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NOTE TO READERS

The press at the Lebanon Democrat's printing facility in Kentucky broke down Friday night, which prevented us from publishing our Saturday newspaper. And, with the press still down Monday, today's edition is printing at another facility much earlier than normal.

We did post Saturday's content to our website as normal and we have lifted our paywall so that it is easily accessible. However, we realize that a significant portion of our readership prefers the printed product, so we are publishing several articles today that were to have appeared in Saturday's paper.

Subscribers will be credited for the missed Saturday newspaper.
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Biden seeks ways to unite country

Any missteps could add to polarization

BY ALEXANDRA JAFFE
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WASHINGTON — President-elect Joe Biden appeared on television last week as a bipartisan group of lawmakers huddled in an undisclosed location to protect them from a violent mob that was ransacking the U.S. Capitol.

"The whole room went silent," Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., recalled as everyone listened to Biden denounce the insurrection and call for calm.

The respectful manner in which the lawmakers listened to Biden during one of Amer-

ica's darkest moments gave Klobuchar hope that the new president has an opportunity to guide the country past the tumultuous final stretch of Donald Trump's presidency.

That's quickly becoming one of Biden's top tasks as he prepares to take office on Jan. 20. It's an immensely complex challenge, requiring him to balance demands for accountability after Trump incited the riot against those who worry about further dividing the country.

Any misstep could not only intensify the nation's polarization, but threaten Biden's abil-

ity to win quick congressional approval of his Cabinet picks and other priorities such as coronavirus response legislation.

For now, Biden seems content to leave decisions about Trump's fate to Congress.

"What the Congress decides to do is for them to decide," Biden told reporters last week. "But I'm going to have to and they're going to have to be ready to hit the ground running, because when Kamala (Harris) and I are sworn in, we're going to be introducing, immediately, significant pieces of legislation that will deal with the virus,

deal with the economy, and deal with economic growth."

Two Republican senators, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Patrick Toomey of Pennsylvania, have called on Trump to resign.

Absent that, House Democrats are moving quickly to introduce articles of impeachment on Monday and vote as soon as Tuesday. That would give an outlet for lawmakers to formally condemn Trump, but would delay a Senate trial until after Biden addresses other priorities



Joe Biden

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Tennessee Motorama celebrates 10 years

Farm Bureau
Exposition Center
hosts classic car show

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Steve Hill had dreamed of owning a 1932 Ford roadster since he was about 12 years old.

Nearly 50 years later, the commander of Pharaohs Car Club Music City was able to show one off at the 10th Annual Tennessee Motorama, held Saturday at the Farm Bureau Expo Center in Lebanon.

"It's only got about 3,000 miles on it, and every part is brand new," he said. "I've put a lot of work into it because when I got it, it wasn't even finished."

Hill picked up the car five months ago and was excited to bring it along for his first trip to the Motorama after fixing it up. The weekend was also a chance to spend time with fellow club members and other car enthusiasts.

"My favorite part about shows like these is meeting new people and seeing the cars," he said. "With Pharaohs, it's the camaraderie between all of us, because we all share



Ethan Steinquest/Lebanon Democrat

A variety of classic cars and vendors fill the Farm Bureau Exposition Center on Saturday for the 10th Annual Tennessee Motorama.

a bond over cars. Family and work comes first, so when I had to work until noon today these guys watched my car for me."

Jimbo Warren of event organizer Both Barrels Promotions said there were roughly 60 show cars and as many vendors in town for the meet. The event has grown over the years and become a fixture of the promoter's schedule,

alongside its flagship Redneck Rumble event.

"I've got boys here out of Chattanooga, a couple here this morning from lower Georgia, some from Kentucky, several from way out in East Tennessee and some from Mississippi," he said. "The Redneck Rumble is probably 10 times bigger, but it feels great to be doing this for 10 years."

The show also marked its

fourth year in Wilson County after starting up in Murfreesboro. Chad Walker, of Smyrna, has attended every year since the move and brought a 1967 Volkswagen Beetle.

"I've had this car for about six years and done just about everything to it except the paint," he said. "I've probably taken it to 40 or 50 shows,

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Community service to start the year

Wilson County nonprofits seeking volunteers for 2021

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A new year means a chance for new beginnings, and one way to make a change is to get involved with a local nonprofit.

Wilson County has dozens of charitable organizations working within the community to help those in need. Here are a few of the ways people can pitch in during 2021.

WILSON COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (606 E. MAIN ST., LEBANON)

Four homes are slated for building through Wilson County Habitat for Humanity this year, and the community is always welcome to help their new neighbors with construction.

"We'll be putting the word out for volunteers, and the best thing for people to do is keep a lookout

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County predicts tourism surge as vaccine rollout continues

Push for new data centers continues

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The Wilson County Joint Economic and Community Development Board is hoping to elevate its push to bring business

and tourism to town this year as more and more COVID-19 vaccines are distributed.

JECDB Chairman and Watertown Mayor Mike Jennings said he expects tourism to benefit the

most if the vaccines can curb the spread of the virus.

"We've been basically stagnant for nine months as far as families and communities and stuff," he said. "The tourism industry's going to, in my opinion, break wide open here in the middle of summer or the end of the

summer just because people are ready to go somewhere for two, three or four days and get away. I think people, you show them lakes and you show them stuff like that, I don't have to go very far to be happy."

Wilson County Tourism Director Jason Johnson said he

is already seeing those trends in the area, and that smaller market communities like Wilson County can offer outdoor options that meet the moment.

"You're already seeing consumer confidence come back

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