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In the heart of our hometown sports, we witness the captivating dance of hard work and determination that unfolds on the field. Our athletes, like tireless warriors, pour their hearts into each practice, seeking not only victory but personal growth and excellence. Their unwavering commitment sets them on a path to success, inspiring not only their teammates but an entire generation of dreamers who aspire to follow in their footsteps.

In the spirit of sportsmanship, our hometown sports transcends mere competition

Weslev Brvant,

MANAGING EDITOR

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## Chasing dreams, creating legends

The unbreakable spirit of our hometown sports

and embraces a culture of respect. As athletes compete, they embody the values of integrity, humility, and compassion, leaving a lasting impression on their fellow teammates and opponents alike. In both triumph and defeat, they stand united, bound together by the shared pursuit of greatness and the cherished memories that will endure for a lifetime.

We celebrate not only the remarkable achievements on the field but also the unwavering support and encouragement that courses through the veins of our community. Each athlete, with every sprint, throw, and goal, inspires us to strive for greatness in our own lives, armed with the knowledge that through teamwork and dedication, we can conquer any challenge that comes our way.

As we delve into the inspiring stories that grace these pages, let us remember the importance of fostering a culture of teamwork, hard work, and sportsmanship within our hometown sports. Together, we form an unbreakable bond, a tapestry of love, and a legacy of excellence that will forever define the spirit of our community. **GN** 

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#### From passion to proficiency

How Kelly Master built a thriving salon business

By Adara Huntley // Photography by Brooke Snyder

**B** E THE person you'd want to see if you were looking through someone else's eyes," said Kelly Master, the local entrepreneurial inspiration who owns Hair Candy and Simply Be Youtiful. Hair Candy is celebrating their 20th year in business this year. Master might have started her entrepreneur journey because she had a passion for making people feel beautiful and confident, but she has also served as an inspiration to so many young ladies in our community along the way. When asked who inspires her, Master said, "My family, my employees, and my clients inspire and push me to keep going."

"I loved going with my mom to get her hair done when I was little, and I did my own hair for high school events and stuff like that," Master said. She saw other hard-working women making a living doing what they loved to do in cosmetology and decided to pursue that profession. Master finished her cosmetology credits in high school and, just nine months after graduating, took the leap and bought a business. "I felt like I was signing my life away" is how she jokingly described the feeling of being a teenage business owner.

As we continued our Sunday afternoon call, Master shared one of the

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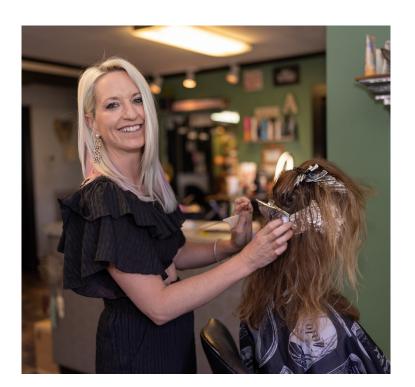
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biggest challenges she faced as she was getting started as a young female business owner. "Trying to earn respect while being so young was a challenge. It takes time to earn respect and trust from others, but you have to just keep pushing through. Consistency is key, and being able to repeat your work," said Master. "Don't let the thoughts and opinions of others stop you from chasing your journey. We all have a destination, and we just take many different paths to get there!" she added. If she could go back and give her 19-year-old self some advice, she would say, "just go for it. Find your support system and go for it."

Master is passionate about helping others, which has aided in her successful career. Masters recalled the many things that she had seen her clients through. She said, "We share births, funerals, weddings, divorces, and kids going off to college. There's a whole range of things we get to share with our clients." Building those relationships is one of her favorite things about operating Hair Candy in Franklin County.

Master lends much of her success to her team. Currently, there are nine stylists and one esthetician employed with Master, and they are the ones that she credits with how things run the way that they do. She feels that all of the professionals who have come through her doors over the last 20 years have shaped her business into the place that it is today. She has curated a professional salon with a team that can provide clients with on-trend styles and builds lasting relationships. As the old saying goes, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." **GN** 

#### Artisan Depot becomes pollinator garden

M AYOR MARK Ledbetter announced that the Artisan Depot Gallery's pollinator garden, featuring Karen Ingle's mural, is now a certified Monarch Way Station. Alida Morgan led the garden's transformation into a haven for bees, wasps, and butterflies, with native plants and support from Monarch Watch. Visitors are invited to appreciate nature's beauty. The garden supports various pollinators and offers a serene space for visitors to appreciate nature's beauty. GN

St. Mark's Community Association successfully hosts its Juneteenth open house and Heritage Trail dedication.

