resident serves as an instructor for the second year, his wife, Darya, is facilitating its educational offerings and two of his four children are taking part as a volunteer and participant.

"My passion and desire is to build our youth for the next generation through sports and fitness," said Barnes, who graduated from Cartersville High School in 2005, prior to playing football and obtaining a business management degree at Georgia Tech. "I have been blessed to play and earn an education from Georgia Tech, then to be an apprentice from the sports performance guru — Dr. Clayton Gibson/Vitality Health Care Inc. — and to teach/coach at Cartersville High School alongside some spectacular coaches.

"I want to make sure all the knowledge, love, passion and experience that I have stays in the community. I love waking up to in-

Leading the Track and Fitness Camp from June 5 to 7 at the J.H. Morgan Gym on Aubrey Street in Cartersville, he embraced the opportunity to be part of the ELW Youth Association Summer Program's 30th year.

"The ELW Youth Association and summer programs are special to me because they are examples of what a community of support could do for so many under-privileged or at-risk youth," he said. "The program allows the local youth to take part in many programs and field trips that would normally cost many struggling families a lot of money during the critical hot summer months out of school.

"It is remarkable how ELW comes back each summer, this year being the 30th year, to invest in the youth. I did not have to pay years ago and the program enhanced me physically, mentally, socially and emotionally. This program works, and the instructors and junior volunteers that sacrifice their time really make a difference in the [youth's] lives."

Established by Cartersville native and former NBA player Eddie Lee Wilkins, the summer offering has grown exponentially over the past three decades. Featuring 150 youngsters in the ELW Summer Youth Basketball Program and League in 1990, his outreach incorporated as a nonprofit in 1993, and changed its name to the ELW Youth Association Inc. to reflect its increased programs in June 1998.

"I wanted to share my success with the community, which gave so much support in my long climb to the NBA — New York Knicks and Philadelphia 76ers," said Wilkins, the organization's executive director. "Coach Matthew Hill was my mentor and he taught me the importance of giving back to the community.

"It was important to offer a free



program for the youth in the community because I didn't want parents to have any financial hardships. I wanted to create a safe haven where the youth could have fun and learn. I wanted to be able to use sports as a tool, so I could capture their attention and then educate them regarding the importance of education, conflict resolution and setting goals."

Sponsored by the city of Cartersville, the ELW Youth Association's Summer Program features seven experiences through June 27. While Yoga ... Anyone? and Track and Fitness have already concluded, the remaining offerings include Daily Trivia & Team Building, June 3 to 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at J.H. Morgan Gym; Basketball, June 10 to 13 and 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at J.H. Morgan Gym and Aubrey Street Gym; Read, Write, Now, June 10 to 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at J.H. Morgan Gym; S.T.E.M (Science), June 19 to 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at J.H. Morgan Gym; and Everyday Math, June 24 to 27 from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. at J.H. Morgan Gym.

Noting the nonprofit's Summer Program has served more than 6,000 youth since its inception, Wilkins' wife, Dawn, said it is "incredible to see" how the ELW Youth Association "has evolved and [touches] the lives of many youth in the community. Eddie and I have watched three generations of families come to his program. It so fulfilling and rewarding when the former participants come back after they have graduated from high school and/or college and volunteer and/or speak to the youth regarding their journey to success.

"We are so excited because Kendrick Brown is coming to camp on June 11. Kendrick Brown, known as K-Major, is a successful producer, songwriter and artist and a Cartersville native. He has written

songs for Usher, Future and Jacques to name a few. He attended the ELW summer camp and played in the Summer Basketball League."

Like his wife, who serves as the organization's program director, Wilkins underscores the importance of past participants returning to talk with today's campers.

"It is a rewarding when you have former participants, such as Ronnie Brown, former NFL player; Andre Fluellen, former NFL player; Vic Beasley, current NFL; Rudy Winters, European basketball player, University of Kentucky; Jaylon Pugh, basketball player, Furman University; and Val Lindley, former basketball player, College of Charleston, who are successful in sports and continue ... giving to the community.

Life ain't easy without an easy chair — or Jesus

One night last week, I sat down in my power recliner, ready to stretch out, get comfortable and watch something spiritual like college baseball. So I pressed the button on my recliner and the footrest came out. Then the back was supposed to go back, but it didn't move. Being the astute furniture repairman that I am, I pressed the button again expecting it to go back. Still, it didn't move.

OK, this was starting to get serious. I was ready to stretch out, but my chair wouldn't stretch. I learned a lesson here: It's hard to stretch out if your chair doesn't recline. So I pressed the button again, nothing happened. I tried to push the footrest in. It wouldn't go in. So now I have a chair partially stretched out, but I can't get out of it because

the footrest is where I'm supposed to be able to stand up. So what do I do? I did what any man would do — I yelled for my wife. Maybe she knew how to fix my easy chair. But she didn't know either. I slid to the side to get in a position to put my feet on the floor and get out. And my plan worked. I was able to get out but, where was I going to sit? I could sit in the loveseat. But it wasn't very comfortable. My wife could see this and, being the Christian she is, she offered me her chair and we swapped. Then we started on a plan to repair or replace my easy chair.

As I thought about my experience with the demise of my easy chair, I thought, "You know, life ain't so easy without an easy chair." That is a true statement. In today's world especially, most men have an easy chair. But let's say you don't; it can be a little uncomfortable trying to sit in another chair. However, even though it may be uncomfortable to not have an easy chair, it's not like the world is coming to an end without one. Let's be honest: I don't know when the first easy chair was made but they haven't been around since Noah and the ark, that's for sure. Easy chairs are

a relatively new deal. People lived without lounge chairs for a long time and you and I can as well. The truth is, I was and am a little spoiled. I don't have to have such a chair. Oh, they are nice, but we can live without them. And there are other things we can live without, as well. I used to sell automobiles. One night, I was trying to close a deal with a man on a car. The car had a sunroof in it. He told me that he NEEDED that sunroof. I thought, "Ok, do you really NEED that sunroof or do you WANT the sunroof?" Of course, you know the answer. Maybe you have been asked

to do something in church that's going to require a little sacrifice — maybe making a change or something. But you are against it. It's going to require you to change or make a little sacrifice. Friend, Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow Me" (Luke 9:23). The Christian life isn't meant to be easy. We want to make it easy, but Jesus never said it would be. If you have been resisting change or resisting making a sacrifice, ask the Lord to forgive you, understanding that living for Jesus requires some sacrifice, and move forward.



