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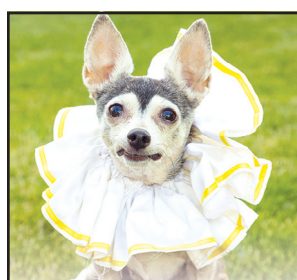
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"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

— Martin Luther King, Jr.



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May, August Elections Candidates Set

BY JOEL WASHBURN

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HUNTINGDON (Updated February 17) — The February 17 noon deadline has passed for the 2022 elections for the local political offices, including 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. The winners in the May

Democrat and Republican primaries advance to the August General Election.

The final list of candidates includes the following. If candidates choose to run in the party primary, then their names appear on the May ballot. A 'D' or 'R' indicates the candidate is running in the May primary as either a Democrat or Republican, or 'I' for Independent.

Carroll County General Sessions Judge - Larry Logan (R), Michael King.

Circuit Court Judge - Part 1 —

Brent Bradberry (R), the lone candidate to qualify.

Circuit Court Judge - Part 2 — Terry Leonard (R), Vance Dennis (R), Bruce Griffey (R).

Chancellor — Vicki Hodge Hoover (R). The lone candidate to qualify.

District Attorney General — Neil Thompson (R), Matthew Stowe (R).

Public Defender — Robert "Tas" Gardner (R), the lone candidate to qualify.

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HIGHWAY 79 EXPANSION



West Carroll Jr./Sr. High School is in the background of the new roadbed for US 79 (SR76) bypassing Atwood and Trezevant. The road will cross Highway 70A between West Carroll Jr./Sr. High and the West Carroll Special School District Board of Education office.

Construction on Atwood, Trezevant Bypass Continues

ATWOOD (February 20) — Development of the roadbed for the U.S. 79 (SR 76) highway bypassing both Trezevant and Atwood continues. After more than 20 years of the proposed construction work has begun, beginning with the razing of structures and removal of trees and other objects that are in the path of the U.S. 79/State Route 76 bypass around Atwood and Trezevant.

Motorists can now see homes removed along State Route 70A for the

new road near West Carroll Junior/Senior High School in Atwood as the new roadway will bypass downtown Atwood. Also, homes near Power Station Road in Trezevant are removed to accommodate the new roadway as it bypasses downtown Trezevant. A contract was awarded to Delta Contractors at a cost of \$29,734,482.50 to perform grading, drainage, construction of a concrete box bridge and noise wall along a new route from Cades-Atwood Road in Gib-

son County to east of State Route 77 in Carroll County. Estimated completion date is May 31, 2025. The project along State Route 76 (US 79) in Carroll County involves widening and realignment of the existing roadway for approximately 12.6 miles. Due to the size of the project, the proposed improvements have been divided into

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Lonestar Performs to Sold-Out Audience at The Dixie

HUNTINGDON (February 19) — The 16th season of The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center is truly 'sweet 16.' The talented artists continue to fill the Hal Holbrook Theater with appreciative audiences. The season has brought eclectic talent from comedy to top musical artists. Lonestar follows a string of highly talented performances such as Tab Benet, Sister Hazel, Triumphant Quartet, Robert Earl Keen, Henry Cho, Diamond Rio, Forever Motown. Coming in March is Brian Owens and Soul Tour and later by Hotel California.

Last Saturday, the audience enjoyed the sounds of Lonestar, who is releasing a 'new' album



An encore performance to remember — Lonestar rocked the house in their closing song to the great delight of the audience at The Dixie. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

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Carroll County Audit Reveals Six Adverse Findings

NASHVILLE — The office of the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury identified six adverse findings when it released the audit of the County of Carroll for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

The findings are mostly inadequate procedures and do not indicate any misappropriation of funds.

The findings indicate four in the County Mayor's office, one in the Trustee's Office and one in the Clerk and Master's Office.

The Mayor's Office had an expense item that exceeded the budgeted amount authorized by the county commission, which should have addressed the issue through

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Weakley County Election Candidates

Chancellor
27th Judicial District
William M. Maloan (I)
Circuit Court Judge
27th Judicial District
Jeffrey W. Parham (R)
District Attorney General
27th Judicial District
Colin Johnson (I), Adam P. Nelson (R), Robert R. Young (Rusty) (R)
General Sessions Judge
Thomas L. "Tommy" Moore (I)
Juvenile Court Judge
James H. Bradberry (R)
Public Defender
27th Judicial District
William Kenneth Randolph (R)

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Henry County Election Candidates

MAY ELECTION
Chancellor
24th Judicial District
Vicki H. Ainley (R)
Circuit Court Judge
24th Judicial District PT 1
Brent Bradberry (R)
Circuit Court Judge
24th Judicial District PT 2
Dennis Vance (R), Bruce I. Griffey (R), Terry J. Leonard (R)
County Commissioner District 1
James A. Eichel (R), Ricky L. Wade (R)
County Commissioner District 2
Jeffrey E. Baker (R), Fern T. Robbins (R), James Ralph Wiles (R)

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2021 Year In Review

May 18 Single-Engine Aircraft Crashes At Airport

MCKENZIE (May 15) — Authorities are investigating a single-engine plane crash near Carroll County Airport on Saturday around 4:45 p.m.

Carl Blevins of Henry County was piloting the experimental, locally assembled aircraft departing runway 1 when the propeller partially broke off, leaving the aircraft unbalanced and yawing to the east.

The I-40 Mississippi River Bridge is Closed to Traffic

On May 11, 2021, a mechanical fracture was discovered during a routine inspection of the I-40 Mississippi River Bridge, also known as the Hernando DeSoto Bridge. The fracture, or crack, is in a steel support beam that is critical to the structure of the bridge.

May 25 Governor Lee, Commissioner Rolfe Announce Hydro- Gear to Open New Manufacturing Facility in Carroll County

HUNTINGDON (May 18) — Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe, Hydro-Gear officials, and Brad Hurley of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce announced Hyrd-Gear, a power equipment drive systems manufacturer, will locate a new operation in Carroll County. The announcement came Tuesday, May 18 at the Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center as an audience of more than 300 looked on.

Gleason Opens New Police Station

GLEASON (May 23) — Sunday afternoon proved to be a monumental transition for the City of Gleason and the improvements for its police department with the opening of the new department building. Since 1963, when Gleason's City hall was built, the police department has operated out of one small office.

Three Retire From McKenzie Schools

MCKENZIE (May 19) — McKenzie teachers honored the long-term service of three career educators who retired on Wednesday, May 19. Randy Thomas, assistant principal at McKenzie High School, Roxie Walker, math teacher at McKenzie Middle School, and Larry Joe Smith, coach and teacher at McKenzie High School.

June 1 McKenzie School Board to Discuss Budget, New Multi- Purpose Building

MCKENZIE — A new multi-use facility and painting the exterior of the McKenzie Elementary School are two items on the Thursday, June 10 agenda of the McKenzie Special School District Board of Education. During the meeting, the board is expected to adopt a tax rate and the budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Enhanced Early Retirement Discussed for Sheriff's Deputies

HUNTINGDON (May 26) — Members of the Carroll County Budget and Law Enforcement committees heard a proposal about the "bridge plan" for Peace Officers Standards and Train-

ing (P.O.S.T.) Commission certified law enforcement officers to retire with extra benefits for those between the age of 55 and 62.

June 8 McKenzie Blaze Under Investigation By TBI

MCKENZIE (May 29) — A suspicious fire at a rental property is under investigation by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

The McKenzie Fire Department received a report of a residential fire at 2:40 a.m. Saturday at 451 Magnolia Avenue. The rental property is owned by Jimmy Boaz and occupied by Gabrielle Garner.

West Carroll Announces New Principal, Administrators

ATWOOD — It was a larger-than-usual audience at the West Carroll Special School District Board of Education meeting on Thursday, June 3 at the West Carroll Junior/Senior High School cafeteria. Attendees were there, some to voice their concerns over the school district's recent change in the director, and resignations of principals, coaches and teachers.

Two Bethel Students Compete in Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant

JACKSON — Two Bethel University students and their iris princesses are competing in a premier scholarship pageant next week in Jackson, Tennessee. Local contestants include Bethel's Emma Martin and Jayne-Shaye Bailey in the Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant, and McKenzie's Bella Batton and Kinsley Wilson in the Little Miss Tennessee Volunteer and Pre-Teen Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageants. Emma and Jayne-Shaye competed in preliminary pageants and earned the privilege of competing with young ladies from across the state. They will also compete against McKenzie Bryant, a recent graduate of Bethel University. Bryant is a native of Houston County.

June 15 Three Generations At Spivey Eye Clinic

MCKENZIE — Dr. Brooke Spivey, the oldest daughter of Dr. Scott Spivey, began her practice at Spivey Eye Clinic on 45 Hospital Drive in McKenzie last month, making her the third-generation Spivey to join the business, after her dad and her grandfather, Dr. A.L. Spivey III. Brooke, a 2014 graduate from McKenzie High School and a 2017 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, graduated with her doctorate degree from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis this May.

Veterans Park Flag Pole Rededicated

MCKENZIE (June 11, 2021) — The City of McKenzie rededicated the flag pole at Veterans Park in Downtown McKenzie to the late James L. Washburn on Friday. In attendance were Mayor Jill Holland, McKenzie Industrial Board Director and Chamber President Monica Heath, Daniel Hollowell of Maddox Insurance along with Washburn family members; Ramona Washburn, Jeff and Jennifer Washburn, Joel and Teresa Washburn, and Britany and Jason Martin.

June 22 Huntingdon Man Sentenced for the Murder of TDOC Administrator

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TY (June 14) — Curtis Ray Watson, 44, formerly of Huntingdon, pleaded guilty on nine criminal counts relating to the 2019 murder of Tennessee Department of Corrections Administrator Debra Johnson. Watson was sentenced to life in prison without parole plus 25 years for other charges connected to the crime.

Holston Gases Is Expanding To McKenzie

Holston Gases announces it is expanding operations to McKenzie. A press release indicates the Knoxville-based company is expanding to McKenzie, Lexington, South Carolina and Greenwood, South Carolina.

The company recently acquired real estate at 25655 Highway 22 adjacent to D&D Service Center in McKenzie and Kyle Robertson, the manager of the Clarksville location, will be the manager.

Randy Frazier Honored With Gymnasium Rename

GLEASON (June 3) — The Weakley County School Board unanimously approved a proposal to officially name Gleason's gymnasium floor "Randy Frazier Court" to honor the former head coach's career and accomplishments. The new name will be incorporated into the new court design in advance of the 2021-2022 school year.

June 29 Former Newspaper Publisher Dies

Ramona Washburn, longtime owner and publisher of The McKenzie Banner and the Dresden Enterprise, died Monday June 28, 2021 at her home in McKenzie. She was 88 years old.

Mrs. Washburn was born October 1, 1932, to James Shobe Kemp and Lillie Mae Chapman Kemp. She was born in Weakley County and attended Henry School. She later earned her GED and attended the area state vocational school majoring in office occupations.

McKenzie Convenience Store Robbed

MCKENZIE (June 26) — On Monday, June 26, 2021 at 2:20 a.m., Pocket's Convenience Store in McKenzie was robbed at gunpoint. No one was injured during the incident.

Huntingdon Approves Budget, Bids Farewell to Councilman

HUNTINGDON (June 22) — The Town of Huntingdon Board of Mayor and Council gave second and final reading to the 2021-22 fiscal year budget on Tuesday with no increase in the \$1.2487 per \$100 assessed value of property taxes. In the Water and Sewer budget, the Council authorized a 3.6 percent increase in rates consistent with the Consumer Price Index. Councilman Kelly Eubanks and Carl Byars voted against the budget. Councilman Tim Tucker was honored with a presentation of a plaque upon his resignation from Mayor Dale Kelley. Tucker also resigned his position on the Board of Education of the Huntingdon Special School District.

County Democratic Party Holds Picnic In the Park

HUNTINGDON (June 26) — The Carroll County Democratic Party hosted a picnic at the Carroll County Sesquicentennial Park in Huntingdon on Saturday with food and entertainment.

Several local and regional members of the party attended including: Don Farmer and Callee J. Moran, Tennessee Democratic Party (TNDP) representatives for district 24; Jimmie Sue Staten, Carroll County chairwoman; Gary Wygant, Gibson County chairperson; Natalie M. Porter, Carroll County Register of Deeds; Ginger House, West Tennessee Vice President of the Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women; Debbie Swacker, Madison County Democratic Women; Neal D. Williamson, national president of the Webb Alumni Association; Jerry Slaton, Obion County chairperson; Caroline Ideus, Weakley County chairwoman; Deane Arganbright, former Weakley County chairperson; Gus Radford, former District Attorney; and others.



The McKenzie Chamber of Commerce's coffee event at Bobby Gee's Diner. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Bobby Gee's Hosts Chamber Coffee

MCKENZIE (February 21) — Bobby Gee's Diner hosted the meet-and-greet coffee for the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce on Monday, February 21. Cindy and Bobby Gaylord own Bobby Gee's, located at 131 South Main. The diner is known for its 50s and 60s theme, including photos of old cars and other memorabilia. The diner hosts drive-in events for classic cars.

During the coffee, Chamber members and their guests enjoyed socializing, discussing business, and meeting new friends.

Monica Heath, Chamber director, said she was pleased with the attendance and thanked the Gaylords for their hospitality.



Cindy Gaylord, owner of Bobby Gee's, and Sandra Arnold of Arnold CPA.

Representative Tandy Darby to Speak in County

State Representative Tandy Darby (R-Greenfield) is the featured speaker at "Capitol Talk" hosted by the

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

The event is Friday, March 4, 8 a.m. at the Car-

roll County Civic Center. Persons interested in attending should RSVP to the Chamber at 731-986-4664.

Boot Scootin' Bow Wow at the Barn

The Carroll County Humane Society is hosting the annual Bow Wow at the Barn on Saturday, March 5 at The Venue at Waddell Place in McKenzie, 6-11 p.m.

The Double Edge Band will perform for your listening and dancing enjoyment along with Poot's BBQ Food Truck. A silent auction will be held also.

Tickets are \$10 per person in advance and include a free drink ticket or \$10 per person at the door. Advance ticket sales are available through March 2.

Best Boots, Best Dancer and Best Couple Contests. Wear your best boots and get ready to dance your socks off at this Boot Scootin' event. Call 731-352-9950 or email cchstn@gmail.com for more information.

McKenzie Rotary, Moore Fund Donates To Project Help, United Neighbors

MCKENZIE (February 15) — The trustees of the Fannie Baxter Moore Fund, a trust administered by the McKenzie Rotary Club, donated \$1,000 to Project Help, a fund to assist customers of Carroll County Electric who find themselves unable to pay their utility bill. The trust fund also donated \$1,300 to Carroll County United Neighbors, located in McKenzie. The trust requires the

funds be used to provide financial assistance to 'worthy, needy' people in McKenzie. Carroll County Electric will identify the McKenzie recipients of the Moore Fund money. Tennessee Valley Authority will match the funds.

Project Help provides relief on countians' electric bill in a partnership with Tennessee Valley Authority and many local donors, who contribute through the partner

non-profit agency, Huntingdon Ministerial Alliance. Persons can apply through the Electric Department's Project Help.

Carroll County United Neighbors assists persons in need by providing a food pantry, free or low cost clothing, and other assistance. The funds will be used to hire part-time help at the office.

Miss McKenzie Pageants Are March 12

The annual Miss McKenzie Pageants are coming up on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the McKenzie High School Auditorium. The pageant is a decades old tradition sponsored by the McKenzie Band Boosters featuring exciting changes for this year. The changes include adding two new age groups which means

more opportunity to win a crown.

The categories include Mini Miss McKenzie ages 4-5, Little Mr. McKenzie ages 4-9, Little Miss McKenzie ages 6-9, Junior Miss McKenzie ages 10-12, Teen Miss McKenzie ages 13-15, and Miss McKenzie ages 16-18.

General Admission: \$10 for

all pageants up to Miss McKenzie competition, \$10 for Miss McKenzie Competition or \$15 for an All-Day Pass.

For COVID precautions, masks will be encouraged but not required. If feeling ill on the day of the pageant, please refrain from participating for the safety of guests and contestants.



Jambalaya

- 2 tablespoons peanut oil, divided
- 1 tablespoon Cajun Seasoning
- 10 oz. Andouille sausage, sliced into rounds
- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 small green pepper, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (16oz.) can crushed Italian tomatoes
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon file powder
- 1 1/4 cups uncooked white rice
- 2 1/2 cups chicken broth
- Heat 1 tablespoon peanut oil in a large heavy Dutch oven over medium heat. Season the sausage and chicken pieces with Cajun seasoning. Sauté sausage until browned. Remove with slotted spoon, and set aside. Add 1 tablespoon peanut oil, and saute chicken pieces until lightly

browned on all sides. Remove with a slotted spoon, and set aside.

In the same pot, saute onion, bell pepper, celery and garlic until tender. Stir in crushed tomatoes, and season with red pepper, black pepper, salt, hot pepper sauce, Worcestershire sauce and file powder. Stir in chicken and sausage. Cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Stir in the rice and chicken broth. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer for 20-25 minutes, or until liquid is absorbed.

Country Turnip Greens

- 3/4 pound salt pork or bacon diced
- 4 1/2 pound fresh turnip greens, trimmed
- 1 1/2 cup water
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- In a Dutch oven, cook salt pork until lightly browned. Drain, reserving 2 tablespoons of drippings. Stir the remaining ingredients into the reserved drippings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 45 minutes or until greens are tender.

