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— Arthur C. Clarke

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Huntingdon's Mid-Year Budget is On Target

Councilman Will Atkins, Mayor Nina Smothers, Dixie Director Angela DeMaris, and Town Recorder Kim Carter.

City Stresses Need for Vehicles, Police Officers

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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HUNTINGDON (February 15) — The Town of Huntingdon's revenues and expenditures are trending well through December 31, 2022. In the fiscal year, ending June 30, 2023, the town is facing some significant capital outlays for a new fire pumper, police cars (SUVs), and vehicles for all departments. On top of that, Huntingdon, like many government agencies, is having difficulty recruiting and retaining police officers.

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FIRE DESTROYS MOTEL ROOM

Left, Fire damage inside Room 116 at the Heritage Inn in Huntingdon. Right, Huntingdon Fire Department assess the damage at the Heritage Inn. *Photos compliments of HFD*

Man Arrested in Heritage Inn Arson

HUNTINGDON (February 20) — A intentionally set fire destroyed one motel room at the Heritage Inn in Huntingdon on Monday, February 20.

Details are sketchy because of the holiday with administrative personnel out of the office at Huntingdon Fire Department. However, Public Safety Director Walter Smothers released what information he had on deadline for The Banner.

Huntingdon Police Sergeant Brad Allen arrested William Howell, Jr., charging him with Arson and Vandalism over $1000. The sprinkler system extinguished the fire and contained it to Room 116 on the north side of the building and close to the center of the building. The motel is located on Lexington Street and the intersection of the Huntingdon bypass. Huntingdon Fire Department assured the fire did not spread to other rooms.

Captain Justin Logan Commands Third Medical Battalion

OKINAWA — McKenzie native Justin Logan, MSC, US Navy is now captain of the Third Medical Battalion serving U.S. Marines and the U.S. Navy. He assumed command on January 31 in a Change of Command Ceremony.

The 3d Medical Battalion's mission is to provide direct and general health service support to III Marine Expeditionary Force in order to sustain the combat effort across the full spectrum of Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) operations.

A native of Tennessee, Captain Logan graduated McKenzie High School in 1992, received a Bachelor of Science from Bethel College -McKenzie in 1996 and a Master of Healthcare Administration from the University of Memphis in 1999. In February 2001, he was commissioned as a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the Medical Service Corps.

Upon completion of Officer Indoctrination School, he was assigned to Naval Hospital, Beaufort, South Carolina, serving as the Assistant Head, Operating Management Department

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Captain Justin Logan, USN

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Championship Ring Presentation Is Thursday

McKENZIE — The TSSAA Class 1A state champion McKenzie Rebels football team members will receive their championship rings on Thursday, February 23, 6:30 p.m. at the MHS Theatre.

The 2022 campaign resulted in a 15-0 season and the first football championship in MHS history. In the championship game against Clay County, the Rebels took a 34-14 victory on December 2, 2022 in Chattanooga.

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TEMA Encourages Tennesseans to Prepare for Severe Weather Threats

NASHVILLE — Tennessee's Severe Weather Awareness Week (SWAW) is Feb. 19-25, 2023, and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) and National Weather Service (NWS) are asking Tennesseans to make severe weather planning and preparedness a priority.

"Severe weather and flooding can occur at any time in Tennessee," said TEMA Director Patrick Sheehan. "During Severe Weather Awareness Week, we encourage Tennesseans to take time to familiarize themselves with their emergency plan and know what to do during severe weather events."

A highlight of the week will be the statewide tornado drill at 9:30 a.m. CST/10:30 a.m. EST, on Wed., Feb. 22, 2023. The drill will also include a statewide test of NOAA weather radios.

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FEBRUARY 21-28

Area Sports Schedule

Monday, February 20

Consolation: Gleason Girls vs. Greenfield at UTM 6 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21

Bethel Women's Basketball vs. Cumberland 6 p.m. Mid South Conference Tournament

Bethel Men's Basketball vs. Cumberland 8 p.m. Mid South Conference Tournament

Bethel Softball vs. Brescia 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Friday, February 24

Bethel Baseball vs. Shawnee State 2 p.m.

McKenzie Girls' Basketball vs. Clarksburg 7 p.m. Regional Tournament

Huntingdon Girls vs. Stewart County 7 p.m. at Camden Central High School

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District 11-A Boys All Tournament Team

Left, All Tournament Team (L to R): Seth Green, Keegan Staggs, Cade Dreaden, Caleb Coates, Collin Hibbeler, Carson Conwell, Logan Medders, Marquez Taylor, Tate Surber and Bryson Steele. Right, Player of the Year — Tate Surber.

District 11-A Girls All Tournament Team

All Tournament Team (L to R): Ella Rodgers, Bailey Berry, Kellie Jo Hankins, Faith Colston, Josey Gant, Karlie Stinson, Haylie Brooks, Briley Auvenshine, Mikaela Reynolds and Savannah Davis.

Eight Rebels Sign to Play Collegiate Football

Eight McKenzie Rebels have signed commitments to continue their scholastic and athletic careers at the collegiate level.

Pictured are: Front Row (L to R): Zach Aird, North Alabama; Etijay Tharpe, Bethel University; Marquez Taylor, Austin Peay State University; Camden Allison, North Alabama; and Hunter Harvey, Cumberland. Back Row (L to R): Zay Webber, Bethel; Rashad McCreary, Bethel; and Jose Luna, Bethel. Also pictured is Wade Comer, head coach of the McKenzie Rebels.

Coach Wade Comer said colleges are flooded with athletes, especially since players on the 2020 season - during the pandemic - were awarded an extra year of eligibility. Comer noted the 2023 recruiting class is smaller because of the extra year of eligibility.

BID NOTICE

The Town of McLemoresville will be accepting Bids for Paving/patching designated areas in the City limits.

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Sophie Wilson

Ava Sawyers

Dresden Tops Gleason in Semifinals

BY ERIN DOUGLAS
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MARTIN (February 18) — Dresden glides past Gleason 39-30 in district semifinals. The Dresden Lady Lions took a 15-7 lead in the first quarter and continued to add to it throughout the game.

The Gleason Lady Bulldogs were held to single digits in the first quarter. Sophie Wilson had three points. Autumn Mingle and Kaylee Tucker had two points each.

The Lions took their lead from the three-point arc. Kaylee Jarred made two 3-pointers. Haylee Jarred and Allie Spaulding had three points each. Lucy Curry drove to the basket for two points. Maggie Oliver tacked on one point from the free-throw line. The Lions led 15-7 after the first quarter.

The Lady Bulldogs added 10 points to their scoreboard during the second quarter. Mingle had four points under the basket. Wilson chalked up five points. Ava Sawyers made one shot from the free-throw line. The Lady Bulldogs trailed by 6 points at the end of the first half.

The Lions were held to eight points during the second quarter. Curry and Spaulding had three points each. Paisley Pittman chalked up two points from the free-throw line. At halftime, the Lions led the Lady Bulldogs 23-17.

Mingle led the Lady Bulldogs through the third quarter scoring five points.

The Lions were held to four points. Curry drove to the basket for two points. Pittman made two more foul shots. Dresden held a 27-22 lead going into the final quarter.

The Lady Bulldogs chalked up eight more points in the fourth quarter. Mingle and Sawyers had two points each. Tucker had two points in the paint and two points from the line.

The Lions secured their victory with free throw shots in the final quarter. Pittman had seven points at the line. Haylee Jarred had three points from the foul line. Spaulding drove to the basket for two points. Dresden topped the Lady Bulldogs 39-30.

Autumn Mingle led the Lady Bulldogs with 13 points. Paisley Pittman had 11 points and Lucy Curry had ten points for the Lions.

The Gleason Lady Bulldogs will take on Greenfield in the consolation game at 6 p.m. at UT Martin. The Dresden Lions head to the district championship against South Fulton. Tipoff is e after the conclusion of the Gleason-Greenfield game on Monday, Feb. 20.

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Huntingdon School Board Hears Updates on School Construction

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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HUNTINGDON (February 15) — A new roof construction at Huntingdon Middle School is almost complete, according to Dr. Jonathan Kee, director of schools. Huntingdon Special School District Board of Education heard that report and decided to purchase other real estate near the Primary School during the February 15 meeting.

Two parcels of real estate were purchased at 173 and 175 Jones Street near HPS to provide the school better control of development around the school. The purchase price was $43,500.

Dr. Kee said the school will soon break ground for the expansion and renovation of Huntingdon Primary School. An enlarged cafeteria and kitchen, six new classrooms, and new restrooms are planned for the oldest of the three school sites. Kee said the LED lighting project for all school sites is continuing. All incandescent and florescent lighting is being replaced with more energy-efficient LED lighting. Huntingdon High School is the first site to undergo the transformation.

The Board approved the HHS and HMS Band to participate in the All-West Competition at the University of Memphis on March 8-10. Additionally, the HHS Band was granted permission to participate in the All-State Competition on April 19-22 at Opry Mills.

HOSA was granted permission to compete at state on April 3-6 in Knoxville.

The board received word that Dana Parish, Special Education teacher, is resigning at the completion of this school year.

The board also acknowledged March 2 is Activity Teachers Appreciation Day.

Next regular board meeting is March 22, 5 p.m.

Budget

...From Front Page

During an informal workshop of the Finance and Administration Committee on Wednesday, February 15, City Recorder Kim Carter went through a 67-page year-to-date budget and detailed some of the significant points in the first six months of the fiscal year.

Each year, the town collects property taxes from October1 to February 28. As February closes, taxpayers will rush to remit taxes before the month-end deadline. Carter said she expects a significant amount of the taxes due to arrive by month's end.

The city received American Rescue federal funds that will help with the city's needs this year. Along with some loans, the city plans to construct a $1.3 million sewer lift station at the 1000-Acre Lake, improve its sewer lagoon system, purchase a $408,197 fire pumper, purchase six SUV patrol cars for $226,944, one F350 truck with dump bed and two F-150 pickup trucks for $138,067 for the Street Department, two F-150 for the Parks Department at $73,504, 1F450 truck with service body and three F150 trucks for the Water and Sewer Department for $174,943, and purchasing sound equipment, reimbursable by the state grant, for the Dixie Performing Centers.

Ticket sales at The Dixie are exceeding budgeted amounts and donations in memory of Dale Kelley and John Everett Williams were received.

Randy Crossett told the committee one tennis court will be renovated with the possibility of converting others to pickleball courts.

The majority of the discussion centered on Public Safety.

Public Safety Director Walter Smothers told the board his department continues to lose officers to other department because of pay and benefits. His staffing situation is getting critical. Attracting young recruits into law enforcement is very difficult. He noted he is losing one sergeant to another area department and Investigator Johnny Hill is retiring in March.

One officer went to the police academy, was paid while he attended, and quit once he returned to work in Huntingdon.

Councilman John Sanders said, in the past, some raises were granted in mid-year without Council approval through the budget process. He supported some mid-year raises for officers.

Councilwoman Kelly Eubanks supported providing mid-year raises for police officers.

It was also noted officers do not have body cameras nor dash cameras.

A survey of area departments' pay and benefits was suggested to determine where Huntingdon's total compensation package fits in.

Councilman Charles Hodges said the base pay, health insurance and retirement should all be considered when examining pay.

Director Smothers said some of the officers look at the bottom dollar on their pay check, not the other benefits.

Officers receive life insurance, retirement, 12 sick days and 12 personal days.

Hodges said the town was previously financially strapped because it was the co-guarantor for the payment on the 1000-Acre Lake, which did not have a positive cashflow and required annual financial commitments from the Watershed Authority and the Town of Huntingdon to make the loan payments. TWRA is the new owner of the lake and paid the indebtedness, so the Watershed Authority and Town of Huntingdon are clear of any indebtedness related to the development of the lake. The 2022-23 FY budget is in better shape because it does not have that extra financial burden.

Mayor Nina Smothers distributed the results of a survey of personnel in each department. In the Police Department, with 14 department employees responding, the priorities in order of importance were patrol cars, staffing, pay increase, building maintenance, take-home patrol cars, body and dash cameras, computer server, and computer.

No decision was made considering mid-year pay raises.

Director Smothers also said Fire Station #3 might have elevated mold problems because of a leaky roof and previous flooding. It might be uninhabitable, said Smothers. Mold samples will be evaluated by a lab in Georgia to determine the extent of mold in the building.

Ring

...From Front Page

It was the first perfect season with a total of 666 points scored.

All players, coaches, managers, Principal Kelly Spivey, and Director of Schools Lynn Watkins will receive rings.

Community members are invited to share in this historic ring ceremony. Refreshments will follow the event.

The year 2022 was a great year for the Rebels and Lady Rebels, who won the 2022 Class 1A Ladies Basketball Championship and the Rebels baseball team was the runner-up in the Class 1A Baseball Championship.

Weather

...From Front Page

Each day during Severe Weather Awareness Week will feature a preparedness topic including flash flooding, severe thunderstorms, and the important role of SKYWARN Spotters.

Tennesseans can prepare for severe weather by stocking an emergency kit. At a minimum, emergency preparedness kits should include one gallon of water per-day, per-person for three to five days. Additional supplies include non-perishable food, flashlight, battery-powered radio, extra batteries, first aid kit, personal hygiene items, cell phone charger, copies of important family documents, pet food, and extra supplies of medications, especially for those with chronic health conditions.

Additional details about Severe Weather Awareness Week can be found at weather.gov/ohx/swaw2023.

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Sports

...From Front Page

Saturday, February 25

Bethel Baseball vs. Shawnee State 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Bethel Softball vs. Central Baptist 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.

McKenzie Boys' Basketball vs. West Carroll 7 p.m. Regional Tournament

Monday, February 27

If McKenzie Wins Friday Girls' Regional Semifinals at Bethel University 6 p.m.

If Huntingdon wins Friday Girls Regional Semifinals at Camden Central High School 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28.

Bethel Baseball vs. Oakland City 1 p.m.

If McKenzie Wins Saturday Boys' West Regional Semifinals at Bethel University 6 p.m.

Logan

...From Front Page

and Command Legal Officer.

In October 2003, Captain Logan reported to Navy Recruiting Region South in Macon, Georgia, serving as the Medical Programs Officer.

Captain Logan received a release from active duty in July 2006. He accepted a position as a Human Resources Recruiter with St. Thomas Health Services in Nashville, Tenn.

In July 2008, he requested a recall to active duty and reported to 2d Medical Battalion, 2d Marine Logistics Group, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Captain Logan deployed to Afghanistan in May 2009 with Bravo Surgical Company, Combat Logistics Regiment-2. Upon his return to 2d Medical Battalion in November 2009, he assumed the duties of S-3 Officer.

In August 2011, he reported to Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune as Deputy Director for Administration and Department Head, Patient Administration.

In July 2013, Captain Logan reported to USNS MERCY (T-AH 19) as the Director for Administration. During his tour, MERCY deployed in support of RIMPAC 2014 and Pacific Partnership 2015.

In November 2015, he reported to 2d Marine Logistics Group as the Health Service Support Officer. In June 2016, Captain Logan was appointed as an Assistant Specialty Leader for Health Care Administration.

In April 2018, Captain Logan reported to Navy Medicine East, Portsmouth, VA, as the Deputy Chief of Staff, M9, where he assisted with the transition to Naval Medical Forces Atlantic.

Captain Logan reported to 2d Medical Battalion, 2d Marine Logistics Group, in May 2020 as the Executive Officer.

He and wife, Mona, have four children — Stonewall, Sterling, Seraphim and Shiloh. His parents are Larry Logan and Pat Davis.

County Approves Budget Amendments

Lori Dillahunty (right) and Krystal Tippitt (left) spoke to members of the Carroll County Commission about the Carroll County Inclusion Park.

HUNTINGDON (February 13) — The Carroll County Commission met Monday, February 13 approving several resolutions to amend the General Fund Budget. The legislative body also heard from members of the Carroll County Inclusion Park.

The two resolutions for the amends were for grants received for Carroll County Prevention Coalition in the amount of $26,000 and the Carroll County Sheriff's Office in the amount of $107,706 for an "Evidence-Based Programming Project" through the Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs.

Other amendments were for the Highway Fund Budget for Capital Outlay Note Series 2022 in the amount of $268,000 for two gravel trucks and for grants coordinator position in the amount of $18,897 for the remainder of the fiscal year of 2022-23.

An announcement was made about the volunteer firefighter being awarded $75,000. The money will be used primarily for the purchase of air packs.

The Commission heard a presentation from Lori Dillahunty and Krystal Tippitt concerning the Carroll County Inclusion Park to be located in Huntingdon.

Two appointments were made during the meeting: Braden Maddox to the Carroll County Library Board and Steve Parker to the Carroll-Henry County Railroad Authority.

The following were elected notaries: Angela C. Birmingham, Ronnie Breeden, Addie Lou Chase, Jason D. McCord, Brandy Leean Petty and Britany S. Smith.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Carroll County Complex.

