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Watkins is Retiring From McKenzie School District

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McKENZIE (December 6) — Lynn Watkins, 59, is retiring from his position as director of schools on June 30, 2023.

During the Tuesday, December 6 meeting of the Board of Education of the McKenzie Special School District, Watkins told the board he was providing adequate advance notice to provide time to find his replacement.

Watkins has held the position for 14 years. He followed Jim Ward, Bentley Rawdon, Joe F. Williams, Baxter Wheatley,

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Lynn Watkins

McKENZIE REBEL RECEIVES HONOR



Above, Sharing in the historic event of the Mr. Football Award — Kelly Spivey, McKenzie High School Principal; George and Angela Cassidy, Jackson Cassidy — Mr. Football, Jake Cassidy, Ava Kate Bomar, Charlie Cassidy and Wade Comer, MHS Coach. Below, Jackson Cassidy wears the Titans jersey gifted to him by the Titans Foundation. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Jackson Cassidy Named Mr. Football

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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NASHVILLE (December 7) — Jackson Cassidy is the Class 1A Mr. Football. The senior quarterback for McKenzie was one of three finalists including Kumaro Brown of Memphis Academy of Science and Engineering and Isaiah Thomison of Fayetteville High School.

There were 10 winners in 10 divisions.

Cassidy, a senior at McKenzie High School, started all four years of his career. He played as quarterback and defensive back for the 2022 Class 1A Champions - McKenzie Rebels.

Cassidy led his team to the runner-up in the championship game against South Pittsburg in 2021 and as the winner of the championship game against Clay County in 2022. He was named most valuable player in the championship game.

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Gibson County Mayor Nelson Cunningham, Brig. Gen. Warner Ross, Tennessee's Assistant Adjutant General-Army, Milan Mayor B.W. Beasley, State Representative Brock Martin and Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler cut a ceremonial ribbon at the Milan Volunteer Training Site during a ceremony in Milan on December 6. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Tennessee National Guard Hosts Site Opening Ceremony

Milan to be Largest Training Facility in Tennessee

MILAN (December 6) — The Tennessee Military Department hosted a ceremonial ribbon cutting at the Tennessee National Guard's Milan Volunteer Training Site celebrating the beginning of expanded operations on Tuesday, December 6.

The expanded operations includes land in Carroll and Gibson counties and makes the facility the largest training area in Tennessee. It now

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City of McKenzie Approves Disaster Mitigation Plan

McKENZIE (December 8) — During the regular monthly meeting of the City of McKenzie Board of Mayor and Council, Resolution 22-005 was adopted. The resolution deals with the mitigation plan for Carroll County and the incorporated cities of Huntingdon, McKenzie, Bruceton, Hollow Rock, Clarksburg, Trezevant and Atwood.

The purpose of the mitigation plans was loosely explained as a plan of action to be taken during a time of a natural/environmental catastrophe. Mayor Ryan Griffin in his first meeting asked Fire Chief Bryan Tucker to elaborate on the plan.

According to FEMA, The Local Mitigation Planning Process is a community-driven, living document. The planning process itself is as important as the resulting

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Carroll County Looks to Make Three Hires

During a joint meeting of Carroll County's Personnel and Budget Committee, the group decided it necessary to bring before the legislative body the need to hire three positions. Two director positions, the manager of the airport and the manager of the civic center, are opening within the next few weeks. A new position dealing with grants and bid solicitation may be created by the legislative body.

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Five Inmates Ingest Illegal Controlled Substance

PARIS (December 10) — Five female inmates at the Henry County Jail were transported to the Henry County Medical Center for treatment after ingesting an illegal controlled substance that was introduced into the penal facility.

According to a press release from the Henry County Sheriff's Department, at approximately 10 p.m. on December 10, correctional officers discovered female inmates exhibiting symptoms of a drug overdose. The officers acted quickly administering NARCAN to two inmates to revive them. Deputies and Paris Police Department officers responded to assist.

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Huntingdon High School Band students march and play a holiday selection. Photo by Jason R. Martin/The Banner

Town of Huntingdon Holds Christmas Parade

HUNTINGDON (December 11) — The Town of Huntingdon held its annual Christmas parade Sunday afternoon. The streets of downtown Huntingdon where lined with spectators to watch a variety of vehicles, floats, and beauty queens grace them with their presence. The 2022 winners included Marching Band: 1st Place — Huntingdon High School Band. Float: 1st Place — Cub Scout Pack 73; 2nd Place — Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church. Antique Vehicle: 1st Place — Cyril Ostiguy; 2nd Place — Scotty Rhodes. Motorized Vehicle: 1st Place — R & R Towing; 2nd Place — Miss Carroll County Iris Teen — Lily Moore. Horse & Rider: 1st Place — Webb's Auto Parts (Sybil Webb); 2nd Place — Raylene Rithaler. Miscellaneous: 1st Place — C & S Outdoor Power Equipment, Inc.; 2nd Place — Susan Brown.

More photos will be made available in the Banner's Christmas Special Edition.



Above, Huntingdon Band Director Ben Martin walks the parade route with his marching band. Below, Numerous first responder vehicles took part in the parade. Photos by Jason R. Martin/The Banner



Briley Auvenshine with her family and coach John Weeks (standing). (L to R): Melinda Wall, Braylin Auvenshine, Brandy Auvenshine, Briley Auvenshine, Brent Auvenshine and Steve Wall.

Auvenshine Signs With Bethel Softball

MCKENZIE — Briley Auvenshine, a senior at McKenzie High School signed to play softball at the next level with Bethel University.

Bethel Coach John Weeks said he had watched Briley during her prep career and he is eager to have her as part of the

Lady Wildcats Softball Team. She can play multiple positions including pitching and third base.

He noted he likes to recruit local students when he can because it's easier for family and friends to attend games and add to the fan base.

Kelly Spivey, principal,

said Briley has both the academics and athleticism. It is exciting that she is staying close to home, said the principal.

Briley was part of the starting lineup of the 2022 Class 1A MHS basketball team.

Kristi Brown is her high school coach.

State Rep. Tandy Darby Announces \$527K Grant For Sewer System Improvements in McKenzie

NASHVILLE (December 8) — State Rep. Tandy Darby, R-Greenfield, today announced McKenzie will receive a \$526,880 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD) for sewer system improvements.

The improvements include the refurbishing/replacement of two pump stations along with manhole rehabilitations, line rehabilitations and other additional repairs.

"This grant will help upgrade critical infrastructure that residents and businesses in our community depend

on every day," Darby said. "I am thankful that McKenzie was selected to receive this funding, and I appreciate everyone who was involved in helping to make this important investment possible."

The funds were awarded as part of a \$27.3 million grant improvement package announced by Gov. Bill Lee and ECD Commissioner Stuart McWhorter to assist communities with infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitations and health and safety initiatives. In all, 64 communities in Tennessee were awarded grants through the program.

The allocation of CDBG funds is based on priori-

ties set through the public meeting process at the local community level. The CDBG program is funded through HUD and administered in Tennessee by the Department of Economic and Community Development. Funds are available for water and sewer improvements, house rehabilitation, health and safety projects and other improvements to enhance the quality of life in rural communities statewide.

State Rep. Tandy Darby represents House District 76, which includes all of Weakley and part of Carroll and Henry counties.

McKenzie, Henry County Splits Wins

MCKENZIE (December 9) — McKenzie Lady Rebels defeated Henry County's Lady Patriots in a non-conference basketball contest on Friday, December 9. The Henry County Patriots won the night cap against the Rebels, in their second game of the season following a long, championship football season.

The Lady Rebels scored 19, 16, 19, and 16 in the respective quarters and the Lady Patriots scored 9, 12, 17 and 21. The final score was 70 to 59.

Kylie Reynolds had 23 points, Katie Chesser had 15, Mikaela Reynolds and Briley Auvenshine had 12 each. Sarah Luci and Gracie Aird had a three-pointer each, and Ally Gibson had 2.

The Lady Patriots had 59 points led by Clarly Hutson with 29, Harlee Veavey with 12, Olivia Kendall with 7, Noe Wilkerson with 4, Bayleigh Thompson with 3, Na'Kiyah Moore and Emma Mitchell with 2 each.

McKenzie Rebels had 66 points on the evening scoring 12, 8, 21, and 25 in the

respective quarters. Tate Surber had 23, Marquez Taylor 19, Zay Webber 12, Zach Aird 6, Carter Kee 3, Hayden Garrett 2, and Stafford Roditis 1.

The Patriots had 86 points on the evening, scoring 15, 19, 27, and 25 in the respective quarters. Jayce Kendall had 19, Jackson Hayes, 17, Caden Marshall 13, Brice Donaldson 12, Carson Curd 11, Chandler Scott 6, Javion Boyd 4, and Kayden Kendall and Nick Abbott with 2 each.



Dr. Dale Henry, the commencement speaker, had the honor of presenting his daughter, Lauren with her diploma. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Bethel Graduates 252 in Winter Commencement

MCKENZIE — Bethel University conferred 252 diplomas during its winter commencement on Saturday, December 10 in the Crisp Arena.

Dr. Walter Butler, president, conferred associates, bachelors, and masters degrees to both traditional students who studied in the College of Arts and Sciences and non-traditional students who studied in the College of Professional Studies.

Dr. Dale Henry was the commencement speaker. Dr. Butler said Henry is one of his closest friends. The motivational speaker previously served Bethel as the Vice-President of Development and resided in McKenzie.

According to his website, Dr. Dale Henry grew up in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, an area that is bountiful in two things—hospitality and story-telling. Dr. Dale has been a teacher, principal, dean of the oldest college in Tennessee, a businessman, author, and a speaker and trainer. Dale has been in customer service over half his life. His story-telling ability propelled him as a teacher. This, combined with his customer service and unique ability to captivate audiences, has sky-rocketed Dale in his speaking career.

On Saturday, Henry said he works with many corporations and business to help them improve their custom-



Dr. Walter Butler, president of Bethel, presents a diploma to Emma Martin of McKenzie. Martin graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

er service. One of the stories he told was about Bob's Burgers, a burger shop near a garbage dump. He said he walked in, the line was long, and when he went to the counter, the owner cooked the burgers one at a time and dumped the fries in the hot grease as they were ordered. Henry said he had some suggestions for the business about speeding the process. However, the owner was not interested, instead

saying, everyone likes hot fries.

Henry noted that the owner identified his niche.

The motivational speaker addresses leaders of corporations, government, and education.

Henry's daughter, Lauren was among the graduates at Bethel on Saturday. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Henry had the honor of presenting her the diploma.

Bethel's Jasper Among Coach of the Year Winners

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WACO, Texas — Michigan's Jim Harbaugh and Northwestern's (Iowa) Matt McCarty highlight today's announcement of the American Football Coaches Association's 2022 Regional Coach of the Year winners for FBS, FCS, Division II, Division III, and NAIA. These winners will be honored on Monday, January 9, during the 2023 AFCA Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Bethel University Coach Michael Jasper was named NAIA Region 1 Coach of the Year. Jasper, in his fourth year at Bethel guided the Wildcats to a record 11-0 undefeated regular season and a No. 4 national ranking. Jasper is 26-15 in his four years at Bethel.