Country-Style Green Beans with Red Potatoes

- 1/2 pound smoked turkey tails
- 2 (14.5oz.) cans green beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 10 small red potatoes, peeled and cubed

- 1 tablespoon seasoned salt
- 2 teaspoons ground black pepper

1 tablespoon garlic powder
Place the turkey tails and onion in a 4 quart Dutch oven and fill half way full with water. Season with salt, pepper and garlic powder. Bring to a boil, then cover and simmer over low heat until meat falls off the bones, about 2 hours. Remove the bones and skin; return the meat to the pot. Discard bones and skin.

Add the green beans to the Dutch oven and simmer for 20 minutes, then add the potatoes. Simmer for 10 to 15 minutes more, or until they can be easily pierced with a fork.

Southern Fried Cabbage and Bacon

- 1 head cabbage
- 1 pound thick cut bacon
- 1 onion
- 2 cloves chopped garlic
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Cut bacon into bite size pieces and Fry in a medium heat until brown and crispy. Remove bacon and leave grease from bacon in pan. Place onion and garlic in the pan and fry for 1-2 minutes. Chop cabbage into bite size pieces. Place cabbage in the pan along with spices. Stir and cook on medium heat for 5-7 minutes or until cabbage is tender. Stir bacon back in the pan and mix with cabbage. Serve and Enjoy.

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Elections

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Court of Appeals — John Everett Williams, incumbent, (retention vote only).

Governor - Bill Lee (R) , Dr. Jason Martin (D). Deadline for candidacy is in April for this office.

Tenn. House - District 76 — Tandy Darby Deadline for candidacy is in April for this office.

Tenn. House - District 79 — Brock Martin. Deadline for candidacy is in April for this office.

County Mayor — Joseph Butler (R), the lone candidate to qualify.

County Commission District 1 (elect 3) — Patrick Lindsey (R), Randy Long (I), Frank Casteel (I), Jimmy Halford, Jr. (I), Darrell Ridgely (I).

County Commission District 2 (elect 2) — Bertha Taylor (D), Daniel Lee Willman (R), Lana Suite (I).

County Commission District 3 (elect 2) — Larry Spencer (I), Joey Simmons (I), Will McMackin (I).

County Commission District 4 (elect 2) — T. Richard Goodwin (I), Hal Eason (I), Donald Finch (I), Daniel J. Thomas (I), Lin Smith (I).

County Commission District 5 (elect 3) — Joey Darnall (R), Barry Mac Murphy (I), Cyril Ostiguy, (R), RaKaya Humphreys (I).

County Commission District 6 (elect 2) — Jimmy D. McClure (I), Philip E. Moore (I).

County Commission District 7 (elect 2) — Virginia Ginger House (D), Manuel Crossno (I), Walter Smothers, Jr. (I).

County Commission District 8 (elect 2) — Willie Huffman (I), and Jay Phipps (R).

County Commission District 9 (elect 3) — John Austin (I), Jason R. Martin (I), Spiros Roditis (I).

Assessor of Property — Rita Jones (I), the only candidate to qualify.

Trustee — Paula Bolen, (I), the only candidate to qualify.

Sheriff — Tim Pratt (R), Andy Dickson, (I).

Circuit Court Clerk — Sarah Bradberry. (R) the only candidate to qualify.

County Clerk — Darlene Kirk, (I), the only candidate to qualify.

Register of Deeds — Natalie McCullough Porter (D), Harold. T. Smith, Jr. (I).

Road Supervisor - District 1 — Ricky Scott (R), the only candidate to qualify.

Road Supervisor - District 2 — Michael Kyle (I) and Ronnie Wade (I).

County School Board - District 1 — Mike Foster (I) the only candidate to qualify.

County School Board - District 2 — Deborah Broadbent (I), the only candidate to qualify.

County School Board - District 3 — Charlotte Tucker (I), the only candidate to qualify.

Hollow Rock - Bruceton - 16th Civil Dist. — Brandy Boyd (R), the only candidate to qualify.

HR-Bruceton At Large — April Hampton (I), the only candidate to qualify.

HR-Bruceton 15th — Michael Graves, (I), the only candidate to qualify.

HR-Bruceton 17th — James Holder (I), Vicki Brown, (I).

Huntingdon School Board (elect 2) — Kennedy White, Clark White, Clay Nolen, RaKaya Humphreys, all independents.

McKenzie School Board (elect 4) — Renee Hobson, Bobby Young, George Cassidy-, LaShonda Williams, Spiros Roditis, all independents.

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

West Carroll - Old County — Patrick Lindsey (R), Betty Wallace (I), Jared Mims (I).

West Carroll - Old Atwood — Keith Murray, (I), the only candidate to qualify.

West Carroll - Old Trezevant — Kelly M. Weaver, (I), the only candidate to qualify.

Clarksburg Mayor — Howell W. Todd.

Clarksburg Aldermen (2) Judy Grant Smith and Barbara McClure.



Maya Angelou Becomes the First Black Woman to Be Featured on US Quarter

January 10, 2022, the U.S. Mint announced the first shipment of quarters featuring the iconic writer, poet and civil rights activist Maya Angelou on the “tails” side of the coin. This first phase of the American Women Quarters Program made Maya Angelou the first black woman to appear on a U.S. quarter.

Maya Angelou, author of the widely-acclaimed 1969 memoir I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, was widely recognized as part of the civil rights movement. She worked alongside fellow activists such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. Angelou was the first black poet to write and read a poem at a presidential inauguration. She read “On the Pulse of Morning” at President Bill Clinton’s 1993 inauguration. Among many of her awards are the 1994 Spingarn Medal, the 2000 National Medal of Arts, and the 2011 Presidential Medal of Freedom, all won before passing away in 2014.

Maya Angelou is the first in a series to commemorate female American pioneers. Starting in 2022 and ending after 2025, the U.S. Mint issues five quarters per year to honor women in fields including women’s suffrage, civil rights, abolition, government, humanitarianism, science and the arts in what is called the “American Women Quarters Program.”

Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, is featured on February’s new quarter. In spring, a quarter featuring Wilma Mankiller,



first female principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, will drop. Later in the year, quarters will be released of Nina Otero-Warren, a leader in New Mexico’s suffrage movement, and Anna May Wong, the first Chinese-American film star in Hollywood.

On her quarter, Maya Angelou is depicted with her arms uplifted, in front of a bird in flight and rays of sunlight streaking from behind her. In an official statement, the U.S. Mint said the sculpting was “inspired by her poetry and symbolic of the way she lived.” The coin was also inspired by I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, her autobiography written about growing up in the Jim Crow South.

While Maya Angelou is

not the first woman to be featured on the quarter (Hellen Keller appeared on Alabama’s state quarter in 2003, and Iowa’s 2004 state quarter depicted a female teacher), she makes history as the first black woman to be on the coin.

On the flipside, the United States Treasury Department’s plan to replace former-president and slave-owner Andrew Jackson with abolitionist Harriet Tubman was pushed back to as late as 2030 under President Trump’s administration.

Angelou’s coin, with a portrait of George Washington remaining on the “heads” side, began shipping the week of January 10.

Lonestar

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of music entitled “TEN to 1.”

The award-winning band— Dean Sams (keyboards, acoustic guitar, background vocals), Michael Britt (lead guitarist, background vocals), Keech Rainwater (drums) and Drew Womack (lead vocals, guitar)—are taking a fresh look at all 10 of their chart-topping country songs.

This streak started in 1996 with the band’s second single, the rock-edged “No News,” which describes a man left bereft (and confused) when his girlfriend suddenly disappears, and the following year’s tender “Come Cryin’ to Me” and “Everything’s Changed.” The band’s quadruple-platinum 1999 album Lonely Grill spawned four No. 1 hits (including the beloved global smash “Amazed”) and established Lonestar as music’s preeminent pop-country band—a status they’d maintain through the 2000s and beyond, thanks to songs full of energy and creative lyrics (“What About Now”) and (“Mr. Mom”), along with heartfelt messages and soaring melodies (“I’m Already There”).

With these re-recordings, the band members were mindful of striking a balance between preserving the sonic elements fans were familiar with—and not repeating them. “It was a high wire act trying to figure out how to change it a little bit and not throw people off too much,” Britt says. “I’ve seen bands that when they do the big hits that I know, and they change it up too much, I feel disappointed. I think people want to sing along—the vocal melody is what people really are latching onto the majority of time.

“That’s what was in everybody’s minds when we were trying to come up with different arrangements, was trying to keep the vocal

melody true,” he continues. “Don’t change it so much that people go, ‘That’s not even the same song.’”

As a result, many of Lonestar’s re-recordings have merely cosmetic updates and changes. “Mr. Mom” is “a little bit more country-sounding,” Britt says, while Sams created some loops for “Smile” to “make it more modern-feeling, and have a little more motion,” he says. “It’s a little bigger-sounding than what the original record is. We kept most of the songs pretty close to the originals, but with just more updated, modern sounds.”

The changes to “Amazed,” meanwhile, reflect the power ballad’s status as an exclamation mark during concerts. “Since it’s usually the biggest part or finale of the show, we’ve made it a little bit more bombastic,” Britt says. “We didn’t want to change it so much as just to make it more epic.”

TEN to 1 reflects the ways Lonestar’s hits have evolved over the years during the band’s rousing, high-energy concerts. For example, Britt improvised a guitar solo in the studio for the new version of “Tell Her,” just as he’s done live in the last few years. Adds Sams: “His vocals are soulful. What I love about him is that you feel every word that he sings, which is probably the biggest compliment I can give. He has this really unique way of attaching himself to the lyric of the song and making the audience that is listening to him feel what he is feeling. It’s a gift.”

Lonestar’s roots date back to the early ‘90s, when Sams originally moved to Nashville from his native Texas intending to be a solo artist. However, after a few months, he realized that he was better suited for a band and recruited Britt and Rainwater. Lonestar found success out of the gate with their self-titled 1995 debut, which spawned the hit “Tequila Talkin’” along with “No News.” Other honors soon

followed: The band has won many of music’s top honors, including Academy Of Country Music awards for New Vocal Group in 1996, and Single and Song Of The Year in 2000, along with Humanitarian Of The Year in 2002. They also won Country Music Association’s Vocal Group of the Year and International Artist Achievement award in 2001. All told, Lonestar have sold more than 10.5 million records since their formation.

Sams and Womack have already started writing new songs together, which has been a hugely positive creative experience. “We jelled very quickly,” Sams says. “When something feels comfortable, it really makes the creative process much more enjoyable and fun, and it actually doesn’t feel like work. Drew is such a positive person and he fits in with me, Michael and Keech so much. And there’s just this newfound energy and life that we haven’t had for some time.”

And so as Lonestar looks toward a big career milestone—the band is celebrating 30 years in 2022—and the release of TEN to 1, they are full of gratitude for what they’ve accomplished already, and excited about what the future holds. “People that we used to look up to back in the day—like the Rolling Stones, Boston, and even bands like Alabama—they’re older than us,” Rainwater says. “We look up to those people as like the senior class. But now we are sort of the senior class that people seem to look up to and ask questions about and ask for our expertise.”

Adds Sams: “It’s amazing that we’re still standing and putting on great shows after all these years. The fans are still coming out to our shows night after night, to see us and hear our music. That’s almost 30 years of touring, and I can’t tell you how grateful I am—and I’ve never once taken it for granted.”

Weakley

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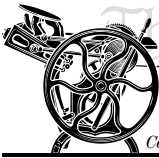
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The Carroll County Neighbors, Part VII

TREZEVANT

Trezevant was founded in the year 1857. A large camp was located there to build the Louisville and Nashville railroad which was not completed until 1859. The town was first called the Trezevant Switch for a civil engineer, Mr. Jim Trezevant, from Memphis. It has been said that he drove a stake into the ground and said, "This shall be Trezevant." The railroad company purchased the land from the Whites. The first railroad agent was Mr. Milton Hart. The first telegraph operator was A.G. Love who took office in 1889. Some of the depot agents were Bob Smith, a Mr. Holbrook, and J.J. Ryan who was followed by Frank Grimbble. Grimbble was the last regular agent before the depot was torn down.

The first postmaster was James B. McClaren who took office in December 1859, just after the post office was completed. The first post office was a small frame building facing the railroad.

The first business house was a blacksmith shop operated by Jimmy Newbill. It was said that he had the only well in town and everyone went to his well to get a drink of water. In the earlier blacksmith days, a Mr. Collier did the woodworking for the blacksmith on the wagon and buggy wheels.

Much of the land around Trezevant was owned by the White and Marshall families. A deed shows the land was granted to Mr. White by Governor Carroll before 1886.

One of the first businesses was the general store owned by Abe White with Bob Denton. Galloway and Burns owned a furniture and hardware store. Bailey and Richard Moore were merchants, as were Hill and Marsh. Nat Barksdale and John Abbot were merchants. Dan Smith was a blacksmith, while Charlie Smith made buggies. Jimmie Newbill also was an implement dealer.

Soon after the completion of the railroad in 1859, business houses and residences began to spring up. Also, among the early businesses of Trezevant was the U.L. Collins store, a beautiful frame building located near what is now the highway crossing where the City Hall is now located. This building was painted yellow and white and was of very ornate design and trim. The upper floor was used for dry goods and the lower floor housed a saloon that handled all kinds of liquors. Collins also built a frame home on the same lot as the store.

The Hurt Hotel was where the H.I.S. Garment Factory was located. It was operated by Isaac Argo and his wife. Near the hotel was a general store known as Terry, Patton, and Love. Moore Brothers were later merchants and

owned a very large store. They later moved this store to McKenzie and were known as The Moore and Burns Store. The Adams brothers moved into the building the Moores vacated.

The Jeff J. Blanks Store was founded in 1887 in an old frame building with the front porch supported by four posts. Construction was soon begun on a single-room brick building that also faced the railroad.

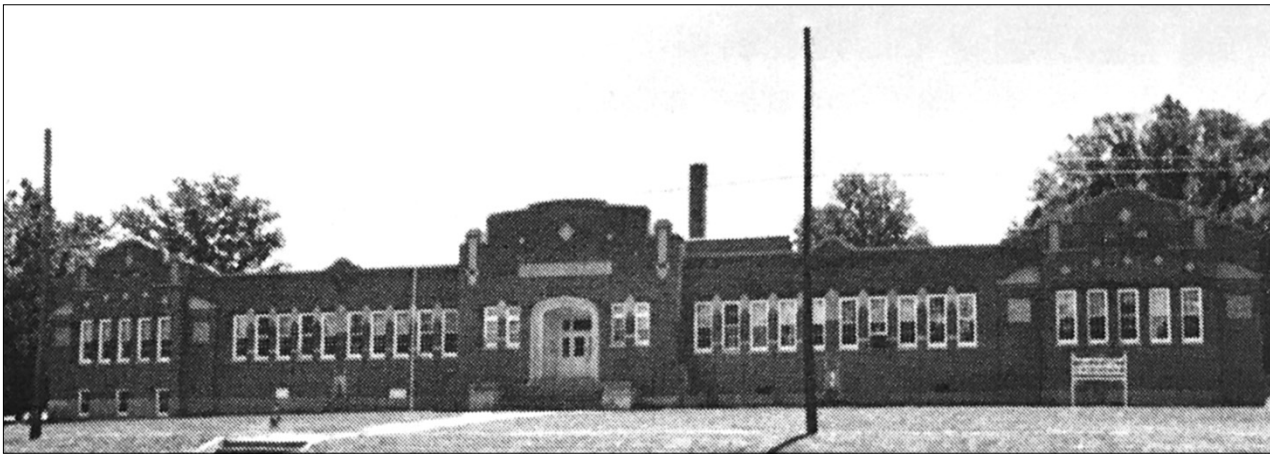
The Jeff J. Blanks Store was advertised as "The largest country store in the world" and this was disputed several times. It held this title after visits by the doubters. In some cases of doubting the fact. An exchange of photographs was made and descriptions of the store brought this doubt to an end. The store's slogan was, "We sell everything. Cash or Credit. We clothe you when you're born. We feed you while you are living and we bury you when you die." To carry out the slogan. The store consisted of these different departments on the ground floor, Each in separate rooms: drugs, men's furnishings, dry goods, shoes, groceries, and hardware.

A bank was known as People's Bank was located in the back of the shoe department with W.G.. (Billie) Quinn as the cashier. The second story was divided into three large departments which housed buggies and harnesses and furniture. The full-sized basement was used for farming implements and wagons. An elevator was at the back of the hardware department which was used to deliver the heavier merchandise from one floor to the other. Mr. Blanks also sponsored a baseball team known as the Blanks Reds. They traveled to many nearby towns in the area and were known to be one of the best baseball teams in the state.

Eddie Bryant was the undertaker for some time with Edd Green as his assistant. The two hearses were housed in the barn located near town. One hearse was used for white clients and one was used for black clients. Edd Johnson's Livery Stable was located on the property that's Paul's Poolroom. He supplied the team that pulled the hearses.

Charlie Graves pumped the town's water into an open reservoir which was located by the railroad tracks. Before the pump, the citizens used board wells. A barbershop and Hays Grocery were also located on what is now the town square. There was a three-story flour and grist mill, as well as a foundry. The foundry molded plows that were known as Trezevant Plows; John Ray Killebrew owned the business.

In 1912 the foundry's name changed to Blanks, Hurdle, Woods, and Sparks. A chick-



Top, Trezevant High School built in 1929. Above, Jeff J. Blanks Store began as single room building before expanding to taking up an entire city block. Below, Trezevant's first industry, the Coop Factory was the only one of its kind in the south. Pictured (L to R) seated: Dick Weatherford, Jackson Stafford, Bailey Blaylock, Irby Albright. Standing: Harry Williamson, Claude Akin, Neal Akin, Mike Smithson, Willie Akin and Luther Akin, foreman.



en coop factory was owned and operated by Mr. Goodwin. It stood near the water tank and was the only of its kind in the entire south.