South Fulton Puts Out Gleason

BY ERIN DOUGLAS
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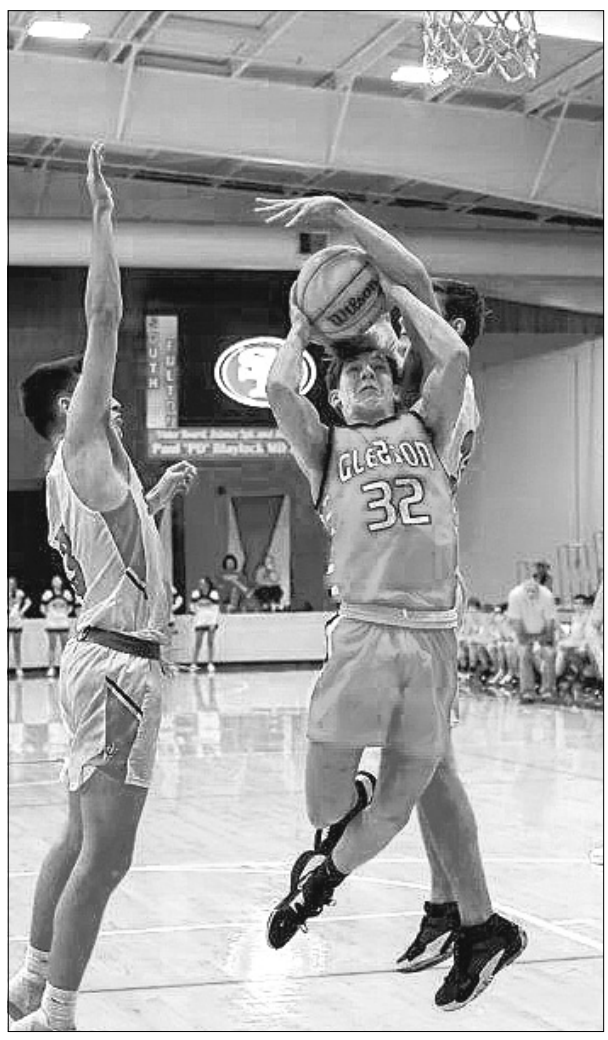


Owen Taylor

The South Fulton Red Devils ended the Gleason Bulldogs season with a 55-49 decision in the district tournament.

The South Fulton Red Devils took a two points lead in the first quarter. Conner Allen had six points to start the game. Connor O'Neal drained a 3-pointer. Brady McFarland and Charles Mulcahy had two points each.

The Bulldogs chalked up 11 points in the first quarter. Drake Lehmkuhl had six points in the first quarter, two points under the basket and four coming from the free throw line. Kade Sawyer had the other five points. Sawyers drove to the basket for two points, then made a 3-pointer. Gleason trailed 13-11 at the end of the first quarter.

McFarland had nine points in the second quarter to keep the Red Devils lead at halftime. McFarland had a three-point play in the paint, then drove to the basket twice and drained two foul shots. Dylan Ruddle had three points in the quarter. Allen had two points under the basket.

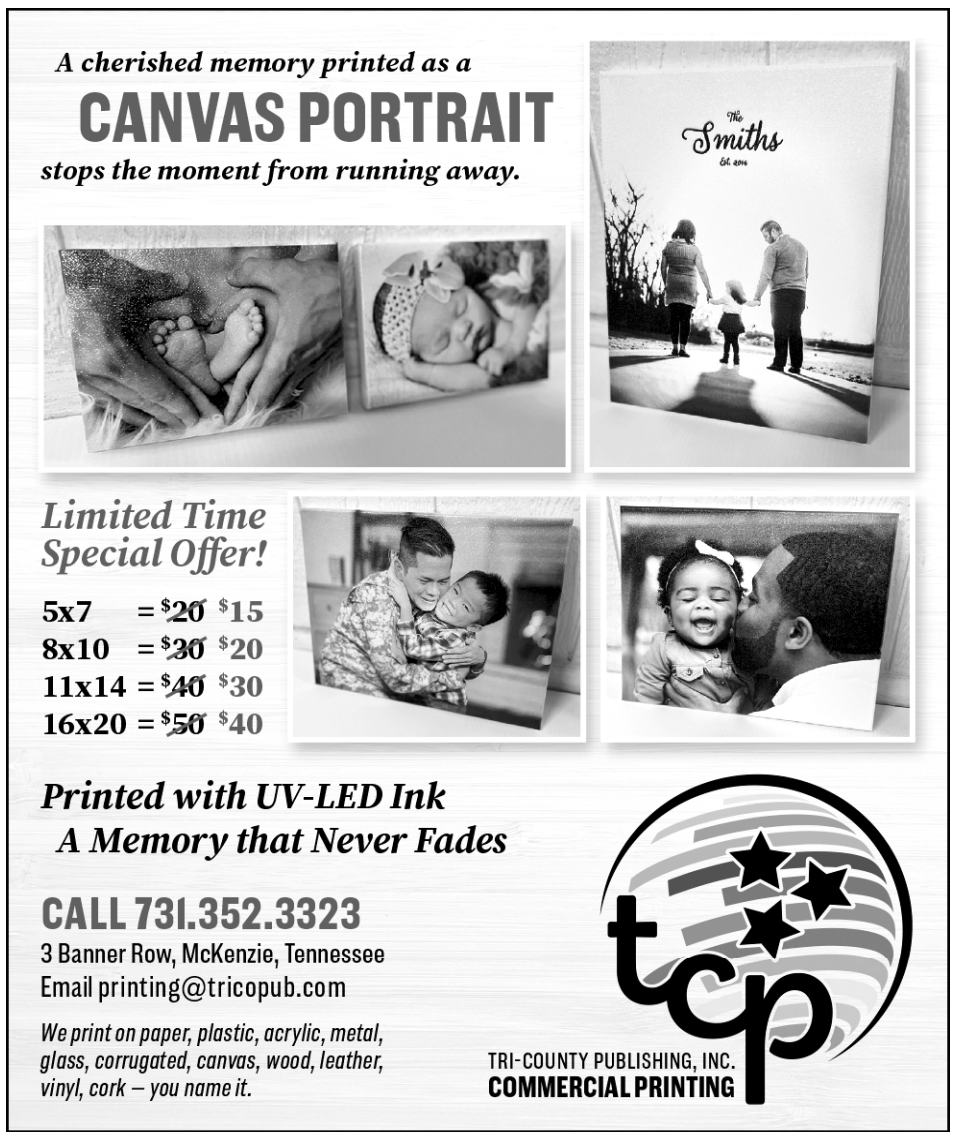
The Gleason Bulldogs chalked up 14 points in the second quarter. Sawyers had four points. Gage Byington, Owen Taylor and Kyzer Crochet had two points each. Lehmkuhl drove to the basket for two points. Kylan Borneman had two points as well. The Bulldogs trailed 27-25 at halftime.

The Red Devils kept their close lead in the third quarter. Allen chalked up six points. Samuel Angelos and Mulcahy had two points each.

Lehmkuhl had seven points in the third quarter. Crochet had two points in the paint. The Bulldogs were behind by 3 points at the end of the third quarter. Gleason trailed 37-34 going into the final quarter.

The Bulldogs scored 15 points in the final quarter. Lehmkuhl and Byington had three points each. Sawyers drove to the basket for four points. Taylor had five points.

The Red Devils had 18 points in the fourth quarter to hoist them to a six point victory. McFarland made two 3-pointers then drove to the basket for four points. Allen drained four free throws. Dane Circkles had four points. The Bulldogs fell to the Red Devils 55-49 to end their season.



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R. Z. TAYLOR ESCAPES DEATH AT HANDS OF NIGHT RIDERS

Reaches Tiptonville This Morning After Thrilling and Remarkable Experience, and Tells Story.

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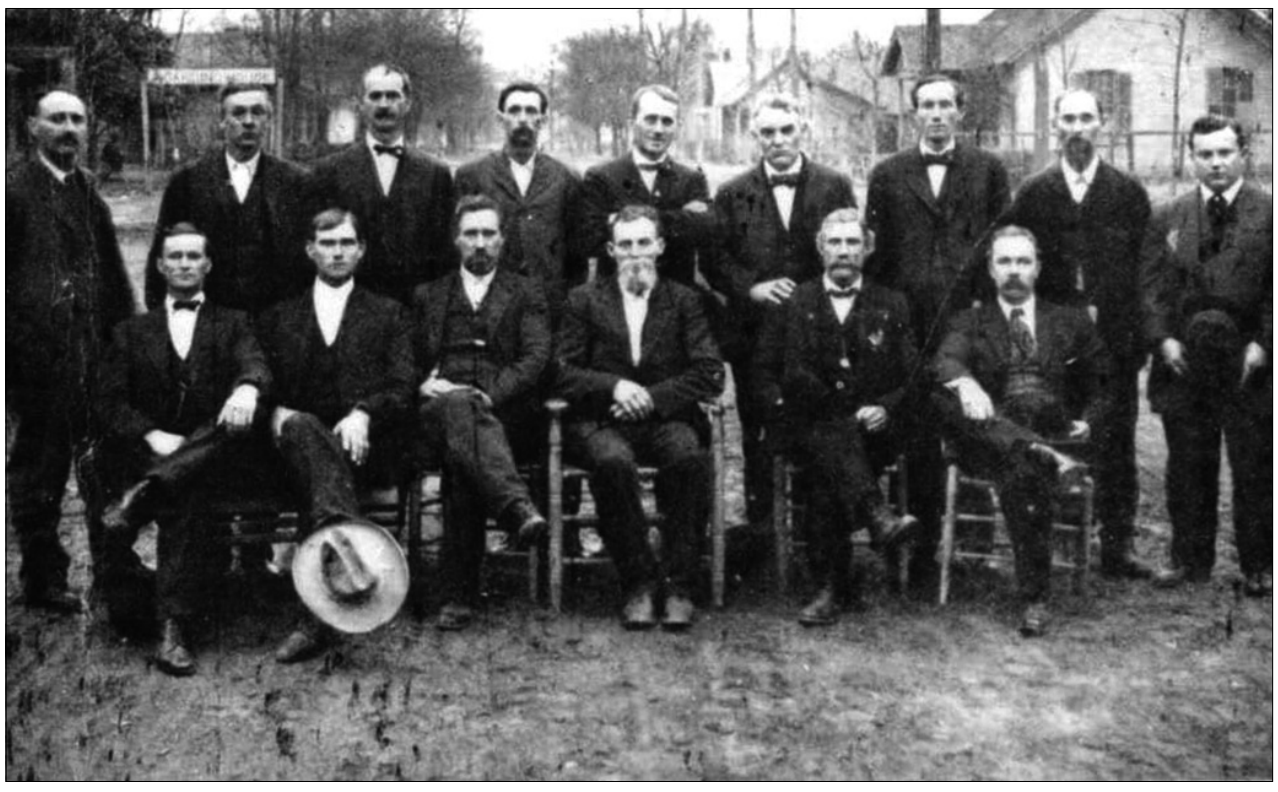
MR. R. Z. TAYLOR OF TRENTON.
Who Reached Tiptonville This Morning After His Remarkable Escape From Night Riders Monday Night—A Confederate Soldier Under Forty-eight.

Above Left, Front page headline in the Nashville Banner. Above Right, The Lake County posse at Camp Nemo. Judge Harris, owner of Reelfoot Lake, is seated in the front row between his sisters. *Photo courtesy of the Tennessee State Library and Archives* Below, Night rider jury convicted eight of the night riders. *Photo courtesy of the Tennessee State Library and Archives*



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The Night Riders Of Reelfoot Lake

A few days ago, I came across an interesting piece of regional history. In 1908, Obion and Lake counties set the scene for seven months of violence and intimidation due to the greed of the West Tennessee Land Company.

The West Tennessee Land Company began buying up large tracts of land along the shoreline of Reelfoot Lake. This was nothing new, as James Harris claimed to own the Reelfoot Lake as far back as 1899 and planned to drain it for cotton production. A group of business owners and citizens of the Reelfoot Lake area filed a lawsuit aimed at blocking Harris from doing that.

This lawsuit eventually reached the Tennessee Supreme Court and forced Harris to abandon his plans to drain the lake. But after James Harris' death in 1903, his son (whose first name was Judge) took over the property. In 1905, Judge Harris announced his intention to stop all people from using the lake without paying him a fee. He formed a business known as the West Tennessee Land Company to own, operate and make a profit from the lake and its shoreline.

The local population regarded the lake as public domain and vowed to fight the money of the land company as they relied on the lake for fish and other means of survival.

According to researcher Bill Carey, "At the time, there was a rebellion in southern Kentucky between tobacco farmers and the American Tobacco Company. As part of that event, many farmers donned black sheets and made night attacks on tobacco company property as well as on farmers who were siding with it. They became known as 'night riders'" and although they were probably inspired by the original Ku Klux Klan, they were not officially connected to it.

"Many of the fishermen and their friends began making night raids of their own against the West Tennessee Land Company. The wave of terrorism went on for about seven months and, as so often happens with lawlessness, soon became an instrument of vengeance against people who had nothing to do with the West Tennessee Land Company. Crops were burned; docks were burned; men and women were taken from their homes and beaten."

By October, the violence was at a boiling point. The night riders murdered David Walker, an African-American farmer, along with his family. Little was recorded of the incident, but a few days later Governor Malcolm Patterson would finally intervene.

Paul Vanderwood writes in the book "Night Riders at Reelfoot Lake" of the violence, "They burned the privately owned fishing docks of J.C. Burdick (in Sanburg) to punish him for his business dealings with the West Tennessee Land Company. They whipped a physically hunchbacked Lake County official named George Wynne, allegedly for making derogatory comments about night riders. They whipped a woman named Emma Johnson because she was attempting to divorce her husband, Joe Walker (a night rider 30 years older than she). They crossed into Kentucky and murdered a black man named Dave Walker, along with his wife, daughter and baby — reportedly because Walker had insulted a white woman and pulled a gun on a white man."

It all came to a head on October 19 as attorneys Quentin Rankin and Robert Taylor, attorneys for the West Tennessee Land Company, were dragged from a hotel in the community known as Walnut Log. Carey writes, "Rankin was hanged from a tree and shot while Taylor fled into the swamp amid a storm of bullets and was presumed dead by his captors.

"The members of the mob were all hooded and armed. One of them tied a rope around the neck of Quentin Rankin, a 39-year-old attorney for the West Tennessee Land Company, and tossed the other end around a strong tree branch. Rankin was lifted into the air for a few seconds. Then he was lowered to the ground. 'Are you gonna compromise?' Rankin was asked. The lawyer adamantly refused.

"Rankin was lifted into the air again, then lowered and asked a similar question. Again he said no. 'Gentlemen, don't do that. You're killing me,' he gasped.

"As if that plea were a signal, one of the hooded men fired a shotgun into Rankin's chest. The noise echoed into the woods and swamps surrounding the lake. It shocked most of the men who were present, many of whom later testified that they had not intended to commit murder that night.

"Everyone heard the sound of a man fleeing, then a splash as he dove into the shallow, tree- and stump-filled waters of Reelfoot Lake. Realizing their other prisoner had made a break for it, the members of the mob opened fire in the general direction of the sound. They had no intention of letting Robert Taylor live to see another day."

On October 21, Taylor appeared at the home of a farmer seeking refuge. He had been missing some 30 hours and had traveled 25 miles. Taylor shared his history with local authorities and Governor Patterson was forced into action against the night riders. Patterson called out the Tennessee National Guard and working with law enforcement officials, 50 suspects were rounded up.

In January 1909, a jury found eight of the night riders guilty and sentenced six of the eight to death. The verdict and the sentence were, at the time, hailed as a triumph of law and order. The Tennessee Supreme Court later overturned these convictions because of how the judge had chosen the jury. The men were not tried again.

In 1914, the state of Tennessee purchased Reelfoot Lake and much of its shoreline. A law was passed declaring the lake public domain.

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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Bobby Knew Who Was In Charge!

Well, I sure made a mistake. And many of you caught it right away. Maybe y'all are paying too much attention!

I was simply writing about my first Super Bowl. Back in 1953. I thought it was a tale about three brothers kicking a football around in the snow on an early Christmas morning. And how precious those lingering memories are as the years roll along...

My hope was that it might evoke a similar "encounter" from your distant past. And possibly put a smile on your day.

I was not intending it to be a commentary on family hierarchy in that era. But many of you pointed out that older brother Leon seemed to be running the whole family. And I see your point.

He did insist that me and David Mark stop playing with our just received Christmas gifts, get dressed at 5:30 in the morning and go outside and play football with him. And he did proceed for the next three hours to run over us, smash us into the ground, grind his foot into our bellies, stiff-arm us out of the way and generally create mass mayhem all around!

But let me tell you as plain as it can be said: growing up in a 1950's family wasn't nothing (the double negatives here confirm my seriousness) like those 1990's TV situation comedies portrayed it to be!

Daddy cleared his throat one Saturday evening when me and Bobby Brewer, who was spending the night, made a little noise while he was watching "Gunsmoke." Didn't nobody (I'm serious again) in our house speak or move for an hour and a half!

Leon led us outside on that freezing early Christmas morning because Dad didn't object. I guess he figured Leon had a right to try out his new football. Or maybe he figured me and David needed a little "toughening" up. Maybe he was admiring his own gift and wasn't paying attention.