Potts

ELW Camps

From Page 1C
"Over 50 NBA players have visited my basketball camp. Some of the favorites were Josh Smith, A.J. Johnson, Doc Rivers, Tree Rollins, Charles Oakley, Dale Davis, Dale Ellis and John Starks. The most memorable was when Patrick Ewing, former NBA player visited camp in 1999."

In addition to the city of Cartersville, the Wilkins couple extends thanks to David Archer Jr., Dexter Jones, Kenn Baker, Etowah Area Consolidated Housing Authority, Cartersville City Schools, Walmart, Publix Super Markets Charities, Southern Co., Shaw Industries and McDonald's for their ongoing support. "Eddie Lee has given his time and talent to help the youth of our community for 30 years," Cartersville Mayor Matt Santini said. "His organization has positively impacted and inspired every child who has participated in

the program. Many of the children that are served through this program would be sitting at home and being unproductive over the summer. "...I applaud Eddie Lee on his continued efforts to help children in our community. He does a lot of good, not just during this camp, but throughout the year that many people don't know about. His commitment to put this camp program together for 30 years is admirable, and I am certain that this camp will be as fantastic as the others have been." Echoing Santini's comments,

Barnes also expressed his appreciation for the ELW Youth Association's leaders. "I want to thank Eddie Lee and Dawn Wilkins for being exceptional role models and pillars in our community for the youth and for many African-American couples," said Barnes, CEO of Prodigy Transition Service. "The power couple has invested their life, time and connections to enrich the Bartow County community even well after his NBA career ended. It's a pleasure and a honor to serve the

community through ELW. "I pray that Prodigy Transition Service will be around for 30 years and leave a legacy, such as the ELW Youth Summer Program as well. ... I'm living proof that this program works, is necessary and fostered the drive I have in me as a first-generation college graduate, business owner, husband and father." For more information about the ELW Youth Association, call 404-725-3376, or visit www.elwyouth.org or its Facebook page.

CHURCH CALENDAR

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH — 142 Clear Creek Church Rd, Adairsville. Clear Creek Baptist Church will hold a youth Service today at 6 p.m. with Brother Jonathan Padgett as the guest speaker.

FOREVER BLESSED CHURCH — 51 Maple Ridge Drive, Cartersville. Forever Blessed Church will hold a Healing and Deliverance Service today at 6 p.m. with special guest Bishop Lance Johnson.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH — 814 West Ave., Cartersville. Trinity at the Well is hosting a free Patriotic Cantata June 30 in its Family Life Center. Singers in high school or older can contact music director Marvin Beach at marvin.beach@gmail.com or 770-912-6548.

CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH — 80 McKaskey Creek Road SE, Cartersville. Center Baptist Church will hold vacation Bible school June 9-14 from 7 to 9 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF ADAIRSVILLE — 113 Park St., Adairsville. First Christian Church of Adairsville presents Miraculous Mission vacation Bible school June 10-14 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Visit adairsvillechristianchurch.org for more information.

PEEPL'S VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH — 68 Ledford Lane, Cartersville. Peoples Valley Baptist Church hosts a weekly grief support group Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. through June 18 in the fellowship hall. The fee is \$15.

OLIVE VINE BAPTIST CHURCH — 132 Olive Vine Church Road, Rydal. Olive Vine Baptist Church at Pine Log will hold its homecoming today at 10:30 a.m. The special singers will be Spiritual Vision Trio. Revival services will run June 9-15 at 7:30 nightly.

GREATER MT. OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH — 1 Mt. Olive St., Cartersville. Greater Mt. Olive Missionary Church will be celebrating its homecoming today at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Reginald McDaniel of

BRANDON'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH — 136 Old Stilesboro Road, Cartersville. Brandon's Chapel Baptist Church is holding vacation Bible school for children

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH — 997 Brownlee Mountain Road SW, Adairsville. Oak Grove Baptist Church will hold homecoming Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with dinner to follow. Special music will be provided by Dove Quartet.

CARTERSVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST — 1319 Joe Frank Harris Parkway, Cartersville. Cartersville Church of Christ will have vacation Bible school June 17-20

ANOINTED CHURCH SERVICE — 118 George St. E, Adairsville. Everyone is invited to an anointed church service June 23 at 11 a.m. with Evangelist Evelyn Adams preaching. There also will be gospel singing,

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AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES GROUP MEETING — The Bartow County Amateur Radio Emergency Services Group will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday at 7 p.m. at Shoney's Restaurant near Highway 20 and I-75.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TENT SALE — The Bartow Area Habitat for Humanity will hold its tent sale June 11-15 at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, located at 14 Eagles Court, Cartersville. The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. There will be hot dogs for sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 15. For more information, call 770-383-9054.

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WHAT'S GOING ON
RYDAL TOWN HALL MEETING — There will be a Rydal town hall meeting June 22 at 6 p.m. at Pine Log Methodist Church, located at 3497 Pine Log Road NE, Rydal. Movie, food and fellowship will follow. Contact Nicole Stephens for more information by Facebook message or by text at 404-403-0415.
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY & FAMILY RESEARCH LIBRARY — The Bartow County Genealogical Society & Family Research Library has its monthly meetings the first Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. The library is located at 101 N. Erwin St., Cartersville, and is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 770-606-0706 or visit genhelp2@att.net. Volunteers are available to assist in tracing family trees.
SUMMER LAP SWIM — Summer Lap Swim is offered at Dellinger Park Pool from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays through Aug. 1. The fee is \$3 per visit or with a 2019 pool season pass. Swim lanes only will be available for morning lap swim; all other areas of the pool will be closed.
ADULT DANCE CLASSES — The Cartersville Parks and Recreation Department is offering adult social-ballroom dance classes every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Goodyear Clubhouse on 3 Goodyear Ave., Cartersville. The classes are \$10 for a single person or \$15 for couples per month. For information, call Britt at 770-607-6175.
EUHARLEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING — Euharlee Historical Society, Inc. will hold its annual meeting July 13, 10 a.m. at the Euharlee Welcome Center and Museum on Covered Bridge Road. The meeting is open to the public, but membership dues of \$12 must be paid prior to the meeting in order to vote on matters before the group. Sheri Henshaw of Keep Bartow Beautiful will be the speaker. Brunch will be provided. For information, call 770-607-2017.

