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Unfinished Family Dollar store is to be completed. The store signage sits on the parking lot still in a crate.

McKenzie Planners Hear Updates

McKenzie Municipal-Regional Planning Commission met on Wednesday, February 24 for its regular monthly meeting.

Present were: Chairman Dean Robb; Vice-Chair Bobby Young; Secretary Garlon Prewitt; City Council Liaison Charles Pruneau; Peggy Kee, Ken Mitchum

David Kelly, Codes Officer, informed the commission of the following: Magnolia Manor and the Billy Webb climate controlled storage project have passed their final inspections.

Brian Crain, Sr. Council for Family Dollar's Real Estate Department, stated that the city would see progress within the next 20-30 days. Kelly reminded him that the city will take action to correct the conditions and charge Family Dollar for the work. Brian

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SUPER TUESDAY

Today, Aaron Hart, of Enon Church Road, voted for the first time in Tennessee since moving from Kentucky.

Voting Commences In Carroll County

From 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Carroll Countians can exercise their right to vote for their candidate of choice in the Presidential Preference Primary election (PPP) in polling booths located throughout the county.

Republican presidential candidates appearing on the ballot include billionaire businessman Donald Trump, junior US Senator for Texas Ted Cruz, junior US Senator for Florida Marco Rubio, retired neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson, and Ohio governor John Kasich.

Democratic presidential candidate appearing on the ballot include former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and junior US Senator from Vermont Bernie Sanders.

In addition to Tennessee, states and provinces participating in the Super Tuesday Democratic PPP include Alabama, American Samoa, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Texas, Vermont, and Virginia. States and provinces participating in Super Tuesday Republican PPP include Alabama, Alaska Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Texas, Vermont, and Virginia.

Carroll County Election Commission

Officials Ready For Primary

By Ernie Smothers
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HUNTINGDON (February 25) — During the regular monthly meeting of the Carroll County Election Commission, Administrator of Election (AOE) Peg Hamlett informed board members that poll workers were still needed for the March 1 Presidential Preference Primary election (PPP).

She said, "Although we are still a little short on poll workers, I am pleased to report that three Bethel University students have stepped forward to work the polling booth at Bethel's fieldhouse. It takes a minimum of four poll workers to work a polling location, and with the addition of the Bethel students, we now have five people working at the Bethel Fieldhouse. We will be operating some polling booths with basically skeleton crews, but we do have

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Huntingdon Pastor Lauded for 30 Years of Ministry

Brother Fred and Lois Ward.

HUNTINGDON (February 28) — Fred and Lois Ward were lauded for their 30 years of ministry at the First Baptist Church during a special Sunday morning service held in their honor.

"A Day to Throw Roses" was the headline on the printed program for the celebration of 30 years and the retirement from the ministry at that church.

Tributes were paid by staff members, the Search Committee that brought the Wards to Huntingdon, and parishioners, who related their stories and relationships.

In 1986, the Search Committee of Leroy Segraves, Carlene Kelley, Al Hilliard, Marge Tucker and Billy Cary invited the Wards to Huntingdon. Mrs. Tucker said the first answer was "no." However, the Wards reconsidered after careful prayer. The Wards visited the church, town, and schools.

The church has experienced tremendous growth under the ministry of the Wards as guided by the Holy Spirit. Sunday School attendance has increased from 283 to 600 weekly. The church constructed a Family Life Center and in 2005 a new,

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County's Fifth Graders To Experience Ag Day

Carroll County's 376 fifth graders and teachers will participate in the Agriculture Day on March 11.

The third annual event is hosted by the Carroll County Farm Bureau and the Farm Bureau Women, along with area farmers and agriculture businesses. It is at the National Guard Armory in Huntingdon and on the adjacent parking lot of the Carroll County Civic Center.

The event focuses on the agriculture businesses and opportunities in Carroll County and

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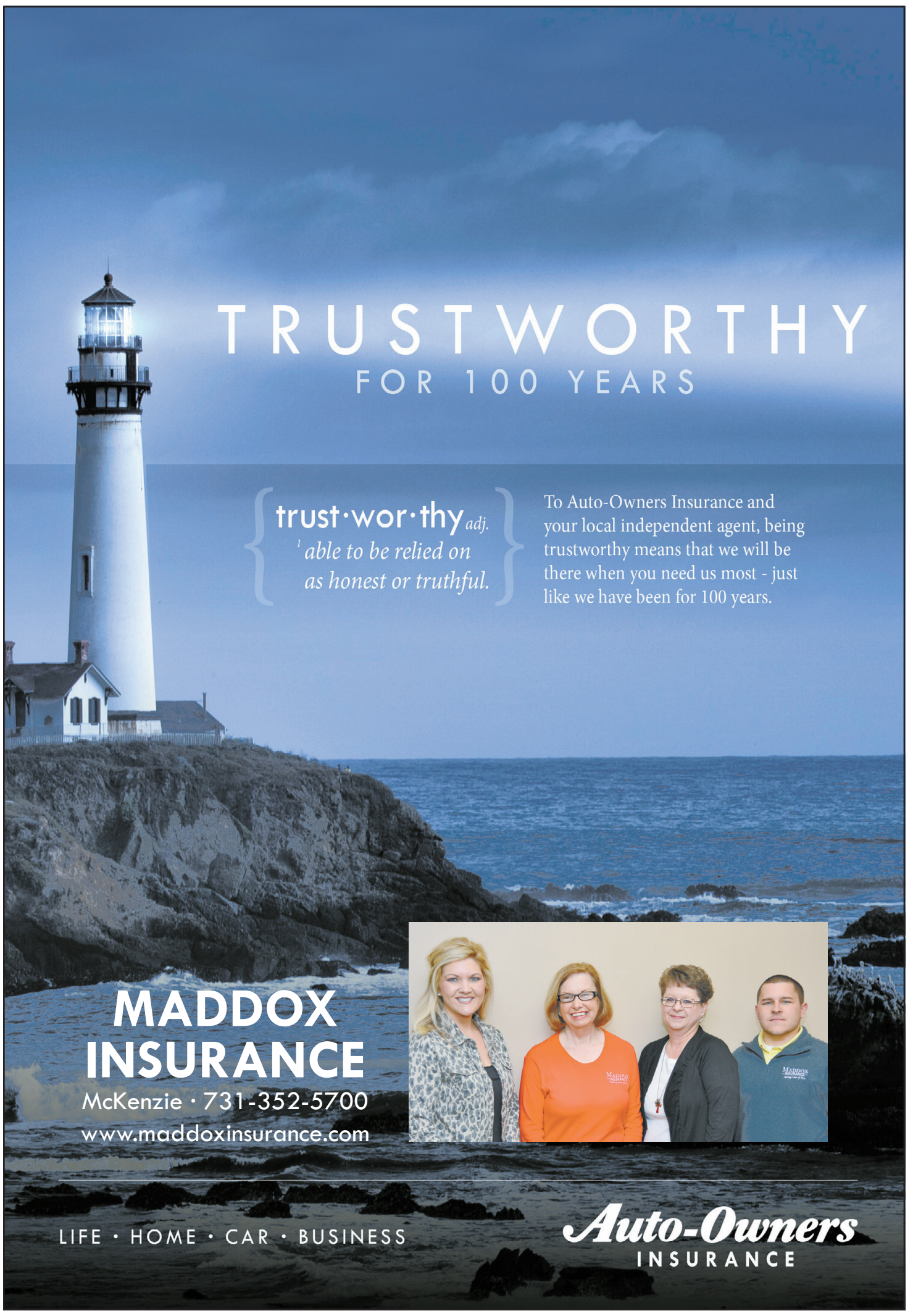
McKenzie Elementary Celebrates Read Across America Day

McKENZIE (March 1) — Students, faculty and administration kicked off Read Across America Day Tuesday morning with a Parade of Characters. The event has become more popular each year, and this year, nearly every teacher and around half of the student body participated. (1) The MES faculty and administrators in character; (2) Pete the Cat is always a poplular character. Dressed as Pete this year are, from left, Carleigh Lunn, Luke Toombs, music teacher Joanna Turner, Caden Tucker, and Wayne Beard; (3) Pre-K characters, from left, Lily Epperson, Hunter Shafer, Izzy Epperson, Kaleigh Champion, Jacqueline Alvarez, Kinsley Wilson, Riley Moore, Lillian Brown, Adelynn Heath, and Mary Ryan Morris; (4) Fourth grade characters included, standing from left, Emma Ward, Grant Cooper, Chaz Flippin, Brett Toombs, Katelynn Essary, Savannah Davis, Libby Hawkins, Alivia Poff, Victoria Morris, Addison Hill, Makayla Shell, and Lexis Pierce, and, kneeling, Ava Jones, Addy Harris, and Allie Mansfield; (5) Fourth grade teachers as characters from Charlotte's Web, from left, Chris Wall, Anna Shepherd, Mary Spivey, Tiffany Smith, Gina Pate, and Kristi Brown; (6) These superheroes all share a superpower — teaching Kindergarten! From left, Shalyn Priestley, Kelly Simmons, Lexie Bolin, Jill Wilson, Anita Burden, Brandy Turman, and Jana Stafford; (7) The Three Little Pigs and the Big, Bad Wolf made an appearance. From left, MES principal Amanda Batts, school counselor Beckie Smith, MSSD director Lynn Watkins, and assistant principal Tonya Brown. *Photos by Brad Sam*



Presidential Primary Early Voting

Tennessee Sets Early Voting Record

Courtesy Peg Hamlett, AOE
Carroll Election Commission

This year, 385,653 Tennesseans voted early in-person or by-mail in the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP), surpassing the previous record set in February 2008 with 329,154 voting early and 765,788 individuals voting on Election Day. Typically in the past, approximately 1,000,000 voters have voted in a November Presidential election on Election Day (not Early Voting).

Based on the increased number for Early Voting in this year's primary election, the State of Tennessee's Division of Elections estimates that 750,000 - 1,000,000 voters will vote on March 1, 2016 Election Day. Statistical data provided by Mark Goins, Coordinator of Elections, State of Tennessee - Division of Elections.

Carroll County Early Voting Counts for March 1, 2016

Date	Republican	Democrat	Day Total
02-10	39	22	61
02-11	43	16	59
02-12	52	25	77
02-13	13	10	23
02-16	68	19	87
02-17	84	25	109
02-18	105	33	138
02-19	101	25	126
02-20	55	23	78
02-22	181	63	244
02-23	155	80	235
County Totals			
	896	341	1237

The McKenzie Banner is now available for purchase at Huck's in Huntingdon.

Above, Special Music was provided by Tim Tucker, Tom Stines, and Ken Hartley. Below, Dr. Bob Agee, who nurtured Brother Ward in his decision to become a minister.

Pastor

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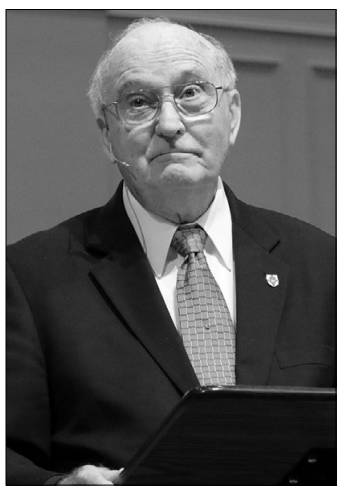

larger sanctuary because two Sunday morning services were necessary.

Each presenter was asked to speak at the podium and then present a rose to the Wards as they sat stage left.

Mayor Dale Kelley presented the Wards with the Pinnacle Award, the city's highest award.

State Senator John Stevens announced the General Assembly has prepared a resolution honoring the Wards for their ministry.

Musical praise was provided by the choir, the trio of Ken Hartley, Tom Stines, and Tim Tucker, and a solo by Jessica Tucker.

During the 30-year tenure, the church experienced many firsts. Chelsea Autry Bryant was the first baby, Frank Dodd, Jr. was the first baptism, and Kevin and Robin Hayes was the first marriage. Additionally, several surrendered to the ministry, the church participated in 25 foreign ministry trips, and many were ordained as deacons.

Dr. Bob Agee of Jackson was the featured speaker for the day. He told how Fred Ward joined a seminary outreach hosted by Union University, where Agee was a professor. Ward later surrendered to the ministry. Ward had two children, a wife, and a job with Townsend Electric and needed to attend college to attain his formal education. Townsend Electric provided the flexible hours so Ward could attend Union University. He was an adult learner among many traditional undergraduates. He spent approximately 10 years in the ministry before being called to the Huntingdon church.

Dr. Agee said his uncle, Jonas Stewart, was the pastor of the FBC-Huntingdon in the 1950s. Agee said he had many memories of the church.

In closing, Agee said the church must now consider what's next after the retirement of the Wards. He said the Wards must also consider what is next for them. Agee said he has personally retired four times, without success.

To conclude the presentation, a video was displayed to show the Wards through their 50 years of service.

To close the service, the Wards thanked the church family for their loving support.

"You have loved us...encouraged us. God has blessed us," concluded Brother Ward.

One Injured in Two-Vehicle Collision

MCKENZIE — A McKenzie woman was injured in a head-on two vehicle collision on Friday, February 26 shortly after noon.

Donna Ellis of McKenzie was traveling on State Route 436 in a 1998 Nissan pickup truck, approximately two miles out of McKenzie when she collided with a 2008 Dodge RAM pickup, driven by Dereck Seavers of McKenzie. Seavers had crossed the center line and was in Ellis' lane of traffic.

Both vehicles came to rest clear of the highway. Ellis was transported to Henry County Medical Center by McKenzie Emergency Medical Services. She had a fracture of the lower extremity. Seavers was uninjured. He was charged with failure to maintain due care.

Ag

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the state of Tennessee.

The annual event is an invaluable opportunity for students to learn about the role of agriculture in their home county and state. They will see raw and finished farm products and the equipment necessary to plant, maintain, and harvest the crops.

Students will learn about farm safety, honey bees, cotton, corn, soybeans, soil conservation, dairy technology, and the computers and equipment used to operate a modern farm.

Equipment includes cotton pickers, sprayers, combines, dozer/trackhoe, and tractors with planters.

Some live farm animals will also be on display.

The day starts with a breakfast for sponsors at 7:00 a.m. State Representative Curtis Halford, chairman of the state Agriculture Committee, is the featured speaker.

