



# West Carroll Board Approves 2022-23 School Calendar, Chromebook Purchase

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West Carroll's School Board met for its regular monthly session on Thursday, January 13 with plenty of business having not met since November.

After approving the meeting agenda and the consent agenda, the board approved the LEA Compliance Report which basically says the West Carroll School System is obeying State Board of Education Rules and Regulations.

The Board also approved the 2022-23 school calendar which Director Preston Caldwell described as "being a carbon copy of this year's calendar."

Mrs. Brittany Fowler made a presentation to the board concerning the ECF 471 Vendor Bid concerning Chromebooks for student use. Fowler indicated four vendors bid on it and all were on the State's Vendor List. All but one of the bids included pre-programming the computers so all the school has to do is put them into use. She advised the board they weren't just adding Chromebooks but replacing some that were nearing expiration. Fowler recommended the first vendor due to their customer service. She also noted that the ECF 471 bid was fully funded and wouldn't cost the school system any money. The Board approved her recommendation on the vendor.

Director Caldwell gave a financial update on the school system's budget at the mid-year point. Caldwell

indicated he was satisfied that the system was basically on track with the budget in both revenues and expenditures at this point.

Director Caldwell informed the board that only one bid was received to install electric marquee signs at all three schools. The bid came from Jones Electric at a cost of slightly over \$12,000. The board approved the bid.

Updating the COVID issue, Caldwell noted that there were 23 positive cases in the school system with 83 persons quarantined at this time. Caldwell noted he has the system in Phase II which just includes taking more precautions. He also noted that due to COVID, the Aide list and Substitute list were being stretched to the maximum. He requested permission to hire four more full-time aides for the remainder of the school year using ESSER funds to pay for them. Caldwell also requested an increase in substitute pay from \$63 to \$75 for uncertified subs and \$73 to \$85 for certified subs. He was asked if ESSER funds would cover the sub pay increase to which he replied he wasn't sure. The board approved both of Caldwell's requests.

Chris Hayden updated the board on COVID vaccines advising the board that it isn't going to become a requirement thanks to a recent Supreme Court decision but did expect it to go back through the courts again but at this time COVID vaccines were not going to be required.

Ryanne Parker, the parent

of a recent graduate and current eighth grader, appeared before the board with a harassment complaint against a West Carroll staff member. In a ten-minute speech, she informed the board that the school system had found the claims unsubstantiated and she was appealing to the board for help with the situation. The board voted to uphold the school administrator's decision. The entire situation stems from her daughter allegedly not receiving the intervention services they were entitled to in 2018 and 2019. The Tennessee Board of Education found West Carroll's School System in violation of several Federal and State procedures as well as violations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The situation is currently still ongoing with a Section 504 meeting scheduled in the near future.

In other action, the board approved the second reading of a policy change to 1.404 concerning appeals and appearances before the board. Director Caldwell reminded board members that they were required to have seven hours of coursework through School Board Academy. He mentioned School Board Appreciation Week which is coming up the week of January 23. Caldwell advised the board that posts on social media concerning hazard pay for staffers for COVID were not true and also advised that the TSBA recently acknowledged that their policy handbook was in line with state rules and regulations.

## CARROLL COUNTY

# Farm Service Agency Announces County Committee Election Results

HUNTINGDON (January 2022) — Carroll County U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced Ricky Long of Atwood was elected to represent his local administrative areas (LAA) during the recent county committee election. Jeremy Fowler of Atwood will serve as the first alternate.

"County Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA," said Dione McDaniel, county executive director. "They help deliver programs at the county level and work to serve the needs of local producers. All recently elected county committee members will take office in January 2022 and will be joining the existing committee."

Every FSA office is served

by a county committee made up of local farmers, ranchers and foresters who are elected by local producers. Other members currently serving on the FSA county committee include Grant Chandler, Philip Moore and Martha Gooch.

County committee members impact the administration of FSA within a community by applying their knowledge and judgment to help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, emergency programs and eligibility.

County committee members provide a service to local producers through their decision-making and ensure the fair and equitable administration of FSA farm pro-

grams in their counties. They are accountable to the Secretary of Agriculture. Members conduct hearings and reviews as requested by the state committee, ensure that underserved farmers, ranchers and foresters are fairly represented, make recommendations to the state committee on existing programs, monitor changes in farm programs and inform farmers of the purpose and provisions of FSA programs. They also assist with outreach and inform underserved producers such as beginning farmers, ranchers and foresters about FSA opportunities.

For more information, visit the FSA website at fsa.usda.gov/elections or contact the Carroll County FSA office at 731-209-4153.

# McKenzie City Council Discusses New Water Bill, Leaf Pickup Policies

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The monthly City of McKenzie Board of Mayor and Council meeting was held Thursday, January 13, in the McKenzie City Hall. Three out of the five council members were present, so the council was unable to form a quorum for voting.

There was discussion of altering the policy regarding overdue water bills. The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD) recommended the city's water bills should be paid by the 20th of each month for McKenzie residents to keep their water on.

Of the 2,200 residents receiving water bills from the City of McKenzie, approximately 120 do not pay their bills by the current cutoff date. While most work out payment plans or pay in-person at City Hall upon notification, 20-40 households have their water cut off every month. A large percentage of residents who do not pay their water bills on time are repeat offenders.

McKenzie's water bill policies are not in compliance with the state policies, as they have not been updated since the 1990s. The board will meet with the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) to create a revised policy, which the board should be able to approve or consider in February.

The board also discussed the state of McKenzie's leaf truck. McKenzie's leaf truck is 37 years old, and maintenance costs thousands of dollars. The truck, which operates like a vacuum for leaves, does not filter through leaf piles. If the truck picks up anything other than leaves (bricks, metal, other debris), it stops working properly and requires maintenance.

The discussed solution is to imitate other cities' requirement that citizens must bag their leaves before leaving them on the side of the road. This would require fewer employees during pickup, and it would ensure the truck is not damaged.

A workshop on the Leasing Program for police vehicles is scheduled for Thursday,

February 10 at 3 p.m. It is open for council members, department supervisors, and the public.

Under department head reports, the fire department is undergoing training in Greenfield on grain bin rescue, with the goal of certifying one firefighter. The parks department reported that TWRA recently observed the pond at City Park, which the department is working to clean to improve the fishing experience. The Tennessee Forestry Service also observed the tree at Veterans Park that was recently hit. The parks department is considering building an office break room at City Park. The police department reported 1,193 calls to service in December. A speed calming device, a driver feedback sign that displays drivers' speeds as they pass, is now ready to be placed in the city.

Under council reports, Mayor Holland announced city recorder Jennifer Waldrup's return Tuesday, January 18. She begins at four hours a day, per doctor's orders.

# FEMA Assistance Available for Tornado Survivors Dresden Included in Declaration

NASHVILLE — President Biden declared a major federal disaster declaration on January 14 for the deadly tornado outbreak that took place on December 10 and 11, 2021. Homeowners and renters in 12 counties affected by severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes may now apply for FEMA disaster assistance. These designated counties include Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Gibson, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Obion, Stewart, Sumner, Weakley, and Wilson counties.

Dresden Mayor Jeff Washburn said, "Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum and I are extremely pleased and excited that President Biden has signed the Disaster Declaration granting assistance to individuals affected by the December 10 tornado in Dresden and Weakley County."

"We want to thank everyone who has worked diligently over the past few weeks to accomplish the granting of the declaration for assistance to our residents. We pledge to continue our efforts to obtain a complete declaration for public assistance in order to obtain the funding for the cleanup of the debris and demolition of destroyed buildings. The public assistance declaration is also necessary to provide funds

for rebuilding of public facilities that were destroyed.

Those affected by the tornadoes can call FEMA at 800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585) to apply. The toll-free telephone lines operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time, seven days a week. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.

Residents can also register via smartphone or tablet using the FEMA App, or at www.disasterassistance.gov

In downtown Dresden, several prominent Dresden buildings were demolished this past week as the clean-up and rebuilding process continues to move ahead.

The original church building of Dresden First United Methodist Church was demolished Thursday and the Family Life Center of the church likely will be demolished next week.

Also on Thursday, the former Allen's Service Station on East Main was demolished.

On Friday, the Dresden Enterprise building was demolished as was the Woodman of the World Building on South Wilson Street.

Also slated to be demolished on the block bordering South Wilson, East Main, Church and East Nel-

son Street are the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and parsonage, the two-story building owned by Robert and Tiffany Browning next to Dresden Enterprise, the Southern Printing buildings owned by Rufus McPeak, and buildings owned by Ricky Finney on Church Street. The building that will be left on that block will be the building owned by Frontier Telephone on Church Street.

Buildings known to be slated to be demolished in the near future include all buildings on the south side of the court square and along the east side of Poplar Street to the Dresden Fire Department building and former Majestic Restaurant (Steele Hotel) building on South Wilson, all of which were destroyed by the tornado.

Once FEMA arrives, persons seeking to have buildings demolished who do not have insurance or insufficient insurance should immediately file for assistance for demolition costs. FEMA will require insurance proceeds be first utilized for repair and demolition costs before providing federal assistance.

A large amount of home repair and roof work has been performed this past week in Dresden as the community has shifted into repair and rebuild mode while awaiting FEMA to arrive and begin to coordinate clean-up operations.

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# Carroll County Partners with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Through a partnership with the Carroll County Government, the Huntingdon Elks Lodge, the United Way, the Governor's Books from Birth program, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Gamma Theta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, and the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, Carroll County children up to five years old can receive free books monthly from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book-gifting program that provides books free of charge each month to children from

birth to five years of age. Dolly Parton started Imagination Library in 1995 for children in Sevier County, Tennessee. The State of Tennessee subsequently pledged to pursue statewide coverage for every child under five years old across the state, and with the help of committed community partners, children in Carroll County can receive books free of charge.

In Carroll County, 1,214 books are mailed to children up to five years old each month. Nearly seventy-four percent of Carroll County's eligible children receive books from Dolly Parton's

Imagination Library program, a figure which is above the state average.