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EXTENSION TIP OF THE WEEK

How to kill weedy grasses



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Many clients contact the Extension office frustrated with grasses taking over flower beds or vegetable gardens. A common phone call might involve Bermudagrass taking over a bed of juniper groundcovers or daylilies. If you've ever tried to pull Bermudagrass out by hand, you'll quickly learn that it just grows right back from any root fragments left in the soil. It's nearly impossible to dig or pull out every piece of Bermudagrass by hand.

One option to control grasses in flower beds is what I like to call the "smothered and covered" method. Mulching can be used to effectively control small infestations or in areas where herbicides cannot be used. Cover the entire infestation with several inches of mulch. This may include wood chips, pine straw or similar materials. Hay and grass clippings should not be used as mulch since these may potentially carry weed seeds. Covering the area with a layer of cardboard topped with mulch may improve the effectiveness of this method. The mulch should stay in place for

at least two growing seasons to kill tough perennial grasses.

Depending on whether these weedy grasses occur in a flower bed or a vegetable garden, you may have certain options to control weeds with selective herbicides labeled for one situation or the other. In vegetable gardens, you can use an herbicide containing the active ingredient sethoxydim (brands such as Poast and Vantage) around broadleaf vegetables to control bermudagrass, crabgrass and other grasses without harming your veggies. This product cannot be used around corn, since corn is in the grass family and will be damaged by this product. This chemical is very selective for controlling grasses and will not control other weeds.

For flower beds, there are also product options on the market that can be used to selectively control weedy grasses. Products containing the active ingredient clethodim

(Envoy), fluzifop-p (Grass-B-Gon and other brands) or sethoxydim (Segment) are safe around most flowers and shrubs. For nutsedge invading flower beds, there is also a selective product that contains imazaquin (Image) that can be applied over the top of several ornamentals. Be sure to read the label for which plants are safe to spray around.

You can also use a non-selective herbicide containing glyphosate (brands such as Roundup and others) in between rows and along borders of vegetable gardens and flower beds. However, because this is a non-selective herbicide, you must avoid any direct contact or spray drift with desirable plants. Do not spray on a windy day. You can also make a "shielded spray" application by using a piece of cardboard or other barrier to shield your plants and spray just the weeds. As long as the spray does not contact the leaves of your vegetables, fruit trees, shrubs, or flowers, then it should not cause damage to these plants.

Glyphosate is inactive in the soil, so you don't have to worry about it affecting plant roots in the areas that are treated. Make sure the formulation you buy only has glyphosate in the active ingredient. Many other herbicides and combination products are soil active and will not be appropriate to use in these situations. For example, avoid using combination products such

as "Roundup Extended Control" which should never be used in a vegetable garden or flower bed.

One last tool to add to your weed control toolbox is a pre-emergent herbicide. You may want to consider using pre-emergents in combination with mulch and other selective herbicides, as needed. There are several products on the market such as trifluralin (Preen, Treflan, and other brands) that can be applied to prevent the seeds of annual grasses (i.e. crabgrass) from growing. Pre-emergents will not control any weeds that are currently established, but will significantly reduce the amount of weeds that come back from seed. Timing is the key with pre-emergent herbicides. They should be applied before March 15 for weed prevention in flower beds or incorporated into the soil of a vegetable garden according to the label. Be sure to read and follow all labeled application rates and safety precautions when using herbicides.

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Three more tons and whaddya get?

A whole lot sorer without any regret!

The singer Tennessee Ernie Ford was a staple of my childhood. Growing up on a farm on the periphery of "big coal" in West Virginia, his song "Sixteen Tons" meant a little more to us. But we were farmers, not miners; I guess it ended there. We knew about coal, but didn't live it.

One project in the works for more than two years is another paver walkway on the opposite side of the house from the one that goes through Miss Em's Secret Garden. That walkway has a set of steps off a small platform; I wanted another walkway without steps wide enough for our garden wagon or wheelbarrow.

I worked through the project design, buying enough pavers for a walkway outside of the fence from the driveway downslope to the fence. The gate in the fence I figured would be no problem. The walkway inside the fence from the gate to the barn remained fuzzy in my mind.

An adage I used for much of my life is: "Confusion exists until learning occurs." My brain will muddle around in the muck and mire of indecision until a solution becomes clear. The phrase "no brainer" means little to me because sometimes an obvious solution overlooks or neglects another equally good if not better course of action; I like to consider as many alternatives as possible.

The walkway outside the fence would be built from a combination of three sizes of Capriana pavers that we bought on sale at Big Orange at least two years ago. I put together a pattern that I liked and placed the pavers on the ground so I could look at it over a few days to see if I really liked it.

I didn't. The pattern appeared to be anemic. It wasn't wide enough and in the back of my mind would not meet the function test. By this point, these clearance-priced pavers had become scarce. I needed a bunch (cardinal number unavailable and lost in the back of my mind somewhere) of small pavers (small in this case is relative at 7 inches wide by 14 inches long) to add a "sailor course" along each edge of the walkway. A "sailor course" of pavers runs parallel to the edge of a paver installation whereas a "soldier course" of pavers runs perpendicular to the edge. A "sailor course" would bring the width of the walkway to about 36 inches; a "soldier course" would bring the width to more than 49 inches.

I scoured about six Big Orange stores across northwest Georgia over the course of a few days until I bought enough small pavers for a "sailor course." They've been stacked since then next a found-stone planting box waiting for me to get into gear to finish this project. These pavers have sadly been in the same place long enough for creeping thyme to grow onto one side of the stack. But that will soon be disturbed.

To recap: Outside the fence will be Capriana pavers and inside the fence will be red Holland Stone pavers. I planned to have them meet at the gate. To get started I took down a section of fence. To accommodate our dogs, I made it so that this section is held into place by two screws so it can be removed and put back each time I work on the project.

Of course no measureable rainfall along with a lack of soil moisture made the ground where I planned to dig two postholes like clay-crete. I pulled enough rocks and stones from the holes to fill a tub truck; I dumped them under the lattice near Miss Em's blue bottle tree. Then I dumped about three inches of crusher run into each hole for drainage and did something a little different from the gate we installed for Miss Em's Secret Garden.