The first rural mail delivery route out of Trezevant was promoted and organized by Monroe Walker, with him being the first carrier. This was Route 1 and Mr. Walker went by Republican Grove toward Hollyleaf where he met Tommy Rochelle with his mail from Bradford. They exchanged mail somewhere nearby.

The first bank in Trezevant was called The Bank of Trezevant. The bank was operated by Bill Ware and Romney. It closed in 1913. A.A. Argo had sold his store in the Hollyleaf Community when he came to Trezevant and organized in 1913 with Mr. Harmon Smith, present-day Centennial Bank. In 1932 The Peoples Bank was purchased by Argo and Smith.

In 1911 the town was incorporated and Bob Argo became the town's first mayor. In 1913, the first water system was put into operation. Irby Albright was the first plumber.

The first school in Trezevant was taught in a small building on the southeast corner of the lot where the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church now stands. This was about 1858. After the railroad was completed and a depot was built, about 1866, the school was conducted in it. Mrs. Millie Woolens taught and was followed by Mrs. T.R. Wingo.

In 1873, Mrs. Woolens taught here again and was assisted by Mrs. Mattie Patton. Mr. Claude Bell was later principal and conducted a special school. The school ran for nine months, from September through May, and was a subscription school. The public school lasted for

only three months each year, from December through February. During the free school term, the school was so crowded with extra pupils that an extra teacher was needed.

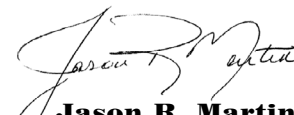
In 1879 or 1880 some leading citizens of Trezevant secured a charter for the school by a petition signed by the citizens which stated that no whiskey or alcoholic beverages were to be sold within four miles of a public school in any direction. This was called "the four-mile law."

As the saloons were located here before the school, there was much opposition to this petition, but the charter was granted. The Rev. Silas P. Jones served also as the school's principal. About this time the Rev. R.W. Norton, another Baptist minister, was principal.

Professor Ben Malone was principal of the school before 1888. Professor A.L.G.

Wells was principal. Some of the early teachers were: Mrs. Lou Jones, Miss Fay Jones, Mrs. Nola Wingo, Mrs. Fostina Wingo McMackins, Miss Maureen Hillsman.

(The research for this article came from History of Carroll County, Tennessee, 1886.)



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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Making Up For Lost Time

I used to sit by the telephone waiting for it to ring. Mostly to no avail. Apparently, no one in our house was very popular.

And on the rare occasion when it did ring, it was most always someone from the church wanting Mom to make a bowl of potato salad for a wake, an anniversary dinner or a visiting evangelist. I can tell you from experience eight year olds didn't hardly ever get a phone call in 1955.

But with no TV, not much on the radio when the St. Louis Cardinals weren't playing and dark had forced you inside, boredom rose up like a giant sea creature seeking whom it might devour. A loud ringing of the telephone was a welcome interlude...that came way too seldom.

There were nights I'd pick a fight with Leon, knowing I was going to get beat up, just to have something to do!

By high school I would get a call once in a blue moon. But mostly, the guys would just come by the house. And girls didn't call you at all. Never! It was some kind of rule they had back then that made it illegal!

Then I went off to college and the only phone in the dormitory was way down at the other end of the hall. And you had to pay to use it!

Then we had two sons. And I'm telling you, by the 1990's this whole "who is calling whom" thing had completely flipped! We never knew if the church needed Cathy to make a bowl of potato salad because one of the boys was always on the phone!

Part of that "tie up" was due to the fact that somehow, when I wasn't paying attention, it had become legal for girls to call boys.

Then Josh and Jess went off to college. And Cathy and I got our phone back. But nobody called. Our family and friends had gotten so many busy signals, they had given up! The only time it rang now was one of the boys needing money...

I had long ago resigned to the fact that I was just not destined to be a "called" man. But that's alright. We've got a TV set now... with ESPN and a Western Channel.

Boy howdy, just when you think you've got a handle on things, life throws you a curve! I had 31 calls yesterday; personally wanting to speak to me.

The first one was from Billings, Montana. A lady named Anne, with a decided Pilipino accent, wanted me to know that the extended warranty on my vehicle was about to expire. I interrupted her to tell her about Dad spending most of 1945 in the Philippines.

I was regaling her with stories about the 486th Anti-Aircraft Division when we lost our connection. I figured it must have been some bad weather in Billings.

Two minutes later I got a call from Wheatland, Oklahoma. It was a nice young man named Tim, also with a Pilipino accent. He was selling life insurance policies. Naturally, I let him know right quick that I wasn't interested in buying anything that I had to die to collect...

But I did ask Tim if he knew that Will Rogers was from Oklahoma. I got to telling him about Will's trip to Argentina. And how well

he could rope and ride. And how Will loved to fly in airplanes—

We somehow got cut off before I could get to Will's acting career.

I'd barely gotten back to my Randolph Scott movie before the phone rang again. This one was from Allentown, Pennsylvania. And you won't believe this, it was another car warranty call.

I told Jane I'd already spoken to Anne; and then asked if she'd ever been to Pittsburg. I was telling her about seeing Roberto Clemente play at old Forbes field years ago, and how Bill Mazeroski's homerun won the 1960 World Series when the line went dead.

I had one call from Name Unavailable. It turned out to be Elliot from Moses Lake, Washington. I didn't find out why he was calling. I immediately began quizzing him about the lake, and what kind of fellow was this

Moses guy...

Listen, I had nice people calling me from Linden, New Jersey, Covington, Indiana, Elk Rapids, Michigan, Silver City, Iowa, Gulf Breeze, Florida, Wheeling, West Virginia, Yankton, South Dakota...

I finally got one from Bells, Tennessee. I didn't give him a chance to sell me anything. That's just 48 miles from where I grew up! I played baseball in Bells. I wanted to know if Bob's Burger was still in business. Did he know my Uncle Frank who lived just up the road in Trenton? Had he ever been to McKenzie?

The nice young man told me Bob's was indeed still open; he didn't know Uncle Frank; and he said he only knew one thing about McKenzie...it was the boyhood home of Leon Colbert...

Respectfully,
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Obituaries



DONNIE STEWART 1938 — 2022

MCKENZIE — Services for Donnie “Worm” Ray Stewart, Sr., 83, were Monday, February 21, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home with Brother Gene Price officiating. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Stewart, a retired truck driver for Akin-Porter Produce in Greenfield, Tenn. for 43 years, died Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at Baptist Memorial Hospital Carroll County in Huntingdon. He was born on October 13, 1938 in Martin, Tennessee to Roy Lee and Mabel Tennessee Moore Stewart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sons Roy Lynn Stewart and Donnie Ray Stewart, Jr., his sister Joyce Stewart Jones, and his brother, Billy Stewart.

Survivors include his wife, Lynda Pate Stewart of McKenzie, his daughter, Deidrea Kay Mathis of McKenzie, seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers for Mr. Stewart were Spencer Stewart, Steven Stewart, Chance Norden, Colt Norden, Jerry Baucum and Jerry Burcham.

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

BEVERLY JEAN MAST 1937 — 2022

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Beverly Jean Mast were Friday, February 18, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Mast, 84, died February 15, 2022 at the residence of her granddaughter Summer (Michael) Champion and great-granddaughters, Savannah Hill, Bailey Hill and Kaleigh Champion.

She is a retired nurse’s aide, greeter at Hardee’s and was the oldest member of her church, Overflow. She was born in Elgin, Illinois to Alfred and Inez Russie Rankin on December 14, 1937.

She is survived by her children Penny (John) Sherrill of Paducah, Patsy (Terry) Traywick of McKenzie, Steve (Melissa) Garriott, Johnny (Lisa) Garriott, and Kevin (Cindy) Garriott, all of Murfreesboro, Jim (Brenda) Garriott of Sycamore, IL, Brian (Jamie) Garriott of McKenzie and Derrick Garriott, twenty grandchildren, Summer Champion, Billie Mogan, Nicole Davidson, Megan Morgan, Zachary Morgan, Dustin Garriott, Carter Traywick, Matthew Garriott, Breona Garriott, Mykal Garriott, April Harper, Kimberly Jones, Josh Garriott, Jeremy Garriott, Kristy Garriott, Mark Garriott, James Garriott, Heather Ballard, Andrea Garriott and Jennifer Garriott and 29

great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Richard Mast, two sisters Karen Claussen and Shirley Rankin and a brother Gail Rankin. Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. +



RALPH WORK 1932 — 2022

MCKENZIE — Mr. Ralph Larry Work, 89, of McKenzie, Tennessee died Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at Baptist Hospital of Huntingdon.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Brian Oakes and Bro. Jacob Harris. Interment followed in Pinegar Cemetery in Dukedom.

Pallbearers who served were Lynn Brandon, Kevin Work, Brent Work, Colby Brandon, Justin Fowler, Frank Brandon, and Charles Moon.

Mr. Work was born October 23, 1932 in Dukedom, Tennessee, to the late Willie and Jackie (Mills) Work. He worked as plant manager in distribution for H. I. S. Company and he was a Korean War Veteran in the Army. Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by his first wife, Sue Work, a son, Steven Work and grandson, Rowdy Brandon.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Brandon Work, four sons, Kevin Work (Audra), Brent Work, both of Hollo Rock, Lynn Brandon (Rita) of Atwood, Frank Brandon (Clara) of Jackson, two daughters, Angie Proffitt (Frank) of Rogersville, and Cindy Gateley of Humboldt. He also leaves seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home-Huntingdon. +

ALICE DALE FREEMAN 1925 — 2022

MCKENZIE — Services for Alice Dale Freeman, 96, were Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home with Brother Raymond Towater officiating. Interment was at Carroll Memorial Gardens.

The family received friends on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 from 1 p.m. until service time.

Mrs. Freeman, a former clerk for Woolworth’s Department Store and later worked at the Milan Arsenal, died Saturday, February 12, 2022 at AHC of McKenzie, formerly McKenzie Healthcare Center. She was born on April 23, 1925 in Decatur County, Tennessee to James Richard and Hattie Mae Dennison Mitchel. She was Baptist in faith. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Lloyd W. Freeman.

Survivors include nieces and a nephew, Rhonda Jones, Nita Dennis, Cathy Kay Embry, Debbie Buchanan, Alice Gail Esch and Carl Esch. Pallbearers for Mrs. Freeman were Ryan Dre-

wry, Shannon Drewry, Logan Drewry, Casey Drewry, Wayford Washburn, Jr., and Jerry Drewry.

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

JAMES HILL 1962 — 2022

GLEASON — Graveside services for James William Hill were Saturday, February 19, 2022 at Gum Springs Cemetery, Cunningham, Tenn.

Mr. Hill, 59, died at Henry County Medical Center on February 14, 2022. He was born in Fort Campbell, Kentucky on September 2, 1962 to Samuel and Ida Fuerhardt Hill.

He is survived by his mother, Ida Hill of Gleason, three sisters, Nancy Taylor and Katherine (Terry) Nix all of Cunningham and Susan (Mike) Franks of Memphis and Sam Hill, Jr. of Dresden.

He is preceded in death by his father, Samuel Hill and brother, Leonard Hill.

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.

WENDELL ‘JOHNNY’ BOYD 1940 — 2022

BUENA VISTA — Bro. Wendell W. “Johnny” Boyd, 81, of Buena Vista, Tennessee, died Monday, February 14, 2022 at Baptist Hospital in Huntingdon.

Funeral services were Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Jeff Bryant and Bro. Phillip Gulleddge officiating. Interment followed in Jamison Cemetery.

Pallbearers who served were Logan Boyd, Caleb Boyd, Peyton Boyd, Noah Hampton, Nick Douglas, Matt Dretzka, Cody Knuutila, and Michael Baker.

Mr. Boyd was born September 10, 1940 in Westport, Tennessee, to the late Holbert and Hattie Lee (Brackins) Boyd. He served as a minister for several Missionary Baptist Churches for 51 years, served in the National Guard for eight years. His favorite hobbies included coon hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family and friends. Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by five brothers, Clarence Tyler Boyd, Howard Leon Boyd, Alton McKinley Boyd, Lyndell Odell Boyd, Bendell Ray Boyd, three sisters, Alice Mae Knuutila, Betty Jean Sanders, and Hattie Sue Crossett.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Charlie Mae Turner Boyd, one daughter, Virginia Ann Douglas (Gary) of Huntingdon, one son, Jerry Wayne Boyd (Shirley) of Westport, two sisters, Jo Helen Noel of Huntingdon, and Minnie Lee Howell of Westport, six grandchildren, Hope Dretzka (Matt), Nick Douglas (Kaitlyn), Logan Boyd (Julia), Caleb Boyd (Leah), Faith Douglas, Peyton Boyd, six great grandchildren, Reagan Dretzka, Willow Douglas, Neo Douglas, Shiloh Douglas, Greyson Boyd, Jerry Sorrelli. He also leaves many nieces and nephews, three special

fishing buddies, Michael McLean, Roger Hollowell, Paul Boyd, and one special hunting buddy, Michael Renfroe. Chase Funeral Home - Huntingdon. +

RONALD JORDAN, JR. 1976 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Ronald “Ron” William Jordan, Jr., 45, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Monday, February 14, 2022 at Baptist Hospital of Huntingdon.

Funeral services were Thursday, February 17, 2022 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Andrew Stokes officiating. Interment followed in Carroll Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Jordan was born December 25, 1976, in Huntingdon to Ronald W. Jordan, Sr., and Sue Jones Jordan. He was an electrician.

Along with his parents, he is survived by his wife, Britni Jordan, one daughter, Elizabeth Jordan, two sons, Eli Jordan, Ethan Jordan, a sister, Lynne Hildrich, mother and father-in-law, Leishia and Jimmy Castleman, and a grandmother, Joann Jordan, all of Huntingdon. Chase Funeral Home - Huntingdon.

CHARLES McALEXANDER 1948 — 2022

LAVINIA — Mr. Charles Andrew McAlexander, 73, of Lavinia, Tennessee died Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at his home.

Graveside funeral services were Saturday, February 19, 2022 at Pleasant Hill Cemetery with Bro. Steve Martin officiated.

Mr. McAlexander was born April 9, 1948 in Cedar Grove, Tennessee to the late Thurman Andrew McAlexander and Martha Jane (Kizer) McAlexander. He was also preceded in death by two sons, Jeffery McAlexander, Marty Nunley, one daughter, Destiny Pritchett and one brother, Richard McAlexander.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Rhonda (Forrest) McAlexander, one daughter, Nancy Pruitt of Cedar Grive, one son, Bobby McAlexander of Trezevant and one sister, Virginia Rhea of Lavinia. He also leaves five grandchildren, Andrew McAlexander, Ryan McAlexander, Emily Haley, Hunter Pruitt Clowie Nursery and three great-grandchildren, James Nursery, Michael Haley and Maddie Haley. Chase Funeral Home-Huntingdon.

MAXINE ALLEN 1944 — 2022

Mrs. Maxine Cobb Allen, 77, died Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at White House Healthcare and Rehab.

Funeral services were Monday, February 21, 2022 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Ron Cox officiating. Interment followed in Trezevant Cemetery.

Mrs. Allen was born May 16, 1944 to the late Thomas “Jack” and Margaret (Powell) Cobb. Besides her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Paul Franklin Allen.

She is survived by two sons, Mitchell Darrin Allen (Tobey) of Nashville, Victor Don Foster of Huntingdon, a stepson, Gary Allen of Huntingdon, two sisters, Christine Dickson of McK-

enzie, and Jolene Cox of Trezevant. She also leaves six grandchildren and three great grandchildren, Enzo, London, and Adeline. Chase Funeral Home.

CHARLOTTE BRISENDINE 1943 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Charlotte Diane Brisendine, 78, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Sunday, February 13, 2022, at her daughter’s home in Horn Lake, Mississippi.

Funeral services were Friday, February 18, 2022 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment followed in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Brisendine was born June 1, 1943 in Sunflower County, Mississippi to the late Elzie Lee and Lavelle (McDaniel) Sanders. Other than her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Ralph Brisendine, one daughter, Cynthia Townsend, one brother, Gordon Sanders, two sisters, Lillie Mae Thompson and Gertrude Sanders.

She is survived by a daughter, Sandra Halliburton (Scott) of Horn Lake, Mississippi, three sons, Authur Brisendine (Myra) of Pueblo, Colorado, Andrew Brisendine of Southaven, Mississippi, Ralph Duane Brisendine (Nikki) of Olive Branch, Mississippi, a son-in-law, Brent Townsend of Camden, two sisters, Helon Smith of Teoc, Mississippi, Willie Gregory (Farris) of Fulton, Mississippi, two brothers, Tommy Sanders (Joyce) of Bartlett, and Anthony Sanders (Nancy) of Clarksdale, Mississippi. She also leaves fourteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

FRANK REZAC, JR. 1967 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Frank Rezac Jr., 55, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at his home.

Funeral services were Monday February 21, 2022 in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

Mr. Rezac was born January 19, 1967 to the late Frank Rezac, Sr. and Sharon Moore Rezac.

Mr. Rezac is survived by

his wife, Kim Rezac; two daughters, Kayci Rezac and Lindsey (Ryan) Crouch, both of Huntingdon, Tennessee; one brother, Scott (Dyan-na) Rezac of Colorado; and three grandchildren.

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

VIRGINIA DAVISON 1928 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Virginia May Davison, 93, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were Saturday, February 19, 2022 in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was in Carroll Memorial Gardens. Brother Doug Sellers officiated.

