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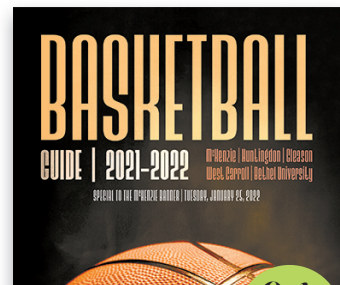
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Deadline Approaches for Candidates

State, Federal, County, School Board Elections

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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HUNTINGDON — The February 17 noon deadline is quickly approaching for the 2022 elections for state, federal, county and school board candidates.

Candidates can run in a party

primary on May 3 ahead of the August 4 local general elections. State and federal races have an August 4 primary and a November general election.

Many offices are beginning to attract candidates, however one school board, McKenzie has no candidates as of Friday, January 21.

The list of persons who have picked up petitions to seek office and those who have completed the petition process are listed below. Persons seeking candidacy, must obtain the signature of at least 25 registered voters, who reside in the district. Those signatures must be

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CARROLL COUNTY SOLID WASTE



Pictured (L to R) Mayor Joseph Butler and Republic Services representatives Lisa Easterwood and Jeremy Keith.

Rural Garbage Contractor Needs To Improve, Says Committee

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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HUNTINGDON (January 21) — The Carroll County Solid Waste Committee is not happy with the solid waste collection service of Republic Services. After almost 90 days of its contract of the same

length, Republic Services is still inconsistent in its collection of rural residents' solid waste, placed in rolling containers at the curbside.

Lisa Easterwood and Jeremy Keith of Republic Services represented the company and acknowledged the difficulty of collecting and disposing of the garbage, oftentimes

bypassing roads. They indicated they have had trouble hiring drivers, and the winter weather and pandemic exacerbated the situation. Prior to entering the emergency contract, the company warned of the difficulty

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County to Retire Two of Three Long-Term Debts

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HUNTINGDON (January 21) — The Carroll County government is considering retiring two of three of its long-term debts, following the actions of the Carroll County Budget Committee on Friday, January 21.

The committee decided the county's cash reserves are earning less interest income than the interest rates on the indebtedness of the three long-term debt instruments.

Comparatively speaking, the county has very little debt as compared to many other government entities and many counties throughout Tennessee. Paula Bolen, trustee, said she is proud to work in a county

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Budget Committee members Darrell Ridgely, Johnny Blount, Vince Taylor and Manuel Crossno. (not pictured is John Austin).



Andrea Ferguson Harrington is the new general manager of Weakley County Municipal Electric System

Harrington Named Manager Of Weakley County Electric

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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MARTIN (January 2022) — Andrea Ferguson Harrington was appointed as the new manager of the Weakley County Municipal

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Derek Carr

Carr Named Milan Head Football Coach

MILAN — Derek Carr is the new head football coach at Milan High School. The McKenzie High School graduate of the class of 2008, Carr led the McKenzie Rebels to the state championship in

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Illness Affects Local School Attendance, Closures

Usual winter illnesses along with the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected attendance at local public schools.

Both West Carroll and Hollow Rock-Bruceton

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Jeannie Walker registers patients for COVID tests.

Public Service Personified

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CARROLL COUNTY — Carroll County Health Department is serving the public, regardless of the working conditions. During the winter weather, associates were administering vaccines and COVID tests at a drive-through station outside the Health Department. Last week, the outdoor temperatures were in the 20s and the associates continued to work in their insulated clothing.

Pictured is Jeannie Walker, one of several Health Department workers, who registered patients as they sit in their warm vehicles. Workers had warming periods as

they rotated in and out of the building.

Health Department workers have provided vaccines and COVID testing for more than a year, most of which were outside, regardless of the weather.

In Carroll County, with the Health Department and other sites providing testing data, there were 577 cases between January 9 to January 15.

The year 2021 COVID statistics are restated.

2021 Key COVID-19 Data Points: Total tests processed this year: 5,394,058 • Total cases reported this year: 762,964 • Total vaccines administered in the year: 8,280,246.

The TDH Office of State Chief Medical Examiner

reconciled outstanding death certificates with COVID-19 as an underlying cause of death, bringing COVID-19 fatalities spanning spring 2020-December 2021 to 20,644.

The lag in death reporting data can be contributed to many factors including the manual process most providers and facilities undertake, the increase in at-home deaths, and the strain on the public health infrastructure during case surges. On average, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes that approximately 75 percent of mortality data is complete by eight weeks, given the time it takes to determine the cause of death in some cases.



Parents read with their children and assist them while taking Accelerated Reader tests during family reading nights.



MES Hosts ‘Chill Out With a Cool Book’ Reading Night

MCKENZIE (January 10) — Monday, McKenzie Elementary staff held a family reading night in the elementary school library from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

During family reading nights, held thirteen times every school year, students bring their parents to the McKenzie Elementary School Library, sign in, and have their choice of their favorite reading nook (from desks, to bathtubs, to bean bags and more).

Some children read several books during reading nights, taking Accelerated Reader tests on them all. This challenges the students while also awarding them with more “AR” points. At the end of the school year, students and classrooms with the highest “AR” points receive prizes and acknowledgment.



Librarian Jill Wilson said her primary goal with reading nights is to promote family involvement and increase students’ love for reading.

Sometimes, the school organizes specialty reading nights to further promote family and student involvement. This school year, the school accepted community volunteers during Disney Princess and Christmas themed nights. These nights, students could interact with “surprise guests:” volunteers dressed as Disney princesses, Santa Claus, and Santa’s elves.

Jill Wilson said she has several more specialty nights planned for the school year’s remaining reading nights.

McKenzie Splits With Henry County, Sweeps Houston County

BY JIM POTTS
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McKenzie basketball played host to Henry County on Tuesday, January 18 and hit the road on Friday, January 21 to Houston County. They split both games.

Lady Rebels 72, Lady Patriots 58

The #1 ranked Lady Rebels continued their winning ways against the Lady Patriots although they got off to a slow start trailing 16-11 at the end of the first period. They took the lead in the second period with a 22-14 effort giving McKenzie a 34-30 halftime lead.

The Lady Rebels chalked up 21 points in the third period to take a 55-44 lead at the end of three periods. A 17-14 effort in the fourth period secured the double-digit win for McKenzie.

Savannah Davis led all

scorers with 30 points on the night while Briley Auvenshine had 16 points. Dani Dyer added eight points while Katie Chesser had six points and Kylie Reynolds had four points. Hannah Dillingham had three points while Mikaela Reynolds and Madison Gilbert chipped in two points each for the Lady Rebels.

The Lady Patriots were led by Charly Hutson with 19 points while Harlee Veazey had 16 points and Mary Raye Smith had 12 points. Mary Kate Coley added nine points and Bayleigh Thompson chipped in two points for Henry County.

Patriots 56, Rebels 44

A bad first period and a slow third period doomed the Rebels against the Patriots. The Rebels managed only five points in the first period while giving up 13 points to the Patriots. They had a much better second period

outsourcing Henry County 18-14 to make it a closer 27-23 score by halftime.

The Patriots outscored the Rebels 15-8 in the third period putting them in a double-digit hole heading into the final period and couldn’t recover as McKenzie fell 56-44.

Tate Surber and Marquez Taylor led the Rebel scoring with 14 and 13 points respectively while Bryson Steele added 10 points. Zayden McCaslin and Bryant Haynes had three points each and Zay Webber chipped in a point for the Rebels.

The Patriots were led by Brice Donaldson with 20 points followed by Zay Phelps with 17 points and Caden Marshall with 11 points. Jackson Hayes added nine for the Patriots.

On Friday night, McKenzie traveled to Houston County for district action with the Lady Rebels winning 68-61 and the Rebels won 48-41.

Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty – Is My Analysis of My Wife’s Social Security Correct?

By National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation

Dear Rusty: I am 63 and my wife is exactly 4 ½ years younger than me to the day. I plan to file for Social Security when I turn 70. My earnings history is considerably higher than my wife’s. I talked with a person at the local Social Security office, and she suggested that my wife file at 62 based on her own record then convert to her spousal benefit when I file at age 70. However, from what I can tell, if she files before her FRA of 67, not only will she get less based on her own record, but she will also receive less for her spousal benefit, as well as her survivor benefit if I die before her (which is statistically likely). Is my analysis correct? Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning: Your analysis is correct regarding your wife’s spousal benefit while you are both living, but incorrect regarding her survivor benefit if you die first. Here’s why:

If your wife takes her personal Social Security (SS) retirement benefit at age 62, she’ll get 70% of what she would get if she waited until her FRA of 67 to claim. That amount is permanent (except for COLA), and it is what her “spousal boost” will be added to when she takes her spouse benefit (when you claim). In the scenario you mention, in addition to your wife’s own benefit being reduced by 30% for claiming at 62, since she will not yet have reached her FRA of 67 when she takes her spouse benefit from you her “spousal boost” will be reduced as well. So, claiming at 62 not only reduces her personal benefit it also means she’ll get less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount when you claim (FRA amounts are used to compute spouse benefits, regardless of the age ben-

efits are claimed). All of which means her spousal benefit will be considerably less.

That isn’t necessarily an unacceptable strategy unless she is working, in which case she’ll be subject to an earnings limit which will either reduce how much Social Security will pay her while she’s working or, if her earnings are high enough, eliminate her eligibility for any benefit until she stops working. The earnings limit changes yearly but for 2022 it will be \$19,560 and if that is exceeded, they will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 she is over the limit. There is no longer an earnings limit when your wife reaches her FRA so your wife’s plans for working should be factored into her decision on when to claim.

In any case, you should look at your overall benefit opportunity as a couple to see when your wife should claim, and life expectancy should always be factored into your thinking. If your wife expects to live a long life (and does), waiting until her FRA to claim her own SS will maximize her monthly benefit (including her spouse benefit) for the rest of her life. If her life expectancy is less optimistic, claiming earlier has much merit. Just for reference, a woman your wife’s age, statistically, will live to an average age of 87.

Regardless of when your wife claims her own benefit or her spousal benefit while you are both living, her benefit as your widow will not be affected. What affects her survivor benefit is her age when she claims it. If she has reached her full retirement age when she claims her widow’s benefit, she’ll get 100% of the benefit you were receiving when you died instead of the smaller benefit she was previously getting. If she hasn’t

yet reached her FRA when she claims her widow’s benefit, then it will be actuarially reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month earlier than her FRA she claims it. Be aware too that even if your wife hasn’t reached her FRA when you die, she can choose to delay claiming her survivor benefit until it reaches maximum at her FRA.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Citizens of McKenzie Special School District

The McKenzie Special School District joins school districts throughout the state to salute their local education leaders during Tennessee’s annual School Board Appreciation Week January 23-29, 2022.