I intend to build the same style gate but this time I screwed two spacers in between the gateposts so that the top measurement of the gate frame will be the same as the bottom. I leveled and secured the two gateposts before dumping some quick-setting concrete into each hole. Other than the usual warping and twisting of the lumber (which seems to be the norm nowadays), the gatepost installation was satisfactory.

While the concrete cured around the gateposts, I decided to wheel in crusher-run paver base for both sides of the new gate only. But nope! I eventually moved about 15 wheelbarrow loads of the crushed stone and sand mixture for the entire walkway inside the fence. This amounted to about three tons of material or enough "stuff" for a base layer 3 inches thick.

My hands gripping the wheelbarrow handles screamed at me with every step. But it's done; no regrets. (To be continued)

— Jim Humphreys is a Bartow Master Gardener. He has been gardening in Euharlee since the 20th Century. Information about gardening can be found on the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension website, <http://www.caes.uga.edu/publications/>. Or contact the Bartow County Extension Office, 320 W. Cherokee Ave., Cartersville, 770-387-5142. The Extension Master Gardener Program is a volunteer training program for home gardeners offered through county offices of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension.

EVHS PETS OF THE WEEK



ETOWAH VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/SPECIAL

Left, meet the little darling, Dolly. Dolly is a 5-year-old girl who is the absolute perfect lap size, weighing in at 12 pounds. Dolly loves to be the center of attention, and she will happily sit in your lap as long as you will let her. Dolly has an appetite for treats and spending her day following you around. Overall, Dolly is extremely sweet, smart and loving and she is looking for a new best friend to spend her life with. Right, Binky is a very relaxed 1-year-old gal that seems to be great with everyone she meets. Binky is quiet and timid in her cage and she rarely meows, so she continues to be overlooked by potential adopters. When she is out of her cage, she lights up and she is very sweet and playful. This beautiful girl can't wait to have a sweet and loving family of her own. To adopt Dolly, Binky or any of their friends, or to volunteer at EVHS, visit www.EtowahValleyHumane.org.

Getting out is best first step for introvert seeking friends

DEAR ABBY: Do you have any advice on how I can make friends with people my own age in my hometown? It's a small college town. I recently graduated from the local university and still live at home with my parents. Most of the people I socialized with in school have moved back home after graduating, found work, and seem uninterested in contacting me, or they're still in school and very busy.

I've had some success making friends online, but my internet friends live out of state or abroad. I work as a substitute teacher and would like to make friends with other subs and teachers, but I don't get many chances to interact with them.

I have always been somewhat of an introvert and homebody and don't get out much. I want to change that before I leave for grad school next year, but I'm not sure where to start. — HOMEBODY IN OHIO

DEAR HOMEBODY: Start making it a priority to get out of your parents' house and meet new people. The first thing to do is figure out where your interests lie. Surely in a college town



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

there are organizations or groups that would interest you.

If you want to be more physically active, consider joining a gym. If you are political, reach out to the party of your choice and volunteer. I'm sure you will be welcomed with open arms. If you're an animal lover, raise money for a pet rescue organization. While you're doing good, you will be getting to know other like-minded individuals.

And remember that social skills don't always come naturally to people. The more you give yourself a chance to practice, the better you will become at them.

DEAR ABBY: My father has a problem with food. He has no portion control. He rarely eats fruits or vegetables, never exercises, and is addicted to cigarettes. He admits he could do better. He makes no effort to improve his health. To be honest,

Dad is lazy and gluttonous.

I'm worried he will have cardiovascular health issues in the future. My siblings and mother share my concern. I am a recent college graduate with a paying job, and I'm living at home temporarily to save money. I'm willing to exercise with him and can commit to encouraging him daily. How do I intervene without seeming disrespectful (considering I'm still under his roof)? — WORRIED ABOUT DAD

DEAR WORRIED: How about putting it this way: "Dad, I love you so much. I want to have you around for a long time. But I'm worried sick that you're so sedentary, your diet isn't healthy and you smoke. If you don't start doing something about these things, they are going to bite you in the butt. Please let me help you to become more active. I'd love to exercise with you, if you're willing. I know it would make you feel better if you do."

If your father is so addicted to nicotine that he can't quit on his own, suggest he talk to his doctor about a smoking cessation plan. If you say these things with love, it should not be regarded as disrespectful.

DEAR ABBY: My wife died recently. We were very happy. We had six beautiful children and were married for 58 wonderful years.

It has been a month since her funeral, and I have been able to cope somewhat with her loss. But suddenly, a couple of days ago, I experienced a tremendous wave of grief and thought I would go crazy with not being able to see her again. I began to be afraid I'd have to be hospitalized, perhaps in a psychiatric ward and medicated. But my son told me this condition (everything "hitting" you in a delayed reaction) has been documented in a majority of cases. Is this true? — GRIEVING TEXAN

DEAR GRIEVING TEXAN: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your wife. I am sure you feel her loss profoundly.

Not everyone grieves in the same way. Some feel numb and can't understand why they can't feel anything after a loved one dies. Others feel the loss immediately and can't sleep, eat or stop crying.

Your wife is absolutely right. What happened to you is not

unusual. However, if feelings of being out of control persist, you should discuss them with your doctor.

DEAR ABBY: One of our in-laws recently confessed about a long-term affair. The details are widely known. The closest family members, and especially the couple's adult children, are shocked, devastated and angry. No one wants to even talk to the cheater.

The aggrieved spouse wants to keep the marriage together. It is hard to imagine that time will heal these wounds. How can my wife and I support the aggrieved spouse and the devastated children? Should we try to re-establish ties with the cheater? If so, do we just talk about the weather, or do we acknowledge the elephant in the room? — TRYING TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT

DEAR TRYING: If you truly want to support the spouse and adult children, let them know you are there for them if they want to talk. If you socialize with the husband and wife as a couple, continue to be with them as you always have with them and discuss the topics you always

did. Couples can get past turbulence in their marriage more easily without unsolicited interference.

DEAR ABBY: I was paying bills and saw that my husband sent his mother flowers for Mother's Day. It stung because I received nothing from him. ZIP. In the past, he has stated that I am not his mom, suggesting there's no reason to celebrate the mother of HIS child who birthed HIS child on Mother's Day 10 years ago. Should I be annoyed? — UNSURE IN OREGON

DEAR UNSURE: Most husbands have more brains than the cheap, insensitive man you married. I am tempted to suggest that you "forget" him on Father's Day and when he asks why, tell him he's not your father. You are a mother because he helped you become one, and he shouldn't forget that fact.