And Daddy had an older brother.

He didn't mind us scuffling around a bit. He thought it was part of growing up. If we did our chores, respected Mother and didn't cause any harm to man or beast, he'd leave you pretty much alone.

But he was in charge. Of that, there was never any doubt! All three of us had a healthy fear and respect for him. And I mean that in a good way. We never doubted his decisions. Usually we understood them, even when we didn't like it. And once he made up his mind that was the way it was going to be, GOOD, BAD, or INDIFFERENT!

If my story sounded like Leon was running our family, I was putting out the wrong sounds.

There might have been one chink in Dad's armor. Mom was quiet and easy going. She loved every day and everybody. She never seemed to mind when Dad was laying down the law. She'd rest a hand on his elbow as he was "holding forth" and assure him, "Yes, dear...yes, dear...yes, dear..."

Then she would quietly, without a fuss, go out and do exactly what she wanted to.

And let me give you the "lowdown" on Leon. He was half crazy. He marched to a drummer that no one else could see. Or even imagine! To say he had a zest for living would be the understatement of all time!

But what a great "big brother" he was! I have always exaggerated the beating part. Listen, he was five years older. He could have knocked us out with one blow. He could have inflicted some serious harm. It was the last thing on earth he would have done!

Sure, he'd push us around a mite. Rough us up some. Make us get up and change the TV channel for him. BUT he never let another person on earth lay a hand on us! He showed us how to get our fingers "across the seams" on a baseball. He taught us how to swim. How to act, what to say, when to shut up...

When I got tackled pretty hard by an eighth grader at my first "organized" junior high football practice, the older boy sneered at me like "that's grown-up football, sonny." After 273 Super Bowls in the front yard I hopped up, laughing, "Is that all you got? Leon would call that a "love tap."

Leon was our hero, and our biggest supporter! Folks write books about people like that!

So, hopefully, I have apologized and cleared some things up with this story; which I thought had a nice, happy ending.

Until yesterday....

I was setting Cathy straight about our upcoming trip to see the grandchildren, "We are not taking a bunch of gifts. Not this time! And no candy! We just did all that at Christmas for goodness sakes—"

She was politely patting me on the elbow, "Yes, dear...yes, dear...yes, dear..."

Respectfully,
Kes

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Obituaries

JOYCE NEWMAN SMITH
1933 — 2023

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Joyce Newman Smith were Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment followed at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery Huntingdon.

Mrs. Smith, 90, died Sunday, February 12, 2023, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital. She was a member of First Baptist Church McKenzie and retired from the local grocery stores Big John's, Excel and E.W. James as a bakery employee.

She was born January 21, 1933, in Carroll Co., Tenn., to Curtis and Amanda Perritt Newman.

She is survived by a son, Tracy (Deidre) Smith of Tiplersville, Miss., two brothers, Marvin (Mary) Newman of McKenzie and Donald (Betty) Newman of Jackson, five grandchildren, Jeremiah Pinson, Luke(Savannah) Pinson, Amber Smith, Ethan (Journey) Smith and Maddie Beth Garland, and a great-grandson, Joseph Pinson.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Carl Smith, a daughter, Leigh Ann Smith Pinson, two sisters, Dorothy Carter and Bobbie Sue Pinson and one great-grandson, Quinn Lee Pinson and her parents.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Mrs. Joyce's memory to the American Cancer Society or the Parkinson's Research Institute.

If you need further assistance, please call Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 731-352-4848. +

BRENDA GAIL ARNOLD
1965 — 2023

GLEASON — A memorial service for Brenda Gail Bowden Arnold is Saturday, February 25, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at 12 p.m. until service time.

Mrs. Arnold, 57, died Thursday, February 16, 2023, at her residence. She owned Eyze on You Beauty Salon in Gleason. She was born December 30, 1965, in Lansing, Michigan, to Curtis and Faye Runions Bowden.

She is survived by her husband, Keith Arnold of Gleason, two daughters, Jenny (Craig) Cable of Atwood, and Jamie (Anthony) Bruce of Gleason, four sons, Brent (Leanne) Arnold of Buchannan, Chad (Jennifer) Arnold of Gleason, Ryan (Tina) Arnold of Gleason and Cory (Selena) Arnold of Atwood, a sister, Cathy Gallimore of Dresden, her mother, Faye Bowden, fifteen grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She is preceded in death by her father, Curtis Bowden.

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ELINNA RUTH CARROLL
1923 — 2023

HUNTINGDON — Elinna Ruth (Hardy) Carroll, 99, died Sunday, February 12, 2023, at the Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Doug Sellers officiating. Interment followed in Palmer Shelter Cemetery.

Pallbearers who served were Michael Walker, Phillip Walker, Brent Champion, Chad Arnold, Johnathan Carroll and Barry Sutton.

Mrs. Carroll was born May 29, 1923, in Carroll County, Tennessee, to the late James Gardner and Vida Ann (Latham) Hardy. She was known as "Ma" to all her grandchildren and their children. She loved to quilt and sew. She wanted all of her children to have a hand-made quilt. All of Ruth's family enjoyed hearing memories of her childhood. She was well-loved and respected by her children, grandchildren and all of her family. Ruth was also a two-time cancer survivor. Her first diagnosis was when she was 86 years old and again at the age of 90. Other than her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband of fifty years, Avery Carroll, two sons, Gary Carroll, and Steve Carroll, grandchildren, Kimberly Gurley, Kevin Gurley, David Carroll, her sister, Evelyn Hardy Carroll, two brothers, Ralph Hardy, and Lloyd Hardy.

She is survived by one son, Harold Carroll of Jackson, four daughters, Betty Corley (Mark) of Texarkana, Texas, Barbara Batteese of McKenzie, Judy Latta (JR) Lisa Carroll (Tom O'Sullivan), both of Jackson, three brothers, Billy Hardy of Norfolk, Virginia, John Hardy of Cedar Grove, Dwight Hardy of Eva, and one sister, Mary Ann Melton of Austin, Texas. She also leaves thirteen grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. A special thanks to Sherrie Hinson, her caregiver and to the Maplewood Nursing Home. Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon. +

ACIE MAYNARD, JR.
1980 — 2023

MEDINA — formerly McKENZIE — Funeral services for Acie T. Maynard, Jr. were Saturday, February 18, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family received friends on Saturday, February 18, 2023, 11 a.m. until service time.

Mr. Maynard, 42, died Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital. He was a member of VFW Post #4749, an LPN and retired Army serving two tours in Iraq. He was born in Union City on November 17, 1980, to Acie Thomas Sr. and Dee Williams Maynard.

He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Clary Maynard of Medina, daughter, Eleanor Maynard of Medina, son, Acie "Thomas" Maynard III of Medina, his parents Tommy and Dee Maynard of McKenzie, two sisters, Krystal (Chris) Maynard Dowden of Columbia and Kelly Maynard of McKenzie and his grandmother, Hazel Fay Washburn.

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ROBERT POWELL

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Robert "Bob" Powell, 66, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Saturday at Huntingdon Health & Rehab. Arrangements are incomplete at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

MIGNON EDWARDS
1937 — 2023

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Mignon Edwards, 85, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Sunday, February 20 at her home. Arrangements are incomplete at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

Arrangements incomplete.

Bethel, Eastside FCE February Meeting

The Bethel/Eastside Family and Community Education (FCE) group met on February 9 with 11 members present. The meeting was held at the Mays home and hosted by Lacy Yelley, the extension agent. The devotion was given by Gail Eubanks, president, from Ephesians 4:29 reminding everyone that words of communication can be used to tear down or build up. The club Collect was read in unison followed by the roll call. In honor of Valentine's Day, the roll call was answered from the question 'Who was your first crush or childhood sweetheart?' The minutes were read and approved.

In old business the CVU forms in the new books were reviewed. Reading lists were collected and a suggestion was made on how to share reading information. Members can download the Libby app by searching the app store via phone, tablet or other reading device. This app allows one to read on-line books from the library. Members must have a library card to sign into and access the app.

Concerning the club's new charity, Thelma Rougou reviewed needed items that include personal hygiene products, such as shampoo, conditioner and lotion; baby items and cleaning supplies. The blankets are still being worked on. A motion was made by Sue Smith to include The Carl Perkins Center for the first month and Beating Hearts for the rest of the year. It was seconded by Sue Alexander. Members will bring an item to each meeting. The FCE Spring Rally will be April 27 at 10 a.m. in the kitchen of the Carroll County Complex. In new business hostesses were assigned to each month for the remainder of 2023.

The educational program was about brain power and presented by Lacy Yelley who said,"The mind is like a parachute...it doesn't work unless it is opened." By regularly exercising our brain's mental functions, we can build a stronger and healthier brain. Play challenging games like crossword puzzles, Sudoku and others. Learn something new every day.

The next meeting is March 9 with Pennye Mays serving as hostess.

District 11-A All-Tournament Teams

Girls

Big Sandy: Ella Rogers, Bailey Berry

McEwen: Kelli Jo Hankins, Faith Colston

Houston County: Josey Gant, Karlie Stinson, Haylie Brooks

McKenzie: Briley Auvenshine, Mikaela Reynolds, Savannah Davis

Player of the Year: Faith Colston — McEwen

Boys

Big Sandy: Seth Green, Keegan Staggs

McEwen: Cade Dreaden, Caleb Coates

Houston County: Collin Hibbeler, Carson Conwell, Logan Medders

McKenzie: Marquez Taylor, Tate Surber, Bryson Steele

Player of the Year: Tate Surber — McKenzie

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1 env. unflavored gelatin
1/2 cup cream or half & half (heated to boiling)
3 tablespoon sugar
5 drops red food coloring, optional
1/2 cup light cream or half&half, cold
1/2 pint fresh strawberries
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1/2 cup ice cubes (about 3-4)

In 5 cup blender, sprinkle unflavored gelatin over cold cream. Let stand 3 to 4 minutes. Add hot cream and process at low speed until gelatin is completely dissolved, about 4 minutes. Add strawberries, egg, sugar, almond extract and food coloring. Process at high speed until blended. Add ice cubes, one at a time. Process at high speed until ice is melted. Pour into dessert dishes. Chill until set.

Ugly Duckling Cake Deluxe

1 box yellow cake mix
1 -16oz. can fruit cocktail in syrup
4 eggs
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 -4 serving pkg. lemon instant pudding
1 cup flaked coconut
1/4 cup oil
1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Blend together cake mix, pudding, fruit cocktail and its syrup 1 cup coconut, eggs and oil. Beat 4 minutes at medium speed. Pour into 9x13 pan. Sprinkle with nuts and brown sugar. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes or until cake springs back when lightly pressed. Cool in pan 15 minutes. Add Glaze.

Glaze:

1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup milk (evaporated)
1/2 cup sugar
1 1/3 cup flaked coconut

Combine butter, sugar, milk in saucepan. Boil 2 minutes. Stir in coconut. Pour over warm cake.

Winkie's Chocolate Pound Cake

1 cup butter
3 cup sugar
3 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 cup milk
1/2 cup Crisco
5 eggs (beaten)
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/3 cup Cocoa
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Cream together butter, Crisco and sugar. Add 5 beaten eggs. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and cocoa. Sift into creamed mixture. Add milk and vanilla. Mix until blended. Pour into greased and floured bundt pan. Bake at 300 to 325 for 1 1/2 hours. Check with toothpick for doneness.

Old Fashioned Tea Cakes

4 cup self-rising flour
1 1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/4 cup margarine or shortening
2 tablespoon cinnamon (optional)

Preheat oven to 350. Cream butter, sugar and eggs. Add to mixed dry ingredients. Add slowly, Beat well and add vanilla. Roll dough on lightly floured surface. Cut out with cookie cutter. Bake 10 minutes. Do not over cook.

Sugarless Cookies

2 cup all purpose flour
1/2 cup dark seedless raisins
1/2 cup orange juice
1/2 cup walnuts or pecans (chopped)
1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. grated orange peel
1/2 tsp. salt
1 egg
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 375. In a large bowl, mix with wooden spoon until well mixed. Drop by tablespoons, 2 inches apart. Bake 15 minutes or until lightly brown. Store in tightly covered container. Exchanges per cookie: 1/2 bread and 1 fat.

Tennessee Gas Prices Rise

Average gasoline prices in Tennessee rose 2.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.09 per gallon on Monday according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 2.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 18.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 6.9 cents in the last week and stands at $4.45 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at $2.67 per gallon yesterday while the most expensive was $4.39 per gallon, a difference of $1.72. The lowest price in the state on Sunday was $2.67 per gallon while the highest was $4.39 per gallon, a difference of $1.72.

The national average price of gasoline is unchanged in the last week, averaging $3.37 per gallon today. The national average is down 2.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 14.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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

February 20, 2022: $3.27/g (U.S. Average: $3.52/g)
February 20, 2021: $2.36/g (U.S. Average: $2.64/g)
February 20, 2020: $2.19/g (U.S. Average: $2.46/g)
February 20, 2019: $2.15/g (U.S. Average: $2.38/g)
February 20, 2018: $2.30/g (U.S. Average: $2.52/g)
February 20, 2017: $2.05/g (U.S. Average: $2.28/g)
February 20, 2016: $1.51/g (U.S. Average: $1.71/g)
February 20, 2015: $2.11/g (U.S. Average: $2.27/g)
February 20, 2014: $3.18/g (U.S. Average: $3.38/g)
February 20, 2013: $3.62/g (U.S. Average: $3.77/g).

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices include Chattanooga, $3.02 per gallon, up 3.5 cents per gallon from last week's $2.99; Nashville, $3.17 per gallon, up 9.2 cents per gallon from last week's $3.08 and Huntsville, $3.08 per gallon, down 6.2 cents per gallon from last week's $3.14.

"Motorists across many areas of the country have seen gas prices inching down for another week, while some states have moved higher. We've seen some refinery challenges in pockets of the country, while others are starting the transition to summer gasoline, weighing on prices. For diesel, the outlook remains bright with prices continuing to fall," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Oil prices have softened over the last week, helping to limit any upside at the pump, with strong economic data leading to concern that the Fed will continue to use interest rates to slow the economy. This could weaken demand as we head into the peak summer driving season. For diesel, the great news is that the most common price in the U.S. for diesel is now $3.99 per gallon, with average prices continuing to drop. In the next couple of weeks, diesel will finally flip to deflationary compared to a year ago, which is excellent news for the economy."

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

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The Webb Alumni Association is hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, February 25, at Webb School, 938 Walnut Avenue West, McKenzie. Chicken plates are $10 and include chicken half, baked beans, potato salad and roll. Proceeds to benefit General Assembly transportation to Chicago in April. Come by and meet Jessie Townes, Vice-Mayor of McKenzie, and Fridie Algee, Mayor of Atwood and the first Black mayor in Carroll County. Voting registration will be on site.

CARROLL COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION QUARTERLY MEETING

The Carroll County Election Commission quarterly meeting is Tuesday, February 28, 6 p.m., in the Election Office of the Carroll County Office Complex, 625 High Street, Suite 113, Huntingdon.

CHICKEN, DRESSING BENEFIT LUNCHEON

Chicken and Dressing Benefit Luncheon is Sunday, March 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Huntingdon Middle School cafeteria, 199 Browning Avenue, Huntingdon. All proceeds from this luncheon will go to Lindsey Barnett and Megan Inman. Tickets are $10 and include chicken and dressing, green beans, corn, cranberry sauce and bread. Carry out meals are available and desserts will be available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased at Huntingdon Primary School, Huntingdon Middle School, Huntingdon High School, Huntingdon Board of Education and Small Town Blessings, 12834 Paris Street, Huntingdon. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

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. Tickets will be available at the door provided it does not sell out. Raffles, door prizes, silent auction, cash bar (ID required) and complimentary bar snacks available. Poot's BBQ food truck will be there.

McKENZIE SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

The McKenzie School Board workshop is Wednesday, March 1, at 5 p.m. in the McKenzie Board of Education building, 114 W Bell Ave, McKenzie.

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.

THE BATTLE OF PARIS COMMEMORATION

The Battle of Paris Commemoration is Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Henry County Courthouse Square. This event is a Living History of the Civil War and the 19th century time period. Educational stations will be continuous throughout the day and include re-enactors in period dress from across West Tennessee and Kentucky; reproduction cannons manned by cannon teams in period dress; color guard featuring flags of the Civil War; educational experts talking about all aspects of 19th century life; speeches by some of the greatest leaders of the time period; relic displays featuring various Civil War weaponry and accouterments; official food vendor is Perry's BBQ. Don't miss this Living History lesson when Civil War re-enactors will tell of their experiences at the Battle of Paris and throughout the Civil War. Great educational opportunity for kids of all ages. For more information, contact James H. Swor, 731-389-6599.

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 McLemoresville. Entry fee is $20 and food will be provided by the McLemoresville Fire Department. For more information, contact Bill Hargrove, 731-415-3952.

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.

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 Cruise-Ins 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 members 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.

CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

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Rebels Beat Fighting Irish for District Title

BY ERIN DOUGLAS
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McKENZIE (February 17) — The McKenzie Rebels stole the lead in the second half to top the Houston County Fighting Irish 60-55.

