



McKenzie 2023 Seniors — Front Row (L to R): Katie Chesser, Briley Auvenshine, Kylie Reynolds and Gracie Henderson. Back Row (L to R): Alajah Gilbert, Hannah Dillingham, Marquez Taylor, Bryson Steele, Zach Aird, Madison Gilbert and Tanyiah Diggs. Not Pictured Zay Webber. Photo by Erin Douglas/The Banner

Lady Rebels Blow Out Bulldogs

BY ERIN DOUGLAS
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McKENZIE (February 7) — The McKenzie Lady Rebels dominated over the Milan Lady Bulldogs 64-30 on senior night.

To start the game, the Lady Bulldogs allowed Lady Rebels Hannah Dillingham and Madison Gilbert to score on their senior night despite their season-ending injuries. The crowd gave the girls a standing ovation as they stepped off the court and hugged their teammates.

Kaidence Martin tied the game 4-4 in exchange for the kind act by the Lady Bulldogs. With an even playing field, the teams went full force into the game. The Lady Rebels allowed just three more points to be scored during the first quarter: Melissa Currie had two points. Tatum Nolen, daughter of Steven and Tiffany Nolen; Lydia O'Bryant, daughter of Nick and Ginger Coleman and Nathan and Tanya O'Bryant, Landon Seay, son of Patsy Ballard and Victoria Coleman; and Sadie Shands, daughter of Tina and Roger Shands.

The Lady Rebels chalked up 31 points during the first quarter. Savannah Davis had 14 points in the quarter. Davis made four shots from behind the arc and had a shot under the basket for two points. Mikaela Reynolds had seven points. Kylie Reynolds sported five points. Sophie Pate tacked on three points, and Briley Auvenshine had two points. The Lady Rebels led 31-7 at the end of the first quarter.

The Lady Bulldogs added nine points to the board during the second quarter. Makayla Williams and Reese Redmond came off the bench with two points each. Martin and Williamson chalked up two points each. Raela Curry added one point from the free-throw line.

McKenzie added another 30 points to their score during the second quarter. Kylie Reynolds had eight points, and Mikaela Reynolds had seven points. Davis was held to five points during the second quarter. At halftime, the Lady Rebels dominated over the Lady Bulldogs 51-16.

The Lady Bulldogs chalked up ten points in the third quarter: Redmond, Curry and Williams had two points each. Williamson drained a 3-point shot and made one free throw.

The Lady Rebels were held to eight points in the third quarter: Mikaela Reynolds had five points. Molly French drove to the basket for two points. Kylie Reynolds tacked on one point from the foul line. McKenzie led 59-26 going into the final quarter.

The Lady Bulldogs added four points to their score during the fourth quarter. Redmond drove to the basket for two points. Joyclyn Perry chalked up two points as well.

McKenzie traded out their starters during the final quarter. Sophie Pate made two shots from the free-throw line. Gracie Aird had a shot under the rim for two points. Sarah Luci tacked on one point at the foul line. The Lady Rebels



Above Left, Madison Gilbert was permitted to wear her uniform and make a courtesy shot. She sustained a season-ending injury earlier this season. Above Right, Hannah Dillingham was permitted to wear her uniform and make a courtesy shoot from the court. Dillingham sustained a season-ending leg injury this season. Below Left, Marquez Taylor pushes past the Milan defense. Below Right, Tate Surber drives in the paint toward the goal. Photos by Erin Douglas/The Banner



topped the Lady Bulldogs 64-30.

The Lady Rebels ended the regular season with a 5-1 record in the district. McKenzie hosted the McEwen Lady Warriors during the semi-finals round of the District 11 Class 1A tournament on Monday, Feb. 13. Results of this contest were unavailable at press time.

Rebels vs. Bulldogs

The McKenzie Rebels defeated the Milan Bulldogs after a fourth-quarter rally. The Rebels topped the Bulldogs 46-41.

The Rebels took a two-point lead in the first quarter. Marquez Taylor drove to the basket for four points. Tate Surber made a 3-point shot. Stafford Robitis and Bryson Steele had a shot each in the paint.

The Bulldogs trailed the Rebels 11-9 at the end of the first quarter. Gabe Scott chalked up five points. D'Yonte Lumpkin drove to the basket for two points. Tyrone Brown and Carmelo Jones made one free throw each.

The Rebels fell behind during the second quarter. Surber had four points. Hayden Garrett and Steele had two points each.

Milan chalked up 14

points. Lumpkin had six points in the paint. Jones drove to the basket and drew a foul for a three-point play. Adam Arnold drained a 3-pointer. The Bulldogs led 23-19 at halftime.

The Bulldogs added to their lead during the third quarter. Brown had six points in the paint. Carter Milligan added four points. Jones chalked up three points.

The Rebels had 11 points during the third quarter. Surber added seven points. Zach Aird and Steele had two points each. McKenzie followed by six points at the end of the third quarter.

The Bulldogs led the Rebels 30-36 going into the final quarter. The Bulldogs were held to just five points in the fourth quarter. Brown drained three foul shots. He then drove to the basket for two points.

The Rebels chalked up a total of 16 points to snatch the lead in the final quarter. Taylor had seven points. Roditis made a three-pointer. Surber made four free throws. Steele drained two shots from the foul line. The Rebels defeated the Bulldogs 46-41.

The Rebels ended the season with a 15-5 overall record and an undefeated 6-0 district record. McKenzie will play host to their first district tournament game on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Tipoff is 7:30 p.m.



Front Row (L to R): Sydney Vinson, Sydney Anderson, Lia Fuller, Jenna Magee, Sadie Shands, Tatum Nolen, Lydia O'Bryant, Brooklyn Hudson and Landon Seay. Back Row (L to R): Sophie Singleton, Keller Smith, Ethan Ramsey, Ty Kelley, Elijah Flowers, Landon Gordon and Noah Smothers. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Huntingdon Celebrates Senior Night

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HUNTINGDON (February 7) — The seniors of Huntingdon High School cheerleaders, and women's and men's basketball players were honored on Tuesday, February 7 at the intermission of the ladies and men's games against Westview.

Each senior honoree was introduced along with his or her parents, at mid-court and faced the home audience.

Honored were:
Cheerleaders — Brook-

lyn Hudson, son of Dain and Angela Hudson; Jenna Magee, daughter of Michael and Janie Magee and Stanley and Kim Carter; Tatum Nolen, daughter of Steven and Tiffany Nolen; Lydia O'Bryant, daughter of Nick and Ginger Coleman and Nathan and Tanya O'Bryant, Landon Seay, son of Patsy Ballard and Victoria Coleman; and Sadie Shands, daughter of Tina and Roger Shands.

Girls' Basketball — Sydney Anderson, daughter of Karen and Chip Anderson; Lia Fuller, daughter of Jody and Amy Fuller; and Sophie

Singleton, daughter of Marty and Sheri Singleton.

Basketball Manager — Sydney Vinson, daughter of Michael and Telena Vinson.

Boys' Basketball — Elijah Flowers, son of Rhonda Flowers; Ethan Ramsey, son of Tammy Madden and Matt and Jacquelyn Ramsey; Landon Gordon, son of David Gordon and Sabrina Burnine; Keller Smith, son of Scott and Shawna Smith; Noah Smothers, son of Nathan and Deanna Smothers; and Ty Kelley, son of Cliff and Holly Kelley.



Pictured (L to R) are Blake Courtney, Jill Courtney, Colton King and Matt King.

Colton King Signs to Compete at UT Martin

HUNTINGDON (February 8) — Colton King, a senior at Huntingdon High School is committed to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and compete in Cross Country and Track and work toward a career

in Physical Therapy.

Huntingdon's Cross Country Team is coached by Clint Ezell and Elizabeth Lott.

During the signing ceremony held in the Huntingdon High School Library, it was said of King, that he

gave his best to Huntingdon High School and Huntingdon High School is giving its best to UTM. Colton gave his all in the state tournament, in which he placed fourth overall.



Left, McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin welcomes guests to the educational summit. Right, Ann Thompson of BlueOval City explains the future needs at the mega-site.



McKenzie Stakeholders Discuss BlueOval Project

McKENZIE (February 8) — Bethel University was the site of a meeting point for the beginning of discussions about education ties to the BlueOval City Project with

Ford Motors and the SK battery pack corporation. The summit was initiated by the City of McKenzie to open dialogue between Ford and community leaders. Included in the luncheon were representatives from the McKenzie Special School District and Board of Education, the Carroll County Board of Education, TCAT-McKenzie, Bethel University along with city and county officials.

Ann Thompson, workforce development for BlueOval City, spoke to the stakeholders on training and future employment at the mega-site. It was determined the majority of employment will center more around technical learning versus traditional education. Career and technical education pathways will open numerous opportunities for the estimated 6,000-plus hires connected with BlueOval City. Thompson stated Ford plans to work

with community leaders and other industries to create a clear goal of what is needed.

The \$5.6 billion investment will lead to Ford, SK and industries within the supply chain helping with workforce development within the Tennessee K-12 school systems. The goal is to work with schools and others to identify the best practices to improve readiness as the students transition to the workplace. BlueOval officials are currently working with higher education institutions like UT-Martin and the University of Memphis to build regional partnerships toward new programs of study and certifications.

Asked about what students should focus on now, Thompson stated there definitely is future needs in industrial maintenance, tool and die, electronics, and anything STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) related.

Another Success Story

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Carroll County Tennessee Republican Party

REORGANIZATION MEETING

Carroll County Tennessee Republican Party will have a Reorganization Meeting Tuesday February 28 at 7 p.m. in the court room of the Huntingdon Public Safety Building.

Anyone who would like to run for Chairman of the Executive Committee needs to send notice to CCRP at carrollcogop@outlook.com or mail to P.O. Box 134, Huntingdon, TN or text to Secretary Jan Ostiguy at 217 304 2606.

Must receive notice of intent to run by February 21 to be eligible.

Candidates must be bona fide Republican active in Carroll County, TN.

We, the Conservative Citizens, must remain active; we must continue to make our voices heard, and every voice matters.

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State Senator John Stevens was the featured speaker at Capitol Talk on Friday, February 10. Stevens (center) speaks with Brad Hurley, president of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce and Dr. Myles Hebrand, director of schools Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central School District.

Senator Stevens Speaks to Capitol Talk

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HUNTINGDON (February 10) — Tennessee has a great story, said Senator John Stevens. The State of Tennessee is cutting taxes and growing revenues. The FY22 budget had a \$2.6 billion surplus and the FY23 budget has an estimated \$6.3 billion surplus. Tennessee has no new debts while shrinking the overall size of the budget.

Stevens (R-Huntingdon) took office on January 8, 2013. He now serves as vice-chairman of the Finance Ways and Means Committee.

Governor Bill Lee and the General Assembly believe the people better know how to spend their money than the government taxing the people. Tennessee has enormous dynamic growth, said Stevens.

The State plans to construct a new Tennessee College of Applied Technology school in Paris, renovate the Natchez Trace State Park inn, and work on a private/government partnership to build new road lanes. Stevens said the population

growth and vehicles on the road overwhelm the State's roadways.

"We simply have to build more roads," said the senator.

The private enterprise/government partnership would build new travel lanes on major highways. For instance, extra travel lanes between Nashville and Murfreesboro would cost \$1 billion. Private contractors would build the extra lanes, and drivers would pay to drive on those lanes.

Schools will receive extra funds over the next four years of Governor Lee's term in office. An additional \$350 million is proposed for the upcoming year. That includes \$125 million exclusively for teacher pay.

There are additional grants proposed to enhance school safety.

When asked about the existing third-grade retention law, in which third graders who perform poorly on standardized tests are required to successfully complete summer school or tutoring before advancing to the fourth grade, Stevens said he would support leg-

islation to allow the local school board to choose to enable the student to advance to the fourth grade. That would allow local control. Stevens said students who cannot read by the end of third grade do poorly in later grades.

Stevens said he is against allowing 'medical' marijuana because marijuana is a gateway drug. Bruceton Mayor Robert Keeton, III asked if the State could restore the portion of state-shared sales tax it took from local governments on large dollar single-item sales. Keeton said the extra funds could support state street aid.

Stevens said he would check into it. He said he did support taking away the state funds that go to the Music City Center in Nashville and sharing those funds with rural communities. He said Nashville is not interested in hosting conventions.