The commemorative week is designed to recognize the contributions made by Tennessee’s school board members, including the McKenzie Special School District Board. School boards are given the tremendous responsibility of ensuring the education of Tennessee’s youth.

Tennessee school board members are chosen by their communities through election or appointment to manage local schools. They oversee multimillion-dollar

budgets, which fund education programs for more than 950,000 students in approximately 1,800 schools. Their personnel decisions affect more than 70,000 teachers, administrators and support staff.

These volunteer community leaders also are responsible for formulating school district policy, approving curricula, maintaining school facilities, and adhering to state and federal education law. Legal concerns and the complexities of school finance, including budgeting and taxation, require them to spend many hours in board training programs and personal study to enhance their understanding of these issues.

Our local board is one of

volunteers. They receive no compensation for their time and commitment. They serve because they understand that strong schools build strong communities and the children we serve hold our future.

Our deepest appreciation is extended to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to participate in education in our community. We salute the public servants of the McKenzie Special School District Board whose commitment and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible:

Jon Davis, Chairman
Lashonda Williams, Vice-Chairman
Greg Barker, Treasurer
Karen Fowler, TLN Member
Misty Aird, TLN Alternate
Chad Brown
George Cassidy
Please join us by saying thank you to our school board members during Tennessee’s School Board Appreciation Week.

Lynn Watkins,
Director of McKenzie Special School District

McKenzie Police Reports

Multiple Charges — A McKenzie man was arrested on multiple charges following a chase Tuesday night, January 18. Patrolman Dalton Raspberry observed a car failing to stop at a stop sign at Ruth Street and Georgia Avenue. The vehicle increased speed and ran two more stop signs traveling towards Bethel University’s campus before getting on University Drive towards Highway 22. The car was later found at a residence on Mitchell Road. The driver was found to be Ben Richard Goodwin, 34, who faces charges of Evading Arrest, Driving on Suspended/Revoked License-Second Offense, and Reckless Driving.

Criminal Trespassing/Burglary — On Monday morning, January 17, McKenzie Police received a call regarding an active break-in at a Montgomery Street residence. Sgt. Kyle Beauchamp

and Patrolman Dalton Raspberry responded to the call and found Kristopher Stenberg, 20, of Trezevant and detained him.

The homeowner told police that Stenberg entered and remained inside the residence while he and his wife were there. Stenberg was confronted by the homeowner and asked to leave multiple times and only left when the homeowner pulled a gun pointing it at him. Stenberg was found in the homeowner’s truck a short time later and left the property and was picked up by police officers responding to the scene.

Stenberg was charged with Aggravated Criminal Trespass and Burglary of an auto. He was transported to the Carroll County Jail.

Driving Under the Influence — A McKenzie woman was arrested and charged with DUI following an acci-

dent on Thursday morning, January 20. McKenzie Police responded to the accident at the intersection of Magnolia Avenue and Laurel Street.

Rebekah Townsend, 40, of McKenzie was involved in the accident and found to be possibly intoxicated by Officer Ryan White. Townsend was asked to do a field sobriety test which she did poorly on and was arrested for DUI and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Failure to Appear — Patrolman Dalton Raspberry initiated a traffic stop on Friday night, January 21 on Highland Drive on a vehicle owned by Kelly Lynn Combs, 23, of McKenzie. Raspberry had information that Combs had an active arrest warrant in Stewart County for Failure to Appear. Combs was a passenger in the vehicle and was arrested without incident due to the warrant and transported to Carroll County Jail.

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Garbage

...From Front Page

of starting up the collection service, noting it takes months to properly acquire equipment, personnel, and map the service area.

Carroll County has mandatory, once-weekly curbside solid waste service for its rural residents. Residents are charged \$18 monthly for the service. That price is expected to increase up to \$25 monthly.

Republic Services agreed to a 90-day contract to collect and dispose of the rural residents' waste on or about November 1, 2021 after the previous contractor, Red River Waste Solutions, suddenly ceased operations in the county amid its bankruptcy in early October 2021. Republic is seeking a five-year contract at the end of the 90-day emergency contract.

Members of the committee complained of inconsistent days of collection, skipped cans, collecting waste on one side of a road, but not the other, and totally ignoring some areas.

Committee members John Mann, Steve Parker and John Austin, along with Mayor Joseph Butler and Jeff Heyduck participated in the meeting. In the audience were seven additional county commissioners.

County Commissioner John Austin told Republic Services representatives that a five-year contract, at approximately \$1.4 million annually, is doubtful based on the company's service performance during the past 90 days. He questioned if the company would enter another 90-day contract, which would provide another timeframe to improve services. Mr. Keith said he would have the answer concerning a possible second 90-day contract either Monday or Tuesday, January 24 or 25.



Danny Witherspoon, owner of Rakk Solid Waste, LLC of Milan, said his company can provide curbside collection of solid waste in the county.

Republic Services representatives said they are attempting to add a third driver and mapping equipment to better service the county.

Heyduck praised local manager Lisa Easterwood for working with the county but noted Republic Services corporation is not providing her with the resources to be successful. Heyduck noted residents have more household waste during the pandemic because they are eating and staying at home more. In general, there is 50 to 70 tons more waste per month.

Danny Witherspoon, owner of Rakk Solid Waste, LLC of Milan, said he seeks the opportunity to speak to the committee about offering curbside collection in the rural part of the county. He said he operates J-Dog Junk Re-

Taylor.

County Commission District 3 (elect 2) - Larry Spencer, Joey Simmons

County Commission District 4 (elect 2) - T. Richard Goodwin, Hal Eason, Donald Finch, Daniel Thomas.

County Commission District 5 (elect 3) - Joey Darnall, Barry Mac Murphy, RaKaya Humphreys

County Commission District 6 (elect 2) - Jimmy D. McClure, Kurt Hunley, Philip E. Moore.

County Commission District 7 (elect 2) - Virginia Ginger House, Manuel Crossno

County Commission District 8 (elect 2) - no candidates

County Commission District 9 (elect 3) - John Austin, Jason R. Martin

Assessor of Property - Rita Jones.

Trustee - Paula Bolen.

Sheriff - Tim Pratt, Andy Dickson.

Circuit Court Clerk - Sarah Bradberry.

County Clerk - Darlene Kirk.

Register of Deeds - Natalie McCullough Porter.

Road Supervisor - District 1 - Ricky Scott.

Road Supervisor - District 2 - Michael Kyle and Ronnie Wade.

County School Board - District 1 - no candidate.

County School Board - District 2 - Deborah Broadbent.

County School Board - District 3 - Charlotte Tucker, Michael Tate.

Hollow Rock - Bruceton - 16th Civil Dist. - Brandy Boyd.

HR-Bruceton At Large - April Hampton.

HR-Bruceton 15th - Michael Graves.

HR-Bruceton 17th - James Holder.

Huntingdon School Board (elect 2) - RaKaya Humphreys.

McKenzie School Board (elect 4) - no candidate.

South Carroll School - at large (elect 2) - Jimmy McClure, Colton Moore, Christy Blount, Tom Miller.

West Carroll - Old County - Patrick Lindsey, Betty Wallace, Jared Mims.

West Carroll - Old Atwood - David Hilliard.

West Carroll - Old Trezevant - Kelly M. Weaver, Becky Mueller.

Ridgely said its "not very smart on our part" to invest funds at .25 to 1.10 percent and pay interest on debt that is greater than the earnings on investment.

Kelsey Schweitzer, a representative of County Technical Advisory Service (CTAS) said some of the county's reserves are committed to other projects. He assured the committee members the county had adequate funds to retire the two financing instruments.

The committee instructed Mayor Joseph Butler to work with Schweitzer to identify adequate unrestricted funds that can be used to retire the two debts. The measure will then advance to the county commission for approval.

Once those two debts are retired, the county will consider whether or not it can budget additional funds to the retirement of the debt on the jail.

The county has benefited from conservative management through the years. Additional COVID relief funds have poured into the

members. West Carroll is advertising for additional substitute teachers to join their ranks.

In McKenzie, Lynn Watkins, director of schools, said the system had an average of 170 students absent each day last week

county's coffers during the last and current fiscal year. The American Rescue Plan has provided the first of two equal installations of \$2,698,314 each to help the county deal with any financial challenges as a result of COVID. It can also be used for many other county expenses, including infrastructure.

Commissioner Jeremy Fowler requested additional funding for the county's rural fire brigade. He noted two apparatus are presently out of service, including the air van that is used county-wide to refill the air in the firefighters' self-contained breathing apparatus.

Commissioner Johnny Blount said the county should have each department director to provide a list of needed items for their departments. The American Rescue Plan funds can be used for some of the capital expenditures.

Schweitzer said many counties have a capital outlay fund to address long-term capital needs.

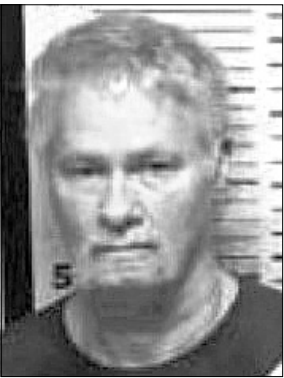
and approximately 15 to 20 staff members absent. That included by certified and non-certified staff, said the director. The number of absences are high, but not to the point of closing school. He said they will continue to monitor attendance.



Ricky Butler



Jimmie Williams



Arthur Teas, Sr.

TBI, Local Authorities Make Drug Arrests

CARROLL COUNTY (January 19) — As the result of an ongoing joint investigation by special agents with the Drug Investigation Division of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Huntingdon Police Department, and McKenzie Police Department two search warrants were executed in Carroll County Wednesday resulting in the arrest of three people.

As part of the continued effort to target illicit drug sales, search warrants were executed at two homes in Carroll County. In Huntingdon, the search of a home in the 200 block of Clark

Street resulted in the seizure of methamphetamine, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia. Both individuals inside the home, Jimmie K. Williams, 56, and Ricky Butler, 45, were taken into custody. In McKenzie, a search warrant was executed at a home in the 100 block of Spruce Street. Methamphetamine, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia were also recovered at this location resulting in the arrest of Arthur Teas Sr., 62.

All three men were booked into the Carroll County Jail on the following charges with the respective bonds:

Williams — Possession of Schedule II (Methamphetamine) with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Simple Possession of Schedule VI (Marijuana); \$4,000 bond.

Butler — Possession of Schedule II, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; \$2,000 bond.

Teas — Possession of Schedule II (Methamphetamine) with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Schedule VI (Marijuana) with Intent to Distribute; \$6,000 bond.

9-1-1 Board Considers Investments, Pay Raises

HUNTINGDON (January 18) — The Carroll County Emergency Communications Board of Directors (911 Board) voted to research the pay of area 911 directors to determine if local director Kristy Megg's pay is in line with pay in West Tennessee.