Mrs. Davison was born June 24, 1928 to the late Oscar May and Verdie Allen May. She was preceded in death by her husband Doyle Davison.

She is survived by one son, Carlton (JoAnn) Davison of Huntingdon; two grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and step-great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

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

RANDY BUTLER 1961 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Randy Kent Butler, 60, of Huntingdon, died Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at his home. A memorial visitation will be scheduled at a later date.

Mr. Butler was born April 20, 1961, in Huntingdon, Tennessee, to Wayne Ezell and Kathleen Isabell (Joyner) Butler.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerry Butler, Sammy Butler, and two sisters, Betty Green and Jean Hamlin.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Wanda Butler, a daughter, Tiffany Sellers (Trent) of Cedar Grove, a son, Treinity Butler (Kelly) of Bruceton, two sisters, Mary Lynn Redden (Dan) of McKenzie, and Paula Harris of Parsons. He also leaves four grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

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FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHILI COOK OFF

First Cumberland Presbyterian-McKenzie is hosting a Chili Cook Off on Saturday, February 26, 5 p.m. at the church at 16835 Highland Dr. Church teams will compete for the designation of the favorite chili.

SUMMER BASEBALL, SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS

McKenzie Summer Softball and Baseball sign-ups are February 26 at McKenzie City Hall, 9 a.m. to noon.

MCKENZIE SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

McKenzie Senior Citizen Monthly Add-a-Dish Luncheon for seniors 55 and older at McKenzie Senior Building 172 S Main St. is February 24, 2022 at noon. Guest speaker is Will Record Clinic, direc-

tor for Dynamix Therapy in McKenzie. Seniors surrounding area are welcome. Bring a dish and join us.

CARROLL COUNTY ELECTION MEETING IS FEBRUARY 22

Carroll County Election Commission meeting, Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 6 p.m. in the Election Office at 625 High St., Suite 113, Huntingdon. Commissioners are continuing preparation for the May 3, 2022 Primaries.

COUNTY'S PERSONNEL, BUDGET COMMITTEES TO MEET

Two Carroll County government meetings are this week.

Personnel Committee, February 24, 9 p.m.

Budget Committee, February 24, 10 a.m.

Both are at the Carroll County Office Complex, High Street, Huntingdon, in the Conference Room. The public is invited to attend.

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McKenzie Youth Baseball Jamboree is April 10

McKENZIE — McKenzie Youth Baseball kicks off its 2022 season on Sunday, April 10, 1 p.m. at McKenzie Park on Como Street.

The Jamboree starts with the opening pitch by Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler. There is one more chance

to register to play this season. Sign-ups are at McKenzie City Hall, Saturday, February 26, 9 a.m. to noon.

University of Tennessee Extension Service To Offer Master Beef Class

The University of Tennessee Extension Service- Carroll County is offering the Master Beef Course for 2022 on Saturday, March 5 and Saturday, March 26, 2022. The March 5 class is at the Exhibit Building at the Carroll County Fairgrounds. Registration is 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Lew Strickland, UTIA Extension Vet will talk about reproduction and calving problems. Tori Marshall, UT Farm Manage Agent will cover beef economics, Dr. Forbes Walker, UTIA will talk about livestock feed-

ing systems and Justin Hargrove, Benton Co. ANR Agent and Kenny Herndon, Carroll Co. ANR Agent will cover pasture weed control and Fall Armyworm scouting and control.

On March 26, the class will travel to Cox Farms in Holladay, Tenn. A low-stress handling demonstration will occur, Herd Health will be discussed with Dr. Kevin Cox, a discussion on current issues in the beef industry and a presentation on meat cuts, cooking methods and marketing freezer beef will

be part of the day. After lunch the group will tour Buckaroo Slaughterhouse. Lunch will be provided both days.

Cost for the program, including lunch and materials, is \$125.

To register or if you have any questions, please contact the U.T. Extension Office- Carroll County at 731-986-1976 by Friday, March 4.

The University of Tennessee Extension Service offers its programs to all eligible participants and does not discriminate.

Area District Tournament Roundup

BY JIM POTTS
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District 12A Tournament At Perry County

The District 12A Tournament got underway Saturday, Feb. 12 with a pair of play-in games. Frank Hughes defeated Bruceton 50-46 in girl's action. Clarksburg won the boys' play-in game defeating Bruceton 72-64.

In girl's semifinal action Monday, Feb. 14, West Carroll's Lady Eagles defeated Frank Hughes 57-33 while Perry County rolled Clarksburg 77-39. West Carroll's War Eagles drilled Bruceton 94-46 in boy's semifinal action Tuesday, Feb. 15 while

Perry County defeated Frank Hughes 68-55.

The Lady War Eagles faced Perry County for the District 12A title on Friday, February 18 losing 51-41. In the Consolation game, Frank Hughes defeated Clarksburg 59-32.

The War Eagles faced Perry County for the 12A Boys District Championship on Friday, February 18 winning a tight game 69-63 while Bruceton defeated Frank Hughes 67-53. (see related story)

District 13A Tournament at UTM

Bradford's Lady Red Devils defeated South Fulton 43-35 in a play-in contest on Monday, February 13 while Greenfield's Yellowjackets

stung South Fulton 46-40 in a play-in game on Tuesday, February 15.

In semifinal action, Greenfield's girls defeated Bradford 68 - 45 while Dresden girls defeated Gleason 49 - 44 setting up a Bradford-Gleason consolation game and a Greenfield-Dresden championship game on Monday, February 21.

In boys action, Bradford defeated Greenfield 55-33 while Dresden defeated Gleason 51-48. This set up a consolation contest between Greenfield and Gleason while the District Championship will be between Bradford and Dresden on Tuesday, February 22.

TSSAA Changes Football Schedules

Football fans will see a change in high school football schedules in 2022 and possibly in the future after the TSSAA Board of Control unanimously passed a new rule in which TSSAA staff

will assign a Thursday night game to all schools in 2022. This decision comes at a time when the state officials association says it has enough referees to work games but has issues from a safety standpoint. According to association staff, many older officials that previously

worked the clock were asked to officiate on the field in 2021 to fill referee crews.

The initial plan involves the TSSAA moving a minimum of 20 games per week to Thursday nights in 2022. The TSSAA staff will choose which games are moved to Thursday to make sure enough contests are moved in the correct parts of the state each week. Schools will be informed by mid-march if they have a game that is moved and when that will be. In 2021, the TSSAA had 152

games played where the referee association that handles the game didn't have a crew that could work it on Friday night. The new plan will be unveiled at the June Board of Control meetings.

Thursday games will cost teams a practice day and will affect middle school football teams who typically play on Thursdays.

A proposal for football scheduling in future years will be presented at the next TSSAA board meeting.



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In the story "McKenzie Basketball Celebrates Senior Night" published in The

McKenzie Banner on February 15, 2022. Senior Lady Rebel Manager Anna Robinson is the 17-year old daughter of Jennifer Burlison and the late David Robinson II. The sentence should have

read, "Senior Lady Rebel Manager Anna Robinson is the 17-year old daughter of Jennifer Burlison and the late David Robinson II." The Banner regrets the error.

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BY BRITTANY MARTIN banner@mckenziebanner.com

February is a time to recognize and pay tribute to all the contributions people of color have made to society. It's Black History Month, but history isn't black or white and it isn't just confined to one month out of the year. History is constant, it's being made every moment of every day; and we are all a part of it. Black history is American history. Without Black inventors from our past, we wouldn't have many of the conveniences we enjoy today like blood banks, gas masks, pacemakers, three light traffic

lights, refrigerated trucks, golf tees, clothes dryers, potato chips, peanut butter and more. Great minds and people come in all colors, shapes and sizes. The pursuit of equality, allowed these great minds access to the critical tools needed to advance America in technology, in the space race and into modern day. There are several movies and documentaries available that convey the stories of "hidden figures" from history. However, Black history is more than a list of achievements. It's a reminder of our past and hope for the future. It's understanding that in our shared humanity we find more similarities than differences. And in our small communities, we rely on each other. Our friends, neighbors, classmates and people that smile at the grocery store are all daily reminders that life is better in full color. The Banner interviewed local citizens for this special edition in an effort to highlight the hidden figures in our area. Thank you to the people who shared their stories; and thank you to the local businesses and organizations that made this edition possible.

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WILLIE
HUFFMAN

Willie Huffman was born the youngest of six children to Ruben and Lennie Huffman in Henry. His first year of education was in the all-black school of Central High School in Paris. In second grade, schools in the South had desegregated and he attended Henry School in downtown Henry and in 1977, graduated from Henry County High School in Paris, where he graduated in a class of over 300 students. He then attended Bethel College in McKenzie, a school with an enrollment of about 500 students in the four-year school where he graduated in 1981. He advanced his education at Austin Peay State University, where he earned his master's degree in 2012. Huffman started his career as a student recruiter at Bethel and advanced to assistant director of admissions. He started at the State Area Vocational Technical School, where he worked as student counselor and in financial aid. He transferred to the sister school in Paris, where he advanced to vice-president of the school under the direction of Dr. Brad White. In March of 2021, Huffman was appointed to be the president of Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Paris and McKenzie. Huffman has been vice president of TCAT Paris since 2007 and a staff member at TCAT-Paris and its sister school, TCAT-McKenzie, since 1988. He succeeded Dr. Bradley White, who retired as president of the colleges March 31, 2021 after 44 years of service as an instructor, counselor and administrator. White had been president since 2006. Tennessee College of Applied Technology Paris.



Huffman was one of two finalists for the presidency selected by a search advisory committee. Both candidates participated in an online campus interview and public forum March 11. TBR Chancellor Flora W. Tydings recommended Huffman's appointment to the board after reviewing input from the campus community and conducting final interviews. The board unanimously approved Huffman. Huffman and wife, Gloria have two grown children, Bryan and Heather and two grandchildren. Willie and Gloria are members of the Greater Enon Baptist Church, McKenzie. He has served in the McKenzie Lions Club, Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Henry County Chamber Board of Directors, is a graduate of Leadership Carroll County, and WestStar, and was elected to the McKenzie City Council, Carroll County Commission, and was appointed to the Carroll County 911 Board, McKenzie Housing Authority, and the McKenzie City Board of Zoning Appeals.

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was the first in her family to be free-born. At age 14, to escape both her oppressive working environment and the frequent mistreatment she endured at the hands of her brother-in-law, Sarah married a man named Moses McWilliams. On June 6, 1885, Sarah gave birth to a daughter, A'Lelia. When Moses died two years later, Sarah and A'Lelia moved to St. Louis, where Sarah's brothers had established themselves as barbers. There, Sarah found work as a washerwoman, earning \$1.50 a day — enough to send her daughter to the city's public schools. In 1907 Walker and her husband traveled around the South and Southeast promoting her products and

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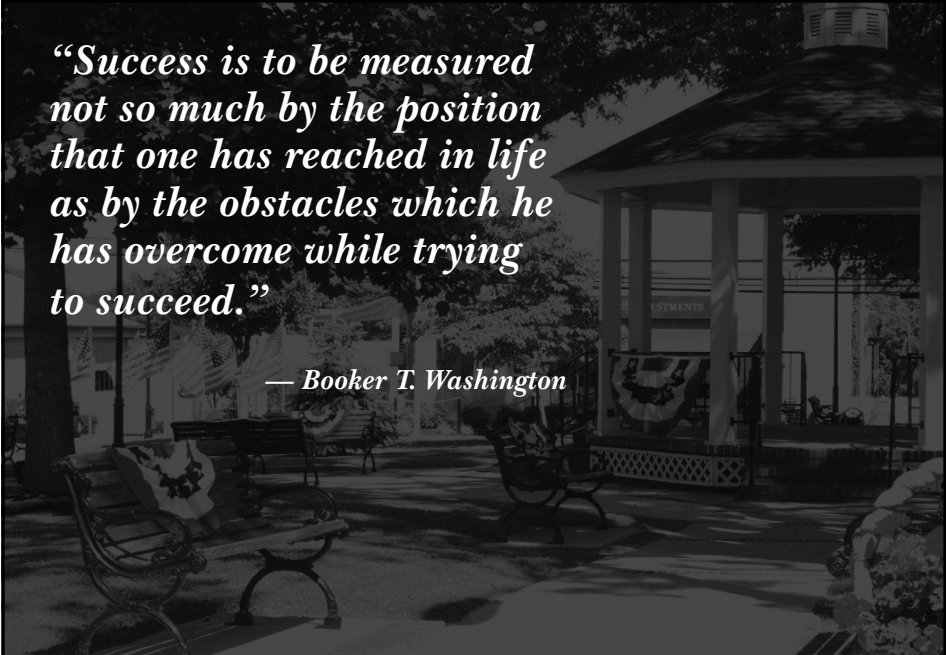
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LaShonda Williams from Trezevant, Tenn., is the daughter of late Army veteran Oscar Lee Williams. After graduating from West Carroll High School in 1998, LaShonda moved and found her first job in McKenzie. She followed her sister, Josephine Milam, and, though having “strong Wingo hearts,” they both fell in love with the city.

She began her career as an entrepreneur selling Rainbow Air Cleaners. Twenty-eight years later, she still works for the company, but not at the same capacity as she once did. Today, much of her focus goes to her self-made nutrition stores.

LaShonda Williams opened Lakeway Nutrition in Paris, Tenn., July 3, 2020, and she never looked back. She opened Mayfield Nutrition in August of the same year, and she transferred ownership of the store to her nephew in July 2021.

LaShonda opened Pomona Nutrition in June 2021, and she opened Stewart County Nutrition July 26, 2021. Stewart County Nutrition was named Business of the Month in January 2022.

While owning three nutrition stores, LaShonda Williams also has several businesses “under her,” meaning she profits off of their stores without owning and operating them. Paducah Nutrition, a store under her, opened in August 2020.

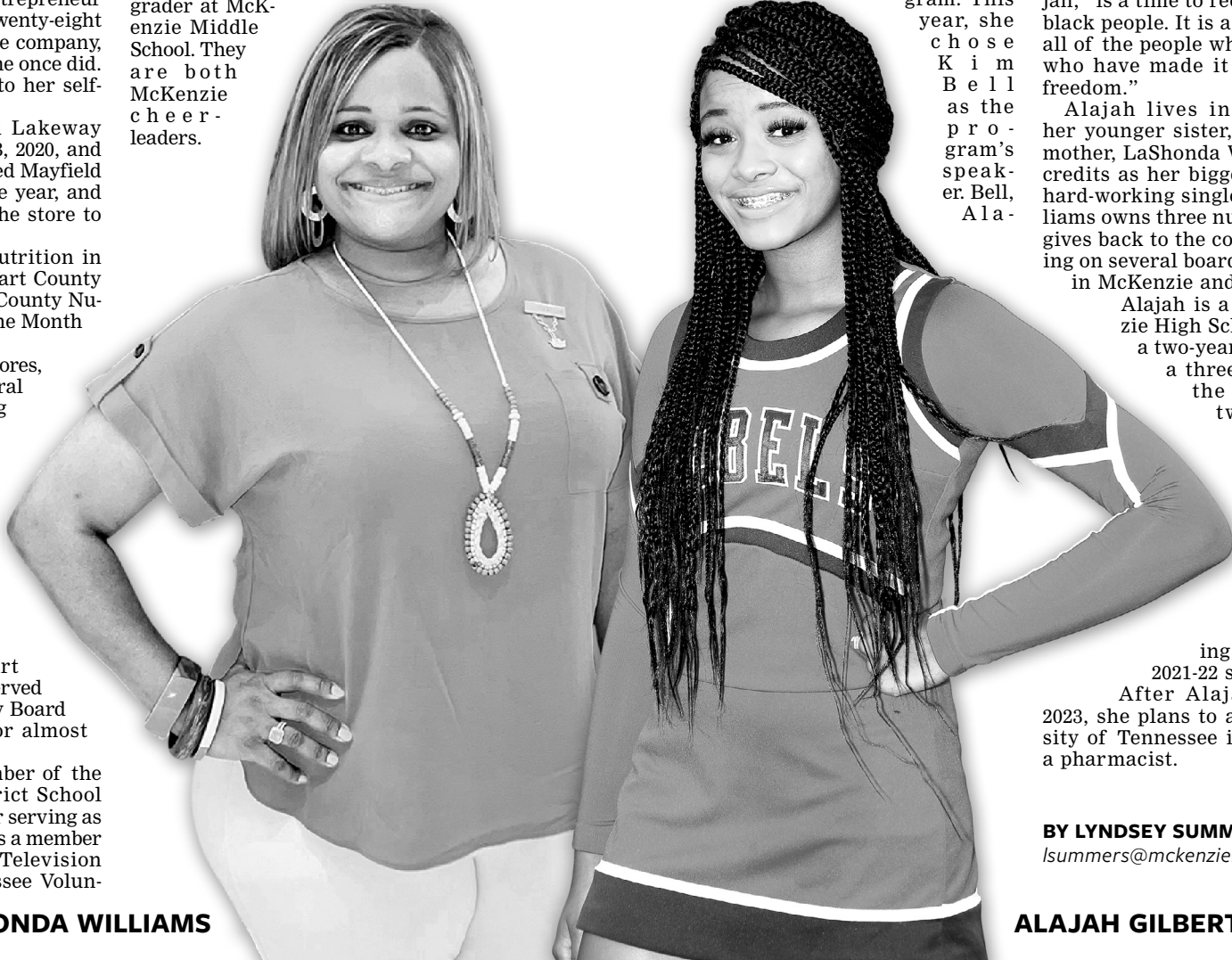
LaShonda Williams is an entrepreneur with a passion for volunteering. Serving and giving back to others is one of her primary goals.