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING

JUNE 9, 2019

Table with 24 columns (time slots 12:00-11:30) and 24 rows (channels WSB, WAGA, WXIA, WPCH, WGTV, WGCL, WPXA, WATL, WGN-A, WPBA, TLC, A&E, DISC, TNT, USA, fx, ESPN, ESPN 2, FOXSP, HIST, FSSE, FREE, LIFE, TRAV, ANPL, NICK, DISNEY, TVL, AMC, COM, TCM, BRAVO, BET, SYFY, FS1, PARMT). Each cell contains channel number, program name, and time.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING

JUNE 13, 2019

Table of TV listings for Thursday, June 13, 2019. Columns include time slots (12:00-11:30) and channel numbers (WSB, WAGA, WXIA, etc.). Rows list various programs like '2019 FIFA Women's World Cup', 'The Bachelor', 'The Mindy Project', and 'The Bachelor: Happily Ever After?'. Includes program descriptions and repeat indicators.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING

JUNE 14, 2019

Table of TV listings for Friday, June 14, 2019. Columns include time slots (12:00-11:30) and channel numbers (WSB, WAGA, WXIA, etc.). Rows list various programs like '2019 FIFA Women's World Cup', 'The Bachelor', 'The Mindy Project', and 'The Bachelor: Happily Ever After?'. Includes program descriptions and repeat indicators.

SATURDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON

JUNE 15, 2019

Table of TV listings for Saturday, June 15, 2019. Columns include time slots (6:00-5:30) and channel numbers (WSB, WAGA, WXIA, etc.). Rows list various programs like 'Good Day', '11 Alive Weekend', 'The Bachelor', 'The Mindy Project', and 'The Bachelor: Happily Ever After?'. Includes program descriptions and repeat indicators.

SATURDAY EVENING

JUNE 15, 2019

Table of TV listings for Saturday, June 15, 2019. Columns include time slots (6:00-11:30) and channel numbers (WSB, WAGA, WXIA, etc.). Rows list various programs like 'U.S. Open Championship', '11 Alive Weekend', 'The Bachelor', 'The Mindy Project', and 'The Bachelor: Happily Ever After?'. Includes program descriptions and repeat indicators.

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The Mini Page

Issue 24, 2019

Founded by Betty Debnam

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!

Next Week:

Let's Go Camping



photo courtesy Tim Donovan/FWC

Mini Fact:

Fires must be cold to the touch before you leave your campsite. Ask for an adult's help!

Does your family ever go camping? Come along with us and find out more about this great way to have fun and enjoy America's natural beauty.

First campers

One of the first people to encourage camping for fun was Thomas Hiram Holding. In 1853, when he was just 9 years old, he and his parents crossed the prairies of America as part of a wagon train. He wrote a book, "The Camper's Handbook," in 1908 and started camping clubs.

Why camping?

People like to camp for many reasons:

- It's not expensive.
- Campers enjoy being close to nature.
- Campgrounds can be found in all parts of the country and near many different attractions: lakes, oceans, mountains, deserts and forests. You can even camp in your own backyard!



photo courtesy Joe Slump

A recreational vehicle.

Different ways to camp

Most campers sleep in tents. But there are other forms of camping:

- Some people own or rent recreational

vehicles, or RVs. These "homes on wheels" have many conveniences, such as stoves, TVs and bathrooms. They can be parked at campgrounds, where campers can plug into electricity.

- Others like cabin camping. Some campgrounds have cabins for rent.

What will you need?

Getting ready for a camping trip is almost as much fun as the trip itself. You can help your family prepare by organizing the things you'll need.

Some people camp with very little gear. Others take along lots of things to make camping almost as comfortable as home. You might start with:

- a tent, with stakes and a tarp to put under the tent (to keep you dry).
- a sleeping bag (and a pad to make you more comfortable) and a pillow.
- clothes. Even in the summer, it can be cool in the morning. Bring a jacket or sweatshirt.
- a lantern or large flashlight. Once the sun goes down, a light will make it easier to play games or find your way to the restroom.
- cookware, plates, utensils and cups.
- a camp stove to heat water and cook on.

Clean up

When it's time to go home, be careful to leave your campsite as you found it. Remove all your trash. Make sure your fire is cold. Campers call this "leaving no trace."

Stuff to do

- Identify animal tracks

Footprints can be seen easily in mud or in sandy areas. You can also tell that small animals have been around by finding pine cones or acorns that have been chewed on.



Coyote



Deer



Rabbit



Raccoon



Skunk



Squirrel

If you see trees that have the leaves stripped off the lower branches, there may be deer around your campsite. And look for feathers from birds that live in the area.

- Play games

It's fun to invent games in your campsite. Try these:

- Blindfold one person. Give him or her objects from the campsite to identify by touch. When the blindfolded person guesses wrong, you switch places.
- Make a list of 10 items found in or around the campsite. Divide into teams. Whichever team brings back the most items from the list in 15 minutes wins.

Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPleavenotrace
- blm.gov/learn/outdoor-ethics

At the library:

- "Camping" by Adeline Snyder

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of camping are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



ANIMAL, BACKYARD, BEAUTY, CABIN, CAMPING, COLD, COOKWARE, FIRE, FLASHLIGHT, FUN, GAMES, GEAR, LANTERN, NATURAL, RECREATIONAL, SLEEPING BAG, STOVE, TENT, TRACE, TRACKS, VEHICLE.

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T H G I L H S A L F N I B A C
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E V O T S G N I P M A C H H O

Cook's Corner

Peanut Butter Snack Cake

You'll need:

- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 ripe banana, mashed
- 1/2 cup peanut butter

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda



* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

What to do:

1. Combine egg, honey, brown sugar, banana and peanut butter in a large bowl. Mix well.
2. In another bowl, combine flour, baking powder and baking soda. Mix well.
3. Pour flour mixture into peanut butter mixture. Mix well.
4. Pour into a greased 8-by-8-inch baking dish.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 35 minutes. Serves 9.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

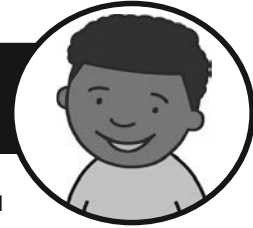
1. make cloth from thread (5) _____
2. take for a little while (6) _____
3. try to win (7) _____
4. small house (7) _____
5. warning (5) _____
6. ability (5) _____
7. below this floor (10) _____

ALE	PE	SK	BOR
AVE	TAGE	ILL	DOW
NSTA	WE	COM	COT
IRS	RT	ROW	TE



Answers: weave, borrow, compete, cottage, alert, skill, downstairs.