Meggs was tasked with surveying area directors of rural counties in West Tennessee by compensation, insurance and retirement. Presently, she earns \$51,175 annually. She and assistant Crystal Sullivan are the lone two employees of 911. Meggs' last pay increase was in 2017 or 2018. The emergency dispatchers are paid by the Sheriff's Department.

In other business, the board decided to postpone any new investments of

the cash. While the cash is parked in a checking account at FirstBank earning a .1 percent, the board decided to delay any new investments in CDs with locked in rates. They anticipate the FED to raise interest rates later this year and local CD rates to increase as well.

Meggs announced the financial audit was complete with no adverse findings. It will be sent to the state comptroller's office for final review. She thanked John Wright, CPA for his work on the financials.

The Board voted to stop the insurance on aging, non-servicable equipment based at the Huntingdon Police Department. Meggs said the equipment was purchased prior to her nine-year tenure with 911 and

none of that equipment has any value. The annual \$2,354 insurance premium will be terminated.

The Board continues with blanket insurance on equipment at the McKenzie Police Department dispatch center because it serves as the redundant dispatch center in the event the county's center cannot be manned.

The Board voted to adopt the same holiday schedule as the county government. That includes New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth (June 20, 2022), Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving (two days), and Christmas (two days).

Candidates

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on a petition obtained from the Election Commission office.

(See separate advertisement in The McKenzie Banner for more information).

General Sessions Judge - Larry Logan

Circuit Court Judge - Part 1 - Brent Bradberry.

Circuit Court Judge - Part 2 - Terry Leonard.

Chancellor - Vicki Hodge Hoover.

District Attorney General - Neil Thompson.

Public Defender - Robert "Tas" Gardner.

Court of Appeals - John Everett Williams (retention vote only).

U.S. Congressman - District 8 - no listed candidate.

Tenn. House - District 76 - no listed candidate.

Tenn. House - District 79 - no listed candidate.

County Mayor - Joseph Butler.

County Commission District 1 (elect 3) - Patrick Lindsey, Randy Long.

County Commission District 2 (elect 2) - Bertha

McKenzie School Board to Meet, Reconsider Multi-Purpose Facility

McKenzie Special School District Board of Education meets Tuesday, February 1, 5:30 p.m. at 114 Bell Avenue. On the agenda is the reconsideration for approval of debt to construct a multi-purpose facility at McKenzie High School. In January, a voice vote of the four members in attendance

approved up to \$4.5 million in debt to construct the facility. Three of the members were absent. Also on the agenda are a proposed change to the school calendar to make March 17 a regular school day and the second and final readings on graduation activities and requirements for special

education students.

Also on the agenda is the approval of student overnight trips:

March 27-30 — FFA State Convention in Gatlinburg.

June 20-24 — FFA Leadership Conference in Doyle, Tenn.

April 3-6 — FBLA State Competition in Chattanooga

Electric

...From Front Page

Electric System. The system's board of directors selected her to replace Faron Collins, who is retiring after 45 years at the job.

Harrington, 41, a McKenzie native, is a 1999 graduate of McKenzie High School and a 2003 graduate of UT-Martin, where she earned an electrical engineering degree. She and husband, Travis, a McKenzie native, who has an engineering degree from UTM, reside in Greenfield with their children, Callie, 13 and Case, 8. Travis works with MacLean Power Systems in Trenton as an engineer.

"I grew up around public utilities," said Harrington, who helped her father, Mike Ferguson, wire houses and other structures. Ferguson is a lineman for Carroll

County Electric and operates his private electrical service business. She said watching her father as a lineman gave her a great respect for the hard work they perform.

On one groundhog day, Andrea job shadowed Danny Brawnner, an engineer with Carroll County Electric and is now the general manager of the system. In college, she performed her co-op/internship with Weakley County Municipal Electric. She was hired full-time with WCMES on January 1, 2004 and has worked as project engineer, senior engineer, engineering manager, and assistant manager. Her official transition date to manager is February 28, 2022 at 5 p.m. when Collins officially retires.

Andrea is the daughter of Mike and Lori Ferguson of McKenzie and Dr. Michael and Cindi Bryant of Martin.

Weakley County Municipal Electric System, (WC-

MES) is a non-profit municipal electric system created in 1938. Although WCMES is a part of the Weakley County Government, it operates as a separate entity. WCMES receives no funding from tax revenue, and the County receives no revenue from WCMES except for annual in-lieu-of-tax payments. Operation of WCMES is governed by an independent Board of Public Utilities appointed by the Weakley County Government. Our mission at WCMES is to provide safe, reliable and economical electric power to our customers.

WCMES serves all of Weakley County, as well as the City of South Fulton, the City of Bradford, and rural northeast Gibson County. A total of about 20,500 customers are served from 12 substations through 1,767 miles of distribution lines. WCMES employs about 64 full-time and 5 part-time employees.

Carr

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2007, claiming the runner-up position. He is the son of Brother Kenny and Jackie Carr of McKenzie. Carr is married to Shelley and they have two children, Landry and Bryson.

Milan Special School District Director of Schools Jonathan Criswell said in a press release:

"We are excited to announce Derek Carr as the next Head Football Coach at Milan High School. Derek brings a professional, visionary approach to guide the Bulldogs for the foreseeable future. He comes with a high reputation across the state of Tennessee for his ability to teach the fundamentals of the game of football after helping lead offenses at both the high school and the Division I college level. He has es-

tablished himself as a capable leader in the last two years here in Milan and has become a vital part of our school and the entire community. We look forward to Coach Carr's Bulldogs taking the field at Johnnie Hale Stadium on August 18 and hope that the Milan community will help make his family feel welcomed in the very near future."

Carr played high school football at McKenzie before signing with UT Martin as a quarterback, where he broke records. He was in the top 10 in pass completions at UT Martin and broke records in passing touchdowns, passing yards, and total offense.

During his senior collegiate year, Carr set a NCAA record for passing efficiency along with school records of 560 yards and seven touchdowns at OVC rival Murray State. He was named to the all-OVC second team that season. After graduation, he

was offered a chance to try-out for the New York Giants.

Before being hired at Milan in 2020 as passing game coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Milan High School, Carr worked two years as a graduate assistant at UT Martin before joining the coaching staff at Temple University for two years. He then joined the staff at Tennessee Tech as the wide receivers coach. Carr then returned to UT Martin as the passing game coordinator for one year. After UT Martin, he spent two years out of coaching, working in sales for Edward Jones.

He was encouraged by former Rebel teammate and South Side Head Coach Tyler Reeder to return to football and apply for an assistant's position with Milan.

On October 9, 2021, Carr was inducted in the 2021 Athletic Hall of Fame Class at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Illness

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schools closed on Thursday and Friday, January 20 and 21 closed due to excess absences of students and staff



Left, Pond Branch School (L to R) Back Row: Mable Bowers Reed, Ordean Elkins Robinson, Iva Barnes Baker and Dalphy Hargrove Ross. Front Row: Garvin Noles, Kathleen Bowers Henry and Hagard Brown. Right, Marlborough Cemetery.



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The Carroll County Neighbors, Part III

Last week, my stopping point was Maple Creek.
MARLBOROUGH-VALE

The Seventeenth Civil District, organized in 1836, is situated in the northeast corner of Carroll County and is approximately five miles square. The first polling place was at the home of David Green, Jr.

Settlement of the area had been quite rapid with small and large farms being cleared for crops and substantial residences being erected, many with slave labor.

Real estate transfers during the early years show considerable activity in development of the community. Among the first to settle there were the Martins for whom the stream, flowing from the Tennessee- Mississippi dividing ridge east-south-east into Big Sandy River, was named. Some other very early families settling in the general area were Crutchfield, Fields, Francisco, Green, Gris-sam, Lewis, Liles, Lip-es, Lowrance, Massey, Mitch-el, Mizell, McMackins, Mc-Cadams, McSwain, Moore, Nease, Phillips, Pinson, Rogers, Turner and many others.

Two years after the Sev-enteenth District was or-ganized, a post office was established and named Martin Creek with William Martin as the first postmas-ter. It was established on June 29, 1838, then on Feb-ruary 16, 1852, it became “Marlborough,” which had

become the thriving cen-ter of business activity in the district. John Travis, a local merchant, landowner and business leader, was the first postmaster.

The town of Marlbor-ough was laid out by of-ficial survey with streets named and town lots num-bered. Warranty deed book J, page 198 (Carroll County Courthouse) shows trans-fer of land on November 22, 1852 from a Mr. Rust to J.H. Crutchfield who, beginning January 11, 1853, is on record as hav-ing begun to sell town lots in Marlborough, formerly known as Emory. The deed referred to Emory but does not mention the location with further information on Marlborough's having been called Emory.

In Warranty Deed Book K, page 63, a deed dated January 11, 1853, refers to the sale of Lots 6, 18, and 23. The same book shows that on September 3, 1853, J.H. Crutchfield transferred to C.F. Phil-lipps, Lots 12, 21, 22 , and 23. A reference is made in this deed to the town plat of Marlborough.

Records and tradition show the town continued to grow and prosper un-til the late 1890's after the Paducah, Tennessee, and Alabama Railroad was built, bypassing the town some two miles. At the town's best, there were several general merchan-dise stores, three saloons, churches, a school, Mason-ic Lodge, and a stage coach station with a stand for various sorts of entertain-ment. In 1874 the popula-

tion was about 200.

With the location of a railroad station at Vale alongside the new tracks about two miles north of Marlborough, business houses were rapidly moved to Vale where the town was laid out by survey and lots were selling at an attrac-tive price.

By 1900, most commer-cial activity of the Seven-teenth District was cen-tered in Vale to where the post office was moved from Marlborough. It is noted, November 12, 1900 James 8. (Mr. Jim) Forrest served as Postmaster.

During the decades just prior to and follow-ing World War I, Vale was a bustling business com-munity with as many as seven competing general merchandise stores, also repair shops, a sawmill, grist mills and a cotton gin.

The coming of auto-mobiles, good roads, and mechanized farming took its toll on the community. At one time, about 1919, the district had a population approaching 800. By the 1970 census it was fewer than 325.

Churches of the com-munity have been active throughout the years. The Marlborough United Baptist Church was given a one-acre lot by Isaac Pinson to Henry Liles and William Mitchell as trustees on Jan-uary 2, 1854. Regular ser-vices were held there until the building was aban-doned in 1916. The church met in a new building in Vale until 1964 when the building was moved back to the original Marlborough location at the north end of the Marlborough Cemetery.