The goal of the Imagination Library program is to promote reading, which further promotes achievement across schools' curriculum.

To sign up for the program, register online on the Imagination Library website at www.governors-foundation.org, or in-person at the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce office at 20740 East Main Street in Huntingdon. For assistance, call the Chamber at 731-986-4664.

# Atwood Fire Department Joins County Rural Fire Department

HUNTINGDON (January 10) — Atwood Fire Department is now part of the system of rural brigades comprising the Carroll County Fire Department.

Carroll County commissioners voted to accept Atwood as part of the network of rural and city brigades that support each other during emergency calls throughout the county.

In other business during the January 10 meeting of the Carroll County Commission, Melissa Barber was appointed to the Carroll County Indi-

gent Care Board, a resolution was approved to participate in any cash settlement in accordance with the Opioid Abatement Agreement with pharmaceutical companies, and discussed the situation on solid waste collections in the rural areas of Carroll County (see separate article).

Notaries public approved were Carol Arnold, Melissa Barber, Clint Butler, Michael Lynn Creasy, Kendra Harris, Jamie Ivy, Molly McAlpin, Janet McClure, Haidyn McLemore, Linsey Marie Thomas.

# Darryl Worley in Paris on Thursday

PARIS — West Tennessee PBS, Darryl Worley, and the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce teamed up to produce a one-hour episode featuring Worley's live concert during his 2021 performance at the Tennessee River Jam. The episode aired on January 13. "Darryl Worley is a country music icon," commented Mike Peery, CEO/GM of

West Tennessee PBS. "We are proud to be a part of bringing his original music into your home."

On Wednesday, January 19 at 1 p.m. at the Parisian Theatre in Paris, fans can get an exclusive look at the episode. Admission is free to the public. Worley plans to attend the debut in person. The event was originally planned one week earlier.



McKenzie High School Homecoming Court: Dani Dyer, Wynter Baucum, Jessica Moore, Jaden Barton and Taylor Hall.

# Moore

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a member of the Lady Rebel Soccer Team where she was Offensive Player of the Year and a member of Rebel Cheer where she serves as co-captain. Jessica is also a member of the M-Club and Minority Club. Jessica plans to attend a four-year university to major in nursing. She was escorted by junior Bryant Haynes, son of Penny Haynes and Travelle Johnson.

She was crowned by junior basketball player Bryson Steele, son of Brian and Brittany Steele, and junior cheerleader Alajah Gilbert, daughter of LaShonda Williams.

Dani Dyer, 17, is the daughter of Ryan and Susan Dyer. She is a four-year member of the Lady Rebel Basketball team, a Carroll County Youth Leadership participant, senior class secretary, and was elected by her senior class as “Most Likely to Be Famous”

and “Most Athletic.” Dani is a member of the Distinguished Scholar program, Beta Club, FCA, Pep Club, DECA, where she serves as president, FTA, where she serves as president, Student Council, where she serves as reporter, Leo Club, where she serves as vice president, YoungLife, and First Baptist Church Youth. Dani plans to attend Mississippi State University. She was escorted by senior Zayden McCaslin, son of Derrick McCaslin and April Minor.

Wynter Baucum, 18, is the daughter of Cory and Renee Baucum. She is a member of Beta Club, FTA, Pep Club, and YoungLife. Wynter plans to attend University of Tennessee at Knoxville and major in education. She was escorted by junior Zach Aird, son of Matt and Misty Aird.

Jaden Barton, 17, daughter of Nick and Chasidy Barton. She is a four-year member of the Lady Rebel Softball and Lady Rebel Golf teams, a Carroll County Youth Leadership participant, and the Wendy Heisman Scholarship win-

ner. Jaden is a member of the Distinguished Scholars program, Beta Club, where she serves as parliamentarian, HOSA, DECA, FCA, where she serves as president, McKenzie Maniacs, where she serves as president, M-Club, and Ruthville Baptist Church Youth, and she participated in the Carroll County STEM program. Jaden plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in pre-med. She was escorted by senior Carson Burke, son of Adam and Raeleen Burke.

Taylor Hall, 17, is the daughter of Chris and Kim Hall. She is a three-year member of the Lady Rebel Soccer team, three-year member of the Rebel Cheer team where she serves as captain, and was elected by her senior class as “Kindest.” Taylor is a member of the Distinguished Scholar program, Beta Club, FTA, FCA, Pep Club, and YoungLife. Taylor plans to attend a four-year university to major in education. She was escorted by senior Giancarlo Cevallos, son of Annette O’Neil.

# Elections

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McKenzie Special School District Board - four seats; Huntingdon School District - two seats; South Carroll School - two seats; West Carroll School - Old County, Old Atwood, Old Trezevant.

Candidates to date include:

All judicial candidates are seeking the Republican nomination. General Sessions Judge - Larry Logan; Circuit Court Judge Part 1 - Brent Bradberry; Circuit Court Judge Part 2 - Terry Leonard; Chancellor Vicki Hoover; District Attorney General Neil Thompson; Public Defender Robert ‘Tas’ Gardner; Court of Appeals-West (non-partisan, retention vote only) John Everett Williams.

County Mayor -Joseph Butler (R); Commissioner District 1 (elect 3) Patrick Lindsey (R), Randy Long (I); Commissioner District 2 (elect 2) - Bertha Taylor

(D); Commissioner District 3 (elect 2) - Larry Spencer (I), Joey Simmons (I); Commissioner District 4 (elect 2) T. Richard Goodwin (I), Hal Eason (I); Commissioner District 5 (elect 3) - Barry Mac Murphy (I); Commissioner District 6 (elect 2) - Jimmy McClure (I), Kurt Hunley (I), Phillip E. Moore (I); Commissioner District 7 (elect 2) Manuel Crossno (I); Commissioner District 8 (elect 2) no candidate; Commissioner District 9 (elect 3) John Austin (I).

County-wide offices: Assessor of Property - Rita Jones (I); Trustee - Paula Bolen (I); Sheriff - Tim Pratt (R), Andy Dickson (I); Circuit Court Clerk - Sarah Bradberry (R); County Clerk - Darlene Kirk (I); Register of Deeds - Natalie McCullough Porter (D); Road Supervisor District 1 - Ricky Scott (R); Road Supervisor District 2 - Michael Kyle (I) and Ronnie A. Wade (I);

County School Board - District 1 (Lavinia, Trezevant, McMoresville, Cedar Grove, Atwood, Senior Citizen Center - no

candidate; County School - District 2 (Bruceton, Hollow Rock, Recycling Center, McKenzie Church of Christ, McKenzie City Hall) - Deborah S. Broadbent (I); County School District 3 (Clarksburg, Civic Center, Huntingdon Police Station, Concord - no candidate.

Special School District elections include:

Hollow Rock -Bruceton -16th District - Brandy Boyd (R); HR-Bruceton at Large - April Hampton (I); HR-Bruceton - 15th and 17th District - Michael Graves (I) and James ‘Jim’ Holder (I).

Huntingdon Special School District - elect 2 - no candidates.

McKenzie Special School District - elect 4 - no candidates.

South Carroll (Clarksburg) Special School District - elect 2 - Jimmy D. McClure (I), Colton Moore (I).

West Carroll - Old County - Patrick Lindsey (R), Betty Wallace (I), and Jared Mims (I); WC-Old Atwood - David Hilliard (R); and WC -Old Trezevant - Kelly M. Weaver (I).

# Garbage

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Services a 90-day emergency contract in November to collect and dispose of solid waste, some of which had accumulated for over a month. Republic Services indicated it neither had the trucks nor manpower in place to adequately serve the county, a process that would require months to achieve, especially with the large accumulation of solid waste at each residence. Because of the inconsistent collection service, the county waived the \$18 monthly fee to customers for the months of October, November and December. Jeff Heyduck, manager of the county’s Solid Waste Department, said Republic charges \$87,000 to \$125,000 monthly, depending on the amount of waste collected.

The county has operated mandatory solid waste collection for 27 years and has

accumulated a delinquency of \$1,133,477 from its rural customers. The lone way to collect is through the court system. In the year 2019, the county filed 200 lawsuits, in 2020, 105, and in 2021, 48. Recently, there were 1,257 delinquent accounts prior to Red River stopping service.

Republic Services is seeking a five-year contract for the collection and disposal of solid waste at the end of the 90-day emergency contract. No other solid waste service was interested in serving the rural county.

Commissioner John Austin said Republic Services is the only player in the game. He said he has expressed his concerns with Jeremy Keith, the contact person with Republic.

A new contract with Republic Services would increase the monthly cost to \$24 to \$25 for rural residents.

Commissioner Joel Washburn said the full commission should vote on the multi-year, multi-million

dollar contract, not just the Solid Waste Committee. With approval of a five-year contract, essentially, the county is committing to continuing its mandatory collection services.

Commissioner Darrell Ridgely said there have been plenty of excuses from Republic Services. Some residents have had no collection in three months. He proposed allowing rural residents to contract with individual solid waste collection services if they choose instead of the county mandating the service.

Commissioner Larry Spencer said the county benefits from mandatory collection through less garbage thrown in side ditches.

Commissioner Jay Phipps questioned if the county could achieve another 90-day contract to determine if Republic can meet the performance standards before entering a five-year contract.

No decision was made during the meeting.

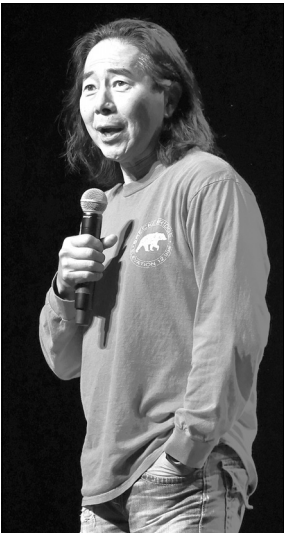
# Henry Cho Delights Sold-Out Audience at The Dixie

HUNTINGDON (January 15) — The weather forecast included a major snow event but that did not deter the sold-out audience from attending the Saturday evening performance by Henry Cho at The Dixie Performing Arts Center.