Students will start arriving at 8:30 a.m. and leave at 2:15 p.m.

Officials Encourage Tennesseans to Be Severe Weather Aware

NASHVILLE — Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam has declared Feb. 28, to Mar. 5, 2016, as Severe Weather Awareness Week to encourage all Tennesseans to make planning and preparing for severe weather a priority.

Throughout the week, a number of organizations at the local, state and federal levels will conduct educational activities across the state with a goal of helping people prevent injuries and fatalities due to the hazards severe weather can present: tornadoes, damaging winds, flash floods, lightning and hail.

"It is imperative that individuals, families, businesses, and communities be ready now before severe weather is upon them," said Deputy Commissioner David Purkey of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA). "We are pleased to have so many State departments, county emergency officials and private sector partners working with TEMA to push out information, resources and tools to make it easy to get prepared."

For its part, TEMA is announcing a new partnership with the Outdoor Advertising Association of Tennessee (OAAT) to provide important information on donated digital billboard space during disasters and emergencies.

Through the OAAT partnership, TEMA will be able to target messages to the 183 digital billboards OAAT members currently have in place across the state. The messages can be delivered to a digital billboard in a specific geographic area or to multiple digital billboards for a widespread event.

"Protecting the public in emergencies is a shared concern of everyone and OAAT members want to play a major role in helping the public receive vital information before or after any type of disaster," said Bill Rush, OAAT executive director.

TEMA may use the digital billboards to post information about evacuation routes, shelter locations, road closures, helpful phone numbers, recovery activities or other relevant information important to the public in a disaster-impacted area.

"Tennessee faces a multitude of man-made, natural and technological threats, " Purkey said. "When a disaster is imminent or immediately after it occurs, it is imperative to relay timely, accurate and helpful information to the general public so they know how to help and protect themselves."

National Weather Service (NWS) Hosts Awareness and Education Events

The NWS is planning a series of education and training events, using each day of Severe Weather Awareness Week to focus on a different severe weather threat. A highlight of the week will be the statewide tornado drill at 9:30 a.m., CST, on Wed., Mar. 2.

"Knowing what to do and having a plan during any kind of severe weather is essential for Tennesseans," said Krissy Hurley, warning coordination meteorologist with NWS Nashville. "It's not if the next severe weather event will occur; it's merely a question of when."

The NWS event schedule is as follows, and available at www.srh.noaa.gov/ohx/?n=swaw2016:

- Tue., Mar. 1 - Lightning, the Underrated Killer
- Tennessee's NWS offices will hold a Twitter question and answer session at 6 p.m., CST.
- Wed., Mar. 2 - Tornado Safety and Preparedness
- Statewide Tornado Drill at 9:30 a.m., CST, including a test of the NOAA Weather Radio System
- Tennessee's NWS Offices host a Severe Weather Preparedness Google Hangout session at 6:30 p.m., CST.
- Thurs. ,Mar. 3 - Hazards of Flooding and Flash Floods
- NWS will issue Spring Flood Outlook at 10 a.m., CST.
- NOAA Weather Radio programming event, from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., CST, at Electronic Express, 5308 Nolensville Road in Nashville
- Fri., Mar. 4 - NOAA Weather Radio and The Emergency Alert System
- Back-up day for statewide tornado drill and social media events if there is severe weather on Wed., Mar. 2.

"Emergency Managers all across the state are always planning for inclement weather, because we know it can happen at a moment's notice," said John Mathews, Sevier County Emergency Management director and president of the Emergency Management Association of Tennessee (EMAT).

"Every year, we look forward to Severe Weather Awareness Week as it allows us to educate the public on the importance of being prepared," Mathews said. "Each year, several people are killed or seriously injured by severe storms, and these storms affect everyone no matter their socioeconomic status. So, EMAT encourages everyone to learn how to prepare themselves and their homes for bad weather and practice the plan frequently."

Be Ready, Make a Plan, Have a Kit

The most important preparedness tip for severe weather is to stay informed to its potential. Listen to NOAA Weather Radio, watch TV or listen to the radio for weather updates and warnings.

Other severe weather awareness tips and resources include:

- Never venture into high water, either on foot or in a vehicle.
- If you're outside and hear thunder, go indoors immediately.
- Know the location of and route to your office or building's tornado shelter.
- Never try to outrun a tornado.
- Have an emergency plan ready at places where your family spends time: work, school, daycare, commuting and outdoor events.
- Emergency plans should include where to meet, and who family members should check in with, if you are separated from family members during a severe weather emergency.
- The website, www.ready.gov, has fill-in-the-blank plans available so individuals and families can assemble the information needed in a personal emergency plan.

At a minimum, emergency preparedness kits should include one gallon of water per day, per person and per pet, for up to three days. The kit should also have enough non-perishable food for each family member, and pets, for up to three days.

Other items that every kit should include are: a flashlight, battery-powered radio, extra batteries, first aid kit, personal hygiene items, cell phone charger or solar charger and copies of important family documents.

It is also very important that emergency kits contain extra supplies of medications, especially for those with chronic health conditions.

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enough people at each location to perform the process."

Carroll County Election Commission (CCEC) Chairman Billy Smith responded, "It would be a good idea to work on getting polling booth alternates lined up just in case. Some of our older workers throughout the county have quit, and we need people to step up and involve themselves in the process."

Smith asked Hamlett when voter machines will be placed at polling locations.

She replied, "The voting machines go out Monday, February 29. We have some young people that are assisting us in picking up the machines and placing them at the polling locations. They will also help us gather the machines after the polling booths close on March 1."

Hamlett informed the board that Brian Page, also known as local radio personality "Bo-Weevil", had picked up paperwork to run as an independent candidate against incumbent District 76 Republican State Representative Andy Holt.

CCEC Secretary Michael Corrado asked the board to determine the date and time to certify March 1 PPP General Election results.

The board approved certifying said election results at their next regular monthly board meeting on March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Election Commission Office.

In final business, Hamlett said she was not pleased with the response that she received from Carroll County Mayor Kenny McBride regarding her having repairs implemented to her work computer after it ceased operating twice during PPP early voting the previous Saturday.

She said, "When my work computer shut off for the second time last Saturday during early voting, I had no choice but to call computer sales / technician Carl Byars. Carl dropped what he was doing and came by immediately. He replaced my computer's back-up battery, and it is working fine at the moment."

She said, "My problem is this-I don't take threats very well. When Mayor McBride found out that I had my computer repaired on Saturday, he said that if I did not file purchase orders prior to receiving work that I would have to pay for the work myself. That does not sit well with me. What else could I do? My computer failed on a Saturday. The Mayor's office was closed that day."

Smith replied, "Peg-let me talk to Kenny (County Mayor) and explain to him the particulars of the situation that you were dealing with. I'm sure that he will understand that you had to have the computer fixed that day in order to conduct early voting business for the county without interruption."

Planners

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agreed and stated that he understood. Family Dollar's construction project at the intersection of U.S. 79 and Oak Street, has not completed construction on the building. Construction was started a few years ago.

Susan Bradbury, Premier Realty has not pursued her request for zoning at the David Street project, probably due to the necessary infrastructure cost.

Kelly updates the planning commission on the telecommunication tower project proposed by S. I. Wireless. The project will be governed by the original regulations rather than any proposed new regulations. S. I. Wireless has also changed the requested site to location of the tower to put it within the city limits and they have reduced the tower's height from 250' to 199-200'. A called meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday 2 March 2016 at 5:00 P.M. to review the revised site plan and other details with S. I. Wireless representatives.

D & M Enterprises, possibly representing owner Daniel Kipp Beecroft, submitted an application for the rezoning of the former Southern Biological building, a science supply firm, at 83 Euclid Avenue from the current M1 (Light Industrial) to R2 (Medium Density Residential) to plus zoning that would allow both residential and commercial (Retail Stores) use. Planner Merrill has reviewed the rezoning application and presented options concerning possible courses of action to rezone the property as requested.

A lengthy Commission discussion of the rezoning application indicated several concerns that included spot zoning, chemical abatement, railroad issues, the adjacent home, and any possible tenants, homeless disabled veterans, of the 1st and 2nd floor apartments.

The application and additional letter states that three-fourths of the structure would be residential and one-fourth would be retail stores. Mr. Roger Reed, possible realtor for the owner, spoke from the audience and gave some information regarding the train issues brought up at the meeting. He stated that the train only travels 5 mph, lowers its whistle, and only passes the structure two times per day.

Garlon Prewitt will research this matter and get back to commission at the next meeting. Chair Dean Robb requested Garlon Prewitt make a list of the concerns and meet with all interested parties involved in the request. Garlon Prewitt is to make a comprehensive list of concerns and send it to Dean Robb and David Kelly for forwarding to D & M Enterprises.

Songs of the South

By Clayburn Peeples

Is it true what they say about Dixie?

Does the sun really shine all the time?

Do the sweet magnolias blossom.

At everybody's door . . .

I was listening to a compilation of American standards on the Pandora Internet radio station the other night when they played one of my favorites, Ray Charles singing "Georgia on My Mind." Then came another favorite, "Stars Fell on Alabama," and then a third, "Memphis in June."

"Wow!" I said to myself, "what is this, Southern song night?"

But it wasn't. The next several songs, except for "Moon River," said nothing about the South. I say "except for Moon River, because there was no actual Moon River when Savannah native Johnny Mercer wrote the song, but it was inspired by the river behind his house, and people of Georgia were so impressed with the song they renamed the river, Moon River.

So if you call "Moon River" a Southern song, that made four in less than an hour. That's pretty impressive if you think about it. There are great songs about all sorts of places outside the South; "Moonlight in Vermont," "Hooray for Hollywood" and "Old Cape Cod" come to mind, but no part of the country has as many songs written about it as the South does. Not in the old days, and not now.

From the very beginning of the music industry in America, songwriters have been fascinated and inspired by the American South. Irving Berlin, perhaps the greatest songwriter of all time, wrote 11 different songs about the South. We may not have gotten all of the great regional songs, but we have far more of them than our fair share.

And many are blockbusters and standards. "Are you from Dixie?" "I'm Alabamy Bound."

And when would that be? "When the Midnight Choo-Choo Leaves for Alabam," of course, and I'll surely be in "Carolina in the Morning."

Well, when you get there, and "When it's Sleepy Time Down South," be sure to "Rock-a-bye Your Baby with a Dixie Melody."

You've probably heard every one of those songs at one time or another, but they are just the tip of the Southern song iceberg. There are dozens, if not hundreds of now forgotten paeans to life in the South, songs like, "Melon Time in Dixieland."

Well, you may not have heard of that one.

In the old days, songs about the South nearly always glorified and idealized life here. Typical is the 1927 vaudeville number, "Stay out of the South."

If you don't like milk and honey,

If you don't like skies so sunny,

If you don't like brown eyed beautiful girls –

Stay out of the South!

In the song, "And They Called it Dixieland," the South is described as, "twice as nice as paradise."

In 1921, the very first song about Tennessee to reach number one (measured in sheet music sales at the time) "My Sunny Tennessee," refers to our state as "my Dixie paradise."

Songwriters, whether they've ever been here or not, have always loved the South and have tried, frequently from a distance, to set the pace and pulse of life here to music. Some have actually succeeded.

And in the recent era, the hits keep coming, and it's not just the "old sweet songs" that new generations of songwriters have been inspired to write. Modern songwriters are feisty about the South. "We got married in a fever, hotter than a pepper sprout," sang Johnny Cash and June Carter in "Jackson." "All My Exes Live in Texas," sang George Strait. That's why I hang my hat in Tennessee.

"Sweet Home Alabama," "Midnight Train to Georgia," written by a former Ole Miss quarterback no less. (How much more Southern can you get?) "Rainy Night in Georgia," one of the greatest odes to melancholy ever sung.

How about, "If Heaven Ain't a Lot Like Dixie," in which country philosopher Hank Williams, Jr. muses,

If they don't have a Grand Ole Opry,

Like they do in Tennessee,

Just send me to hell or New York City,

It'd be about the same to me.

So there are hundreds of songs about the South, but are they really Southern music? Does such a thing even exist? Some people, Southerners mostly, argue that all modern music is Southern in that we gave the world jazz, blues, rock 'n roll and country music, not to mention Elvis and all those fabulous songs Georgia native Johnny Mercer wrote. Could this be true? Is it really true what they say about Swanee?

Do they laugh, do they love,

Like they say it every song?

If it's true, that's where I belong.

Maybe all those songwriters knew something we've forgotten. Maybe Irving Berlin was on to something when he said, in a 1917 song, "There's Something Nice About the South."

Indeed.