T HE ST. Mark's Community Association hosted the Juneteenth open house and Heritage Trail dedication at the restored St. Mark's Community Center. Participants enjoyed food, games, entertainment, and Heritage Trail tours. The event showcased the Roberson Project's research and future plans, with work parties assisting in preparation. **GN** 





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By Adara Huntley // Photography by Brooke Snyder

E VERYONE IN Franklin County loves our area for different reasons. Some people love the opportunities to get involved with their neighbors, some enjoy the beautiful places that bring us outdoors, and some are here because they love the water. About three years ago, Greg Born came to town to enjoy a little bit of all of it. Born grew up hiking, backpacking, and enjoying the outdoors. He always wanted to own a home by the water. Finding the right time in his life and a beautiful spot here in Franklin County, he and his wife made the move.

"I love the community's personality, the culture, and just the sense of welcomeness," Born described. The challenge he and his family discovered quickly was that they didn't know where to go to learn about the many amazing things to do in this area. Nothing is in one place, from businesses to things to do to a community calendar, and it was all difficult to find. "Everything was on Facebook. You have to search through all of these countless similar Facebook pages across the internet to find the right page or post. It was difficult at best to find hiking trails, interesting historical places, restaurants, and even a local plumber." Realizing there was an opportunity not only to support and highlight local businesses but also to take the guesswork out of finding what you need in our community, Born created Tim'sFord411.

TimsFord411.com is a website dedicated to being an informational hub for residents and visitors to our area. On TimsFord411, you can find a plethora of information about our home. You can see weather updates, a calendar with local events, local restaurant favorites, a "things to do" category, a section called



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Business owners can also build professional profiles and tap into this virtual community to increase their visibility. The people searching the website are just in our area, increasing the value of someone seeing your profile. Business owners have the option of purchasing a "Business Membership Plan." The "Pro" plan would include a personalized profile, the ability to add photos and testimonials, top-tier search results, messaging capabilities, listings in numerous categories, plus more for \$199 a year. At \$17 a month, it seems economical for businesses to increase their visibility and online presence.

This collection of business profiles, housed in a website attracting people look-

ing for things to do and businesses to support in our area, is a unique opportunity to build brand awareness. TimsFord411 is also a resource for people planning to move to the area. Real estate professionals can share available listings in the same place prospective buyers can read about the beautiful things this area offers.

Born advises Franklin County residents, "Learn and ask as much as you can about this area; it's amazing what you'll find." He is making that easy for all of us. TimsFord411 lays out all of the information about our community in one place, making it easy to get involved and find what you love. "I want to give back to the place that I love, and I want to help these amazing local businesses," was Born's goal in starting this online community, which is already seeing hundreds of new visitors a day. TimsFord411 is an excellent resource for visitors, residents, and business owners. **GN** 

#### Rare corpse flower blooms at Sewanee's Webb Greenhouse

W ITNESS THE captivating rare bloom of Sewanee's corpse flower at Webb Greenhouse. Titan-arum blooms are rare and unpredictable. Each plant takes seven years or more to store enough energy to bloom for the first time. **GN** 

#### Juneteenth event in Winchester

T HE YOUTH of Old Cowan Road held their fourth annual Juneteenth celebration this year. Attendees left with a fresh perspective with exciting activities for adults and children, returning favorites, vendors, delicious food, uplifting music, and even prizes.

Vendors included: Franklin County NAACP Branch #5616, Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace, Destined To Be Sweet, Nashville Hot Chicken And Fish, Oh So Frozen, and more. **GN** 

#### Farm Olympics at Cove Creek Farm

T HE COVE Creek Farm's Farm Olympics, hosted by the Southeast Tennessee Young Farmers Coalition, held its agri-tourism event on June 10 in Monteagle. The event featured the area's first Farm Olympics and supported local farmers while enjoying farm-related activities, a silent auction, live music, and delicious food. GN

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#### A market of colors

Explore the picturesque hanging flower baskets that brighten up the market.

By Adara Huntley // Photos submitted by Dotson's Produce

D OTSON'S PRODUCE and Greenhouse has been a part of this community for a long time. So long, it's hard to pinpoint exactly when it put down roots in Franklin County. "A few years ago, the paper did a story about us, and they were able to find permits from at least 65 years ago. Before then, you didn't have to have a permit, so we aren't sure about an exact date." shared Vivian Dotson. Vivian is married to Jimmy Dotson, whose father and grandfather began the business. Vivian and Jimmy have been married for 50 years

and have a daughter and son-in-law who work with them at the store. Their daughter, Danielle Mears, and son-in-law, Ed Mears, are managers of this family-owned and operated business.

"Jimmy's dad used to set up markets all over Tennessee and Kentucky. He was renting the place we are in now until he eventually bought it." Vivian explained. Dotson's Produce and Greenhouse's most popular seasons are the spring and the fall. The spring season brings colorful flowers, seasonal garden plants, and herbs. In the



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"The support from Franklin County has been wonderful and amazing, but there are also people who drive from all over."