In the past, she served on the Northwest Tennessee Head Start Board for nine years, and she served as president of the Pan Advisory Board for McKenzie Middle School for almost seven years.

LaShonda is a four-year member of the McKenzie Special School District School Board, and this is her second year serving as vice chairman of the board. She is a member of the West Tennessee Public Television Council (PBS), the Miss Tennessee Volun-

ter Board, and the Henry County Hospital Foundation Board. Since opening Lakeway Nutrition, she has also been a member of the Henry County Chamber Board of Directors.

When she is not serving her community, LaShonda returns to her home in McKenzie. She is a single mother of two daughters, Alajah and Aleecia. Alajah Gilbert, 16, is a junior at McKenzie High School, and Aleecia Williams, 13, is a seventh grader at McKenzie Middle School. They are both McKenzie cheerleaders.



LaSHONDA WILLIAMS

ALAJAH GILBERT

Alajah Gilbert, 16, is the president of McKenzie High School’s Minority Council, and she holds Black History Month close to her heart.

As president of the Minority Club, Alajah has a large part in organizing the school’s annual Black History Month program. This year, she chose Kim Bell as the program’s speaker. Bell, Alajah’s youth director at Greater Enon Missionary Church, has taught her a lot of life lessons over time, including, “how to handle different situations if they were to ever arise.”

She also suggests club events and speaks out in school about influential black leaders who have helped others and played a large role in fighting for equality.

“Black History Month,” said Alajah, “is a time to recognize history as black people. It is a time to recognize all of the people who are leaders and who have made it possible to have freedom.”

Alajah lives in McKenzie with her younger sister, Aleecia, and her mother, LaShonda Williams, who she credits as her biggest inspiration. A hard-working single mother, Ms. Williams owns three nutrition stores and gives back to the community by serving on several boards and committees in McKenzie and Paris.

Alajah is a junior at McKenzie High School, where she is a two-year member of Beta, a three-year member of the Pep Club, and a two-year member of the Minority Club. She has cheered for McKenzie since middle school, and she was on the football and basketball cheerleading teams during the 2021-22 school year.

After Alajah graduates in 2023, she plans to attend the University of Tennessee in Knoxville to be a pharmacist.

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THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN’T KNOW WERE CREATED BY BLACK INVENTORS

Blood Bank
Charles Richard Drew became interested in researching the preservation of blood when he was studying at Columbia University. Drew discovered a method of separating red blood cells from plasma and then storing the two components separately. This new process allowed blood to be stored for more than a week, which was the maximum at that time. Drew documented these findings in a paper that led to the first blood bank.

Potato Chips
George Crum was working as a chef at a resort in New York. A customer sent his dish of french fries back to the kitchen, claiming that they weren’t good. In an irritated fit, Crum cut the potatoes as thinly as possible, fried them until they were burnt crisps, and threw a generous handful of salt on top. Thus, the chip was born.

Gas Mask
Garrett Morgan developed what he called the safety hood after noticing how many firefighters were killed by smoke on the job. The hood, which went over the head, featured tubes connected to wet sponges that filtered out smoke and provided fresh oxygen.

Protective Mailbox
Philip B. Downing created a mailbox design that featured an outer door and an inner safety door to avoid parcels being stolen. This safety device allowed mailboxes to be set up everywhere.

Home Security System
African American nurse Mary Van Brittan Brown, devised an early security unit for her own home. She and her husband took out a patent for the system in the same year, and they were awarded the patent three years later, in 1969. Home security systems commonly used today took various elements from her design.

Three-Light Traffic Light
Garrett Morgan was the first Black person in Cleveland, Ohio, to own a car. After he witnessed a severe car accident at an intersection in the city, he expanded on the current traffic light by adding a “yield” component, warning oncoming drivers of an impending stop.

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Conducted experiments on weightlessness and motion sickness.

Founded a technology research company and an education non-profit.

NASA

1987: Achieved her childhood dream in being selected as a mission specialist aboard NASA's Endeavour.



Ruby Bridges is escorted to class by the U.S. Marshal Service. Photo Courtesy Associated Press

DID YOU KNOW?

The history of African Americans has been shaped by many influential figures, including various civil rights activists. Ruby Bridges may be one of the youngest. At age six, Ruby Bridges became the first African American student to integrate the formerly all-white William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans.

Although Bridges lived five blocks away from William Frantz Elementary School, she had to attend kindergarten several miles away at an all-black segregated school. Bridges volunteered to take an entrance test to be able to attend the all-white school. The test was purportedly designed to be extremely difficult so that students would have a hard time passing it, and thusly New Orleans could avoid de-segregation if all the African American children failed the test.

Individuals from the NAACP informed Bridges' parents that their

daughter was one of only six African American students to pass the test. On November 14, 1960, she was escorted to class by her mother and the United States Marshals Service due to the presence of angry mobs outside the school. Bridges was the first African American student to attend the school and the first black child to attend an all-white elementary school in the south.

The first day of school proved poor as nearly all of the white parents at the school had kept their children home and Bridges spent the day with the principal. The ensuing days weren't much better. Eventually, only one teacher in the school, Barbara Henry, formerly of Boston, agreed to teach Bridges. Bridges never missed a day of school that year, even though she ate lunch alone each day and no one played with her at recess.

Her early foray into civil rights prompted Bridges to establish The Ruby Bridges Foundation to promote tolerance and change through education.

Inventions

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- Refrigerated Trucks**
Frederick McKinley Jones created a roof-mounted cooling system that was used to refrigerate goods on trucks during extended transportation in the mid-1930s. He received a patent for his invention in 1940 and co-founded the US Thermo Control Company, later known as Thermo King.
- Automatic Elevator Doors**
Alexander Miles took out a patent in 1887 for a mechanism that automatically opens and closes elevator shaft doors. His designs

- are largely reflected in elevators used today.
- Folding Cabinet Bed**
In 1885, Sarah Goode became the first Black woman to receive a US patent. She moved to Chicago and opened a furniture store. It was there she came up with an industry changing idea that brought more urban residents with limited space into her store.
- Improved Ironing Board**
In the late 19th century, the ironing board was improved by Sarah Boone. One of the first Black women in U.S. history to receive a patent, she created a narrower and curved design, making it easier to iron garments. Boone's design morphed

- into the modern board that we use today.
- Electret Microphone**
Dr. James E. West co-invented a foil electret microphone, which was less expensive to produce than the typically used condenser microphones.
- Color IBM PC Monitor, Gigahertz Chip**
You can thank Mark Dean for co-inventing the color monitor. Without his invention, we'd still be typing in a colorless interweb.
- Super Soaker**
Summer just wouldn't be the same without Lonnie Johnson's invention. Johnson was an Aerospace Engineer for NASA who

- happened to invent the popular children's toy.
- Lawn Sprinkler**
This invention by Joseph A. Smith helped dads everywhere keep their grass green while allowing kids a fun toy to jump around in.
- Peanut Butter**
Everyone and their dog can thank George Washington Carver for the invention of peanut butter.
- Clothes Dryer**
George T. Sampson created the clothes dryer in 1892.
- Laserphaco**
Patricia Bath, an ophthalmologist and laser scientist, invented a device and technique used to

- remove cataracts and revive patients' eyesight.
- Automatic Gear Shift**
Richard Spikes created the automatic gear shift, helping people drive up hills everywhere.
- Folding Chair**
John Purdy created the folding chair, which is used in picnics and school graduations everywhere.
- Golf Tees**
Golf was a totally different sport before Dr. George Grant came along.
- Ice Cream Scooper**
Alfred L. Cralle invented the ice cream scooper, allowing kids to have larger scoops than spoonfuls.
Source: DailyHive.com

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEATURE

NATALIE McCULLOUGH PORTER

CARROLL COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

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Before dedicating herself as Carroll County's Register of Deeds, Natalie Porter was a young girl from McMoresville. The youngest of five daughters, Natalie attended Trezevant High School and, later, received a degree in Business Administration from Austin Peay State University in 1987.

Out of school, Natalie's first job was as a part-time substitute teacher. She began working part time in the Register of Deeds' office in 1988 and became a full-time employee in 1989.

A register of deeds, simply put, is a custodian of real, legal property. Natalie worked for Ms. Judy Baker and learned the process of the job until 2006 when Ms. Baker retired. That year, Natalie decided to run for the position, knowing she was qualified after working with Ms. Baker for so long. After gaining support from the Carroll County community, Natalie became the first African American female Register of Deeds in the county.

Her mission as register of deeds is “to produce accurate recording, public records for all who use the Register's office.” It is also “to provide excellent customer service and to give convenient access to these records utilizing technology in a cost efficient and customer friendly manner.”

“Nearly every citizen invests in property at some point in their lives,” she said. It is important to her that everyone has the ability to access their own records.

Since 1989 all records, from 1822—when the county first developed—to 2021, have been scanned and digitized. Any citizen can register their name

into www.MyLandAlert.com to check if someone has filed against them in the county. If something is recorded, any registered individual will be emailed if their name is involved.

Aside from her work as register of deeds, Natalie Porter is very community-focused. She is on the advisory boards for Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon, Carroll County Watershed Authority, Carl Perkins Exchange Club, and Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Enrichment. She is also a foundation board member for Jackson State Community College.

She graduated from the WestStar Leadership program in 2008 and Adult Leadership Carroll County in 1990. She is a Certified Public Administrator, a title given when an individual completes an 80 hour County Technological Assistance Program, takes courses to keep up with state laws, and takes sixteen-hour courses in

into www.MyLandAlert.com to check if someone has filed against them in the county. If something is recorded, any registered individual will be emailed if their name is involved.

Through it all, Natalie's biggest inspiration has been her father. He led by example, she said, dedicating his life to, “Jesus, family, and then...yourself to your community.” He taught her about integrity and always encouraged her to give back, reminding her that the life she leads might be the only Bible people read. Lastly, she quoted a saying of his: “Remember the words that you speak not be bitter but be sweet because you never know what you may eat.”

Natalie lives in Atwood with her husband, Bernard Porter, and her ten-year-old daughter, Annalise. She is a member of Reedy Creek Missionary Baptist Church.

NATALIE PORTER

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

WILMA W. PEARSON

Hometown Hero

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

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

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

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

Wilma Pearson began pastoring in 1976 at her first assigned church



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

Hope Hill in Sitka. She pastored at Hullum Temple in Rutherford, and finally Hudson's Chapel in Medina before the first presiding bishop at the First Episcopal District advised her to enroll in college.

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

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

senior citizens, making sure they were safe.

In February 1984, she spoke with the McKenzie Lions Club about the Concerned Citizens. Later in the year, she spoke to the McKenzie Christian Women's Fellowship about how to help young people. "Most of my speeches," Mrs. Pearson said, "were about unity and love."

Also in 1984, she was assigned as chaplain of the United Negro College Fund Carroll County, a position that she held for two or three years. The organization funds scholarships for black students.

Wilma Pearson moved to Milan in 1990, and she continued pastoring in Henry at Coles Chapel UMC from 1995-1998. In Milan, Mrs. Pearson was the first African

American woman to be elected onto the City Board of Aldermen, winning the election by only one vote her first term.

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

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

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

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

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

Wilma Pearson was sent to pastor Johnson Temple Methodist Church in McKenzie in 2010. Since then, she helped with Meals on Wheels in McKenzie, and she received the "Hometown Hero" award by the Woodmen of the

World association. She retired from pastoring but "only on paper." She serves as a supply pastor at Johnson Temple.

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

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

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

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

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

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SAM THARPE

ROTARIAN, SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, CITY MAYOR, VISIONARY

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Although Sam Tharpe was born in Paris, Tennessee, in 1955, he has a close connection to Carroll County. His mother, Nellie Price Tharpe, was born in McLeomoresville, and his great-grandfather, Levi Price, is the founder of Reedy Creek Missionary Baptist Church in McLeomoresville. Growing up, Sam's parents, the late William Lee and Nellie Price Tharpe, kept him in church and kept him close to the Lord.

He attended integrated schools at the Henry County Training Center, Robert E. Lee School—which integrated in the 1960s—Grove Junior High, and the consolidated Henry County High School. In high school, Sam Tharpe was an All-State basketball player. After graduating from Henry County in 1974, he attended Neosho County in Kansas on scholarship to play basketball, seeing if he was college basketball material. His coaches inspired him to keep playing, and he transferred to Union University in Jackson his sophomore year of college to continue the sport.

Originally a business major, Sam Tharpe was inspired by his high school coaches to double major in education and business administration. He learned that to pick up the second major, all he would need to do was attend summer school. This gave him the opportunity to student teach alongside his high school basketball coach Fred Gamlin. When he returned home from school, Sam would student teach at Henry County High School.

Because of his basketball scholarship, it did not cost Sam Tharpe “a penny” to graduate from Union University. He admires the university for giving him the opportunity, and he has kept in touch with all of his “extremely passionate” coaches.

He learned the definition of discipline while in college, and he has carried it with him every step of the way since. “Discipline,” he said, “is knowing that if you do the right thing without having someone tell you to do it, you can do anything.” This applies not only to basketball but to life in general.

When he graduated from Union, Sam decided to begin his career in business. He worked at Plumley Rubber Company for three years and Harley Carburetor for three years before receiving an offer at the Paris College of Applied Technology. They wanted him to work as an instructor, helping students receive their GEDs. With this position, he could go back to school and get a class for free.

After consulting with his wife, Gale, Sam decided to take the position and received an administrative degree from UTM after three years—free of charge. “It is something that you pray for when you're younger,” he said, “and God answers prayers.”

From there, he received an offer to be assistant principal and basketball coach at Lakewood, which would be in its second year of operation. Although there was a lot of work to be done and he was only able to coach one season of basketball, he enjoyed his five years at Lakewood.

He then transferred to Henry School as principal. As the first black principal at the school, there was a lot of pressure. He wanted



to be successful so others might follow suit. He stayed at the school for eight years before his next offer arose.

At this point, Mr. Tharpe had been an administrator in Henry County for thirteen years, and he was planning to retire. Then he received an offer to be principal at Henry County's new freshman campus. He turned down the offer at least six times before deciding, “Well, let's try it and see.” He enjoyed every second of it, preparing the freshmen for high school as well as life.

He brought in athletic directors and college presidents to encourage students to join extracurriculars and identify who they want to be and what they want to do in life. “Once they can see where they want to go, they will apply themselves to achieve that,” he said.

Through standardized testing, he and the teachers developed an agenda to best identify and treat students' strengths and weaknesses. Governor Haslam once visited the school to observe their methods to show to other schools. Mr. Tharpe worked at E.W. Grove for seven years before retiring.

During the summer of his first year after retirement, Sam Tharpe received a call from Dean Cynthia West at UT-Martin. He spoke to Dean West and Keith Kelso, Chairman of the Education Department, and he learned about the Call Me MISTER program. Call Me MISTER stands for “Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models” and is a pivot from the original program at Clemson University. The goal of the program is to increase the pool of available teachers from more diverse backgrounds (black, hispanic, Asian). It largely serves socially disadvantaged and at-risk communities.

UT-Martin is the only school in Tennessee implementing this program, and it needed someone to coordinate the program, recruit students, and offer financial stability.

Of the thirteen men enrolled in the program, they all receive financial assistance through tuition, housing, and loan forgiveness, a new computer, and faculty mentorship assistance with job placement. To qualify, they must major in Elementary, Early Childhood Education, or K-12 Certification areas.

After learning of the program, Sam Tharpe could not turn it down. He “can count on one hand” the amount of minority teachers he hired or encountered in his twenty years in the Henry County School System. With his wife, he decided to work part-time as a co-coordinator of the program. Austin Farrow is his fellow co-coordinator, and he keeps track of grades and schedules and keeps everything consistent.

Sam Tharpe resides with Gale, his wife of 43 years, who also plans to retire from the Social Security office this year. He has been on the Paris City Council for 31 years, serving as mayor for six years and vice mayor for 17 years.

He has worked as a chairman with the Paris Housing Board, the Tennessee Municipal League, the Paris-Henry County NAACP, and Paris Rotary, among others.

On the value of being a teacher, he said, “All teachers are responsible for the future of this country! Instilling passion, helping them grow—that is a value that is critical for this country...One thing we need to understand: It's about love and identifying with everyone. Jesus is love, and he is a great teacher. The educational values we instill with our students will be with them for the rest of their lives. We can't take that for granted.”

He wants to give credit to his coaches who have guided and inspired him along the way: Fred Gamlin and Steve Steele from Henry County High School Basketball, Jim Swope from Union University Basketball, and Dr. David Blackstock from Union University Athletic Department.

The advocates and mentors of the Call Me MISTER program include Austin Ferrell Co/Coordinator, Samuel Tharpe Co/Coordinator, Dean Cynthia West, Dr. Clinton Smith, Dr. Mark McCloud, Anthony Prewitt, Nassar Nassar, Kameron Echols, Dr. Danny Wayne Prewitt, Ben Jones, Wallace Brown, William C. Milan Jr., Major Wallace Brown, Robert Nunley, Kyle Spurgeon, Brandon Nassar, and Shelia Scott.

JIMMIE SUE STATEN

COMMUNITY LEADER, ACTIVIST, VOLUNTEER

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Jimmie Sue Staten has a distinct memory of being around six years old, tagging along with her grandfather when he would go vote. She remembers she would always look up at him and ask, “When am I going to be able to pull that curtain?”

Growing up, her grandfather, R.B. Morgan, would always emphasize the importance of voting, telling her, “People fought real hard to give you the privilege [to vote].” Little did he know, when the time came around, she would cast her first vote before she even had a driver's license.