Coach Jasper commented on the honor. "It is an honor to be recognized alongside such amazing coaches. I share this accolade with my amazing staff that truly deserves a great deal of credit for our success. I can't make this vision go without them. I also share it with some outstanding student athletes who lay it all on the line every day for me and my staff."

Bethel Director of Athletics Brad Chappell said, "I am pleased to hear about Coach Jasper's recognition from the AFCA as Coach of the Year. People around the country are beginning to figure out what we have known for quite some time - Mike Jasper is an excellent football coach. It has been fun and rewarding for me to see Mike's evolution as a coach. He just keeps getting better. This most recent honor is another feather in his cap of what I predict will be many. Congratulations Coach!!"

The AFCA recognizes five regional Coach of the Year winners in each of the Association's five divisions: Football Bowl Subdivision, Football Championship Subdivision, Division II, Division III, and NAIA. The winners are selected by Active members of the Association who vote for coaches in their respective regions and divisions.

Harbaugh earned his second AFCA Regional Coach of the Year honor by guiding Michigan to a 13-0 record, the Big Ten Conference title,



and the No. 2 seed in the College Football Playoff where they will face No. 3 TCU in the Vrbo Fiesta Bowl. In his eight seasons at Michigan, Harbaugh has a record of 74-24 and two Big Ten titles. His overall record in 15 years as a collegiate head coach at San Diego, Stanford and Michigan is 132-51 with nine bowl appearances.

McCarty also earned his second AFCA Regional honor by leading Northwestern (Iowa) to a 12-1 record and the program's second trip in three years to the NAIA National Championship game. He has an overall record of 55-11 in his seven years as head coach and has led the Red Raiders to six straight trips to the NAIA playoffs. McCarty won his first regional honor in 2017 by guiding Northwestern to a 10-2 record and the quarterfinals of the NAIA playoffs in his second year as head coach.

2022 AFCA Regional Coach of the Year Winners

Football Bowl Subdivision: Region 1: Willie Fritz, Tulane University; Region 2: Josh Heupel, University of Tennessee; Region 3: Jim Harbaugh, University of Michigan; Region 4: Sonny Dykes, TCU; Region 5: Jonathan Smith, Oregon State University

Football Championship Subdivision: Region 1: Bob Chesney, College of the Holy Cross; Region 2: Chris Hatcher, Samford University; Region 3: Willie Simmons, Florida A&M University; Region 4: John Stiegelmeier, South Dakota State University; Region 5: Troy Taylor, Sacramento State

Division II: Region 1: Ernie McCook, Shepherd University; Region 2: Chenniss Berry, Benedict College; Region 3: Matt Mitchell, Gratz

Valley State University; Region 4: Todd Knight, Ouachita Baptist University; Region 5: Brandon Moore, Colorado School of Mines

Division III: Region 1: Mike Toerper, Ithaca College; Region 2: Ryan Larsen, Carnegie Mellon University; Region 3: Larry Harmon, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor; Region 4: Jason Couch, Alma College; Region 5: Steve Johnson, Bethel University (Minn.)

NAIA: Region 1: Mike Jasper, Bethel University (Tenn.); Region 2: Jordan Langs, Indiana Wesleyan University; Region 3: Joe Woodley, Grand View University; Region 4: Matt McCarty, Northwestern College; Region 5: Troy Purcell, Carroll College (Mont.)

AFCA National Coach of the Year: The AFCA will announce the 2022 National Coaches of the Year winners in FBS, FCS, Division II, Division III and NAIA on Monday, January 9. The Regional winners in each division are finalists for National Coach of the Year.

Award History: The AFCA began recognizing district coaches of the year following the 1960 season. The awards were established the same year Eastman Kodak agreed to sponsor the AFCA Coach of the Year award. Prior to 1960, the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain had sponsored the program, which recognized one national Coach of the Year.

The AFCA first recognized eight district winners in each of two divisions: university and college. In 1972, a ninth district was added in each division. In 1983, the award was changed to recognize regional winners instead of district winners. The number of divisions was also increased from two to four and five regional winners were selected in each division. This resulted in a more equitable selection process and better represented the make-up of the membership. At the same time, the new system increased the number of honorees from 18 to 20. In 2006, the AFCA Division II Award was split into separate Division II and NAIA divisions, giving us the 25 winners, we now recognize.



Cassidy in the press room as state media people interview the winners. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Cassidy

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Cassidy is the son of George and Angela Cassidy. His younger brother, Jake, is a junior on the McKenzie Rebels team. He has a younger sister, Charlie.

Traveling to Nissan Stadium for the ceremony were Cassidy, his parents, George and Angela, his brother, Jake, his sister, Charlie, Jackson’s girlfriend, Ava Kate Bomar, Head Coach Wade Comer, and McKenzie High School Principal Kelly Spivey. The Rebels team returned to the stadium on Sunday, December 11 to watch a Titans game.

During a press briefing at Nissan Stadium, Coach Wade Comer said Cassidy truly represents the value of his team and his small hometown of McKenzie. Cassidy had tremendous leadership this year and led the team to the first-ever state championship for McKenzie.

“This puts the icing on the cake,” said Comer of Cassidy being named Mr. Football. “Everyone knows how good he is on Friday nights, but the values he has, the kid is an exceptional young man. He is humble. I promise you he is not wanting the spotlight.” Comer concluded that Jackson is a role model for young men.

Cassidy is truly a young man of few words. And he used those few words to give credit to others.

“This is a huge honor. I am really thankful for my teammates, my family, and my coaches,” said Cassidy. He said he is now turning his attention to his senior year on the MHS baseball team. The team earned the runner-up position last year in the state baseball championship in Murfreesboro.

Cassidy is undecided on a college.

Cassidy joins former

McKenzie quarterback Drew Hayes as recipients of the Mr. Football Award.

Tennessee’s best high school football players for 2022 were recognized at the Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Awards luncheon hosted by the Tennessee Titans.

More than 400 people, including the honorees, their families, coaches, school administrators and members of the media from all parts of the state, attended the 2022 luncheon at Nissan Stadium.

“This is such an outstanding honor for all 30 of the young men recognized today at the Tennessee Titans Mr. Football Awards,” said Mark Reeves, Executive Director of the TSSAA. “They were here not only due to their athletic ability that they displayed on the field throughout the season, but just as much for their outstanding character and academic achievements.”

“For decades, the Titans have made supporting high school and youth football programs a top priority. The athletes being honored today represent some of the most talented across the state – not only showing determination on-the-field, but also demonstrating tremendous character off-the-field,” said Burke Nihill, Titans President and CEO. “We are proud to support the Mr. Football Awards and highlight these incredible men who will be the leaders of tomorrow.”

High school head coaches and members of the media nominated the finalists. A committee of statewide sports writers selected winners based on performance in the 2022 regular season. Academics and character were also taken into consideration.

The awards were presented to the top football players in each of the nine classifications of the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association. The top kickers in the state were also recognized. There were three finalists in this category,

regardless of their school’s classification.

Cassidy’s Record — In 47 games which counts through the final regular season game at McEwen, Jackson completed 238 passes out of 436 attempts for 4,472 yards and 50 touchdowns with 15 interceptions. His career completion rate is 55 percent of his passes. He also rushed 196 times for 1,736 for an average of 8.9 yards per carry and 28 touchdowns. This year, heading into the playoffs, Cassidy completed 66 of 107 passes for 1464 yards and 20 touchdowns with only 2 interceptions. On the ground, he has 28 carries for 347 yards and 7 touchdowns. He has been a force defensively with career numbers including 221 total tackles, 14 tackles for loss, 7 interceptions, 3 caused fumbles, and 1 fumble recovery. This year alone, Cassidy has 51 total tackles and 2 tackles for loss through the ten regular season games.

The Titans became sponsors of the Mr. Football Awards in 2007.

2022 TENNESSEE TITANS MR. FOOTBALL AWARD WINNERS

Division I, Class 1A
Jackson Cassidy, McKenzie

Division I, Class 2A
Josh Jackson, Tyner

Division I, Class 3A
Lance Williams, Alcoa

Division I, Class 4A
Marcellus Jackson, Fulton

Division I, Class 5A
DeSean Bishop, Karns

Division I, Class 6A
Arion Carter, Smyrna

Division II, Class A
D.J. Merriweather, Clarks-ville Academy

Division II, Class AA
Maureice “Junior” Sherrill, Lipscomb Academy

Division II, Class AAA
Marcel Reed, Montgomery Bell Academy

KICKER OF THE YEAR
Oziel Hernandez, Germantown



Left, Col. Donnie Hebel, Operations Officer for the Tennessee Army National Guard, and Lt. Col. Kevin Brandon unveil a sign to the Milan Volunteer Training Site during a ceremony in Milan on December 6. Above, Brigadier General Warner Ross speaks prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the expansion of the National Guard Volunteer Training Site in Milan. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Guard

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has enough land to train on heavy armor.

The former Milan Army Ammunition Plant was opened to provide ammunition to troops during World War II and continued operations until a few years ago. Much of the land is now being repurposed for military training by the Tennessee National Guard.

The expansion also means more troops will train in the area.

Brigadier General Warner Ross, Tennessee’s Assistant Adjutant General-Army, spoke to those in attendance about the future of the training area and unveiled new signs at the property.

“Milan has been a key location for training our Guardsmen for decades,” said Ross. “This expansion improves our ability to train and enhances our capability to respond to local, state, and national emergencies.”

On Aug. 9, the U.S. Army’s Milan Ammunition Plant reassigned more than 16,000 acres to the Tennessee National Guard, increasing the size of the Milan Volunteer Training Site to over 18,400 acres, making it the largest training site in the Tennessee National Guard. The additional property will be used as training ranges and maneuver areas for Guardsmen to improve their war-fighting skills and ability to respond to

emergencies within the state.

“Our priorities in the Tennessee National Guard are to provide trained and ready troops for the department of defense, serve the citizens of Tennessee in their time of need, and continue to build partnerships,” said Ross. “This facility gives us the opportunity to meet all three.”

During the ceremony, Ross conducted a ribbon cutting with local leaders and unveiled a sign that will be used to identify the new training area.

“This new property will also provide us with enough maneuver space to train our largest units, which we have been unable to do within Tennessee, until now,” said Ross.

General Ross said the facility now has 13 employees and should have 40-50 in future. He noted, the Tennessee National Guard is the 10th largest in the country and the fourth most deployed.

The Guard will continue its relationship with area farmers to help farm and maintain some of the property and will continue to work with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

Brigadier General Ross is a licensed classroom teacher of K-12. He has served in education for 30-plus years as a coach, teacher, vice-principal, principal, and Hardeman County Director of Schools. In prior years, he was named principal of the year and superintendent of the year.