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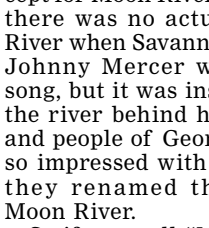

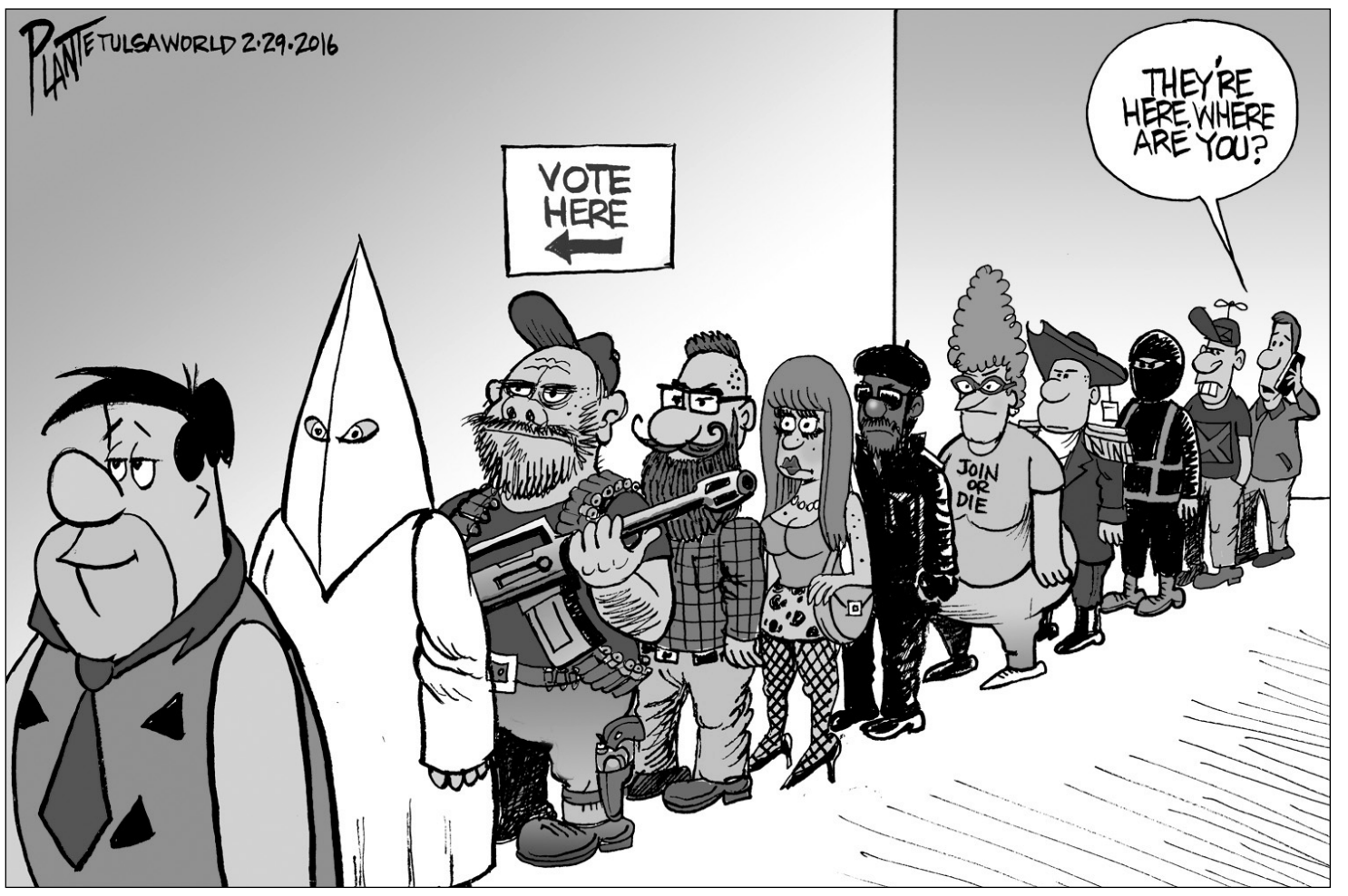

Hunker Down with Kes

He Earned His Title!

Sonny James died last week. I sat and stared at my computer screen, the culprit that delivered the bad news, for fifteen minutes without moving. The tears slipped out without me even noticing.

He was 87 and had lived a full and rewarding life. He was married 58 years to a wonderful lady. He was better than most at crooning out a country tune. He had more number one hits than Carter had little liver pills. He was enshrined in the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2006.

Life was good to Sonny James.

His first mega hit, "Young Love" came out in 1956. Not long after that I was sitting on Charlotte Melton's front porch trying my darndest to express my true feelings for her. This real love stuff could tongue-tie a snake oil salesman. I was thinking junior high was harder than it looked as I fumbled around hoping for a lightening bolt of inspiration...and praying hard for some Divine intervention!

The "You look nice", "It's a beautiful moon" and "Would you like to go down to the creek and gig some frogs" wasn't working. Out of the blue—or possibly with a nudge by the lightening bolt or Divine providence—I broke into "They say for every boy and girl there's just one love in this whole world and I know I've found mine..."

It wasn't exactly the way Sonny James sang it...OK, it wasn't nothing like Mr. James' number one chart buster! But Charlotte near 'bout swooned anyway; and edged herself a little over to my side of the swing. I didn't hold her hand or nothing and Heaven knows a kiss was out of the question. But I sure felt that we had passed into some other dimension.

It was Young Love!

Or maybe it was just the spaghetti dinner, that Troy Donahue and Sandra Dee movie playing at the Park Theatre or the romantic glow flowing dimly out of the Melton's porch light. Charlotte and I ever captured that moment again.

But I was learning. I didn't waste any time on "moon watching" or "gigging frogs" a month later under that big oak tree in Millicent Blackburn's front yard. I went right to, "They say for every boy and girl..."

I got my driver's license in 1963. I immediately drove the six miles down to Gleason, Tennessee, knocked on Pam Finch's door and belted out, "They say for every boy..." I'd just got down to the "Just one kiss from your sweet lips will tell me that your love is real" verse when Pam's daddy and older brother stepped out on the porch! I immediately broke into, "I was sinking deep in sin far from the peaceful shore..."

Peggy Roblear liked country music more than I did. She'd sing along with me. I thought, "Finally, this is definitely true love!"...until she pulled out a plug of Brown's Mule chewing tobacco and offered me a chaw.

I was at a National Youth Council meeting in Nashville in 1964 when the headmaster announced we had some entertainment for the evening. Sonny James walked in with a big smile, unlimbered his guitar, and cut down on "Your The Only World I Know". I absolutely could not believe it! And listen, he sang to 25 high school seniors on a Thursday night when nobody was looking like he was performing in Carnegie Hall!

He was extra nice. And genuine to the core. They didn't call him the "Southern Gentleman" for nothing! We crowded around after the show, everyone talking to him at once. He was so polite and patient. I was almighty itching to thank him for the help he'd given me over the years....but I couldn't get the words out. Shoot, I was too shy to even ask for an autograph.

Our paths crossed again in the summer of 1968 at the Grand Ole Opry. He was easily one of the favorites of the other performers. Which is saying a lot! I especially wanted to tell him how much Peggy Roblear liked him, but he was busy and I wouldn't approach him.

I saw him for the last time on December 2, 1996. He and his wife walked into the Cracker Barrel in Gainesville, Florida, and sat at the table next to me. I didn't introduce myself or remind him of our past. He couldn't have possibly remembered. I left without a word.

I was getting in my vehicle when he came running across the parking lot. "Doris, I think this is the young man who paid for our meal." We talked, leaning against my old truck, for thirty minutes. He didn't remember the Youth Council. But he did laugh at my Pam Finch story.

Two weeks later I got an autographed picture and some tapes in the mail. The caption read, "To Kes and Cathy, They say for every boy and girl there's just one love in this whole world"

Let me tell you, Sonny James was good to life!

Respectfully,
Kes

Tuesday, Tuesday – Can't Trust That Day!

By Paula Watkins

It's time again for the Tuesday crafty ladies to gather (not so sure about the "ladies" part). Our morning begins with a short devotional and prayer for you and yours. We asked for mental, physical and spiritual health. After that, we trust that we will be creative, energetic, and have the stamina of a young person. Something always happens to this group – something that cannot be explained. I think it begins with a trip by the snacks everybody brings. We began to see purses, aprons, table runners, and quilts made out of scraps of beautiful material tossed randomly all over the counters. Thus, the morning begins. It normally takes about thirty minutes of squawking before one of us will say, "Okay, what do we need to do today?" Me, I'm just patiently waiting with scissors in hand ready to wreak havoc on any piece of material they tell me to cut.

On this particular Tuesday we decided to make aprons. Simple enough, you'd think. Nope, never! Someone picked a particularly pretty piece of material and declared that an apron out of that pattern would be beautiful. A few of us were standing with heads turned lopsided as if to actually see an apron out of the big peony blossoms printed on that cotton. I mentally calculate exactly how many of those blooms it would take to make the apron, and wondering if folks would think of a chair cover when one of us modeled the apron. Never mind the nay-sayers; we moved onward to finish the goals we aim to accomplish. Sewing machines are humming, apron designs are being cut out, the iron is hot, and finished products began to roll off the assembly line.

It doesn't stop there, let me tell you. A bib apron must be wide enough to cover above your waist. You do not want to serve your meal and proceed to take off your apron only to see the outline of food splashes where the apron was not. So we put the apron up against those of us who are more buxomly than others (bless their hearts). After we settle that discussion we throw, with delight, another apron to be sewn on the sewing table. Makes you think of the Pajama Factory when you really get down to it. Then some smart individual sees just enough material to make an apron that you tie at your waist – no bib. Congress could act faster than we do as we discuss how long the apron strings should be and exactly how far down the apron should hang. Another debate arises. "Well, put the apron around you and let's see how much hem is needed," said I. Again, I stand back with my head twisted and wondering where in the world is that woman's waist?? "Let me try that thing on," I request. That was a mistake – five women had backed as far as they could without leaving the room with the same look of puzzlement that I experienced five minutes ago. Wait a minute! "Where is your belly button? Your waist is one inch above your belly button," says one who is teetering on extinction. Well, that conversation proceeds in a direction not fit to be published. "Just cut it and hem it!" I exclaimed while laughing right along with them as we realized that the twenty-seven inch waist was no more and had not been in many, many years.

I need to say this in closing. You never, NEVER throw a scrap of material away! I do not care if it is miniscule, you save it. And if you do (as I do quite often) decide that that "rag" can never be used for anything other than a hanky, you'd better use caution if you plan to put in the garbage. The Scrap Patrol will periodically look in the garbage to see if scraps can be sighted, even if tweezers and a magnifying glass are needed to save the swatch. Tuesday, Tuesday – sometimes it just turns out that way! Remember, life is worth living as long as there is a laugh in it. To you and yours...

Looking Back
From Our Archives...

10 YEARS AGO – Lady Bulldog Kayla Hudson was nominated for Class A Miss Basketball. The junior point guard averaged 17 points per game. She shot 53 percent from the floor and 92 percent from the free throw line.

*Sidewalk and curb repairs began in downtown McKenzie, to be followed by street improvements, as approved by the city council.

*The four Carroll County boys' teams playing in the Region 7A Basketball Tournament were each defeated in the opening round. McKenzie fell to Halls, 79-64; Huntingdon lost to Humboldt, 79-39; Union City defeated Clarksburg, 76-48; and Lake County topped West Carroll, 81-65.

*The four Carroll County girls' teams playing in the Region 7A Basketball Tournament were each defeated in the opening round. McKenzie lost to Lake County, 59-50; Huntingdon fell to Greenfield, 50-38; Gleason defeated West Carroll, 66-30; and Union City beat Clarksburg, 55-42.

20 YEARS AGO – West Carroll High School was one of five schools in the state to be visited by a NASA representative in observance of Tennessee Space Week. Dr. L. B. Marshall, Jr., Ed.D., delivered an assembly to the students and visited classrooms throughout the day.

*Forestwood Restaurant, one of McKenzie's oldest, closed its doors after 26 years of operation. Owner Lou Sherwood said the decision was due to family illness. Adrian's Car Stereo relocated to the Highland Drive building.

*Kandy Watkins of McKenzie was selected Songwriter of the Year at the West Tennessee Songwriter's Awards program at the Carl Perkins Auditorium. She received a day of studio time at Highland House Studio, a Gibson guitar, and publication of her song by Mega-Cry Publishing.

*For the second year in a row, Lady Bulldog Kara Sanders was named as a finalist for Class A Miss Basketball.

50 YEARS AGO – The Rebelettes won the District 25 Championship, defeating Dover in the title game, 40-37. Emily Scarbrough scored 37 points for McKenzie.

*Assistant Chief Warren Barksdale was named The Banner's Fireman of the Week. He joined the department in 1938 and was named assistant chief in 1946.

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Bill of Rights: Amendment I
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OBITUARIES

THOMAS MICHAEL (MIKE) KELLEY
1943 - 2016

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Thomas Michael Kelley, 72, were Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home with Reverends Bob and Charlotte Torango officiating. Interment will be at Cross Plains Cemetery, Cross Plains, Texas.

Mr. Kelley, a minister and equine therapist, died Saturday, February 27, 2016 at Tenn. Valley Healthcare System. He was born on August 8, 1943 in Stamford, Texas to Clyde Thomas and Cora Aletha Mitchell Kelley. He was a member of House of the Lord in Dickson, former owner of Precision Porous Pipe, McKenzie and a oil field construction company in Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife Paula Petty Kelley of McEwen, two daughters, Kellie (Shannon) Maxwell of Searcy, Arkansas and Ginger Kelley (David) Thoni of Nashville, four grandchildren: Alyssa Thompson, Karyssa (Brady) Helton, Abella Maxwell, Cedar Maxwell with twins Cora and Michaela expected in April, and three great grandchildren Cutter Kash Thompson, Swazzie Thompson and Braylei Helton.

Brummitt – McKenzie Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. For more information please call (731) 352-4884 or visit our website at www.brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com

See special obituary on this newspaper page.

MARGARET BUSH BAKER
1934 - 2016

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Margaret Bush Baker, 81, were Monday, February 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home with Brother Dennis Trull officiating. Interment was at Shiloh Cemetery.

Mrs. Baker, a retired United States Postal Service rural route mail carrier, died Friday, February 26, 2016 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She was born on September 11, 1934 in Paris, Tenn. to Claude and Mary Williams Owen. She was a member of First Baptist Church in McKenzie, former president of Rural Route Carriers Association and graduate of Grove High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Novacine "Sis" Jones, Bud Owens, Sue Olive, Jack Owens, Mary Lou Dupes and James "Rudy" Owens.

Survivors include her husband John W. Baker, two daughters, Jan (Steve) Payne and Mary Ann (Randy) Garner, a son Doug Bush, a sister, Carolyn Townsend, five grandchildren: Amy, Wes, Caleb, James and Jonathan and one great grandchild, Jordan.

Pallbearers were: Wes Garner, Caleb Garner, Randy Garner, Kirk Martin, Steve Payne, Tony Owens and James A. Bush.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church in McKenzie,Tenn..

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ED MCNEIL
1929 - 2016

PARIS — Graveside services for Edward R. McNeil were Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Henry City Cemetery, Henry,Tenn. Reverend George Nolen officiated.

Mr. McNeil, 86, died Thursday, February 25, 2016 at Henry County Medical Center. He was a retired brick mason, teacher at the Tennessee Technology Center and member of Tennessee National Guard.

He was born June 15, 1929 in McKenzie to Lester Curtis and Mary Roulstone McNeil. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, JoRene Gorman McNeil of Paris, four sons Pat (Beverly) McNeil of McKenzie, Tim McNeil of McKenzie, Kelly (Glenda) McNeil of Raleigh, NC and Flynn McNeil of McKenzie, one stepdaughter Donna (Hubert) Smith of Jackson, four grandchildren, two-step-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

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JUANITA MCDANIEL
1943 - 2016

GREENFIELD — Funeral services for Juanita "Maw Maw" Rhea McDaniel, 72, were Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home with Brother Doug Powell officiating. Interment was at New Bethel Cemetery.