State Representative Tandy Darby speaks to Capitol Talk on Friday, March 10. The events are sponsored by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.



Runners from throughout the area participated in the Cupid Shuffle in honor of Matthew Jones. Photo courtesy of Tammy Graves Photograph

Jones

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The proceeds will be donated to the greater ALS support services, including the ALS Clinic in the Mid-South in the Memphis area.

Amanda said the group has personnel in different medical fields to support patients of ALS and their families. The Clinic also helps with providing durable medical equipment.

Matthew, an engineer with the family Jones Electric and Automation in McKenzie, was first diag-

nosed with ALS in January 2021. He and Amanda have four children — age 7 (girl), age 3 (boy), and twin boys, 17 months old.

A support fund was established at Carroll Bank and Trust. It is named "Keeping Up With The Joneses." Donations can be made at local branches of CB&T.

Threats

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The post on Facebook read, "I'm like Ye. I'm back to shoot up the school McKenzie/Carroll County." Ye is the music rapper previously known as Kanye West.

McKenzie Police Chief Ryan White said McKenzie Police Department worked with the school's SROs to implement their security plan. The school buildings were placed on soft lockdown and addi-

tional officers were dispatched to the schools' campuses.

Chief White said officers arrested Williams on Field Street at 11:20 a.m. after multiple officers checked several locations. He was located by Lt. Justin Brister. Assistant Chief Trey Boucher and Chief White arrived at the scene and Williams admitted that he made the social media post. Williams said he meant it as a reference to a joke from Kanye West to his friend group. He had no intention of shooting up any of the McKenzie Schools

and didn't mean to scare anyone," said the police report.

The chief said Williams cooperated with authorities and did not have any weapons. MPD Assistant Chief Trey Boucher filed the charges against Williams.

The warrant filed with the Carroll County General Sessions Court indicates Student Resource Officer Andy Weaver, a deputy with the Carroll County Sheriff's Department, notified MPD about the social media post. That notification occurred at 10:17 a.m. Thursday.

Award

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A statewide committee of sportswriters selected winners based on performance during the 2022-2023 regular season. Academics and character were also taken into consideration. High school head basketball coaches and members of the media nominated the finalists.

This is the 38th year that the Mr. and Miss Basketball Awards have been presented to Tennessee's best high school basketball players. American General was the sponsor of the event since the inception of the awards in 1985 until 2001. The Memphis Grizzlies were sponsors of the awards from 2002-2004. From 2005-2015 the Mr. and Miss Basketball Awards were presented at the conclusion of each respective championship game as part of the post-game trophy ceremony.

Kylie Reynolds of McKenzie is one of three finalists for Class 1A Miss Basketball. She has committed to play collegiate ball at Bethel University.

Kylie and her sister, Mikaela are both starters for the Lady Rebels and helped the team earn the Class 1A basketball championship in Murfreesboro in March 2022.

Kylie is the daughter of Stephanie McClerkin and the late Roscoe McClerkin.

The 2022 Class 1A Miss Basketball was Savannah Davis of McKenzie. She is the daughter of Boo and Andrea Davis.

Bailey, Greeneville; Abigail Johnson, Upperman; Ti'Mia Lawson, Jackson South Side

Class 4A Miss Basketball Finalists — Imari Berry, Clarksville; Malloory Collier, Bartlett; Avery Treadwell, Bearden

Division II-A Mr. Basketball Finalists — Seth Grandberry, Lausanne; Eddie Ricks III, Clarksville Academy; Isaiah West, Goodpasture

Division II-AA Mr. Basketball Finalists — Deondrea Lindsey, Knoxville Catholic; Tyler Tanner, Brentwood Academy; Lukas Woods, Knoxville Webb

Class 1A Mr. Basketball Finalists — Jason Britton, North Greene; Cadon Buckles, Hampton; Rodgerick Robinson, Jr., Middleton

Class 2A Mr. Basketball Finalists — Jordan Allen, Hillcrest; Jahvin Carter, Alcoa; and Jaylen Jones, East Nashville

Class 3A Mr. Basketball Finalists — Tylon Chatman, Haywood; Shane Cherry, Austin-East; Damarien Yates, Fayette-Ware

Class 4A Mr. Basketball Finalists — Jordan Frison, Memphis Overton; Jarred Hall, Lebanon; Brock Vice, Houston

Alumni

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remove the item from the agenda as the School Board members devote their time to the search for a new director of schools. Lynn Watkins, director, is retiring June 30, 2023.

As for the search for the new director, Chairman LaShonda Williams announced the School Board chose to search without the paid services of the Tennessee School Boards Association. A few applications for the position have arrived and others are due by the February 20 deadline. Once all the applications are in-hand, The Banner will publish the names of the applicants.

Applicants must have a professional license in Education, at least a master's in Education, a minimum of 10 years experience including at least three years of supervision/administration and, once hired, must reside within the geographic region of the McKenzie Special School District.

Lynn Watkins announced the newly formed McKenzie High School Alumni Association requested use of the school's logo, mottos, etc. as

part of the mission of the new MHS Alumni Association, a soon-to-be non-profit organization. The Board unanimously approved to allow the Alumni Association to use.

The Board added March 23 as a student day instead of a data day for teachers. The added day replaces the December 2 school holiday declared for MHS Rebels to play in the TSSAA championship game in Chattanooga.

Board Policies were added or amended as required by state law.

A policy for Virtual Learning was added to address dangerous or extreme weather conditions, serious outbreaks of illness affecting or endangering students or staff, or during the staff and faculty of end-of-course examination. Virtual learning is a temporary and shall not replace a student's regular instructional program.

Another policy deals with severe weather during playing conditions during interscholastic sports. When severe weather is forecast, suspension of play shall be discussed with all players, coaches and officials, if applicable.

All coaches shall annually complete a heat illness prevention courses provided by the Tennessee Department

of Health.

The final policy change involved the privilege of the school 'not to serve' a student who is expelled if the infraction is extreme and is part of the zero-tolerance policy.

Watkins announced construction is temporarily halted on the multi-purpose sports facility at the high school because of wet weather. The steel is on-site, and construction is expected to be completed this summer. One of the pressing issues is the reconstruction of the MHS football team's dirt practice field. It was displaced because of the dirt work for the new multi-purpose facility.

In the Director's Report, Watkins announced the resignation of kindergarten teacher Hope Powell. She was replaced by Lindsey Holt, who is teaching on an interim basis.

Two substitute teachers were employed. They were Brittney Minor and Hayden Thomas.

Following adjournment, several of the board members huddled with each other. The Banner cautioned members about possible violations of the Open Meetings Act - a law requiring all deliberations and discussions of a public body be conducted in public.

McKenzie

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In other business, the Council approved on the first reading of Ordinance #551 to amend the text of McKenzie's Zoning Ordinance Chapter 7, "Provisions Governing Business Districts", Section 11-702, B-2 (Highway Business) Districts, by permitting medical clinics. This makes way for a medical clinic to work towards construction on the former Sonic Drive-In property adjacent to the Auto Clinic on Highway 79.

Ordinance # 552 amending general provisions of zoning ordinance concerning accessory structures failed to be approved by the Council as it was recommended to be sent back to the Planning Commission for further study. In essence, the Council questioned a portion stating "within the residential districts, acces-

sory uses such as satellite dishes, swimming pools, courts, which are permanently constructed or have a permanent foundation shall be screen, fenced, or recessed so as to not be noticeable from the adjoining residentially zoned properties."

The McKenzie Police Department was granted permission to purchase a second Chevy Tahoe from Maryland. The 2014 model is valued at \$26,000 with approximately 32,000 miles on the odometer. The purchase of the Tahoe will put the department fleet closer to the number needed for each officer to have an issued vehicle. Chief Ryan White stated he has staffed 16 or 17 positions (two new hires) within the department and the purchase of the vehicle will greatly help this staff. He added the vehicle comes from a fire department and the equipment previously installed will be given to the McKenzie department.

In related department reports, Fire Chief Brian Tucker stated his department, with the help of State Representative Tandy Darby's staff, is receiving a grant for \$30,000 to be used for the purchase of four new air packs. Tucker added in his report, the department responded to one residential fire and one vehicle extraction for January. Parks Department Director Billy Hollowell informed the Council of field repair and preparations for middle and high school baseball and softball season. The Codes Department stated they are working on four properties, one of which is appealing the ruling of the Condemnation Board. Two other properties are considered "burnt out" and will be going for the Condemnation Board soon.

The next regular meeting of the City of McKenzie Board of Mayor and Council is March 9 at 6 p.m. at McKenzie City Hall.

Holland

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Holland served as mayor of McKenzie (2010-2022), McKenzie City Council (2004- 2010), and McKenzie Special School District Board (1998-2006). Holland's experience in government and education uniquely qualifies her to step into this role connecting local elected officials and their staffs to programs and services of SWTDD.

"Jill's extensive leadership experience positions

her to quickly become an effective bridge between our economic and community development team and the elected officials in SWTDD's eight-county region," said Joe W. Barker, SWTDD Executive Director. "There are a lot of exciting things happening in West Tennessee and we want to make sure that every town and city in our region is in the best position possible to benefit from the transformational growth happening now and in the coming decades."

As a former West Tennessee mayor and former board member of such

organizations as the Tennessee Municipal League, WestStar Leadership Program, TACIR, MTAS, Northwest Tennessee Development District, and the Governor's Rural Task Force Committee, Jill has first-hand knowledge of programs coming through state and federal sources and she is able to assist, inform, and help area mayors implement the programs that will best benefit their communities.

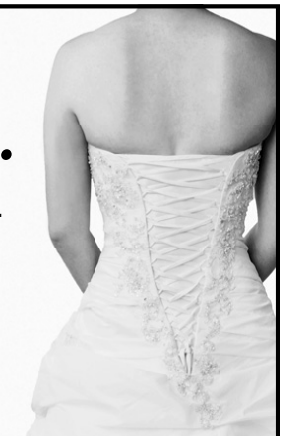
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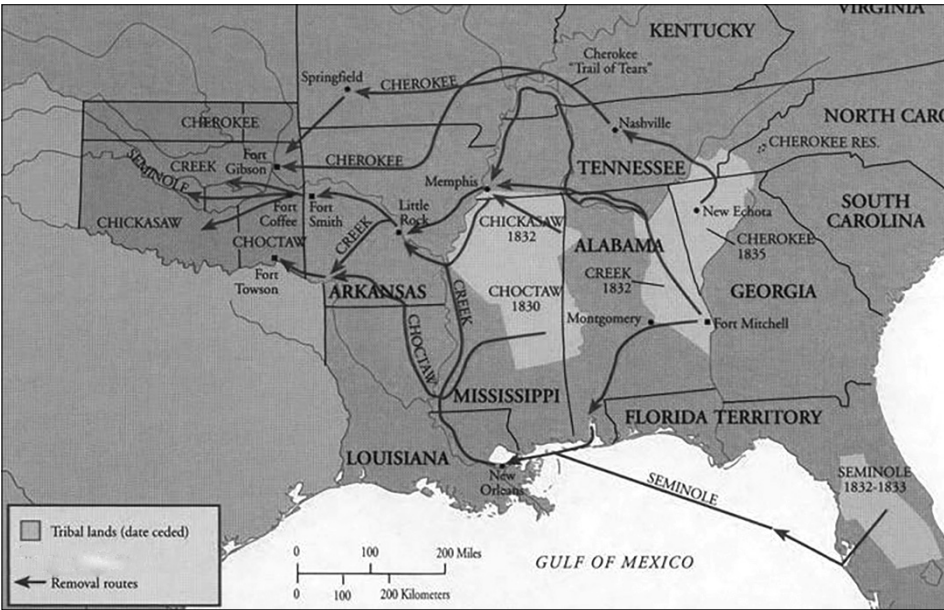
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Above left, Ratified in 1835, the Treaty of New Echota led to the forced removal of Cherokee people from their ancestral lands to Indian Territory in the West—a migration known as the Trail of Tears. *Painting by Robert Lindneux* Above right, A map representing the Trail of Tears and migration of Native Americans from the southeastern states. Below left, John Ross “Mysterious Little White Bird” was the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation from 1828 to 1866. He was the founder of Ross Landing which was renamed Chattanooga. Below right, Andrew Jackson, seventh President of the United States (1829 to 1837), championed the Indian Removal Act of 1830 making it his top priority during his first term.