Mini Jokes



Cal: What happens if you eat crackers in your sleeping bag?

Carrie: You get a crumby night's sleep!

Eco Note



Global warming is wiping out twice as many marine species as land dwellers because they are more sensitive to temperature changes and less able to escape the heat, new research finds. The Rutgers University-led study says this could have a major impact on humans who rely on fish and shellfish for food and jobs. Many land animals can hide from the heat in forests, shaded areas or underground. But this luxury is not available to many sea animals.

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For later:

Look in your newspaper for information or ads about local campgrounds.

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BECKER BRIDGE

The power of positive thinking

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH ♠ 9 6 2 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ 8 4 2 ♣ A J 10 9 WEST ♠ K 3 ♥ Q J 9 4 ♦ K Q J 10 7 3 ♣ 5 EAST ♠ J 10 8 ♥ 6 2 ♦ A 5 ♣ 8 7 6 4 3 2 SOUTH ♠ A Q 7 5 4 ♥ A 10 8 5 ♦ 9 6 ♣ K Q

diamonds. East takes the king with the ace and returns the five, taken by West with the ten. West continues with the queen, East discarding a club as you ruff. Let's say you enter dummy with a club, lead a spade to the queen and lose the finesse to the king. East later scores another trump trick, and down you go. The sad truth is that this would be the outcome in many bridge games, and nobody would pay any attention to it. The players would think South was unlucky to lose the trump finesse. However, this would not be an accurate assessment of South's performance. It is not really difficult to figure out that East cannot have the king of spades and that the spade finesse is therefore a losing proposition. Once East shows up with the ace of diamonds at trick one, it must be assumed that he cannot also have the king of spades, since he surely would not have passed West's opening bid with an ace and a king in his hand. Declarer should therefore play the ace and a low spade, instead of finessing, in the hope that West started with the doubleton king. It is the only realistic chance he has to make the contract, and some chance is better than no chance at all.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

HRISK, SSALH, WHERDS, DOLNOE

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Saturday's Jumbles: DIMLY BIKER CANOLA RAISIN Answers Answer: They saw the warning about the grizzlies which they would need to - BEAR IN MIND

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Whoa! Way to go, Max! Can you pay me now? CASASER

TO CASH IN HIS WINNING BELMONT STAKES "TRIFECTA" TICKET, HE'D NEED TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Dennis The Menace by Hank Ketcham



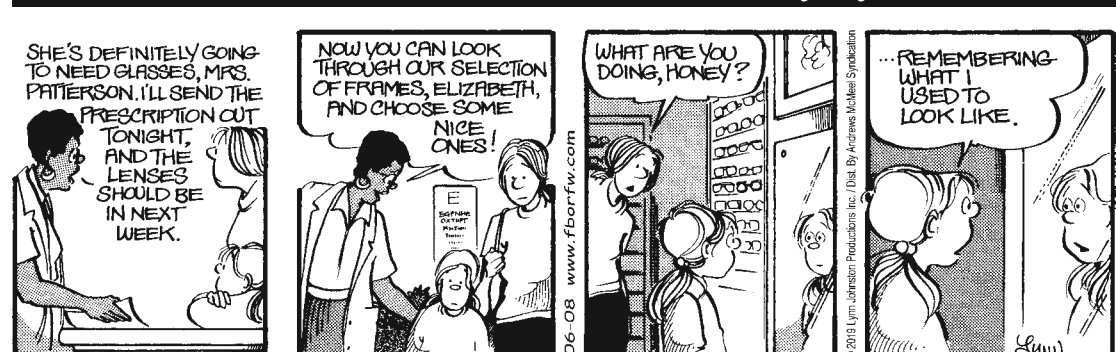
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Sudoku

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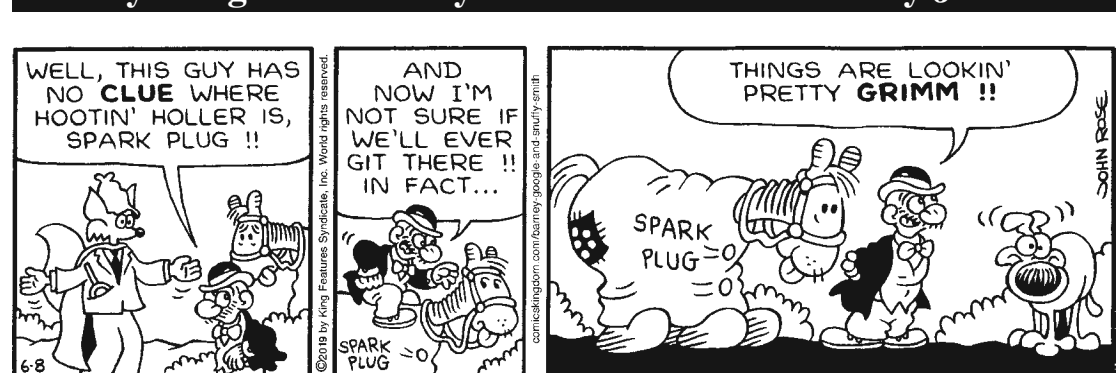
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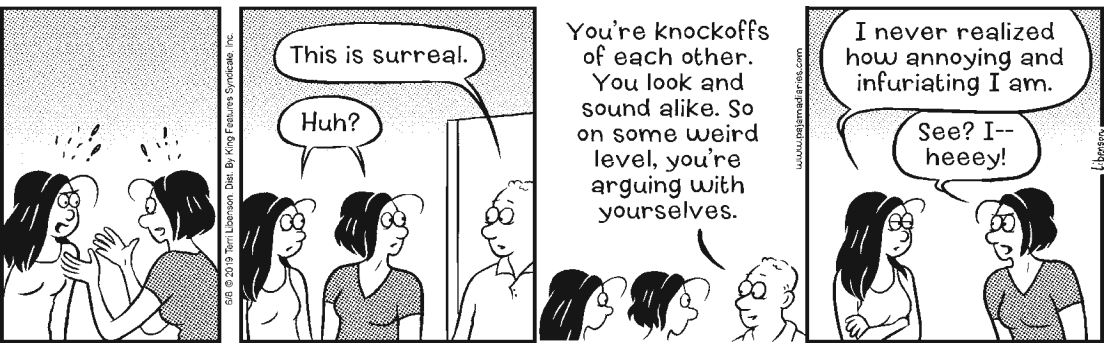
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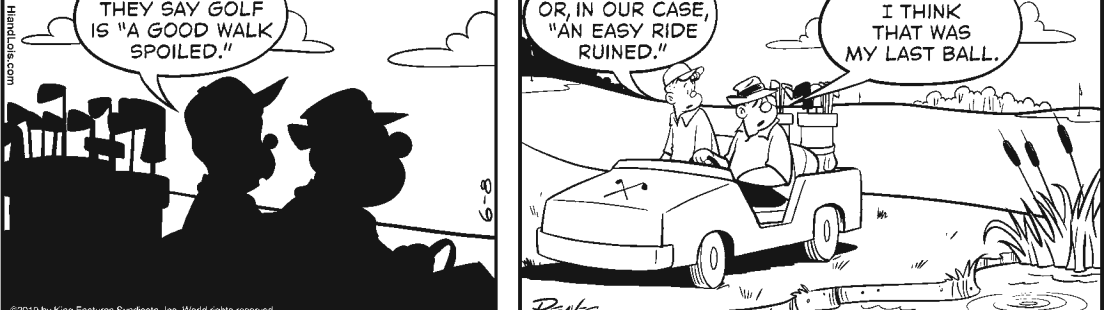
Today's Horoscopes