Mrs. McDaniel, a homemaker and associate of Pope's Concessions in Greenfield, Tenn., died Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at Jackson Regional Hospital. She was born on April 21, 1943 in Assumption, Illinois to Frank Howard and Clyda Rhea Reynolds McCarty. She was a member of Concord Missionary Baptist Church in McKenzie, a graduate of Liberty University with a degree in Biblical Science. She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter Arlene Barnes, a sister, Patricia Cox, and two brothers, Roy Gene Campbell and Murell McCarty.

Survivors include her husband, Freddie Lee McDaniel, Sr. of Greenfield, two daughters, Sue Barnes of McKenzie and Frances Kay McDaniel of Clarksville, Tenn., a son, Freddie Lee (Lynn) McDaniel, Jr. of McKenzie, a sister, Marty (Terry) Sloan of Atlanta, Illinois, a brother George Howard (Ruth) McCarty of Peru, Indiana, seven grandchildren: Jenna Kay, Brittany Lee, Dustin Eugene, Derek Alvin, Travis Lee, Devin Rhea, and Jazlyn Nicole, and ten great grandchildren.

Pallbearers who served were: James Ray Pope, Joseph Pope, David Lee Galvin, Terry Galvin, Charles Sloan, and David Sloan.

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DOROTHY SWISHER
1927 - 2016

PARIS — Dorothy "Dottie" Swisher, age 88, of Paris died Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at McKenzie Healthcare in McKenzie.

Dottie was born December 13, 1927 in Mansfield to the late Walter "Pappy" Chandler and the late Lucy Johnson Chandler.

Dottie was married on June 27, 1953 to Forest "Red" Swisher Sr. and he preceded in death June 6, 2014. She is survived by her two sons, Dan and wife Susan Baker of McKenzie, and Forest "Sonny" Swisher, Jr. of Lerna, Ill; three step-daughters, Linda Darlene Daughhetee of Casey, Ill, Patricia Rose Simpson of Charleston, Ill, and Donna Marie Mitchell of San Antonio, Texas; two brothers, Roy Chandler of Louisville, Kentucky, and Bobby (Martha) Chandler of Mansfield, 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Besides her husband and parents, Dottie was preceded in death by brothers, Delbert Chandler, Woodrow Chandler, Johnny Chandler, and Willy Chandler.

Arrangements are being handled by Ridgeway Funeral Home, 201 Dunlap St., Paris, Tenn., where the visitation will be from 11 am – 12 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2016. The service will be graveside services at Mansfield Baptist Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2016.

Gerry Gallimore will officiate. Interment will be at Mansfield Baptist Church Cemetery in Mansfield, Tenn.

MAX P. CROCKETT
1922 - 2016

Mr. Max Parker Crockett, 93, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Sunday, February 21, 2016 at the Henry County Medical Center in Paris.

Funeral services were Wednesday, February 24, 2016 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was in Jones Cemetery. Bro. Hunter Jones will officiate the service.

Mr. Crockett was born August 20, 1922 in Wildersville, Tennessee to the late Franklin Shields and Mary Grace (Parker) Crockett. He retired from the United States Postal Service in 1979; he was a WWII Army Infantry Veteran and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a life Long member of the VFW Post in McKenzie, a member of the Eastview Baptist Church, and was a graduate of the Huntingdon High School Class of 1940. He was also preceded in death by one sister, Mary Adeline Novak and one brother, Williams Franklin Crockett.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Reba Crockett; a son, J.D. Crockett (wife Patsy) both of Huntingdon; one brother, Joe David Crockett (wife Terri) of Johnson City. He also leaves two grandchildren.

CATHEY ELLIS EDWARDS
1961 - 2016

Mrs. Cathey Ellis Edwards, 54 of Hollow Rock, Tennessee died Sunday, February 21, 2016 at the St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville.

Graveside services were Thursday, February 25, 2016 at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Camden.

Mrs. Edwards was born April 7, 1961 in Chicago, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph "Jody" Mack Edwards and her father, Arlon Ellis.

She is survived by one daughter, Leigh Anne Gaston (Bryce) of McKenzie; one stepdaughter, Stella Louise Sigger (Jimmy) of Huntingdon; her mother, Ethel Ellis; one brother, Larry Ellis both of Hollow Rock. She also leaves three grandchildren.

LELON TAYLOR
1947 - 2016

Mr. Lelon Reggie Taylor, 68, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Tuesday February 23, 2016.

Funeral services were Friday February26, 2016, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was in Carroll Memorial Gardens. Mr. Taylor was born August 23, 1947, to Robert Elvin Taylor and Varis Carter Taylor.

He is survived by four daughters, Tracy Lynn Atchley of Kiser, Arkansas; Pamela Sue Shields of Huntingdon, Tennessee; Erica Marie Sparks of Huntingdon and Marta Devin Harston of Lepanto, Arkansas; four sons, Michael Ray Taylor of Dyess, Arkansas; Bryan Keith Taylor of Huntingdon; Curtis Shane Taylor of Blytheville, Arkansas & Reggie L. Taylor of Huntingdon, Tennessee; one brother Arthur Norman Taylor of Kiser, Arkansas; 28 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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

FRANCES BRYANT
1930 - 2016

BRUCETON — Mrs. Frances Bryant, 85 of Bruceton, Tennessee, died Saturday, February 27, 2016 at the Life Care Center in Bruceton.

Funeral services were Tuesday, March 1, 2016 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment followed in the Hebron Church Cemetery. Bro. George Avery officiated the service.

Mrs. Bryant was born April 29, 1930 in Crockett County to the late Clifton Lee and Beulah Mae (Miller) Balentine. She was a retired sewing machine operator for H.I.S. and a member of the Hebron Church. She is preceded in death by her husband, James Bryant, and infant son, two sisters, Lyda Kate Balentine and Katherine Morgan, and two brothers, Bill Balentine and William Lee Balentine

She is survived by one daughter, Tammy Butler (John) of Buena Vista, one daughter at heart, Brenda Williams of Hollow Rock, and one son at heart, James Grooms of Bruceton, five brothers, Charles Balentine of Cedar Grove, Bob Balentine of Huntingdon, James Balentine of McKenzie, Fred Balentine of Gleason, and Steve Balentine of Milan, and three sisters, Shirley Grooms of Camden, Marilyn Gooch of Yuma, and Linda Holifield of Bruceton.She also leaves three grandchildren.

EDNA STEWART
1923 - 2016

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Edna May Stewart 93, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Monday February 22, 2016 at Jackson Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, Tennessee.

Funeral services were Friday February 26, 2016 at Huntingdon First Baptist Church. Interment was at Prospect Cemetery in Huntingdon, Tennessee.

She was born February 11, 1923 in Benton County Tennessee to the late Ernest L. and Ethel Melton McEwen. She was a member of Huntingdon First Baptist Church, retired from Publix Shirt after 38 years and proceeded in death by six siblings.

She is survived by one sister, Betty Woods; two brothers Kenneth and Billy McEwen; and great niece Tonya Brown.

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

THOMAS MICHAEL (MIKE) KELLEY
1943 - 2016

Thomas Michael (Mike) Kelley, crossed over on February 26, 2016. He was born to amazing parents in Stamford, Texas on August 8th, 1943.

He was first a man of God, genuine, kind and accomplished; always devoted and loving to his family and a true friend and mentor to many.

Mike did not waste any time as a young man; he started singing at 2, playing guitar by 7, training horses for the public at 12, and becoming a youth minister by 18. These passions formed early and were fostered leading to a lifetime as a minister, accomplished musician, and master horseman.

After the Army, Mike spent years as a successful entrepreneur, working in ranching, contracting, irrigation, international business, and even a family restaurant. But he would tell anyone, that he felt he found his life's calling late in life as an equine therapist working with people struggling with addiction. Ministering to those in need through lessons and experiences with horses and the outdoors allowed him to utilize all his gifts and truly fulfilled him.

An abiding and boundless love of family was the cornerstone of Mike's life. He lived his love for his wife Paula of 39 years, was the best father to Kellie and Ginger and a remarkable grandfather to 4 granddaughters and 3 great-grandchildren.

We can't think of anyone who took his love of Christ to the level of exemplifying every fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. And that is how he was as a son, husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He loved us beyond measure.

Thank you, thank you, thank you... was the motto Mike lived in his Faith; gratitude to his Heavenly Father, even in the midst of the storm.

As we say goodbye to this valiant man of God, we, his beyond blessed family want to say to him, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for being the best in every way, for being our hero, for being ours.

Your legacy lives on and on...

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde Thomas and Aletha Cora Kelley.

Survived by the love of his life, Paula, his beloved daughters, Kellie Maxwell (Shannon), Searcy, Arkansas and Ginger Thoni (David), Nashville, Tenn.; his adored granddaughters, Alyssa Thompson, Karyssa Helton (Brady), Abella Maxwell, Cedar Maxwell and twins Michaela and Cora (arriving May); and his cherished three great-grandchildren Cutter Kash, Braylei, and Swayzee.

Services held at Brummitt McKenzie Funeral Home, March 1, 2016 at 10:30 and March 2nd in Cross Plains, Texas at Revival Center Hwy 36 at 4:00, followed by burial.

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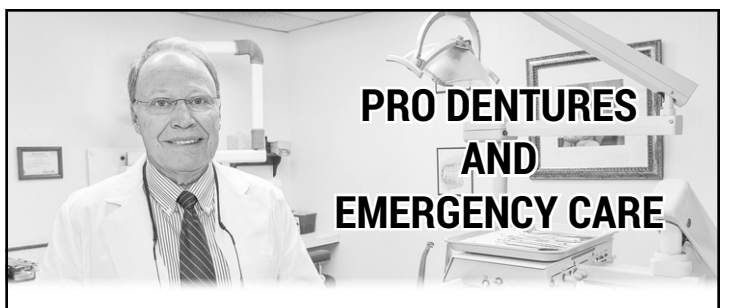
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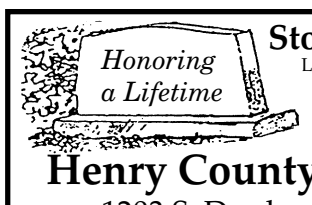
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Inglenook Book Club February Meeting

The Inglenook Book Club held its February meeting at the stately home of Carolyn Potts with Melinda Popplewell and Geneva Johnson serving as co-hostesses. All enjoyed refreshments of red velvet cupcakes along with sesame sticks, chocolate candy hearts, and beverages.

President Zia Locke called the meeting to order and thanked the hostesses. Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and then recited the Club Aim and Motto.

The Recording Secretary called the roll and read the January minutes, which were approved as read. Treasurer Donna Ward reported the bank balance.

Under Committee Reports, Sunshine Chairman Shelia Rogers will send cards again to Gena Manner and her daughter, Marta, as well as to Debbie and Larry Riley.

Our current membership is full.

President Zia Locke thanked the committee chairmen who carry out their duties faithfully each month.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Marilynn Putman, Sandi McMahen and Gena Manner (in absentia).

Under Old Business, concerning the decision to send cards to hospitalized veterans, Zia announced that she will re-distribute the addresses again in June. It was also emphasized that this is voluntary for those who wish to continue this effort.

There was no New Business.

Vice President Victoria Ard introduced our speaker, Suzanne Russell, who gave a most interesting program on Beverly Lewis. Much of the credit for Amish fiction goes to Beverly Lewis when her novel gave birth to the genre in 1997. It eventually became a best-selling trilogy, "The Heritage of Lancaster County," and included The Shunning, The Confession, and The Reckoning.

She was born Beverly Marie Jones in the heart of Amish country, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where her celebrated Amish novels began. She states, "My mother's people are Old Order Mennonite—horse and buggy Mennonite—very close cousins to the Amish. I grew up in Lancaster County and lived near Amish farmland. I had lots of Plain friends in the public school system, as well as interacting with my mother's side of the family at reunions. I don't think I'd be writing at all about Amish settings had I not had that particular close tie to them from my heritage."

Lewis grew up protestant; her father was a charismatic pastor for the Families of God denomination. At the age of nine, she began writing short stories and poetry, but it was not until her own children were in middle school that she began to publish her writing which was then aimed mostly for children and teens. She had an idea to write The Shunning" because of stories she continued to hear about her grandmother and her situation.

The Shunning is a suspenseful saga of Katie Lapp, a young Amish woman drawn to the modern world, and is loosely based on the author's maternal grandmother, Ada Ranck Buchwalter, who left her old-order Mennonite upbringing to marry a Bible College student. She was shunned from her Plain community, initially by her father and then filtered out into the entire church community.

One source describes how her books have "touched a nerve, creating a curiosity about the old ways of the Amish…yearning for a simpler life and return to traditional values in mainstream society, where an impersonal, high-tech lifestyle reigns paramount." Time Magazine says "Beverly Lewis has come up with a near-magic formula for producing best-selling romance novels: humility, plainness, and no-sex."

A member of the National League of American Pen Women, as well as a distinguished alumnus of Evangel University, Lewis has written over 90 books for children, youth, and adults, many of them award-winning. She and her husband, David, make their home in Colorado, where they enjoy hiking, biking, and spending time with family. They are both avid musicians, and she enjoys playing Mozart on the piano.

Announcements: Geneva Johnson reported that tomorrow night at The Dixie there will be a photography exhibit, as well as a book signing by Dale Kelley of Huntingdon. Also tomorrow night begins the grand opening activities at McKenzie's refurbished Park Theatre and will continue throughout the week-end.

The next meeting is March 9th with Victoria Ard and Genia Sherwood as hostesses. Barbara Boyd has the program.

After the book passing, members recited the benediction and the meeting adjourned.

Members present were Victoria Ard, Barbara Boyd, Peggy Chappell, Juanita Finley, Carolyn Goodwin, Suzanne Howell, Geneva Johnson, Zia Locke, Jean McKinnie, Sandi McMahen, Carolyn Moore, Mary Newman, Melinda Popplewell, Carolyn Potts, Marilynn Putman, Shelia Rogers, Suzanne Russell, Cindy Summers, Donna Ward, and Elaine Williams.