On Thursday, December 8, General Ross was promoted within the Tennessee

see National Guard.

Today, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee announced the appointment of Brigadier General Warner A. Ross II as Adjutant General of Tennessee and Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Military, effective January 21, 2023. Ross succeeds Major General Jeff Holmes, who will retire after 43 years of military service.

“General Holmes has dedicated his career to protecting our state and nation, and I commend his leadership of the brave men and women in the Tennessee National Guard,” said Lee. “General Ross brings decades of military defense experience to his respective role, and I appreciate his continued service to Tennessee.”

Ross serves as the Assistant Adjutant General, Army for the Tennessee National Guard. Ross has 32 years of military service and received his commission from Officer Candidate School after beginning his career as an infantry rifleman at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1990. Ross gained significant leadership experience while assigned to Infantry, Field Artillery and Cavalry branches across the Tennessee Army National Guard, and his most recent assignment was as Commander of the 194th Engineer Brigade.

Ross earned his Master in Strategic Studies at the Army War College, Master of Education at Freed-Hardeman University and Bachelor of Business Administration at the University of Mississippi.

Inmates

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Five female inmates were transported to the Henry County Medical Center for treatment. All were released back to the jail.

An investigation determined that on December 10 at approximately 2:30 p.m. Crystal Wofford was booked into the Henry County Jail after being

arrested by HCSO for Violation of Circuit Court Probation and Criminal Impersonation. Wofford apparently had a controlled substance hidden in a body cavity at that time. Once inside the female jail population, Wofford removed the controlled substance from the body cavity. Approximately seven inmates ingested the controlled substance.

The arresting officer requested a female Paris Po-

lice Department officer to search Wofford prior to being booked. The controlled substance was undetected due to being hidden in the body cavity.

Wofford has additionally been charged with Introduction of Contraband into a Penal Institution.

The investigation is continuing by Henry County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division and the District Attorney’s Office.

Watkins

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and W.O. Warren in approximately the last 50 years.

Watkins, a McKenzie native, was hired in the fall of 1988 by Joe F. Williams as an eighth grade science teacher. His principal was James Jackson. He taught eighth grade for 8 years in the two-story middle school that faced Stonewall Street. In the fall of 1996, he was hired as assistant principal at McKenzie High School by J. Bentley Rawdon. Principal Terry Howell was his immediate supervisor beginning in the fall of 1997. The principal at MHS was Dewey Chism.

In the fall of 2000, Watkins was promoted by Rawdon to serve as the MMS principal. He served in that position under Interim Director Joe Williams, who returned to his former position on January 1, 2001 until James (Jim) Ward was appointed director in the spring of 2001. Watkins served under Mr. Ward until July 2004.

Watkins took a break from education in 2004 until 2007 when he worked in the roofing business with both Stambaugh Roofing and Kirk’s Roofing.

Watkins returned to education when he was hired by Jim Ward to return as principal of McKenzie Middle School in July 2007.

In July, 2009, he was appointed by the Board to Education to serve as director of schools.

Watkins also served in various coaching positions at McKenzie.

He was MMS head foot-

ball coach for 10 years; MMS head girls basketball coach for six years; MMS head boys basketball coach for two years; MHS assistant boys basketball coach for 5 years (head coach was Don Durden); MHS assistant softball coach for 1 year (head coach Pam Daniel); MHS head softball coach for 7 years; and MHS assistant baseball coach for 1 year (head coach Craig Lunn).

Board members who have served during Watkins’ tenure include: John Austin, Jon Davis, Lashonda Williams – all in the chairmanship.

Lance Rider, Greg Barker, Mary Elaine Williams, Michelle Horton, Monte Cunningham, Brad Davis, Karen McCaleb, Jan Latimer, Norman French, George Cassidy, Chad Brown, Spiridon Roditis, Karen Fowler, Misty Aird, and Bobby Young.

Principals who Watkins supervised include: MHS Tim Watkins and Kelly Spivey; MMS David Duncan and Dorethea Royle; MES Richard Davey, Amanda Batts, Tim Barker and Tonya Brown.

Watkins is married to Molly and they have three children, Mitchell, Rebekah and Paul, and a grandson, Porter.

During his tenure, the school has increased all steps on the salary schedule by at least 20 percent and provide annual bonuses, deservedly so, to the schools’ employees.

The school added nurses at each of the three buildings, two assistant principals so all three schools have both a principal and assistant and added interventionists in both the elementary and middle school.

Recently, the school retired its long-term debt for the construction of the high school. Outside of regular maintenance, the school system has completed \$2.2 million in capital improvements. Those include roofing, security entrances, awnings, paving projects and an HVAC upgrade at MHS. The school system also has a student resource officer (SRO- law enforcement officer) at each of the three school sites. Originally, the school had one SRO to share amongst the three sites.

All the while, the school increased its reserve fund balance by \$1.3 million during this time.

Academically, the school system was twice named an exemplary district and has achieved a Level 5 academic growth system multiple times. MSSD has been a top 10 in the state in ACT scores.

The dedicated teachers at MSSD have achieved the highest scores in the state in multiple subjects on both End of Course (EOCs) and TCAP. Thanks to the teachers, administrators and staff for these great student successes.

The athletic programs speak for themselves, said Watkins.

“I believe that level of success is because we have always kept academics first,” said the director.

Mr. Watkins said his most influential mentors are Joe Williams, Terry Howell, Dewey Chism, Jim Ward and Don Durden.

“All of these things happened because of the wonderful caring people that came before me and the ones I work with every day,” concluded Watkins.

Carroll

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The need for a grant writer and bid solicitor could save the county tens of thousands of dollars a year, and depending on the need for grant maintenance the job would likely pay for itself.

Return on Investment (ROI) was a hot top when discussing the pay rate for the civic center director and the airport manager positions. Neither facility operates in the black according

to monthly figures. After much discussion, members of both committees felt the airport manager needs to draw a higher salary in hopes of attracting a candidate that will stay at the position for “more than a year or two.”

The current manager was making approximately of \$43,000 annually. The director of the civic center was making approximately \$50,000. At the recommendation of Commissioner Lana Suite, \$15,000 was slashed from the pay of the civic center. Commissioner Daniel Wilman made the motion

to allocate the \$15,000 to the airport manager’s salary.

The decision made in the meeting are not final; they are recommendations passed on to the legislative body whose next meeting is January 9 at 7 p.m. County Mayor Joseph Butler informed those in attendance of the Carroll County Board of Education received \$40,000 in bonuses through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Mayor Butler added the Court House repair cost increased in upwards of \$50,000 for roof repairs. The cost would be offset by ARPA funds.

Disaster

...From Front Page

plan because it encourages communities to integrate mitigation with day-to-day decision-making regarding land use planning, floodplain management, site design, and other functions. Mitigation planning includes the following elements: Public Involvement; Risk Assessment; and Mitigation Strategy.

During department reports, the council was updated by Parks and Recreation Director Billy Hol-

lowell on TWRA’s recent restocking of the pond at the City Park. He added the pickleball court concrete surface has been poured but the final surface will not be applied until the spring due to temperature constraints.

Following the condemnation of two structures in McKenzie, Codes Officer Philip Morrissett stated they are waiting for the predetermined period stated by the board before the City takes its next course of action which is likely demolition.

Public Works Supervisor John Mercer stated the department was working on

leaf and brush pickup.

Fire Chief Tucker noted the department’s response to two fires in McKenzie, one residential and one commercial.

Police Chief Ryan White stated the police department had received 984 calls for November. Of those 984 calls, 24 were responding to accidents/crashes, 75 were citizen assists and 197 were vehicle stops in McKenzie.

Not mentioned nor brought to a vote during the December meeting was the annual employee Christmas bonus.

The next meeting of the council is January 12 at 6 p.m. at McKenzie City Hall.

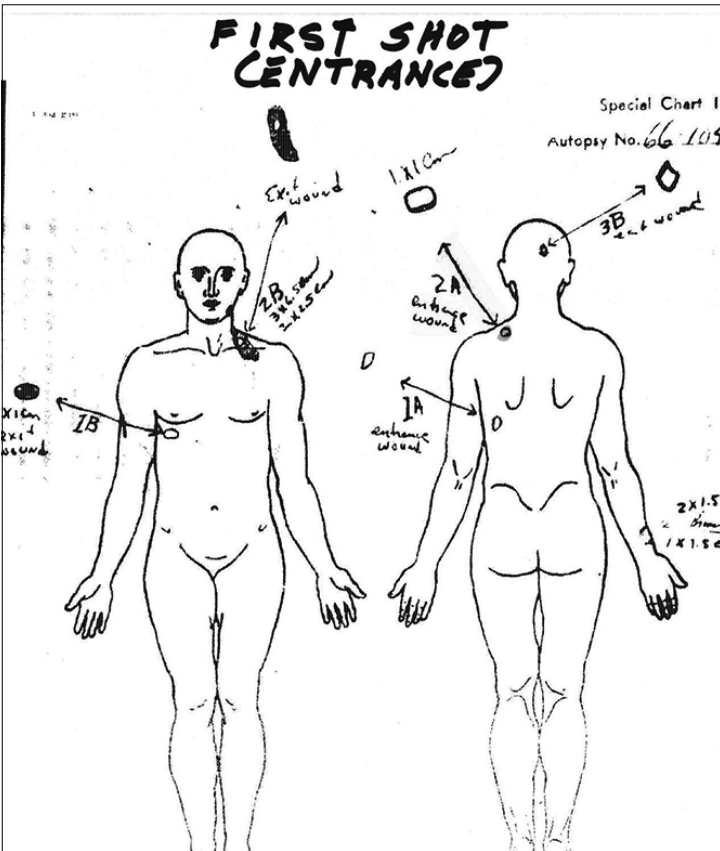
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Above left, Buford Pusser was elected sheriff in 1964. Center, While living in Chicago he wrestled under the name Buford the Bull. Right, Autopsy rendering shows the entrance and exit wounds following the shooting of Louise Hathcock by Buford Pusser.



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McNairy County

From Pusser to Blanton (Part II)

The story of Buford Pusser is one of intrigue wrapped in mystery. Depending on who tells the story dictates the level of truth, glamorization, or defamation varies. I've set out with no agenda other than to tell one heck of a story from what can be seen on the surface. The goal of this week's edition is to simply introduce Buford and tie his story to that of the State Line Mob. In this period with documented book excerpts and blogs, there may be no true heroes in this story. What is certain is the fine hazy line between good and bad, and how it was all mingled and mangled together.

Buford Hayse Pusser was born to Carl Ulysses Pusser (1906-1978) and Helen Adrin Harris Pusser (1908-1987) on December 12, 1937. He was born in McNairy County in the little town of Finger. Law enforcement was in his blood as his father was the chief of police in Adamsville for several years.

Not much is written about his youth other than he was extremely tall at 6 foot 6 inches and excelled at high school football and basketball. After high school, he joined the Marine Corps, though was given a medical discharge

due to his asthma. Then, he moved to Chicago and became a local wrestler and went to school to be a mortician.