-Vivian Dotson

fall, Dotson's is a destination for locals looking for pumpkins, gourds, mums, and corn stalks for autumnal decor.

"The support from Franklin County has been wonderful and amazing, but there are also people who drive from all over," said Vivian. Dotson's seasonal inventory comes from the growers that the family works with. "Some of our growers are second- and third-generation," Vivian added. The family is involved in every step of the process, sometimes hauling produce from the growers themselves. One of the most colorful displays in the market is the hanging baskets of flowers. The Dotsons make all of the mixed baskets. This community has enjoyed the fruits (both literally and figuratively) of this family's labor and passion for running this produce market for generations.

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▲ Jimmy Dotson

#### Local 4-H program recently presented county-wide and regional 4-H demonstrations and interactive exhibit contests.

T HE EXHILARATING local Interactive Exhibit Contest showcased impressive tabletop exhibits by sixth to eighth graders, captivating the crowd with concept explanations, problem-solving, and valuable lessons. Club winners earned prestigious invitations to the County Project Fair, and the victorious county-level winners advanced to the thrilling area contest. **GN** 

#### Huntland School teacher receives a grant for ukulelebuilding kits.

H UNTLAND SCHOOL'S music teacher, Paul Bischoff, received a grant from the Franklin County Educational Foundation for ukulele-building kits. Students from STEM and music classes collaborated, gaining hands-on learning in both disciplines. It's a rewarding opportunity to enhance knowledge in STEM and music. GN



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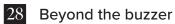
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Discover the journey of a studentathlete excelling in both sports and studies.



#### By Adara Huntley // Photography by Brooke Snyder

**ANY YOUNG** people in Franklin County have dreams and aspirations of earning a spot on a high school athletic team and developing into a collegiate-level competitor. Dana Jackson is one of those Franklin County High School alumni who has acted as an example for the many students who have goals to be a student-athlete. Jackson played high school basketball at Franklin County and then took her talents to The University of North Alabama. After graduating from college, she returned to the Franklin County area and now serves her community as a nurse practitioner and an elementary school basketball coach.

Jackson started her journey here in our community. Her story is one of perseverance and determination. "I tried out initially because my friends were playing. I was not very good and actually did not make the team in fifth grade. I felt like this challenged me. It wasn't until I improved and actually started playing elementary that I really fell in love with the sport," Jackson shared. She is proof that working hard to overcome challenges can open our lives to opportunities we couldn't have otherwise imagined. While being driven by the challenges of basketball, Jackson also has a love for the game itself. The memories made with her teammates and coaches are still with her today. "I have so many early memories of playing basketball on the playground at Clark Memorial. I also remember playing in an elementary basketball tournament in Monteagle and scoring my first game point. Some of my favorite memories are early Sunday morning private lessons with Tiffany Woosley in Murfreesboro. She taught me everything I needed to know to become a great offensive player. She instilled a level of competitiveness and drive in me, not only as a player but as a person," said Jackson.

As a former Franklin County athlete and now a coach, Jackson is familiar with the community support needed for our student-athletes to thrive. Teachers, parents, and coaches play a huge role in the experience

that student-athletes get during their time playing sports. The role of a coach is crucial. Having strong leaders and mentors to guide our students is vital in developing them into well-rounded individuals. "The community support was great. Again, I had some really great coaches — Tammie Tobitt, Tiffany Woosley, and John Wild. I initially played Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball with coach Bobby King. He was one of the first coaches to give me a chance. I didn't really know the game at that point, but I learned a lot playing for him. I can't leave out coach Tammie Tobitt at North Middle School. She made us so tough! If we survived her summer workouts, we could survive anything! I also played for a travel team out of Murfreesboro, PRIDE. The friends I have made throughout my basketball career are truly more like family," Jackson described.

After high school, Jackson went to the University of North Alabama. "I had a great high school basketball coach, John Wild. He stayed in constant communication with recruits and definitely helped lead me in the right direction. I feel like I had coaches who were invested in my success, and that made a huge difference," she said. She played basketball and committed to her education. After graduating from college, Jackson returned to Franklin County. When asked what brought her back to this area, she replied, "My family and the genuine love I have for my little hometown." Jackson continues to work in the community and inspire student-athletes. She is now a mother and serves the community through her work in the healthcare field and coaching the sport she loves. Jackson is a role model to so many Franklin County student-athletes who aspire to develop into collegiate athletes. She has proven that the skills you develop as a focused athlete can help you off the court. What would she say to students working toward those goals right now? "Keep grinding. Hard work pays off in every aspect of life, not just basketball. Make your priorities clear, follow God's lead, and trust the process." GN