The Church of Christ was first organized at “Union Hill” near the ex-treme northeast corner of the district where it met for many years in a log cabin, moving to Vale about 1900. In 1924, a new building was erected within the bounds of the old town of Marl-borough, where regular services were held until a new modern brick meeting house, complete with class rooms, a baptistry, public address system and paved

parking area was built in 1964, at the southeast cor-ner of the cemetery. This building was dedicated on January 31, 1965, with Fred W. Chunn as speaker and with visitors present from many places.

Other churches with-in the district were the New Hope Methodist, the Mt. Pisgah Methodist hav-ing disbanded during the 1950's, its members ab-sorbed by the New Hope and Hollow Rock con-gregations.

POND BRANCH

The areas around An-tioch, Pond Branch and Blount Creek were heavily populated very early, in the 1830s. With the terri-tory free to occupants in contrast to Buena Vista, which had been settled 30 years earlier. John Wesley (Coocher) Brown owned property on Pond Branch in 1830. A Surveyor named Bobbitt received a grant from the U.S. government and constructed a large pond between Pond Branch and the Sandy River called the Bobbitt Pond, near the farm of Coocher Brown. Bobbitts property was south of the present Pond Branch bridge. Blounts Creek was named after Is-sac Blount who had the first grist mill in Carroll County.

Ryley Robinson and lat-er Cullie Nolen, his son-in-law, operated a water pow-ered grist mill. Mr. Nolen also operated a sorghum mill south of the Blounts Creek bridge and had a potato house. He kept heat in it during the winter so the neighborhood potatoes wouldn't freeze. Martin Bowers was a timberman, had a saw mill, and was a member of the Tennessee Legislature 1900-1902. Lon Kee operated a grist mill across the road from Taylor Boyds store and Jim Henry Jones operated a grist mill.

Buck Butler had a store with a post office and blacksmith shop called Muse Store, in front of his brother Monroe Butler's old home place. This was in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Later about 1915,

Taylor and Addie Boyd operated a store near his house. After Mr. Boyd's death, Ed and Atha Kee, operated a store near their house for many years.

The first election was held in the eastern part of Carroll County in the home of Solomon Bennett who owned land just south of the public road after McKees Levee. Some of the early settlers were: Clarks, Butlers, Garretts, Hig-dons, Rows, Kirks, Robinsons, Elkins, Norwoods, Nolens, Bowers, Boswells, Abbotts, Birdwells, Hargraves, Kees, Austins, Mays, Bennetts and Browns.

Early children of the Pond Branch community attended school at Antioch Methodist church (which had a cemetery located on the farm of Mrs. Neil But-ler). This was a long walk for many of the children, so about 1860, John F. Bow-ers gave a plot of land and built a large log house near the creek known as Pond Branch. For many years this building endured as Pond Branch school.

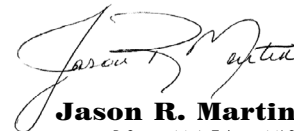
Some of the teachers were: Elmer Robinson, Martin Bowers, Hilliard Crabb and Lucy Moore. When the building began to decay, Johnson Butler gave a plot of land near his home two-and-a-half miles northeast of the old location. The new building was finished in 1906. The builders were John, Irving and Turner Birdwell. The first teacher was Ms. Erin O'Mally. Others were: Ethel Butler Bell, Mary Pinkley, Lois Hopper Arnold, How-ard Smith, Larue Lorange Robinson and Leurin Lay-cook.

There was a huge chest-nut tree out back and chil-dren carried water from Mr. Johnson Butler's well. The school was known for its plays ending the school year and at Christ-mas. They had Christmas trees that touched the high ceilings. Sunday School, singings and revivals were also held in this building. In 1913 an unusual reviv-al broke out. People were under conviction inside, outside and down to the

woods. Many were saved. This building endured until the country schools were discontinued. It was then sold, torn and moved. Butler's Church began when E.T (Tommy) Butler who lived in a log house at the west end of the loca-tion. He died in 1888.

During Tommy's life he had been overheard to say he wanted to be buried in this spot and is considered the first person to be bur-ied in the cemetery. His young son was buried there in 1886. In the mid 1930's a building was built there for funerals. The graveyard was expanded when another acre was donated.

There was a Bethel Bap-tist church and cemetery in the early 1800's on the Hammett place north of Blounts Creek, on the farm of James Jerome and Archie Curnel Hargrove. Bap-tismal services were done in Blounts Creek and the Hammett ditch. The Ham-mett house was located on this property and said to be haunted, Archie Curnel made a good living for his family on this farm. He was known for his honesty, good farming, garden, watermel-ons and strawberries. Mr. Cullie Nolen who married Angie Robinson built and lived in a four room house on Pond Branch road which now belongs to Waymon Ross and Dalphy Hargrove Ross, and has been remodel-ed. Mr. Nolen moved his in-laws' log house to this location to be used as a barn.


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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES ‘Five Star’ Places I Haven’t Been Kicked Out of

Pauline's coconut cream pies were so good I moved into the house next door to be close to them. Well, it might not have been your typical house. It was right downtown on Reid Avenue, the main business section of Port S. Joe. It had formerly been a hardware store.

I prided myself in 1970 on having the largest living room in Gulf County!

And it was as convenient as all “git out” for a single guy who couldn't cook a lick to have Pauline's Restau-rant so handy. Everything she cooked was great. And, boy howdy, I'm telling you, a young guy who always looked hungry and Miss Pauline's extra kind nature

was a winning combination. For me!

She got to where she didn't charge for the pie. She'd just bring a slice and a half sized portion over when she saw I was about finished with the meatloaf and mashed potatoes.

I'm certainly no food crit-ic. And I'm not sure Pau-line's ever made the “Ten Best Restaurants In Florida” list—that always goes to ex-otic named eating places in large cities—but I guar-antee you, those traveling around expert restaurant food rating gurus didn't have enough stars to ac-curately “grade” her coconut cream pies!

They were simply the best

there ever was.

It was the same with the hamburgers at the City Café in McKenzie, Tennes-see. The small eatery by the railroad tracks advertised “the best coffee east of the Mississippi River”—as a young boy I always thought the slogan a mite shortsight-ed. And I never drank one cup. I just figured the “best coffee in America” or “the whole wide world” sounded more expansive.

But coffee was not the reason I went inside. You could, for 25 cents, get a fully dressed hamburger about the size of a moon hubcap that would actually “melt in your mouth.” Nobody wolfed them down! We slowly s-a-v-

o-r-e-d every single bite!

Jim Stavely owned the place. And his wife, Cora, would bring out the burgers. They had different cooks but the delicious formula never changed. They are to this day, the best hamburgers I have ever eaten.

And talk about ambiance, you could listen to Bobby Bare on the jukebox sing-ing “All American Boy” and watch those white things floating around in the big “pickled pigs' feet” jar on the end of the counter while you ate.

If that ain't “five star” stuff, there's not a cow in Texas!

Sadly, the City Café has been gone for years. I was reminiscing recently with my brother and mentioned maybe the hamburgers were not as good as we remem-ber. Some of that wonderful taste could be attributed to nostalgia. I think it's called the “Ozzie and Harriet—Gunsmoke—I Love Lucy” syndrome.

He shook his head, “No, it was the grease. You ever notice how that grease filled the entire plate when we fin-

ished.” He let me mull that over for a full minute or two. “People don't use enough grease when cooking ham-burgers today.”

Bon appétit!

My favorite restaurant now is Anne's Diner in Le-oma, Tennessee. And don't look for it on the “Ten Best” list. I've already checked! Nine of the listed “best” eateries were in Nashville, Memphis, Knoxville and Chattanooga. It's a big city conspiracy!

There is no waiting at Anne's. No maitre d'. And nobody over in the corner by a fake tree wearing a tux and playing a violin! Break-fast is their specialty. But if you are there around noon, don't pass on the hamburger steak.

If you go early, not long after sunup, they will still have chocolate gravy for your old fashioned home-made biscuits.

You can sit anywhere you like, but if you're into guns you'll find J. C. Kennedy at a table in the side room. His little brother, Joe, will be there if you want to talk horses, farming or coon

hunting.

But don't rush right up to them. Nobody gets in a hur-ry at Anne's. Sit down with the group and order two eggs over medium with sau-sage or hash browns. Tell them where you are from. And that I recommended the place. Ask about the weather for the afternoon or the next day. I promise you, every regular in the place will know.

Anne's, like any good restaurant, is about the food first and foremost. But it is also about the experience and the friendliest people you will ever meet. It re-minds me of the City Café and Pauline's every time I go in.

And that makes it pretty special in my book!

If you want to learn a little about old watches or possibly pick up an antique Hamilton pocket model, find the big guy with the San-ta Claus beard in the back booth in the front room. But don't rush right up...

Respectfully,
Kes

Information Needed McKenzie and the surround-ing communities are rich with history and stories waiting to be told, but the information or resources are not always avail-able. We need your help. Have a person or topic you want to see featured in the Weekly 150? Please send information and photos to jmartin@mckenziebanner.com. To do the story right, it is important to provide as much detail as possible and/or pho-tos.
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Obituaries

CHARLES EDWARD PORCH
1940 — 2022

GREENFIELD — Charles Edward Porch, 82, formerly of Greenfield, Tenn., died January 19, 2022. His funeral service was Saturday January 22, 2022 at Williams Funeral Home in Greenfield.. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Greenfield.

He was born January 11, 1940.

Mr. Porch is survived by his wife, Norma Porch of Rutherford, Tenn. He is also survived by four daughters, Lisa Porch of Greenfield, Devonda Hopkins of Como, Tenn., Andrea Porch of McKenzie, Tenn., and Kelia Laster of Dyer, Tenn. He leaves behind a sister, Vedia Proffitt of Hornbeak, Tenn. Mr. Porch also leaves behind seven grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Buford and Sarah Porch.

Mr. Porch was a Mason for 50 years at the Bone #252 Lodge. He also made several missionary trips with the Disaster Relief Team from the Union City Second Baptist Church.

Williams Funeral Home of Greenfield. +

JACKIE ELAINE EASON
1957 — 2022

BRUCETON — Mrs. Jackie Elaine Eason, 64, of Bruceton, Tennessee, died Thursday, January 20, 2022 at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Funeral services were Sunday, January 23, 2022 at First Pentecostal Church with Bro Bud Ricketts officiating. Interment was in Prospect Cemetery.

Mrs. Eason was born May 23, 1957 in Huntingdon, Tennessee to the late Robert B. Hampton and Sudie Lou (Chandler) White who survives. She was also preceded in death by her step-father, Dale White.