SUNDAY June 9, 2019 ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Tread carefully because you are tempted to go overboard in your thinking today. Your grasp might exceed your reach. Therefore, think twice before you do anything. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a poor day to spend money on anything other than food, gas or entertainment. Ironically, you might boost your earnings today. Nevertheless, be careful! GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is an upbeat, easygoing fun-loving day! However, it's a poor day for important decisions or making promises, but it's a great day to have fun! Enjoy! CANCER (June 21 to July 22) For the most part, you will feel happy and content today. Nevertheless, refrain from making important decisions. Furthermore, restrict your spending to food, gas and entertainment until evening. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) This is a popular, fun-loving day! However, do not volunteer for anything or agree to anything important if you're dealing with friends, groups, clubs or organizations. Wait until tonight. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Don't make promises to parents or bosses, and don't volunteer for anything. Don't agree to anything important. You can't count on anything until this evening. Forewarned is forearmed. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) This is a great day to visit museums, art galleries, libraries, parks or perhaps to travel and explore the countryside. You will adore doing something different! SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Avoid important decisions about inheritances, wills, shared property or insurance issues -- until tonight. Restrict your spending to food, gas and entertainment. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't agree to anything important when talking to close friends and partners today, because most of this day is too loosey-goosey. However, by evening, all is well. Just coast until then. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Be realistic and grounded when working with others today. Don't promise anyone the Moon. Make sure your deadlines are doable. Confine spending to food, gas and entertainment until tonight. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) This is a marvelous, creative, fun-loving day! Enjoy all social outings and playful activities with children. PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You might go overboard making promises to a family member. Or you might agree to something but end up biting off more than you can chew. Be careful today! Do not shop for anything other than food, gas or entertainment -- until tonight.

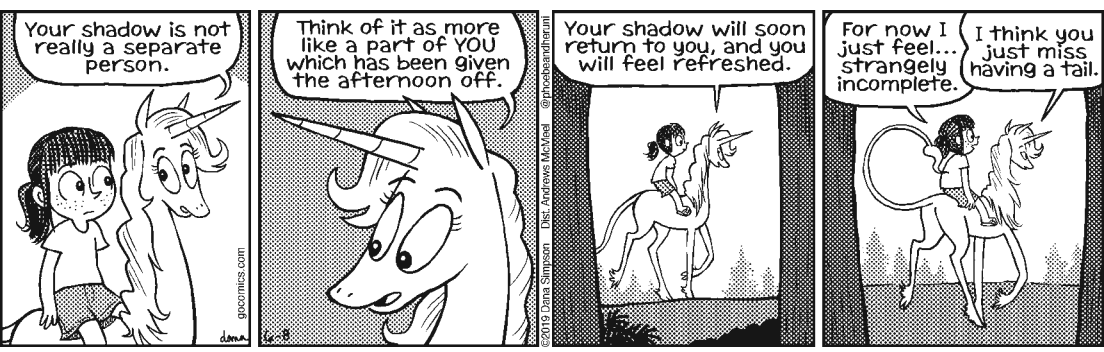
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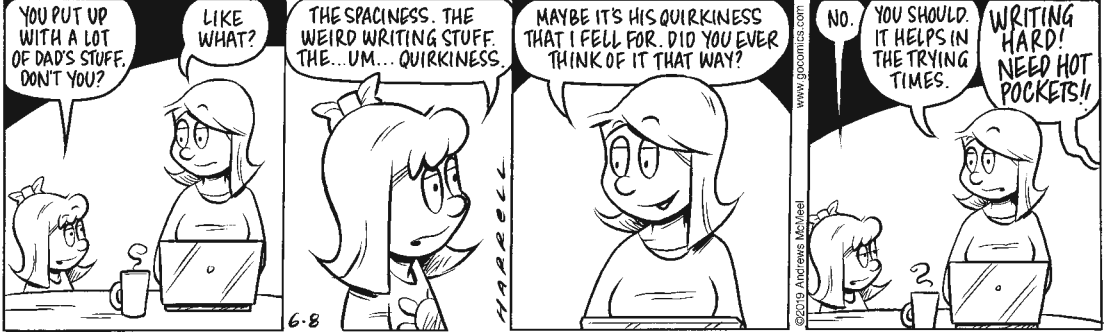
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PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN by Dana Simpson