Carroll Arts President Glynda Rich presents the first place trophy to Cindy Yu of the Bethel Athletics team.

Carroll Arts Holds Trivia Bowl

McKENZIE (February 27) — Carroll Arts held its annual Trivia Bowl Saturday evening at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, with nine teams participating.

Claiming first place was the Bethel Athletics team of Monte Cunningham, Tony Robinson, Zach Deason, Cindy Yu, and Justin Smith.

Second place went to the First CP Church team of Barbara Harbin, Tom Harbin, Antonio Arroyo, and Sara Szymanski.

Taking third was the Carroll Family team of Paul Carroll, Rachel Carroll, Ashley Carroll, Ruth Carroll, and Deven Fields.

The Library Lines

By Nikki Cunningham

The Carroll County Library is ready to for Spring and we are celebrating the good weather by offering several programs during the month of March. We will be having Tot Time every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. for children ages birth – preschool. Tot Time allows children to develop a love of the Library and of reading, helps with essential school readiness skills, and encourages bonding time with parents, grandparents, and caregivers. We are celebrating Dr. Seuss week during this week's Tot Time; your little one will love hearing Dr. Seuss books read aloud, doing crafts, and enjoying a refreshing snack.

Our Teen Advisory Board is meeting March 7th at 5:00 p.m. and will be hosting a Teen Night on March 21st at 5:00 p.m. The Teen Advisory Board is a community organization which allows teens in grades 9th – 12th to earn volunteer hours while planning and developing teen events for the community.

We will have two Saturday Story Hours this month; our first is March 12th at 10:30 a.m. and is brought to the community by Bedtime Math, a non-profit organization that focuses on making math part of the family routine. A free Bedtime Math app can be downloaded from your device's app store. Our second Saturday Story Hour, March into Spring, will be held on March 19th at 5:00 p.m.

This month's Family Movie Night will be March 18th at 6:00 p.m. This monthly Movie Night is free to the community and is a great way to build strong family bonds by spending time together. Families are welcome to bring their own snacks, drinks, or meals with them; however, the Library will also be providing popcorn and drinks.

Follow our Facebook page and check our website, www.carrollcountylibrary.net

The Library appreciates the Huntingdon Women's Club for their donation to the library in memory of Imogene Tucker.

SURVIVAL SOUP

3 cups cabbage, cut up
1 cup carrots, cut up
½ cup celery, cut up
1 large onion, diced
1 pound can French-style Green beans, drained
4 cups water
2 beef bouillon cubes
12 ounce can low-sodium tomato juice
½ teaspoon salt
¼ to ½ teaspoon black pepper, according to taste

Combine cabbage, carrots, celery, onion, and green beans in slow cooker. Heat the water to boiling in a saucepan. Stir in bouillon cubes. When dissolved, pour over vegetables. Add the tomato juice, salt, and pepper. Cover. Cook on low 8-10 hours.

6 CAN SOUP

10 ¾ ounce can low-sodium tomato soup
15 ounce can whole kernel corn, drained
15 ounce can mixed vegetables, drained
15 ounce can chili beans, undrained
14 ½ ounce can low-sodium diced tomatoes, undrained
14 ½ ounce can low-sodium, reduced fat chicken broth

Combine all ingredients in slow cooker. Cover. Cook on low 3-4 hours.

TACO SOUP

1 large onion, chopped
1 pound extra lean ground beef
1 envelope dry taco seasoning
16 ounce can kidney beans, drained
16 ounce can corn, drained
2 quarts tomato juice
¼ cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
¼ to ½ teaspoon black pepper, according to taste
7 ounces baked corn chips, optional
Reduced fat grated cheese, optional
Fat-free sour cream, optional

Brown the hamburger and chopped onion in a nonstick skillet. Drain. Combine ground beef, onions, taco seasoning, kidney beans, corn, tomato juice, sugar, salt, and pepper in slow cooker. Cook on low 4 hours or until heated through.

SUBMISSIONS WELCOME

Have a recipe you want to see featured in Mama T's Cooking? Recipe submissions are welcome!

Please e-mail mamat@mckenziebanner.com. Deadline for submissions is Sunday by 7 p.m. weekly.

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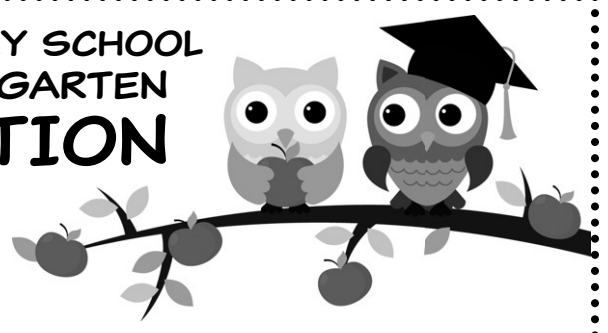

McKenzie Elementary School's annual Pre-K and Kindergarten registration for the 2016-2017 school year will be:

MONDAY, MARCH 21 FROM 8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, MARCH 22 FROM 8:00 A.M.-6:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 FROM 8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

To be eligible for **Pre-Kindergarten**, a child must be four (4) years of age by August 15, 2016.

To be eligible for **Kindergarten**, a child must be five (5) years of age by August 15, 2016.

State mandates require that all children be enrolled in kindergarten by their seventh birthday.

The following documents are required before a child can be enrolled in Kindergarten:
*Certified copy of birth certificate (hospital or mother's copy is not acceptable)
*Social Security Card
*Proof of Residence (i.e. utility bill with home address)
*Tennessee School Entry Medical Examination completed by medical doctor (physical)
*Tennessee Certificate of Immunization (forms may be obtained from your doctor or health department)

The following immunizations are required and are to be documented on a Tennessee Permanent Certificate of Immunization (PH 2414):
*DPT series and booster, five (5) doses
*Polio series and booster, four (4) doses
*MMR, two (2) doses
*Hepatitis a, two (2) doses
*Hepatitis b, three (3) doses
*Varicella (chicken pox), two (2) doses or history of disease
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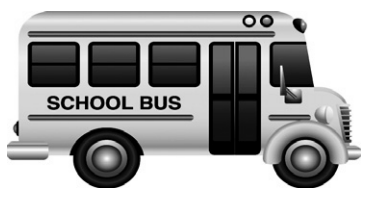

Please park in the front of the elementary school and enter though the office. If you are registering a child for Kindergarten, please bring them with you so that they can be tested!

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Above, TCAT-McKenzie Director Dr. Brad White poses with metal shop instructor David Early, Student Services Coordinator Daphne Brown, and TCAT-McKenzie students; Below, TCAT-McKenzie Director Dr. Brad White and metal shop instructor David Early seal the time capsule.

TCAT-McKenzie

Time Capsule Sealed Until 2044

By Ernie Smothers
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MCKENZIE (February 29) — A large gathering of TCAT-McKenzie students, teachers, school administrators, and media representing The McKenzie Banner and WBBJ7 Eyewitness News joined to celebrate the sealing of a Leap-Year time capsule inside the school conference room.

During welcoming remarks, TCAT-McKenzie Director Dr. Brad White said, "Today, we are celebrating our school's rich history by dedicating this Leap-Year time capsule. As you know, TCAT-McKenzie is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. We are a small school blessed with a long list of big achievements. Our great successes throughout the years are directly accredited to past and present administrators, faculty, and students."

TCAT-McKenzie Student Services Coordinator Daphne Brown said, "The creation of the Leap Year time capsule by our metal shop and headed by our SkillsUSA chapter provides our school with an opportunity to preserve current technologies for future TCAT students. When the idea was first proposed, I asked our students to place notes and memorabilia inside the capsule such as personal letters, class photos, sparkplugs, computer jump drives, tee-shirts, TCAT-McKenzie 50th Anniversary commemorative coins, videos, program fliers, and so forth. Twenty-eight years from now on Monday, February 29, 2044, the capsule will be re-opened. I'm sure it will be exciting for the students of that time to discover the items that we placed in the capsule today."

Brown said that the school opted to display the time capsule in the school lobby rather than burying it.

TCAT-McKenzie Skills USA chapter president Michael Johnson said, "Our generation is responsible to do all that we can to impart our knowledge and passion for knowledge to future TCAT students. This time capsule will allow all of us to give a part of ourselves to the students of tomorrow."

Metal shop instructor David Early commented, "It means a lot to me personally to be part of something as historically-significant as this for the school, especially since I have only been employed here for a month. Leap year is also special to me because my wife and I married on Leap Year."

As the large crowd observed, Dr. White and Early sealed the time capsule.

The Leap Year Time Capsule project was headed by the TCAT-McKenzie SkillsUSA Chapter.

'Love at The Park' Concert is Thursday

The Love at the Park concert, originally planned for Valentine's Day, has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the newly remodeled Park Theatre in downtown McKenzie.

Inclement weather forced the postponement of the concert, which is being sponsored by Carroll Arts, Inc. to showcase Carroll County performers in this beautiful facility. The multipurpose theater serves the community through the presentation of movies, concerts, programs, business meetings, training sessions, etc.

Love at the Park features talented musicians who are well-known in our area. Master of Ceremonies will be Dr. Alan Cross from Bethel University. He will also be singing with Diann Olson. Other performers include Dr. Keith Herris and his wife Melissa Herris, Hollye Rider, S. T. Homes, Wayne Bannister, Jeruna Cozart, Nathan Eaton, and the Burn-n-Kennan Quartet.

There is no charge for the concert. It is presented by Carroll Arts in celebration of the Park Theatre reopening.

Above, The Williams family – Mitchell McCartney, Lisa Williams, Tim Williams, Maisey Williams, Phil Williams, Irene Williams, Jamie Tidwell, Jodey Tidwell, Maggie Tidwell, Emmy Tidwell, and Max Tidwell; Below, Phil and Irene Williams are all smiles during their anniversary celebration. *Photos by Joel Washburn*

Williams Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

A host of friends, acquaintances, and family celebrated the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Phil and Irene Williams on Sunday, February 28 at the McLemoresville Activities Center.

The event was hosted by their children, Tim and Lisa Williams, Jamie and Jodey Tidwell, and their five grandchildren – Mitchell, Maisey, Max, Maggie and Emmy.

Phil and Irene were married at McLemoresville Methodist Church on March 2, 1966. During their 50 years together, they have served the community of McLemoresville in the capacity of mayor and first lady, as well as being active members at McLemoresville Methodist Church. They have served the community of McKenzie as owners of Williams Furniture Company and through service on the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce and Methodist Hospital boards.

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Smoke and Sizzle Hosts Ribbon Cutting

Smoke and Sizzle held its grand opening on Thursday, February 25 in Atwood. Jonathan and Lauren Goodrum of Trezevant are the owners.

Goodrum, a former McKenzie police officer, said he turned his hobby of cooking into a career. After being encouraged by friends and other family members, the Goodrums decided to open at the former Grandpa's BBQ location on Hwy 79.

Family, friends, and members of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce helped with the ribbon cutting.

Jonathan and Lauren said they offer pit barbecue and other items, including hamburgers and chicken.

The couple has two boys and another child on the way.

Business hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. The phone number is 731-662-PORK.

The McKenzie High School Class of 2016 in rehearsal for the upcoming Great Pretenders performance.

MHS to Present Great Pretenders

The McKenzie High School Class of 2016 will present "We're All in This Together" Saturday, March 12 at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 13 at 2 p.m. The performances will be held at the Dickey Fine Arts Building at Bethel University.

The all-star senior cast includes: Troy Bolton, Kyle Hopper and Trevor Roof; Gabriella Montez, Mattie Moore and Regan Toombs; Sharpay Evans, Carla Craddock and Cecelia Pomphrey; Ryan Evans, Chase Kelley and Connor Pinson; Taylor McKessie, Kelsey Spivey and Madison Allen; Chad Danforth, Dejan McNulty and Isaiah Townes; Kelsie Nielson, Ellie Roditis and Lexi Bolin and the Class of 2016 in supporting roles.

Get your tickets so you won't miss acts like the Theater "Lady," Kick up the Dust, the Evolution of Dance, the "Wannabe" Spice Girls, 'N Sync, Mario Theme, Pitch Perfect 2 Riff Off, Holla Back Girl, the Super Bowl Shuffle and much more!

Tickets are on sale at Nicky Joe Stafford Real Estate Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., tickets are $10 for reserved seating and $8 for general admission.

McKenzie's new Farmers Market is located downtown.

Local Growers, McKenzie Farmers Market Meeting is March 10

HUNTINGDON — The University of Tennessee Extension Service-Carroll County will host a meeting for local vegetable and fruit growers and those interested in selling produce, processed foods and crafts at the Farmers Market set to open this spring in McKenzie.

Large and small scale growers plus those interested in growing produce to sell at the Farmers Market are invited to attend. Agenda items include assessing the current level of fruit and vegetable production in the county, determining areas where Extension Fruit and Vegetable specialist can provide educational programs to Carroll County producers, discuss organization of the McKenzie Farmers Market and discussing current regulations concerning selling farm grown produce and processed foods at Farmer Markets in Tennessee.

The meeting is Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Carroll County Office Complex at 625 High St. For more information contact the UT Extension Service- Carroll County Office at 731-986-1976.

Bruceton Mayor Asks 911 Board for Radios

By Joel Washburn
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Bruceton Mayor Robert Keeton, III addresses the 911 Board.

HUNTINGDON (February 16) — Bruceton Police Department often does not have radio contact with the county's dispatch center because of the installation of a new radio system, including a switch from analog to digital radios, for the county's sheriff's department. Robert Keeton, III, mayor of Bruceton said his officers are often incommunica with the dispatch center, creating a situation in which officers cannot radio for backup support unless the officer uses a cell phone.

Keeton said the 9-1-1 Board of Directors has approximately $1 million in reserves and can afford to purchase new digital radios for each of the emergency departments in the municipalities in the county.

Sheriff Andy Dickson, a member of the 911 Board, said the new communications system is the best it has been in 35 years. He did not dispute problems may exist with the old analog system, which Bruceton continues to use.

Terry Bradshaw, county fire chief, said it would require an estimated $40,000 to $60,000 to include portable (handheld) digital radios for Bruceton's police and fire departments. One problem in that geographic area was a problem with one of the re-transmitters (repeaters. The duplexer on the repeater was to be repaired soon.