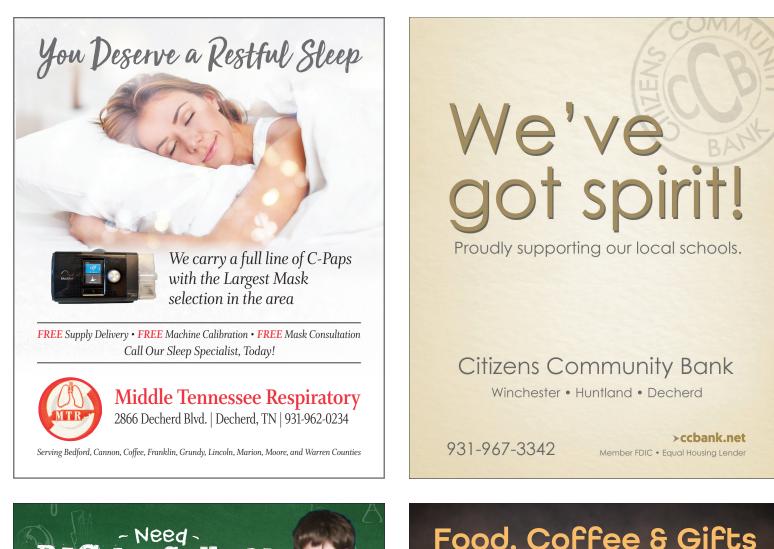


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## KENT BEAN TEACHES LESSONS ON AND OFF THE FIELD

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AVE YOU ever found an activity or sport that just fits? Do you feel like you are just where you are meant to be when doing that thing? Do you feel electrified and excited by the thought of it? Kent Bean has been in love since stepping onto the soccer field at around age 3 or 4. Today you might know Bean as our Franklin County High School soccer coach, but he started as a member of the team during his high school years in our community. The skills he learned early on in sports have followed him throughout his career, and he is called to share those same lessons with Franklin County's youths today. As a student, Bean was involved in golf, basketball, and soccer. However, soccer is the one that drove his passion to become a teacher and a coach as a career.

Kent Bean's father was one of the first coaches of the Franklin County High School soccer team when it grew from a club activity to a school sport in the late 1980s. "My dad was kind of my inspiration for wanting to become a teacher and a coach. I always wanted to teach and coach," Bean shared. He explained that some of his favorite memories from his days as a student-athlete in Franklin County came from traveling with all of his best friends. "One of my friend's mom had one of those vans with a TV in it, and we all used to fight over a seat in that van," he recalled.

In college, he played intramural soccer and worked toward becoming a teacher. His teaching journey began at a charter school in Memphis. "I was coaching volleyball and girls basketball. I never saw myself doing that, but that's what I did at first." After establishing himself in his new position, Bean asked the administration if he could start a soccer team. "That first year, we had about 14 kids show up, and only one of them had ever played soccer before," he said. "We didn't have anywhere to practice. We practiced in an open field." Over time, he watched the program grow, and in his last year in Memphis, 20 kids showed up to participate. "Franklin County hosts a soccer tournament, and I brought my student from Memphis all the way out to Franklin County. There was a church that would lend us cots, and we would camp out at the middle school and just play soccer during the day and play basketball in the gym at night." Bean has created the opportunity for many players to travel with their friends and play soccer, which he enjoyed as a student-athlete.

After four years in Memphis, Bean returned to Franklin County. In 2016 he returned to this community and became the boys and girls high school soccer coach. He is excited to see that soccer has become more popular in our area. "It's a lot more prevalent than it was when I played. It's a lot more competitive. The community support continues to surprise me. The local rec league is growing, and I love seeing my current players and even former students get involved and give back."

"Good things come from putting time and energy into things you care about," Bean stated. "There are plenty of people I wouldn't have met if I wasn't on this path." We are a lucky community to have such a strong and committed leader working with the local youths. Bean has firsthand experience with what it means to be a Franklin County student-athlete and has built a career around his passion for teaching and coaching.

By returning to the community, he can share the knowledge he has gathered as an experienced coach and give back to where he began his soccer journey. He is providing an incredible benefit to the experience of our student-athletes by providing mentorship. Leaders like Bean are building positive outlets where students can gain skills and knowledge that will impact the rest of their lives. **GN** 





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DJ Taylor's exceptional talent and relentless drive paved the way for incredible opportunities.

By Adara Huntley // Photography by Brooke Snyder

#### **ICTURE YOURSELF** in

a football uniform. Picture yourself standing in the middle of a high school football field in Tennessee on a Friday afternoon in the fall. There is noise coming from everywhere. There may be aches and exhaustion ringing in your body, but you can not let them stop you. Football is a physical and mental game. This kind of challenge does not call to everyone, but it does call to DJ Taylor. Taylor graduated from Huntland High School, where he began to excel as a student-athlete.