The Rebels chalked up 14 points in the first quarter. Bryson Steele had four points under the net. Tate Surber drained two free throws, then had a shot on the block for two points. Zach Aird, Zay Webber, and Marquez Taylor had two points each.

Houston County took a two-point lead in the first and held it all the way to halftime. Jed Baggett chalked up nine points outside the 3-point arc. Logan Medders had four points. Tate Finley drove to the basket for two points and made a free throw. The Fighting Irish lead 16-14 at the end of the first quarter.

The Rebels added 12 points to their side of the board during the second quarter. Tate Surber had a 3-point play in the paint, then was fouled at the arc and made all three shots at the foul line.

Left, Stafford Roditis. Right, Bryson Steele. *Photos by Erin Douglas/The Banner*

Taylor had four points. Webber tacked on two points.

The Irish held their lead through the second quarter. Medders chalked up six points. Baggett made a 3-pointer. Carson Conwell had a 3-point play under the basket. Houston County led 28-26 at the halftime break.

The Irish added ten points to their side of the scoreboard during the third quarter. Medders chalked up four points. Conwell drained a 3-pointer. Baggett had three points.

The Rebels came out after the break and took the lead out from under the Irish. Stafford Roditis had seven points. Taylor had four points. Webber had a 3-point play under the net. Surber drove to the basket for two points. McKenzie led 42-38 going into the final quarter.

Houston County added 17 points to their score, but they couldn't hold back the Rebels. Kollin Hibbeler had nine points in the final quarter. Conwell had four points in the paint. Finley and Medders drove to the basket for two points.

The Rebels added 18 points to their lead during the fourth quarter. Roditis had six points behind the arc. Bryson Steel had a shot in the paint, then drained three free throws. Tate Surber had two points under the rim. Taylor knocked down three foul shots, and Webber tacked on two points from the line.

With just three minutes left in the game, the teams were tied 53-53. The Rebels outscored the Irish 7-2 in the final minutes. The Rebels overcame a close fourth quarter to defeat the Irish 60-55 and earn the District 11-1A title.

The Rebels will play host to the West Carroll War Eagles on Saturday, Feb. 25 to start the regional tournament. Tipoff is 7 p.m. at Crisp Arena.

Lady Rebels Crowned District Champs

BY ERIN DOUGLAS
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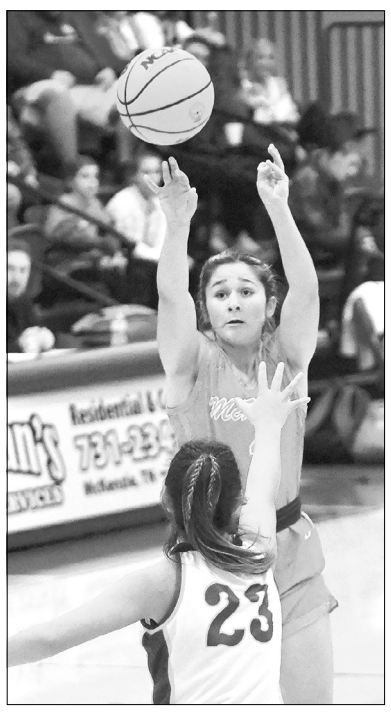
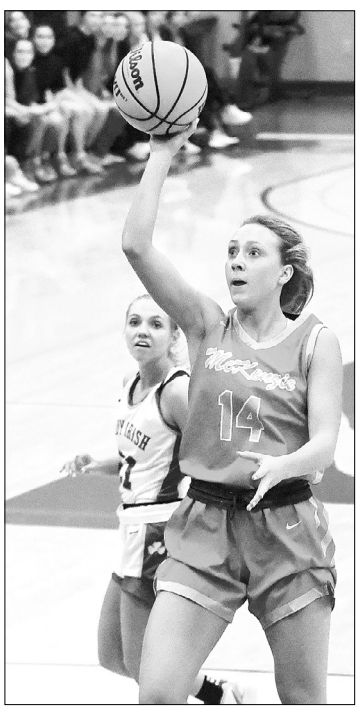
McKENZIE (February 17) — The McKenzie Lady Rebels defeated the Houston County Fighting Irish 66-44 to take the district title at Bethel University's Crisp Arena.

The McKenzie Lady Rebels took a quick lead in the first quarter. Savannah Davis chalked up seven points. Katie Chesser and Mikaela Reynolds knocked down a 3-pointer each.

The Fighting Irish were held to nine points to start the game. Hailey Brooks had four points in the paint. Josey Grant drove to the basket for two points. Kennedy Jones drained a 3-pointer. Houston County trailed 13-9.

The Lady Rebels chalked up another 13 points in the second quarter. Briley Auvenshine had the majority of the points during the quarter. She drove to the basket for eight points, then made two free throws. Mikaela Reynolds had two points, and Davis tacked on one point.





Left, Briley Auvenshine moves around a Houston County defender. Center, Katie Chesser shoots from 3-point range. Right, Savannah Davis moves in the paint for points. *Photos by Erin Douglas/The Banner*

The Irish fell behind in the second quarter. Brooks had four points under the net. Karli Stinson made one free throw, then made a 3-pointer. At halftime, the Irish trailed the Rebels 26-17.

Houston County added ten points to their side of the board during the third quarter. Stinson had three points. Brooks drove to the basket for two points. C.J. Clark had five points during the quarter.

The Lady Rebels had forty points in the second half. McKenzie chalked up 20 points in the third quarter. Kylie Reynolds drained two 3-pointers and two free throws. Chessor had seven points, making two 3-pointers and making one foul shot. Davis made a shot from beyond the arc. Mikaela Reynolds tacked on two points under the rim. McKenzie took a 46-27 lead going into the final quarter.

The Fighting Irish had 17 points in the fourth quarter but struggled to catch up to the Lady Rebels. Clark had five points. Kennedy Jones and Grant made a 3-pointer each. K. K. Raines tacked on two points. Stinson and Brooks had two points in the paint each.

The Lady Rebels had another 20-point quarter to finish off the championship game. Mikaela Reynolds had seven points. Kylie Reynolds chalked up four points from the free-throw line. Sophie Pate made two 3-pointers. Davis drove to the basket for two points, then made one foul shot. The Lady Rebels defeated Houston County 66-44.

Savannah Davis and Mikaela Reynolds had 14 points each. Kylie Reynolds had 12 points all made in the second half.

McKenzie will play host to Clarksburg for their first game of the regional tournament. Tipoff is Friday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

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Applications are available at city hall between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applications are accepted until 4 p.m. on March 3.

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CITY OF McKENZIE

JOB OPENING

Part-time Library Director

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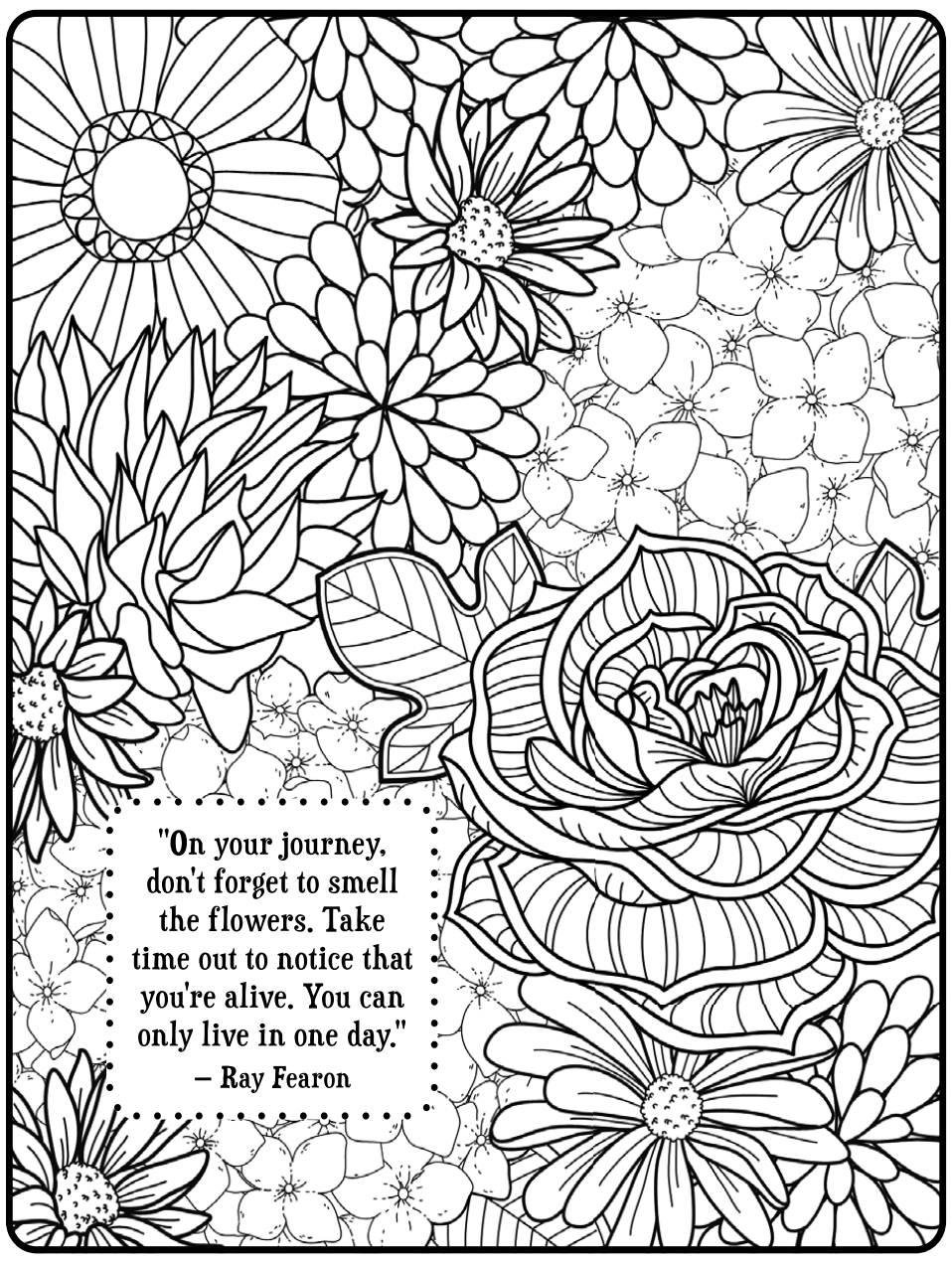

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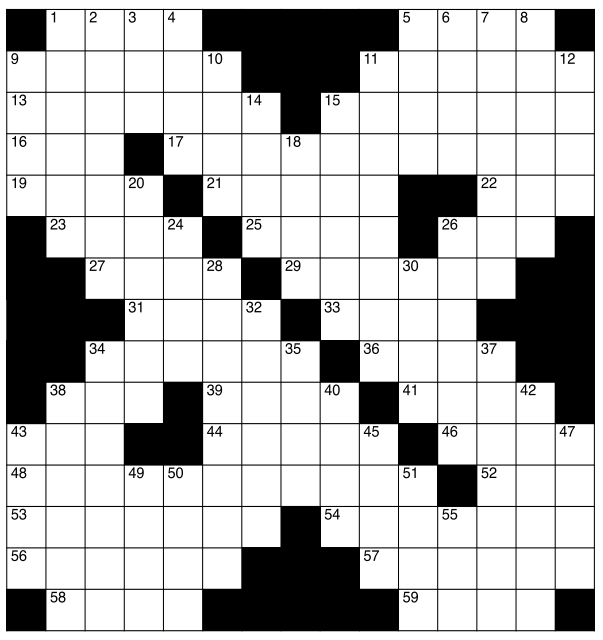

CLUES ACROSS

1. Sea grape
5. European public health group (abbr.)
9. A way to delight
11. Appetizers
13. Ancient heralds' wands
15. Make a booking
16. '__ death do us part
17. Pearl Jam frontman
19. Spider genus
21. Fill with high spirits
22. A major division of geological time
23. Catch
25. An independent ruler or chieftain
26. Electronic music style (abbr.)
27. Influential Spanish cubist painter
29. Illegally persuades
31. A way to derive
33. British School
34. Appear alongside
36. Surely (archaic)
38. Harsh cry of a crow
39. A day in the middle
41. Kansas hoops coach Bill
43. The longest division of geological time
44. The first sign of the zodiac
46. Appetizer
48. Link together in a chain
52. A bacterium
53. In a way, forces apart
54. Cheese dish
56. Combines
57. In an inferior way
58. Colors clothes
59. Dried-up

CLUES DOWN

1. Gastropods
2. Confusing
3. Romanian monetary unit
4. The rate at which something proceeds
5. A prosperous state of well-being
6. Asked for forgiveness
7. Makes less soft
8. Part of speech
9. Outside
10. Advice or counsel
11. Badness
12. Protein-rich liquids
14. Not moving
15. Call it a career
18. Poetry term
20. Not wide
24. Pastries
26. Turns away
28. Satisfies
30. Gift adornments
32. San Diego ballplayers
34. Manufacturing plant
35. Check or guide
37. Dogs do it
38. Chilled
40. Scorch
42. Unproductive of success
43. Electronic counter-countermeasures
45. Attack with a knife
47. Feel bad for
49. Enclosure
50. Assert
51. Geological times
55. Midway between east and southeast

Week 8

See solution in next week's edition.

Black History Month Word Search

S	A	D	I	E	T	M	A	L	E	X	A	N	D	E	R	D	S
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• **1903:** CUBA LEASES GUANTANAMO BAY TO THE UNITED STATES IN PERPETUITY.

• **1954:** THE FIRST MASS INOCULATION OF CHILDREN AGAINST POLIO BEGINS IN PITTSBURGH.

PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 7 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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Carroll County General Sessions Report

HUNTINGDON (February 15) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on February 15.

Cases resulting in a guilty plea or finding are:

Anthony W. Cole, Lisa Lane, Huntingdon, guilty, Driving While Canceled - 2nd or subsequent offense, six months jail-all suspended, supervised probation; dismissed, Registration Law Violation, Window Tint Violation, and Financial Responsibility.

Justin Edwards, Jones Street, Huntingdon, guilty, DUI-First Offense, $350 fine, 11/29 jail suspended except 48 hours, DUI school, supervised probation, and not to drive for one year.

Brett Wayne Garland, Gann Road, Milan, DUI-First Offense, $350 fine, 11/29 jail suspended except 48 hours, DUI school, supervised probation, and not to drive for one year.

Erica Gordon, Finch Road, Gleason, guilty, Driver's License to be Carried, 30 days jail- all suspended.

Matthew Herrin, Cherry Avenue, New Johnsonville, guilty, Probation Violation, 10 days jail, probation extended four months.

Andre Hunt, Culpepper Street, Milan, guilty, Driving While Revoked due to DUI Conviction, 180 days jail-suspended except 48 hours; dismissed, Failure to Stop at Stop Sign; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility.

John Jones, Jr., 5th Avenue, Humboldt, guilty, Evading Arrest-Flight-Vehicle, 11/29 jail-suspended except 30 days, supervised probation; dismissed, Driving While Suspended - Second or Subsequent Offense; dismissed, Light Law Violation; dismissed, Failure to Appear.

Keith Eugene Davis, Oaklawn Drive, McKenzie, judicial diversion, Disorderly Conduct, unsupervised probation for six months, not to drive for one year, no contact with victim; judicial diversion, Implied Consent; dismissed, Theft of Services; dismissed, DUI-First Offense.

Paul Jordan, Stephanie Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Driving While Revoked, $100 fine, jail sentence suspended except time served, supervised probation.

Jacob Martin, Hopewell Road, Lavinia, pre-trial diversion, Violation of School Attendance/Withdrawal, diversion period for four months with review on June 28.

Robert J. McClerkin, Holmes Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Driving While Revoked, $100 fine, six months jail-suspended; dismissed, Speeding; dismissed, Registration Violation; dismissed, Financial Responsibility Violation.

Nicholas Edward Scott, State Route 77, Hollow Rock, guilty, Public Intoxication, $350 fine, unsupervised probation; dismissed, Implied Consent.

Ashley Nicole Smith, Bowden Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Failure to Appear, 30 days jail - concurrent with previous sentence in Circuit Court; dismissed, Probation Violation.

Westley Dale White, St. Johns Church Road, McKenzie, guilty, Driving While Suspended, $100 fine, six months jail-suspended to time already served, supervised probation; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Tyler Matthew Wilson, Hebron Church Road, Bruceton, guilty, Driving While Revoked, $10 fine, 30 days to serve - all suspended, supervised probation; dismissed, Failure to Change Address on Driver's License; dismissed, Failure to Use Headlights in Inclement Weather; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Driving Unregistered Vehicle.

Bryant L. Woods, Rolling Hills Park Circle, Yuma, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, $150 fine, 11/29 jail with option of day-for-day credit with successful completion of inpatient rehab; dismissed, Driving While License Revoked -Second or Subsequent Offense; dismissed, Schedule II Drugs - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess.

Lutrecia Harris Tharpe, Chickasaw Road, Paris, dismissed, Driving While Suspended, Violation of Light Law, Financial Responsibility.