Cho, a Knoxville native with South Korean ancestry, delighted the audience with his humor. He has credits for comedy and acting with his first acting gig on Designing Women with Dixie Carter. He praised the McMoresville, Tenn. native for her grace and for acting as a ‘big sister’ to him when on set.

The Saturday night performance was the 36th anniversary of his first stand-up routine in a Knoxville comedy club while he was a student at UT-Knoxville.

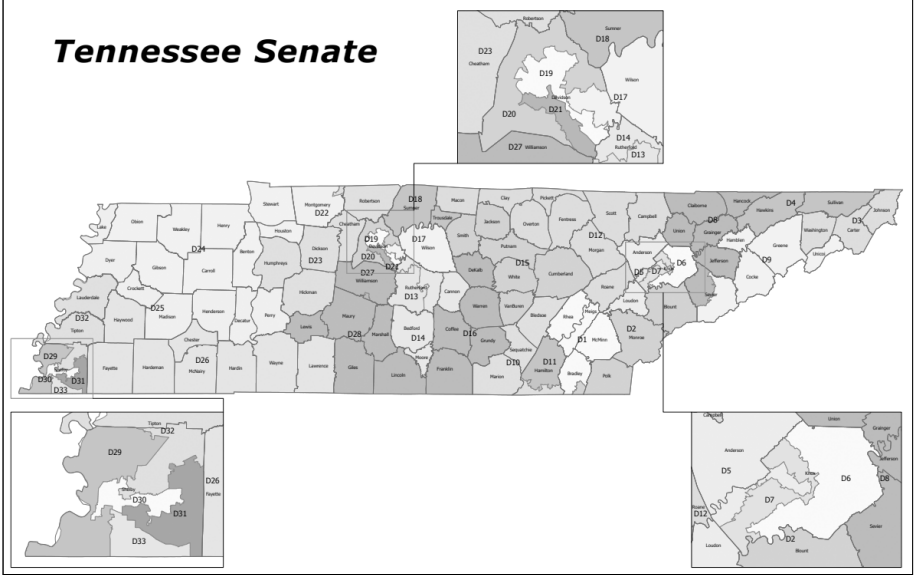
Henry’s TV credits include appearances on NBC’s The Tonight Show,



CBS’s The Late, Late, Show, and NBC’s Young Comedians Special and served two years as host of NBC’s Friday Night Videos. His one hour Comedy Cen-

tral Special, “What’s That Clickin Noise?” is currently running and available on Netflix and can also be heard daily on Sirius XM, Blue Collar Radio and Pandora. He’s also a regular performer at the Grand Ole Opry and has worked extensively with Vince Gill, Amy Grant, Willie Nelson, Carrie Underwood, Reba and many others. Henry’s clean comedy is so versatile that he can headline Vegas and then tour with Michael W. Smith. More recently, Henry completed filming the movie “The Farmer and the Belle- Saving Santaland”. In 2019 he shot a TV pilot, “Double Occupancy” and also the film, “Cheyenne”. Currently he’s working on his own sitcom with Triple Horse Studios, the guys behind “The Case for Christ”.

Cho and his wife have three children.



# Proposed Tennessee Senate Redistricting Map Released

Thursday, January 13, Tennessee Republicans revealed a new map of redrawn state districts, which was sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The new map reconfigures District 24, adding Stewart County and Houston County to the current Obion, Gibson, Weakley, Carroll, Henry, and Benton counties. The district will have a total population of 212,561, with a target population of 209,419. The reconfigured district is 82.64 percent non-Hispanic white, 3.05 percent Hispanic, 10.63 percent non-His-

panic black, 0.66 percent non-Hispanic Asian, 0.05 percent non-Hispanic Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, and 0.83 percent non-Hispanic other race.

The average population of the reconfigured districts is 209,419. The new map splits Shelby County into five districts, Davidson County into four districts, and Knox County into three districts. Bradley County, Hamilton County, Montgomery County, Rutherford County, Sevier County, and Williamson County are each split into two districts.

There are three major-

ity-minority districts in this plan, all in Shelby County. District 29, 30, and 33 (west, middle, and south Shelby county) have majority non-Hispanic black populations. Davidson County’s District 19 is a minority opportunity district, with a 47.52 percent non-Hispanic black population.

The Senate redistricting proposal was met with better response from Tennessee Democrats than the Congressional plan—which splits Davidson County into three potentially Republican-leaning districts.

# Tennessee COVID Numbers Continue Rising

The week of January 2-8, there were 13,503 new COVID-19 cases per day, with 26,953 total tests taken. As nearly half of all COVID tests taken in the state per day come back positive, deaths and hospitalizations are also on the rise.

In Carroll County, the proportion of tests taken versus positive tests are similar. 47 percent of tests came back positive (34 positive tests, 38 negative tests) January 7 according to the Tennessee Health Department. The percent of positive tests is nearing those from mid-September.

Overall, the county has now had 6,532 positive cases, 195 hospitalized COVID patients, 130 deaths, and 5,960 recovered cases.

In Henry County, 40 percent of tests were positive (17 positive, 26 negative) January 7. In total, Henry County has amassed 6,131 cases, 226 hospital-

ized COVID patients, 119 deaths, and 5,659 recovered cases according to the Tennessee Health Department.

Weakley County’s numbers are the highest of the three. January 8, 52 percent (46 positive, 43 negative) of tests taken in Weakley County were positive. Overall, there have been 7,147 cases, 163 hospitalized patients, 107 deaths, and 6,597 recovered cases in Weakley County according to the Tennessee Department of Health.

For those choosing to wear masks, experts recommend upgrading to a high-filtration mask, like a KN95, for optimal protection against the pandemic. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for children ages 5-11, and boosters are recommended for adults after six months or more of getting their vaccine.

The Tennessee Depart-

ment of Health recently coordinated a distribution plan for emergency-use oral antiviral COVID-19 treatments Paxlovid™ by Pfizer and molnupirvar by Merck. Treatment is free through Walmart pharmacies, and Tennesseans can visit [www.walmart.com/covidmedication](http://www.walmart.com/covidmedication) to find a participating Walmart pharmacy near them.

Beginning January 15, due to the Biden Administration’s efforts to increase COVID testing, many Americans can buy at-home COVID testing kits at no cost through their private insurance.

The administration will also distribute free home tests, which will be available to order beginning Wednesday, January 19. To order testing kits, go to [COVIDTests.gov](http://COVIDTests.gov). Tests will typically ship within seven-to-twelve days of ordering.

# Baptist Emergency Departments Experiencing Record COVID Numbers

Carroll County’s Baptist Memorial Hospital’s Emergency Departments are experiencing record numbers of patients presenting with COVID-19. These record numbers are causing significantly longer wait times for all patients—including those with emergency needs.

Baptist Memorial Hos-

pital in Carroll County recently released a statement asking patients to not visit the Emergency Department for any reasons that do not require urgent care, including COVID-19 testing.

Hospital staff asks patients experiencing non-life threatening COVID-19 or cold symptoms, in-

cluding a sore throat and stuffy nose, to stay at home or consider contacting their primary care provider for medical care.

Baptist Carroll County Family Health Care at 641 R.B. Wilson Drive in Huntingdon still provides COVID-19 testing. To schedule a test, call 731-986-7400.

# Debt

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issue financing bonds.

Both board members Karen Fowler and LaShonda Williams questioned whether or not federally-funded COVID relief money known as ESSER would pay for the construction. Lynn Watkins, director of schools, said ESSER would not fund

the project. He said the preliminary estimate for the project is \$2.5 million for construction.

On a motion by George Cassidy and a second by Misty Aird, vice-chairman LaShonda Williams called for a voice vote, which garnered no opposition from the four members in attendance and the vote was assumed unanimous. Greg Barker, Jon Davis and Chad Brown were absent. Following the meeting, Karen

Fowler said she did not vote to borrow the money because she was under the assumption ESSER funds would pay for the project.

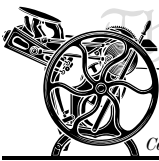
The multi-purpose building would provide a climate controlled facility for practice of sports, physical education and band, plus any other activities.

The school district will retire its indebtedness on the high school construction this year leaving the opportunity to service new debt.



1. Field's School about 1908. Virginia Jackson was the teacher at the time. 2. Long Rock United Methodist Church. 3. The Harvey Harder home was built after 1830 and was thought to be a stage stop. 4. The Macedonia School about 1880.





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# Carroll County Neighbors, Part II

Last week, my stopping point was Hollow Rock.

## LANKFORD

The community of Lankford developed around the property owned by Jim and Amanda Lankford who came to Carroll County around the time of the Civil War. Their son Will started a country store around 1890 giving the family name to the community and the school. Every fourth of July, the community held a picnic on the hill above the store.

In 1899, a post office was established with Walter Pugh serving as postmaster. It was discontinued in 1903 by the rural route going to Huntingdon.

## LAVINIA

The first settlers of Lavinia originated from North Carolina and Virginia. One of the first settlers was Leroy Strayhorn from North Carolina. Records show many settlers coming into the area bought land from Strayhorn.

There are two legends on how Lavinia got its name;

one comes from the name of a slave and the other claims it was named after a school teacher, Lavinia Eddings.

About 1824, the village had three stores, three churches, and a school. On Sundays, people traveled for miles to visit the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches. In 1854, Alfred Christian was appointed the postmaster of the first post office.

The L&N Railroad extended through Milan missing Lavinia by about a mile, which stunted future growth. After the Civil War, Lavinia still had stagecoach traffic from its roads to Lexington to Trenton and access to the Old Stage road going from Memphis to Nashville.

## LONG ROCK

The name Long Rock originated from a huge boulder located between the sites chosen for the church and school about four miles from Huntingdon on what is now the Browning Highway.

Long Rock Methodist Church was organized in 1885 and served as the cen-

ter of the community. The original building of sweet gum and yellow poplar, pews and pulpits are still in use, though with repairs and additions. Located on the church grounds are a clear spring and the original church bell.