His natural talent, commitment, and drive to be the best have led him to

incredible opportunities. Taylor received a full scholarship to the very prestigious Wake Forest University. After finishing his bachelor's program, he continued his education and football journey at Bowling Green State University, where he received a master's in business administration. Not only is Taylor a great model of athletic excellence to Franklin County student-athletes, but he leads by example in academic excellence as well. Giving back to his community is a value that Taylor holds close to him, and he continues to be involved with local youth when his schedule permits.

Taylor came to this area when he was beginning the fifth grade. "Growing up, my granddad was really into baseball, so I played a few sports. I played baseball, football, and basketball as well. Around my sophomore year of high school is when football got more serious for me. I really loved the contact in football. I am an aggressive player," Taylor described. "During my sophomore year, Coach Reed came to Huntland and changed some things, and I really started to believe in myself to do big things. Coach Reed took me to football camps in Murfreesboro and Nashville, and that's when I started getting noticed and invited to even more camps, and eventually, I was invited to the state All-Star game." All the while, our community cheered him on. Taylor set his sights on big goals. He wanted to take advantage of his talents to open doors to his future, and he was blessed with an opportunity to attend Wake Forest University. Wake Forest is known for its challenging academic and sports programs.

"My first year at Wake Forest was very eye-opening," Taylor shared. "I really didn't know what to expect coming from a smaller school like Huntland. I graduated from a class of 44 students, so my classroom setting in high school had a family feel to it. Wake Forest isn't a huge campus, but there was still a learning curve for me." Taylor faced challenges in that first semester, but his determination carried him through, and he learned how to organize his time to meet all of the demanding responsibilities of student-athletes at the collegiate level. "I learned a lot by trial and error," he added. When Taylor suffered an injury that kept him from playing during his sophomore year of college, the idea that he would need a backup plan outside of football for his career settled in. "It happened so fast. That's when I really started



thinking that football is plan A, but what about plans B, C, and D? That was when I started to think about how I got this amazing chance at such a prestigious school. I started thinking that I should commit to getting the degree instead of focusing on the NFL right now."

Taylor's academic accomplishments didn't end with a bachelor's degree. Taylor went on to play his fifth year of football at Bowling Green State University, where he obtained his master's degree in business administration. Taylor communicated that "The community support had been outstanding. People from Franklin County are still there cheering me on and checking on me." Being small and family-oriented was one of Taylor's favorite things about Huntland, and today he pays forward some of the support he was given early on in his career. Taylor hosts free workout sessions for the youth of Franklin County when he is available. He is allowing local student-athletes to get advice and training practice with a successful collegiate athlete. Taylor has walked in their shoes and has some advice for young athletes working hard to pursue big dreams. "Don't let the moment get too big. Don't listen to the noise; you have to always believe in yourself." GN



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- DJ Taylor







# GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

#### Meet Casey Jackson, a multitasking volunteer who leaves a lasting impact on young athletes.

By Sara Hook // Photography by Brooke Snyder

**FYOU** are involved in the Franklin County Soccer Association, you have to know Casey Jackson — after all, he has been refereeing in the league since he was 12. As president of the board of directors and the player agent for Franklin County Recreational Sports (FCRS), Jackson continues to support youth sports daily.

"Everything he does revolves around the youth," said FCRS Vice President Adam Lindsey. "He truly cares about the kids of this community, which is why we brought him on board — because we are all like-minded people. We want to provide a place for these kids to develop, have fun, and get better."

Lindsey said when Jackson joined the recreational sports board, he brought a lot of knowledge of digital media. It is because of him that the program has a website and online sign-ups. As board members work almost every Saturday, his work freed up a lot of time.

"Before he came on board, all our sign-ups were done in person and paid by either cash or check. We had to have set times for people to show up, and it was hard," Lindsey said. "[He] has made a world of difference."

As president of FCSA, he does much more. Jackson said there is a lot that happens between registration and the beginning of the season just to make sure everything is ready to go.

"We've got to get teams separated, get uniforms ordered, make sure the fields are lined, and make sure the referees are going to be there,"

"Casey's one of those you can count on 100% of the time and will always put others before himself."

- ADAM LINDSEY

Jackson said. "There are a lot of pieces to the puzzle to get a season started."

Volunteering on the board is a job that doesn't get much recognition, said FCSA Director of Operations Derek Alonso. But it's worth it when it uplifts the students.

"Out of the 300-400 people, hardly anybody says thank you," Alonso said. "It's a rewarding job when you see a kid smile."

Jackson said accomplishing that was the most essential part of his job and possibly the hardest, alongside finding coaches for the hundreds of kids involved in the organization. "I want all the kids to enjoy it, have fun, and learn," Jackson said. "There's no way one person can do it."

According to Alonso, that isn't a new feeling — Jackson has been working toward that goal almost his whole life.

"He's always liked helping the kids out, even when he was probably too young to be coaching high school kids in soccer," Alonso said. "He [was] just barely out of high school himself."