His size and his strength earned him the nickname "Buford the Bull," and his success earned him local fame. While in Chicago, Pusser met his future wife, Pauline. In December of 1959, the two married, and two years later moved back to Pusser's childhood home.

Somewhere before joining the Marines and marrying Pauline, Buford had a run-in with some of the nefarious figures of the State Line Mob.

"I was beaten and robbed on the Mississippi-Tennessee state line, and the local law enforcement wasn't doing anything about it," Pusser later said in an interview. There are doubts this story happened because there are no medical reports nor any official reports made by his father. There are even stories Buford made a return trip from Chicago to rob and terrorize those that attacked him at the Plantation Club (owned by W.O. Hathcock).

What we do know is Buford the Bull with Pauline and their children, Mike Vance, Diane Vance and Dwana, moved to McNairy County in 1961. Mike and Diane were Pauline's chil-

dren from a previous relationship. In 1962, the City of Adamsville made him chief of police, and he also served as a county constable from 1962 to 1964.

In 1964, Buford decided to run against Democrat incumbent James Dickey for Sheriff. Following Dickey's death, Pusser became the youngest sheriff in Tennessee history. This is where the truth becomes extremely muddy as Pusser promptly began trying to eliminate the Dixie Mafia and the State Line Mob.

It is not exactly known what his reasoning was for going after the State Line Mob and members of the Dixie Mafia. One would want to believe it was a righteous calling to clean up McNairy County but many claim he had an ulterior motive, simple greed. Like I said before, I am not here to fan the flames of Buford's legacy nor try to extinguish them. I am simply telling the story I have put together over the last few weeks.

What is noted is in 1965, he destroyed 87 whiskey stills. Some speculate he was taking orders from members of the Mob on which competitive vendors they wanted out of commission. Others speculate he was performing his sworn duty as an officer of the law. A few speculated that it was a combination of the two, he was doing what he was duly sworn to do while getting tips and kickbacks from the State Liners.

Having taken over as McNairy County Sheriff after the death of Jack Hathcock put Sheriff Pusser face to face with the matriarch of the State Line Mob, Louise

Hathcock. In the movies, they put Buford above the fold and worked hard to close state-line clubs and bars, but that was a work of quasi-fiction.

Either way you want to view the story, Louise Hathcock had her fill working with or against Buford Pusser. The story begins on January 31, 1966, with George Vogel and his wife, Dorothy, who were returning to Illinois after a visit to the gulf coast. Winter weather forced them to stop at Hathcock's Shamrock Motel along Highway 45.

The Vogels dined at the Shamrock Restaurant before retiring that night. They had commented that their coffee tasted rather strange. When they awoke the next morning feeling rather groggy, Dorothy noticed that her purse, which contained approximately \$125, her rosary, and other valuables was missing from their room. When they went to the motel office to report the missing purse and papers, they found Louise drunk and in a foul and threatening mood.

After Hathcock ordered them off the property telling them "to get the hell out," they proceeded to a payphone outside the motel office and called the McNairy County Sheriff's office for assistance with the matter. So on the morning of February 1, 1966, Sheriff Buford Pusser was on his way to the Shamrock Motel to arrest Louise Hathcock. He had two warrants for Hathcock in his pocket, one for theft and one for illegal possession of whiskey (Old Crow Bourbon).

Sheriff Pusser was accompanied by his deputies, Jim Moffett and Peatie

Plunk, that morning. There are various versions and interpretations of what occurred that day.

Just looking at the general information from the report filed by Pusser he arrived at the Shamrock Motel to arrest Hathcock. She requested to meet with him privately in her room. "Come in here sheriff, I got something to tell you," she was quoted as saying. According to W.O. Hathcock, Louise was going to stop making payments to Buford. Others state she was drunk and ready to do away with her Buford problem by killing him.

Sheriff Pusser obliged and after entering the room she took a shot at him with her .38-caliber pistol. The shot missed as it "whizzed by his ear," claimed the sheriff. In all actuality, the shot would have been a lot lower as it was only 48" inches high at the exit point Shamrock room window. Buford stood over 78" tall.

Sheriff Pusser responded with three shots from his 41-caliber magnum Smith and Wesson. The first shot hit Hathcock in the shoulder, the second hit her in the torso and the third shot entered her left jawline as she lay on the floor. Parts of her teeth were embedded in the floor and baseboards. Many questions were left unanswered after the death of Louise.

The TBI was called in to investigate the shooting, arriving hours later due to the weather. A grand jury would be called to investigate the death of Louise Hathcock, and Sheriff Pusser was acquitted of murder as it was labeled self-defense.

Some of the naysayers

claim it was not self-defense. Mike Elam, a Pusser researcher states, "After the shooting at the Shamrock, Chief Deputy Jim Moffett would tell his wife Juanita and son O'Neal, 'if anything should ever happen to me, you need look no further than Buford Pusser,' an odd statement for a chief deputy to make about his sheriff. He is said to have left his job for approximately 10 days before Buford talked him into returning to his duties. This comment along with his actions leads me to wonder if Moffett knew, or at least suspected something odd regarding how Hathcock had died."

Elam and others believe after the shooting, Buford went to the Shamrock to retrieve money Hathcock had stashed in a fireproof closet. He was unable to retrieve the money before Towhead White escaped from prison and found the cash.

Either way, after the death of Louise, the State Liners, Dixie Mafia and Buford Pusser turned McNairy County on its ear.

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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

A Voice Crying In The Wilderness.....

The church of God seems to be under attack today by every nation, group, organization, almost the entire movie industry, half of the politic body and the proverbial partridge in a pear tree. The naysayers love to point out that the United States is no longer a "Christian" nation.

I see, and hear it, on the evening news. Those TV talk shows where a group of people gather up around a table and tell you what to think are all over it. We have people elected to some of the highest offices in the land seemingly on a mission to destroy the Christian faith.

Good grief, even the Hallmark "family" Channel has gone over to the dark side.

Most all of these folks claim free choice and live and let live....everybody should have the right to do, and

think, what they want. But their actions don't always coincide with their words. I kinda get the notion they want everyone to have freedom of choice....as long as that "choice" agrees with their thinking, their beliefs, and their lifestyle.

If you don't get on board immediately with them you are somehow "full of hate," "backwards thinking," "right wing," (whatever that means) "old fashioned," "out of touch"..... Well, you get the idea.

I don't really understand this obsession to put the Christian faith down. It seems unnatural. It's almost like there are principalities and powers that nobody can see working against the church today.

Here is the humorous part; all this effort to "stomp out" the last remaining Christian

tenets may not be necessary. Most Christians I know today are just hanging on by a thread anyway. They are not perfect and they don't pretend to be so.

And understand here, I am talking about the true church. Not the pretenders. Not the "name it and claim it" guys. Not the ones led by guys wearing thousand dollars suits, shiny Rolexes and they drive away after each "uplifting and send me your money" sermon in their fire engine red Ferraris.

I'm not talking about the church with the tallest steeple. Or the most stained glass windows. Or the largest congregation. I don't give a flying hoot about what denomination they claim to be. And we are absolutely not talking "religion" today.

I AM talking about the humble, humble, humble and

obedient church....whose cornerstone is the Wonderful Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, the Lily of the Valley, the Rose of Sharon, the balm of Gilead....

It is so amazingly simple that I'm somewhat embarrassed that the world doesn't seem to get it. Kinda reminds me of the Pharisees of another time.

I am sorely dismayed by some of the anti-Christ things I see on a day to day basis. And it's pretty hard to listen to some of the hateful rhetoric that seems to spring up from so many places today. It's as if most everyone goes around "doing what is right in their own eyes."

I am saddened by the lack of respect we have for each other; regardless of our backgrounds, beliefs, party affili-

ation, age group, gender or national origin. It makes it hard to convincingly sing, "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men."

But I am not wringing my hands, putting on sack cloths and dumping ashes on my head as one with no hope.

And I think history is on my side.

The Egyptians once enslaved the whole nation of Israel. FOR FOUR HUNDRED YEARS! You talk about being despised by the world. Whipped! Beaten! Downtrodden! Israel was God's chosen people....you can think of them as the church before it became the church.

I'm telling you, they were wobbling on their last legs. It looked like the end of the Israelite nation for sure. With nothing left to loose, they cried out to God. He delivered them to a land of their own, flowing with milk and honey.

Of course, those Israelites, not unlike the true church today, were a stiff necked (read stubborn, dumb, thought-

less) people....with amazingly short memories! They soon drifted away from God.

Again. And again. And again.

A couple of thousand years ago God sent his only Son to straighten this mess out. The naysayers crucified him.

But a remnant believed! I've heard it said, "There is nothing new under the sun." I'm not smart enough to understand the deeper meaning of that statement. But I do know that Christians have at times down through the ages seemingly drawn the short stick.

And know full well, their problems are most often of their own making. It's that stiff neck thing again.

But they survive. They always survive!

It is a lesson every single person in America, and the world, should pay heed to this morning.

Respectfully,
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Obituaries



SCOTTY EUGENE STANFORD
1967 — 2022

Mr. Scotty Eugene Stanford, 55, of Milan, Tennessee, died Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Graveside funeral services were Saturday, December 10, 2022 at New Independence Cemetery with Bro. Lynn Nelson officiating.

Pallbearers who served were Marvin Kalinowski, Jason Copeland, David Rogers and Daniel Johnson.

Mr. Stanford was born July 10, 1967, in Milan, Tennessee. He worked at Dale's Recycling as a machine operator and attended New Independence Full Gospel Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Tacara Copeland (Jason) of Dresden, one son, Colton Stanford of Milan, his parents, Travis and Peggy Stanford of Trezevant, and one sister, Shannon Kalinowski (Marvin) of McKenzie. He also leaves three grandchildren, Malory Dean, Cason Allen and Kaylee Copeland. +



ALEX REITER
1997 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Alexander Elijah Reiter, 25, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Monday, December 5, 2022, at his home.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Huntingdon with Bro. Jacob Harris officiating. Interment followed in Long Rock Cemetery.

Pallbearers who served were Eric Reiter, Andy Carter, Clayton Rush, Craig Moore, Hunter Turner and Logan Gurley.

Mr. Reiter was born July 16, 1997, in Huntingdon, Tennessee. He was employed for Western Express in Logistics, a member of First Baptist Church in Huntingdon, and Baptist Collegiate Ministries at UTM. He was a graduate

of Huntingdon High School and University of Tennessee at Martin. His hobbies included cooking, travel, reading and video games. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Ronald Reiter, Sr.

He is survived by his parents, Ronald R. Reiter, II and Dr. Amanda (Moore) Reiter, one brother, Benjamin Reiter, maternal grandparents, Coy and Elaine Moore, and paternal grandmother, Sharon Reiter, all of Huntingdon. Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon. +

ELVIS RAY FORREST
1943 — 2022

TREZEVANT — Mr. Elvis Ray "String" Forrest, 79, of Trezevant, Tennessee, passed away Friday, December 9, 2022, at the Baptist Hospital in Huntingdon.