The board members discussed whether or not the 9-1-1 had a responsibility to provide the backbone radio network throughout the county plus radio sets for the municipal governments. If the board is to provide radio sets, they questioned how many of each department would be equitable.

Kristy Meggs, director of Carroll County 911, said the entity must be careful not to operate with deficit budgets for three consecutive years. In doing so, the state comptroller's office would intervene into the operations of the entity.

The budget year ending June 30, 2015 ended in a deficit because of the capital outlay to purchase the mobile and portable digital radios for the County of Carroll's emergency responders. After last year's deficit, the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 needs to have positive revenues over expenses (profit), said Meggs.

With just a few months remaining to operate this fiscal year, it appears the budget will end with an operating surplus. However, next fiscal year will include approximately $150,000 in cost to relocate the communication equipment from the Paris Avenue location in Huntingdon to a new hardened bunker to be built for dispatchers, the Emergency Management Agency, and the Carroll County Fire Department administrative offices. It will be built behind the Carroll County Jail on Norandal Drive. Meggs said 911 also needs to improve its mapping and CAD system for the dispatch center.

John Wright, a CPA who serves on the board, said the state monitors governmental entities and places those entities on notice after the second year of an operating deficit. The third straight deficit budget would place the entity under the control of the comptroller.

John Mann, a board member, said 9-1-1 has the money in reserve and should purchase the radios for the municipalities. Chairman Billy Smith disagreed and said the municipalities should buy the radios.

Mayor Keeton said his city simply does not have the financial resources to purchase the necessary radios. Bruceton officers could communicate by radio prior to the installation of the county's new radio system, concluded the mayor.

Recently, county officers drove to Bruceton to check on an officer after failed attempts to make contact by radio, Keeton told The Banner.

After much discussion, the Board voted to ask each of the municipalities to submit a list for consideration of needed radios from their emergency departments. The radios might possibly be authorized for purchase during the next fiscal year when an anticipated deficit will occur.

Rebels Fall to Pioneers in Region Opener

By Brad Sam
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McKENZIE (February 27) — As the District 13A champion, the Rebels earned home-court advantage in the opening round of the Region 7A Tournament, hosting the Gibson County Pioneers of District 14A. A defensive battle throughout, Gibson County took the lead early. McKenzie hung close throughout the first half, but the Pioneers pulled farther ahead in the third and coasted to a 51-39 win. The loss ends the season for the Rebels.

Scoring was sparse as Gibson County took a 9-4 lead after the first frame. Pioneer Gerrius Pitts scored 3 points, and Mac Hicks, Deonte Watson, and Shakur Harris each had a pair. Brandon Baucum had 3 points for McKenzie, and Dajour Edmonson had a pair.

The teams played even at 12-12 in the second. Rebel Chase Kelley scored 8 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Edmonson and Jack Surber each had a pair. Hicks scored 6 for Gibson County on a pair of three-pointers, Peyton Holt hit a three, and Harris had 3 points. At the half, the Pioneers led, 21-17.

Gibson County bolstered its lead with a 14-7 advantage in the third, led by Holt with 7 points, including a three-pointer. Pitts had 4, and Hicks hit a three-pointer. Surber had 5 points for McKenzie, including a three, and Edmonson added a pair. Heading into the final frame, the Pioneers led, 35-24.

Gibson County completed the win with a 16-15 fourth quarter. Peyton Holt scored 5 points, including a three-pointer, and Jamerious Skinner had 4. Pierce Holt had 3 points, and Hicks and Watson each had a pair. Rebel Preston Henderson scored 7 points, including a three-pointer, Surber scored 6 on a pair of threes, and Edmonson added a pair as the Rebels fell, 51-39.

Pioneer Peyton Holt led all scorers with 15 points, including a trio of three-pointers. Mac Hicks had 13, also with a trio of threes.

Jack Surber led McKenzie with 13 points, including a trio of three-pointers. Chase Kelley had 8, with a pair of threes, and Dajour Edmonson also had 8 points.

Rebel Chase Kelley attacks the paint, but draws the double-team from Pioneer defenders Jamerious Skinner (10) and Deonte Watson (33). *Photo by Joel Washburn*

Fillies Lose Nail-Biter to Bradford in Region Opener

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HUNTINGDON (February 26) — As the District 13A runner-up, the Fillies earned home-court advantage in the opening round of the Region 7A Tournament, hosting the Bradford Lady Red Devils of District 14A. Huntingdon jumped ahead in the opening frame, but Bradford rallied to take a lead early in the third. The Fillies tied it going into the fourth, but were edged out at the end and defeated, 48-47. The loss ends the season for Huntingdon.

The Fillies played solid defense in the first frame, taking a 13-7 lead. Kaitlin Belew scored 6 points, Taylor Smith had 5, including a three-pointer, and Jesica Keith added a pair. Morgan Martin hit a three for Bradford, and Brookelyn Thetford and Myriel Price each had a pair.

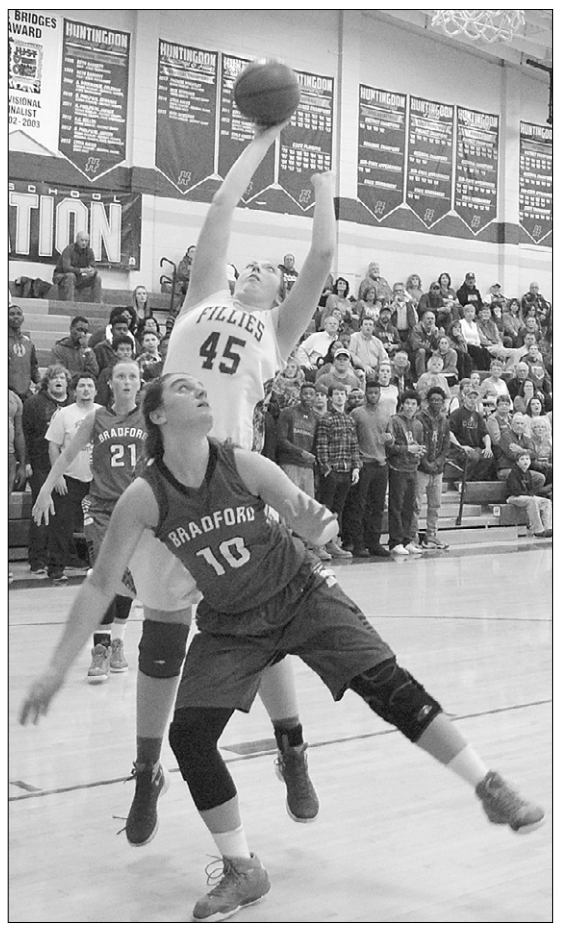
The Lady Red Devils took a big chunk out of Huntingdon's lead in the second quarter with a 16-12 advantage, led by Price with 8 points. Morgan Martin had 4, and Thetford and Natalie Martin each had a pair. Belew again scored 6 points, Smith had 4, including another three-pointer, and Allyn Swenson had a pair. At the half, the Fillies led, 25-23.

Bradford quickly tied the game and took a lead in the third, but Huntingdon got it back to a tie. The Lady Red Devils 14-12 advantage was led by Morgan Martin with 5 points, including a three-pointer. Anna Taylor also hit a three, and Price, Thetford, and Natalie Martin each had a pair. Keith scored 11 for the Fillies, and Smith hit a free throw. Entering the final frame, the contest was knotted up at 37-37.

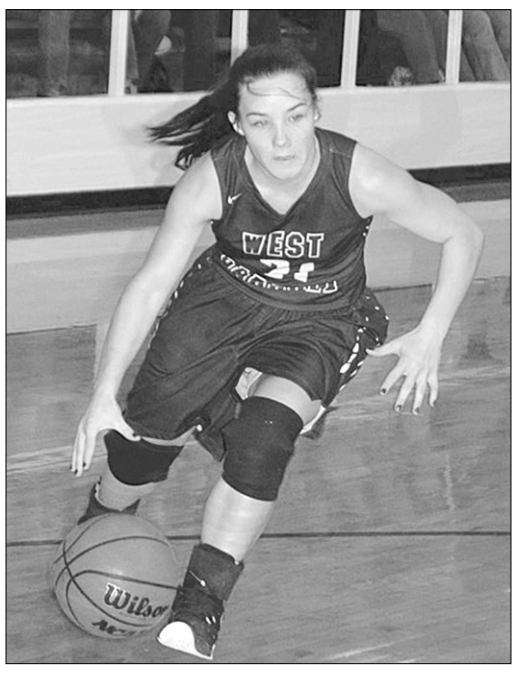
Early in the fourth, Lady Red Devil Haley Cooper drained a three to break the tie. Smith went to the line for Huntingdon, hitting both freebies. Morgan Martin hit a deuce, but LeAnn Webb answered with a fast break for the Fillies. Cooper hit from outside again for a 45-41 Bradford lead. Belew split a pair at the line, and Morgan Martin did the same on the other end. Marisa Belew then split a pair, but Kaitlin Belew scored next to cut the deficit to a point. Morgan Martin hit a pair with just under 2 minutes remaining, and Webb responded with a layup to keep pace. Bradford missed free throws late, but Huntingdon was unable to score again and fell, 48-47.

Lady Red Devil Morgan Martin led all scorers with 17 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Myriel Price had 12 points.

Kaitlin Belew led Huntingdon with 15 points. Jesica Keith had 13, and Taylor Smith had 12, including a pair of three-pointers.



Huntingdon's Kaitlin Belew scores on a lean-back jumper over Bradford defender Haley Cooper.



West Carroll's Alyssa Gilley makes a move inside during the Lady War Eagles' season-ending, 56-30 loss to Gibson County.

Lady War Eagles Fall To Lady Pioneers, 56-30

Courtesy Carroll News Leader

DYER (February 26) — The West Carroll High School Lady War Eagles put up a good fight against the undefeated defending state champion Lady Pioneers at Gibson County High School.

But, when all was said and done and the final buzzer sounded, it just wasn't enough as the Lady Pioneers won the Region 7 first-round elimination match 56-30 and bringing the Lady War Eagles' 2015-16 campaign to an end.

West Carroll rounds out the season 11-20 overall and 8-6 in district competition.

West Carroll's Alexis Patterson put up the game's opening basket seconds into the first quarter, but Gibson County quickly countered with a three-pointer from Justyce White — the first of five treys by White during the game.

From there on, the Lady Pioneers controlled the scoreboard, holding a 15-9 lead at the end of the first stanza, a 30-18 lead at the half, and a 48-23 advantage at the end of the third period.

The double offensive threat of White from the outside and Brianna Fields, who seemed to take the ball into the goal at will, all combined with some stout defense, proved to be too much for the Lady War Eagles.

White matched her jersey number as her team's and the game's top scorer with 23 points, followed closely by Fields with 20.

Patterson led West Carroll's offensive effort with 15 points, including seven two-point baskets and a free throw. She gave her biggest contribution with six points in the second quarter.

Madison Heckert netted 7 points for the Lady War Eagles along with numerous rebounds and blocked shots.

Deidra Clark and Alyssa Gilley scored three points each and Katie Holt added two points.

Central Tiger Football

Cody Knuutila Signs With DI Morehead State

By Ernie Smothers
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BRUCETON (February 25) — Before a large crowd of family members, teammates, and Central administrators and coaches, former Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School stellar offensive and defensive lineman Cody Knuutila signed a Division I football scholarship with Morehead State University of Kentucky.

Knuutilia's DI signing is the first for Central High School since Patrick Willis signed with Ole Miss in the spring of 2003.

Addressing attendees prior to signing, Central Offensive Coordinator David Thomas

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Mid-South Conference

Merger Creates Largest College Football Conference

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Mid-South Conference and The Sun Conference are merging to form the largest football conference in college sports.

Conference officials announced Thursday that beginning with the 2017 season, the Mid-South Conference will include 20 teams which will compete in three divisions. The new, expanded football conference will allow three teams to earn an automatic bid to the NAIA Football Championship Series.

"Bethel University is excited to be part of this expansion," said Dale Kelley, athletic director for Bethel University. "In many ways, an expansion of this type and magnitude is truly historical. It will allow Bethel to become better known in a larger geographical area, provide stability for all our institutions, allow a continuance of long standing rivalries and the creation of new ones."

Others, including Dr. Michael Carter, president of Campbellsville University and chair of the Mid-South Conference board of directors, share Kelley's excitement.

"I could not be more excited about the expansion to create the largest football conference in the country. This opportunity to promote student athletes who are learning how to be Champions of Character and the importance of values based education is important to each school in the Mid-South Conference," shared Dr. Carter.

The new conference will include the Mid-South Conference's 13 members: Bethel (Tenn.), Bluefield (Va.), Campbellsville (Ky.), Cincinnati Christian (Ohio), Cumberland (Tenn.), Cumberlands (Ky.), Faulkner (Ala.), Georgetown (Ky.), Kentucky Christian, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), Pikeville (Ky.), Reinhardt (Ga.), and Union (Ky.).

They will be joined by six teams from The Sun Conference: Ave Maria (Fla.), Edward Waters (Fla.), Point (Ga.), Southeastern (Fla.), Warner (Fla.) and Webber International (Fla.). St. Andrews (N.C.) is scheduled to begin football in 2017.

"This merger strengthens our commitment to our football institutions and their student-athletes," said Mid-South Conference Commissioner Eric Ward. Ward said the expanded football conference will make it easier for schools to schedule football games, as well as bring together institutions with similar values.

"While the driving force behind this venture is to alleviate the difficulty of scheduling, there are a number of other benefits that will be realized by expanding this football conference," Ward said. "This merger will also increase our football footprint with like-minded schools who share our mission to provide a competitive experience to all student-athletes."

The Sun Conference Commissioner, Mark Pope, echoed Ward's sentiments in creating the new football conference.

"Throughout our discussions, Eric and I realized that our respective member institutions were remarkably similar in values, character and strategic vision with regard to football," said Pope. "We were impressed with the Mid-South's focus on football as its core product."

Pope continued, "I see this new merger as the beginning of a remarkable new chapter in college football. Given the tremendous interest in football in the Southeast, I expect that several other institutions will consider adding this sport, now that they know they will have a conference which guarantees a full schedule of games."

Football coaches in the expanded MSC are equally as excited about the 2017 season.

"We are already fortunate to be part of one of the top NAIA football conferences in the nation," said Lindsey Wilson football coach Chris Oliver, chair of the Mid-South Conference football coaches. "This merger will only strengthen and expand the reputation of MSC football."