Jackson joined the FCRS board around two years ago, but he became president of the soccer association in 2002. Alonso said Jackson has gotten to know many families in the community with kids of a similar age as those in the league.

"He refs some games, and he takes care of all the referees [from] the time they're old enough to start doing it until they graduate high school," Alonso said. "And, of course, he's in constant communication with all the parents via email and talking to them."

Jackson said his job is not one he could do alone, and it is not one that is especially difficult. Everyone involved in either league is a volunteer as much as he is.

"There's been plenty of people before me that have done what I'm doing now," Jackson said. "I just do what I need to do to get the league moving."

Still, Jackson's volunteer work doesn't stop there. He is a TSSAA-certified referee and continues to referee high school sports regularly. And his family often takes care of the concession stand. In addition, he is a rescue diver for the Franklin County Rescue Squad and a handler with K-9 search and rescue.

"Casey's one of those you can count on 100% of the time and will always put others before himself," Lindsey said. "If you need him, call him, and he's gonna be there." GN







# FROM GRIDIRON TO MENTOR

An enduring legacy of athletic excellence and mentorship through the generations

By Adara Huntley // Photography by Brooke Snyder

**S INCE 1989**, the Reed family has influenced Franklin County youth through their involvement in coaching sports. That was the year Charles "Tiki" Reed Sr. began coaching pee-wee football. At that time, Charles's son, Chuck Reed, was 14 years old and recalled his father always loving the game. Chuck saw his younger brothers play for his father's team and develop their own love for football. Chuck loved the game but never really had it in his mind to become a coach. "I usually say I started coaching at age 11. In my neighborhood, all the kids used to get together and organize a game, and it would end up being girls versus boys. I love challenges. I always volunteered to coach the girls. We used to beat the boys pretty badly, too," Chuck described with a laugh.

Chuck played football at Huntland High School. He began his high school football career in the eighth grade and became a record-setting linebacker at Huntland. In addition to football, Chuck also participated in baseball and was invited to All-State. After an impressive



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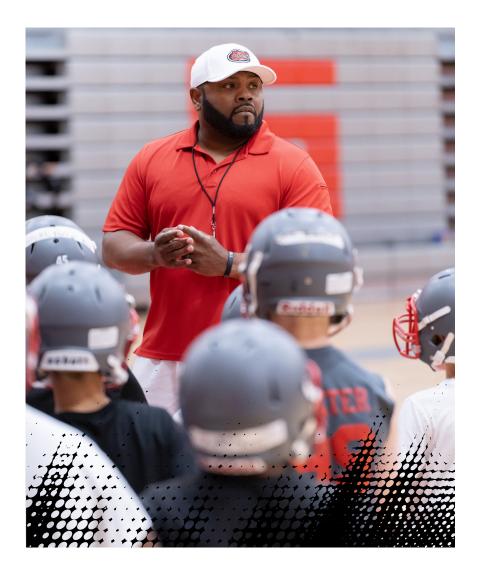
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- CHUCK REED

A Chuck, Kermit, and Charles Reed







high school sports career, Chuck graduated and decided to spend some time in the U.S. Navy. In 2007 he returned to Franklin County and entered a new career in coaching alongside his younger brother at South Middle School. Chuck served as the assistant football coach at South Middle School for a few years before moving on to aid his father in coaching the pee-wee players for two to three years. When his brother got an opportunity to become a Franklin County High School football coach, Chuck joined his coaching staff as the defensive coordinator. In his first season at Franklin County in 2011, their team ended with five wins and three losses. The following year, they celebrated an 8-0 season. "It was challenging to get to know all the athletes and gain their trust," Chuck recalled.

After spending a few years in the defensive coordinator role at Franklin County High School, Chuck struck out on a new journey. He developed a children's program to build up young athletes' speed and agility in all sports. Chuck nurtured this new business before returning to Franklin County for one season in 2017 to help build that program back up. From 2018-2021 Chuck continued to work with young athletes to help them develop the skills needed to be competitive in various sports. In 2021 Chuck accepted a position with North Middle School as the head coach for track and football, where he is currently guiding student-athletes in the community and sharing his knowledge and experience.

The Reed family has a well-established athletic legacy in Franklin County. Chuck's brother has college football experience and also has experience in coaching student-athletes. His children compete as student-athletes as well. Chuck Reed's children have excelled at football and track. Franklin County has been home to this family of athletes and coaches for generations. He has dedicated his career to mentoring our community's student-athletes. So far, there have been three generations of Reeds who have pursued coaching. They have coached players who have moved beyond being student-athletes and returned to the community to mentor athletes themselves.