Funeral services were Monday, December 12, 2022, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Blake Singleton officiating. Interment was in McLemoresville Cemetery.

Mr. Forrest was born March 28, 1943, in Trezevant, Tennessee, to the late Lee Roy and Myrtle Vera (Patterson) Forrest. Other than his parents, he was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Forrest, a granddaughter, Destiny Pritchett, a grandson, Marty Nunley, a sister, Lucille White, two brothers, Homer Forrest, and Hulon Forrest.

He is survived by Frances Hampton, two daughters, Rhonda McAlexander of Lavinia, Wanda Akins of McKenzie, and one adopted daughter, Janie Wallace (Keith) of Lexington. He also leaves one grandson,, one great-granddaughter, and one great great-grandson, James Destin.

SAMMIE RUTH SIMPSON
1951 — 2022

Mrs. Sammie Ruth Simpson, 71, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Saturday, December 10, 2022, at her home.

Funeral services are Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at Noon, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home, with Bro. Jacob Harris officiating. Interment will follow in the Tennessee Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads.

Mrs. Simpson was born April 20, 1951, in Huntingdon to the late Raymond Henry and Ribbie Carolyn Robinson Boyd. She was a seamstress for Publix and a member of First Baptist Church. Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Randall Boyd, and a great-granddaughter, Palmer Bolton.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Dennis Simpson, two daughters, Crystal Sullivan (Michael) of Milan, Tina Peevyhouse (Tommy) of Huntingdon, a son, Chris Simpson (Hollie) of Medina, and a brother, Jimmy Boyd (Nina) of Leach. She also leaves eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, Asher Williamson.

Chase Funeral Home.

GLADYS PRITCHARD
1932 — 2022

CEDAR GROVE — Mrs. Gladys Mae Pritchard, 90, of Cedar Grove, died Monday, December 5, 2022, at AHC Lexington.

Funeral services were Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Bible Hill Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Anthony Gorden officiating. Interment will follow in Bible Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Pritchard was born September 5, 1932, in Cedar Grove, Tennessee, to the late Jesse and Verlie (McClerking) Pearson. Other than her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Charlie W. Prichard and one sister, Leara Pearson.

She is survived by one daughter, Lesia Taylor (Thomas) of Lexington, three sons, Levester Pritchard (Reene), Arthur Lee Pritchard (Alma), and Sylvester Pritchard (Diane), all of Cedar Grove. She also leaves a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon.

JAMES MICHAEL MCCARTY
1944 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mr. James Michael "Mike" McCarty, 78, of Huntingdon, died Sunday, December 4, 2022, at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville.

A memorial visitation is Thursday, December 15, 2022, 5-8 p.m. in the Cherrywood Room of Chase Funeral Home.

Mr. McCarty was born November 8, 1944, to the late James Clifford and Evelyn (Stout) McCarty. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rebecca Frances McCarty.

He is survived by a daughter, Holli McCarty of Huntingdon, two sons, Seth McCarty (Christy) and James "Will" McCarty, and a grandson, Taylor McCarty.

AMY FLOYD
1968 — 2022

GLEASON — Graveside funeral services for Amy Lamon Floyd are Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Butler Cemetery, Gleason, Tenn.

The family received friends on Monday December 12, 2022, 6-8 p.m. and 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Ms. Floyd, 54, died December 8, 2022, at St. Thomas West - Nashville. She was a graduate of Gleason High School Class of 86, worked as a floral designer with her mother at Gleason Florist and an associate at Goodwill Industries of Middle TN. She was born on June 30, 1968, in Union City to Lonnie and Lavelle Blassingame Floyd.

She is survived by her brother, Matt Floyd of Nashville.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Lance Floyd.

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. +



Carroll County Library Receives Technology Grants

NASHVILLE — Senator John Stevens, Representative Tandy Darby, Representative Brock Martin and Secretary of State Tre Hargett supported the Carroll County Library with a \$4,872 Training Opportunities for the Public (TOP) grant. The grant provides computer literacy instructors and wi-fi hotspots for their patrons and a \$1,178 Technology grant for new software and equipment.

"These funds will allow our citizens to access a wealth of knowledge and services through our libraries," said Sen. Stevens. "Keeping our libraries technologically up to date gives our citizens the ability to educate themselves and enrich their lives free of charge. These grants are greatly needed and much appreciated."

"Our public libraries are such an important asset for our communities because they provide our residents with access to valuable resources that enrich their lives," said Rep. Darby. "These funds will ensure that continues. I congratulate everyone who was involved in securing these funds and I thank Secretary Hargett for his support."

TOP and Technology grants are administered by the Tennessee State Library & Archives, a division of the Department of State. This year, more than \$349,000 in TOP grant funding is being awarded to 50 public libraries, and \$320,000 in Technology grant funding is being awarded to 83 public libraries across Tennessee.

"I commend the Carroll County Library for receiving two grants administered by the Library & Archives," said Secretary Hargett. "This funding will make a difference in their ability to meet the technology needs of the community. I appreciate the Tennessee General Assembly working to make these grants possible."

TOP grants are supported by the Tennessee Department of Economic

Gasoline Prices in Tennessee Decrease

Average gasoline prices in Tennessee decreased 12.8 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$2.81 per gallon on Monday, December 12, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 46.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 19.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel decreased 14.9 cents last week and stands at \$4.91 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.23 per gallon on Sunday, December 11, while the most expensive was \$3.99 per gallon, a difference of \$1.76 per gallon. The lowest price in the state on Sunday, December 11, was \$2.23 per gallon while the highest was \$3.99 per gallon, a difference of \$1.76 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline decreased 14.4 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$3.21 per gallon today. The national average is down 56.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 11.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Tennessee and the national average going back ten years:

December 12, 2021: \$3.01/g (U.S. Average: \$3.32/g)

December 12, 2020: \$1.88/g (U.S. Average: \$2.15/g)

December 12, 2019: \$2.27/g (U.S. Average: \$2.58/g)

December 12, 2018: \$2.13/g (U.S. Average: \$2.39/g)

December 12, 2017: \$2.22/g (U.S. Average: \$2.45/g)

December 12, 2016: \$2.04/g (U.S. Average: \$2.21/g)

December 12, 2015: \$1.80/g (U.S. Average: \$2.01/g)

December 12, 2014: \$2.41/g (U.S. Average: \$2.59/g)

December 12, 2013: \$3.10/g (U.S. Average: \$3.24/g)

December 12, 2012: \$3.09/g (U.S. Average: \$3.31/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices include Chattanooga at \$2.72 per gallon, down 14.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.86 per gallon; Nashville at \$2.73 per gallon, down 12.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.86 per gallon and Huntsville at \$2.86 per gallon, down 13.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.99 per gallon.

"Not only has the decline in gasoline prices lasted five straight weeks, with again every state seeing a weekly decline in its average, but average diesel prices have fallen in 49 states over the last week as well. The relief is saving Americans roughly \$20 per fill-up compared to six months ago," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "On the previously hard-hit West Coast, average prices have fallen nearly \$2 per gallon since October. Fifteen states now have average gasoline prices of \$2.99 or less, with several more to join this week. We remain on schedule to see the national average gas price fall below \$3 by Christmas, with diesel set to fall 50 cents to \$1 per gallon over the next six weeks or so. While the Keystone Pipeline shutdown has been getting some attention, motorists need not worry much about the oil-carrying pipeline for now. There is no expected impact to gasoline prices as of now."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

Bethel Calls for Hendrix Scholarship Participants

MCKENZIE — Bethel University will host the 2023 Hendrix Scholarship competition on February 24-25, 2023 with the application deadline set for February 16.

The Hendrix Scholarship Competition is an annual, two-day event where qualifying students participate in an essay, academic exam, and interview. The winner will receive a scholarship covering full tuition with room and board, and the runner-up will receive a full tuition scholarship. Each student must maintain a 3.6 GPA to be eligible for scholarship renewal. All other students in the competition will be considered for other Bethel academic scholarships.

"Each year, this scholarship competition brings the best-of-the-best high school seniors together," said Dr. Walter Butler, president of

Bethel University. "This competition is intense and the winner can know that this will help them achieve their long term goals."

Tina Hodges, director of recruitment and admissions, noted that participating students must be high school seniors with at least a 3.25 GPA and a 23/1130 or above ACT/SAT score to be considered for the competition. "The Hendrix Scholarship Competition is a great opportunity for high school seniors considering a private, liberal arts, Christian university," Hodges added.

Applicants may apply to participate in the scholarship competition by visiting www.bethelu.edu/admissions/tuition-and-fees/scholarships/hendrix, requesting that their high school transcripts be sent directly to Bethel University, and sending their ACT/

SAT scores via mail, email, or fax.

The Hendrix Scholarship Competition was established in 1988 by Willard R. Hendrix, grandson of former Bethel University President W.W. Hendrix, to pay tribute to President Hendrix and connect the university with deserving and academically gifted students.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@bethelu.edu or call 731-352-4000.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CARROLL COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT MEETING DECEMBER 15

The Carroll County Emergency Communications District regular meeting is Thursday, December 15, at 2:30 p.m. This is a date and

time change from Monday, December 12, 2022, at 6 p.m. The meeting is at 125 Court Square, Huntingdon.

CARROLL COUNTY TOYS FOR TOTS

Donate an unwrapped toy or monetary donation to the Carroll County Toys for Tots campaign. Toy donations will be collected at the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and Carroll County Sheriff's Office Communication Center through Monday, December 19. Monetary donations may be dropped off or mailed to Jamie Summers at the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, 200 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon, or visit toysfor-

tots.org. Please make checks payable to Carroll County Toys for Tots.

Toys for Tots applications for children ages 0-12 years old can be picked up at the Carroll County Sheriff's Office Communication Center at 210 Norandal Dr., Huntingdon. Applications must received no later than November 30. For additional information, contact the Carroll County Toys for Tots Coordinator, Jamie Summers, at 731-986-8947 or visit toysfortots.org.

HUNTINGDON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DECEMBER 15

The Huntingdon Board of Education meets Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 5 p.m. The meeting is at the Huntingdon Central Office located at 585 High Street, Huntingdon.

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY DECEMBER 17

Join Wreaths Across America on Thursday, December 17, for a wreath-laying ceremony at 12 p.m. to remember and honor the veterans laid to rest at Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parker's

Crossroads. The cemetery is located at 593 Wildersville Road, Wildersville.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER JOHNSON TEMPLE CME CHURCH DECEMBER 25

The Fourth Annual Christmas Day Dinner will be served to the public on Sunday, December 25, at the Johnson Temple CME Church, 915 Walnut Avenue West, McKenzie. The public is invited to this free dinner from 12-2 p.m.