Founded in 1987, the Mid-South Conference split into East and West football divisions in 2005. The expanded football conference's divisions will be called the Appalachian, Bluegrass and Sun. Each division will have its own identity, producing a division champion that will earn an automatic bid into the NAIA Football Championship Series.

When the new football arrangement takes place in 2017, teams will play each school within a division once and play four non-division games against other Mid-South Conference teams.

The Mid-South Conference's new football divisions are:

Bluegrass Division: Bethel (Tenn.), Campbellsville (Ky.), Cincinnati Christian (Ohio), Cumberland (Tenn.), Georgetown (Ky.), Kentucky Christian, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.).

Appalachian Division: Bluefield (Va.), Cumberlands (Ky.), Point (Ga.), Pikeville (Ky.), Reinhardt (Ga.), St. Andrews (N.C.), Union (Ky.).

Sun Division: Ave Maria (Fla.), Edward Waters (Fla.), Faulkner (Ala.), Southeastern (Fla.), Warner (Fla.), Webber International (Fla.).

McKenzie Youth Baseball Sign Ups for Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken

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Cody Knuutila (center, seated) and family members pose with Central Tiger football players.

Knuutila Family-Row one (L to R): Breya Knuutila, Jamie Knuutila, Cody Knuutila, Tami Knuutila, Lacy Knuutila, and Michael Runions. Row two-Seth House and Isaiah House.

Cody

...From Sports Front

said, "This is a big day for Cody, his family, and for the Central Tiger football program. We at Central High School are proud to see yet another one of our players sign to play at the collegiate level. We wish Cody the very best at Morehead State University."

Following the signing, Knuutila and family members posed with former Tiger players before dining on celebration cake.

During an interview with The McKenzie Banner, Cody said, "It feels great signing with Morehead State. The coaches there have been very positive when talking to me, and I am glad I'm going there. I had offers from other colleges, but when Morehead State showed interest in me, it just felt right. I love the campus and the school. The Eagles signed me to play on the offensive line, but I might see some playing time at tight end as well. I'm just ready to go there in July, get on the practice field, and work hard for playing time."

Knuutila said his signing with Morehead State came about when an Eagle assistant coach watched game video of him and contacted him.

He concluded, "I want to thank Central High School and the people of our community for the support they've shown me and Tiger football over the years. It really means a lot to me. Go Big Blue."

An excellent student, Knuutila maintains a 3.6 grade point average and an ACT score of 22 that he hopes to increase to 25 by the end of this school year.

Cody's father, Jamie Knuutila, said, "Cody's signing today with Morehead State is truly the end of one long journey and the beginning of another. It's been quite a year for the Knuutila family due to sickness and so forth, but today is a day for us to celebrate. Today marks the culmination of a lot of hard work and dedication by Cody and many others. I'm excited to see my son play college football and represent Hollow Rock-Bruceton at the next level. Tiger Pride."

Above Left, Central basketball award winners Row one (L to R): Channa Ragsdale, Haley Williams, and Teyia Johnson. Row two: Jada Strickland, Kasey White, Steven McMackin, Christina Owens, and Starla Luhellier. Above Right, CHS Cheerleaders: Row one (L to R): Jada Strickland, Channa Ragsdale, Haley Williams, Kayce Brown, and Brianna Thompson. Row two: Kasey White, Aubry Hollingsworth, Callie Bratton, Ana-Kate Welsh, and Hope Blankenship.

Central Basketball Awards Banquet

By Ernie Smothers
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BRUCETON (February 26) — Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School basketball players, cheerleaders, family members, media, and school supporters joined CHS administrators and sponsors inside the school cafeteria for the 2015-16 CHS Basketball Awards celebration.

Following welcoming remarks and invocation by CHS Principal Joe Norval, attendees dined on a delicious barbecue meal.

At meal's conclusion, Tiger and Lady Tiger Head Basketball Coach Chris Finley began by thanking players, parents, coaches, coaches' wives, school administrators, gate keepers, county newspaper The McKenzie Banner, and radio station WRJB for supporting the basketball program.

He began, "As you know, we had some administrative changes this year, but I am thankful to our administration for allowing me to do some things differently. For me, tonight is about my seniors. I am so thankful that they stayed with me and worked hard all season. Although we may not have won a whole lot of games, we did provide our fans with some entertainment such as throw-back nights, black-out nights, and Little Dribblers. We had fun and tried to pass that along to the people that faithfully came out to support us."

He said, "Our girls' team finished the year with a record of 5 wins and 23 losses. I am proud to say that we got better as the year went by. We just have to learn how to finish. We played a great first half against a really good Dresden team and actually made coach West work a little bit. Unfortunately, we just ran out of steam in the second half, but I am pleased with the effort, nonetheless."

He continued, "We have almost everyone coming back next year, and I want to challenge all of you to do the work that it takes to get better. Our priorities for next year are work on shooting first, attacking second, and passing third. That may seem a little strange to coaches out there, but my philosophy is this; we have to score to have an opportunity to win."

Prior to dispensing letters and bars, Finley said, "One thing that we did this season is to make history. Our 114-111 loss to McKenzie set the Tennessee record for the highest score ever in girls' basketball. That score is also the second-highest score ever recorded in a girls' basketball game in America. Give yourself a hand. I have cd copies of the game compliments of McKenzie High School for you to keep and cherish. That was a special night for McKenzie and us. We made history, and that is something for all of us to be proud of."

Regarding his senior Lady Tigers, Finley praised Christina Owens for her silent leadership and hustle; Teyia Johnson for her forceful play and verbal leadership; and transfer Starla Luhellier for giving her all to the team.

Finley then dispensed letters and pins to the following players: eighth grade-Kaitlyn Griffin, Micayla Burton, and Samantha Autry; freshmen-Kaitlin French, Brooklyn Roberts, and Lacie Benson; sophomores-Brittney Forrest, Haley Hughes, Faith McWilliams, and Olivia Lowry; manager Lydia Wilson; juniors-Amanda Rewis, Tiffani Hughey, and Shominique Pearson; seniors and four-year lettermen-Owens and Johnson, and first-year letterman Luhellier.

Switching gears, Finley spoke about his youthful Tiger team.

He said, "In my seventeen years of coaching, I have never had a team this young. We did not win many games this season, but we focused a lot on life lessons. Sometimes the hardest thing to do is to show up. I know how tough it was some days to come to practice and keep plugging away, but doing so taught you a lot about the reality of life. In the real world, sometimes things don't go your way and you have to pick yourself up and keep trying. We did that."

He continued, "Although we finished with two wins and 23 losses, I can honestly say that this was one of my best years coaching. Sometimes when chocolate milk sits long enough, the good stuff settles to the bottom of the glass. I was kind of at that place coaching-wise until this year. Taking on coaching responsibilities for the junior high and high school girls and boys basketball program forced me to shake things up. I worked harder than I had in years, and it woke me up inside. I wanted to give my best to all of you. I knew we tough roads in front of us, but I did want to let you down. This season re-lit my fire for basketball."

He concluded, "Before I hand out letters and bars, I want to thank my lone senior, Steven McMackin. You are everything a coach wants in a player. You have a great attitude."

Pointing McMackin out to his young son, Parker, Finley said, "Do you see that man over there? Son, if you grow up and become like him, you will make your daddy very happy."

Pausing, Finley concluded, "Steven, you had a lot of friends that played basketball with you in junior high that didn't see it through with you to the end. You played all four years in high school, and set a tremendous example by your dedication. I am going to miss you very much. For my returning players, I leave you with a quote from Paulette Crews, a lady that bled Tiger Blue; 'How bad do you want it?' Practice hard on your game, and let's make some big strides next season. It's up to you."

Finley, with the assistance of Parker, presented letters to the following players: manager Jordan Shepherd; eighth graders-Davion Harris, Gavin Guthrie, Brayden Frye, and Mason Binkley; freshmen-Keith Williams, Jeff Platt, Zane Mebane, Trent Taylor, and Dalton Williams, sophomore Brian Gross; Junior Grant Davis; and senior McMackin.

Cheerleader sponsors Debbie Moore and Chaisse Blankenship praised their team for working hard all season.

Blankenship said, "Our cheerleading season began last March at try-outs and is ending tonight. It's been an exciting and busy 12 months for our squad. We reduced our team size this year from 16 to 12, and it really made a positive difference. Everybody got along, and we won a lot of blue ribbons and awards at Summer Cheer Camp. We as coaches are proud of how everyone helped each other and got along with very little drama."

Moore and Blankenship presented letters to the following cheerleaders: freshmen-Callie Bratton and Ana-Kate Welsh; sophomores-Aubry Hollingsworth; juniors-Hope Blankenship, Casey Brown, and Brianna Thompson; seniors-Casey White, Jada Strickland, Channa Ragsdale, and Haley Williams.

The following individual awards were presented: Ragsdale and Williams-Tumbling; Blankenship-Sharp Moves; Brown-Hard Worker; White and Strickland-Leadership; Ragsdale-Dependable; and Williams-Dedication.

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Lady Bat Cats Sweep Larry G Classic

Courtesy Bethel SID

MCKENZIE (February 27) —The Bethel Lady Wildcats won both games in the Larry G Classic at Wildcat Field in McKenzie. In Bethel's first home games of the season, the Lady Cats delighted their fans with convincing wins over Missouri Baptist (12-3) and Asbury (17-2).

With the victories, Bethel moved their record to 5-1 on the year, matching the program's best season start since 2012.

Summer Winters and Amanda Brandenburg each drove in four runs in game one. Heather Johnson had two RBI's while Kayla Guthrie and Alex Turner contributed with single RBI's. Bethel had 15 hits in the game. Brandenburg had a two-run homer for Bethel. Brooke Baucum picked up the Lady Wildcat win. Cierra Liddick suffered the loss for Missouri Baptist.

A nine-run first inning was more than enough in the game two win over Asbury. Turner hit a two-run homer in the inning; Brandenburg hit a three-run shot in the third; and Hannah Clifton hit a three-run homer in the fourth. Guthrie Winters and Lesha Kizer had two RBI's each. Johnson also drove in a run for the Lady Cats who finished with 22 hits in the game. Johnson was the winner while Asbury's Anna Beth Hill suffered the loss.

THANK YOU *We appreciate your support.*

From left, Logan Priestley, Annias Haney, and Josh Keenan.

MHS Band Students Earn Various Honors

By Brad Sam
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It's been a busy and rewarding season for McKenzie's most active band members.

Seniors Logan Priestley, Annias Haney, and Josh Kennan excelled in the 2016 All West Tennessee Honor Band competition earlier this semester and went on to perform at a concert in Memphis a few weeks later.

During the rehearsal period for that concert, Priestley, a euphonium player, and Haney, an alto saxophone player, auditioned in the All-State Competition. Each was given a preliminary seating of second chair, Concert Band, for his respective instrument.

Haney and Keenan, a tuba player, also participated in the All-State Solo Competition. Of the fifteen competitors, Haney earned one of the top two scores.

April 13-16, Haney and Priestley will travel to the All-State Convention at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, where they will audition again for final seating in the concert. Because of his top-two finish in the solo competition, Haney will perform as a soloist.

The three musicians also competed in the University of Tennessee at Martin Solo Competition, which is normally part of the school's annual Honor Band Competition. The larger competition was canceled due to weather, but the solo competition was rescheduled. The winner would receive a scholarship and, in normal circumstances, would perform as a soloist during the Honor Band Concert.

Approximately 50 performers sent in video submissions, and 10 finalists were selected for the in-person competition. Out of the five that were able to attend and compete, Keenan placed second and Haney finished third.

Bethel University Singers Present Handel's Messiah at The Dixie

The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center announces a new Easter event on March 22nd, 2016 at 7:00 pm. The Bethel University Singers, soloists, and chamber orchestra under the direction of Dr. Brian E. Paulis, will present Handel's Messiah. This event is free and open to the public and the audience will participate in singing selected choruses from the work.

This is a non-ticketed event and seating is available on a first-come, first serve basis. A freewill offering will be taken at intermission to defray costs for this performance. Please join us on March 22nd and let this glorious music prepare your heart and mind for the Easter Feast.

Bethel University Presents Easter with Renaissance April 3

McKENZIE — Bethel University invites everyone to "Easter with Renaissance," Sunday April 3, at 6 p.m. This event features all aspects of the Renaissance Program. Join us in the Crisp Arena of the Vera Low Center for Student Enrichment on Campus for this incredible event.

"Easter with Renaissance has quickly become one of the most anticipated events of the year," commented Matthew Holt, executive director of Renaissance. "We are looking forward to sharing the evening with you, but are most excited about the purpose of it: to honor and celebrate a Sovereign God who gave His Son so that we can truly live! I sincerely hope that you and your family and friends will join us as we worship together, lifting up and magnifying our Risen Savior."

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under. To reserve tickets at will-call, contact the Renaissance Office at (731) 352-6980 or e-mail us at renaissance@bethelu.edu. Tickets are available at the Renaissance Office located at 28 Lee Avenue on the square in McKenzie, Tenn. from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Unique Ways to Use Newspapers in the Classroom

Today's students have numerous devices at their disposal that can make learning more fun. Teachers may rely on such devices to engage students, but one more traditional teaching tool can still be an asset in the classroom.

Newspapers have changed considerably over the last decade-plus, but they still can serve teachers and students alike. The following are a handful of ways for teachers to incorporate newspapers into their lesson plans.

• Use newspapers to teach geography. Whether they're local, national or international periodicals, newspapers contain stories from all over the globe. Teachers tasked with teaching students about world geography can assign each student an article about a newsworthy event taking place in a given country. Kids can then write a report about that country, including information about its location in the world, its citizens and its history.

• Use newspapers to teach vocabulary. Perhaps no resource is more valuable than newspapers when teaching vocabulary. Assign each student a story or stories from the newspaper, instructing them to underline or jot down between five and 10 words they are unfamiliar with as they read. Once they have finished reading their assigned articles, students can then look up and write down the meaning of each word, ultimately handing in their list of words and/or sharing those words and their meanings with their classmates.