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Indian Removal Act of 1830

So Began The Trail of Tears

In last week's story about Sam Houston, I briefly touched on Houston's involvement with the Cherokee Nation. He somewhat assimilated with the Cherokee and became a trusted ally. What I failed to mention is why the Cherokee Nation was sent to Oklahoma and needed a liaison. It all boils down to the Indian Removal Act of 1830 and what led to the creation of The Trail of Tears. This is a period many Americans forget or know nothing about.

When Houston left Tennessee for "Indian Territory" he ended up in what is present-day Oklahoma. As an interrupter and negotiator, Houston's position was to aid a group of individuals forcibly removed from their lands. He provided hope for the Cherokee Nation but the federal government put little to no faith in the word of Houston (an Indian lover).

The removal of Native Americans from their lands started long before 1830 but with Andrew Jackson, as president, it became a personal goal to open new territories for settlement. States like Georgia believed they had dominion over the Indians while native groups like the Cherokee claimed to be independent nations. Various cases were brought before the United States Supreme Court (Cherokee Nation v. Georgia and Worcester v. Georgia) but were not enforced.

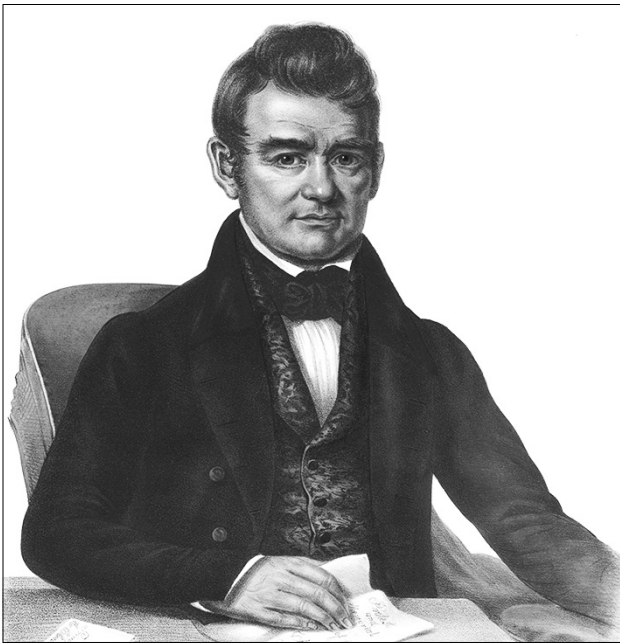
On February 22, 1830, Senator Hugh White, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, sponsored a bill to provide for an exchange of lands with the "Indians residing in any of the States or Territories, and for their removal West of the river

Mississippi." With the bill, he provided a report requested by President Jackson in December 1829. In short, the report listed the necessity of moving Native Americans from their current settlements to an area further west onto the frontier.

On April 24, 1830, the Senate voted 28 to 19 to pass the Indian Removal Act. By May 26, 1830, the House of Representatives voted 102 to 97 to pass the Indian Removal Act and the amendments were agreed upon by the Senate. Among the dissenting votes in the House was Tennessee Representative David Crockett. Two days later on May 28, President Jackson signed the bill into law.

In short, the Indian Removal Act authorized the President to negotiate removal treaties with Indian tribes living east of the Mississippi River, primarily in the states of Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, and others. Jackson declared that removal would "incalculably strengthen the southwestern frontier." Clearing Alabama and Mississippi of their Indian populations, he said, would "enable those states to advance rapidly in population, wealth, and power."

On December 6, 1830, President Andrew Jackson outlined his Indian removal policy in his Second Annual Message to Congress. His speech began, "It gives me pleasure to announce to Congress that the benevolent policy of the Government, steadily pursued for nearly thirty years, in relation to the removal of the Indians beyond the white settlements is approaching to a happy consummation. Two important tribes have accepted the



provision made for their removal at the last session of Congress, and it is believed that their example will induce the remaining tribes also to seek the same obvious advantages...

"What good man would prefer a country covered with forests and ranged by a few thousand savages to our extensive Republic, studded with cities, towns, and prosperous farms embellished with all the improvements which art can devise or industry execute, occupied by more than 12,000,000 happy people, and filled with all the blessings of liberty, civilization and religion?"

His outline concludes, "And it is supposed that the wandering savage has a stronger attachment to his home than the settled, civilized Christian? Is it more afflicting to him to leave the graves of his fathers than it is to our brothers and children? Rightly considered, the policy of the General Government toward the red man is not only liberal but generous. He is unwilling to submit to the laws of the States and mingle with their population. To save him from this alternative, or perhaps utter annihilation, the General Government kindly offers him a new home, and proposes to pay the whole expense of his removal and settlement."

By the end of Jackson's presidency in 1837, he along with his administration negotiated nearly 70 removal treaties. Leading to the relocation of nearly 50,000 eastern Indians to the Indian Territory. This freed 25 million acres of land for settlement and allowed for the expansion of slavery.

Within President Jackson's papers and personal correspondence, he wrote in January 1830, "The removal of the Indians would be an act of seeming violence—But it will prove in the end an act of enlarged philanthropy. These untutored sons of the Forest, cannot exist in a state of Independence, in the vicinity of the white man. If they will persist in remaining where they are, they may begin to dig their graves and prepare to die."

In August 1830, he writes to John Pitchlynn, "I beg of you to say to them, that their interest happiness peace and prosperity depends upon their removal beyond the jurisdiction of the laws of the State of Mississippi. These things have been [often times] explained to them fully and I forbear to repeat them; but request that you make known to them that Congress to enable them to remove and comfortably to arrange themselves at their new homes has made



liberal appropriations. It was a measure I had much at heart and sought to effect because I was satisfied that the Indians could not possibly live under the laws of the States. If now they shall refuse to accept the liberal terms offered, they only must be liable for whatever evils and difficulties may arise. I feel conscious of having done my duty to my red children and if any failure of my good intention arises, it will be attributable to their want of duty to themselves, not to me."

The Treaty of New Echota signed in 1835 established terms for the Cherokee Nation to cede its territory in the southeast (Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama) and move west to the Indian Territory. Although the treaty was not approved by the Cherokee National Council nor signed by Principal Chief John Ross, it was amended and ratified in March 1836 and became the legal basis for the forcible removal known as the Trail of Tears.

President Martin Van Buren directed General Winfield Scott to forcibly move all the Cherokee who had not yet complied with the treaty and moved west. He was given 3,000 troops and the authority to raise additional state militia and volunteer troops to force

removal. Scott ordered the removal to be in a "humane fashion", but that did not happen.

During the fall and winter of 1838-39, the Cherokees were forcibly removed from their homes to the Indian Territory walking as many as 1,000 miles over four months. Approximately 4,000 of 16,000 Cherokees died along the way thus the creation of the term Trail of Tears.

By the 1840s, except for a small number of Seminoles still resisting removal in Florida, nearly all Indian tribes had been driven west, which is exactly what the Indian Removal Act intended to accomplish. More than 46,000 Native Americans were relocated to Indian Territory.

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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

The Greatest Game Nobody Ever Saw!

I played in my first Super Bowl in 1953. Against my will! It was freezing cold that December in West Tennessee. I had just opened my Christmas present. Good gosh, it wasn't even daylight yet!

I lined up my shiny new Matchbox cars on the braided rug in the living room....in front of the roaring fireplace! I was fixing to find out which one was the fastest—

"Get your clothes on, we're going outside." Leon was using his authoritative big-boy voice. He was also holding a brand new genuine NFL approved Revelation football in his hand.

I was six years old. I didn't know enough to tell him there might be a slight drop in television revenue with a 5:45 AM kickoff. And we didn't have lights in the

front yard.

David Mark was literally shaking when he got down on one knee and put a finger on top of the ball so I could kick it to Leon. Only he wasn't Leon anymore, he was Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsh.

This football stuff was pretty confusion and we hadn't even run a play yet.

Elroy picked up my weak kick and sprinted past me and David like we weren't even standing there. I have thought back on it over the years and I believe there were two main reasons we let him run untouched from the maple tree out by the gravel road all the way across the front yard to the hedge on the far side of the house.

One, he was five years older (six and a half in Dave's case) and he was bigger,

stronger and faster. And it was so dark out there, we couldn't see him!

He kicked off to us. About the time I picked up the ball Elroy hit me so hard he broke both of my legs, my neck, one arm, knocked out some teeth and gave me a concussion. As he was getting up off of me he said, "Don't call me Leroy. When I'm playing defense, I'm Bronko Nagurski."

Talk about a brave new world! I'm laying there, half-dead with my face mashed into the snow, trying to find an eyeball that's rolled off somewhere, thinking, "How many people can you be in this game and how did he find me so quickly in the dark!"

My mind instinctively went to how safe and warm those two Matchbox cars

were in there by the fire...

Elroy scored 17 touchdowns in a row. And Bronko hit me and David Mark so hard we completely forgot about the cold.

As daylight slowly crawled upon us Dave had a thought. Elroy had been running over us one at a time. Dave allowed he was going low for his ankles. He told me to jump on his back and maybe we could "double team" him to the ground.

It took a few tries. But with a little teamwork we finally toppled him over! We didn't know you could "high-five" back in those days. But I remember that feeling of accomplishment like it happened just this morning...right at first light!

Dave and I lined up with a new energy. We tried a few

passes. Of course, most were knocked down or intercepted. But one or two got past Bronko. We were, at least, making a little bit of a game of it.

I faked a pass to Dave and when Leon turned, I took off for the maple tree and the gravel road. I got hit from behind just as I stepped across the goal line and went sprawling face down into the gravel.

It was a small price to pay for our first score!

Leon didn't give us time to celebrate, the game went on. We weren't interrupted by glitzy commercials. And our halftime show consisted of picking shards of gravel out of my chin, and yelling some quick insults towards Bronko.

You'd think we were killing each other out there in the front yard; on an extra cold Christmas morning three score and ten years ago; when we should have been inside drinking warm

eggnog; and playing with our own presents.

But then, we would have missed the memory!

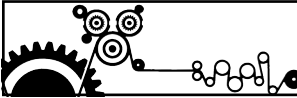
You couldn't count with the best Texas Instruments calculator, the highest speed computer and a supped up Acme logarithms machine the number of times me, Leon and David Mark have revisited that morning. Always fondly. Always with laughter. Always with as much love as three brothers could muster up in their collective hearts.

And now that "Bronko, 'Crazy Legs,' Elvis, Luke the Drifter, Superman, Tarzan, the Dark Knight/Leon" is no longer physically with us, it has moved from a precious memory...to a sacred one.

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Obituaries



HAROLD BROU, JR.
1937 — 2023

CEDAR GROVE — Mr. Harold Theodore Brou, Jr. of Cedar Grove, Tennessee died Monday, February 6, 2023, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Funeral services were Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Mission Church with Father Herbert Ene officiating. Interment was in the West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads.

The family received friends in the Oakwood Room of Chase Funeral Home on Monday, 5-8 p.m. and on Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m.

Mr. Brou was born March 13, 1937, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to the late Harold Raymond Brou and Sally (Payton) Carter. He was a supervisor for the City of Los Angeles, owner and operator of Teddee's Catfish and Café, a member of Holy Family Catholic Mission Church, a member of South-

ern Cruisers Riding Club Golden Circle in Jackson, Tennessee, and Shutterbug Camera Club. Other than his parents, he was also preceded in death by two sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Bernadita Brou, two daughters, Jennifer Brou of Huntingdon, Karen Wise (Curtis) of Jackson, two sons, Kirk Brou (Sheri Bank-Brou) of Fresno, California, Jonathan Brou (Martha) of Huntingdon, four sisters, Julia Ann Collins of Los Angeles, California, Sarah Rodrigue (Charles), Jeanette Allen (Joseph), both of Alhambra, California, and Sharon Carter of Duarte, California. He also leaves twelve grandchildren, Jordan K. Brou, Cydney Wise, Nathan Goble, Thaiesha Brou, Taylor Brou, LaNisha Brou, Dominique Brou, Jordan J. Brou, Evelyn Brou, Lonzell Dixon, Bradley Allen (Erika), and Brittany Griffith (Patrick), and ten great-grandchildren. +

CHARLES McABEE
1962 — 2023

GLEASON — Services for Charles Eugene McAbee Jr., 60, of Gleason, Tenn., were Friday, February 10, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Gleason First Baptist Church. Burial was in New Valley Cemetery in Gleason.