Angela Tolley, Church Street, Tiptonville, dismissed, Driving While Revoked.

Gabrielle Williams, Lisa Lane, Huntingdon, dismissed, Theft.

Marriage Licenses

Alexandria Maria Addison, 31, of Bruceton to Johnathon Michael Podoll Freitas, 29, of Bruceton.

Cheyanne Jean Nicole Hardin, 26, of Huntingdon to Nicholas Carlton Binkley, 27, of Lexington.

Tori Lee Hensley, 28, of Camden to Kolton Gray McMinn, 25, of Huntingdon.

Martin Keith Eason, 64, of Bruceton to Sherry Lyn Wimberly Brazzell, 52, of Camden.

McKenzie Police Department

DUI, Fugitive — Brett Ballard, 31, Lumber Road, McKenzie, was charged with Driving Under the Influence, Fugitive From Justice, and Implied Consent on February 19. Officer Sean Beck initiated a traffic stop on Ballard's pickup truck after seeing him swerve in the lane. Officer Beck indicated he could smell alcohol when he stopped Ballard and initiated field sobriety tests. A check of Ballard's license indicated an outstanding warrant from Berrien County, Michigan for a felony warrant for Sexual Assault. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Domestic Assault, Child Endangerment — Joseph McCann, 28, Owens Street, McKenzie was charged with Domestic Assault and Child Endangerment after an incident on February 18. Officer Bryan Batchelder was alerted by the dispatcher a female was in the lobby of the Police Department and had stated she had been assaulted by McCann. The assault occurred in front of children, who were placed in harm's way during the incident.

Domestic Assault — Tasleen Pierce, 35, Stonewall Street, McKenzie, was charged with Domestic Assault after she reportedly reviewed the text messages on a male friend's phone. Officer Shy'Ann Williams stated she interviewed the two persons involved and arrested Pierce. She was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Domestic Assault, Disorderly Conduct — Darek Lewis, 38, Park Cove, McKenzie, was charged with Disorderly Conduct, Vandalism, and Domestic Assault after an incident on February 17. Officer Sean Beck was dispatched to Park Cove where the female victim said Lewis had left the house earlier and returned. When he returned, he found the door was locked by juveniles. Lewis pounded on the door and then to a window, broke it, and screamed and cursed. Officer Beck arrested him and when he was being placed in the car, he continued to scream and curse on the public street, which created a charge of Disorderly Conduct.

Simple Possession, Underage Consumption — Kestin Horton, 19, Florida Court, McKenzie, was charged with Window Tint Violation, Simple Possession or Casual Exchange, and Underage Consumption after a traffic stop on February 19. Officer Sean Beck reported he was monitoring traffic on West Walnut when he witnessed a vehicle driven by Horton pass with too dark of window tinting. Once he stopped the vehicle, the officer could smell marijuana. Two teenage passengers exited the vehicle so Officer Beck could make a search. Some Jack Daniels coolers were found and along with empty bottles. The juveniles admitted drinking the alcohol. Two plastic baggies containing a green leafy substance was also found. Horton was cited into General Sessions for Simple Possession, Schedule 6 and Window Tint Violation. The two juveniles were cited into court for Underage Consumption.

Simple Possession, Revoked License — Quinton Devonte Jamison, 24, Holmes Road, Collierville, was charged with Simple Possession, Revoked License, Failure to Yield to an Emergency Vehicle, and Violation of Display of Registration Tags. Officer Darren Davis initiated a traffic stop on February 16 on a vehicle driven by Jamison for a non-working license plate light. The vehicle did not immediately yield to the blue lights and led Officer Davis out of the city limits before stopping. Officer Davis smelled marijuana and discovered 30.2 grams of green leafy material in the console. Jamison was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Drug Paraphernalia — Delena Beatrice Kerr, 46, Highway 22, McKenzie, was charged with Drug Paraphernalia after a traffic stop on February 17. Officer Steven Scott stopped a vehicle driven by Kerr because of a malfunctioning light. When he was granted permission to search the vehicle, he found three glass pipes and a digital scale. The driver was cited into court.

Simple Possession, Light Law — Cameron Darell Palmer, 21, Yorkville, Illinois, was cited into court on charges of Simple Possession and a Light Law violation after a traffic stop on February 15. Sergeant Cody Coleman stopped Palmer's vehicle and when he approached the passenger compartment, he could smell marijuana. A probably cause search revealed a green leafy substance that weighed 34.4 grams. Palmer was cited into court.

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Carroll County Sheriff's Department Reports

Domestic Assault — Steven Thomas Pinkston, III, 39, of Bruceton was charged with domestic assault.

On February 11, a call to dispatch was received about a possible domestic. Officers arrived and spoke with victim who stated Steven Pinkston grabbed her jacket and would not let her out of her car. Pinkston also grabbed her arm and twisted it until she felt like it was going to break. The officer observed physical injuries on victim- no medical attention was needed. Pinkston does have previous history of domestic violence.

Revoked/ Suspended License — Dominique Lamar Patton, 39, of Nashville was charged with all other offenses.

On February 13, Dominique Patton was stopped due to officers' suspicion of a DUI. A computer check showed Patton's drivers license was revoked for a DUI. Patton has eight prior driving on revoked/ suspended license charges.

Simple Assault — Lisa JoAnne Cary, 39, of Huntingdon was charged with simple assault.

On February 15, Deputy Scott responded to a domestic. Upon his arrival, the victim met him stating Lisa Cary, grabbed his neck to prevent him from leaving. Victim had visible injuries; this incident did occur in Carroll County.

Huntingdon Police Department

Shoplifting — Sarah Luci of Huntingdon was issued a citation into court and charged with theft of property involving merchandise on February 6. This incident did occur at Huntingdon Walmart.

Sale to a Minor — On February 9, officers asked a minor to try and buy a vape from Country Vape in Huntingdon. The minor proceeds to make a buy from the location without being ID'd. Cashier at the time, Julius Adkisson, was charged for the underage sale of tobacco to a person under 21 years.

Multiple Charges — On February 7, dispatch received a call from Walmart in reference to an individual who took a wallet from the customer desk, walked around the store to "locate" the owner, gave the wallet back empty. The individual dropped his cash app card in the Walmart parking lot, allowing officers to identify him as Cody Noah. Noah admits to taking the cards in order to return them to the owner.

Property Transfers

Renee Ford to Charlotte Renee Ford Ward Irrevocable Trust in district 16.

Lovina Mallo to Lovina Mallo and others in district 26.

Harold and Beckie Smith to Special Huntingdon School District.

Norris and Regina Blankenship DePriest to Brian J. Chillcott in district 16.

Jack Camp Jr and Tracy Scott to Adam Reed in district 619.

Zachary Aaron Clement to Gary Dean and Kelli Ann Bird in district 16.

Corrie and Flora Taylor to Aaron D. Taylor in district 21.

Wanda Akins to Jason DePriest in district 19.

Ricky L. Miller to Renee W. Miller in district 11.

Barbara Guyton to Michael and Letrell Huff in district 2.

Gregory G. and Amy J. Barker to Chanpothea Pen in district 4.

Terry Lynn Gilliam to Carl W. Johnson in district 13.

Philip W. Kesterson to Marlin M. and Tammy M. Cathey in district 22.

Henry Leroy Berry to Fridie Algee in district 21.

Jenny Pearson and others to Jenny Pearson in district 5.

Ryan Bomar to Carl G. Campbell in district 9.

Scott and Joy Rimmer to Scott and Joy Rimmer Life Estate in district 2.

Jasmina Anderson to Jasmina Anderson in district 22.

Michael and Lorie Pritchard to Curtis Ray and Kami Jo Ward in district 7.

Jones and Moore Properties, LLC to Brett A and Krystle L. Watters in district 11.

Laverdia McCullough and others to Laverdia McCullough and others in district 5.

Jo Ann Stewart to Jo Ann Holmes and others in district 1.

John C. Eubanks to Donna Michelle Cizunas in district 22.

Landon Charles Ledsinger to Larry Michael Ledsinger in district 23.

Steven West as trustee to Patricia Ann Lewis in district 4.

Robert C. Wolfe and Janice S. Wolfe to Randy B. and Regina C. Blankenship in district 11.

Lovonda Crider to Seth and Jill Bennett in district 12.

Leonard R. and Mary H. L. Prunier to Adam U. Reed in district 14.

The Chaves Family and Trust Revocable Living Trust to Alberto and Elizabeth Ann Chavez in district 20.

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

Scott Arnold to Warren Jacob Sledge in district 11.

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McKenzie

COMMUNITY MEETING

There is a McKenzie community meeting regarding the updating of the existing tornado sirens and the addition of (1) one new siren. The meeting is February 27 at 10 a.m. in the council room of City Hall, 2470 Cedar Street.

CITY OF McKENZIE

ACCEPTING BIDS

The City of McKenzie is seeking candidates interested in operating the baseball/softball concession stand at the McKenzie City Park.

- Bids for the concession stand operation will be accepted from the highest bidder.
- The successful candidate must meet with Parks Director and must adhere to all food prep/sanitation guidelines set forth by the Health Inspector and receive a good rating.
- All grilling/cooking must be done outdoors. Microwave, popcorn popper, and warmers may be used inside.
- Concession stand must be fully staffed and operate with a minimum of 2 windows open for all baseball and softball games with the exception of the opening day jamboree.
- At the conclusion of the ball season, all food / drink supplies will be removed and the interior of the concession stand cleaned and keys returned.
- If you have questions please call Jennifer Waldrup at 731-352-2292 or Billy Hollowell at 731-415-7887.
- Bids will be accepted until March 3, 2023

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received a copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This 8TH day of FEBRUARY, 2023.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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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 Ameriquest 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.

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 9635 Cherrywood Ave, McKenzie, TN 38201, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

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

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

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DONALD NUNN, JR.

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

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

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

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

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

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McKenzie Rotary Learns About UTM Expansion

McKENZIE (February 14) — Dr. Charley Deal was the featured program for the McKenzie Rotary Club. Dr. Deal serves as the vice chancellor for university advancement and is responsible for managing UT Martin's fundraising and alumni programs; coordinating development efforts with UT Foundation and UT System administration; representing UT Martin in the community and among alumni groups and potential university supporters; and serves on the UT Martin chancellor's cabinet.

Dr. Charley Deal of UT Martin (left) joins McKenzie Rotary President Kathy Ham (right).

UT Martin recently received the largest single gift in UT System's history when Melanie Smith Taylor and her family announced that Wildwood Farm in Germantown will transfer to the university upon her death. The $79.5 million gift will allow UT Martin to increase educational program offerings in veterinary health technology and other agricultural disciplines in the future.

The club heard about the new Latimer-Smith Engineering and Science Building. The $65 million, 120,000-square-foot, three-story building will house the departments of chemistry and physics, computer science, engineering, mathematics and statistics, and the pre-professional health sciences program. The building features classrooms, laboratories, offices, and a small observatory.

The construction of the Blaylock Inspirational Oracle was mentioned. The structure, named for Dr. Paul Blaylock, a UT Martin graduate from South Fulton, Tennessee, is designed as an open-air Greek Parthenon and will be located near the Boling University Center. Some of the expected uses include a reflection area for students and alumni, an outdoor classroom, and a meeting space.

The McKenzie Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the McKenzie Station Bar and Grill.

UTM MBA Consulting Project Interacts with Local Businesses

MARTIN — The Master of Business Administration program at the University of Tennessee at Martin provided fall 2022 students the opportunity to work directly under the owners and managers of local businesses as outside consultants through the Management 790 Consulting Project class. Student teams used all MBA competencies such as data gathering, analysis, interpretation, critical and creative thinking, and decision making when executing the project.

HELPING SMALL BUSINESS — Carolina Vela, of Leon, Mexico, is a UT Martin MBA graduate assistant who served as a liaison between the REED Center, small businesses and Management 790 students involved in the course's consulting project. The project provided Management 790 students an opportunity to work with businesses as outside consultants. Students worked directly with business owners and managers in a real-world consulting experience. Vela is pictured with Chancellor Keith Carver at the City of Martin/UT Martin Town and Gown meeting in August at the Dunagan Alumni Center. Carolina is the daughter of Victor Vela, owner of Maria's Mexican Restaurant in McKenzie.

Supervisors of the student teams included Dr. Sam Faught, management professor; John Clark, interim director of the UT Martin Horace and Sara Dunagan Chair of Excellence in Banking; Landy Fuqua, Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Center director; and Carolina Vela, graduate assistant. Carolina is the daughter of Victor Vela, owner of Maria's Mexican Restaurant in McKenzie.

Vela, an international student from León, México, was hired as graduate assistant to assist with the MBA Consulting Project. She has a bachelor's degree in international business from La Universidad de La Salle Bajío, and an international exchange experience in Lille, France, at IÉSEG School of Management. Vela applied for the graduate-assistant position with the goals to learn, improve and continue to acquire experience in the business field for the future.

The first student team worked with Hamilton-Ryker Group, a staffing and total workforce solutions agency, to provide an in-depth analysis of the environment affecting the company, addressing both internal and external factors. They were also asked to create a strategic recruitment and retention action plan. On Dec. 3, the group presented their project and recommendations to company representatives.

"The team that worked on our project was like a breath of fresh air," said Winston Howard, Hamilton-Ryker branch manager. "I'm happy to say that whatever company that is able to land any of these remarkable young men and women will be blessed to have them."

Students involved on the Hamilton-Ryker project were Alexis Dixon, of Gates; Ali Seyedkavoosi, of Martin; IndiAnn Agee, of Dyersburg; James Fogg, of Nashville; Marshall Hamill, of Martin; and Melissa Starling, of Martin.

The second group of students was asked to provide an in-depth strength, weakness, opportunity and threat analysis for Wendell Alexander Realty Group. Additionally, they needed to identify a suitable customer-relationship management software to keep and use information among the group's three different companies that operate in different markets: Wendell Alexander Realty, Top Tier Auctions and Skyhawks Rentals. On Dec. 3, the group presented their project and recommendations to representatives from Wendell Alexander Realty Group.

"The MBA consulting project with local businesses allowed our companies the opportunity to gain insight and prospective on how we are perceived by our community," said Jacob Crowe, director of marketing for Wendell Alexander Realty. "The university and its resources are something to be proud of, and we are grateful for the opportunity to participate with our future peers in business to help make each of us better."

Students participating in the Wendell Alexander Realty project were Aleya Brent, of Martin; Baylee Parton, of Camden; Connor Stanley, of Gates; Darnesha Guy, of Martin; Ethan Whitley, of Mason; and Mizuki Sakurai, of Tokyo, Japan.

"The MBA Consulting Project was established to utilize the knowledge and talents of our MBA students to provide research and solutions for real-world business issues. We appreciate the time, trust, and commitment from the management teams of Hamilton-Ryker and Wendall Alexander Realty," said Landy Fuqua, UT Martin REED Center director.

For more information about the consulting projects, contact Fuqua at lfuqua@utm.edu or 731-587-7333.

University of Tennessee Extension Service Offers Master Beef Class

The University of Tennessee Extension Service-Carroll County is offering the Master Beef Course for 2023 on Saturday, March 4 and Saturday, March 18.

The March 4 class is at Southwestern Stock Yards. Registration is 8:30 a.m.- 9 a.m. Programs will cover Farm Service Agency, Economics of Silage vs. Hay, Reproduction, Genetics and following lunch, a tour of Buckaroos in Camden.

On March 18, the class travels to Melton Farm in Springville. Silage production, Freezer Beef Economics, handling facilities, covered feeding areas and herd health will be discussed.

Cost for the program, including lunch and materials is $125. To register or if you have any questions, please contact the U.T. Extension Office — Carroll County at 731-986-1976 by Friday, March 3.

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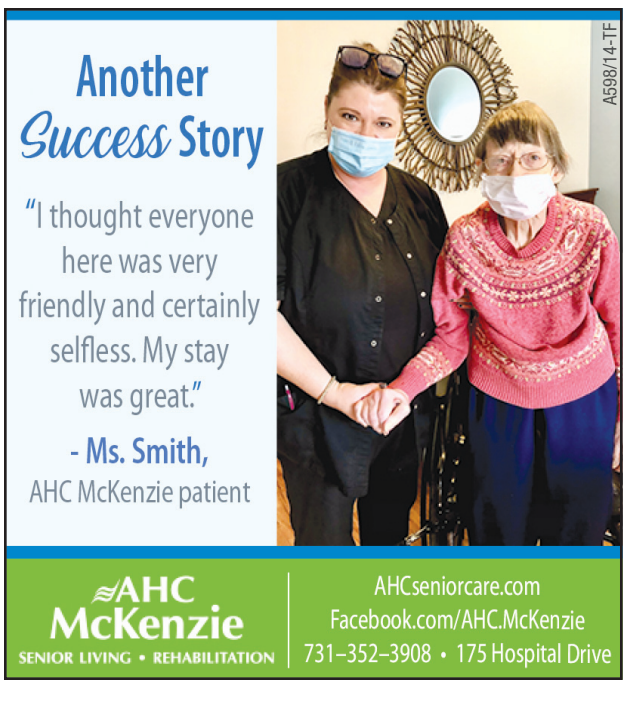

McKenzie High School Seniors Sign to Play College Football

1. Etijay Tharpe Signs with Bethel University. Joining Etijay are Jennifer Cody and Emill Cody. 2. Camden Allison Signs with North Alabama. Pictured are Fran Graves, Wendy Allison, Camden Allison, Landon, (back) Roy Graves, Dorothy Allison, and April Jones. 3. Hunter Harvey Signs with Cumberland in Lebanon, Tenn. (L to R): Cayla Cary, Hunter Harvey and Josh Cary. 4. Zay Webber Signs with Bethel University. (L to R): Zack Roy, Lameka Webber, Tommy Horton, Crystal Tessier and Kestin Horton. 5. Zach Aird Signs with North Alabama. Pictured are Gracie Aird, Matt Aird, Zach Aird and Misty Aird. Zach holds the single season kicking record for the Rebels at 87 of 89 extra points, 7 of 7 field goals, and 108 total points. 6. Marquez Taylor Signs with Austin Peay University in Clarksville. Pictured are Diane Stafford, Spiros Roditis, Marquez Taylor, Sandi Roditis and Stafford Roditis. Marquez scored the most single season points with 276.