She is survived by her husband of twenty-eight years, Martin Keith Eason of Bruceton, her mother, Sudie Lou White, a stepmother, Janie Hampton all of Huntingdon, two daughters, Marisa Perez (Jorge) of Huntingdon and Nichole Baker (Jeff) of Bruceton, a son, M. Nick Eason (Abby) of Paris, a brother, Timmy Hampton (Vickie) of Huntingdon, six grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

MARY UMSTEAD PINSON
1939 — 2022

ATWOOD — Mrs. Mary Etta (Umstead) Pinson, 82, of Atwood, Tennessee, died Thursday, January 20, 2022 at NHC Milan.

Funeral services were Monday, January 24, 2022 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Scotty Davis officiating. Interment was in Pisgah Cemetery in Atwood.

Mrs. Pinson was born September 20, 1939 in Huntingdon, Tennessee, to the late Bill and Lee Etta (Greener) Umstead.

Beside her parents, she was also preceded in death her husband of 64 years, Billy Ray Pinson, one brother, Billy Joe Umstead and one sister, Peggy DePriest.

She is survived by three sons, Steve Pinson of McMoresville, Randall Pinson (Cindy) of Atwood, Terry Pinson (Londa) of

Huntingdon, one sister, Sharon Johnson of Huntingdon. She also leaves seven grandchildren, Beth Scruggs, Blair Sage, Chloe Pinson, Ava Pinson, Ray Pinson, Chase Pinson, Eric Pinson, four great-grandchildren, Atticus, Sam, Christine, and Dahlia. +

DAWN MARIE BECKER
1976 — 2022

McKENZIE — Ms. Dawn Marie Becker, 45, of McKenzie, Tennessee died Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mrs. Becker was born November 2, 1976 in Aurora, Illinois to Robert John Becker, who survives and the late Bonnie Lou (Bolden) Becker.

She is survived by two sons, Trystan Johnson of Bruceton and Jaelyn Westbrook of Baltimore, Maryland, a daughter, Kayla Price of Huntingdon, a brother, Brad Becker of McKenzie, and her father, Bob Becker. She also leaves two grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

MANDIE SUE FRENCH
1934 — 2022

Mrs. Mandie Sue French, 87, died Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at the Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Funeral services are Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at noon in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. James Hazelwood officiating. Interment will follow in Carroll Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends in the Cherrywood Room of Chase Funeral Home on Tuesday, 9 a.m. until time of service.

Mrs. French was born May 26, 1934 in Westport, Tennessee, to the late James and Bettie Shelly (Crews) Hodge.

Besides her parents, she was also preceded in death by three sons, Eugene Hollowell, Gerald Hollowell, Kenneth Hollowell, great grandson, Madison Lane Percy, and great-great granddaughter, Madilyn Elizabeth Percy.

She is survived by one son, Dennis Randall Hollowell, two stepdaughters, Debbie Jackson, and Patricia Cope, both of Greenfield. She also leaves six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, ten great-great-grandchildren.

DENNIS RANDALL HOLLOWELL
1963 — 2022

Mr. Dennis Randall Hollowell, 58, died Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Funeral services are Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at noon in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home.

Mr. Hollowell was born July 6, 1963 in Huntingdon, Tennessee, to the late Robert and Mandie Sue (Hodge) Hollowell.

Besides his parents he was also preceded in death by three brothers, Eugene Hollowell, Gerald Hollowell, and Kenneth Hollowell.

JOHN MCCORMACK LONG
JANUARY 4, 2022

McKENZIE — John McCormack Long, 91, of Tully, New York, died January

4, 2022, comfortably in his home at Lakeside Senior Living Community in McKenzie, Tenn. He was enveloped by the love of his close friends and fellow residents, his youngest nephew, Ed, and his amazing care team led by Rikki Barrick from Senior Solutions.

Jack is the son of Frank and Josephine Long. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., and has been a beloved friend and attendee of Union Primitive Baptist Church in McKenzie, Tenn., for the past year. Jack worked with the Onondaga County Highway Department and Saulsbury Fire Equipment before retiring to New Smyrna Beach in 1996. While in New Smyrna Beach, he volunteered and served for decades, enjoying the opportunity to help others and share his special gifts. Jack never met a stranger and was the center of attention in most every room he entered.

Jack was predeceased by his parents, his beloved wife of 53 years, Kathryn M. Long, and his younger brother Joseph F. Long.

He is survived by his nephews and nieces: John (Nancy) Griswold, Rita (Barry) Ellis, Rebecca (Chuck) Yonko, Kevin (Melanie) Long, and Ed (Jennifer) Long.

There will be a memorial service and burial at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Tully, New York, at a later date. +

PAUL ANTHONY CAWTHON
1952 — 2022

WESTPORT — Mr. Paul Anthony Cawthon, 69, of Westport, Tenn. died Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at his home.

Funeral services were Saturday, January 22, 2022 at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was in the Jamison Cemetery.

Mr. Cawthon was born on August 11, 1952 in Bruceton, Tenn. to the late Benjamin Cawthon and Olivia Hilliard Cawthon. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving wife, Betty Cawthon of Westport, Tenn.; one daughter, Dawn (David) Marlin of Clarksburg, Tenn.; two sons, Jerome (Amanda) Cawthon of Jackson, Tenn. and Josh (Natasha) Cawthon of Westport, Tenn.; one sister, Hilda (Chuck) Wallace of Huntingdon, Tenn.; and 7 grandchildren.

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

CHARLES 'TONY' BAKER
1960 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Charles Anthony "Tony" Baker, 61, of Huntingdon, Tenn. died Monday, January 17, 2022 at his home.

Funeral services were Thursday, January 20, 2022 at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was in the Oak Hill Cemetery. Brother Bryan Oakes will officiate the service.

Mr. Baker was born on July 25, 1960 in Michigan to the late Charles William Baker and Iva Juanita Usrey Freeman Baker.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving wife, Janet Baker of Huntingdon; two sons, Burt (Shelly) Baker and Blake (Melissa) Baker, both of Huntingdon; three brothers, William (Judy) Baker of Milan, Tenn., Ronnie Baker of

Bradford, Tenn., and Johnnie Baker of Huntingdon, Tenn.; and four grandchildren.

Dilday-Carter Funeral Home is in charge of Mr. Baker's arrangements, 731-986-8281.

RICHARD ALLEN PICKA
1953 — 2022

McKENZIE — Military Honors for Richard Allen Picka, 68, were Monday, January 24, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Cross Roads. The family received friends on Sunday, January 23, 2022, 4 to 8 p.m. and Monday, January 24, 2022, 10 a.m. until time to leave for the cemetery at the Church of Jesus Christ at 3191 Hwy 124, Greenfield, Tenn.

Mr. Picka died Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at his residence.

He was born on December 23, 1953 in Gary, Indiana to Walter A. and Louise E. Karpinski Picka.

He was preceded in death by his parents, twin daughters, Shannon and Murlene, and his son-in-law, Bob Henning.

Survivors include his wife, Murlene Holland Picka of Martin, a daughter, Tonya Henning of Alabama, two sons, Walter Picka of Pennsylvania and Richard Picka of Kentucky, 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. For more information please call (731) 352-4848 or visit www.brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com.

STEPHEN ROBERSON, II
1981 — 2022

McKENZIE — Mr. Stephen Chandler Roberson, II, 40, died at his home, Saturday, January 22, 2022. He was born on May 15, 1981 in Dyersburg, to Stephen C. Roberson and Deborah Kirby Scott.

He is survived by his parents, Debbie Scott of McKenzie, and Steve Roberson of Ripley, a sister, Autumn (Oscar) Starks of Puryear, a brother, Justin (Jessica) Roberson of McKenzie.

He is preceded in death by his step-father, David Scott.

There are no services at this time he had chosen cremation.

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

FRANK DOUGLAS RAY
1973 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Frank "Frankie" Douglas Ray, 48, of Lithia Springs, Georgia, died Monday, January 17, 2022.

Graveside funeral services were Sunday, January 23, 2022 at St. Paul Cemetery.

Mr. Ray was born April 17, 1973 in Huntingdon, Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Eric and grandparents.

He is survived by his mother, Sandra Kay Ray, his father John Thomas Barnes, his sister, Robin Melton (Haywood), three brothers, Keith Ray (Sheila), Kenneth T. Ray, Sr., (Trina), Robert Ray (Lisa), three nephews, Christopher Ray, Kenneth T. Ray, Jr., (Jalisa), Kenneth John Ray.



The copper cornerstone box found in the Dresden United Methodist Church was placed in 1923, and it could contain documents of Dresden's ancestry and religious history.

Dresden First United Methodist Church Demolition Uncovers 99-Year-Old Cornerstone Box

UNION CITY — Dresden First United Methodist Church leaders are working with artifact experts from Union City's Discovery Park of America to open and conserve the contents of a copper cornerstone box that was found during the demolition of the church building.

The building, which was damaged beyond repair during December's EF-4 tornadoes, hid a cornerstone box bricked inside a part of the church that was dedicated in 1923. The box and its location were unknown to many of the church's current members. Once discovered, demolition halted as those on hand began carefully extracting the box from the cornerstone of the building.

Wayne McCreight, a church trustee, contacted Discovery Park to ask for help safely extracting the box's contents.

Jennifer Wildes, the museum's senior director of collections and exhibits, will manage opening the box in the next few weeks. She is prepared to conserve what, if anything, remains inside after being hidden for nearly 100 years. Photos of any items found will be posted on Discovery Park's Facebook page and loaned by the church for display at Discovery Park for a short time.

A clipping from the Dresden Enterprise from when the church was originally dedicated noted a crowd gathering to watch

the laying of the cornerstone. The box placed inside contained a complete roll of the church membership, a full history of the church, copies of the church newspaper, copies of the Dresden Enterprise and copies of hymnals.

"If we find artifacts that are damp and fragile, it will require delicate care to preserve them intact before they can be thoroughly examined and catalogued," said Wildes. "Whatever we find, we'll make certain these items left by church members from the past are preserved as a reminder of the church's important history."

The town of Dresden was organized in 1825 and incorporated in 1827. When the town was laid out and lots made available for purchase, land was designated for a house of worship. That lot was purchased on February 4, 1833, and it was there the church was located in various buildings until December's tornadoes.

Church leaders are planning where and when to build their new church building. Contributions to the Dresden First United Methodist Church rebuilding effort may be made online at GoFundMe by searching "Dresden FUMC Rebuilding Effort," or checks may be mailed to the Bldg & Renovation Fund, Dresden First United Methodist Church, 411 Morrow St., Dresden, TN 38225.

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TAKE OFF POUNDS MEETS ON MONDAYS

The McKenzie Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter meets Mondays at McKenzie Church of Christ gymnasium at 4 p.m. Anyone interested can join. Visitors are welcome. The first meeting is free and membership is \$49 per year. For more information, contact Linda Lawrence at 731-352-7309, if no answer, leave message.