He was born July 15, 1962, and died February 6, 2023.

Mr. McAbee is survived by his wife, Charlotte McAbee of Gleason. He is also survived by three children, Jordan McAbee, Jada (Johnny Summers) McAbee, and Jodie (Micah) Arnold all of Gleason. Mr. McAbee leaves a brother, Al McAbee of Gleason, and five grandchildren, his mother and

father-in-law, Ray Dean and Jane Verdell of Gleason.



BONNIE JEAN STATEN
1939 — 2023

Bonnie Jean King Staten, 83, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Thursday, February 2, 2023 at AHC McKenzie in McKenzie, Tennessee. Visitation was Friday, February 8, 2023 with the funeral following at Smyrna Baptist Church, 1950 Smyrna Rd. Huntingdon. Interment was at Carroll Co. Memorial Gardens. Trinity Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bonnie was born September 4, 1939 in Huntingdon to the parents, Charlie and Christner Willis King. She grew up in the Smyrna Community and was a member of Smyrna Baptist Church. Bonnie was employed by Wilson Clinic for over 35 years.

She was married to the love of her life, Bobbie Staten on September 17, 1982, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by both of her parents, brother, Bobby Jean King, sisters, Nadien (Joe)

Parker, Virgie Mae (F.T.) Chapple, Rylean (Carvene) Jamison and Dorothy Faye King, step-grandsons, Justin Hampton, Tristian Townes and special friend, Mather Pearson.

She is survived by a devoted daughter, Retha Ann Kling (Charles Johnson), step-daughters, Lorrie Ann Johnson and Donna (Mark) Thomas, grandchildren, Toni Rena Whittico, Raven (Terry) Macon, Charisma Johnson, Brandon Pearson, Martez Hampton, Deja Williams, great-grandchildren, Kaden King, Ashtin Johnson, Ayla Johnson, Addyson Hampton, siblings, Charlie Lee King, Jessie Mae Jamison, Eva Mae Carter, Marilyn (Danny) Johnson, Mack (Jeareitha) King, all of Huntingdon, Tenn., Leon King of Bay City, MI., Wanda McKinnie, Jackson, Tenn., Rosalyn (James) Milam, McKenzie, Tn, Mike (Pandora) King, Lexington, Tenn., a host of other relatives and friends, Special thanks to caregivers Rosalyn Milam, sister, Francis Hart and AHC in McKenzie. +

JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD
1947 — 2023

MEMPHIS, formerly of McKenzie — Services for James Edward Fitzgerald, 76, were Saturday, February 11, 2023 at noon at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home with Reverend John Fitzgerald officiating.

Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. The family received friends on Saturday, February 11, 2023, 11 a.m. until service time.

Mr. Fitzgerald, a factory employee of Osram-Sylvania in Memphis, died Wednesday, February 1, 2023

at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. He was born on January 2, 1947 in McKenzie, Tennessee to James and Callie Mae Williams Fitzgerald. He was a member of Upper Room Church in Memphis.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Erma Bass Fitzgerald of Memphis, four brothers, and their wives, Earl (Mary) Fitzgerald of Memphis, John (Judy) Fitzgerald of Michigan, Ernest (Shannon) Fitzgerald of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Jimmy (Dallas) Fitzgerald of Georgia.

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

DAVID 'HUGO' SELLERS
1927 — 2023

HUNTINGDON — Mr. David H. "Hugo" Sellers, 95, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Sunday, February 5, 2023, at his home.

Funeral services were Friday, February 10, 2023, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Brother Doug Sellers officiating. Interment was at Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Sellers was born December 23, 1927, in Huntingdon, Tennessee, to the late Luther Elsworth and the late Pearl Imogene (Es-kew) Sellers.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Myrtle Fay (Dill) Sellers, a son, Dale Sellers, a brother, Vester Luther Sellers, a sister, Frances Inez Sellers, brothers, Lester Sellers, William Sellers, sisters, Virgie

Burcham, Mertie (Tansel) Taylor, Hettie (Luther) Lowe, and a great grandson, Caleb Stringham.

He is survived by his two daughters, Karen (Wayne) Wilson of Franklin, Tennessee and Linda (Eddie) Sayle of Eads, Tennessee; two sons, David (Donna) Sellers of Meridianville, Alabama, Barry (Rea) Sellers of Florence, Alabama, and Prissy Sellers, widow of his eldest son, Dale. He also leaves sixteen grandchildren and forty-two great-grandchildren.

LAURA ANN BYARS
1973 — 2023

HUNTINGDON — Ms. Laura Ann Byars, 50, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, passed away Friday, February 10, 2023, at her home.

Funeral services are Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the Huntingdon Church of Christ with Bro. Chris King officiating. Interment will follow in the Long Rock Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the Huntingdon Church of Christ on Wednesday from 9 a.m. until time of services.

Ms. Byars was born May 3, 1972 in Jackson, Tennessee. Before becoming disabled, she had worked for LeBonheur Hospital in X-Ray and was a member of the Huntingdon Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her mother, Betty (Boyd) Byars.

She is survived by her father, Bill Byars of McKenzie and several cousins and friends. She also loved her four-legged pooches.

Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon.

Inglenook Book Club News

The Inglenook Book Club met February 8 at the Lakeside Senior Living Community in McKenzie with 19 members attending. Hostesses were Zia Locke and Beverly Mueller who served double chocolate cake, chocolate covered strawberries, assorted cheesecake balls, chocolate candies and beverages. The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Moore and the Pledge of Allegiance, Club Aim and Motto were recited by all.

Roll call was taken and the January meeting minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Donna Ward reported amounts collected in January for the yearly dues, the amount given for the Trivia bowl in January and the current balance. The report was approved as read.

Members sang 'Happy Birthday' to the February birthday ladies, Marilyn Putman and Sandi McMahen, and prayers were requested for absent members, those home recuperating or out of town. President Moore called for reports from the Sunshine Chair, Elaine Williams, who sent cards to individual members. Telephone Chair, Victoria Ard, was thanked for calling members with a meeting reminder. Membership Chair, Suzanne Howell, reported no changes.

In unfinished business, President Moore reported on the Trivia Bowl where four members were present and noted that some of the questions were harder this year, but everyone had fun. Personal hygiene products

collected at the January meeting were delivered to the school by Donna Ward. There was no new business to discuss at this time.

Suzanne Howell, reported on author, Rebecca Serle, who is a full-time writer. She grew up in Maui, and now has residences in LA and New York City. She went to the University of Southern California, then got her Master of Fine Arts from the New School in New York City. Serle is the author of several Young Adult novels, including "Famous in Love" which she recently co-developed into a television series. Book passing was completed by Mary Newman and the next book passing date is February 22.

Bethel University is hosting a reception for all graduates in the area on February 22 at the Vera Lowe Center from 9-10 a.m. Our next meeting will be March 8 at 3 p.m., Lakeside Senior Living Community, McKenzie, with Jean McKinnie and Genia Sherwood as hostesses. The program will be presented by Victoria Ard. Bring assorted school items for donations to the next meeting.

The Benediction was recited by all and the meeting was adjourned. Members present were: Mona Batchelor, Peggy Chappell, Carolyn Goodwin, Jean Hollomon, Suzanne Howell, Zia Locke, Gail Mack, Shirley Martin, Jean McKinnie, Carolyn Moore, Beverly Mueller, Mary Newman, Pedie Pedersen, Carolyn Potts, Marilyn Putman, Sheila Rogers, Suzanne Russell, Donna Williams, and Elaine Williams.

State Senators Stevens, Hazlewood Propose Amendments to Marsy's Law

NASHVILLE (February 9) — State Senator John Stevens (R-Huntingdon) and State Representative Patsy Hazlewood (R-Signal Mountain) proposed Amendment HJR 94 that adds Marsy's Law to the Tennessee Constitution. Marsy's Law ensures victims of crime have enforceable rights and protections.

Speaking about the Amendment, Representative Hazlewood said, "At this point, victims of crime in Tennessee do not have the guaranteed right to be notified when their abuser is released. Victims do not have the right to be heard in criminal proceedings involving sentencing, release, or pleading. Victims do not have many guaranteed and meaningful rights that Marsy's Law would provide, and as a result, trauma often extends past the scene of the crime and

to the criminal proceedings. I am proud of the Amendment we introduced, and I hope our state legislature joins us in putting victims first."

Speaking about the Amendment, Senator Stevens said, "Crime victims in Tennessee deserve rights and protections just as much as crime victims in Florida, California, Kentucky, and any of the other states that have already passed Marsy's Law. We will continue to fight to ensure that victims of crime in Tennessee are guaranteed the respect and dignity they deserve."

The efforts to provide crime victims with equal rights started with Dr. Henry Nicholas, brother of murder victim Marsy Nicholas, for whom Marsy's law was named. 13 states have already passed Marsy's Law.



Mark Twain Impersonator Delights Audience at The Dixie

HUNTINGDON (February 4) — What an evening to remember as Lewis Hankins portrayed Mark Twain in Hal Holbrook Theatre. The late Mr. Holbrook was well known for his time on the silver screen in big budget movies and also on theatre stages, includ-

ing The Dixie, portraying Mark Twain.

Hankins, dressed as Twain, told stories of the writer, his poor upbringing, his initial start as a typesetter for a newspaper, and his writings. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner.

West Tennessee Education Summit Returns in March

The WestTeach Class of 2022 is hosting the 2023 Education Summit in Jackson at the West Tennessee AgResearch & Education Center on March 10. Attached is the agenda for the day. Please help us share this around West Tennessee.

Our purpose is to facilitate change in curriculum to enhance workforce development and opportunities for the students in West Tennessee. Unfortunately, Covid hindered the gains that we had made in building the relationships to develop these opportunities with our colleagues, our community, our post-secondary educators, and our local industry. This summit will bring together educators, business leaders, school and district leaders, high school students, and leg-

islators under one roof to showcase best practices already happening across West Tennessee and discuss changes within the classroom and ways to implement workforce development into Tennessee education.

Please complete the registration form below so that we have a head count of those that will be in attendance. We will use the email addresses to send further communication as the event date approaches. There is no cost, but registration is required. Deadline is March 6, 2023.

If your school or practice has a best practice that you would like to be showcased, please email bellis.may@hctnschools.com to apply to be part of the expo.

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Henry County Sheriff To Give Away Venison

PARIS — The Henry County Sheriff's Office will be holding the annual deer meat giveaway on February 25 starting at 8 a.m. until all deer meat is handed out. This year's giveaway is at the pavilion located at the Henry County Fairgrounds.

As always, the Henry County Sheriff's Office thanks each person who donated deer for the deputies for the hungry program.

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Card of Thanks

Thank you to all of our family and friends for your love and support during the illness and loss of Alex. We appreciate all of the kind words and cards and could never thank you all enough.

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HUNTINGDON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS FEBRUARY 15

The Huntingdon Board of Education meets Wednesday, February 15, at 5 p.m.. The meeting is at the Huntingdon Central Office, 585 High Street, Huntingdon.

WEST TENNESSEE SARCOIDOSIS SUPPORT GROUP MEETS FEBRUARY 18

The West Tennessee Sarcoidosis Support group meets Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Reedy Creek Missionary Baptist Church, 150 Adams Street, McMoresville. Receive health tips and knowledge from guest speaker Chris Blount, Physician's Assistant.

CARROLL COUNTY E911 BOARD MEETS FEBRUARY 21

The Carroll County E911 Board of Directors meets Tuesday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m. Please note the time change from our normal time. The meeting is in the training room at the

Carroll County Sherriff's Office, 200 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon.

BOW WOW AT THE BARN WITH 24 SEVEN MARCH 4

Bow Wow at the Barn featuring the band 24 Seven is Saturday, March 4, at The Venue at Waddell Place, 894 Joy Sparks Road, McKenzie, 6-10 p.m. This is an annual event with proceeds going to the Carroll County Humane Society a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Tickets are \$25 each and on sale now at the Carroll County Humane Society or by calling 731-358-1019. Raffles, door prizes, silent auction, cash bar (ID required) and complimentary bar snacks available. Poot's BBQ food truck will be there.