The early Long Rock school was consolidated with the Cannon School in 1953. Located near the old school building was a general store owned and operated by Vaughn Moore. North of the store was another store and a post office on Pugh Hill. The post office was opened in 1899 and discontinued in 1903 with the mail going to Huntingdon.

## MACEDONIA

The exact establishment date of Macedonia is lost to history, but Thomas Hamilton journaled that he set up a homestead in Macedonia in January 1823. His home was about half a mile west of Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Hardy Sparks was the first postmaster.

Some believe the community's name had Biblical origins while the most likely came from settlers coming from Macedonia, North Carolina. The settlement according to the 1855 Kentucky and Tennessee map, published by J.H. Dolton & Co., was located on Huntingdon-Paris Road, Jackson-Paris Road, Dresden-Huntingdon Road in Range III Section 4. Today, Macedonia is located five miles east of McKenzie with the Macedonia Community Center serving as its central point.

Before the railroad, Mace-

donia had stage stops and many thriving businesses. One stage stop is believed to be the Harvey Harder house with the date 1826 on the chimney. Another was the home of Joe Hamlin near Pettyjohn Creek.

Two stores that were in Macedonia were located near the Milan homeplace and the Community Center. There were additional stores located south of the King homeplace.

In addition to farming, the census of 1850 and 1860 lists the following occupations: merchants, carpenters, blacksmiths, millers, machinists, saddlers, weavers, gunmakers, tailors and one Baptist clergyman. Later there were cotton gins and sawmills.

The 1870 census lists physicians, Newton Wright, William Curtis and J.M. Oliver: Dr. Gordon (1847-1921) attended Vanderbilt Medical School and received his medical degree in 1879.

On December 5, 1860, James L. Oliver deeded one acre to the "scholastic population" for a school. The only knowledge available about this school is from the 1874 diary of W.P. Sharp. In it, he mentions the old schoolhouse near Mrs. Oliver's.

The Macedonia Male and Female Institute was authorized by the Thirty-fifth General Assembly of Tennessee (1867-1868). The Macedonia Institute was a two-story building with three teachers for many years. The students were from the surrounding area. In 1913, the school registry shows one teacher but in

1921 there were teachers. The school continued until 1964. The building was later used as the community center.

The churches in the area were Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church (1822), Liberty Methodist Church (1840), Bethlehem Baptist Church (1843), Shiloh Negro Cumberland Presbyterian Church (1869), Shiloh USA Presbyterian Church (1910), Friendship Church of Christ near Cozart Store and Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church.

## MAPLE CREEK

In the late 1860s and early 1870s, a town by the name of Maple Creek was established on the banks of Maple Creek, about 2 miles east of the Big Sandy River. The little town had a store, a grist mill and a sawmill owned by Naith Spellings.

William Woods and Spellings were partners in the cotton gin. Woods would carry two bales of cotton to Nashville by wagon and would bring back supplies. The trip on average took a week.

A post office was established in 1852, with James A. Wilson as the first postmaster. It was discontinued in 1894. Once or twice a week the mail was brought on horseback from Huntingdon.

After the railroad was built, Maple Creek moved three miles west to be near the line and a new town name was changed to Westport.

## FIELD'S SCHOOL

The Fields family gave one acre of land locat-

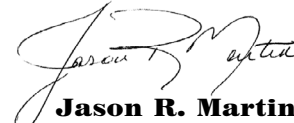
ed in the Ninth District about seven miles north of Huntingdon for the construction of a school. The building was a one-room log house about 18'x12'. Just north of the school was a cistern where the children drew their water. If the well went dry, there was a spring nearby that could serve as a water source.

The community held Sunday School and guest preaching in the building for several years.

In 1910, John Thomas leased about an acre of land for a new school site. The new site was along the old Huntingdon-Paris Road. When the site was no longer used for a school, the property went back to the Thomas family.

1952 was the last year for Field's School. The building was moved to Macedonia to enlarge the community center.

(The research for this article came from History of Carroll County, Tennessee, 1986.)



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## HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

# Steve Bogle Was Tougher Than He Looked

A very good friend asked if I had "some things" that I was going to work on changing in the upcoming year. I mumbled a halfhearted answer and let it pass...until I got home that afternoon.

And got to thinking... I don't believe he was talking about New Year Resolutions. Good golly Miss Molly, was he implying that I NEEDED to make some changes! Was there something amiss in my life? Do I have an outlandish character flaw? Did I offend him—or anyone else—in some way?

What mistakes had I made, or have been making, that needed fixing in 2022?

I speak sometimes without thinking. I can be a selfish soul at times. I often go through life with my head down. And I wrote the book

on believing, when it suits me, that "my world" is the only one that counts.

Good thinking folks would say that makes me about like everybody else.

My very good friend is a little simple minded. Maybe he was just making conversation. Maybe it was just a slip of the tongue. Maybe he thought he was talking to someone else. OR, just maybe, he was trying to get an important message through my thick skull...

Sometimes your behavior, good or bad—known or unknown, will make you ponder late into the night.

Then a rare thought jumped into my brain. I didn't need to look to the upcoming year to "do something" differently. I needed an eraser and a "do over"

for the days that were in my distant rear view mirror.

I should have worked on "making some changes" in my life in 1956. For some idiotic reason that escapes me today, that was the year I challenged Steve Bogle to a fight on the elementary school playground.

He beat the ever-loving daylights out of me! You talk about making some corrections if I could only get back there! I would have challenged Anne Alexander or maybe Judy Barksdale...

I was a sophomore in high school when I mistakenly thought I was way cooler than maybe I actually was. But listen, some of you have been there, I was so stuck on myself—being just a month away from getting my driver's license—that I was sure

the entire world revolved around me. I was so cool I might have subconsciously mentioned under my breath that it was a little beneath me to eat that cauliflower Mom had fixed for supper.

Apparently, I didn't whisper silently enough. My Father heard me. And he whipped me down the back steps, past Aunt Jessie's house, across Moore Avenue and halfway out to the new Highway 22 before his arm gave out...

Thus ended my "cool" days forever. And Dad didn't give me time to "make any corrections!"

The very next year I was sitting up at the City Café chewing the fat with Mr. Red Melton and Jack Cantrell. Both were older than baseball. They were urging me

to marry a rich girl. "Don't worry about looks" they said in unison, "the rich girl will make your life a pleasure cruise as the years roll along."

I remembered their sage advice a few months later when I was standing a mite closer to Mary Hadley than I ought to have been when Mr. Hayden stepped out on the porch. He gave me the evil eye and said, "Son, have you lost your watch?" It might have been a little later than I realized...

Mary Hadley was cuter than all get out, intelligent, friendly and super fun to be around, but I decided right then and there that her portfolio wasn't expansive enough to get me back on that porch!

And gosh, there was the big brawl up at the Skyway Grill. If I could go back and change that, I would have been home watching the Ed Sullivan Show.

One Halloween, Leon tied me on Prince, put a sheet over my head and a bucket in my hand, and sent that big horse thundering toward town. I could not see a thing; I could not slow the horse to collect any candy; and the only way to stop was going to be a head on collision with an unsuspecting motorist or a bad spill in someone's front yard.

Listen, I wouldn't hurt my very good friend's feelings for anything in the world. But the flat out truth is, I've got so many changes that need to be made from days gone by that I don't have time to worry about a year that has just barely gotten underway...

Respectfully,  
**Kes**

PS: Despite Red and Mr. Jack's heartfelt counsel, I married the only girl in West Tennessee that had less money than I did.



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## Obituaries



### JIMMY WAYNE GILLIAM 1967 — 2022

TREZEVANT — Funeral services for Jimmy Wayne Gilliam, 54, were Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 12 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

The family received friends on Friday, January 14, 2022, 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. until service time. Interment followed at Mt Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie, Tenn.

Mr. Gilliam, a factory worker, died Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at Baptist Memorial Hospital. He was born on October 15, 1967 in Milan to James Ross and Kaye Bryant Gilliam.

He is survived by his children, Zachary (Abigail) Gilliam of Memphis and Celina (Caleb) Crocker of Trezevant and three grandchildren, Hunter, Kennedy, and Madelynn.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. If you need assistance please call 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com.+

### MARK LEE GOWAN 1958 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Mark Lee Gowan, 63, died Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

He was a designer at Cottage House Florist, Milan and a member of Trezevant First Baptist Church. He was born in March 17, 1958 in Trezevant to Johnny Fred and Patricia Ann Yancey Gowan.

He is survived by his mother, Patricia Gowan, wife, Beverly Gowan, two sons, Ian (Brittany) Gowan and Jon-Marc (Megan) Gowan, a sister, Karen (Jim) Pirtle and one granddaughter, Payton Elaine Gowan.

He is preceded in death by his father, Fred Gowan.

The family has chosen cremation with no services at this time.

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### BOBBY GENE JOHNSON 1936 — 2022

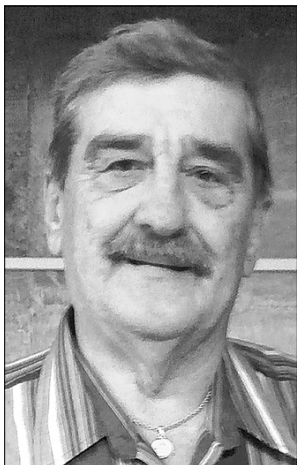
McKENZIE — Funeral Services for Bobby Gene Johnson are Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Pisgah Cemetery, Atwood, Tenn. The family will receive friends Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Reverend Bobby Rushing is the officiant and pallbearers to serve are Steve Gibson, Ryan Gibson, Blayne Ceconni, David Scates, Jamie Coleman and J.R. Coleman.

Mr. Johnson, 85, is a retired crane worker for a steel mill in Illinois. He was born in Carroll Co. on August 28, 1936 to George and Mary Saul Johnson. He is preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Patricia Johnson, his parents, and a sister, Leona Twyman.