SHEPHERD'S TABLE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

On the third Tuesdays of each month, The Shepherd's Table community kitchen serves meals at First Presbyterian Church located at 19835 E. Main Street, Huntingdon. Meals are served restaurant style with drive-through available after 6 p.m. It is open to the public and there is no cost. Donations are accepted. All are invited.

It is our mission to create a community atmosphere where individuals can come in and have a meal and a comfortable setting. We encourage friendly conversation, prayers and laughter. If

you would like to volunteer to help prepare the meal, serve the meal or help in any way, please call 731-415-9199 and leave a message or email fpcshepherdstable@gmail.com or write PO Box 651, Huntingdon, Tennessee.

CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

Carroll County Commission meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Carroll County Office Complex, High Street, Huntingdon. There are no meetings in December, February, and July.

HENRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACCEPTING DEER DONATIONS

The Henry County Sheriff's Office is accepting deer for the 'Deputies for the Hungry' program through December 30, 2022. Deer may be dropped off daily at the Henry County Sheriff's Office, 210 Forrest Heights Road, Paris, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Hunters must have the deer checked in prior to arrival and have the confirmation number ready for deer shed personnel. All deer must be field dressed prior to drop off. Due to limited storage capacity and Chronic Wasting Disease

(CWD) testing procedures, the Henry County Sheriff's Office may have to suspend the program and will notify the public should that occur. For each deer donated, hunters receive a ticket for a drawing to win a Precision Shooting Equipment (PSE) crossbow. The drawing will be held at Hulmes Sporting Goods, 3735 US-641, Paris, at a date to be announced. The offices are closed on Thanksgiving day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Huntingdon Location - Adult Education Building, 14155 Paris Street. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Classes are offered for one-on-one instruction on Mondays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, phone 731-364-5481.

COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

PRAYER ON THE SQUARE

The Prayer on the Square is held the second Saturday each month, 9 a.m. at The Network on the Court Square in Huntingdon. All denominations are welcome.

NOTICE

Twenty Fourth Judicial Circuit Court

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IT IS THE DUTY OF THE GRAND JURORS TO INVESTIGATE ANY PUBLIC OFFENSE WHICH THEY KNOW OR HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE HAS BEEN COMMITTED AND WHICH IS TRIABLE OR INDICTABLE IN THIS COUNTY. ANY PERSON HAVING KNOWLEDGE OR PROOF THAT SUCH AN OFFENSE HAS BEEN COMMITTED MAY APPLY TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE GRAND JURY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 40-12-104

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust recorded on April 7, 2020, of record in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, in Trust Deed Book 689, page 140, **BARBARA NICOLE MOORE** did convey in trust, to W. KENT JONES, Trustee, a tract of land hereinafter described, to secure the payment of the indebtedness described in said Deed of Trust to CARROLL BANK & TRUST; 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, 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 Trustee, to foreclose said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority in me vested as such Trustee, I will on the 28th day of December, 2022, offer for sale and sell in front of the Courthouse door 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 24th Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a 1/2" rebar found on the east right-of-way of Anark Road (50' R.O.W.), said rebar serves as the southwest corner of Larry F. & Rebecca Kirby (Deed Book 307, Page 495), the northwest corner of Harold Gene Brewer (Deed Book 312, Page 411), the northernmost corner of another tract owned by Harold Gene Brewer (Deed Book 167, Page 162) and the northwest corner of the herein described tract; runs thence, leaving the right-of-way with the south line of Kirby, South 74 degrees 50 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 246.26 feet to a rock found with a steel fence post witness on the west line of another tract owned by Larry F. & Rebecca Kirby (Deed Book 307, Page 481); thence, with the west line of Kirby, South 08 degrees 17 minutes 13 seconds West a distance of 321.96 feet to a set iron pin; thence, leaving the west line of Kirby to partition across both tracts of Harold Gene Brewer, North 74 degrees 50 minutes 04 seconds West a distance of 308.17 feet to an iron pin set on the above mentioned right-of-way of Anark Road; thence, with the right-of-way the following three calls: with a curve turning to the left with an arc length of 134.63 feet, a radius of 475.41 feet, a chord bearing of North 26 degrees 44 minutes 52 seconds East, and a chord length of 134.18 feet to a point; thence, with a compound curve turning to the left with an arc length of 99.92 feet, a radius of 927.48 feet, a chord bearing of North 15 degrees 31 minutes 26 seconds East, and a chord length of 99.87 feet to a point; thence, North 12 degrees 26 minutes 15 seconds East a distance of 88.44 feet to a found 1/2" rebar, which is the point of beginning, having an area of 1.95 acres more or less as surveyed by Stokes Surveying, LLC, Andrew Stokes R.L.S. #2577, P.O. Box 129, Clarksburg, TN 38324. All iron pins set are 1/2" rebar with plastic cap stamped "STOKES RLS 2577", all bearings are relative to Grid North, Tennessee State Plane, NAD 83. Survey dated March 13, 2020. The above-described property is subject to any right-of-way and utility easements that may not be shown.

Map 118 - Parcel 51.01-Property Assessor's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee

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

For source of title, see Deed Book 392, page 506, Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 2220 Anark Rd., Huntingdon, TN 38344 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.

Other Interested parties: Hawley & Mccadams, PLLC and MV Realty of Tennessee, LLC. If applicable, the notice requirements of TCA 35-5-117 have been met.

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 Trustee and not otherwise.

Said sale will be made by 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.

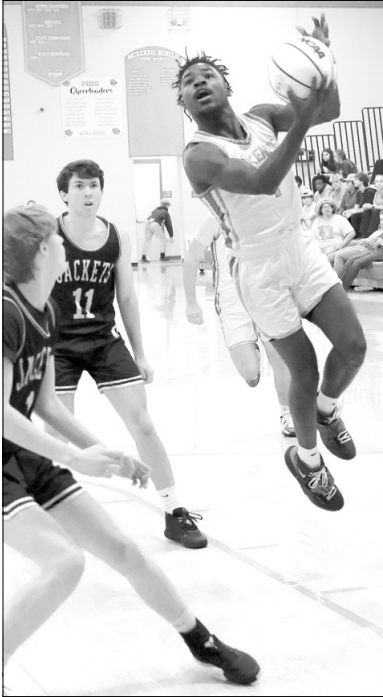
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Left, Marquez Taylor moves past a defender for an underhand shot. Center, Tate Surber moves toward the basket to shoot. Right, McKenzie's Kylie Reynolds guards Greenfield's Emma Grace Alfred.

McKenzie Squeezes Past Greenfield

McKENZIE (December 6) — McKenzie Lady Rebels and McKenzie Rebels squeezed victories over neighboring Greenfield in a Class 1A match on Tuesday, December 6 at McKenzie High School.

The defending state champion Lady Rebels, who were without the service of Miss Basketball, Savannah Davis, took some time to get its footing in the game against a very good team in the Lady Yellowjackets.

The Lady Rebels scored 20, 9, 14, and 26 in the respective quarters for a total of 69 points.

Greenfield Lady Yellow-

jackets scored 11, 25, 8, and 10 in the respective quarters for a total of 54 points. Greenfield led at the half 36 to 29 but fell to strong scoring in the third and fourth quarter by the Lady Rebels.

For McKenzie, Katie Chess-er that 2 points in the first and third quarters and 3 in the fourth for a total of 7 points. Briley Auvenshine had 1 point in the third and 13 in the fourth including two three-pointers for a total of 14.

It was sisters Mikaela Reynolds and Kyle Reynold who were the two high-scorers on the evening. Kylie had 30 total points and Mikaela had 15. Kylie had 3 three-pointers, 9 field goals and 3 free throws. Mikaela had 7 field goals, and one free throw. The Lady Rebels had an uncharacteristically low percentage of successful free throws at 60 percent. McKenzie committed 17 team fouls.

Greenfield had a total of 54

points led by Stormie Rick-ett's with 12, Emma Grace Alfred with Emma Grace Alfred with 14, Brently Little with 11 and Jayleigh Bowers with 11, Anastyn Vujici with 4, and Halli Williams with 2. Greenfield committed 13 team fouls.

In the nightcap, the penalty whistles blew 34 times with McKenzie receiving 18 and Greenfield receiving 16 for the boys' contest. McKenzie Rebels were assessed two technicals during the evening.

It was McKenzie Rebels' first game of the season because many on the team members played on the championship McKenzie Rebels football team that finished the gridiron season on December 2.

McKenzie scored 20, 18, 2 and 19 points in the respective quarters for a total of 59 points.

Greenfield scored 12, 20, 8 and 14 in the respective

quarters. The Rebels and Yellowjackets were tied at 40 at the end of the third quarter. An explosive fourth quarter for the Rebels sealed the win.

Zach Aird had 6 points on two three-pointers; Bryson Steele led the team with 18 points with 12 points in the fourth quarter; Marquez Taylor had 10; Tate Surber had 11, include a three-pointer; Carter Kee had 8, including 2 three-pointers; Stafford Roditis had five, including a three-pointer; and Zay Weber had 1 point.

The Rebels hit 3 of 10 free throws for 30 percent.

Greenfield Yellowjackets were led by Barkley Biggs with 21 points including 3 three-pointers; Matt Scates had 12, including 2 3-pointers; Carsen Wills had 7; John Featherston had 7, including a three-pointer; Kirx Bowers had 4, and Jackson Dunlap had 3 on a three-pointer. The team shot 11 of 17 free throws for 65 percent.

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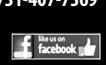
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. A people of Eastern Afghanistan

5. Supervises interstate commerce

8. Touch lightly

11. Relating to bees

13. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano

14. Mosuo culture religion

15. Italian village

16. Stiff bristle

17. Wealthy enclave in Rio

18. Cause to lose courage

20. Examines animals

21. Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand

22. Gets rid of

25. Having easily perceived thoughts

30. Removed surgically

31. Principle underlying the universe

32. Popular airline

33. Antelopes

38. Peacock network

41. Utter repeatedly

43. One from the Golden State

45. Photographers

48. Father

49. Popular BBQ dish

50. Cavalry sword

55. Ancient Greek sophist

56. Atomic mass unit

57. Afflicted in mind or body

59. Indian mythological figure

60. Mild expression of surprise

61. Jewish spiritual leader

62. Brew

63. Doctor of Education

64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. State attorneys

2. Imitated

3. Latvian capital

4. Irish goddess

5. Taste

6. Dried

7. Spanish saloon

8. Mother of Perseus

9. Evergreen coniferous trees

10. Refuse to comply

12. Negative

14. Hyphen

19. A way to record

23. Not good

24. One who tends the furnace

25. Small amount

26. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)

27. The whole quantity

28. __ King Cole, musician

29. One's opinion

34. Holds ashes

35. Stablecoin cryptocurrency

36. Side-blotched lizards genus

37. Legislator (abbr.)

39. Concentrated bombardment

40. Took for oneself

41. Nigerian City

42. Thousands of pounds

44. Inspired

45. Secret clique

46. Expression

47. Dough made from corn flour

48. Comedian Carvey

51. Swiss river

52. Prejudice

53. Actor Idris

54. Resistance fighters

58. Criticize

Week 50

See solution in next week's edition.