DIXIE CAR SHOW TOP 25 IS JULY 1

The Dixie Car Show Top 25 is Saturday, July 1, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., in McMoresville. Entry fee is \$20 and food will be provided by the McMoresville Fire Department. For more information, contact Bill Hargrove, 731-415-3952.

HUNTINGDON HIGH SCHOOL 5K MARCH 5

The Huntingdon High School Track, Field and Cross Country teams are hosting a 5K run on Sunday, March 5. The race begins at 2 p.m. at the Huntingdon

Middle School. Entry fee is \$25 and a long sleeve tee shirt is guaranteed if registered by February 17. For more information email elott@huntingdonschools.net or cezell@huntingdonschools.net.

SMALLTOWN CRUISERS ANTIQUE CAR CLUB MEETS MONTHLY

The Smalltown Cruisers Antique Car Club meets the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Hollow Rock Fire station, 21280 Seminary Street, Hollow Rock. The monthly Cruisers begin in April. For more information, contact Jan Ostiguy at 217-304-2606 or email jano1970@att.net.

CARROLL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

The Carroll County Democratic Party meets the third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at 12740 Lexington Street, Huntingdon.

CARROLL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

The Carroll County Republican Party meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the court room of the Public Safety building, 12740 Lexington Street, Huntingdon. The reorganization election of executive committee mem-

bers will take place on February 28.

SHEPHERD'S TABLE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

On the third Tuesday 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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

The McKenzie TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter meets on Mondays at 3 p.m. at the McKenzie Church of Christ gym. Anyone interested in losing weight can join. Visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Linda Lawrence at 731-352-7309. If no answer, leave a message.

MCKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

CARING HEARTS FOOD PANTRY

The Caring Hearts Food Pantry offers food distribution the second Saturday of each month, 9-11 a.m., at Mt Zion United Methodist Church, 120 Mt. Zion Road, Huntingdon.

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.

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.

Chancellor Carver Leaving UT-Martin

KNOXVILLE (January 26) — University of Tennessee System President Randy Boyd and University of Tennessee, Knoxville Chancellor Donde Plowman announced leadership transitions today at the UT Institute of Agriculture. Senior Vice Chancellor and Senior Vice President Carrie Castille will become a special advisor to the president of the UT System and Keith Carver, chancellor at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will serve as the new leader of the UT Institute of Agriculture (UTIA). Pending board approval, Carver begins March 1. UTIA is thriving with record research expenditures, increased enrollment, expanding programs, including its first School of Natural Resources, and a strong Extension presence in all 95 counties. Over the next several months, Castille will advise the president on issues of agriculture-related policy, and federal grant opportunities. Carver, who previously served as executive assistant to UT President Joe DiPietro, will head UTIA in a two-year limited duration appointment to provide stability and leadership to the institute. The UT Institute of Agriculture provides solutions to problems across the state through UT Extension, UT AgResearch, the UT College of Veterinary Medicine and the Herbert College of Agriculture. "We appreciate Carrie's service and are very excited to have Keith



Chancellor Keith Carver

move into this statewide role with UTIA," said Boyd. "His experience across the UT system, collaborative spirit and his deep appreciation for UT's land grant mission made him an obvious choice for this role." "Agriculture is central to Tennessee's economy and way of life," said Plowman. "Keith will hit the ground running and support the important work happening all across UTIA. I look forward to working with him in this new way. I appreciate the energy and passion for agriculture that Carrie has and wish her all the best in her new pursuits." UT Martin Provost Philip Acree Cavalier will serve as interim chancellor at UT Martin. The university will launch a search for a new chancellor in the coming weeks.



West Carroll Superintendent Preston Caldwell gathered board feedback on his five year strategic plan during a workshop meeting before the regular meeting Thursday night. Photo by Caleb Revill/Mirror-Exchange.

West Carroll Beta Clubs Celebrated for Achievements

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ATWOOD (February 9) — The West Carroll Special School District school board celebrated the district's Beta Club members for placing in the Tennessee state competition during their meeting Thursday night, February 9. Board member Keith Murray was absent for this meeting. All school board meetings are open to the public. West Carroll Jr./Sr. High School Beta Members competed in various academic, individual and team competitions during the Tennessee State Beta Convention held in Nashville on Nov. 22, 2022. WCSSD Beta Sponsor Brittany Fowler reported to the board that nearly 30 top five awards were earned by Junior and Senior West Carroll Beta Club members across individual and group competitions. Of those awards, junior club members Zac Fowler, Ava Pinson, Harlan Hames, Taylor Robinson and Jack Robinson were state champions in Marketing & Communications. Jack Robinson was also state champion in the Club Trading Pin competition. Junior Beta Club member Taytum Jenkins competed as a premier performer and received a golden ticket to sing at the upcoming National Beta Club Convention. Top senior club members included 9th Grade Bio Med State Champion Hannah Pinson; Speech State Champion Olivia Arnold; Mixed Media State Champion Hannah Fowler; Woodworking State Champion London Hudgins and Quilling State Champion Macey Mitchell. The Senior Beta Club also earned state champion status in the following competitions: 3-D Design, Service Learning, Apparel Design and Freshman Problem Solving. West Carroll Jr./Sr. High School's Aubrey Hammett was elected as TN State Beta Secretary and will begin her service in June of 2022. Furthermore, she will represent the Volunteer State at the National Beta Convention at Louisville, Kentucky as she seeks the office of National Beta Secretary. Board Chairman William Robinson congratulated club members and thanked the district's sponsors. "This is Beta Club Sponsor Appreciation Week," Robinson said. "Tell your sponsor how much you appreciate them because they do a lot of work to coordinate all of this ... It's a big responsibility, and we've got

people who do a great job, so thank you Mrs. Brittany Fowler and Mrs. Lindsey Morton on behalf of the board." Superintendent Preston Caldwell congratulated the club and thanked its sponsors as well. "Mrs. Brittany Fowler, thank you so much for all of your work tonight and in so many different areas," Caldwell said. "You do an awesome job. Awesome job too on our Beta Clubs. What a wonderful, wonderful academic focus we have there, and what a great job that they have all done." Work Session The school board met for a scheduled work session an hour before the regular meeting, where they discussed Superintendent Caldwell's five year strategic plan and evaluation instrument options for the director of schools. Every two years, the WCSSD school board is required to reevaluate its five year strategic plan. This plan currently includes the district's mission, climate and culture statements, district-wide goals and priorities, investing in staff, partnering with stakeholders and identifying critical areas in need of improvement. The board agreed on updating the district's tagline statement to "Educating the Whole Child" per board member Betty Wallace's suggestion. Under goals, board member Misty Mitchell asked that the objective "Improve Safety & Security for all Schools" be moved to top priority. For investing in staff, Caldwell said that he would like to see how the state's new TISA funding formula will affect the district's funds. "Once we see that, I want us to look again at our salaries," Caldwell said. "I want to get those (salaries) up to where we can maintain them but also compete with other districts. We are on a lower scale and we need to get that up when we can ... I want to compete with Jackson-Madison County. I would love for us to." Under critical areas in need of improvement, Caldwell noted that he would like to see more of an academic focus. "I think we need more quality instructional time in classrooms," Caldwell said. "We need more bell-to-bell instruction and more conversations about improved academics and fewer conversations about sports. Academics is number one right after safety,

and to me, I would like to incorporate an academic focus into critical areas of need in improvement." Chairman Robinson suggested reviewing this strategic plan in the future to explain what the district is doing to address the topics discussed. "One of our biggest responsibilities that we have is through our budget," Robinson said. "Is the money going to the places where it needs to go? If what we're saying is education is the most important thing, are we doing everything we can ... I'd like for us to start talking a little bit more about that." Caldwell presented the board with four template options for their director of schools evaluation instrument to be discussed during the workshop meeting. Wallace suggested setting goals for Caldwell and asked that the superintendent provide quarterly update reports on those goals. Caldwell agreed with Wallace's suggestion and made note of this request. Later in the regular meeting, Superintendent Caldwell suggested combining suggestions from the earlier work session and presenting one director of schools evaluation instrument to the board during next month's March meeting. He asked that -in the mean time- the board pick one of the four survey templates for him to work from this. The board voted 3-1 with Wallace voting no to approve "Survey A" and allow Caldwell to work in suggestions gathered from the work session for a new evaluation tool to be presented in March. Technology Director Brittany Fowler presented the board with bids from Central Technologies, CDW and Bluum for new Chromebook laptops. Per Fowler's recommendation, the board voted unanimously to approve purchasing laptops through Bluum for \$29,520. Caldwell proposed that the board adopt both 2023-24 and 2024-25 school year calendars. He said that approving two school years at a time instead of one will help faculty to plan accordingly with more notice. The board approved both calendars unanimously. The board voted unanimously to approve EnVision's math program as the new textbook curriculum for the district. This curriculum was adopted following a favorable recommendation from a textbook committee spearheaded by Regina Alred. The textbooks will be paid for using ESSER-allocated funds.

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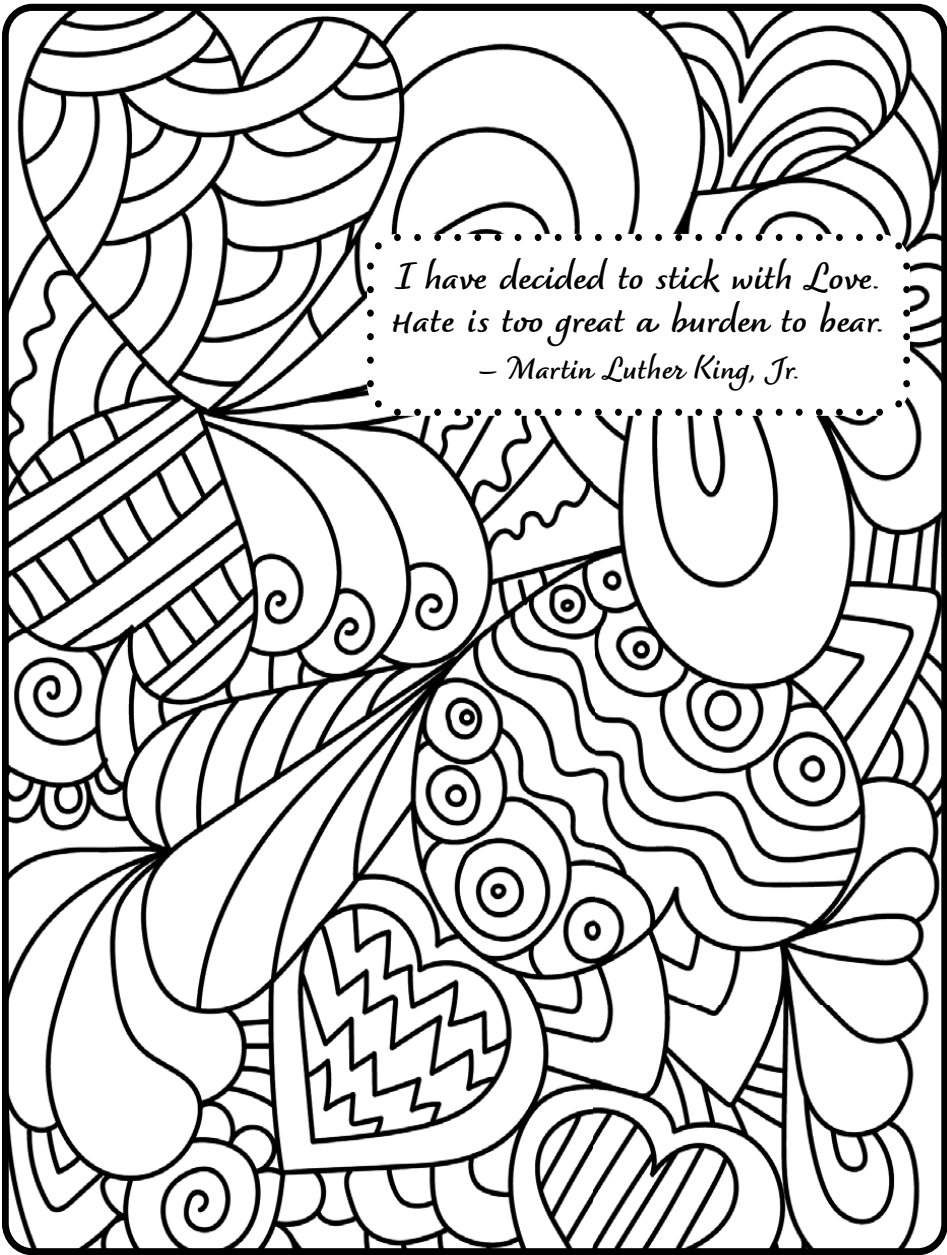
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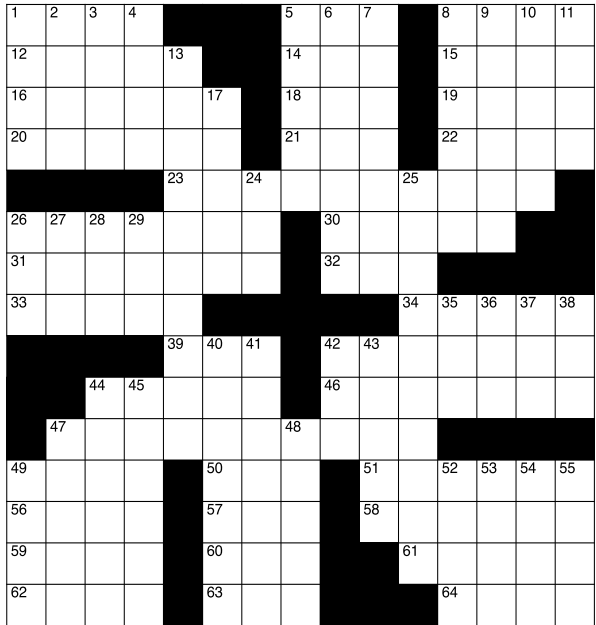
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. River in Tuscany
- 5. A way to represent
- 8. Rocker's guitar
- 12. Civil Rights group
- 14. Brew
- 15. Scratch
- 16. W. Asian country
- 18. The Eye Network
- 19. Clarified butter
- 20. Part of the Cascade Range
- 21. Downwind
- 22. A way to steer
- 23. Loop
- 26. Not ingested
- 30. Swampy coniferous forest
- 31. Musician
- 32. Signing
- 33. Containing iron
- 34. Part of a theorem or proof
- 39. Veterans battleground (slang)
- 42. Of enormous proportions
- 44. Italian city
- 46. Come before
- 47. Balm
- 49. Undergarments
- 50. Male parent
- 51. Ropes
- 56. Ear part
- 57. Investment vehicle
- 58. Dictator
- 59. Cain and ____
- 60. A type of code
- 61. Border river along India and Nepal
- 62. It's what's for dinner
- 63. Consume
- 64. Christian ____, designer