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, Trenton, Northwest Tenn. Workforce Board Meeting, noon. Lunch is by invitation only at 11:30 a.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S TABLE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

The Shepherd's Table, the community kitchen located in Huntingdon, Tenn. serves meals twice monthly. On each third Tuesday at First Presby-

terian Church located at 19835 E. Main Street and on each fourth Tuesday at First United Methodist Church located at 201 Asbury Circle. Meals are served drive through 5 to 7 p.m. The Shepherd's Table is open to the public and there is no cost.

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.

BINGO, SOUP COOK-OFF

The Carroll County Humane Society will host Bingo and a Soup Cook-Off on Friday, February 4 at the Carroll County Civic Center in Huntingdon, 6-9 p.m. The meal is \$10 per person starting at 6 p.m. until sold out. Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. and priced at .50 per game. Card packages available. \$100 WalMart gift card grand prize. If you would like to enter the cook-off, please let us know that you plan to donate a pot of soup or chili by calling 731-352-9950 or email rbwilson@tds.net.

ELECTION COMMISSION TO MEET

Carroll County Election Commission meets Tuesday, February 8, 6 p.m. in the Election Commission office, Carroll County Office Complex. On the agenda are preparing for the upcoming primary elections on May 3 and general election on August 4. This is a public meeting.

MCKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

HUMANE SOCIETY HOSTS STRAWBERRY FUNDRAISER

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MCKENZIE CONDEMNATION MEETINGS MONTHLY

City of McKenzie Condemnation Meetings are the fourth Monday of each month at 3 p.m. in the city hall council chambers.

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE, WOMEN MEET MONTHLY

Carroll County Democratic Women Committee meets each third Tuesday at 6 p.m. Meetings are held at the Huntingdon Police Department, Lexington Street in downtown Huntingdon. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Carroll Arts Trivia Bowl is January 29

The Carroll County Arts Annual Trivia Bowl is Saturday, January 29. Beginning at 7 p.m., teams of three-to-five members (from clubs, businesses, athletic teams, civic organizations, churches, schools, friends,

family, etc.) can compete for trophies and bragging rights.

Each team must pay a \$25 entrance fee to attend. Contact Glynda Rich at 225-4470 or Denise Sam at 697-1844. The trivia bowl is at the

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 16835 Highland Drive in McKenzie. This is a great opportunity to have lots of fun while supporting the arts in Carroll County.

Sister Hazel to Headline at The Dixie

NASHVILLE (January 11, 2022) — Platinum-selling, iconic country/rock band, Sister Hazel, bring their energetic show featuring new music and chart-topping hits to play the Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center in Huntingdon, Tenn. on Saturday, February 5.

Florida-based band Sister Hazel, once labeled "one of the Top 100 Most Influential Independent Performers of the last 15 years" and by Performing Songwriter Magazine, topped the adult

alternative charts during the summer of 1997 with the song "All for You." Since then, the band has established themselves in rock, alternative, and country music.

In addition to events and touring, the band gives back with "Lyrics For Life." Founded by singer Ken Block, the charity unites musicians and celebrities for concerts and auctions to benefit cancer research and patient-care charities. Fans can expect a high

energy show with brand-new Sister Hazel songs and popular fan favorites.

Show is at 7:30 p.m. and tickets start at \$20 for all ages. For additional information visit https://www.dixiepac.net/performance-series/sister-hazel.

This event date is subject to state and local government guidelines for helping the community stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

McKenzie Chamber to Host Two Ribbon Cuttings

MCKENZIE — McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and Industry is hosting two ribbon cuttings of new businesses in McKenzie.

Russell Cellular, 15020 South Highland Drive across from the Post Office, is Friday, January 28, 11 a.m.

Arnold CPA and Associates, 25 Henderson Drive beside Casey's General Store, is Wednesday, February 2, 10 a.m.

Contest Announced to Design Carroll County Seal

In honor of Carroll County's Bicentennial, the Bicentennial Committee announced an opportunity for individuals to develop a new county seal for Carroll County. The seal will represent the county and be used for generations to come.

The design and imagery of the seal is up to the designer and it should be a representation of how the designer and others think of Carroll County. It should also represent the county's rich history.

The seal will vary in size, so it needs to be able to be affixed on walls, documents and proclamations. The seal should be easy to read, and it does not need to be round.

Entries are to be submitted by February 28 for eligibility. Entries can be submitted via dropping it off at the County Mayor's office at 625 High Street, Suite 101, or at the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce at 20740 East Main Street. Both are in

Huntingdon. Entries can also be mailed to the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce to PO Box 726, in Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344.

The winning seal design is announced in April. The winner receives a prize of \$100. The winning designer will work with the Bicentennial Committee and a professional team to finalize and package the new county seal for use by Carroll County.

School Board Candidates Must Qualify by February 17

Candidates for local school boards in Tennessee must submit qualifying petitions by February 17

to qualify for the August general elections.

Petitions may be picked up and returned at Car-

roll County Election Commission, 625 High Street, Suite #113, Huntingdon, TN. 38344.

Inglenook Book Club News

MCKENZIE — The Inglenook Book Club met for their first meeting of the new year at the McKenzie Farmers Market. 18 members were present, and masks and hand sanitizer were readily available for all. Our hostesses were Peggy Chappell and Suzanne Howell. The tables were decorated with lovely greenery arrangements, and they served delicious cupcakes alongside individual snack mix assortment.

President Carolyn Moore called the meeting to order and thanked the hostesses. A thank-you was extended to Beverly Mueller for being hostess for the Christmas Party in her home. All members recited the Pledge of Allegiance, the club aim and motto. She made all

aware how appreciative the local schools were of the donations our club had made for the year 2021.

Beverly Mueller announced the Program books will be completed by Monday, and she will deliver to all the members. Treasurer Donna Ward collected 2022 dues. All members brought donations of boxed Kleenex and individual personal hygiene items for the elementary school grades.

The Recording Secretary called the roll, and read the minutes from the December meeting, which were approved as read. The Treasurer's Report was given with no change to the balance of \$320.48.

President Moore stated there would be a change in the telephone calling, and called upon Membership Chairman Suzanne Howell who stated Linda Edge would be moving. Victoria Ard has graciously accepted the position. A congratulations /thank you card will be sent to Linda and President Moore continued Committee Reports. Sunshine Chair Sheila Rogers gave a Thank-you note to

Beverly Mueller for being hostess to the Christmas Party. Get well cards will be sent to Sandy McMahan, Victoria Ard, and Sally Sutton. Prayers for them as they heal and get well.

January's birthday was Gayron Lyles. President Moore announced if a member is unable to attend the meeting, please let the hostesses know.

Donna Ward announced the upcoming Carroll Arts Trivia Bowl, which is January 29 at 7 p.m. at the McKenzie Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$25 per team (which consists of 5-7 people).

Old Business mentioned by President Moore was to ask if the club members wish to continue with monthly donations to the local schools. All members were in agreement.

All members present gave a short synopsis of the book they presented for the 2022 year: President Moore stated that all books presented sounded very interesting, and everything from Love Stories, Mysteries, Murders, and Mayhem.

Mary Newman presented the book passing order: President Moore reminded everyone to get their books passed every 2 weeks so everyone has a chance to complete their novel. There were no further announcements.

Our next meeting is February 9th with Victoria Ard and Carolyn Potts as hostesses.

After the club benediction, the meeting was adjourned.

Members present were: Peggy Chappell, Carolyn Goodwin, Jean Hollomon, Suzanne Howell, Geneva Johnson, Gayron Lyles, Shirley Martin, Jean McKinzie, Carolyn Moore, Beverly Mueller, Mary Newman, Pedie Pedersen, Marilynn Putman, Sheila Rogers, Suzanne Russell, Genia Sherwood.

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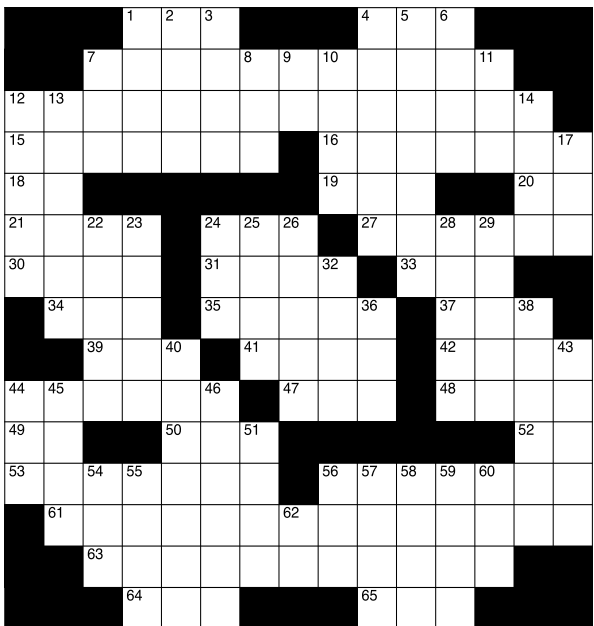
Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Brew
- 4. NY ballplayer
- 7. Rigid external covering in some animals
- 12. Promotional materials
- 15. More high-pitched
- 16. Widely cultivated cereal
- 18. Dormitory employee
- 19. Bad act
- 20. One's mother
- 21. Scored perfectly
- 24. Space station
- 27. Exchange for money
- 30. Edible seaweed
- 31. Iranian city
- 33. Lakers' crosstown rivals
- 34. Nothing
- 35. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 37. ___ student, learns healing
- 39. Military official (abbr.)
- 41. Matchstick games
- 42. Gasteyer and De Armas are two
- 44. Distant planet
- 47. A type of residue
- 48. Punk art icon Jimmy De ___
- 49. Millihenny
- 50. Canadian media firm
- 52. Type of withdrawal
- 53. Spicy
- 56. Dish of minced meat or fish
- 61. Noted previously
- 63. Happily
- 64. "Partridge" actress Susan
- 65. Not present

CLUES DOWN

- 1. In a way, brought to an end
- 2. Scandalized actress Loughlin
- 3. This (Spanish)
- 4. Essay
- 5. Continuing indefinitely
- 6. Tool for lifting food
- 7. Partner to Adam



- 8. Dry white wine drink
- 9. Spanish be
- 10. Smaller quantity
- 11. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- 12. (Scottish) island
- 13. Church officer
- 14. Large wrestler
- 17. Polite address for women
- 22. Famed Susan Lucci character "___ Kane"
- 23. Mason ___ Line
- 24. Disfigure
- 25. Asian nation
- 26. Rage (Span.)
- 28. Khoikhoi peoples
- 29. Opera solo
- 32. Database management system
- 36. Similar
- 38. Move up and down playfully
- 40. Alfalfa
- 43. Satisfied
- 44. Baseball official
- 45. Large, flightless bird of S. America
- 46. Money given in support
- 51. Flower cluster
- 54. Beginning military rank
- 55. Russian weight measurement
- 56. Explosive
- 57. An individual unit
- 58. Midskirt
- 59. Weapon featuring balls
- 60. Used of a number or amount not specified
- 62. Unit of measurement

Week 4

See solution in next week's edition.