Early in her life, Ms. Staten was raised in Clarksburg, Tennessee, by parents James Staten and Susie (Morgan) Marshall. She attended junior high in Huntingdon until her dad accepted a new job offer in 1966. That year, right after her older sister, Priscilla, graduated from Webb High School's last graduating class before integration, the Statens moved to Nashville.

Jimmie Sue was in seventh grade when she moved. She finished junior high at East Junior High, and she attended East High School in Nashville through her sophomore year. When her parents divorced in the late 1960s, she decided it was time to move back home, hoping her mother would follow her. She moved in with her grandparents, R.M. and Ronie Morgan, in Huntingdon, where she attended her junior and senior year of high school. She graduated from Huntingdon High School in 1971.

Bethel College was Ms. Staten's third choice of university. However, she is a “Bethel alumni and proud of it,” even winning Bethel University's Distinguished service award in 2017 for all of the time she has dedicated to volunteering and serving the university. She attended the school on a vocal music scholarship in fall of 1971. After finding nodules on her vocal chords, Jimmie Sue needed to find a new focus. In 1977, she graduated with a degree in Business Administration. She credits her college success to several professors, one being the late Coach Wilcox, for pushing her through her courses and encouraging her to graduate.

In 1971 and 1972, Ms. Staten became Bethel College's first black cheerleader. She was in the Alpha Phi Sigma sorority, which she and other alumni are in the process of reorganizing. Her goal this year is to bring the sorority back to Bethel University's campus.

After graduating, she spent a short time substitute teaching and working at Northwest Economic Development in Huntingdon. She moved back to Nashville in the late 1970s,



where her sister had lined her up a part-time position working for the State of Tennessee. After working for the state, she held a management position at one of Nashville's two unpainted furniture stores. Her first permanent job position was as a sales representative for Leggs Panty Hose, where she worked for up to six years.

Jimmie Sue Staten lived in Nashville for almost eight years, the first of which living with her sister, her brother-in-law, and her nephew. She left Nashville to return home, where she moved back in with her grandparents.

Back in West Tennessee, Jimmie Sue worked at several locations. She returned to Northwest Economic Development, moved to the Carroll County Development Center, and had a great experience working at Carroll Academy's day treatment when it first opened. She worked as a child support specialist for twenty years before retiring at the age of 62 to care for her mother.

Ms. Staten served as a deacon at the Second Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Huntingdon, a small church that has since dissolved. After the church dissolved, she began attending Johnson Temple with her mother, “whose prayers could make her feel better about anything.”

She serves as a chairman on the Foster Care Review Board, and she is a past President of the Carroll County Democratic Party. She serves as President of Carroll County Democratic Women and as a chairman of the Bethel Alumni Advisory Board.

Through it all, however, Ms. Staten's greatest dedication has been in politics. While attending Bethel College, she joined the Democratic Club, led by Dr. Potts. She remembers attending a Democratic Convention in Nashville's Municipal Auditorium, and it pushed her to love politics even more than she already did.

Ms. Staten returned to Nashville during Apartheid, a system of institutionalized racial segregation

in South Africa and South West Africa that existed into the early 1990s. She remembers marching from the Capital to Centennial Park in a march organized by American comedian and civil rights activist Dick Gregory. What she cherished most about Nashville was being around people who were passionate about making political stances.

Ms. Staten joined the Democratic Club while living in Nashville, but she really became a member when she moved back to West Tennessee. She is a past President of Democratic Women of the State of Tennessee, where she served a two-year term. During her term, she attended the National Democratic Women Conventions in Louisville and Arkansas.

She attributes her grandfather, R.B. Morgan, as her biggest influence. Having the biggest heart, he always had hope in people and treated them the way he wanted to be treated. He was a minister, and he helped her find her way back to church when she was younger. Without him and his trips to the polls, Ms. Staten might not have found her love for voting.

Ms. Jimmie Sue Staten resides in Huntingdon, Tennessee, in her grandparents' old house that was passed down to her when her mother passed away in August 2020. She works part-time at her “second home,” Bill's Flowers and Gifts in Huntingdon.

In January, she organized a last-minute “MLK on the Square” event in Huntingdon to honor Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. The event drew at least twenty attendees. “It was good just to be out there to celebrate,” said Staten.

Concluding the interview, Ms. Staten left a message for the young and the unregistered people in the community: “If we do not exercise our right to vote, it will be taken away.” One of the many lessons she learned from her grandfather was to be a part of, not apart from, history, and she hopes to spread that mentality to the next generation.

“Grandparents can do more for us than anyone else in the world; they sprinkle stardust in our eyes.”

— Alex Haley, author of Roots

FAMOUS QUOTES

“In all things that are purely social we can be as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress.” — Booker T. Washington

“A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.” — Nelson Mandela

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Richard Adkisson, the son of Louella Adkisson and Roger Bigham, was born and raised in Trezevant, Tennessee. Graduating as valedictorian from Trezevant High School in 1975, Adkisson knew he wanted to pursue a career involving mathematics. After consulting with his advisor, he set his eyes on civil engineering and never looked back.

Fall of 1975, Richard began his freshman year at Tennessee State University in Nashville. While there, he co-oped with the Federal Highway Administration off-and-on for three years. In this position, he worked out of an office in Cherokee, Alabama, conducted survey work, inspected bridges, and laid out roadway. Ultimately, he worked on the Natchez Trace Parkway.

In December of 1984, Richard Adkisson graduated from Tennessee State University, and in May of 1985, he began his first job with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). TDOT is made up of two divisions—maintenance and engineering.

Richard Adkisson was the first black person to ever be hired into TDOT’s engineering division. He started out by surveying work, laying out jobs, inspecting roads, and laying out asphalt.

Ten years later, Mr. Adkisson made TDOT history once again when he was the first black person promoted as supervisor of an engineering office, supervising McKenzie’s office.

He was promoted in 1999, moving to work at the Jackson Regional Office as the Assistant Regional Director of Engineering. Under this position, all office supervisors within the region reported to him.

In 2011 or 2012, the Regional Engineer passed away, and Richard Adkisson was placed into his position as an intern. In 2013, he became the Regional Engineer over all twenty-one counties in Region Four, encompassing the majority of West Tennessee.

Richard Adkisson has made history with every promotion he has received. He was the first black person to be promoted to all of his positions regionally, but he has also been told that he was the first black person in the state to ever

be promoted to these positions.

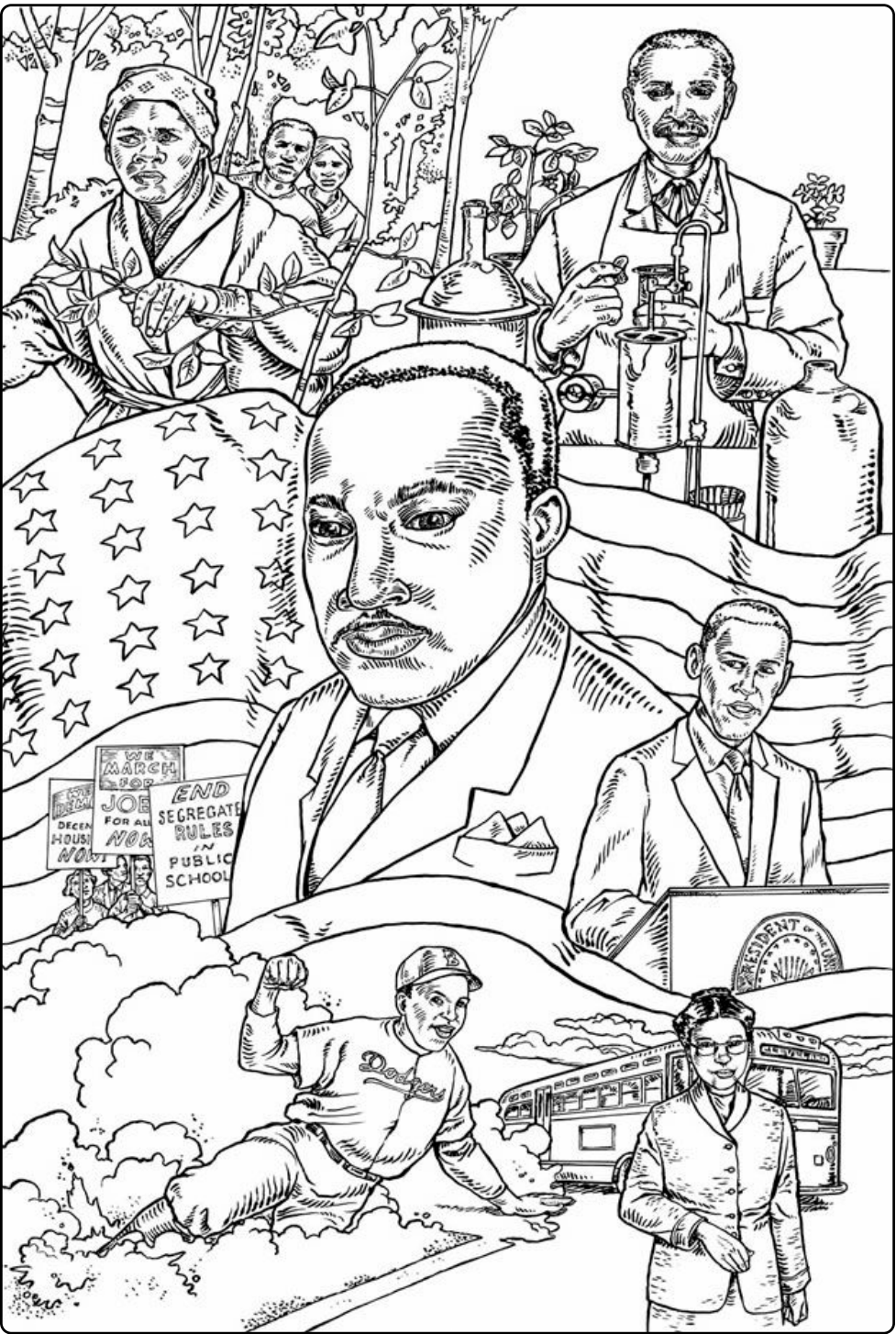
Eventually, there was a realignment. Instead of one region containing twenty-one counties, the region split into three districts. Richard Adkisson became the District Manager of District 47 in McKenzie, where he oversaw eight of the original twenty-one counties. He still works in this position today.

Aside from working with TDOT, Richard Adkisson has been preaching since 1997. He began as an assistant and youth pastor at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church in Trezevant. For the past ten years, Mr. Adkisson has been pastoring at the Progressive Baptist Church in Paris.

Beginning as a councilman in Trezevant with goals to present more programs for the city’s youth, Richard Adkisson has been involved with city council for several years. He has since moved to Milan with his wife and, with the same goals in mind, now serves as an Alderman for Milan City Council. In the past, he served four years as vice mayor and six years as treasurer for Milan City Council.

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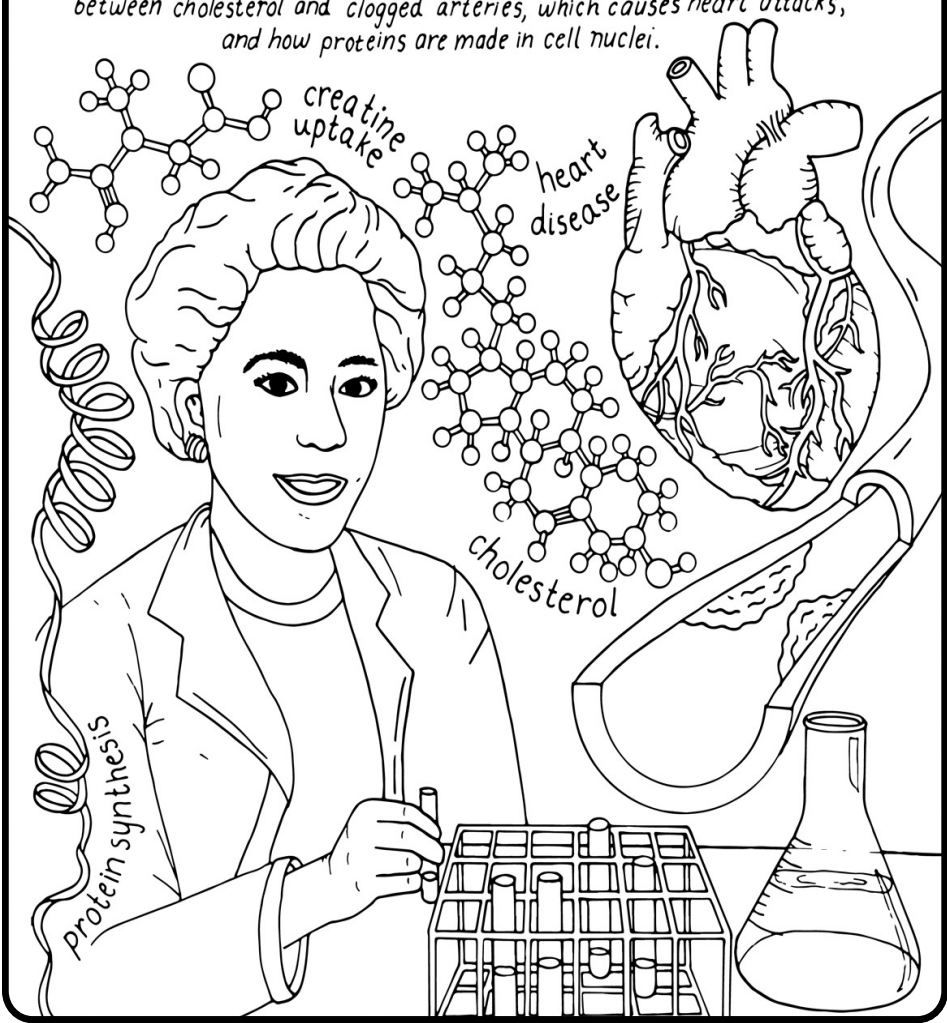
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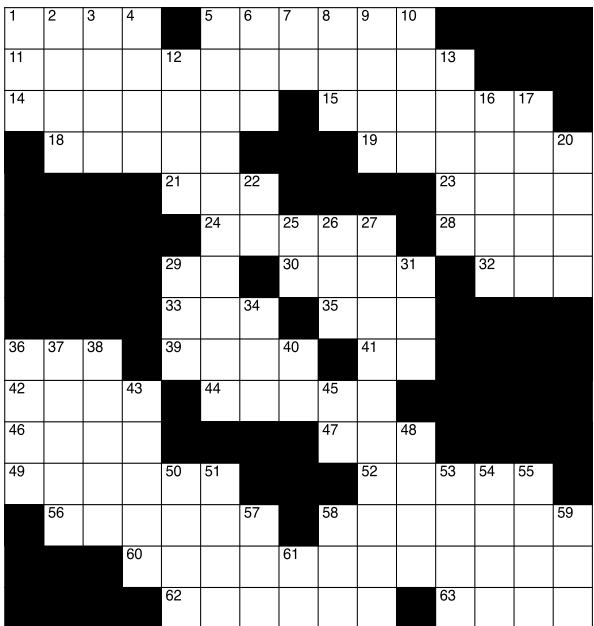
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Constrictors
- 5. Abounding in rocks
- 11. Speed
- 14. German city
- 15. Lacking sympathy
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Wastes away
- 21. One precursor to the EU
- 23. Nursemaid
- 24. Unconsciousnesses
- 28. Baby's word for father
- 29. Equal to 64 US pints (abbr.)
- 30. Senses of self-importance
- 32. Midway between south and southwest
- 33. When you hope to get there
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Passports and drivers' licences are two
- 39. Fishes
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Personal computers
- 44. Ecological community
- 46. Wings
- 47. Halfway
- 49. Cool, calm and collected
- 52. Jewelled headdress
- 56. Musical composition
- 58. ___ Falls
- 60. Repeating remarks
- 62. Periods in one's life
- 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. ___ Humbug!
- 2. Devices that alert pilots (abbr.)
- 3. Grocer
- 4. One point east of southeast
- 5. Subjects to hostility
- 6. Work unit



- 7. Atomic #56
- 8. British thermal unit
- 9. "Elusive Butterfly" singer
- 10. Fastened over animal's neck
- 12. Device
- 13. Rechargeable power source
- 16. Ancient sage
- 17. Consist of two elements
- 20. "Pygmalion" writer
- 22. "The Centennial State" (abbr.)
- 25. Of I
- 26. Get older
- 27. Brotherhoods
- 29. Buzzing insect
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's dad
- 43. Horse mackerels genus
- 45. Morning
- 48. Unit of linear measurement (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. Small, twisted bunch
- 53. Developed
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanistic discipline
- 57. Word element meaning ear
- 58. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- 59. Wood residue
- 61. It cools your home

Week 8

See solution in next week's edition.

Black History Month Word Search

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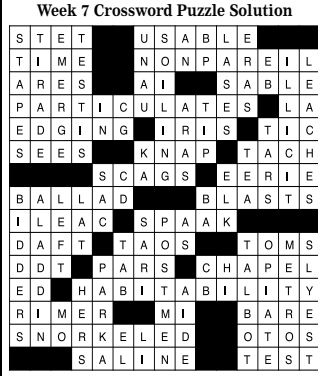
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Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

License Violation — Brian Andrew Scott, 32, of 7312 Highway 104, Lavinia, was charged with driving on a revoked license (third offense) during a Feb. 12 traffic stop in Atwood.

Deputy Cody Coleman reported he pulled over a vehicle driven by Scott because the vehicle had no license plate. A computer check showed that Scott's license was revoked for a prior DUI conviction.