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cuckoos
- 2. Skin issue
- 3. City in central Japan



- 4. Sorrels
- 5. Twinned diamond
- 6. Canadian province
- 7. Monetary units
- 8. Head honcho
- 9. Goddess of wisdom
- 10. Part of a play
- 11. Get rid of
- 13. Applicant
- 17. Bowling alleys have many
- 24. Explosive
- 25. "The Say Hey Kid"
- 26. Ultrahigh frequency
- 27. No (Scottish)
- 28. Make a mistake
- 29. Credit card term
- 35. Keyboard key
- 36. Woman (French)
- 37. In the middle of
- 38. Score perfectly
- 40. Coat a metal with an oxide coat
- 41. Deadly disease
- 42. A place to dock a boat (abbr.)
- 43. Belch
- 44. Member of U.S. Navy
- 45. "In ____": separate from others
- 47. Examine extensively
- 48. Adjust
- 49. Tattle
- 52. Actor Pitt
- 53. Gulls
- 54. Within
- 55. Exceptionally talented performer

Week 7

See solution in next week's edition.

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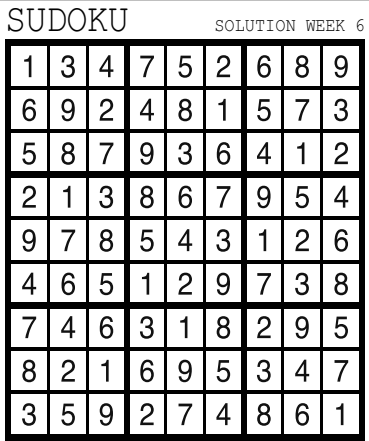
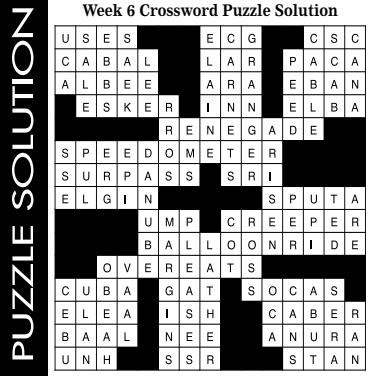
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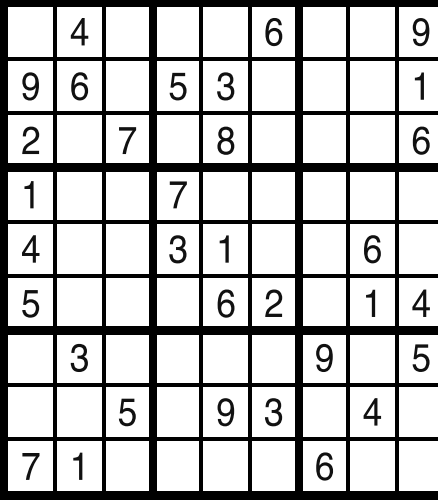


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James Randall Carter, Washington Avenue, Camden, guilty, Criminal Trespass, 30 days jail-suspended, probation for 30 days.

William Henry Hollowell, South Forks of Creek Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Probation Violation, 15 days jail, probation extended 30 days; guilty, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search, 10 days jail; dismissed, Criminal Trespass; dismissed, Criminal Impersonation.

Brittany Lynn Lopez, Oak Street, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation; 30 days jail; supervised probation; guilty, Failure to Appear, 11/29 jail - suspended except six days; guilty, Driving While Suspended-Second or later Offense, six months jail-suspended except six days; dismissed, Speeding.

Marie Morgan, Hebron Road, Bruceton, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 11/29 jail-suspended, supervised probation, alcohol and drug assessment required.

Christopher Darian Ramsey, High Street, Hollow Rock,, guilty, Probation Violation, 11/29 extended probation; dismissed, Failure to Appear; dismissed, Violation of Protective Order.

Shawn Roy, Birmingham Lane, McKenzie, guilty, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, 11/29 jail-suspended except 30 days; dismissed, Simple Possession; dismissed, Driving While Suspended.

Kiefer Thompson, Robertson Street, Lexington, guilty, Driving While Suspended, \$50 fine, 180 days sentence-suspended except 8 hours, supervised probation; dismissed, charge of Speeding.

Aaron Williams, Spruce Street, McKenzie, guilty, Failure to Appear, 11/29 jail-suspended except 10 days; supervised probation, alcohol and drug assessment; guilty, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange, \$1,500 fine, 11/29 jail-suspended except 10 days; guilty, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Failure to Appear.

Brittany Renee Wortham, Highway 45, Sharon, guilty, Driving While Suspended, \$50 fine, 48 hours jail, supervised probation.

Jennifer Freshour, Hebron Church Road, Bruceton, pre-trial diversion, Livestock Running at Large, to review

again in six months.

Toneshia Johnson, Nashville, Nashboro Blvd., Nashville, pre-trial diversion, Carry Weapon on School Property, no contact with Bethel University, six months unsupervised probation.

Donald T. Karpp, Cemetery Boundary Road, Hollow Rock, pre-trial diversion, Harassment, no contact with medical clinic, six months supervised probation.

The following cases were dismissed.

Jermone Clinton Clark, Baltimore Street, Jackson, dismissed, Leaving Scene of Accident.

Blake Garner, Stonewall Street, McKenzie, dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Brian Garriott, Highway 22, McKenzie, dismissed, Criminal Trespass.

Jason Antonio McCain, Highway 79, Springville, dismissed, Meth-Manufacture, Delivery, Sale.

Jeremy Don Needham, Highway 190, Trezevant, dismissed, Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sale; Possession of Schedule II Cocaine.

Shonda Marie Puckett, South Fork of Creek, Huntingdon, dismissed, Probation Violation.

Michael Stoltz, Fewell Lane, Lavinia, dismissed, Domestic Assault; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

McKenzie Police Reports

DUI, Driving Without License — Hugo Tox Pop, 29, Tumbling Creek Road, McKenzie, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence, Driving Without a License, Violation of Financial Responsibility, and Open Container (of alcohol) on February 6.

Officer Darren Davis stopped the vehicle at the intersection of Magnolia and University Drive for a headline violation. He noticed the driver was under the influence and administered field sobriety tests. An open container of an alcoholic beverage was located on the passenger side floorboard. Hugo Tox Pop was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Manufacturing Methamphetamine — Anthony D. Vermillion, 29, Oak Street, McKenzie was charged with Resisting Arrest, Evading Arrest and Manufacturing Methamphetamine after a traffic stop on February 9.

Officer Sean Beck reported that he initiated a traffic stop of a GMC Sierra around 2 a.m. for a seatbelt violation. The driver, Anthony Vermillion, exited the vehicle while Officer Beck was ordering him to return

to his vehicle. Vermillion did not produce his identification, argued with Officer Beck and Cpl. Steven Scott, and then indicated he was phoning his attorney. He also indicated he was going to record the policemen, to which Beck said he could once he complied with their orders.

When officers indicated Vermillion was going to be arrested for Disorderly Conduct, he struggled with officers and attempted to flee as Officer Beck gave foot pursuit. Vermillion was physically taken to the ground and placed in handcuffs. When officers entered the vehicle to find Vermillion's ID, they smelled marijuana, and located a plastic bag with 1.45 grams of suspected marijuana, a digital scale and plastic straw with meth on the inside. Two firearms were located under the back seat.

Underage DUI — Matthew C. Burke, 19, Blaylock Store Road, McKenzie, was charged with Underage Driving Under the Influence after a traffic stop on February 11 at 8:08 p.m.

Sergeant Cody Coleman stopped the pickup truck for a non-functioning headlight

Property Transfers

Thomas Byron and Jesse Mark Forester to David Noel Forester in district 14.

Brenda J. Pardue to Jonathan T. Pardue.

Anthony Jason Henderson to Grover and Nola Henderson in district 8 and 11.

Daniel R. and Donna L. Gilliam to Jesaias E. Yoder in district 11.

Edd Scarbrough and others to Mastin L. Bailey in district 4.

Gary Steven and Denise Harriet Lifsey to Stephanie Ann Safa and others in district 4.

Billy and Denise Townsend

Stanley Junior Allen to Angela F. Lavigne in district 4.

Nancy K. Pinson to Nancy K. Pinson and others in district 2.

U. S Bank National Association to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Steadfast Home Buyers to The Leiker Family Trust in district 11.

Ladona C. Herrin to Gregory W. and Ellen Pruitt in district 4.

Billy H. Dillahunt to David Gordon and Phyllis Anne Williams in district 11.

Renee Ford to Charlotte Renee Ford Ward in district 16.

Lovina Mallo to Tessa L. Durbin.

2023 Bethel University Softball Season Preview

MCKENZIE (February 2023) — The Bethel Lady Wildcats softball team is excited for another successful season of competition in the ever strong, Mid-South Conference. Coach John Weeks enters his 6th season (101-106) at the helm for the Lady Wildcats. Last year the Lady Cats finished 22-28 overall with a 12-20 conference record. Of the 20 losses, 10 were by two runs or fewer and 16 of the 20 losses were to teams that made the opening rounds, with three teams finishing 10th (Webber), 5th (Freed Hardeman), and 2nd (Mobile) in the NAIA Softball National Championship.

This season's schedule is no less challenging with a total of 17 games versus teams ranked or receiving votes in the Preseason Top 25 Poll. Key non-conference early matchups include Tennessee Wesleyan (9th), William Carey (11th), Texas A&M-Texarkana (RV), Columbia (16), and Mount Mercy (RV). The conference foes are equally as daunting with an important three-game series at Freed Hardeman (5th) and home series match-ups with foe Lindsey Wilson (RV) and University of the Cumberlands (24th).