Coaching young athletes involves mentorship and guidance outside of sporting activities. Coaches are responsible for reinforcing the values and lessons these athletes receive in the classroom. Chuck Reed has found himself in this vital position. Although it wasn't what he had in mind initially, he has gained many years of experience working with young people pursuing their athletic dreams. Chuck and his family continue to leave their mark on this community and provide outlets for students to participate and compete in athletics. **GN** 

# FRANKLIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

2023 Football Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Friday	Aug. 18, 2023	Coffee County Central High School	7 p.m.
Friday	Aug. 25, 2023	South Pittsburg High School	7 p.m.
Friday	Sep. 1, 2023	AWAY @ East Hamilton High School	7 p.m.
Friday	Sep. 8 2023	AWAY @ Tullahoma High School	TBA
Friday	Sep. 15, 2023	AWAY @ Moore County High School	7 p.m.
Friday	Sep. 22, 2023	Shelbyville Central High School	ТВА
Friday	Sep. 29, 2023	AWAY @ Lincoln County High School	ТВА
Friday	Oct. 6, 2023	Columbia Central High School	ТВА
Friday	Oct. 20, 2023	AWAY @ Lawrence County High School	ТВА
Thursday	Oct. 26, 2023	Spring Hill High School	ТВА

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# HUNTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

2023 Football Schedule

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Friday	Aug. 18, 2023	Whitwell High School	7 p.m.
Friday	Aug. 25, 2023	Grundy County High School	7 p.m.
Thursday	Aug. 31, 2023	AWAY @ Cascade High School	TBA
Friday	Sep. 15 2023	AWAY @ Eagleville High School	TBA
Friday	Sep. 22, 2023	Richland High School	TBA
Friday	Sep. 29, 2023	Wayne County High School	TBA
Friday	Oct. 6, 2023	AWAY @ Lookout Valley High School	TBA
Friday	Oct. 13, 2023	away @ Moore County High School	TBA
Friday	Oct. 20, 2023	Cornersville High School	ТВА
Thursday	Oct. 26, 2023	AWAY @ Collinwood High School	7 p.m.

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# Touchdown Favorites

Big tastes for the big game.

T'S THAT time of year again when friends gather, jerseys are donned, and anticipation fills the air. Whether you're an avid sports fan or simply enjoy the camaraderie, there's one thing that can truly elevate the game day experience: mouth watering food. Get ready to tease your taste buds with our collection of touchdown favorites. From the savory and cheesy Ham and Cheese Sliders to the fiery and tangy Hot and Tangy Wings, and not forgetting the crowd-pleasing Buffalo Chicken Dip, these recipes are sure to make your game day celebration a winner. So grab your apron, unleash your inner chef, and prepare to cook up a storm that will leave your guests cheering for more. **GN** 



#### Ham and Cheese Sliders

Submitted by Debbie Miahnahri

2 pkgs. sweet Hawaiian rolls, 12 oz. each 11/2 lbs. Virginia ham, NOT honey ham 12 slices Swiss cheese 1 stick real butter 2 t. Worcestershire sauce 1 t. garlic powder 1 t. onion powder 1 t. poppy seeds

Preheat oven to 375°. You will need two 9"x13" baking pans. Slice rolls lengthwise and place bottoms of 12 in each pan. Place ham on the rolls; then top with cheese slices. Put top of roll on and set aside. In a sauce pan, mix butter, Worcestershire, garlic powder, onion powder, and poppy seeds. Wait until butter is completely melted then brush mixture over the ham sandwiches. Cover with foil and let sit in refrigerator for 1 hour or overnight. You can bake them immediately if desired. Bake for 15 minutes or until cheese is melted.

#### Hot and Tangy Wings

Submitted by Dennis Gardner

3 1/2 lbs. chicken wings 1 c. barbecue sauce 1/2 c. hot sauce 1/2 c. honey 1 t. brown sugar 1 t. dry mustard

Clean and dry chicken wings. Cut and discard wing tips. Cut the wings at their joints to make two separate pieces. Place chicken pieces in broiler for 8-10 minutes until chicken is browned, flipping pieces once. Place chicken in a slow cooker. In a small mixing bowl, combine barbecue sauce, hot sauce, honey, brown sugar, and mustard. Pour over wings. Cover and cook on low for 4 1/2 to 5 hours or on high for 2 to 2 1/2 hours.

#### Buffalo Chicken Dip

Submitted by Cindy Crosslin

1 pkg. cream cheese, softened, 8 oz. 1 can chunk white chicken, drained, 10 oz. 1/2 c. buffalo wing sauce 1/2 c. ranch salad dressing 2 c. Colby/Jack cheese, shredded

Preheat oven to 350°. Spread cream cheese into an ungreased shallow light baking dish. Layer with chicken, wing sauce and salad dressing. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake uncovered, 20-25 minutes or until cheese is melted.