Animal Cruelty — The Sheriff's Department is investigating a possible case of animal cruelty.

According to the report by Deputy Scotty Davis, he responded to property on Maytown Road near Huntingdon after receiving a call about a dead horse on the property. Upon arrival, Davis observed three living horses in a dirt lot, two of which appeared to be severely emaciated while the other looked moderately underweight. Scott also observed the dead horse, which appeared to have died of starvation. The deputy took photos of all the horses and showed those to a local veterinarian, and a formal complaint was registered to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. No charges had yet been filed against the suspected owner of the horses at the time of the report.

License Violation — Charlie A. Davis, Jr., 26, of 3600 Highway 79, Trezevant, was charged with driving on

a suspended license (fourth offense) during a Feb. 11 traffic stop in Atwood.

Deputy Cody Coleman reported that he pulled over a white truck driven by Davis due to a display of plate violation. A computer check showed that Davis' license was suspended with three prior offenses.

License Violation — Jeremy Goode, 32, of 350 Bryant Street Extended, Trezevant, was cited for driving on a suspended license (first offense) during a Feb. 4 traffic stop in Trezevant.

Deputy Chance Townes reported he pulled over a white Cadillac driven by Goode for speeding. A computer check showed Goode's license was suspended for failure to pay fines in Trezevant City Court.

Warrant, License Violation — Joseph Matthew Sellers, 30, of 191 Eli Brown Road, McKenzie, was cited for driving on a suspended license, and Christopher Fredrick (age and address not provided) was cited for an outstanding warrant during a Feb. 11 traffic stop on Renfro Road near Huntingdon.

Deputy Chance Townes reported he pulled over a 2016 Chevrolet Equinox driven by Sellers with Fredrick as a passenger because he suspected a female subject with an outstanding warrant might be in the vehicle. The subject Townes was looking for was not in the vehicle,

but the deputy did find that Fredrick had an active warrant out of Carroll County. A computer check showed Sellers' license was suspended.

Public Intoxication — Brian Anthony Jackson, 41, of 53 Ross Drive, Huntingdon, was charged with public intoxication on Feb. 13 at an Atwood residence.

According to the report by Deputy Chance Townes, deputies responded to a call about a disorderly person at a Main Street residence. Upon arrival, deputies found Jackson sweating and chewing on paper. Jackson, who appeared to be under the influence of a narcotic, would not follow simple commands from deputies or EMTs on the scene. Jackson was transported to the Carroll County Jail.

Switched Plates — Deputies are looking into the recent theft of a license plate in Trezevant.

According to the report by Deputy Michael Mulligan, he responded to a residence on Republican Grove Road and spoke with Phillip Colwell, who said that sometime during the previous night, someone stole the license plate off his 2013 Dodge Ram and left another plate in its place. Mulligan did a check on the strange plate and found that it was an expired tag belonging to a Tennessee Ridge resident.

McKenzie Police Reports

Aggravated Assault — Dion Antrell Teague, 38, homeless in McKenzie, was charged with aggravated assault on February 16 after he entered the lawn of a Oak Street resident and reportedly struck the occupant in the head with an object.

Officer Tanner Jackson stated he arrested Teague, who was banned from entering the property. The dispute was reportedly over a woman. Teague was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Violation of Probation — Lloyd James Sawyer, 58, Winchester Street, McK-

enzie was charged with violation of probation on February 13.

Officer Dalton Raspberry made contact with Sawyer at the intersection of Locust and Park streets and knew Sawyer had an active cite for violation of probation. He was cited into court.

Theft — David A. Puckett, 39, Spruce Street, McKenzie was charged with theft after he reportedly took a chair from a residence on Park Cove. The victim described the chair and said who he thought took the chair. Officer Tanner Jackson went to the subject's house, found the

chair, and placed Puckett under a criminal summons for theft of property.

Driving on a Suspended/Revoked License — Kenneth Payne, Jr., 36, Park Cove, McKenzie was charged with driving on a suspended or revoked license - fourth offense on February 12.

Officer Dalton Raspberry witnessed Payne driving a lawnmower down Washington Street. Since the lawnmower did not have a mowing deck, the officer knew it was merely for transportation. Payne was arrested for the above offense and possession of methamphetamine. A family member retrieved the lawnmower.

Carroll County General Sessions Court Report

HUNTINGDON (February 16) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court and resulted in the following disposition.

Cases bound over to the Grand Jury of the Circuit Court include:

Timothy Goode, Trenton Highway, Bradford, (also listed at Bryant Street, Trezevant) bound over on charge of failure to appear, theft, evading arrest-flight, driving while suspended, speeding.

John Othello Hightower, Cole Street, McKenzie, bound over on burglary, failure to appear, and found guilty on theft of merchandise, 11/29 sentence suspended, \$565 restitution, no contact with retailer.

Alex Walden, Ogburn Street, Paris, bound over on charge of meth-manufacturing, delivery, sale or possession with intent, simple possession, unlawful drug paraphernalia, improper lane change.

Taryn E. Walker, Douglas Drive, Camden, bound over on Schedule VI Drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, meth-manufacture, delivery, sale, or possession with intent.

Steven Strausbaugh, Clarksville, bound over on charge of aggravated assault.

The following resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Jonathan Gant, Glen-

dale Avenue, Trenton, guilty, assault -physical contact, 11/29 unsupervised probation, no contact with victim.

Jamie Garrison, Highway 104, Cedar Grove, guilty, theft, two days jail, 11/29 sentence, suspended, no contact with victim; dismissed, failure to appear.

Brian Hayden Hicks, Thompson School Road, Camden, guilty, DUI-first offense, 48 hours jail, 11/27 supervised probation; dismissed, implied consent, open container, and failure to exercise due care.

Clinton Hoard, Forrest Brook Dr., Memphis, guilty, disorderly conduct, 30 days in custody, dismissed, probation violation.

Rockel Humphrey, Southern Street, Jackson, guilty, probation violation, 30 days suspended jail-already in custody; dismissed, failure to appear.

Rachel Shantell Scott, Cotton Creek Road, Bruce-

ton, guilty, unlawful drug paraphernalia, alcohol and drug assessment, 11/29 suspended sentence.

The following cases were dismissed:

Charles L. Johnson, Park Lane, McKenzie, dismissed, aggravated assault, domestic assault.

Darrell McGowan, New Mexico, dismissed, driving while suspended, violation of financial responsibility, violation of vehicle registration.

Angel Kirsten Medved, Cades-Atwood Road, Milan, dismissed, theft.

Johnathan Earl Moore, Jax Road, Atwood, dismissed, aggravated assault, possession of a handgun by convicted felon.

Darrin R. Sheffield, Laurel Street, Bruceton, dismissed, failure to appear.

Michelle Strausbaugh, Pappy Drive, Oak Grove, Kentucky, dismissed, aggravated assault.

Property Transfers

Charles W. Townes to S & J Landworks, LLC in District 11.

Elaine Seale Williams to Laura Lei Williams in District 4.

Connie Joan Jordan to Jacob A. Smothers and others. Barry and Vickie Summers to Nicholas J. and Jamie B. Coomer in District 11.

Joyce D. Jubeck to Jeremiah John and Carolanne Marie Jubeck in District 23.

Karen Lifsey to Michael Eugene and John Randall Lifsey in District 16.

William Otis Alford to William O. Alford Irrevocable Trust.

Jennifer Lynn Glass to Katie Elizabeth Sanders in District 11.

Bobbie Wooten to Bobbie Wooten in Districts 2 and 3.

Ashley Dale and Holly Foster to Daniel and Michele Cole in District 17.

Aaron H. O'Bryan III to Aaron H. O'Bryan III in District 12.

Joyce D. Sullivan to Angela and Brad Russell in District 11.

Kristy Leigh Renzi to Robert Aaron Cushman in District 8.

Latasha Y. Nesbitt to Celeste McKoy in District 11.

Jessie and Danett Walker to Jon C. Clark and others in District 2.

James H. and Ruth E. Vaala-Strong to Eric and Tobi Carver in District 11.

Lorra A. Boaz to John C. Boaz.

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Marty and Sherry M. Tubbs in District 6.

Logan Corbett to Patrick David Fern in District 23.

Wendy Marie Cary to Jerry Wayne Autry in District 24.

Jerry Wayne Autry to Samantha Star Autry in District 24.

Claude E. and Vicki D. Corkern to Stephen F. and Jean S. Damon Koven.

Rex and Ashley Hart to Daniel and Susan Ann Perry in District 13.

Kevin and Doug Johnson to Sharon A. Anderson in District 4.

Michael Umstead to Michael Umstead in District 13.

Austin and Ashley Godrum to Gopala Krishna Samala in District 22.

Bruceton Masonic Lodge #731 to Lucian Kee in District 15.

Tommy Wayne Dill and others to Tommy Wayne Dill and others in District 7.

Tommy Wayne Dill and others to Tony E. Sr. and Elizabeth A. Dill in District 7.

Marriage Licenses

•Colby Garrett Swafford, 22, of McKenzie to Amiracle Corlea Gardner, 18, of McKenzie.

Request for Proposals

The Northwest TN Development District's Area Agency on Aging and Disability will receive proposals for In-Home services (Personal Care, Homemaker and In-Home Respite). The AAAD contracts for services in Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Obion and Weakley Counties. To receive a Request for Proposal (RFP) packet, contact Julie Jones or Harold Winfrey at 731-587-4213. Proposals shall be submitted no later than close of business March 18, 2022.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust dated February 21, 2020, of record in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, in Trust Deed Book 687, page 969, JAMES C. SMITH AND WIFE, AMANDA N. SMITH, did convey in trust, to JAMES ROBERT TERRELL, TRUSTEE, a tract of land hereinafter described, to secure the payment of the indebtedness described in said Deed of Trust to BANK OF GLEASON; and,

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust provides that in the event of default in the payment of the debt secured by said Deed of Trust, when due, or in the event of failure to comply with any of the conditions and/or covenants of said Deed of Trust, the whole amount of the unpaid principal sum, together with all interest due and accrued upon the same, together with all other payments agreed to be made, shall, at the option of the holder, become due and payable immediately without demand or notice thereof; and,

WHEREAS, W. Kent Jones was appointed Substitute Trustee by Appointment of Substitute Trustee; and,

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and there have been other violations of the conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the owner and holder of said debt has instructed the undersigned Substitute Trustee, to foreclose said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority in me vested as such Substitute Trustee, I will on the 11th day of March, 2022, offer for sale and sell in front of the Courthouse in Huntingdon, Tennessee, at the hour of 10:05 a.m. to the last, highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, dower and curtesy rights, and all other rights or exemptions of every kind, and all unpaid taxes, to effect satisfaction of principal, interest and costs due on said promissory note(s) and Deed of Trust aforementioned, as well as to pay all attorney's fees and costs necessarily incident to this foreclosure, the following tract of land, situated in the 4th Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, more particularly described as follows:

Tax Map 12F, Group D, Control Map 12F, Parcel 9.00, Assessor of Property's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

Within the corporate limits of the City of McKenzie on the south side of Euclid Avenue and BEGINNING at a point 79½ feet east of what was Stevens northeast corner, being the northeast corner of what was Cash Economy Wholesale Grocery Company lot, and runs thence southwardly parallel with and at all times 79½ feet east of the original Cash Economy Wholesale Grocery Company lot to the N C & St. L Railroad right-of-way; thence eastwardly 99½ feet to a stake at a point 25 feet from the center of said railroad; thence north with the west boundary of the Dunlap lot 178½ feet to a stake on Euclid Avenue; thence west with Euclid Avenue 99½ feet to the beginning.

The above description is the same as the previous deed of record.

For source of title, see Warranty Deed Book 312, Page 31, Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 47 Euclid Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

The debtors' equity of redemption, homestead, dower and all other rights or exemptions of the debtors are waived in said deed of trust, and the title is believed to be good, but said real estate will be sold and conveyed by me as Substitute Trustee and not otherwise.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: NONE. If applicable, the notice requirements of TCA 35-5-117 have been met.

Said sale will be made by Substitute Trustee only, without covenants of seizin or warranties of title, and title will be made subject to any unpaid taxes and assessments and all valid restrictions, liens, covenants or easements, if any, of record on said property.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth herein, or with publication setting out the new date, time and place for the sale.

This law firm is acting as a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated at Huntingdon, Tennessee, this the 10th day of February, 2022.

W. Kent Jones, Substitute Trustee
THE JONES LAW FIRM
19478 WEST MAIN STREET, HUNTINGDON, TN 38344-0707

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CALL OF ELECTION

THE QUALIFYING DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022, AT NOON, AND THE WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022, AT NOON UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

The Commissioners of Elections for Carroll County, Tennessee hereby **Call the Federal and State Primary, County General, and City of Clarksburg Elections to be held on Thursday, August 4, 2022**, for the purpose of submitting to qualified, registered voters of said county the candidates for the following offices:

- JUDICIAL DISTRICT 24 (8-year terms):**
- Circuit Court Judge Part 1
 - Circuit Court Judge Part 2
 - Chancellor
 - District Attorney General
 - Public Defender
 - Court of Appeals Judge – Western
- FEDERAL AND STATE PRIMARY ELECTION:**
- THE QUALIFYING DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022, AT NOON, AND WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022.
- US Congressional District 8 (2-year term)
 - Governor (4-year term)
 - TN District 76 House of Representatives (2-year term)
 - TN District 79 House of Representatives (2-year term)
 - TN Republican State Executive Committeeman (4-year term)
 - TN Republican State Executive Committeewoman (4-year term)
 - TN Democratic State Executive Committeeman (4-year term)
 - TN Democratic State Executive Committeewoman (4-year term)

- COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION:**
- County Mayor (4-year term)
 - County Commissioner, All 9 Districts & 21 Positions (4-year term)
 - Assessor of Property (4-year term)
 - County Trustee (4-year term)
 - General Sessions/Juvenile Judge (8-year term)
 - Circuit Court Clerk (4-year term)
 - Sheriff, Countywide (4-year term)
 - Circuit Court Clerk (4-year term)
 - County Clerk (4-year term)
 - Register of Deeds (4-year term)
 - Road Supervisor District 1 & 2 (4-year term)
 - County Board of Education, District 1 (vote for 1, 4-year term)
 - County Board of Education, District 2 (vote for 1, 4-year term) and (vote for 1, 2-year unexpired term)
 - County Board of Education, District 3 (vote for 1, 4-year term)
 - Hollow Rock-Bruceton Special School District: 16th Bruceton City (vote for 1, 4-year term), 16th At Large (vote for 1, 4-year term), 17th Vale (vote for 1, 4-year term), and 15th Buena Vista (vote for 1, 4-year term)
 - Huntingdon Special School District: At Large (vote for 2, 6-year term)
 - McKenzie Special School District: At Large (vote for 4, 4-year term)
 - South Carroll Special School District: At Large (vote for 2, 4-year term)
 - West Carroll Special School District: Old County (vote for 1, 4-year term), Old Atwood (vote for 1, 4-year term), and Old Trezevant (vote for 1, 4-year term)

CITY OF CLARKSBURG:

THE QUALIFYING DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022, AT NOON, AND WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022.

- Mayor (vote for 1, 4-year term)
- Alderman (vote for 2, 4-year term)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on April 1, 2022 on or about 2 p.m. local time, at the East Door, Carroll County Courthouse, 99 Court Square, Huntingdon, TN 38344, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by STACY BAKER, to Byrd & Byrd, PLLC Attorneys at Law, Trustee, on May 27, 2021, at Record Book 704, Page 939-956 as Instrument No. 188453 in the real property records of Carroll County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Mid America Mortgage, Inc.

The following real estate located in Carroll County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

Lying and being situated in the Town of Trezevant, on the east side of the Trezevant to Christmasville Road, more particularly described as follows to wit:

Beginning at a stake on the southwest corner of Johnny Arnold thence east with the line of Arnold 200 feet to a stake; thence south parallel with road 288 1/2 feet to a stake; thence west 206 feet to the said Trezevant to Christmasville Road; thence north with said road 250 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Stacy Baker from Mitchell Akins and Kirk Akins, by Warranty Deed dated May 27, 2021, and recorded in Deed Book 398, Page 801, in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

Address: 60 Highway 190, Trezevant, TN 38258

Map 58N, Group B, Parcel 4.00

Tax ID: 058N-NB-004.00

Current Owner(s) of Property: STACY BAKER

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 60 Highway 190, Trezevant, TN 38258, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: None

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. §67-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MWZM File No. 22-000004-453-1

Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C., Substitute Trustee(s)
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DISTRICT 12-A TOURNAMENT



Left, West Carroll War Eagles — District Champions. Right, Jalen Anglin drives inside against a Viking defender. Photos by Jim Potts/The Banner



West Carroll, Bruceton Win in District Finals

BY JIM POTTS
jpotts@mckenziebanner.com

For the Bruceton and West Carroll folks who made the trip to Perry County High School Saturday night, it was worth the trip. Bruceton was in action against Frank Hughes in the consolation game while West Carroll played the host team Perry County for the men’s district championship.

Bruceton 67, Frank Hughes 53

Frank Hughes rolled out to an early 7-0 lead in the first period before Bruceton warmed up and took the lead late in the period. The two teams swapped baskets with under a minute to play with Bruceton leading 11-10 at the end of one period.

During the second period, it stayed close with the game getting tied 22-22 with about three minutes to play. Both teams went a little chilly before halftime with Bruceton

holding a slim 25-24 lead at halftime.

Bruceton opened the lead to 30-26 in the first three minutes and even more to 40-31 with three minutes left in the period. The Tiger lead went into double digits 47-33 by the end of the third period.