This year's team returns 13 players and seven starters. Alexa Thrasher, Alexis Wheeler, Emma Johnson, and Maria Murdaugh will provide stability and power for the offense. These players combined for 82 RBI's last year. Seniors Kalani Kuroda and Kennedy Gillespie will add depth and power to a lineup looking for productivity. Leah Beasley returns as a potential lead-off hitter and offers speed and power from the left side of the dish. Kirsten Eversole, Brynn Browder and Lauren Reimsnyder will offer depth and special skills for productivity. Jezeabelle Quintana returns after a

short absence to offer seasoned experience with an offensive mindset built on productivity. Newcomers showing glimpses of greatness this fall include Miranda Carnell, Amber Osborne, Kinsley Caruthers, Madison Carey, Jada Wynn, Anna Robinson, Mikayla Vincent and Hailey Cooner who all could see action on offense. Mid-season transfer Abby Alton has shown big swing potential along with deceptive speed and athleticism. The Lady Wildcats will be looking to improve offensively after posting a .293 batting average.

Defensively, the outfield will be anchored by returners Thrasher and Murdaugh while several others are vying for the third spot. There are several options on the infield with Beasley, Eversole, Gillespie, Johnson, and Wheeler. Those are the returners from last season. Quintana has the ability to play third or first and transfer Alton offers the same option. Newcomers to the infield are Carnell and Osborne that have shown a good connection playing side by side. Cooner and Wynn could also see action on the infield.

Returning to the arsenal are Maddi Locke, Kalani Kuroda and Lauren Reimsnyder. Returners Kaylie McKinley and Lily Johnson are coming off injuries but could see action late in the season. Freshman Kinsley Caruthers has shown a lot of potential and growth from the fall.

"I have enjoyed the additional time provided by the hiring of Coach Gadi. It has allowed me to spend more time with our pitching staff and build a better relationship. I am very proud of their approach and understanding of the job that is required and needed from each of them. We look forward to watching all their

Carroll County Sheriff's Department

Multiple Arrests — Amber Maire Hightower, 39, of Camden was charged with Drug/ Narcotic violations, Possession of Meth and an Accessory After the Fact.

Charles Adrian Robbins, 31, of Camden had outstanding felony warrants out of Benton County. He was arrested for Criminal Impersonation and Possession of Meth.

On Feb. 4, Deputy Scott initiated a traffic stop due to license plate violations. The driver, Amber Hightower appeared nervous, when asked she stated there was nothing illegal in the vehicle. Consent to search was denied, K-9 Gotchi was deployed and alerted positive on the vehicle. Officers located one gram of meth and a male subject located in the trunk. The male gave officers a fake name, he was later identified as Charles Robbins. As Robbins exited the trunk, 6.2 grams of meth fell onto the ground by the vehicle. Hightower had intent to conceal and hinder the arrest of Robbins by concealing him in the trunk. This did occur in Carroll County.

DUI — Rickey Watkins, 43, of Huntingdon was arrested for DUI #2 and Implied Consent Law.

On February 4, a car accident was reported on Thompson School Rd. The caller stated the driver was passed out behind the wheel in a ditch. Officers arrived shortly on scene and located the one vehicle accident in the ditch. After several attempts to wake the driver, the officers manage to turn the vehicle off and wake the driver. The driver, Rickey Watkins, had slurred speech and indicated he was not under the influence. Watkins refused to conduct any field sobriety test.

Stalker — Gregory Lynn Staten, 48, of Clarksburg was charged with Stalking.

The defendant Gregory

as caught two individuals on camera vandalizing and causing damage to several vehicles on the lot. 22 Auto does own the white Chevy Malibu. No other information was available.

Drug Paraphernalia — Johnny M. Burrow, 53, of Atwood was arrested for Possession of Schedule VI Marijuana, Schedule II Meth, and Resisting Arrest. Burrow was cited for failing to complete a stop.

On February 7, Deputy Scott attempted to stop a vehicle for disregarding a stop sign. After following with blue lights for a mile, the driver pulled over into a driveway and headed towards the front door. After several attempts of officers trying to halt the driver, Deputy Scott deployed his Taser. Officers found the driver, Johnny Borrow, in possession of a glass bong, 0.5 grams of marijuana and a gram of meth.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **March 23, 2023 on or about 12 p.m. local time**, at the East door, Carroll County Courthouse, Huntingdon, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by VERONA NUNN AND DONALD NUNN, JR., to Wesley D. Turner, Trustee, on October 21, 2004, at Record Book 527, Page 407-422 as Instrument No. 104874 in the real property records of Carroll County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquet Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-R12

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

Lying and being situated in the 22nd Civil District, Carroll County, Tennessee, and further described as follows:
BEGINNING at a stake in the West margin of Cherrywood Road, same being the Southeast corner of Lot No. 49 in the Highland Subdivision and 290 feet South of the intersection of Bertha Street and runs thence South 40 degrees 30 minutes West with the South line of Lot #49, 119 feet to a stake, thence South 19 degrees East 120 feet along Pruitt East line to a stake, the Northwest corner of Octa Morgan, thence North 46 degrees East with the North line of Morgan, 122 feet to a stake in the West margin of Cherrywood Road, thence North 22 degrees West with the West margin of said Cherrywood Road 130 feet to the point of beginning.

BEING the same property conveyed to Donald B. Nunn, Jr. and wife, Verona A. Nunn, by Warranty Deed from Gary M. Parish, a single person, dated June 4, 2002, and filed for record on July 1, 2002, in Book 222, page 647, Register's Office for Carroll County, Tennessee.

Tax ID: 016D-D-017.00-000

Current Owner(s) of Property: VERONA NUNN AND DONALD NUNN, JR.

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

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met.
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PROBATE CASE NO: 2023PA22

ESTATE OF: MARVA MARIE BLEDSOE, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Notice is hereby given that on the **8TH** day of **FEBRUARY**, 2023 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **MARVA MARIE BLEDSOE** deceased, who died **NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:
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District Tournament Brackets

BOYS

District 11-1A Tournament

Tuesday, February 14
No. 4 Big Sandy at No. 1 McKenzie 7 p.m.
No. 3 McEwen at No. 2 Houston County 7 p.m.
Friday, February 17 at Bethel University
Consolation 5 p.m.
Championship 8 p.m.

District 12-1A Tournament

Saturday, February 11
Bruceton 67, Clarksburg 65
Tuesday February 14 at West Carroll
No. 1 Frank Hughes vs. Bruceton 6 p.m.
No. 2 Perry County vs. No. 3 West Carroll 7:30 p.m.
Friday, February 17
Consolation 6 p.m.
Championship 7:30 p.m.

District 13-1A Tournament

Tuesday, February 14
Game 1: No. 5 Gleason at No. 4 South Fulton, 6 p.m.
Saturday, February 18 at UT Martin
Game 2: No. 1 Bradford vs. Game 1 winner, 6 p.m.
Game 3: No. 2 Greenfield vs. No. 3 Dresden, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 21
Consolation, 6 p.m.
Championship, 7:30 p.m.

District 12-2A Tournament

Tuesday, February 14
Game 1: No. 5 Huntingdon at No. 4 Westview, 6 p.m.
Friday, February 17 at Milan
Game 2: No. 1 Milan vs. Game 1 winner, 6 p.m.
Game 3: No. 2 Gibson County vs. No. 3 Union City, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, February 20
Consolation, 6 p.m.
Championship, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS

District 11-1A Tournament

Monday, February 13
No. 4 Big Sandy at No. 1 Houston County, 7 p.m.
No. 3 McEwen at No. 2 McKenzie, 7 p.m.
Friday, February 17 at Bethel University
Consolation, 3:30 p.m.
Championship, 6:30 p.m.

District 12-1A Tournament

Saturday, February 11
Clarksburg 57, Frank Hughes 47
Monday, February 13 at West Carroll
No. 1 Perry County vs. Clarksburg, 6 p.m.
No. 2 West Carroll vs. No. 3 Bruceton, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 16
Consolation, 6 p.m.
Championship, 7:30 p.m.

District 13-1A Tournament

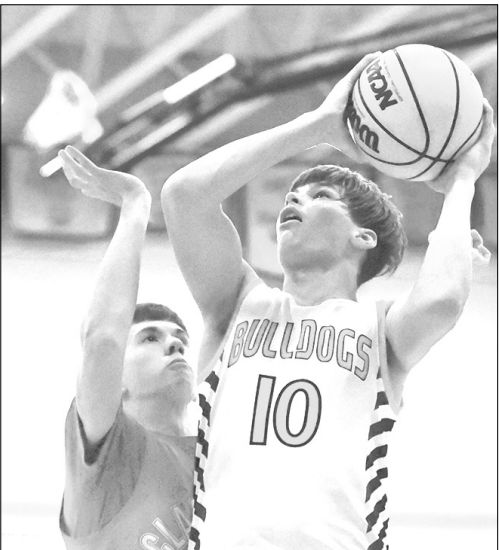
Monday, February 13
Game 1: No. 5 Bradford at No. 4 Greenfield, 6 p.m.
Friday, February 17 at UT Martin
Game 2: No. 1 South Fulton vs. Game 1 winner, 6 p.m.
Game 3: No. 2 Dresden vs. No. 3 Gleason, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, February 20
Consolation, 6 p.m.
Championship, 7:30 p.m.

District 12-2A Tournament

Monday, February 13
No. 5 Milan at No. 4 Union City, 6 p.m.
Thursday, February 16 at Westview
No. 1 Westview vs. Union City-Milan, 6 p.m.
No. 2 Gibson County vs. No. 3 Huntingdon, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 18
Consolation, 6 p.m.
Championship, 7:30 p.m.



Jaeda Perry



Kyzzer Crochet

Gleason Defeats the Lady Rockets by 30

BY ERIN DOUGLAS
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The Gleason Lady Bulldogs defeated the Clarksburg Lady Rockets 70-40 to finish their regular season.

The Lady Bulldogs chalked up 22 points in the first quarter. Autumn Mingle and Ava Sawyers had seven points each. Jaeda Perry chalked up five points. Maya Lamb tacked on three points with a deep shot behind the arc.

The Lady Rockets scored 11 points during the first quarter. Sam Segraves drove to the basket for two points, then made three shots from the free throw line. Grace Bartholomew and Cassie Blount drained a 3-pointer each. The Lady Rockets trailed 22-11 going into the second quarter.

Gleason kept their pace during the second quarter and earned 19 points. Sophie Wilson made two 3-point shots, then had a shot in the paint for two points. Kaylee Tucker drove to the basket for two points, then drained two free throw shots. Mingle and Perry had two points each. Ava Sawyers made a 3-point shot. The Bulldogs had a 21 point lead at halftime.

Clarksburg was held to just nine points in the second half. Segraves chalked up four points. Chloe Crum made a 3-pointer. Bartholomew drove to the basket for two points. At halftime, the Lady Bulldogs dominated the Lady Rockets 41-20.

The Lady Bulldogs added another 21 points to their side of the board during the third quarter. Sawyers had nine points during the quarter. Tucker tacked on six points. Mingle had four points, and Lamb drained two foul shots.

Clarksburg added eight points to the board during the third quarter. Blount made a 3-pointer. Crum had a shot in the paint for two points. Segraves drove to the basket for two, then drew a foul for

one point. The Lady Rockets followed the Lady Bulldogs 62-28 at the end of the third quarter.

The Lady Rockets scored 12 points in the fourth quarter. Bartholomew chalked up six points. Segraves had four points, and Addison Milam had two points.

The Lady Bulldogs were held to just eight points. Wilson had two points. Tucker had a three point play in the paint. Lamb drove to the basket for two points. Perry drained one free throw. Gleason topped off their season with a 70-40 victory over Clarksburg.

The Lady Bulldogs finished the season as third in the district and will play against Dresden High School at the University of Tennessee at Martin on Friday, Feb. 17. Tipoff is 7:30 p.m.

Bulldogs finish the regular season on a low note.

The Gleason Bulldogs finished their regular season with a 90-62 loss to the Clarksburg Rockets. The Rockets took off in the second quarter and left the Bulldogs in their smoke.

The Bulldogs scored 12 points in the first quarter. Kylan Borneman had five points. Drake Lehmkuhl had two points in the paint and two points from the free throw line. Kade Sawyers tacked on three points.