Basketball Word Search

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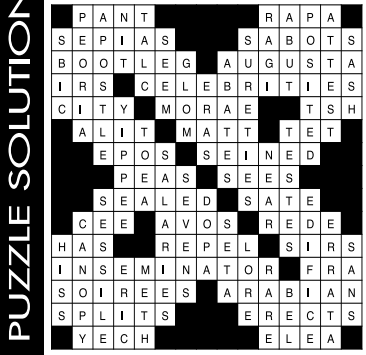
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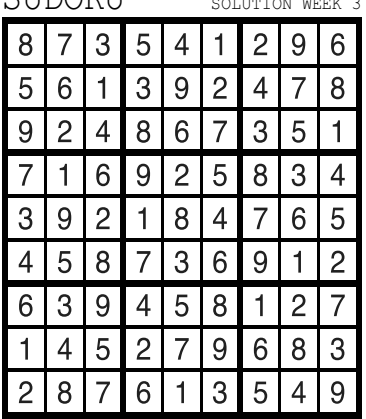
HISTORY

- **1547:** NINE-YEAR-OLD EDWARD VI ASSUMES THE ENGLISH THRONE AFTER HIS FATHER DIES.
- **1958:** THE LEGO COMPANY PATENTS THE DESIGN OF ITS LEGO BRICKS.
- **1986:** THE U.S. SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER EXPLODES 72 SECONDS AFTER LIFTOFF.

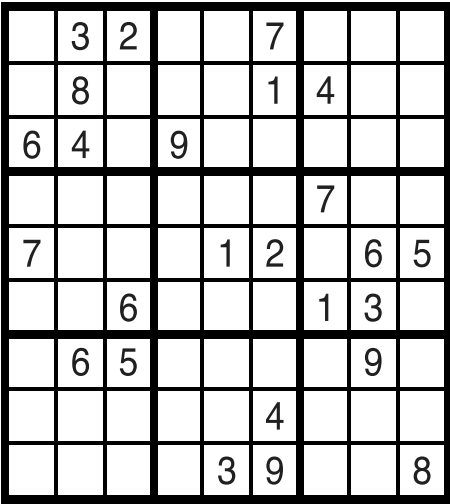
Week 3 Crossword Puzzle Solution



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SUDOKU WEEK 4



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Carroll County General Sessions Court

The following cases were heard on Thursday and Friday, January 20 and 21 in Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Cases bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court were:

Terrance Antonio Butler, Jr., Elm Street, McKenzie, bound over on burglary, theft, criminal trespass, vandalism; charges dismissed were failure to appear, two counts.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or conviction.

Kristopher Michael Bennett, Skyline Drive, Huntingdon, guilty, probation violation, 11/29 jail for probation violation, to serve 120 days, credit for time served; dismissed failure to appear, casual exchange.

Tracey D. Binion, Spring Street, Huntingdon, guilty, DUI-third offense, 11/29 sentence, to serve 45 days, \$600 fine, supervised probation; dismissed, driving while revoked, implied consent.

William Brown, Maytown Road, Huntingdon, guilty, DUI-second offense, 48 hours jail, not to drive for one year, \$350 fine, 11/27 supervised probation; dismissed, implied consent, seat belt violation, open container, violation of financial responsibility, driver failed to exercise due care.

Moriah Renee Follett, Miller Road, Huntingdon, guilty, domestic assault, 14 days jail, 11/15 supervised probation, no contact with victim.

Robert A. Harris,, Bobbitt Road, Bruceton, guilty, violation of order of protection, 15 days jail, 11/14 supervised probation, dismissed, aggravated stalking, violation of order of protection.

Robert J. McClerkin Holmes Mill Road, Huntingdon, guilty, meth-possession or casual exchange, 11/29 jail, to serve 30 days; 11/29 supervised probation.

Clayton Milton, Booker Street, McKenzie, guilty, meth-possession or casual exchange, \$750 fine, 11/29 sentence to serve 120 days, supervised probation; dismissed, possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication.

Nakisha A. Milton, Johnson Street, Trezevant, guilty, theft of merchandise, \$36.70 restitution, suspended sentence of 11/29, no contact with retailer.

Blake Speer, McKee Levee Road, Buena Vista, guilty, violation of order of protection/restraining order, two counts, 11/29 sentence to serve 90 days in-house VA program, no contact with victim.

Chrystal Gayle Owens, Henry Cemetery Lane, Henry, guilty, domestic assault, 11/29 supervised probation; guilty, driving while revoked due to DUI conviction, 48 hours jail; dismissed, child abuse/neglect/endangerment.

Shonda Puckett, Hillcourt Circle, Huntingdon, guilty, fraud use of credit card, \$488 restitution; dismissed, identity theft.

Blake Edward Speer, Bobbitt Road, Bruceton, guilty, meth-possession or casual exchange, \$750 fine, 11/29 sentence, to serve 90 days in house VA program; dismissed charge of drug paraphernalia.

The following cases were dismissed.

Dustin Ray Billings, Cotton Lane, Huntingdon, dismissed, aggravated assault, cruelty to animals, public intoxication.

Billy Borum, Magnolia

Avenue, McKenzie, dismissed, probation violation.

Meagan Box, dismissed, driving while suspended, failure to appear, violation of financial responsibility.

Regina Bryant, Main Street, McKenzie, dismissed, failure to appear, simple possession.

Shawn Roy, Birmingham Lane, McKenzie, dismissed, driving while suspended, simple possession, improper use of vehicle registration, unlawful drug paraphernalia.

Grace Elizabeth McMackin, Paris Pike, McKenzie, dismissed, driving while suspended, speeding.

Eric Dewayne Milton, Johnson Street, Trezevant, dismissed, schedule II drugs-cocaine, meth-manufacture, deliver, sale or possess, drug paraphernalia, violation of seat belt law.

Tierra Sniquice Parker, Park Circle, dismissed, aggravated assault.

Robert Robertson, Jr., Rolling Hills Dr., Jackson, dismissed, violation of order of protection.

Demarcus Robinson, Hamilton Street, McKenzie, dismissed, aggravated assault.

The following cases were adjudicated through pre-trial diversion.

Aliyah N. Ford,, Lexington Street, Bruceton, pre-trial diversion, assault-physical, 180 days unsupervised probation, no contact with victim.

Alexander R. Christian, pre-trial diversion, joyriding-unauthorized, 10 hours of community service.

Bradley Glenn Sheperd, Big Buck Road, Trezevant, pre-trial diversion, assault-physical, \$350 restitution, no contact with victim; vandalism, pre-trial diversion.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Protection Order Violation — A warrant has been filed against Rickey Phoncello Warlick of Atwood for allegedly violating an order of protection.

According to the report by Officer Labe Ezell, officers responded on three separate occasions on Dec. 26 to a residence on Forney Road. A female resident told officers Warlick had come to her home, beating on doors and windows and yelling. She said she had an order of protection against Warlick out of Madison County. On two occasions, officers conducted traffic stops on vehicles driven by Warlick, advised Warlick about the protection order, and warned him not to go back to that residence. Ezell called Warlick after the third incident, and when asked if he had gone back to the woman's residence, Warlick said he had been at home all day. Deputy Eric Sawyers went to Warlick's residence and spoke with him, and Warlick told him he had been at home

all day but would not provide an official statement. Sawyers felt the hood of Warlick's truck and found that it was warm as if it had been driven recently. Ezell noted that the District Attorney's Office notified him on Jan. 6 to go ahead and file a warrant against Warlick, though it had not yet been served at the time of the report.

Simple Possession — Jeremiah Moody (age and address not provided) was charged with simple possession of schedule IV (Xanax) on Jan. 11 in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Sgt. Brad Allen, he was advised by the dispatcher about a reckless driver swerving all over the road and coming into the city limits on East Main Street. Allen observed a vehicle fitting the description pulling into Pockets Convenience Store and made contact with the driver, who identified himself as Moody. Allen noted Moody appeared to be under the influence of a narcotic.

Carroll County Sheriff's Department

Multiple Charges — William Paul Beaton, 50, of 775 Dillahunt Road, Huntingdon, was charged with domestic assault, aggravated criminal trespass, unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, unlawful possession of a firearm while intoxicated, and possession of schedule VI following a Jan. 16 incident.

According to the report by Deputy Michael Sevans, deputies responded to a call from a residence on Dillahunt Road. The female victim told deputies Beaton had been inside her house and had thrown items off the kitchen table and made obscene comments toward her. She said Beaton then went outside, and she could hear him throwing items onto the driveway. She said at one point she went outside and moved her car while Beaton was inside his own nearby apartment, and after she went back inside, she heard shots being fired and heard what sounded like bullets striking the house. Upon arrival, deputies found Beaton inside his residence, where they observed a pistol on a chair, as well as other firearms inside the residence. Deputies could find no evidence that bul-

lets had struck the victim's house, but they did find four shell casings near the door of Beaton's apartment. Beaton told deputies that he had been using the pistol to shoot at bottles he had thrown onto the ground. Sevans noted that Beaton had prior felony charges out of Murfreesboro.

Court Order Violation — Melissa A. Moore, 54, of 1240 Sydnor Road, McKenzie, was charged with violating a court order granting bail following a Jan. 16 incident near McKenzie.

According to the report by Deputy Ryan Hamilton, Moore's husband contacted the Sheriff's Department saying that his wife was at his house on Highway 190 in violation of a court order. Hamilton noted in his report that Ms. Moore was arrested on Jan. 5 for aggravated assault against Mr. Moore.

DUI — Joseph Francis Wert, 23, of 660 Moss Creek Road, Cedar Grove, was charged with DUI and violation of implied consent during a Jan. 15 traf-

Property Transfers

Craig and Traci Lunn to Jonathan D. and Tonya B. Grissom-Tatroe in District 4.

Paul and Tonia McAfee to Larry and Donna Scarbrough in District 21.

Barry and Tammy Revel to Joseph A. and N. Denise Sam in District 9.

Betty R. Robison to Daniel Everett and Zaira Athziry McPeck in District 17.

Stacy and Jodi Nunnery and others to O.P.E. Corp. in District 22.

Alene F. Johnson to Mark Anthony Elsner in District 11.

Patrick C. Sr. and Patsy Ann Anthony to Laura F. Oliver in District 16.

Jo Anne Tart to Jo Anne Tart in District 1.

Robert E. and Cheriedeth Rutledge to Cory Allen Weatherbee in District 4.