He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer (Blayne) Ceconni, two sons, Bobby (Paula) Johnson and Daniel (friend Missy) Corbin, four grandchildren, Elisha (Nitro) Robledo, Kaitlin (Jon) Stepp, Kyle (Sam) Johnson and Corey (Allison) Johnson and six great-grandchildren, Aubrianna Robledo, Avange-

line Robledo, Damon Robledo, Alexis Mercado, Wesley Johnson and Sophie Stepp.

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### ROBERT 'ROSCOE' THELDER WILLIAMS 1946 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Robert "Roscoe" Thelder Williams, 75, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at his home.

Funeral services are Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Darrell Ridgely officiating. Interment will follow in McAuley Cemetery.

Family will receive friends in the Cherrywood Room of Chase Funeral Home on Monday, 4 to 8 p.m. and on Monday, 9 a.m. until time of service.

Mr. Williams was born April 29, 1946 in Huntingdon, Tennessee, to the late William Thelder and Beulah Mai (Melton) Williams. He was retired from Norandal, USA as a caster operator. His favorite hobbies included going to auctions, traveling, camping and meeting new friends. Other than his parents, he was also preceded in death by one brother, Larry Williams.

Pallbearers who will serve were Burton Edwards, Michael Barmore, Mark Webb, Johnny Williams, Wayne Burlison, and Billy Melton. Honorary pallbearers were Thomas Melton, Joe Webb, and George Holder.

He is survived by one daughter, Jackie Streetman (James), two sons, Harlan Williams (Gloria), William Williams, one sister, Joyce Crews, one brother, Anthony Williams (Anita Bullington), all of Huntingdon and a special friend, Brenda Jo White of McLemoresville. He also leaves eight grandchildren, Josh S., Dakota, Josh B., Jessica, Megan, Zachary, Hunter, Robert, five great-grandchildren, Jeslyn, Jayce, Macie, Emma Joe, and Theo. Chase Funeral Home. +

### ANNIE REBECCA BUTLER 1925 — 2022

BUENA VISTA — Mrs. Annie Rebecca Butler, 96, of Buena Vista, Tennessee died Monday, January 10, 2022 at the Baptist Hospital in Huntingdon.

Funeral services were Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 3 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Billy Clark officiating. Interment followed on Monday at 1 p.m. at Jamison Cemetery.

Butler was born February 10, 1925 in Newbern, Tennessee, to the late Ernest Bell and Maude (Frazier) Walton. She retired, with over thirty years of service, as a factory work for H.I.S. Company, an avid quilter with over 200 quilted pieces, and was a member of Westport Church of Christ.

Besides her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Eulas Butler, a son, Mickey R. Butler, and three brothers, Wesley L. Walton, Earnest Mae Walton, Reed Walton, three sisters, Elizabeth Wilson, Louise Walton, and Sue Williams.

She is survived by three daughters, Hilda R. Butler of Saint Augustine, Florida, Kathie N. Cary (Wendell) of Westport, Dianne Farmer of Norris, one son, Thomas W. Butler (Millie) of Cleveland, two brothers, Joe Tyre Walton of Pawley's Island,

South Carolina, Wilbur G. Walton of Newbern and a sister-in-law, Fay Walton of Obion. She also leaves seven grandchildren, Tabitha, Libby, Becky, Clint, Eric, Ryan, Jack, one step-granddaughter, Gina, three great-grandchildren, Brooke, Nathan, Luke, four step great-grandchildren, Eric, Ryan, Tristen, John Thomas, and one great-great-granddaughter, Sophie. Chase Funeral Home +



### HARVEY LEON TURNER 1935 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Harvey Leon Turner, 87, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Friday, January 14, 2022 at the Tennessee State Veterans Home in Humboldt.

Funeral services are Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with a military chaplain officiating. Interment will follow in Bethlehem Cemetery.

The family will receive friends in the Cherrywood Room of Chase Funeral Home on Friday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. and on Saturday, 9 a.m. until time of service.

An Army Military Honor Detail will serve as pallbearers.

Mr. Turner was born January 4, 1935 in Huntingdon, Tennessee, to the late Lewis Turner and Ora (Vancleave) Turner. He was a Vietnam Army veteran, serving multiple tours in Vietnam, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldiers Medal, Bronze Star, Air Medal with Seventh Oak Leaf Cluster, and Vietnam Service Medal with 5 campaign stars. He retired from the 101st Airborne Division as a Chief Warrant Officer 4, having served as an Army Aviator, flying both fixed and rotary winged aircraft. His military awards include the Master Parachutist badge and the Master Aviator badge. He was a member of Huntingdon First Baptist Church, Masonic Lodge #106, and American Legion. Other than his parents, he was also preceded in death by his first wife of fifty-five years, Shirley Ann Turner, one daughter, Dr. Cindy Turner Dedmon, and one brother, George Turner.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth (Wall) Turner, two sons, Steven Turner (Rae) of Shelbyville, Kentucky, Lt. Col. Matthew Turner (Paula) of Panama City Beach, Florida, two stepsons, Dr. Barry Wall (Stephane) of Germantown, Lynn Wall (Betsy) of Springfield, Missouri, one step-brother, Berry Turner (Kim) of Fulton. He also leaves seven grandchildren, Sarah Beth Turner, Joshua Turner Dedmon, Samuel Bart Turner, Ethan Brett Turner, Dr. Katelin Ann Holmes, Madison Blaire Turner, and Braden Paul Turner, three step-grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon. +

### MARY YUNDT 1945 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Mary E. Yundt, 76, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at her home.

Funeral services were Friday, January 14, 2022 at 10 a.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Jacob Harris officiating. Interment followed in Clark Cemetery.

Mrs. Yundt was born October 25, 1945 in Rome, New York to the late George and

Helen Knight.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter Sara and a sister.

She is survived by her husband of 25 years, David Yundt, a daughter, Amy Keeling of West Virginia, two stepdaughters, Tracy Yundt of Huntingdon and Shawna Vavours (Jeremy) of Lexington, two stepsons, Jason Yundt (Carrie) of Yuma and Josh Yundt (Kendra) of Huntingdon, a brother, Tom Knight (Valerie) of San Carlos, California, eleven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

### DAVID SEYMORE 1963 — 2022

McKENZIE — A gathering of friends will be held January 23, 2022 at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home from 12-2 p.m. Mr. David Seymore has been cremated and at the time of death his family had COVID.

Mr. Seymore, 58, died Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at The Waters (Oak Manor).

He was born in Huntingdon on October 28, 1963 to Lloyd Andrew and Patricia Ann Edwards Seymore.

He is survived by his mother, Patricia Seymore of McKenzie, a daughter, Courtney (Ryan) Seymore of Mt. Juliet, a sister, Genise Seymore of McKenzie, two brothers, Joshua Mann of McKenzie and Daniel Seymore of Waverly and two grandchildren, Avie Ivy and Clatie Ivy.

He is preceded in death by his father, Lloyd Seymore, a sister, Clara Ann Osborne and a brother, L.C. Seymore. Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

### BOBBY BABB 1937 — 2022

GLEASON — Services For Mr. Bobby Babb, 84, of Gleason are January 19, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Beech Springs Baptist Church in Gleason, Tenn. He was born July 4, 1937 and died January 15, 2022.

His visitation is January 18, 2022, at Beech Springs Baptist Church, 5-7 p.m. Visitation on the 19th is 9:30 a.m. until time of the funeral at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Beech Springs Cemetery.

Mr. Bobby is survived by his wife, Mrs. Vicky Babb. He is also survived by children Lisa Hopper, Missy (Chris) Blount, Anita(Patrick)Ross, Vanessa Babb and Ricky (Becky)Morgan. He also leaves two sisters, Ruth (Bill) Finch and Judy Belew. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Lula Mae Babb and one daughter, Sherrie Hugueley. He was also preceded in death by his siblings, Jean Parrish, Dorothy Kreuger, Carolyn Blaylock, Carolyn Belew, Jerry Babb and Charles Kenneth Babb. Williams Funeral Home of Gleason.

### WILLIAM GRADY SMOTHERS 1945 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mr. William Grady Smothers, 76, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at the Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Mr. Smothers was born June 18, 1945 in Huntingdon, Tennessee, to the late Howard and Opal (Smith) Smothers. He was a retired truck driver for Espey Oil Company, he worked for West Tennessee Motor Express, where he was a member of the Teamster Union, and was in the National Guard for a number of years.

Other than his parents he was also preceded in death by his sister, Faye Townsend.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-four years, Chris Smothers, one daughter, Monica Smothers of Huntingdon and one sister, Janice Ross of McKenzie.

### RONNIA JANE DENIKER 1960 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Ronnia Jane Deniker, 61, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at the Magnolia Regional Health Center in Corinth, Mississippi.

Graveside funeral service were Friday, January 14, 2022 at Union Academy Cemetery with Bro. Lynn Stapleton officiating.

Ms. Deniker was born July 25, 1960 in Huntingdon, Tennessee, to the late Ronald Joe and Mary Jane (Casey) Pruett.

She is survived by two sons, Wesley Deniker and Joey Deniker, both of Crump and one sister, Shenia Hardy of Madisonville, Kentucky. Chase Funeral Home.

### DOROTHY MARTIN 1929 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Dorothy Sellers Martin, 92, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Monday, January 10, 2022 at her home.

Funeral services were Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Doug Sellers and Bro. Steve Martin officiating. Burial followed in Carter's Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Martin was born April 26, 1929 in Milan, Tennessee to the late Alvin Thomas Sellers and May Sellers.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Fred J. Martin, four sisters, Mildred Gregg, Mattie Cole, Gertie Dunn and Hazel Sue Sellers, seven brothers, Ray Sellers, Billy Sellers, Arthur Williams, Dean Sellers, Thomas Sellers, George Sellers and James Sellers.

She is survived by a son, Steve Martin of Huntingdon, two sisters, Shelby Laws of Evermetz, Illinois and Nellie Myers of Cedar Grove. She also leaves three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### KAY FUQUA FRY 1950 — 2022

GLEASON — Graveside services for Kay Fuqua Fry, 71, of Paris, Tenn., are Tuesday, January 18 at 10 a.m. at Bible Union Cemetery in Dresden, Tenn.