Adam@Home by Brian Bassett



THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS 1 ___ on the wrist; gentle reprimand 5 Adriatic & Black 9 Con game 13 Part of the leg 15 Long-eared animal 16 Vagabond 17 Hot coal fragment 18 Critter with an armor shell 20 Golf term 21 Actor Steiger 23 Begin to relent 24 Author Brontë 26 Strike 27 Resuscitate 29 Unwanted nasal growths 32 Upper crust 33 Journal 35 Rip off 37 ___ as a pancake 38 Sicker than before 39 Long sandwich 40 All ___; fully prepared 41 Basins 42 Flings 43 Move around to get comfy 45 Songbird 46 "If I ___ a Hamlet" 47 Wetland 48 Like Jacuzzi waters 51 Little jump 52 Crony 55 French town known for its lace 58 Eat away at 60 Rubber tube 61 Stable newborn 62 Composer Franz ___ 63 2019, for one 64 Catch sight of 65 Flying insects

DOWN 1 "___ on it!"; cry to a slowpoke 2 Feral mammal, birds & fish 3 Shorten 4 Bakery buy 5 Disreputable 6 Ossicle's location 7 Upper limb 8 Coast 9 Coage; devious 10 Indianapolis athlete 11 Competent 12 Night light 14 Show up 19 Tiny lacy mat 22 "Grand ___ Opry" 25 Catcher's glove 27 Boxing officials 28 Actress Burstyn 29 Go by 30 Assume 31 Out of ___; irritable 33 Finished 34 Annoyed

Saturday's Puzzle Solved ATM MOCHA ALPS REAR AVRIL COLE FADE DEALT CLUE RECTANGLE ELMS TAMS RIP THRONE PRINTERS HOURS FLUNK AAA ARMS PRONG TGIF IDO DIETS PULSE SERPENTS CAREER OWN MOCK FGHI APPORTION LOUS COLON SMUG ABLE LOOSE HIDE WILD ELDER TEL

D-Day vets choke back tears, relive memories

By DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

I make old soldiers cry. Old sailors, too. And airmen. Even Marines. Makes no difference.

That sounds cruel, I know. There's comfort knowing the men in their 90s and older saw their tears as part of a duty they took on in their 20s and younger.

I've spent the past few months interviewing veterans about D-Day and the Allied invasion of Normandy that ultimately liberated France. This was a turning point in World War II. As one veteran put it, "Europe would be one big Auschwitz otherwise."

But winning doesn't make war easy. And these veterans have been walking around for 75 years after seeing and living things that many of us can't bear to watch in movies like "Saving Private Ryan."

These former servicemen had wildly different D-Days. Some had a tougher time than others. But the more interviews I put in my notebook the more I realized they shared one abiding characteristic: a sense of duty.

They use walkers and wheelchairs and canes now, these men who once carried guns and drove tanks into battle. They don't see as well as they once did, and they sometimes struggled to hear my questions. But no matter what, they all felt a responsibility to tell their stories so that those who died were not forgotten and that those who weren't there could understand the horrors of war.

I was by no means alone. Dozens of journalists were chasing the same people as the wartime Allies prepared to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the landings this week. That made it more challenging for them. It's hard enough to tell your story once; excruciating to tell the same painful stories again and again and again. But it didn't stop them.

During one interview, a well-meaning press officer from the Ministry of Defense tried to cut short a conversation with 94-year-old Ted Emmings — a Royal Navy coxswain who ferried Canadians to Juno Beach — because a cab had arrived to take him home. Emmings



D-Day Veteran Donald Hitchcock poses for a photo wearing his campaign medals aboard the MV Boudicca ship as veterans return Tuesday to the scene of the D-Day landings 75-years after the Allied invasion of northern France.

refused to go. The car could wait. He wasn't finished, and he wasn't going anywhere until he had.

No matter what one might think of war, it's impossible to hear someone like Emmings talk about seeing his friends die "more or less in front of you" and not feel deep respect for a man who, 75 years later, refuses to let his friends down. Not remembering their sacrifice? Now that would be unthinkable.

There are no rose-tinted glasses that make it all go away for these veterans. Nor is it an ego trip. When you are 95 or so, you have different concerns. Most of them told me they feel uncomfortable wearing their medals and berets in France because wherever they go the French want to shake their hands and hug them in gratitude. These men aren't looking for gratitude, they just want to make sure their memories don't die with them.

Jack Woods is one of these people. He's 95, once a member of the 9th Royal Tank Regiment — a Tankie in his parlance. Woods recalled getting to France with no battle experience whatever after

training in England. Then all of a sudden it got nasty as they pushed forward in Churchill tanks. Those ahead of him didn't fare well, and he could see them up ahead.

"You could see tanks burning on the skyline. They burned for more than two days. They were going off like fireworks as the ammunition in them was blowing."

"Those tanks I see burning on the skyline?" he said through tears. "I see them burning all the time."

Fred Lee wasn't going to let his hearing difficulties get in the way of telling his story. He struggled to hear me, but once he got the drift of what I wanted to know, he just started talking. I couldn't even interrupt. He joined the Navy when he was just 17, and was on the command ship HMS Nith on D-Day.

"All I can say is, it was hell," he said. "There were dead bodies all over the seas. We wondered why we were doing this."

But Lee's most searing memory was from a few weeks later, when he was ordered to trade places with another man on a watch, switching to the port side rather than his usual

starboard post.

A German guided bomb hit the starboard side of the ship that day, killing nine people. That's not something that ever leaves you. And it isn't something you share in your first conversation with someone unless you really want them to know.

And then there was Mervyn Kersh of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, a spritely fellow with bright eyes who seems far younger than his 94 years. Kersh experienced anti-Semitism in the British military even before he crossed the channel to fight the Nazis. But he refused to remove his religion from his dog tags — even though some Jewish soldiers did so to protect themselves in case they were captured.

That sort of thing was not for

Kersh, who wasn't about to give in to the Nazis.

Kersh said there is a lesson, even now, from WWII that we seem to be missing.

"Don't allow bullies to grow strong ... because then they turn against anyone they want to," he said, "Don't wait to see if they carry out their words — if they are bluffing."

Donald Hitchcock never really told me why he was crying.

Hitchcock, a 94-year-old Royal Navy veteran, was desperate to get to Omaha Beach to honor the Americans he fought with after finding himself stuck on a tour that was only going to the beaches where British troops led the way.

When I asked what he wanted to do when he got there, a big fat tear rolled down his cheek. He looked down, shuffled his papers and changed the subject. Some things are just too painful, even now.



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