Phone Scam in Henry County

The Henry County Sheriff's Office is receiving reports that citizens are receiving phone calls from a person identifying as an officer with the Henry County Sheriff's Office. The caller is using the name of an actual HCSO officer. The caller is telling people they have a warrant for their arrest and advising them to send money to a Venmo or Zelle account to keep them from being arrested. These calls are coming from different phone numbers.

This is a scam. Do not send any money to these people. The Henry County Sheriff's Office does not call people and tell them to send money.

If you receive one of these calls and are given a Venmo, Zelle, etc. account number to send money to please notify the HCSO Criminal Investigations Division at 731-642-1672.

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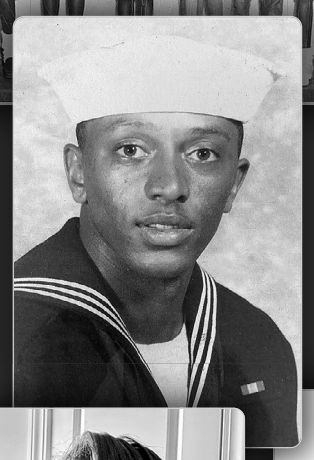

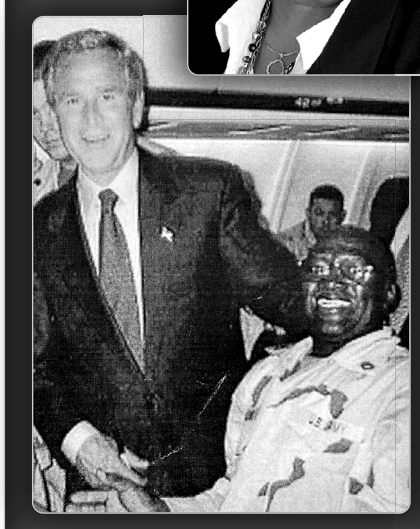

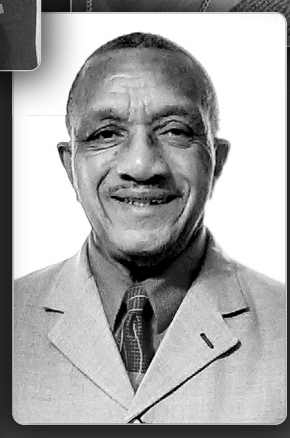

February is a time to recognize and pay tribute to all the contributions people of color have made to society.

It's Black History Month, but history isn't black or white and it isn't just confined to one month out of the year. History is constant, it's being made every moment of every day; and we are all a part of it. Black history is American history.

Without Black inventors from our past, we wouldn't have many of the conveniences we enjoy today. Great minds and people come in all colors, shapes and sizes.

The pursuit of equality, allowed these great minds access to the critical tools needed to advance America in technology, in the space race and into modern day.

There are several movies and documentaries available that convey the stories of "hidden figures" from history. However, Black history is more than a list of achievements.

It's a reminder of our past and hope for the future. It's understanding that in our shared humanity we find more similarities than differences. And in our small communities, we rely on each other. Our friends, neighbors, classmates and people that smile at the grocery store are all daily reminders that life is better in full color.

The Banner interviewed local citizens for this special edition in an effort to highlight the hidden figures in our area.

Thank you to the people who shared their stories; and thank you to the local businesses and organizations that made this edition possible.

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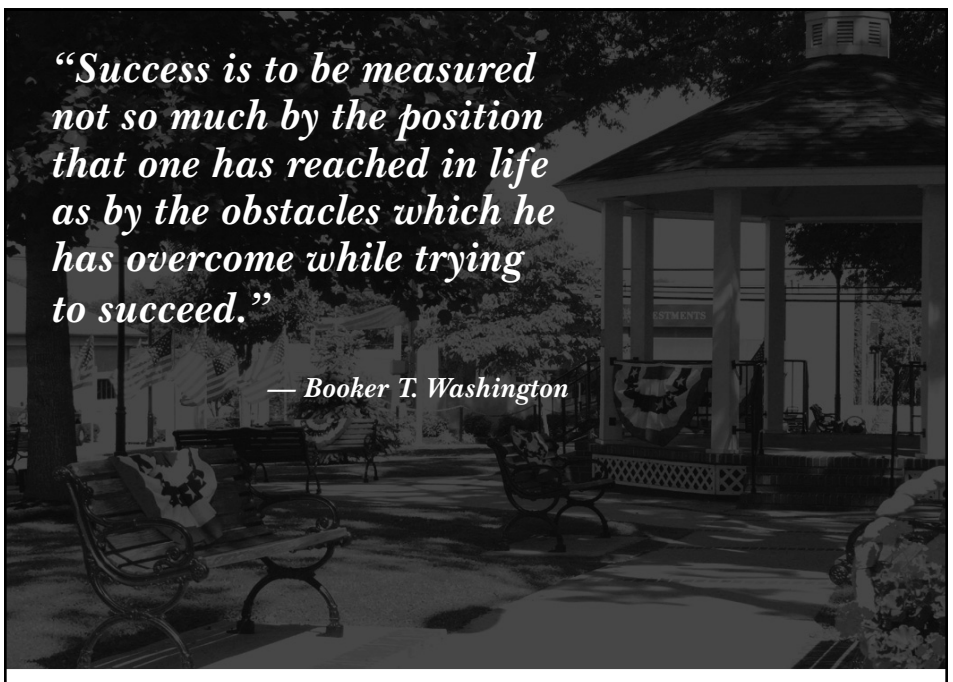

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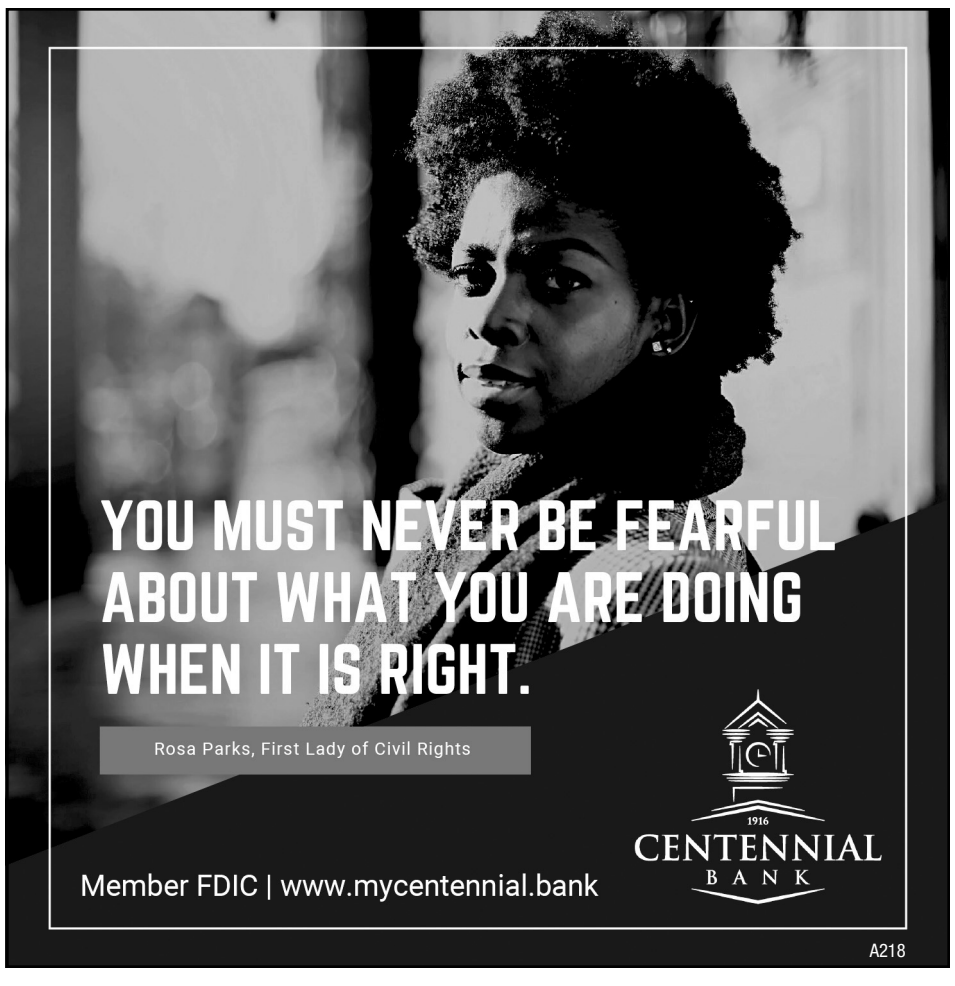

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Above, Hale Elementary School, Grades 1-8, year unknown, Huntingdon. Below, Webb School Majorettes, Grades 1-6, year unknown, McKenzie. *Photos courtesy of the Webb Historical Museum*

WEBB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

STRENGTHENS THE WEBB SCHOOL LEGACY

BY KAREN FORESTER *features@mckenziebanner.com*

Webb School maintains a long and distinguished history in Carroll County, but it's always been the people who bring its warmth and vibrancy to bear. On a recent January afternoon, five members of the Webb Alumni Association gathered on the McKenzie campus in the school's library and museum to reminisce across the years and plan for the future.

Neal Williamson and Ike Gilbert were part of the Class of 1966, the last to graduate from Webb High School before its closure after integration. Williamson was president of his graduating class and is now in his second term as the current president of the national organization. Gilbert, who attended all 12 years at Webb, served two four-year terms as national president. Both men recalled not only their time on campus, but reflected on the many ways in which their experience continues to influence them today.

"The school itself gave me a great head start on college. I knew most of the stuff they were talking about [at Tennessee State University] because Webb had already taught me well," said Williamson. Gilbert agreed, "To go to Webb was an honor and something you looked forward to. Every teacher knew every student; you weren't a number, you were a person. When people found out they were closing Webb, they cried."

The Webb Alumni Association was organized in 1969 by former students and graduates under the leadership of Obie Roscoe McKenzie to preserve the culture and heritage of Webb School. The group held its first national reunion in 1970 and within a decade chapters formed across the country representing hundreds of members. Today, there are over 100 active members in eight chapters, Chicago and Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, Milwaukee, Nashville, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, McKenzie, Huntingdon and West Carroll.

Some of those members are second generation "Webbites" who did not attend Webb High School, but had parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who did. Like Evangeline Hall, the current president of the West Carroll chapter, whose mother, aunts and uncles were graduates. She smiles and recounts the times "they would have these Record Hops' up here with lots of dancing and music. I used to come as a pre-teen and it was always so much fun." Her mother, Madeline H. Lumpkin, was active in the alumni group throughout her life and served as a founding member of two chapters, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Elkhart, Indiana.

In 1973 the Webb Alumni Association created a development group organized specifically to purchase the building and grounds from the County of Carroll. According to Webb Alumni Association historical documents, "On May 8, 1976, the Webb High School building was purchased for $95,000. Forty members signed promissory notes pledging $5,025 each." Additional monies were raised over the years through donations, grants, member drives, fundraisers and other gifts. "Each yearly reunion led to renewed dedication to paying off the debt on the property." By the Fall of 1999, the note had been repaid and the Webb Alumni Association owned the building and land free and clear. "As far as we know," said Gilbert, "this is the only school in the country owned by its alumni association."

John Nolen, Class of 1962 and Head Historian of the Webb Alumni Association, remembers how everyone in the community came together to raise money. "Students, teachers, staff and graduates of Webb School along with the City of McKenzie and then-Mayor Glenn King played a role in saving and purchasing the school." The McKenzie Banking Company and other area businesses also contributed through monetary gifts or in-kind goods and services. "For example, the beautiful wrought iron sign out front was crafted and donated by a local metalworks company in 1956."

Providing educational opportunities by assisting youth through scholarship is another purpose of the Webb Alumni Association. Each year, four $1000 scholarships are awarded to children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of Webb alumni. "We pride ourselves on offering the Roscoe McKenzie Scholarship to students based on grade point average, merit and need," explained Williamson." The Nashville Chapter also offers a $200 book scholarship to help offset some of the cost of attending college.

Another important component of the association is to preserve tangible elements of Webb School. There are sewing machines, typewriters, a piano, a card catalog index cabinet, items of clothing, books, pictures, school documents and other precious pieces of the past inside the museum.

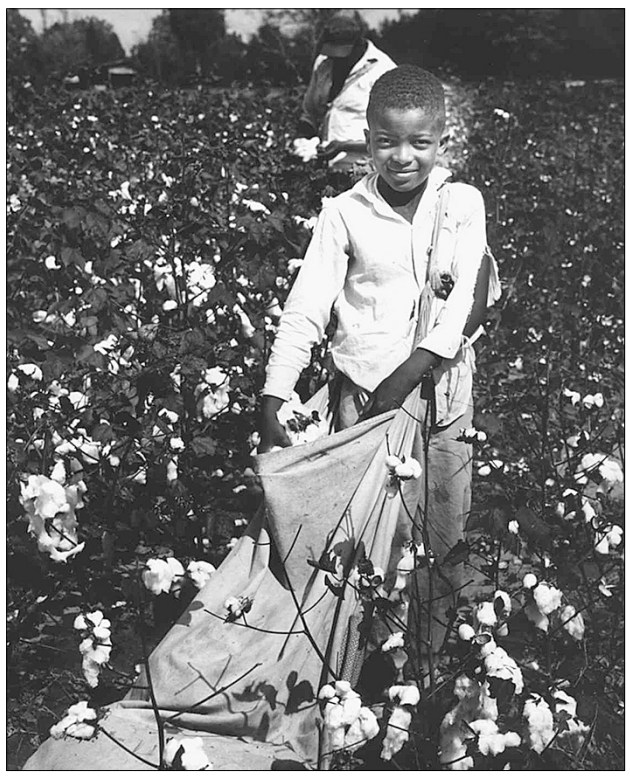
Webb High School was the next educational step for students attending Black elementary schools in Carroll County. There were 10 primary schools including Hale Elementary in Huntingdon, Dunbar Elementary in McLemoresville and Wingo Elementary from which many enrolled. For those who lived too far to commute, Webb provided dormitories for students and teachers. "It always had the look and feel of a small college campus," said Gilbert.

There was a gymnasium which also doubled as the lunchroom. It was the place where the WHS Wolverines played exciting basketball games with other area schools. During half times or between games, entertainment was usually provided by the majorettes, the Glee Club or the all-female 'Webbettes' singing group. The auditorium hosted many assemblies, plays, talent shows and class awards presentations over the years and is still in use today. Across the 30 acres of land surrounding Webb School, there were gardens, small animal enclosures and other outbuildings relevant to the students' curriculum and coursework.

Looking back on her time at Webb, Priscilla Williamson remembers her performance during the annual year-end talent show when she sang a solo. "The song was called 'Sharing You' and I had two boys on both sides of me as I sang," she laughed. "I was told I had everybody in the audience crying." Williamson also learned her trade as a professional seamstress from Miss Sleita Hyder, the beloved Home Economics teacher at Webb High School. "That woman taught me how to do the best of the best. I made my own prom dress–blue brocade, flowered–I loved it."

From 1932 (with a graduating class of two) through 1966 and a class of 32, over 1900 young men and women graduated from Webb High School.

Those students took with them an excellent education, treasured memories and lifelong friendships. When asked to describe a time at Webb that still makes him smile, Neal said, "When a teacher put [me] in charge of a class while she was out of the room for a while. That was a great responsibility and I was proud of myself [for being chosen]. Still am."



A young boy harvesting cotton near Lexington, Tennessee. *Photo courtesy of the Tennessee Library and Archives*

IKE GILBERT

ALWAYS GETTING INTO SOMETHING

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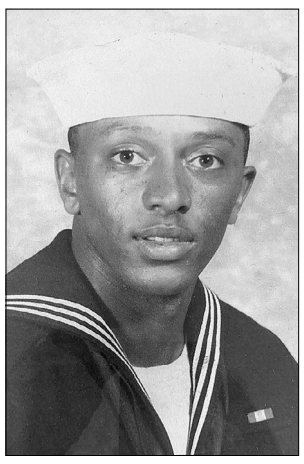

Ike Gilbert, U.S. Navy 1971-75.