She was born October 25, 1950 and died January 14, 2022.

Kay is survived by two sons, Clint Fuqua and wife, Kelly and Jason Fuqua and wife, Michelle.

She also leaves behind sisters, Rebecca Clouse, Carol Bowlin, and Edna Ann Haries, along with three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers donations made to Williams Funeral Home of Gleason on behalf of the family.

### MARIA HURMIZ 1935 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Maria Hurmiz, 86, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

Funeral Mass was Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Holy Family Catholic Church. Interment was at Memphis Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Hurmiz was born on May 15, 1935 in Syria to the late Reverend Sarisho and Martha Yonan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Emanuel Hurmiz, and her daughter, Amy Hurmiz.

She is survived by a daughter, Valia Hurmiz of Memphis; a son, Charles Hurmiz and wife, Annette

of Huntingdon; and her grandchildren.

Dilday-Carter Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Mrs. Hurmiz, 731-986-8281.

### RAYE GLORIA MARKLE 1940 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Raye Gloria Markle, 81, of Huntingdon died Monday, January 10, 2022 at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years John Markle of Huntingdon, Tennessee; two sons Chris (Melissa) Markle of Stoverstown, Pennsylvania and John (Holly) Markle II of Yorkana, Pennsylvania; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Dilday-Carter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements 731-986-8281.

### CAROLYN SCATES 1933 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Carolyn Scates, 88, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at her home.

Funeral services were Friday January 14, 2022 in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was in McAuley Cemetery.

Mrs. Scates was born November 29, 1933 to the late Jesse Iowa Roberts and Nell Pinson Roberts. She was a retired LPN with Baptist Memorial Hospital and a member of Huntingdon First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Paul Edwin Scates Sr.; one sister Rachel Sewell; two brothers Pete Roberts and J.I. Roberts.

She is survived by two sons, Paul Edwin (Lisa) Scates MD, of Somerville, Tennessee and Stanley Nelson (Penny) Scates of Dickson, Tennessee; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Dilday-Carter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements 731-986-8281.

### NANCY MARION ALLEN 1943 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Ms. Nancy Marion Allen, 78, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Friday, January 14, 2022 at The Waters of McKenzie. Graveside funeral services were Saturday, January 15, 2022 in Jamison Cemetery.

Ms. Allen was born May 20, 1943 in Westport, Tennessee to the late J.D. Smith and Georgia Florence (Milam) Smith.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Jerry D. Smith.

She is survived by three daughters, Shelia Toombs (Danny) of McKenzie, Deborah Fuller of Huntingdon, Tracy Dillingham (Michael) of McKenzie, three sons, Danny Brandon (Christy), Mark Brandon, both of Huntingdon, Barry Brandon (Nagisa) of Clarksville, a sister, Brenda Hutcherson (Dalvin), a sister-in-law Bobbie Jean "B.J." Smith, both of Huntingdon, two brothers, Robert M. "Bobby" Smith (Phyllis) of Huntingdon and Donnie Smith (Sue) of Buena Vista. She also leaves thirteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

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The meals are prepared by volunteer staff hosted by different congregations in our town and donated by local businesses. Our town's community kitchen was created by a group of volunteers that saw the need in the Carroll County community. Food scarcity is real and the Shepherd's Table's success is dependent on the support of volunteers and donations. They are scheduling the 2022 calendar. To volunteer or donate you can call 731-415-9199 and leave a message or email fpcshepherdstable@gmail.com.

MCKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

The McKenzie City Council meets at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month.

NORTHWEST TENNESSEE WORKFORCE BOARD TO MEET

The Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board will hold the following committee meetings. Meetings are open and available to the public by emailing burchfiel@nwtworks.org. Monday, January 24, Dyersburg State-Gibson County Center, Room 123, American Job Center Committee 10 a.m., Outreach and Opportunities Committee 1 p.m.; Wednesday, January 26, Dyersburg, American Job Center, Executive Committee Meeting, 10 a.m.; Tuesday, February 22, Security Bank,

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Left, Keller Smith gets ready to shoot over a Pioneer defender. Right, Sophie Singleton (35) drives the baseline against Gibson County.

Huntingdon Falls To Gibson County

BY JIM POTTS  
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Huntingdon got district play underway last week with contests at Union City on Tuesday, January 11, and hosting Gibson County Friday, January 14. The Mustangs and Fillies both lost their contests against Union City.

Lady Pioneers 66, Fillies 34

Huntingdon got off to a quick 8-0 lead in the first 1:30 of the game but Gibson County came back to tie it 15-15 with 2:35 left in the period. Huntingdon held the Lady Pioneers to no points for the remainder of the period while getting a basket to lead 17-15 at the end of one period.

Points were hard to come by in the first part of the second period with Gibson County taking a 23-19 lead near the halfway point. Huntingdon went scoreless for nearly four minutes while the Lady Pioneers ran off a 12-0 run and took a 31-20 lead by halftime.

Gibson County started

the third quarter with a 10-0 run that helped the Lady Pioneers extend their lead to 56-27 heading into the final period. The Lady Pioneers secured the win 66-34 at the end.

Lilly Kee and Sophie Singleton led the Fillies with 14 points each. Lia Fuller had three points while Sydney Anderson and Ashlyn Rich chipped in two points and one point respectively.

Gibson County was led by Madison Hart with 18 points followed by Libby Goad and Micah Hart with 12 points and 10 points respectively. Eryn Cantrell added nine points while Ayden Carroll added eight points for the Lady Pioneers. Lexus Kemp had four points while Haley Thompson had three points and Maya Turner chipped in two points for Gibson County.

Pioneers 48, Mustangs 35

The Mustangs led early 5-2 before the Pioneers knotted it up at 5-5 and hit back to back three-pointers to take an 11-5 lead at the end of the first period.

Scoring was slow in the

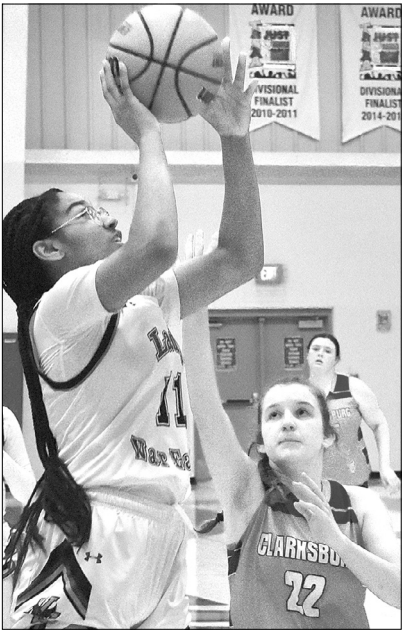
second period with both teams swapping the lead until Huntingdon took a 19-18 lead into halftime.

Neither team scored in the first two minutes of the third period until Gibson County ran off seven unanswered points to lead 25-19. They held the lead 29-25 at the end of three periods.

Huntingdon made it a 29-28 contest with a three-point second into the final period and the contest stayed close until the Pioneers pulled away in the last half of the period to win 48-35.

Jeb Atkinson led the Mustangs with 12 points. Keller Smith and Jeremiah Irvine added seven and six points respectively. Landon Gordon had three points while Kaleb Pearson, Ethan Ramsey, and EJ Lewis had two points each. Elijah Flowers chipped in a point for the Mustangs.

Gibson County was led by Matthew Reynolds with 17 points followed by AT Elliott with 14 points. Ethan Turner added eight points while Sedric Leke had five points and Cameron Nolen had four points for the Pioneers.



Left, Mia Jones (11) takes a shot over Grace Bartholomew (22). Right, Preston Bosley (4) drives for a layup past Jacob Clark (12).

West Carroll Sweeps Clarksburg

BY JIM POTTS  
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West Carroll's basketball teams got back into action Tuesday, January 11, after missing two games due to winter weather the previous week. They played host to Clarksburg for their first district game of the season.

Lady Eagles 60, Lady Rockets 43

Clarksburg scored first one minute into the opening period but West Carroll went on a 5-2 run over the

next four minutes. The Lady Rockets came back to tie the game 9-9 with two minutes remaining in the period with the Lady Eagles scoring two baskets in the final minute to take a 13-9 lead at the end of the first period.

West Carroll started the second period with a 5-1 run in the opening three minutes of the period to take an 18-10 lead and followed that up with a 10-4 run during the remainder of the half to take a 28-14 lead by halftime.

The Lady Eagles posted a 19-13 third period to lead 47-27 heading into the final period. They went on to win 60-43 to post their first district win of the season.

Mia Jones and Amaya Thompson led the Lady Eagles with 19 and 17 points respectively along with Skyler Jones with 11 points. Jayden Rader added six points while Sydney Bosley, Octavia Jones, and Erin Norman had two points each. Nyonna Parker chipped in a point for the Lady Eagles.

Clarksburg was led by Samantha Seagraves with 10 points followed by Cassie Blount and Kyleigh Scott with eight points each. Grace Bartholomew added six points while Chloe Crum and Libby Autry had four points each and Maleigha

Abdallah chipped in three points for the Lady Rockets.

The Lady Eagles improve their record to 6-7 (1-0).

War Eagles 84, Rockets 34

The War Eagles opened up a 12-6 lead in the first half of the opening period and never looked back as they posted a 29-15 lead heading into the second period. By halftime, they led 50-23. Their starters were out early in the third period as they cruised to an 84-34 district win.

West Carroll posted three in double figures led by Jalen Anglin and Andrew Huff with 18 points each and JaQuan Adkins with 11 points. Josh Clark had eight points while Xander Moon and Andie Aloft had seven points each. Riley Duncan had five points. Preston Bosley had four points. Jayden Milton and Will Murray had three points each.

Sha Williams led Clarksburg with 10 points followed by Stefan Gilbert with nine points. Kris Hooker added six points while Jacob Clark had four points and Trae Cobb had three points. Brayden Cobb chipped in two points for the Rockets.

The War Eagle record improves to 8-2 (1-0).