Blessings Word Search

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4 6 3 8 1 5 7 9 2

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6 7 4 2 8 1 9 5 3

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McKenzie Police Reports

Evading Arrest, Reckless Endangerment — Keesha R. Johnson, Oaklawn, McKenzie, was charged with Evading Arrest and Reckless Endangerment on December 6.

Officer Jeremiah Brooks stopped Johnson's vehicle because he had knowledge of an active warrant for Disorderly Conduct in Weakley County. She failed to immediately stop after he initiated his blue lights. She was transported to Weakley County Jail on the original charge and will face charges in Carroll County on the new charges.

DUI — Brett W. Garland, 31, May Heights, McKenzie, was charged with DUI-First Offense after a traffic stop on December 7.

Officer Sean Beck filed the report indicating Garland phoned dispatch to report a 'stolen' vehicle that he was following in his car and entering McKenzie. Beck saw both vehicles enter the city limits with Garland flashing his headlights as he followed the suspect vehicle. Beck stopped the vehicle that was reported stolen. The female driver said she was just involved in a domestic argument with Mr. Garland about his use of intoxicating substances. She reported he had been drinking and using illegal drugs. The female provided proof of registration on the vehicle.

Beck turned his attention to Mr. Garland, who did not perform well on field sobriety tests. He was arrested on the charge of DUI-First Offense.

Domestic Assault, False Imprisonment — Chaz M. Richmeier, 22, Paris Pike, McKenzie was arrested for Domestic Assault and False Imprisonment on December 9.

Officer Jeremiah Brooks reported the female victim was at Richmeier's house

and he ordered pizza. He passed out from an intoxicant before the pizza arrived. When she attempted to wake him, he assaulted her, took away her phone and prevented her from leaving. She waited until the fell asleep around 3:30 a.m. and departed the residence and later phoned police from a different residence. Officer Davis assisted and transported Richmeier to Carroll County Jail.

Theft, Aggravated Burglary — Jaylon T. Sanders, 24, Hewlett Road, McKenzie was charged with Aggravated Burglary and Theft after an incident on the Bethel campus on December 5.

Officer Austin Jones filed the report indicating Sanders entered a dorm room and took a PlayStation and accessories. Bethel Security had video of Sanders entering the room. Sanders was read his Miranda rights and transported to jail. The report indicates he also sold some of the items and pawned other items.

Simple Possession — Brittany N. Arrand, 29, Spruce Street, McKenzie was arrested for Possession of Schedule II Drugs, Failure to Display Vehicle Registration Plates, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia on December 5.

Officer Sean Beck stopped the Dodge Avenger driven by Arrand when he witnessed the vehicle had an illegal plate cover that covered the expiration, state of issue and county of issue.

The report indicates the driver was nervous and did not grant permission for a search of the vehicle.

A canine was called in and alerted on the vehicle given Officer Beck probable cause to search. He found a cigar box with a white powder substance

that was rolled. It field tested for methamphetamine. A pipe, often used to smoke meth, was also located. She was placed under arrest.

Reckless Driving — Jeffrey Lowery, 3rd Avenue, Lebanon, Missouri, was cited for Reckless Driving on November 28.

Officer Trenton Ruddy received a call about a tractor-trailer truck that ran a pickup truck off the road and the driver the tractor-trailer did not stop. He was stopped in Trezevant and Ruddy cited the driver, Jeffrey Lowery. He is to appear in Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Driving While Revoked - Second Offense — Daniel Stark Johnsonius, 35, Cook Street, Paris, was Driving on a Revoked License - Second Offense on December 7.

Officer Cody Coleman stopped Johnsonius's vehicle for a light law violation and learned the driver's license was revoked and he had a prior offense for driving on the revoked status. He was arrested and placed under a \$1,000 bond.

Leaving The Scene of An Accident — Beau Brown, 35, McKenzie, was cited into court for Leaving the Scene of An Accident on December 9.

According to a report by Tanner Jackson, Brown was driving a vehicle that exited the road and struck and damaged a utility pole, however the accident was not reported at the time. The vehicle was located at a residence. He did report the accident later to MPD.

Violation of Probation — Amy Lunn Guentz, 36, Bethel Court, McKenzie, was charged for Violation of Probation after she failed to report to her probation officer and was delinquent on her fines and fees owned to the court. She was transported to Carroll County Jail.

trict 16.

Daniel Matthew and Brittney Rachel Kelly to Lovina Mallo in district 16.

Shelley Marie Boyd and others to Shelley Marie Boyd in district 24.

Shelley Marie Boyd to Brian Kevin Sloan in district 24.

Wilda Diann Crossett to Wilda Diann Crossett and others in district 12.

James A. and Pamela J. Vondenhuevel to Andrew B. and April F. Pate in district 21.

Alisa Gail Whitworth and others to Danny and Judy Payne in district 4.

Johnathan Gorup to Brandon M and Emily A. Cook in district 5.

Carroll County General Sessions Report

HUNTINGDON — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court in the first week of December 2022.

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

Austin Cantrell, Northwood Drive, McKenzie, bound over on charges of Reckless Endangerment-Vehicle/Felon; DUI-Second Offense; Leaving the Scene of an Accident-Property Damage.

Alex Travelstead, Highway 436, Trezevant, bound over on charge of Evading Arrest-Flight, Vehicle; Reckless Endangerment-Vehicle/Felony; Resisting Arrest, Stop, or Search; Driving While Suspended; Theft; Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange.

The following cases resulted in a guilty finding or plea.

Kenny Allen, Bailey Road, Henry, guilty, DUI-First Offense, 11/28 jail sentence suspended except 48 hours, \$350 fine, not to drive for one year, DUI school, probation.

Brandon Rex Blackwell, Martin Road, Milan, guilty, DUI-Second Offense, \$600 fine, 11/29 jail, suspended except 45 days, in-patient rehab, supervised probation, cannot drive for 2 years; dismissed, Driving While Revoked, Implied Consent Violation, Financial Responsibility, and Driving Unregistered Vehicle.

Nicholas Bowman, Moss Creek Road, Cedar Grove, guilty, DUI-First Offense, 11/29 jail, suspended to 48 hours, supervised probation, cannot drive for one year, \$350 fine; dismissed charges of Driving While Suspended, Failure to Provide Immediate Notice of an Accident; Leaving the Scene of an Accident.

Tracy Bruff, Main Street, McKenzie, guilty, Failure to Appear, 11/29 jail suspended except 10 days, supervised probation for six months, credit for time served.

Bobby Joe Campbell, Cherry Street, Milan, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$1,500 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to 48 hours and 28 days of probation, not to drive for one year, alcohol and drug assessment; dismissed charge of Resisting Stop/Arrest/Search, Driving Without License, Seat Belt Violation, Evading Arrest, Schedule II drugs-Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess.

Heather Cook, Highway 79, Atwood, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 jail suspended except 48 hours, supervised probation, alcohol/drug assessment, not

to drive for one year, guilty of probation violation; dismissed charges of failure to display registration plate, failure to change mailing address; implied consent.

Brandon Earls, Saddle Club Road, Greenfield, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 jail, suspended except for 48 hours, supervised probation, cannot drive for one year, must attend DUI school.

Hugo Sanchez Gonzalez, Maple Avenue, McKenzie, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 jail, suspended except 48 hours, supervised probation, not to drive for one year.

Tristan Hood, Linden Street, McKenzie, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$250 fine, 11/29 supervised probation; guilty, Probation Violation, guilty, Theft; dismissed charge of Failure to Appear, Criminal Impersonation, Resist Stop/Arrest/or Search, Failure to Appear; dismissed charges of Unlawful Possession of Weapon.

Clinton Dale Mann, Highway 22, McKenzie, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$250 fine, six months jail-suspended; dismissed, Speeding.

Santanna Danielle Moore, Stanford Hill Lane, Cedar Grove, guilty, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange, 11/28 jail, suspended except 30 days, supervised probation; dismissed, Schedule II Drugs - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell, or Possess; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Chrystal Owens, Union Central Road, Milan, guilty, Probation Violation, probation to be extended four months; dismissed charges of Driving While Revoked and Failure to Appear.

Melvin Lee Riggs, Holmes Street, Trezevant, guilty, Driving While Canceled, \$100 fine, six months probation; dismissed, Failure to Change Address on License, Violation of Registration Certification and Altering Registration; Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Tyler Stewart, Green Branch Road, Decaturville, guilty, DUI-Second Offense, 45 days jail, \$600 fine, DUI school, not to drive for two years, alcohol and drug assessment, outpatient rehab after 25 days in jail to complete days of sentence.

Alexis Chance Strbac, Highway 124, McKenzie, guilty, Driving While Canceled - 2nd or Subsequent Offense, 11/29 jail-suspended to time served, supervised probation for 11/29.

Rebekah Anne Townsend, McCadams Road, McKenzie, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to 48 hours, supervised probation, not to drive for one year.

Dustin Eugene Whitson, Garrett Street, Gleason, guilty, Driving While License Canceled, six months jail-suspended to time served; supervised probation; dismissed, Failure to Appear.

Dustin Eugene Whitson, Garrett Street, Gleason, guilty, Home Improvement Provider Deviates Plan or Specifications, 11/29 jail, suspended to time served., \$1,200 restitution to victim and no contact with victim.

Russell Howell Wilkins, III, Northwood Drive, Huntingdon, guilty, DUI-First Offense, 48 hours jail, no driving for one year, alcohol and drug assessment; dismissed, Seat Belt Violation; dismissed, Driver Failed to Exercise Due Care; dismissed, Simple Possession, Casual Exchange; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Richard Lee Wyrick, West Drive, Huntingdon, guilty, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility. No sentence was listed.

In a case involving judicial diversion, Trevor Thomas Garrison, May Heights, McKenzie, charged with Reckless Endangerment, he was sentenced to \$350 fine, 11/29 jail-suspended, supervised probation, alcohol and drug assessment.

In a case involving pre-trial diversion, Yadiel R. Gonzalez, Waring Road, Memphis, charged with Underage Driving-Impaired, \$350 fine, 11/29 jail-suspended, supervised probation, 10 hours community service to a non-profit.

Cases dismissed are as follows:

Bethany R. Brown, Price Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, Criminal Trespass.

Jennifer Dawn Parker, Lexington Street, Bruceton, dismissed, Probation Violation, dismissed, DUI, Implied Consent and Public Intoxication.

Pierre Dajour Thomas, Southhaven Mississippi, dismissed, DUI-Second Offense, Speeding, Violation of Child Restraint, Seat Belt, and Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Chase C. Webb, Boyd Lane, Mansfield, dismissed, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Failure to Change Address on License Within 10 days, Failure of Driver to Exercise Due Care.

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Margaret Elaine Merri-man to Jacob T. Merriman in district 6.

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Gloria Levering Nolen to Matthew Joel Holstead and others in district 6.