Both teams scored twenty points each in the fourth period but Bruceton already had a decent margin and won 67-53. Bruceton will face Houston County in the region tournament while Frank Hughes takes on the McKenzie Rebels.

West Carroll 69, Perry County 63

These two men’s teams had already played close games with each other during the regular season and this one was no different. Perry County got out to a hot start in the first period leading West Carroll 15-2 with 3:30 left in the period. West Carroll went on an 8-4 run which closed the margin to 19-10 with the

Vikings leading at the end of one period.

The War Eagles started the second period with a 9-0 run that tied the game 19-19 with six minutes left in the period. It was tied again 23-23 two minutes later and then they swapped baskets for the remainder of the period with Perry County hitting a basket just before the buzzer to take a 32-31 lead into halftime.

During the third period, the two teams battled to a 36-36 tie with 4:30 left in the period and tied it again 42-42 a short time later. West Carroll broke the tie with a basket shortly before the end of the period to take a 46-44 lead.

The War Eagles flushed a three-pointer to start the fourth period to take a 49-44 lead and extended the lead to 51-44 with another basket. The Vikings weren’t going away so easy as they erased the deficit and tied the game 54-54 with four minutes left to play. West Carroll took

a 58-54 lead with 2:30 to go and the Vikings were forced to start fouling to get possession of the ball but the War Eagles took care of business on the free throw line to win 69-63 and clinch the district title.

West Carroll’s Jalen Anglin led all scorers with 34 points followed by Josh Clark with 11 points. JaQuan Adkins added eight points while Xander Moon had seven points. Andrew Huff had five points and JD Pigue had four for the War Eagles

Perry County was led by Lenhlen Matthews with 29 points followed by Jeremiah Dunelson with 13 points. Linden Brown added eight points while Gunner Bredford and Cody Pournier had four points each. Ellis Ed and Ryvyn Brown had three points and two points respectively.

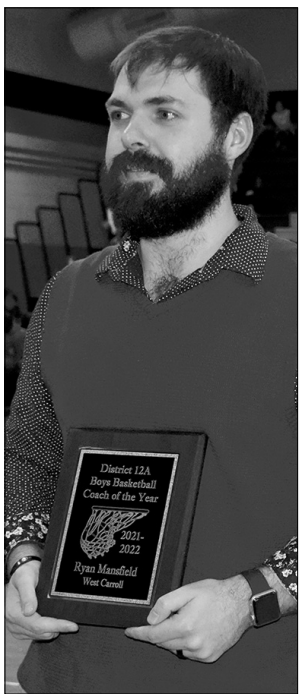
Both teams move on to the Region Tournament which will be held starting on February 25.

District Awards

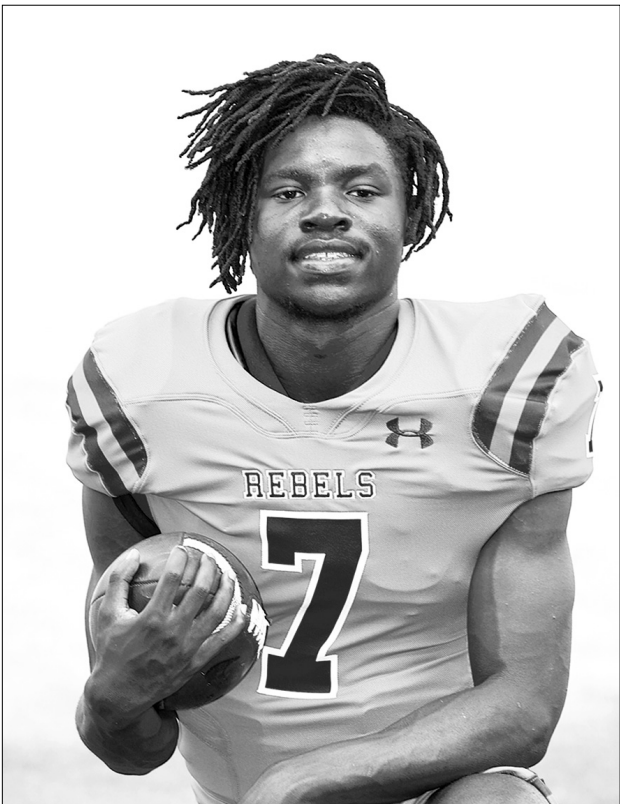
Several War Eagles were honored with post season awards. Josh Clark, Andrew Huff, Riley Duncan, and Xander Moon were named to the All-Academic Team. Clark, Huff, Moon, and Jalen Anglin were named to the All-District Regular Season Team. Huff, Clark, Anglin, and JaQuan Adkins were named to the All District Tournament Team. West Carroll Head Coach Ryan Mansfield was named District Coach of the Year.

Lady War Eagles

On Friday Night, February 18, the Lady War Eagles played Perry County for the district championship and came up short 51-41. The loss places them second going into the region tournament. Four Lady Eagles were named to the All-District Team including Jayden Radar, Amaya Thompson, Erin Norman, and MVP Mia Jones.



Coach Ryan Mansfield named District Coach of the Year. Photo by Jim Potts/The Banner



Left, Marquez Taylor had a stellar record breaking season for the Rebels and was a Mr. Football nominee. Right, McKenzie Rebel Football Head Coach Wade Comer addresses the team following the TSSAA State Championship Game. The Rebels finished runners-up behind South Pittsburg High School.



Continued: 2021 Sports Year In Review

November 30
Rebels Outlast Tide To Punch State Ticket

A full house crowd, chilly football weather, and two great football teams equals a game for the ages that came down to the very last play.

Last year, McKenzie and Trenton were both in Class AA and met in the quarterfinal round that went two overtimes before the Tide kicked a field goal to win and go on to their

third straight championship. McKenzie improves to 14-0 while Trenton’s season ends at 12-2.

Carroll County Players Invited to West Tennessee All-Star Game

Several Carroll County players have been invited to play in the 2021 Sports Plus West Tennessee All-Star Game on December 10th at USJ starting at 7 p.m.

McKenzie has four invited including Andrew Cole,

Trey Cook, Gage Moon, and Brandon Hatley. Huntingdon’s Mustangs had three invited including Aden Hutcherson, Blake Reeves, and Cade Wood. West Carroll had one invited being Xander Moon.

Marquez Taylor Mr. Football Finalist

McKenzie junior running back Marquez Taylor was announced Tuesday evening, November 23, during the Mike Vrabel show as a finalist for Class A Mr. Football. The winners will be announced on December

7 at a luncheon at Nissan Stadium in Nashville.

Taylor is the fifth Rebel to earn a Mr. Football nomination. The predecessors include Ricky Mathis (2002), Drew Hayes (won the award in 2005), Derek Carr (2007), and Colin Vinson (2010).

December 7
Rebels State Runners-Up

CHATTANOOGA (December 3) — After sixteen weeks of football, the McKenzie Rebels have finished the season as TSSAA Division I Class 1A State Runner-Up. The Rebels fell short in the final minutes of the state championship game against South Pittsburg 24-21. McKenzie finished the regular season 10-0 and compiled a 14-1 record, the most wins in a single season by a Rebel team.

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December 14
McKenzie Wins Two From Greenfield

McKenzie’s basketball teams began December with a pair of wins over Greenfield last Tuesday,

December 7. Lady Rebel 63, Lady Yellow Jackets 20. Rebels 52, Yellow Jackets 28.

December 21
McKenzie Sweeps Huntingdon

McKenzie played host to Huntingdon Friday night, December 17, to finish a busy three-game week heading into the Christmas break. They played host to Milan on December 13 and traveled to Gibson County on December 14. Lady Rebels 70, Fillies 50. Rebels 57, Mustangs 51.

City of McKenzie

BID NOTICE

The City of McKenzie is currently seeking bids to replace a roof top HVAC unit at City Hall. The specifications for the RTU is as follows:

- 5 ton gas pack unit.
- Three phase electrical.
- Roof top unit.
- Stainless steel heat exchangers.

Each bid shall include any crane service necessary to remove the old unit and to lift and install the new unit. Parts and labor warranties shall also be included in the submitted bid. Anyone who chooses to bid on the replacement of this unit shall be a licensed HVAC technician in the State of Tennessee and insured to work on commercial property.

Sealed bids will be received at McKenzie City Hall, 2470 Cedar St. until Friday, February 23 at 4 p.m.

Bids will be opened at 4:30 p.m. on that day in the McKenzie City Council Chamber. The City of McKenzie reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONCERNING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF MCKENZIE, TENNESSEE

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-7-203, notice is hereby given of public hearings to be held by the Board of Mayor and Council on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the McKenzie Municipal Center. The hearing is being held in order to receive public input regarding following proposed amendment to the Zoning Map of McKenzie, Tennessee:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF MCKENZIE, TENNESSEE, TO REZONE TAX PARCELS 40.03, 40.05, AND 88.02, CARROLL COUNTY TAX MAP 011 LOCATED ON HOSPITAL DRIVE FROM H-M (HOSPITAL – MEDICAL) TO M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL); TAX PARCEL 88.00 (PORTION), CARROLL COUNTY TAX MAP 011 BE REZONED FROM P-B (PLANNED – BUSINESS) TO R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL); TAX PARCELS 88.00 (PORTION), 88.23, AND 88.24, CARROLL COUNTY TAX MAP 011 BE REZONED FROM P-B (PLANNED BUSINESS) TO B-2 (HIGHWAY BUSINESS)

Full copies of the proposed amendment may be viewed in McKenzie Municipal Center during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend and comment.

Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF MCKENZIE — INTENT TO APPLY FOR CDBG 2022

There will be a public meeting at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 4, 2022.

The meeting will be held at
McKenzie City Hall
2470 Cedar Street, Council Room, McKenzie, TN 38201

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss McKenzie’s intent to submit a FY2022 Community Development Block Grant application, to identify community needs, and to explore the use of CDBG funds to address those needs. The public is urged to attend.

McKenzie does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability. Persons needing special accommodations due to disability may contact the McKenzie City Hall at (731) 352-2292.

Mayor Jill Holland, City of McKenzie

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DISTRICT 12A TOURNAMENT



Above Left, Bryson Steele takes it to the paint for a shot. Above Right, Marquez Taylor goes for a layup against the Red Devils. Below Left, Savanna Davis taking a shot against Big Sandy. Below Right, Katie Chesser shoots for Three. Photos by Jim Potts/The Banner



McKenzie Sweeps Big Sandy

BY JIM POTTS
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McKenzie's teams opened district tournament action Tuesday, Feb. 15 with a doubleheader against Big Sandy. McKenzie beat Big Sandy in both of their regular season meetings.

Lady Rebels 66, Big Sandy 20

Despite shooting issues in the first period, the Lady Rebels built a slow 15-2 lead by the end of the first period. The shooting was icy again in the second period going several minutes without scoring while the Lady Red Devils went on a 7-1 run to cut the lead to 15-9 midway through the period. With 2 minutes left to play until half it was 20-12 McKenzie leading when the Lady Rebels drained four back to back 3 balls to blow up the score to 34-14 at half.

McKenzie came out shooting a bit better while defensively they held Big Sandy to five points during the period while adding 21 of their own points to make it a 53-19 game by the end of the third period. With a running clock in the fourth period, the Lady Rebels outscored Big Sandy 13-1 to finish the 66-20 win.

Savannah Davis led the way with 24 points for the Lady Rebels followed by Katie Chesser and Kylie Reynolds with 12 points each. Mikaela Reynolds and Sophie Pate added nine and six points respectively while Briley Auvenshine and Dani Dyer chipped in two points and a point respectively.

Big Sandy was led by Ashlyn Berry with 10 points while Kayla Stockdale added six. Bailey Berry and Ella Rogers contributed three and one point respectively for the Lady Red Devils

Rebels 77, Red Devils 25

The opening period was slow going with both teams tied at 2-2 three minutes into the period. The Red Devils even had an 8-7 lead with three minutes left when McKenzie went on a 11-0 run to take an 18-8 lead by the end of the period. The scoring run continued into the second period with the Rebels adding another 9 points before Big Sandy got a score. McKenzie led 29-8 with 3:30 left in the second period and led at half-time 36-12.

The Rebels posted a 21-9 run in the third period to make it a forty-point game 61-21 heading into the fourth

period. With substitutes in, the Rebels still posted another 16 points to move on to the district title game.

Marquez Taylor and Bryson Steele led the way for McKenzie with 13 and 12 points respectively followed by Zach Aird with 10 points. Tate Surber and Stafford Roditis added seven points each while Christopher Beck had six points and Drew Chappell had five points while Zay Webber, Zayden McCaslin, and Landon Brown had four points each. Hayden Garrett and Carter Kee contributed three and two points respectively for the Rebels.

Big Sandy was led by Thane Terry with 10 points followed by Cole Pierpoint with six points. Caden Hall had three points while Blake Sims, Keegan Staggs, and Gavin Newman chipped in two points each for the Red Devils.

In other district action, Houston County's Lady Irish and Irish defeated McEwen's team setting up District Championship games between McKenzie and Houston County. The Consolation matchups will be Big Sandy and McEwen prior to the title games.

DISTRICT 12-AA TOURNAMENT



Left, Sophie Singleton attempts a layup against Milan. Right, Delaney Byars working towards the basket. Photos by Jim Potts/The Banner

Fillies Win, Mustangs Eliminated

BY JIM POTTS
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Fillies 74, Milan 21

Huntingdon's Fillies open district tournament play Monday, February 14 hosting Milan in a play-in game. The Fillies got off to a hot start leading 19-3 at the end of the first period and blew it open wider with a 25-point second period to post a 44-11 halftime lead.

Fillie substitutes played nearly the entire second half rolling to a 74-21 victory to move on in the tournament to face Martin Westview in the semifinal. The win also assured the Fillies of a berth in the Region Tournament as well

Three Fillies led the way with double figure points including Lilly Kee with 21 while Delaney Byars had 15 points and Lia Fuller had 14 points. Sophie Singleton and Sarabeth Smith added eight and six points respectively while Annabelle Singleton had five points. Josey Stokes put up three points, Annabeth Crews had two points, and Ashlynn Rich chipped in one for the Fillies.

Milan was led by Kaidence Morton with 12 points followed by Ashley Williamson adding eight points and Melissa Lime contributing three for the Lady Bulldogs.

Union City 50, Mustangs 46

The Mustangs made the Tornadoes sweat it out the

whole game before falling short at the end. Huntingdon trailed 24-20 and couldn't get over the hump in the second half and fell short 50-46 to end their season.

Westview 50, Fillies 23

The Fillies took on top-seeded and state-ranked Martin Westview on Thursday, February 17 in semi-final action losing 50-23.

Fillies 42, Union City 29

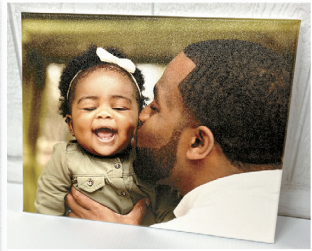
The Westview loss put the Fillies in the consolation game against Union City on Saturday evening. The Fillies put together a good game defeating Union City 42-29 finishing third in the district tournament. They will face Stewart County in the Region Tournament.

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McKenzie Wins District 11A Championships

BY JIM POTTS
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McEWEN — McKenzie's Lady Rebels and Rebels went back in action last Friday, February 18, each playing for District Championships against Houston County at McEwen High School.

Lady Rebels 66, Lady Irish 46
McKenzie built a comfortable 22-14 lead by the end of the first period and extended the lead slightly by halftime 33-23. The two teams both scored 14 points in the third period but the Lady Rebels still maintained a 47-37 lead. They exploded for 19 points in the fourth period to blow the game open by the end winning 66-46.

Savannah Davis and Mikaela Reynolds led the Lady Rebels with 25 and 22 points respectively. Kylie Reynolds added eight points while Katie Chesser and Dani Dyer had four points each. Briley Auvenshine had three for the Lady Rebels.

Houston County was led by Josey Gant with 26 points followed by R'Shonte' Kizer with seven points. Kennedy Jones and Karlie Stinson had four and three points respectively while Tess Gillespie, Haylie Brooks, and CJ Clark chipped in two points each for the Lady Irish.

McKenzie Lady Rebels named to All-District Team include Dani Dyer, Kylie Reynolds, Mikaela Reynolds, and Savannah Davis was named District Co-MVP along with Houston County's Josey Gant. McKenzie Coach John



Tate Surber works around a Houston County defender.
Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Wilkins was named Coach of the Year for the girls.

Rebels 46, Irish 37
The Rebels have really come on strong in the latter part of the regular season and into the district tournament with a solid win over Big Sandy and took on the Houston County Irish for the district title.

Both teams played a fairly even first period with McKenzie leading 13-10 going into the second period. The Rebels extended the lead slightly to lead 23-18 at the half. The

third period saw the two teams play evenly 9-9 with the Rebels holding a 32-27 advantage. McKenzie outscored Houston County 14-10 winning the contest 46-37 and clinching the district title.

Three Rebels were named to the All-District Team including Bryson Steele, Marquez Taylor and Zayden McCaslin.

Both the Lady Rebels and Rebels will host first round Region 6 games before going to West Carroll for the remainder of the tournament.



1. MHS Rebels — District 11A Champions! 2. MHS Lady Rebels — District 11A Champions! 3. Rebels Bryson Steele, Marquez Taylor and Zayden McCaslin named All-District. 4. Lady Rebels Kylie Reynolds, Dani Dyer and Mikaela Reynolds named All-District. 5. McKenzie Cheerleaders bringing the Rebel Spirit. 6. Head Coach John Wilkins named District Coach of the Year while Savannah Davis named District Co-MVP. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

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