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January 23, 1737 - John Hancock  
January 24, 1968 - Mary Lou Retton  
January 26, 1925 - Paul Newman  
January 27, 1756 - Wolfgang A. Mozart  
January 27, 1832 - Lewis Carroll, Author  
January 30, 1882 - Franklin D. Roosevelt  
January 31, 1919 - Jackie Robinson

3. Young form of a louse
4. Type of powder
5. Finger millet
6. Share a common boundary
7. Assumed as a fact
8. Provide clear evidence of
9. Invests in little enterprises
10. A way to be
11. Monies given in support
12. Fashion accessory
14. Steal
15. Becomes less intense
18. Geological times
20. Hooray!
24. Monetary unit
26. Male reproductive organs
28. Earnings
30. Close by
32. Small integers
34. Fixed in place
35. Used to treat Parkinson's disease
37. Large, imposing building
38. A rooflike shelter
40. Stiff, hairlike structure
42. Print errors
43. To show disapproval
45. Body of traditions
47. Without
49. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
50. Dangerous illegal drug
51. Infrequent
55. Sound unit

*See solution in next week's edition.*

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|----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Bagel          | DJ Day            | January       | Opposite             |
| Bird Day       | Dress Up Your Pet | Keto          | Pie                  |
| Bubble Bath    | Green Juice       | Lego          | Popcorn              |
| Bubble Wrap    | Hangover          | Logic         | Public Domain        |
| Buffet         | Hat               | Marzipan      | Spaghetti            |
| Cheese Lovers  | Houseplant        | Milk          | Squirrel             |
| Chocolate Cake | Hugging           | Museum Selfie | Strawberry Ice Cream |
| Daisy          | Hypnotism         | Nothing       | Trivia               |
|                |                   | Observances   | Typing               |

- **1576:** THE MEXICAN CITY OF LEON IS FOUNDED.
- **1981:** RONALD REGAN BECOMES THE OLDEST U.S. PRESIDENT TO TAKE OFFICE AT AGE 69 AND 349 DAYS. JOE BIDEN, 78, WOULD LATER BECOME THE OLDEST.
- **1986:** MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY IS CELEBRATED AS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

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## West Carroll’s Erin Norman Signs with Freed Hardeman



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## MHS Alumni Game Rescheduled to January 22

Alumni of McKenzie High School coordinated a MHS Alumni basketball tournament on Saturday, January 15 at 7 p.m. at the McKenzie High School gymnasium. Due to inclement weather Saturday night, the game was rescheduled to Saturday, January 22 at the same time.

The game is sponsored by the McKenzie High School Basketball Rebounders Club. The men's and women's teams, coached by Larry Joe Smith and Sandi Roditis, will face this year's Rebels and Lady Rebels teams. Alumni cheerleaders will cheer during both games. Tim McBride is the an-

nouncer.

The winner of a Three-Point Contest held during the tournament will receive an award. Concessions are available.

Tickets to see the Alumni vs. Varsity games are priced at \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and free for children below school age.

## McKenzie Police Reports

**Warrant Arrest** — Officer Trenton Ruddy and a Carroll County Sheriff's Deputy went to a Walnut Circle address on Monday evening, January 10, and arrested Darrian A. Allen, 42, of McKenzie, on an outstanding warrant for Violation of Sentence.

**Domestic Assault** — Two McKenzie women were arrested for Domestic Assault after one of them called the police on the other; Tuesday night, January 11. According to a report filed by Sgt. Cody Coleman, Amber Walker contacted the police about an assault occurring at a Main Street residence. Coleman and several other officers arrived to look into the matter and found the two women outside yelling at each other. Walker had advised on her phone call that Marlena Flores had assaulted her.

Coleman found visible evidence of assault on both of the women and placed them under arrest. A search located a young child sleeping in the house. Both women were transported to Carroll Coun-

ty Jail while arrangements were made for the child's grandmother to take custody of him.

**Violation of Probation** — On Thursday afternoon, January 13, Investigator Justin Brister was dispatched to Hwy 22 for a reckless driver. A driver had called the Carroll County Sheriff's Department about a black pickup truck nearly running her off the road. Brister found the truck traveling on the overpass on Hwy 22 and initiated a stop near a local factory.

The driver, Kevin Livingston, 47, of Greenfield, advised he was not aware that he almost ran another vehicle off the road. A license check revealed that Livingston had several Violation of Probation warrants from Cheatham County and South Carolina. Cheatham County advised they would come extradite Livingston on the charges.

Livingston told Brister prior to a search on his truck that there would be a small amount of marijuana in

the truck. The search did locate marijuana, a marijuana grinder with shake and rolling papers found in the passenger seat of the truck.

**Disorderly Conduct** — McKenzie Police were notified of an unruly citizen at a local medical clinic on Sunday, January 16. According to a phone call, Clinton Hoard, 35, of McKenzie was verbally abusing staff and patients at the clinic including a minor child. Hoard left and said he would return after eating lunch. Officers Mark Boaz and Andy Weaver responded and after some searching found Hoard at a local restaurant and placed him under arrest for Disorderly Conduct and transported him to Carroll County Jail.

**Multiple Charges** — Officer Trenton Ruddy conducted a traffic stop on Sunday, January 16, that resulted in several citations. The driver, Varandre White, 25, of Warren, Michigan, was cited for Driving on Suspended License-First Offense, Violation of Financial Responsibility Law, and Display of Plates Violation.

## Huntingdon Police Reports

**Court Order Violation** — Kory Wilbert, 29, of Milan was charged with violation of an order of protection on Jan. 5 at a Huntingdon residence.

According to the report by Officer Zachery Barker, officers went to a Hillcourt residence looking for a female with a warrant out of Gibson County. While there,

officers spoke with Wilbert and discovered that he was at the residence in violation of a court order of protection to stay away from a woman who lives at that residence. Wilbert was transported to the Carroll County Jail.

**Ticket Switching** — Jesse Thomas, 23, of Huntingdon and Darius Bernard Love, 18, (address not provided) were

both charged with theft of merchandise/conduct involving merchandise on Jan. 4 at Walmart in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Officer Labe Ezell, Thomas and Love were taken into custody at Walmart for allegedly switching tickets on numerous items in the self-check-out area. The items, totaling \$126.05, were returned undamaged, and there is no restitution due to Walmart.

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## Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

**Burglary** — Christopher Steven McCaslin, 41, of 1050 Old Lavinia Road, Cedar Grove, was arrested on Jan. 5 for allegedly burglarizing a Cedar Grove residence.

According to the report by Deputy Kenny Tucker, a man who lives on Gardner Road contacted deputies on Jan. 5 and stated that McCaslin came onto his property, pried open the back door, and entered his residence. The man said McCaslin then went into his shop, took a band saw worth \$2,500 and hooked up a 14-foot trailer valued at \$2,000 with a John Deere zero turn mower valued at \$5,000 on the trailer. The man also said that as he was driving home, he saw McCaslin driving a white Honda pickup truck with an unknown passenger pulling out of his driveway with the trailer and lawnmower in tow. The man advised deputies that he had all this on video. Authorities found McCaslin later that night at a residence on Highway 70. The trailer and mower were later found on Griggs Chapple Road.

**Harassment** — A warrant has been filed against Tyrone Ashley Winston, 41, of Jackson for allegedly sending threatening texts.

According to the report by Deputy Kenny Tucker, a male victim who lives on Field School Road told deputies on Jan. 4 that Winston, who the victim said is his new girlfriend's ex-boyfriend, has been texting him from several different phone numbers making threats toward him. Tucker contacted Winston by phone and warned Winston not to make any more threatening texts or calls to the victim or he would be charged with phone harassment. Winston then became irate with the deputy to the point that Tucker had to hang up on him. Tucker documented the text messages in question from the victim's phone.

**Aggravated Assault** — Melissa Moore, 54, of 1240 Sydnor Road, McKenzie, was charged with aggravated assault after allegedly attacking her ex-husband at his residence.

According to the report by Deputy Steven Scott, he went to the emergency

room at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County on Jan. 5 and spoke with the male victim, who said that Moore (his ex-wife) was at his residence and would not leave, even after being asked to leave several times. The victim said Moore became enraged, bit him on the jaw, and stabbed him in the left thigh with a knife. Scott noted that the victim had blood-soaked pants and an injury to his left thigh that required medical attention.

**Domestic Assault** — Moriah Renee Follett, 29, of 395 Miller Road, Huntingdon, was charged with domestic assault on Jan. 6 for allegedly attacking a family member at their mutual residence.

According to the report by Deputy Jason Walker, the female victim told deputies that she and Follett (her sister) had gotten into an argument. The victim said Follett started physically attacking her, hitting her in the face and scratching her arms. Walker noted that the victim had a scratch on her nose and several scratches and bruises on both arms.

**Theft** — Deputies are looking into the recent theft of a garbage can/cart from a residence on Highway 220 in Cedar Grove.

Joelyn Funderburk told deputies on Jan. 9 that her garbage can was missing. She said she put garbage into the can on Jan. 6, but then on Jan. 8 she noticed that the cart was missing and that the garbage she had placed in it was sitting on the ground.

**Home Invasion** — Deputies are looking for a man who allegedly invaded a

home in Atwood.

According to the report by Deputy Christopher Adams, Tequila Bonds told deputies on Jan. 8 that she had been sitting on her couch at her residence on Elaine Street when an unknown white male kicked in her front door and entered her home. Bonds said a white female driving a silver car told her that the man is bipolar and off his medication. While investigating, Adams was advised by Nancy and Randall Long that they had found a white male wearing a hat with brown hair standing in their carport on Brooks Road. They said the man was polite and told them that he was standing there because of the wind. They said the man then walked off toward the nearby trailer park, a silver car pulled up, and the man got in. They said the car drove off down Brooks Street and crossed the railroad tracks. Deputies had not identified the suspect at the time of the report.

**Trespassing** — Mickey Shaun Staggs, 34, of Beach Bluff and Dorothy Morris, 58, of 185 Spruce Street, McKenzie, were both cited for trespassing on Jan. 11.