Ike Gilbert is the eldest of seven children–two brothers and four sisters. He was born in the doctor's office just across the street from The McKenzie Banner and spent his early years in Hico, Tennessee, before moving to McKenzie where he grew up. Ike often helped his parents care for the younger children and said, "I tell a lot of people ever since I've been married I've never had to ask my wife to cook, wash or iron for me, " laughed Ike.

All of his siblings went to Webb School as did his mother, Class of 1946, his father, Class of 1947, aunts and uncles. During his first six years of grade school, Ike attended Webb School located in what is now a field at the corner of Walnut Avenue West and Park Street. "I remember sitting in class looking up at McTyeire College and saying, 'I'm going to go to school up there one day.'"

He liked the different subjects and clearly remembers his teachers, Miss Ethel Seets and Mrs. Russelle Glen in first through fourth grades. "I wasn't a mischievous kid, it just seemed I was always getting into something," said Ike. "But, it was fair, if you got a whipping, nine times out of ten, you deserved a whipping."

The Webb School academic year began in mid-July and paused each fall so students could earn money picking cotton. Classes were dismissed in mid-September for six weeks in an early version of Fall Break, "but it wasn't a break for us because we were actually working."

Each day, trucks would drive through the neighborhoods and stop for children hopping on with an empty sack and their lunch. "I remember the man who picked us up in his truck, Odell Pate, he's still living," said Ike. They paid us $3 per 100 pounds of cotton picked. I used to average around 200-250 pounds and earned $6 or $7 a day." The money Ike made "went to buy my little brothers and sisters clothes for the fall and winter."

To earn some extra money, Ike would often help empty the sacks of cotton at the end of the day and unload it at the McKenzie Cotton Gin. "The gin was just across the railroad tracks from Enon Baptist Church and Mr. Pate would pay me a little on the side."

"When I got older, I had a paper routed delivering the Memphis Commercial Appeal." He still remembers getting up at 4:30-5 a.m. to get to the post office where he rolled and packed the newspapers onto his bicycle. "I had about 105 papers to deliver seven days a week no matter if it was raining, snowing, icing or whatever. At first, I only made $5 a week, but after some of us threatened to quit, they raised it to $7."

In ninth grade, Ike started playing basketball and remembered, "I was so little, so short, but Coach Harold Harrell saw me as quick and fast. I made the team as a sophomore and played guard on the varsity teams in my junior and senior years." He averaged 16 points a game even though there was no three-point shooting at the time. "We had one of the best teams in the area and averaged 80-90 points a game. Most of the people who went to school at Webb were not from McKenzie, they were from all across Carroll County and those boys were really good. I remember Harry Cooper was very good and played center, or maybe it was forward. He went on to become police chief in McKenzie."

Ike graduated from Webb High School in 1966, the last class before the school was integrated with high schools across the county. He went to Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee, on work-study programs and worked during summers at the Milan Arsenal to pay his way. Ike married Jane Jordan in 1971 and they have two children, a son, who lives in Lebanon,Tennessee, and a daughter who lives in Huntingdon.

In 1971 he decided to enlist in the United States Navy and was sent to Basic Training in Orlando, Florida,. He spent the next four years based in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and going out to sea for six months at a time. Ike was assigned to an Airborne Squadron working with ammunition and loading missiles, bombs and machine guns into planes aboard the USS Kennedy and later the USS Independence. He sailed around the Mediterranean Sea and visited ports of call in Spain, Italy, Greece and Turkey.

He left the Navy in 1975 and it was shortly afterward that he began the next professional phase of his life. He tells the story, "When I got out of the Navy, I decided to take one month off and just relax. One day, I'd gone fishing in Hico with my two brothers and I kept feeling like I needed to go home, but I didn't know why. Finally, I did and my wife told me they'd called for me about a job at the phone company. I went there and had an interview that same day. Two weeks later, they called me back for a second interview and on April 14, 1975, I was hired."

For the next 35 years, Ike did everything from installing, fixing and wiring phone lines and party lines to working in the central office performing other essential services. "It took them a long time to actually send me to classes, so I was mostly self-taught. I'd read and study all the manuals and books I could to learn how to do something. The only reason they hired me was because I was Black. I was a minority hire, but it worked out."

Ike joined the National Guard in 1975 and served 18 years participating each month in weekend drills. "I retired in 2010 as a Staff Sergeant with a collective 22 years between the Navy and the Guard."

He joined the Webb Alumni Association, McKenzie Chapter, in the late seventies when his mother was president. Since then, Ike has played important roles in the growth and evolution of the organization. He was instrumental in establishing the Huntingdon and West Carroll chapters and served two four-year terms as the national president.

JOHN NOLEN Head Historian

OF THE WEBB SCHOOL LEGACY

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Without realizing the importance of what he was doing, John Nolen began collecting Webb School memorabilia in 1966. "I've always loved history and had this passion to preserve as much of our Black history as I could," explained John, "and it's only grown stronger over the years."

John was born in McKenzie in 1944. He said, "I always thought I was the eldest of seven siblings, but learned from my parents many years later that they had a son who died before I came along." He had one brother and six sisters who attended Webb School as did his mother, father, aunts and uncles. His father, a WWII veteran, owned a farm outside the city for a time, then later worked for the Holland family on their farm. In 1951 the family moved to Randall Street (now Mill Avenue) and "I went from a country boy to city life," laughed John.

His mother had her hands full raising the children and managing the household, but made sure her family attended church regularly at Enon Baptist (now Greater Enon Baptist Church on Walnut Street).

John remembers many of his teachers over his twelve years at Webb School. "They always made sure you got your lessons done whether in class or on your own," said John. He was especially fond of Miss E. B. Seets, Mrs. Russelle Glenn, Mrs. Hall, Mr. Greer and Mrs. Sims. He enjoyed his schoolwork and especially studying history.

When John was nine years old, he and his brother, George, who was seven at the time, started their own business. During the summer, they mowed lawns around McKenzie neighborhoods. Recalls John, "I built a wagon that carried the lawn mower. I'd lock it in, then attach the wagon to the back of my bike. George would sit on the bike seat and I'd pull the whole thing. We covered a lot of ground like that. Sometimes we'd make as much as $100 in a weekend."

When John entered Webb High School, he tried out for the basketball team, "but I didn't make it because I was too short." However, he did the next best thing by becoming the team manager and working closely with Mr. T. A. Warford and Coach Harold Harrell. He was responsible for making sure all of the equipment, supplies, uniforms and first aid kits were prepared and ready to go for each game. "We used to travel all over to play other teams–Huntingdon, Lexington, Paris, Jackson, Waverly–I only missed one game in four years of managing."

John also helped Mr. J.W. Sims coach the girls' basketball team in addition to working in the school commissary and the cafeteria. "I was shy and so quiet you wouldn't even hear me if I was standing right next to you," he said.

During this time he delivered the Chicago Defender around town to earn some extra money. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, "the Defender was an influential African American newspaper during the early and mid-20th century. [It] published in Chicago with a national editorial perspective and became a daily newspaper in 1956. It was noted for the quality of its writers, among them novelist Willard Motley, poet Gwendolyn Brooks, and Langston Hughes.

The day after he graduated from Webb High School in 1962, John went to work for James Williams at the Ben Franklin Five and Dime store on the square in McKenzie. "I was the first black clerk he had and I worked there full time stocking and receiving merchandise, taking inventory and doing some janitorial for two years," said John. He worked hard and saved his money for school and to help his sisters buy their school clothes.

In 1964 John enrolled at the Western Kentucky Vocational School (now West Kentucky Community and Technical College) in Paducah where he studied electricity. "Room and board was $12 a month, hard to believe, isn't it?" He received his electrical certificate before coming back to McKenzie in 1966.

John took a job at the pajama factory in addition to working three other jobs. "I worked from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the pajama factory, then 5-9 p.m. at Ben Franklin, 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. at Bethel College and then another job at Bethel that went from 3-4 a.m." At the time, John had a wife who was sick and three small children. He chuckled, "I didn't get much sleep in those days."

John even worked for a short time in 1964-65 for The McKenzie Banner. He did some reporting, and photography of events around town. "I remember going to a company party the pajama factory had one time in Union City. Nobody had a camera but me, so I took some pictures. The Banner printed them. My pictures were in the paper with 'photographs by John Nolen', he recalled with pride.

He built the house he is living in now in 1972 located around Mill Avenue where he lived with his family in the early 50s. That was also the year John developed a display booth for the Carroll County Fair in Huntingdon. "Mr. Ed Perkins asked me to research, put together and present a display on Webb School and Black history in general. I really enjoyed that."

John worked for the McKenzie Special School District from 1980 to 1993 in various capacities with increasing responsibility. When he left to work for the Milan Arsenal, he was overseeing the maintenance for all three schools.

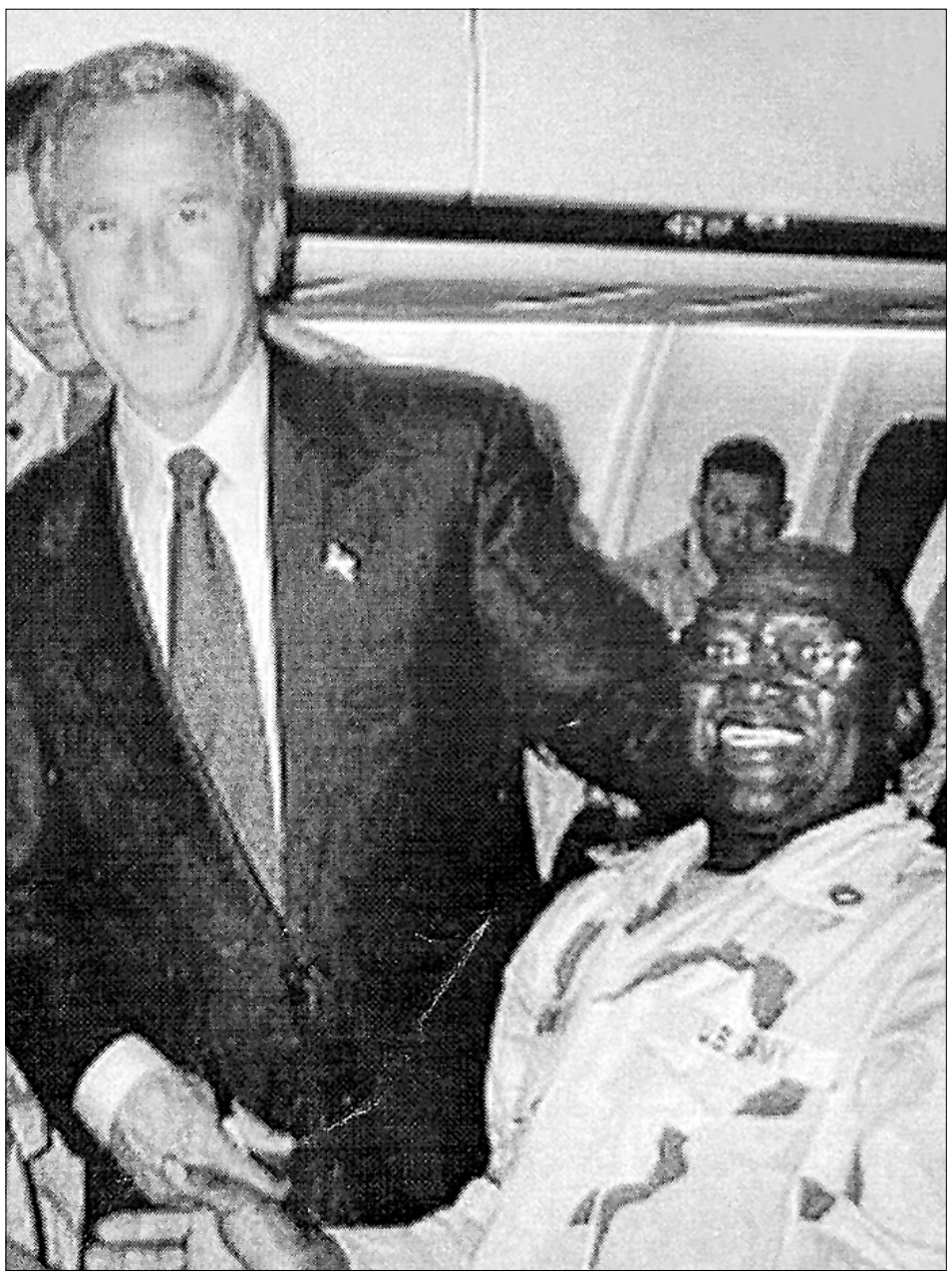
The Milan Arsenal sat on 25 acres and had different buildings, called 'lines', for different operations. John worked on an assembly line for three months before he was assigned a job he wanted all along. Driving a pickup truck between the 'lines' making deliveries and dropping off supplies. He was there for nearly 20 years when he retired in 2012.

That is when John gave his full attention and interest to preserving the history of Webb School.

The Webb Museum opened in 2016 and is one of John's proudest accomplishments. As he looked around the room on a recent sunny day in February, he said, "Most of these things came out of my personal collection." He was instrumental in collecting, sorting, cataloging and organizing the items displayed throughout the museum. "The Gordon Browning Genealogical Museum donated these cases to us with the understanding that they only be used for display of our historical items."

John serves the Webb Alumni Association as their historian and relishes the role. "I've never been an outfront person, but always worked behind the scenes," explained John. He hopes future generations of the association will keep preserving the true history of the school, the old as well as the new. He smiles, "Webb is still making history, you know."

John has three children, Vincent, Jennifer and Anthony, along with 19 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. "Well, make that 30 next month. We got one little baby on the way."



George Nolen, (right) brother of John Nolen, is greeted by President George W. Bush prior to departing for Central America on a school-building mission. *Photo courtesy of the Webb Historical Museum*

"Dreams are lovely but they are just dreams. Fleeting, ephemeral, pretty. But dreams do not come true just because you dream them. It's hard work that makes things happen. It's hard work that creates change."

— Shonda Rhimes

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Daisy NOLEN DUDLEY

A LIFETIME OF TEACHING

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Unlike most children at age five, Daisy Nolen Dudley knew exactly what she wanted to be when she grew up, a teacher. Traveling with her aunt from McKenzie to Yuma every week, she loved being in the one-room schoolhouse with the other boys and girls. Daisy remembers, "My mother's sister would carry me to school with her. I would leave with her on Sunday and come back on Friday." Her aunt taught all the required subjects and Daisy relished sitting among the students listening, watching and learning. She treasures the memories of her time there and remarked, "I have always wanted to be a teacher and I'm sure that's where it started."

Daisy Nolen Dudley

Daisy Nolen was the youngest child in a family of two brothers and two sisters. Her mother worked for years as a cook at Bethel College (now Bethel University). When her children were grown, she took a job with the Northwest Tennessee Economic Development organization, a social services and outreach program at the time for rural residents in the area. Daisy's father was a butcher and later became a long-haul truck driver. All of her siblings attended and graduated from Webb School and, when her turn came, she was excited to join them.

Webb Elementary and Junior High schools were neat, white clapboard buildings situated in and around Walnut Avenue and Booker Street. She still remembers her third grade teacher, Mrs. Sarah Jordan, who "always taught us to do our best," Daisy paused and said, "all the teachers expected the best from us. I know that had a lot to do with the way I viewed education. I remember asking my kids, my students, when they would show me something they'd done,'Is that your best?' If it was, then that's it."

Daisy entered Webb High School as a ninth grader and recalled, "lots of classmates and friends, teachers and Professor Seets who was the principal then. By the time I graduated, the principal was Mr. T. A. Warford." Mrs. Doris Woodard, who taught typing, Mrs. Dotson, her English teacher and Mrs. Erma Sims were also favorites.

Daisy had Miss Sleita Hyder for Home Economics, an important part of the curriculum. The girls learned how to create and maintain better homes and often worked in tandem with the Vocational Agriculture students on projects such as harvesting and processing the produce grown on campus. "I was a member of the Future Homemakers of America (FHA) club and loved all the things we did together," said Daisy.

After graduating from Webb High School in 1957, Daisy enrolled at Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee, and earned her education degree in 1961. Her first assignment was teaching third grade at MTA in Atwood. MTA represented the consolidation of three Black primary schools in the area, McLemoresville, Trezevant and Atwood, and took students through eighth grade. After two years, she was assigned to Webb School in McKenzie where she taught first and second grades until 1966 when integration was introduced. She went to Huntingdon Elementary to teach second graders and finally Huntingdon Primary from which she retired in 2001.

Reflecting on her 40 years teaching young children, she said, "Children learn what they live. They bring what they've lived to school with them. Sometimes, you can reroute their thinking in a way that encourages learning." She considered it an honor when her students would confide in her about things that were troubling them. "Children are honest. They will tell you what has been said and what's been done. I always felt happy, though, that they were comfortable enough with me to share those things in their home lives." Daisy remembers her own mother being "her biggest cheerleader. I would come home and share with her things about some kids I wasn't getting through to or who were acting rebellious. She would always encourage me to keep trying to reach them and I always did."