Julie Lynn Stauffer to James Roger and Amber Nicole Watson.

Billy Ray Threadgill to

Tiffany Church in District 13.

Marty E. Ensley to Richard Alan Monty and others in District 8.

Donna Sue Fleenor to Christina M. and Justin A. Roberts in District 23.

Guy D. and Debra C. Grissom to Carroll Bank & Trust in District 4.

Ensley Dirtwork & Investment Properties, LLC to Johnny D. and Irma D. Quinn in District 7.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Lara Jose and Manuela Martinez.

Charles R. and Mary Jane Hutchins to Veronica and Clayton Crews in District 16.

Gayle C. Britton to Mark Mitchum in District 4.

Jason Latham to Steven and Brianna Morton.

Barry and Tammy Revel to Frank M. and Laura A. Gaber in District 17.

Barry and Tammy Revel to Jacob and Samantha

Malone in District 4.

Gary Lynn and Kay Carla McNutt to Indian Lake Property Owners Association.

Shirley Barker to Spencer Lee and Felicia Kay Brown in District 11.

Patrick Davis and others to Tiffany Church in District 13.

Tabitha and Douglas Coleman to Mark Glen and Carolyn Joyce Cary in District 11.

Robert J. Solomon to Northpointe Bank.

Zachary Devan Berogan to Robert Hughes in District 6.

Marriage Licenses

Joel Edward Hall, 38, of Hollow Rock to Casey Nichol Miller, 35, of Hollow Rock.

Asia Nicole Lewis, 21, of McKenzie to Elijah Alexander Woods, 21, of Huntingdon.

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Bids need to be turned into Carroll County Mayor's Office at 625 High Street, Suite 101 in a sealed envelope. Bids will be opened on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 2 p.m. in the conference room at the Carroll County Office Complex at 625 High St., Huntingdon, TN 38344.

Specifications of these vehicles are available in the Carroll County Mayor's Office located at 625 High Street, Suite 101, Huntingdon, TN 38344. Carroll County reserves the right to reject any/or all bids.

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CITY OF MCKENZIE

WARD 2 COUNCIL SEAT AVAILABLE

The City of McKenzie will be accepting resumes from interested applicants for the Ward 2 Council seat which is currently vacant. Interested persons in Ward 2 should submit a resume and a letter to the City Council which explains their interest in the position and how their service can benefit the City of McKenzie. Requirements for the position include: attending the regularly scheduled council meetings, workshops, and called meetings. Completing the newly elected officials' academy during the 1st year. Completing 12 hours of the Water Commission Training (TN state mandate) during the 1st year, and continuing education trainings each year.

The applicants will be voted on at the February 10th City Council Meeting, and will be sworn in at the March 10th Meeting.

All resumes and accompanying letters are due at city hall by Tuesday, February 8 at 4 p.m., 2470 Cedar Street.

If you have any questions, please call city hall – 731-352-2292.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Commissioners of Elections for Carroll County, Tennessee hereby Call the Republican and Democratic State Judicial District 24th and County Primary Elections to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, for the purpose of submitting to qualified, registered voters of said county the candidates for the following offices:

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

RONNIE J. MAXWELL,
Plaintiff,

V.

TERESA JEAN MAXWELL,
Defendant.

No. 21-DR-199

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court from the sworn petition or affidavit filed in this cause that the whereabouts of the Defendant, TERESA JEAN MAXWELL, are presently unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, so that ordinary process cannot be served upon her. Therefore, this Order of Publication should be published in The McKenzie Banner newspaper located in McKenzie, CARROLL County, Tennessee, as the best possible notice to the Defendant under the circumstances.

Defendant, TERESA JEAN MAXWELL, is hereby required to appear and file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the CARROLL County Chancery Court, CARROLL County Courthouse, 22 Main Street, Huntingdon, Tennessee, or otherwise defend against the Complaint for Divorce, and to serve an answer to said petition by January 27, 2022, which is thirty (30) days from the last day of publication of this notice, and send a copy of said answer to Howard F. Douglass, Attorney for Plaintiff in this cause, whose address is 42 South Main Street, Lexington, Tennessee, 38351, or default judgment will be entered against the Defendant, TERESA JEAN MAXWELL, and this cause set for hearing in the Chancery Court of CARROLL County, Tennessee, sitting in the CARROLL County Courthouse in Huntingdon, Tennessee, ex parte as to Defendant, TERESA JEAN MAXWELL.

If there is no answer, a hearing on Plaintiffs' motion for default shall be heard on February 3, 2022 at 9 a.m. Failure to answer or appear may result in granting a divorce to the Plaintiff.

Entered this the 18th day of January, 2022.

Vicki H. Hoover, Chancellor

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

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Ellis Retires from Maddox Insurance

MCKENZIE — After almost 50 years in the insurance business, Beverly Ellis has retired. She worked with Maddox Insurance for the past 24 years.

“I have decided to hang it up. I have loved every minute of it, but now it is time for family. I started in insurance when my daughter Susie started school,” said Ellis.



Beverly Ellis

Her first job was with Bobby McDonald, who taught her to type. He was partners with the late WA Mitchell in a McKenzie insurance agency. She also worked with the late Max Manley Agency and the late Bill Vawter when they needed her. That was followed by a 20-year stint with Ted Coleman at State Farm.

Ellis worked with Bob Bouldin Real Estate after attaining her affiliate broker real estate license. Few women were in the industry and she said she felt like a woman in a man's world. It was the clients who made her know she was in the right business!

When the late Web Maddox decided to expand Maddox Insurance to McKenzie, she said she did not know him, but relied on a positive recommendation from Shirley Nanney and Pete Smith

of Pete's Body Shop.

While working for Maddox Insurance, Ellis and her husband, Garland, were able to travel to places she had only previously dreamed of. She said the trips were certainly a long way from her childhood home of the Stafford Store Community and the associated cotton and okra patch.

In her retirement, she and Garland will continue to operate the cattle operations at Ellis Angus, just outside of McKenzie along with her booth at McKenzie Antique Mall.

Mrs. Ellis concluded, “I will miss all my customers, but I will see you around town. So this isn't goodbye. I'll see you later!”



First Alumni Game Draws Good Crowd

BY JIM POTTS
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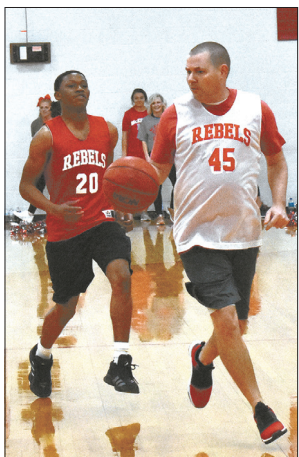
A good group of McKenzie basketball alumni players and cheerleaders going back to 1995 participated in an Alumni basketball game sponsored by the McKenzie Rebounders Club. A good crowd witnessed a competitive contest ending in a 46-46 tie.

The Alumni cheerleaders included Amber Owen, Courtney Kee, Stacie Warman, Heather Moore, Beth Mathis, Carrie Cross, Anna Moore, and Ashley

Taylor.

The alumni were split into two teams with former Rebel coach Larry Joe Smith coaching one team and Lady Rebel Alumnus Sandi Roditis coaching the other team.

Team Smith players included Josh Kee, Anna Trull, Josi Webb, Braden Nanney, Brandon Baucum, Preston Henderson, Jonathan Moore, Micah Austin, and Lazarick Hill. Team Roditis included Wendy Allison, Bridget Neisler, Tyree Owens, Dejour Edmonson, Mason King, Lu-



Top, Alumni players and cheerleaders who participated in the Alumni Game. Above left, Alumni cheerleaders Anna Moore, Courtney Kee and Amber Owen. Above right, Josh Kee (45) brings the ball up the court.

cas King, Brandon Hill, Cameron Kee, and Beau Brown.

A three-point shooting competition was held in between the two halves with a lot of participation. Beau Brown won the contest.

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West Carroll Splits with Dresden

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West Carroll played host to Dresden in a non-district matchup on Tuesday, January 18.

Dresden 61, West Carroll 36

The girls' contest was close in the first half but the second half was a different story. The Lady Lions opened the game with an 11-4 lead in the first half of the opening period. The Lady Eagles played stronger in the final minutes of the period closing it to 18-15 by the end of the period.

West Carroll took a 20-18 lead early in the second period and extended it to 23-18 before Dresden came back to tie it 23-23 with three minutes left in the period. The Lady Lions hit back-to-back three-pointers to take a 29-23 lead and went into halftime

with a 29-24 lead.

Points were hard to come by in the second half for West Carroll as Dresden opened up a 36-26 lead in the first two minutes of the third period. They managed only five points in the third period trailing 43-29 at the end of the third period.

Dresden outscored West Carroll 18-7 in the fourth period to finish the 61-36 win.

Erin Norman led the Lady Eagles with 12 points followed closely by Mia Jones with nine points and Amaya Thompson with eight points. Kymbriana Ross had four points while Kelsey Holmes had two points and Jayden Radar chipped in a point for West Carroll.

Dresden was led by Lucy Curry with 14 points, Maggie Oliver with 13 points, and Paisley Pittman with 12 points for the Lady Lions. Bella Bone added six

points while Kaylee Jarred and Haylee Jarred had five points each. Emma Ubycaster, Allie Spaulding, and Keely Mathis chipped in two points each for the Lady Lions.

West Carroll 104, Dresden 52

Fans in the Eagle's Nest got treated to a rare feat in the boys' game with West Carroll scoring 104 points in regulation. Their shooting percentage was completely off the charts with nearly every shot they put up going in.

The first period saw the War Eagles build a 24-14 double-digit lead by the end of the period. They burned the nets in the second period outscoring the Lions 34-10 to lead 58-24 at halftime.

West Carroll's starters came out during the first two minutes of the third period but it certainly didn't slow the War Eagle scoring as they outscored the Lions 33-16 to post a 91-40 lead heading into the final period. Both

teams continued clearing their benches during the last period with the War Eagles edging the Lions 13-12 during the period to finish the win.

West Carroll placed four in double figures led by Jalen Anglin with 33 points followed by Josh Clark with 21 points while Andrew Huff had 19 points and JaQuan Adkins had 10 points. Xander Moon had five points while Jaden Taylor, Riley Duncan, and Will Murray all had three points each. Andre Aloff, Will Robinson, and Izaia Clark chipped in two points each for the War Eagles.

Steven Hobock and Trey Adams led Dresden with 17 and 12 points respectively. Nick Turnbow and Garrett Johnson added four points each while Chandler Turnbow had three points. Raymond Johnson, Reese Bell, Tristan Jett, Mark Maddox, Maconnell Forbess, and Casey Melton all chipped in two points for the Lions.

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