According to the report by Deputy Jason Walker, a woman living on Terry Road told deputies that there was a vehicle behind her house with a man and woman in it and that they did not have permission to be on the property. Upon arrival, Walker identified the man and woman as Staggs and Morris. The two said that they had been looking at a boat in the backyard when their truck got stuck.

McKenzie Special School District

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Left, Marquez Taylor (4) in the air for a layup against McEwen. Right, Drew Chappell (32) attempts a shot over a Warrior defender.

McKenzie Sweeps Gibson County, Defeats McEwen

BY JIM POTTS  
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McKenzie basketball got back into action last Tuesday night, January 11, after a snow-induced break the previous week. The Lady Rebels and Rebels played host to Gibson County and then celebrated Homecoming on Friday, January 14, against McEwen.

Lady Rebels 73, Lady Pioneers 70

The girls' game featured two state-ranked teams and the game was close from tip to finish. The Lady Pioneers led 18-17 at the end of the first period while the Lady Rebels took a 33-31 lead by halftime.

The third period ended in a 53-53 tie but it was the Lady Rebels coming away with the win after outscoring Gibson County 20-17 in the final period to secure the win.

McKenzie had four in double figures led by Savannah Davis and Kylie Reynolds with 19 points each followed closely by Mikaela Reynolds with 18 points. Senior Dani Dyer was also in double figures with 11 points for the Lady Rebels. Katie Chesser and Hannah Dillingham had three points each.

Gibson County had three in double figures led by Micah Hart with 23 points followed by Madison Hart and Ayden Carroll with 19 points each. Evyn Cantrell had four points with Regann

McVay and Libby Goad chipping in three points and two points respectively.

Rebels 57, Pioneers 53

The Pioneers led 18-13 at the end of the first period but the Rebels took over the lead 23-21 by halftime. McKenzie outscored Gibson County 19-13 in the third period to extend their lead to 42-34 heading into the fourth period. The Pioneers outscored the Rebels in the final period but not enough to overcome the deficit as McKenzie went on to win 57-53.

Stafford Roditis led the Rebel scoring with 15 points including three treys and 4-4 shooting from the free throw line in the fourth period. Zayden McCaslin and Bryson Steele were also in double figures with 11 points and 10 points respectively. Tate Surber added nine points while Zach Aird had seven points along with Marquez Taylor with three points and Zay Webber with two points for the Rebels.

The Pioneers were led by Ethan Turner with 22 points and AT Elliot with 11 points. Cameron Nolen added seven points while Searic Lee had six points while Cole Lanam had four points and Matthew Reynolds had three points for the Pioneers.

Rebels 69, Warriors 33

McKenzie celebrated Homecoming Friday night,

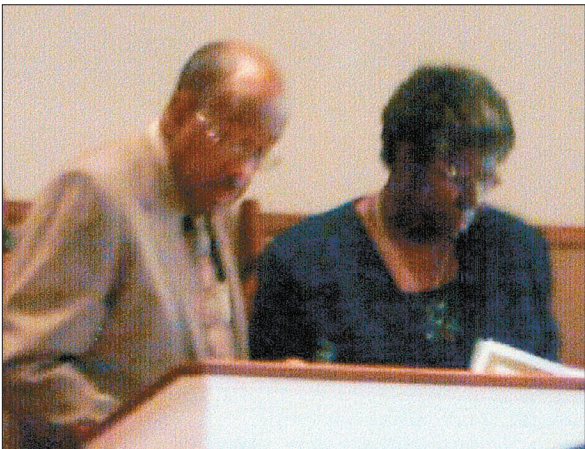
January 14, playing host to McEwen in a boys' only contest.

Nearly all of the Rebels saw playing time in a contest that was lopsided from the start with a 20-5 Rebel lead at the end of the first period. They extended the lead to 43-14 by halftime and 56-28 by the end of three periods. The Rebels went on to win 69-33 with nearly everyone on McKenzie's bench scoring points.

The Rebels were led by Tate Surber with 10 points followed by Bryson Steele and Stafford Roditis with eight points each. Marquez Taylor and Zayden McCaslin added seven points each. Landon Brown had six points while Zach Aird and Etijay Tharpe had five points and four points respectively. Bryant Haynes and Hayden Garrett had three points each for the Rebels. Zay Webber, Christopher Beck, Drew Chappell, and Cordell Orgain all chipped in two points each for McKenzie.

McEwen was led by Marcus Carter with 14 points. Garrett Wright added five points while Caleb Cooks had four points and Will McKinnon had three points. Brayden Grigsby, Cade Dreaden, and Paul Tolere chipped in two points each for the Warriors.

The Rebels improved to 10-5 on the season and 1-0 in district play. The Lady Rebels and Lady Warriors did not play due to illness.



Left, In 2007, the late Bishop William H. Graves appointed Mrs. Pearson Presiding Elder of the Southeast District in Tennessee. Right, Wilma Pearson.

Wilma Pearson: Hometown Hero

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS  
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Mrs. Wilma Pearson, "born and reared" in Henry, Tenn., holds preaching and helping others close to her heart. Over time, Mrs. Pearson has received the Knoxville Department Bronze Woman of the Year, the Appreciation Award, the third runner-up Queen of Elks, the Outstanding Award as Concerned Citizen, and the Woodmen of the World Hometown Hero award, among several others.

But before her many accolades, Mrs. Wilma Pearson was a 1964 graduate of Central High School in Paris, Tenn. After graduation, she was one of the first African Americans hired at shirt factory Salant & Salant in Paris. Shortly thereafter, she worked at McKenzie's Brown Shoe Company.

Mrs. Pearson joined the military during the Vietnam era, serving as part of the U.S. Women's Army Tour as a medical corps person. Tennessee Senator Howard Baker then recommended her to serve permanent duty at West Point, New York, the oldest continuously occupied military post in the country.

In 1970, Wilma Pearson found her true love preaching ministry in Asheboro, North Carolina, at the Church of God of Prophecy. Two years later, she moved back home to Tennessee to preach at the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. The church had just opened for women to pastor when she returned, and she was the first woman in the church to be admitted into full connection – a traveling pastor – and the second to be ordained.

Wilma Pearson began pastoring in 1976 at her first assigned church Hope Hill in Sitka. She pastored at Hulum Temple in Rutherford, and finally Hudson's Chapel in Medina before the first presiding bishop at the First Episcopal District advised her to enroll in college.

In 1976, Mrs. Pearson moved to McKenzie to attend Bethel College, majoring in the broad area of social sciences. She joined the Black Student Union and served as President for three years before graduating college.

After college, Mrs. Pearson worked for a year as the assistant supervisor of the Carroll County Developmental Center, where she assisted special adults. She helped organize the Concerned Citizens of McKenzie, a large group set out to watch out for and contact McKenzie's residents, especially senior citizens, making sure they were safe.

In February 1984, she spoke with the McKenzie Lions Club about the Concerned Citizens. Later in the year, she spoke to the McKenzie Christian Women's Fellowship about how to help young people. "Most of my speeches," Mrs. Pearson said, "were about unity and love." Also in 1984, she was assigned as chaplain of the United Negro College Fund Carroll County, a position that she held for two or three years. The organization funds scholarships for black students.

Wilma Pearson moved to Milan in 1990, and she continued pastoring in Henry at



Above, One of the greatest events in Wilma Pearson's life is when she met California U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters. Below, Wilma Pearson is pictured with Roots author Alex Haley when he visited during McKenzie's Bicentennial celebration in 1986.



Coles Chapel UMC from 1995-1998. In Milan, Mrs. Pearson was the first African American woman to be elected onto the City Board of Aldermen, winning the election by only one vote her first term.

In 1998, Mrs. Pearson moved across the state to pastor at Mattie E. Coleman CME Church in Knoxville, where she stayed for eleven years.

During her time in Knoxville, she served as chaplain for the police department for ten years, and she was the state chaplain with IBPO Elks of the World. She was an East ZAC board chairman, where she worked to have Knoxville's East Side renovated and revitalized, a movement still in the works today. She worked on the Center for Neighborhood Development Board of Directors, the United Way Greater Knoxville Board of Directors, the Knoxville Housing Partnership, and the Community Action Council.

She, among attorneys, mayors, criminal court judges, and other influential men and women, graduated in Leadership Knoxville's Class of 2004.

She worked with the Knoxville school systems, substitute teaching and working as a music teacher and choir director at one point. She said some of her favorite times of her life were spent working with school systems.

In 2007, the late Bishop William H. Graves appointed Mrs. Pearson Presiding Elder of the Southeast District in Tennessee. Her title spanned over 25 churches, from McKenzie to Knoxville to Chattanooga.

Wilma Pearson was sent to pastor Johnson Temple Methodist Church in McKenzie in 2010. Since then, she helped with Meals on Wheels in McKenzie, and she received the "Hometown Hero" award by the Woodmen of the World association. She retired from pastoring but "only on paper." She serves as a supply pastor at Johnson Temple.

Mrs. Pearson rejoined the American Legion, Huntingdon Post 47, and she was "immediately" appointed chaplain. As chaplain, Mrs. Pearson organizes memorial services, goes to different local district and state events, prays, consoles, and communicates with families of deceased veterans and active soldiers as needed.

Two years ago, she presented the Four Chaplain Service, a memorial service for chaplains who gave their lives for their comrades. In fall 2020, she was appointed Delegate to the State Department Chaplain, after the passing of State Department Chaplain Rogers.

Through it all, Mrs. Pearson said her greatest joy in life is serving the people of the community and preaching God's word. She treasures her experiences and the people she has met through them. Fondly known as "Big Mama" or "Mama," Mrs. Pearson says, "The Lord has blessed me to be the mother of several," a number of them being children she has met from throughout the state.

In her life, Wilma Pearson has seen it all. She fondly remembers meeting Roots author Alex Haley when his train stopped in McKenzie during the city's Bicentennial celebration. One of the greatest events in her life, other than making the longest shot at any regular game at the buzzer at Central High, was meeting California U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters and working with professional gospel singers.

Mrs. Pearson resides in McKenzie with her husband, Richard Pearson.



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