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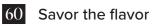






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#### Barbecue contest and craft fair highlight High on the Hog festival

By Adara Huntley // Photography by Brooke Snyder

HEN THE summer weather rolls into Franklin County, it brings with it the annual High on the Hog festival. This year was the 36th year that our Kiwanis Club hosted this celebration to raise money for Franklin County's local charities. This eight-day event brought local residents and visitors together to enjoy a carnival, a barbecue contest with over \$7,000 in cash and trophies for the winning teams, a poker run, a cruise in, a Disc Golf tournament, a craft fair, a 5K, and live music. For eight days, festival-goers could shop local vendors, eat amazing barbecue, dance to live music and ride carnival rides.

The backyard barbecue competition cooked up some delicious entries, with over 54 teams from all over the country traveling to Winchester to participate in this Kansas City Barbecue sanctioned contest. These teams were competing for thousands of dollars in cash and trophies. Laughs, food, and prizes were shared in this annual event, and the community was glad to host 65 judges for this contest. The other competitive events included a Disc Golf and cornhole contest. Winchester invited the community to show up for some friendly competition, and we saw trophies and cash prizes go home with the lucky winners.

This year's festival saw the return of the craft fair. The craft fair adds another layer of activities for our community and offers a unique shopping experience while highlighting local makers. The carnival was another repeating event to the festival, and this year was the first time we saw it open on a Sunday. If you visited the festival on Friday night, you would have enjoyed live music by Buddy Jewell. The variety of things to do left every visitor entertained.

This event is a fun summer tradition and an important charitable event for the community. The Kiwanis Club raises money for various local charities at this event and also serves as an excellent opportunity to stimulate the local economy. For 35 years, this annual event has grown into the eight-day event we know today. Winchester attracted visitors from all over the country to compete in and judge the barbecue competitions. The High on the Hog festival rings in the beginning of summer with food, music, laughs, games, and prizes. This festival had something to offer everyone and provided a fun opportunity to get involved and give back. GN





















#### Franklin County High School Basketball Camp - July 12-14





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FCHS Rebelettes basketball coaching staff and players recently hosted a skills and drills camp for girls entering the third through eighth grade at the high school.







 Baylyn Short and Macie Hill
 Keely Kendrick, Lily Mayes, Kenzie Arnold, Ellie Price, Josie Davis, Sadie Hill, Malloree May, Danica Stovall, Mattie Hill, and Amber Gilliam
 Sadie Hill with third graders
 Adalynn Jackson
 Daisy Price
 Julianna Shetters, Shalom Francis, Macie Davis, and Airiana Hill

#### Huntland Truck and Tractor Pull - July 7-8





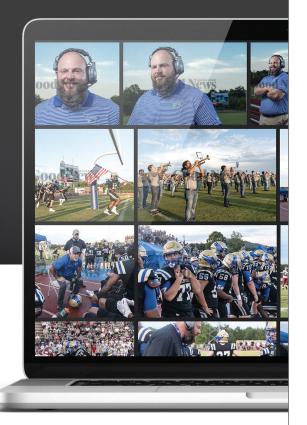
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Locals enjoyed an evening of roaring engines and watching the power of trucks and tractors as each competed in the Huntland Truck and Tractor Pull. The event included Super Farm Tractors, Mini-Rods, Lightweight Super Stock Tractors, Pro-Stock Tractors, 4WD trucks, and more.





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#### August 11

#### 12:01 am Grocery Tax Holiday State of Tennessee

For 2023. Tennessee's General Assembly has approved a three-month grocery tax holiday on food and food ingredients, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on August 1, 2023, and ends at 11:59 p.m. on October 31, 2023. The tax relief does not include alcoholic beverages, tobacco, candy, dietary supplements, or prepared food.

#### August 17

5:00 pm South Central Special Education Community Conversation Franklin County Public Library 105 S. Porter St. Winchester

> Join the conversation regarding special education. You don't want to miss your chance to make your voice heard.

#### August 22

1:00 pm Healthy Posture, Healthy Kids Franklin County Public Library 105 S. Porter St. Winchester

> Learn why healthy posture is key for healthy kids – especially as school gets going.



#### August 26

8:00 am Swinging Bridge 10K and Half Marathon Trail Runs 570 Tims Ford Dr. Winchester

> Beautiful lake views, several bridge crossings, with a mixture of silky smooth and technical single track, you're going to have a blast running along the lake shoreline.

#### 6:00 pm Ice Cream and Live Music

The Shady Grove Community Center 5261 Shady Grove Rd. Morrison

Donations will go toward the upkeep of the community center.

TBA The Nouns LIVE

Hard Dock Cafe 175 Marina Lane Winchester

For more information call (931) 967-4509

#### August 27

# 10:30 am Brian Free & Assurance Decherd

Nazarene Church 501 Cumberland St. Decherd

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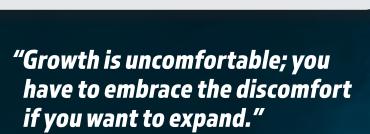
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