Vernon C. Jones Sr. to Vernon C. Jones Jr. in district 5.

Bobby Don Inge to Jordan Goodman in district 16.

James J. and Nea D. Cole to Michael Chad Johnson and others in districts 18 and 24.

Kathy Whitehead and others to Premier Realty Group of West Tn, LLC in district 11.

William Curtis Smith to Michael B. Smith in district 11

Anita carol and Charles Jr. Harvell to Kristen E. Birdwell in district 16.

Sharon M. and Bradley Reynolds to Benford E. and Heather Wortham in dis-

Carroll County Sheriff's Department

DUI — Travis Bruce Nunn, 25, of McKenzie was cited for driving on suspended; first offense and arrested for DUI number one.

On December 5, Deputy Scott conducted a traffic stop for expired registration. The driver, identified as Travis Nunn, had an alcoholic beverage odor coming from his person. Nunn performed poorly during the field sobriety test. A license check showed Nunn's license was revoked, he was then cited and arrested.

Stolen Property — Kristen McCord, 31, of Hollow Rock was cited on stolen property offenses.

On December 5, a traffic stop was conducted on a 1992 Plymouth for display of stolen registration plate. The driver identified as Kristen McCord, was unaware of the stolen registration. She stated she had been driving the vehicle for several months and did not know who stole the plate.

Theft — Deputy Mulligan was dispatched to an address in Atwood on December first, in reference to a vehicle break in. The owner, Patricia Madison advised officers that the incident occurred between 8:30-10:00 P.M. on November 30th. Someone rummaged through the console of the vehicle, taking only five or six dollars.

Trespassing and Vandalism — On December 5, Warren Price reported from Terry Road that someone broke into his storage building. The frame of the side door as well as several different locks were broken. Nothing is reported missing at this time.

Burglary — Matthew Dwayne Baker, 29, of Paris was arrested for a Burglary in Atwood on December 2.

An officer responded to a call about a male walking around the Atwood area. Matthew Baker was located at the First Baptist Church when Deputy Mulligan instructed the officer

to arrest the individual if contact was made. The officers from the break-in stated he opened the door of a garage in attempt to get into the residence. He was transported to jail.

Vandalism — On December 4, Richard Range reported vandalism to his fence in Hollow Rock. Upon officers' arrival, they noticed a fenced knocked down, the owner advised the estimated cost of repairs is \$1,000. Range is unsure of who it was, but that they were driving a black and red side-by-side.



City of McKenzie

RULING/ORDER

Hearing was held November 28, 2022: City of McKenzie vs. Owners of property located at 82 Barksdale Street, McKenzie, Tennessee 38201, Parcel 10, Group J, of Tax Map 12M.

This cause came to be heard on Monday, November 28, 2022, by the below hearing officer. This cause was initiated by the City of McKenzie alleging a violation of City Ordinance section 13-201 involving slum clearance.

Present at the hearing of November 21, 2022, was Fire Chief Brian Tucker and codes consultant Jim Pillow on behalf of the City of McKenzie. Also in attendance was Codes Enforcement Assistant Jim Seaton and McKenzie Mayor Elect Ryan Griffin. The following property maintenance committee members were also in attendance: Police Chief Ryan White and Codes Enforcement Officer Phillip Morrissett. No one appeared on behalf of the property owners Jeffrey L. Haynes and Joshua L. Haynes. The hearing officer finds that all interested parties were properly notified before said hearing pursuant to proper notice as required.

The hearing officer finds that the property owners have brought the property into compliance by demolishing the mobile home and outbuilding. All action under the City of McKenzie slum clearance ordinance are hereby terminated.

Jennifer Waldrup, Hearing Officer

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City of McKenzie

RULING/ORDER

Hearing was held November 28, 2022: City of McKenzie vs. Owners of property located at 142 Tennessee Street, McKenzie, Tennessee 38201, Parcel 2, Group B, of Tax Map 12E.

This cause came to be heard on Monday, November 28, 2022, by the below hearing officer. This cause was initiated by the City of McKenzie alleging a violation of City Ordinance section 13-201 involving slum clearance.

Present at the hearing of November 21, 2022, was Fire Chief Brian Tucker and codes consultant Jim Pillow on behalf of the City of McKenzie. Also in attendance was Codes Enforcement Assistant Jim Seaton and McKenzie Mayor Elect Ryan Griffin. The following property maintenance committee members were also in attendance: Police Chief Ryan White and Codes Enforcement Officer Phillip Morrissett. No one appeared on behalf of the property owner, Debra D. Crocker Bynum. The hearing officer finds that all interested parties were properly notified before said hearing pursuant to proper notice as required.

The hearing officer finds that the City of McKenzie has carried its burden of proof under the ordinance and that there is a basis for a finding of unfitness under section 13-209. The owners have sixty days (60) days from December 20, 2022, to pull the proper permits and perform the necessary repairs or demolish the structure. Any possible appeal, in accordance with Section 13-211, of this order, must be within sixty (60) days after the posting and service of this order of the public officer.

Jennifer Waldrup, Hearing Officer

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Top Left, Middle School Champions 2022 — Huntingdon Fillies. Top Right, Middle School Champions 2022 — Huntingdon Mustangs. Above Left, Middle School Runner-Up 2022 — McKenzie Lady Rebels. Above Right, Middle School Runner-Up 2022 — West Carroll War Eagles. Below Left, All-County Girls Middle School Team 2022. Below Right, All-County Boys Middle School Team 2022. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



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Huntingdon Teams Claim Middle School Championships

HUNTINGDON (December 11) — Huntingdon Middle School Fillies and Mustangs are the county champions of the annual Carroll County Middle School Basketball Tournament.

Clarksburg, Huntingdon, West Carroll, and McKenzie teams participated. Hollow Rock-Bruceton did not participate in the tournament.

GIRLS — In the opening round on Thursday, McKenzie Lady Rebels defeated Clarksburg and Huntingdon Fillies defeated West Carroll to advance to the final championship game on Saturday featuring McKenzie Lady Rebels and Huntingdon Fillies. The game was at the Huntingdon Middle School.

In the championship game, Huntingdon edged McKenzie

45 to 41 to earn the 2022 championship title.

McKenzie was led by Jaycee Stafford with 23 points, followed by Madeline Gottshall with 7, Kynadie Brown with 6, Aurora Johnson with 2, Addison Milam with 2, and Braylin Auvenshine with 1.

Huntingdon Fillies was led by Wylie Kee with 12, Grier Bartholomew with 10, Millie Luther with 9, Knox Bennett with 6, Emalynn Maness with 4, and Camdyn Sellers and Tatum Rich with 2 each.

All-County Team members were Charlie Swinford (11) Clarksburg; Camdyn Sellers (11) Huntingdon; Taylor Canovan (10) Huntingdon; Addison Milan (9) McKenzie; Grier Bartholomew (8) Huntingdon; Airyanna Met-

calf (7) West Carroll; Grace Coleman (5) West Carroll; Wylie Kee (5) Huntingdon; Madeline Gottshall (4) McKenzie; Taylor Robinson (3) West Carroll; and Knox Bennett (2) Huntingdon. Jaycee Stafford (23) McKenzie was named as the MVP.

BOYS — In the opening round on Thursday, Huntingdon Mustangs defeated Clarksburg Rockets and West Carroll War Eagles defeated the McKenzie Rebels. On Saturday, the championship game featured the Huntingdon Mustangs and West Carroll War Eagles. Huntingdon was the winner of that contest with a score of 60 to 23.

West Carroll was led by Darian Taylor with 15, followed by Jack Robinson with 3 and Jace Hammett with 3

and Parker Bosley with 2.

Huntingdon was led by Kenton Smith with 31, Kylen Turner with 11, Hayes Eubanks with 5, Zaydon Connelly with 4, Maddox Holmes with 4, and Lucas Smith with 2.

The All-County Team members were Kylen Turner (12) Huntingdon; Reagan Halter (11) Clarksburg; Jack Robinson (10) West Carroll; Lucas Smith (9) Huntingdon; Jace Hammett (8) West Carroll; Avery Brown (7) McKenzie; Jacobi Melton (6) McKenzie; Bryson Holladay (5) Huntingdon; Nolan Fawcett (4) McKenzie; Cole Brown (3) McKenzie; and Darion Taylor (2) West Carroll. The MVP was Kenton Smith (23) Huntingdon.

Christmas
Open House

- Huntingdon •
Friday, December 16th
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- McKenzie •
Friday, December 16th
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Bethel's Britt Hits 500th Milestone

COURTESY BETHEL SIDE

McKENZIE (December 8) — The Bethel Wildcats and the (RV) Tennessee Southern FireHawks had a typical knock down drag out MSC affair Thursday night in Crisp Arena. In the end it would be the Cats prevailing 70-60. In doing so, the Cats helped Coach Jeff Britt earn his 500th career victory. Ironically, Coach Britt won his



Jeff Britt

400th game on the UTS/Martin Methodist floor back in 2016 when the Cats defeated

Pikeville in the SSAC/MSC Challenge.

The game featured five ties and 16 lead changes.

Bethel shot 43 percent (24-55) from the floor. UTS was 23-of-62 from the floor at 37 percent. The ability to get to the free throw line was big for the Wildcats as they hit 20-of-25 free throws.

The Cats dominated the boards with a 41-19 margin. The Cats had a 36-26 margin in points off the bench.

Jose Nazario led Bethel with a game high 23 points. Connor Guthrie and Dimitrije Stojanovic both came off the bench with 10 points each. A J Burnett was solid with seven points and six boards, most of those in the second half. Querrion Gadsen finished with nine points and six boards.

Adarion Hudson led the FireHawks with 15 points. C J Greer 12 points while Kendall Wright had 10 points for UTS.

Coach Britt spoke about the win, "I thought our kids showed a lot of grit and toughness tonight. UTS is a really good team and very well coached. Our rebounding, low fouls and shooting our free throws well were all big keys." Coach Britt talked about the historic milestone win. "On win number 500, it's another win, and I feel fortunate to be able to coach and be around the game this long. Growing up in Sedalia, Kentucky I have loved the game since I was a little boy and I have always cherished playing and coaching. All the praise goes to some wonderful and talented players and coaches who I have been blessed with. I am sincerely grateful to them, the university, and a loving and supportive family."

Bethel improved to 7-4 overall and 3-3 in the MSC. UTS dropped to 7-3 and 4-2.

Request of Lease
Space

State of Tennessee TR# 21-03-904

LOCATION: Within Carroll County..

Estimated Size/Type: Usable = 8,600 – 9,500 Rentable = 9,500 – 10,000_of Office space

PARKING: Paved, striped & free for 30 spaces.

TERM: TEN (10) years + One (1) 1-Year Renewal Option.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: 2:00 pm (Central time) on Thursday January 12, 2023.

Any proposals received after this time will NOT be considered.

Contact: Ellen Mims
(615) 961-0067 or
RFP.Coordinator@tn.gov

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