The Rockets took a four point lead in the first quarter. Clint Clayton had six points. Sha Williams had six points from behind the arc. Brayden Cobb and Trae Cobb had two points each. The Rockets led 16-12 at the end of the first quarter.

Gleason scored 18 points in the second quarter. Lehmkuhl had six points in the paint and four from the foul line. Gage Byington drove to the basket for two points. Sawyers drained another 3-point shot. The Bulldogs' offense was not enough to keep up with the Rockets.

The Rockets had 29 points

during the second quarter. Clayton had eight points. Williams had 13 points. Brayden Cobb had four points in the paint. Kaylon Pearson and Trae Cobb had two points each. The Rockets led 45-30 at halftime.

The Bulldogs scored another 12 points after coming out of the locker room. Lehmkuhl had four points. Owen Taylor made a 3-pointer. Byington had a 3-point play in the paint. Sawyers made two shots from the free throw line.

The Rockets added another 17 points to their side of the scoreboard during the third quarter. Clayton had two points in the paint and one from the foul line. Kannon Hampton had five points. Trae Cobb drained a 3-point shot. Jacob Derryberry had two points in the paint. Williams knocked down two free throws. Clarksburg led Gleason 62-42 at the end of the third quarter.

The Bulldogs put up 20 points in the final quarter. Sawyers made five free throws. C.J. Reed knocked down two free throws. Ashton Morgan and Tristian Chandler had two points each. Kyzzer Crochet had four points. Borneman drained a 3-pointer. Taylor drove to the basket for two points.

The Rockets added 28 points to their lead in the fourth quarter. Williams had nine points. Bryler O'Neal had five points. Brayden Cobb and Hampton had three points each. Chase Hollinghead drove to the basket for two, then made one free throw. Jake Miller had four points. Dylan Pruett tacked on one foul shot. Clarksburg defeated Gleason 90-62.

Gleason finished fifth in the district and will take on south Fulton for their chance to stay in the district tournament. The Bulldogs will travel to South Fulton on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.

Marcos Santa Hurls No-Hitter

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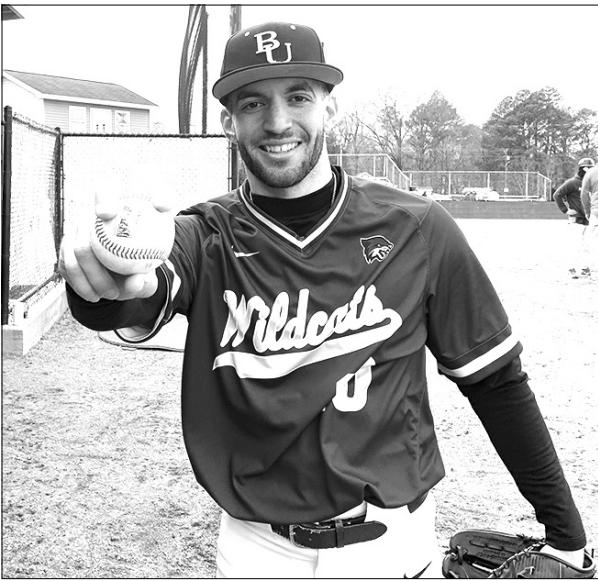
MCKENZIE (February 10) — After splitting their doubleheader Friday, the Bethel Wildcats and the Cleary Cougars met again Saturday playing a twin bill at Wildcat Park.

The story line of game one was Bethel righty Marco Santa. The senior ace hurled an 89-pitch no-hitter to lead the Wildcats to a 2-0 victory.

Bryan Catala had an RBI double which was followed by an RBI single by Kendrick Osborne in the fourth. That proved to be all Santa and the Wildcats needed for the win.

Jacob Savina was the hard luck loser for the Cougars allowing just four hits to the Wildcats.

Game two saw a late rally by the Wildcats fall short allowing the Michigan visitors to gain the split. Trailing 5-0, the Wildcats had single RBI's by Catala, Ivan Vega, Jose Olmeda and J T Morgan in the sixth but the Cats



Marco Santa pitched a no-hitter against the Cleary Cougars in the Bethel 2-0 win.

came up a run short.

The Wildcats outthit the Cougars 7-6. Luke Boswell suffered the Wildcat loss.

The Wildcats finished the day at 2-6 while Cleary trav-

els home with a 4-2 mark.

Bethel remains at home for the Annual Civil War battle hosting Olivet Nazarene in doubleheaders Friday and Saturday. Action begins both days at noon.

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Left, Lia Fuller drives to the basket for the Fillies.



Right, Huntingdon's Ethan Ramsey maneuvers past a Westview player.

Fillies, Lady Chargers Battle in District Contest

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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HUNTINGDON (February 7) — Martin Westview Lady Chargers edged the Huntingdon Fillies in a district battle that lived up to a promise of a championship-style game between two of the top Class 2A teams in the state.

It was Westview that prevailed 59-49 to earn the second of two games between the teams.

Westview's 11 3-pointers played heavily in the win to compare to Huntingdon's four 3-pointers.

For the Fillies, it was Lily Kee with 28 points, all scored in the paint or at the foul line, to lead all scorers. For the Fillies, Lia Fuller had six, Sophie Singleton had five, including a 3-pointer; Josey Stokes had four, including a 3-pointer, Sydney Anderson had one 3-pointer, and Delaney Byars had 3 - all from the foul line.

At the end of each of

the first three quarters, the Lady Chargers maintained a three-point lead until the final quarter, when the Lady Chargers added 20 points, including four 3-pointers, six foul shots, and one field goal.

The Fillies scored 11, 10, 15, and 13 in the respective quarters for a total of 49. Westview scored 14, 10, 15, and 20 in each quarter.

While Kee for the Fillies had the most points, it was Westview's McCall Sims who pumped in 26, including six 3-pointers, two field goals, and two foul shots. Sims was followed in points by Jada Harrison with 16, including two 3-pointers, Kylee Alexander with 11, including one 3-pointer; and Jillian Brigrance with 6 from two 3-pointers.

Westview Chargers Defeat Huntingdon Mustangs

HUNTINGDON (February 7) — Westview Chargers controlled the boards

through the contest to claim a 73-54 over their district competitors in the final regular-season home game at Huntingdon. Brett McGuffin scored 25 points for the Chargers to lead all scorers.

The Mustangs scored 7, 12, 10, and 25 in the respective quarters for a total of 54 points. Ty Kelley led with 17 points, including one 3-pointer. He was followed by Ethan Ramsey with 11, Landon Gordon with 9, including one 3-pointer, Tylen Willis with 8, Caleb Ezell with a single 3-pointer, and E.J. Lewis, Kaleb Pearson, and Jordan Willis with 2 each.

The Chargers scored 17, 16, 22, and 18 in the respective quarters for a total of 73. Brett McGuffin scored 25, including seven 3-pointers, Dontez Joy had 14, Quincy Hamilton had 11, including one 3-pointer, Dmarion Harris had 6 including a 3-pointer, Taylor Haskins and Drew Shanklin had 6 points each, Damarion Pearson had 4 points, and Ethan Pettigrew had 1.

Thankful for Babies of

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PARENTS: Joseph and Audrie
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Lillian-Rose Dodd
BORN: November 8, 2022
PARENTS: Michael and Angela Dodd
I'M THANKFUL FOR: My beautiful family



Greyson Lynn Dodd
BORN: June 14, 2022
PARENTS: Jaclyn Dodd and Chris Frederick
I'M THANKFUL FOR: Healthy baby



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BORN: November 3, 2022
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I'M THANKFUL FOR: A healthy and loving baby.



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PARENTS: Corey Renfroe and Shannon Favella
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Ivy Kemp
BORN: October 31, 2022
PARENTS: Raelynn Kemp
I'M THANKFUL FOR: Family, doctors and nurses.



Olivia Crocker
BORN: February 22, 2022
PARENTS: Zac and Christina Crocker



Lyndel Matthew Kee
BORN: May 7, 2022
PARENTS: Ryan and Amber Kee
I'M THANKFUL FOR: A strong, happy, and healthy baby boy!!



Booth Addison Heath
BORN: May 27, 2022
PARENTS: Courtney Paschall and Noah Heath



Hadlee Kate
BORN: July 10, 2022
PARENTS: Gavin Baucum and Kaitlyn McAlpin



Declan Eli Webb
BORN: June 21, 2022
PARENTS: Kellen and Megan Webb



Silas Robert Brent Drewry
BORN: March 23, 2022
PARENTS: Dillon and Savannah Drewry
I'M THANKFUL FOR: A healthy and happy baby!



Creed Starr
BORN: March 17, 2022
PARENTS: Dakota and Cheyenne Starr
I'M THANKFUL FOR: Healthy baby
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Eliyanah Marie Hindmon
BORN: June 13, 2022
PARENTS: Chris and Meghann Hindmon
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FITNESSTIPS For New Parents

Being a parent requires an ability to adapt to change. Newborns require around-the-clock care that often translates into little free time for their parents. When parents get opportunities to step away, exercise may be the furthest thing from their minds. But it could be in new mothers' and fathers' best interests to consider exercise even when their schedules are hectic. Health experts at the Mayo Clinic advise exercise helps to tame stress, keep the mind sharp and boost the immune system. Staying fit and healthy with a new baby in the house may be easier when parents embrace certain strategies.

parents strive to maintain schedules, but newborns and infants don't always comply. It's better to take what you can get when you can get it. Don't get hung up on following a specific regimen right now.

- **Exercise in bursts.** Rather than devoting a set amount of time to a workout, fit in exercise when you have a minute.
- **Take a "baby-and-me" class.** Gyms and fitness organizations often offer classes for new parents that build workouts around movements that can be done with baby in hand or in tow. Seek out these programs for innovative ways to get exercise and spend time with your child and other parents.
- **Ask for time off.** Spouses can divide baby duties so that each gets equal time away to devote to personal needs. Factor exercise into some of the plan, even if you can carve out only a few minutes. Another tip is to multitask.
- **Go swimming.** Swimming works many muscles of the body, and the buoyancy of the water relieves pressure on joints and other areas of the body.
- **Prioritize sleep.** Do not compromise sleep for exercise, which can adversely affect your overall health. Sleep is essential for human development, says The Sleep Foundation. Adequate sleep is vital for new parents to maintain their health and the health of their babies.

KEEP YOUR BABY SUN-SAFE

Spending time outdoors is a summertime tradition for people of all ages. Parents of infants may be extra excited to get outdoors this summer. Chances to get out and about don't come around very often for parents of infants. But before parents rush out the door to soak up some summer sun, it's imperative that

they take steps to protect their tiny tots from UV rays.

- **Avoid exposing infants to the sun.** The Skin Cancer Foundation notes that infants' skin is especially sensitive to the sun, so the organization advises parents to shield children six months and younger from the sun rather than using

sunscreen. Instead of applying sunscreen to their infants, parents should keep them out of the sun entirely. Seek shade between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when the sun's rays are especially intense. When taking infants out in their strollers, make sure they are shaded at all times and avoid walking on the sunny side of the street.

- **Dress babies for the sun.** The SCF advises parents to dress their babies in brimmed hats and lightweight clothing that fully covers their arms and legs. Dressing babies for the sun may seem like common

sense, but the SCF notes that researchers at the University of Miami found that only 43 percent of parents consistently cover their babies with hats, and even fewer (40 percent) cover babies with long-sleeved shirts and pants when going out in the sun.

- **Consider sunglasses.** Sunglasses are another way parents can protect their children from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. Sunglasses can be an alternative for parents whose infants keep taking off their hats, as many baby-sized sunglasses are equipped with elastic

straps to keep the glasses on. Sunglasses may be vital because the melanin in infants' eyes is still forming, and that development can be adversely affected if infants' eyes are exposed to UV rays.

- **Introduce sunscreen at six months.** The SCF advises parents to begin applying sunscreen to their infants when their children reach six months of age. Choose a broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen with a minimum sun protection factor (SPF) of 15. The SCF notes that sunscreens that contain zinc oxide and titanium

dioxide are good choices because these physical filters do not rely on absorption of chemicals and are therefore less likely to cause a skin reaction. The SCF also advises testing the sunscreen on your baby's wrist before applying it all over the body. This can indicate if the product irritates the child's skin and needs to be replaced, or if it's safe to use. In the rush to get outside, parents should make sure they don't forget to take every step necessary to protect their infants from UV exposure.

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