She married Robert Dudley in 1963 and they will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary this year on October 18. Robert, whom she met at school, was born in Trezevant, but has lived in McKenzie since he was 12. They have one son, Duvonn.

Daisy joined Webb Alumni Association shortly after its inception in 1969 and has remained involved since. "The Webb Alumni Association is a family thing and my family and I have attended many General Assemblies and Homecomings." She served as the national treasurer for a time and on various finance committees through the years. "I was just a jack-of-all-trades. Whatever [I saw] needed doing, I did," she said.

"The pride we Webbites feel for Webb is what I hope others come to know about us. Those that have come before, those that are already gone, Webb meant a lot to them," said Daisy. She applauds the efforts and dedication of the second generation of Webb alumni. "Even though they didn't attend Webb School, they had family members who did. They're doing a great job continuing the tradition and purpose of the group. I know they will keep it going for as long as it can go."

Ruby ANDERSON HILLSMAN

WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OF WEBB SCHOOL

BY KAREN FORESTER *features@mckenziebanner.com*

Webb School has always been part of Ruby Anderson Hillsman's life. Born in June 1954 in the Trezevant home of her aunt, she grew up listening to family members recall fond memories, tall tales and lively adventures of school life at the venerable institution. So, it's no surprise Ruby entered Kindergarten as a bona fide 'Webbite' to begin her own educational career.

Ruby Anderson Hillsman

Her father graduated from Webb High School in the late forties and her mother, aunts, uncles and others close to Ruby attended as well. Growing up in McKenzie, she recalls, "the school was less than a mile from our house and I could easily walk there every day. At that time, grades K-6 were located on the ground floor and the older kids were on the top level."

She described the large, welcoming auditorium where many assemblies, talent shows, plays and performances were held. "I remember pretending to be a Supreme on that stage. Also, playing the role of Little Red Riding Hood wearing the beautiful red cape made by my grandmother and mother," laughed Ruby.

These were happy times for Ruby. She spoke at length of the ways in which the teachers, staff and administrators of Webb School all contributed to her intellectual growth and character. "It was an entire community of support," said Ruby, "everyone worked together to shape students' learning, through encouragement and discipline. They all celebrated our successes as one."

There were several teachers Ruby remembers as being especially important to her. Mrs. Moore was her kind and loving Kindergarten teacher and then, there was Mrs. Julia Smith in first and second grades. "I learned the twenty-third Psalm in her class and when I recited it, she patted me on the back and was so proud of me. She always encouraged me and I know she served as the catalyst for me to always do my best."

Then, there was Mrs. Russelle Glen, Ruby's fifth and sixth grade teacher who saw her young pupil as one eager to complete extra work. She sometimes stayed in during recess to help Mrs. Glen with special projects or work on additional assignments. "Mrs. Glen was such an inspiration to me. She encouraged me to participate in a spelling bee that year and I won. Then, after integration, I won the seventh and eighth grade spelling bee from McKenzie Junior High. She always went the extra mile for me, encouraging, teaching and guiding. She had an enormous impact on me," said Ruby.

Mrs. Erma Sims, Mrs. Doris Woodard and Mrs Sleita Hyder were other teachers who impacted Ruby's life. "Mrs. Hyder was a wonderful lady and taught me piano after school. I had a chance to tell Mrs. Woodard, the typing teacher, how much she meant to me. The skills she taught became part of my professional life as a nurse." As Ruby recalls these memories, her voice fills with warmth, "Mrs. Glen and the others taught me how to do my best. They laid a very strong foundation and I am very grateful and very thankful they were in my life."

By the time she was ready for seventh grade, integration was in place and Ruby entered McKenzie Junior High. She went on to graduate in 1972 from McKenzie High School. Afterward, she attended Bethel College (now Bethel University) on scholarship for a couple of years. She decided to pursue a nursing degree and hoped to attend Fisk University or Meharry Medical College in Nashville, but neither school offered the nursing degrees she sought. Ruby completed her nursing degree at the UT Medical Unit of Memphis State College (now the University of Memphis) in 1977 and went to work at the hospital in Jackson, Tennessee.

After her marriage to Kenneth Hillsman a few years later, they moved to Nashville and then to Rutherford County in middle Tennessee. In 2000 Kenneth was called to pastor his home church in McLemoresville, New Reedy Creek Baptist Church, and they returned to Carroll County.

That's when she joined the Webb Alumni Association, Huntingdon Chapter, and became active in its mission and continued growth. Her aunt's brother-in-law was Obie Rosco McKenzie who was instrumental in the creation of the association in 1969 and served as its first national president. "Webb School has always been an integral part of my life. It taught me the discipline I needed to succeed, but also served as a source of deep encouragement," reflected Ruby.

When asked what she would like others to know about Webb School, Ruby didn't hesitate, "What a good place it was and the foundation it laid in those of us who attended." She loves the fact that alumni can return to Webb School and visit the museum located in the former library on campus. "We can still see old pictures of our family members who went there. That's an important connection."

Looking back on her years at Webb, Ruby continued, "While we were there, I don't remember anything about race. None of us felt wounded. None of us felt sorry for ourselves. There were no pity parties. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance every morning and began our day with a devotional or scripture reading. The Bible was woven into every aspect of our time in school. It was our go-to book of answers and provided guidance and understanding in everything we did."

Ruby and her husband spent 22 years in Carroll County before recently moving back to Rutherford County, but her connection to the Webb Alumni Association remains strong. She takes pride in her place as an alumnus and wants to see the association flourish beyond this generation.

"Webb is full of stories. All of us who were part of it experienced different things. I hope these memories will be shared with future generations so they will not only see, but feel the connections. We were taught to achieve, to strive and to make the world a better place while we were here. I hope young people will become part of this strong foundation."

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DONNETTA STRAYHORN BUTLER

WEBB SCHOOL PROVIDED MORE THAN JUST AN EDUCATION

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Mathematics was always Donnetta Strayhorn Butler's favorite subject as a student at Webb School. That preference would later develop into a long and distinguished career in finance and accounting. Donnetta has held executive-level positions at some of the country's finest Black universities and credits much of her success to the excellent education she received at Webb School. "My favorite subject was math and solving word problems," she said, "it was always one of my favorite things to do in school."

Donnetta was born in McKenzie and grew up less than 10 minutes from Webb School. Her mother, Class of 1941, was a homemaker when her children were small and later became director of a senior citizen program in McKenzie. Her father was a WWII veteran who worked at the Milan Arsenal for 40 years. Both of her parents were active in the community and the Greater Enon Baptist Church where the family attended. Her older brother graduated from Webb High School in 1960 as well as several aunts.

When she recalls her earliest memory of attending school, her best friend comes to mind. "I remember going to my first and second grade class with one of my best friends who, by the way, lives near me now and we are still close." She remembers playing with her friends during recess and schoolwork and her teacher, Mrs. Ethel Seets, sister to Principal J. L. Seets. "I had my aunt, Mrs. Russelle Glen, in grades three and four, Donnetta laughed, "that was both good and bad." She had Mrs. Lera Simmons in fifth and sixth grades and was also a majorette.

There were also two very special memories for Donnetta. "I was Miss Webb on two occasions, once in the first grade in 1952, then, I was Miss Webb in 1960-61. I was very fortunate in that regard." The first time she held the title, she wore a pale yellow, floor length dress that her mother saved over the years. Donnetta donated it to the Webb Historical Museum where it is displayed today.

In high school, Donnetta loved the business courses taught by Mrs. Doris Woodard. There was typing, shorthand, bookkeeping and other topics that dovetailed with her aptitude for math. "She was wonderful and gave me an opportunity I would not have had otherwise." It would solidify Donnetta's interest in pursuing a career in finance.

In the spring of her senior year, Mrs. Woodard recommended Donnetta for a part-time job. It was a general business assignment at the Carroll County Agricultural and Stabilization Service in Huntingdon, a federal government program providing support to farmers in the area. She reported to work every weekday morning for a few hours and then returned to school for her classes in the afternoon. She explained "I did the calculations to arrive at the acreage farmers would be eligible to set aside in order to receive monthly or quarterly stipends. Then, I typed the checks and this was before calculators, so I could not make mistakes or the checks would have to be voided. It reinforced what I really loved and put me on my career path."

When Donnetta wasn't working or going to school, she played guard for the girls' basketball team and loved competing as a Wolverine against other area schools. She was an officer and served as vice president in the student government organization. She sang in the WHS Glee Club and was a member of the special girls' singing group, 'The Webbettes'. They would often perform during intermission between the girls and boys basketball games, at school assemblies and at other schools. They also participated in the annual Christmas parade.

Donnetta Strayhorn Butler

After graduating from Webb High School in 1964, Donnetta married Dr. George Butler, a WHS Class of 1962 graduate, and they moved to Nashville. She said, "I worked for the next seven years while my husband completed his undergraduate degree at Tennessee State University (TSU) and then earned his Doctorate of Dentistry degree from Meharry Medical College." She enrolled at TSU in 1975, majoring in accounting, and earned her degree in 1979.

After college, Donnetta worked as the Assistant Bursar at TSU and then accepted a position as Accounting Supervisor with Meharry Medical College. Over the next 25 years, she earned her MBA from the Jack Massey School of Business at Belmont University and was promoted to Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration. "I took an early retirement in 2004 to care for my mom whose health was declining and moved my parents to Nashville so we could be closer. I would not change that decision for the world."

In 2005 after passing her exams, Donnetta became a certified financial planner with Merrill Lynch and lived on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina. In 2009 she was recruited by a former colleague and accepted a position with Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta as their Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration. She retired in 2013. "My husband always says I retired twice and, I guess I did," she laughs. Donnetta and her husband now live in Gallatin, Tennessee, close to their son, Steven, and his family in Hendersonville.

She and her husband have been active members of the Webb Alumni Association since its creation in 1969. "I believe that Webb laid the foundation for me, not only as an individual, but as a productive member of society. It was alway more than just subjects, it was the teachers who prepared us for life beyond school and McKenzie. They went over and above what was necessary to instill in us life skills necessary to become well-rounded adults." She mentions the non-curricular elements that were part of their high school education. "The teachers, coaches, administrators and staff taught us how to dress and to carry ourselves in certain situations, how to take responsibility, how to interview for a job and other things that aren't found in a text book."

"I am hopeful Webb Alumni Association can still be an active organization in the future that contributes to McKenzie and Carroll County through activities in the building. I hope it keeps going so it can provide a positive means of community, fellowship and service to those cities in which chapters are located."

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NEAL WILLIAMSON

WEBB SCHOOL MEANS EVERYTHING

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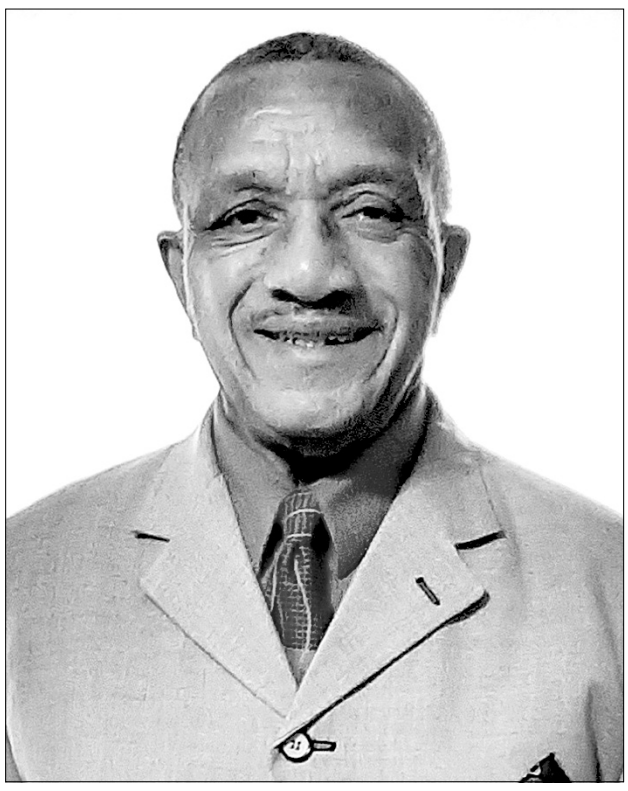
Neal Williamson was born the seventh boy and the ninth child in a family of 13 not including his mother and father. All the siblings "pitched in and helped each other run" the 60-acre cotton farm their parents owned in McLemoresville. "I remember us picking cotton, gathering the corn, hauling hay, and harvesting sweet potatoes. We were always busy doing something," said Neal. There were cattle, hogs, chickens, and mules that needed tending as part of his chores, but always Neal enjoyed school and made time for his lessons.

He attended Dunbar Elementary in McLemoresville in first and second grades. The building had two rooms with partitions to separate two grades each up to eighth grade. "I remember the family and church-oriented life surrounding my schooling. It was a good environment to grow up in," recalls Neal.

From third through ninth grade, he attended MTA Elementary, a consolidation of smaller Black schools in McLemoresville, Trezevant and Atwood. Neal remembers the principal, Mr. E.A. Neblett, who "kept us in line. If you did something wrong, the message would get home before you would," laughed Neal.



Neal Williamson

"MTA prepared us to attend Webb High School. Most of the instructors either attended or graduated from Webb, so they knew how to teach us the basics, like Home Economics or Industrial Arts." He also remembers getting up every weekday morning between 4:30-5 a.m. so he could catch the bus at 6 a.m. to arrive at school by 8 a.m.

Neal entered Webb High School as a sophomore and followed the vocational agriculture curriculum where he received training in traditional farming, farm mechanics, livestock care and innovations in farm technology. Most of those classes were taught by Mr. James Arthur Greer, a favorite of Neal's. "I studied agriculture all the way through school [because] I always knew that's what I wanted to do to earn my living," he said.

In addition to his classes, Neal became active in the Webb High School chapter of the New Farmers of America (NFA). According to New Farmers of America Records, 1929-1965, Ruth Lilly Special Collections and Archives, Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis, Indiana, "the NFA began as a national organization for African-American farm youth in 1935 to promote agricultural leadership, character, thrift, scholarship, cooperation and citizenship. The organization served its members for 30 years providing experience in leadership, education and the agricultural field."

When Neal was a junior in 1965, the NFA merged with the national Future Farmers of America (FFA) group to become one organization. At the time of the merger, NFA consisted of 1,004 chapters in 12 states and over 50,000 members.

He played a year of basketball, but then became involved in student government. He was elected president of his eleventh and twelfth grade classes. "I served as the liaison between the student body and the principal and made sure we students followed the rules and regulations," said Neal.

After Neal graduated from Webb High School, he enrolled at Tennessee State University (TSU) in Nashville and majored in Agronomy, the science of soil management and crop production. He graduated in May 1970 and moved to Buena Vista, Iowa, where he began working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in June. He was later transferred to Sioux City, Iowa.

"I was a professional soil scientist for soil conservation. I would go out with a map and a probe to test soil samples walking a 640 square mile section at a time," said Neal. The data he gathered was collected by the USDA and published into intricately lined and annotated books detailing the various types of soil across counties. Farmers used his maps to understand which crops would work in certain sections of their acreage.

After spending ten years with the USDA, Neal was hired by the U.S. Department of the Interior, and became a federal surface coal mine inspector. He lived in Madisonville, Kentucky, for a year before settling in Knoxville, Tennessee. Describing his position, Neal said, "The job was like a policeman, when I found a violation I issued tickets to the operators. These citations came with fines for infractions not in compliance with federal land reclamation regulations. I remember the starting fine was $5000 and went up from there."

For the next 18 years, he was responsible for inspecting 12-15 mountaintop mines across East Tennessee and Kentucky, rotating regions every three months. "I was the only Black inspector in the United States at the time. I would sometimes run across difficulties, but coming from Webb, I never let it bother me. I could have gotten upset from some things, but I never did. I knew my job and I was confident in myself and my faith."

Neal retired in 1996 at age 49 and moved back to West Tennessee in 2000. "I joined the Webb Alumni Association in 2002 when Eugene Williams was president and became involved with its programs," he said. Neal is currently in his second term as national president of the association.

"Webb School means everything to me, it served as my foundation to college, a career, how I overcome challenges and how I perceive life. Whenever I've had a decision to make, I always thought about Mr. Warford, our principal, the teachers and other role models at Webb. If I believed they wouldn't approve of what I was about to do, I wouldn't either."

"I hope the association will still be going strong in ten years. I know times are changing and all of us are getting older." Neal wants to offer more educational and social programs to the community at little or no cost. He hopes more young people will get involved and continue the tradition of preserving the rich heritage of Webb School.

Neal married Priscilla Tate in 1985 and between them they have three children, Renee Hobson, Warren Russell and Nicholas Williamson in addition to seven grandchildren. Six of their grandchildren were recipients of the Obie Rosco McKenzie Scholarship through the Webb Alumni Association to supplement their higher education learning. Neal serves as an elder at the McLemoresville Cumberland Presbyterian church and still maintains the homeplace on which he grew up as well as his own home in Wingo.

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