• Use newspapers to teach mathematics. While newspapers are often touted as great tools to teach reading comprehension and vocabulary, they also can be used to teach math lessons. For example, newspaper classified sections typically list dozens, if not hundreds, of items for sale. Assign each student 10 vehicles listed in the classified section and ask them to calculate the average asking prices of these vehicles. Another potential lesson is to ask kids to determine the percentage breakdown of each section of the newspaper. You can then explore the reasons why certain sections may be given more ink than others.

• Use newspapers to teach current events. The world is an interesting place, and newspapers are great resources for people looking to keep up with all that is going on in the world. While current events can sometimes be confusing for young students, newspaper reporters aim to convey complicated topics in ways that readers of all ages and backgrounds can understand. By assigning newspaper articles as part of their students' current events assignments, teachers can help students gain a better understanding of what's going on in their world.

While newspapers may have changed considerably over the last several years, they still make great teaching tools that can benefit instructors and students alike.

Megan Stevens

Emily Hunt

Bethel University Hendrix Scholarship Winner Announced

McKENZIE — Bethel University has selected Emily Hunt of Paris as the 2016 Hendrix Scholarship winner. Megan Stevens of Stantonville is the runner-up.

Bethel University's most prestigious scholarship, the Hendrix Scholarship Competition, is a premier program established in 1988 by Mr. Willard R. Hendrix of Nashville, Tenn. The competition is for traditional undergraduate prospective students.

As the winner of the competition, Hunt has earned a full tuition, room and board scholarship to Bethel University for four years. Stevens, the runner-up, has earned a full tuition scholarship to Bethel for four years.

Hunt is the daughter of D.J. Hunt and Mary Smith. She attends Henry County High School. A member of Paris First United Methodist Church, Hunt plans to major in psychology.

Stevens is the daughter of Jess Stevens and Anita Stevens. She attended McNairy Central High School, and her intended major at Bethel will be business. A member of 4th Street Church of Christ, Stevens is also interested in Bethel's Renaissance Performing Arts Program.

Established in 1842, Bethel University is one of the state's oldest universities. It offers bachelor's, master's and associate degrees through a variety of learning platforms. For more information about Bethel University, go to www.bethelu.edu.

CES Early Kindergarten Registration

Courtesy Deborah Martin, CES Principal

Central Elementary School in Bruceton will hold its annual Kindergarten registration for the 2016-2017 school year Friday, March 11th from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Tuesday, May 17th from 12 a.m. – 6 p.m.

To be eligible for Kindergarten, a child must be five (5) years of age by August 15th. State mandates that all children must be enrolled in Kindergarten by his / her seventh birthday. If you think your child is not ready to start kindergarten at 5 years, you may wait until your child reaches his / her 6th birthday.

The following documents are required before a child can be enrolled in Kindergarten:

Certified copy of birth certificate (hospital or mother's copy is not acceptable); Tennessee School Entry Medical Examination completed by medical doctor; Social Security card; and Tennessee Certificate of Immunization (forms may be obtained from your doctor or health department).

The following immunizations are required and are to be documented on a Tennessee Permanent Certificate of Immunization (PH 2414): DTP series and booster, four (4) doses; Polio series and booster, four (4) doses; MMR, two (2) doses; Hepatitis B, three (3) doses; Hepatitis A, two (2) doses; Varicella (chicken pox), one (1) dose or history of disease. Shot must be on the new Tennessee immunization sheet as of July 01, 2010.

Parents, students will not be admitted to their classrooms on the first day of school unless all the above information is in their files.

If you have a child entering Kindergarten in the 2016-2017 school year, please register him / her on one of these dates. We need the numbers to plan for the school year.

If you have any questions, please call the Central Elementary office at 418-4168.

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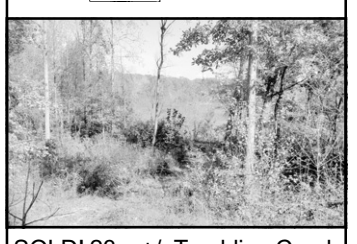

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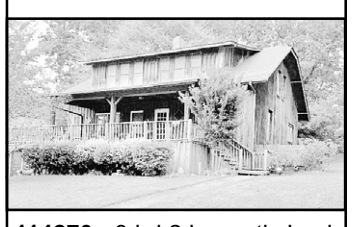

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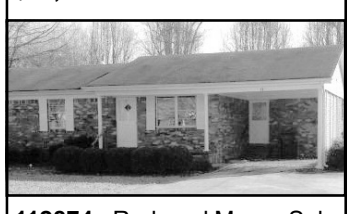

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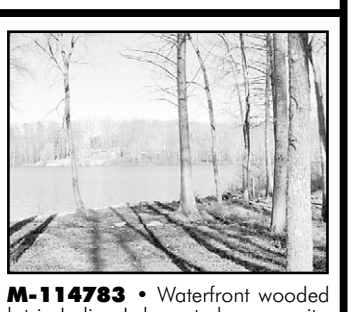

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Mr. Warren was admitted to the hospital for a short time and was admitted to McKenzie Health Care Center and Rehabilitation for aggressive therapy services. He received Physical and Occupational Therapy 5-7 times a week for strengthening, endurance training, gait training, balance training, and ADL training. Mr. Warren states, "This has been a great experience! Everyone has been nice and courteous. They made me feel at home. The conversation made the therapy more enjoyable and if needed, I will be back." If you would like a tour of the facility and therapy gym, please call 352-3908.

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Lady Wildcat Seniors- From left, Meleah Goodin, Jackliann Street, Martessia Williams, and Coach Chris Nelson.

#3 Lady Cats Beat MMC On Senior Night, 74-63

Courtesy Bethel SID

MCKENZIE (February 27) — Bethel seniors Jackliann Street, Meleah Goodin, and Martessia Williams were honored in pregame ceremonies prior to the Lady Wildcats beat the Lady RedHawks on Martin Methodist 74-63.

With the win, Bethel closed out their regular season 25-5 and 16-2 in the league. MMC fell to 20-10 and 11-7.

The seniors closed out their home careers with a 65-6 mark. Never losing a league game to an SSAC opponent, Street, Goodin and Williams finished 27-0 against said opponents at home.

No. 3 Bethel led at halftime 24-19.

MMC took their first lead at 37-35 on a Nina Mills three-pointer in the third stanza. Street hit a three to answer and Bethel never trailed again as Street exploded for 14 of her 23 points in the quarter and allowed Bethel to lead at the end of the period, 39-33. Street finished with a game-high 23 points. Alexis Hardaway collected her ninth double-double with 11 points and a game-high 13 rebounds. Shamon Pearson finished in double figures with 14 tallies. Bethel is 21-3 when they have three or more players in double figures. Williams had 11 assists tying her previous record with two other former Bethel greats, Susie Futrell and Kayla McSweeney for most assists in a single game. Williams has 375 career assists which second all-time in program history.

Bethel hit seven three's in the game and finished 21-of-29 from the three-point area. MMC was 11-of-14 from the line and connected on six three's. Both teams finished with 23 field goals. The Lady Wildcats had a 42-31 advantage in rebounding. Bethel is 22-2 when they win the battle of the boards. Bethel had 17 offensive rebounds and had a 14-4 advantage in second chance points.

Coach Chris Nelson was excited about his team's performance. "Wow - what a finish to a great regular season. We had to work for today's victory. I thought MMC competed for the entire 40 minutes. Our seniors were great with Goodin defending in the post, Williams getting everyone involved and Street making clutch plays and carrying us in clutch situations. We adjusted our rotations due to MMC playing a two post line up. We struggled from the field but credit MMC's defense." He added, "I thought we did well in all other areas of the game and did the dirty work to ensure a victory. It was great to be challenged the way we were today before we head into the third & final phase of our season. It is the best time of the year and we embrace every moment."

The number one-seeded and regular-season conference champions will play in the SSAC Tournament Championships Thursday in Montgomery with a 9 a.m. start time against the winner of the Coastal Georgia/ Brenau game.

Wildcat Seniors- From left, Taylor Clay, Cole Nelson, Coach Jeff Britt, Eddie Green, and Jordan Bedwell.

Cat Comeback Falls Short on Senior Day

Courtesy Bethel SID

MCKENZIE — The Bethel University Wildcats trailed by 18 at halftime and as many as 19 in the second half before mounting a big comeback against the Martin Methodist RedHawks in Crisp Arena Saturday night. Unfortunately for the Cats, their seniors and fans the comeback fell short losing 80-71 to the visitors from Pulaski.

Cole Nelson, Eddie Green, Taylor Clay and Jordan Bedwell were honored in pregame ceremonies.

The Wildcats struggled in the first half shooting just 34 percent from the field. The Hawks meanwhile hit 17-of-34 shots from the floor at 50 percent and led 48-30 at the break.

MMC continued to have a comfortable lead throughout the first nine minutes of the second half leading at one point 61-42. Bethel mounted a comeback behind the scoring of Darren Davidson and pulled within four on several occasions but MMC was able to hit several clutch baskets to push their record to 18-11 overall and 11-7 in the SSAC. Bethel fell to 18-11 and 10-8.

With a good shooting second half Bethel actually outshot the RedHawks in the end hitting 40 percent of their shots going 27-of-67 from the floor. MMC shot 39 percent connecting on 25-of-64 of their attempts. Two differences in the game were MMC free throws knocking down 22-of-30 of their attempts. Bethel was 13-of-22 from the charity stripe. The Hawks hit eight three's while Bethel was 4-of-18 from the outside. MMC out rebounded the Wildcats 45-44 in the game.

Caleb Chowbay led MMC with 25 points, 16 of those in the first half. Three other Hawks finished in double figures. Davidson finished with a game high career tying 28 points. Eddie Green had 15 points and 11 rebounds for his fifth double-double of the season. Isaac Edmundson had 11 points on the day. Cole Nelson scored eight points leaving him seven short of 1,000 in his career.

Coach Jeff Britt said, "You simply cannot fall that far behind against a well-coached and quality team like Martin Methodist. We fought hard but the deficit was just too much. We missed free throws and our lack of getting several key defensive rebounds cost us. Davidson led us back but in the end it wasn't enough. This is tough to swallow especially on Senior Day. Thank goodness they will have a chance to keep playing in the upcoming SSAC tournament."

The Wildcats travel to Montgomery this week for the SSAC Championships. The Wildcats will be a No. 7 seed and face No. 10 seeded Coastal Georgia at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday. The Wildcats beat CG in McKenzie 99-96 and won in Brunswich 87-84. The Countdown to Tip-off Show begins at 11:15 a.m. on WEIO, 100.9 and at www.thefarmradio.com.

Bethel Softball off to Best Start Since 2012

Courtesy Bethel SID

MCKENZIE — The Bethel Lady Wildcats won both games in the Larry G Classic Saturday afternoon at Wildcat Field in McKenzie. It was Bethel's first home games of the season and they didn't disappoint the home crowd with convincing wins over Missouri Baptist (12-3) and Asbury (17-2). With the victories Bethel moved their record to 5-1 on the year. The 5-1 record matches Bethel's best start in a season since 2012.

Summer Winters and Amanda Brandenburg each drove in four runs in game one. Heather Johnson had two RBI's while Kayla Guthrie and Alex Turner contributed with single RBI's. Bethel had 15 hits in the game. Brandenburg had a two-run homer for Bethel. Brooke Baucum picked up the Lady Wildcat win. Cierra Liddick suffered the loss for Missouri Baptist.

A nine run first inning was more than enough in the game two win over Asbury. Turner hit a two-run homer in the inning. Brandenburg hit a three-run shot in the third. Hannah Clifton hit a three-run homer in the fourth. Guthrie Winters and Iesha Kizer had two RBI's each. Johnson also drove in a run for the Lady Cats who finished with 22 hits in the game. Johnson was the winner while Asbury's Anna Beth Hill suffered the loss for the visitors.

Bethel is back in action Monday traveling to Union University for a doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m.

Bat Cats Fall to Clark University, 19-9

Nine-Game Win Streak Snapped

Courtesy Bethel SID

MCKENZIE (February 28) — Hot bats, clutch hitting, steady defense and solid pitching has been the mainstays for the Bethel Wildcat baseball team this season as the Wildcats entered their Sunday afternoon series finale against Clarke University sporting a nine-game winning streak and 11-2 record.

The hitting was there again Sunday, but Clarke pounded out 16 hits and scored 19 runs to best the Cats, 19-9.

Clarke scored runs in the first five innings of the game. Bethel aided the Clarke cause committing a season high six errors in the game.

Christian Padin, Zachary Crocker and Kendall Adkisson each drove in two runs for Bethel. Caleb Brewer and Gadier Charriez drove in a run each. John Michael Spoon suffered the loss for the Wildcats. Clarke's Anthony Ruden was credited with the win moving his team to 6-5 on the season.

Bethel returns to action Tuesday at home hosting St. Catharine College in a doubleheader beginning at noon. The Wildcats remain at home for three more of their season-beginning 26-game home stand hosting Loyola University in a three-game SSAC series this weekend. The teams will play a twin-bill at noon Friday and a single game Saturday beginning at noon.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2008, CASEY A. CROSSER AND SPOUSE, NIKKI A. CROSSER, by Deed of Trust of record in Trust Deed Book 577, at 847, in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, conveyed the following described property in trust to secure the payment of a Promissory Note in the original principal amount of Seventy Four Thousand Five Hundred and 90/100 Dollars ($74,500.90), payable to CENTENNIAL BANK f/k/a Farmers & Merchants Bank; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned was appointed Substitute Trustee by CENTENNIAL BANK, the legal owner and holder of the said Note, by an appointment dated January 19, 2016, of record in Trust Deed Book 649, at Page 210, in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said indebtedness and other provisions of the Deed of Trust have been violated, and CENTENNIAL BANK, the lawful owner and holder of the indebtedness, has declared the entire amount due and payable as provided by the Deed of Trust in accordance with its terms, and instructed the undersigned to foreclose.

NOW, THEREFORE, the public is hereby notified that the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell the hereinafter described real estate at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand paid, at the east door of the Courthouse at Huntingdon, Carroll County, Tennessee, on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 12:30 o'clock p.m., said property to be sold in bar of the equity of redemption and subject to the lien of all special assessments against it. If the highest bidder cannot pay the bid within a reasonable time to be announced at the sale, the next highest bidder will be deemed the successful bidder.

Lying, and being situated in the City of McKenzie, 4th Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, bounded and described as follows; to-wit:

BEGINNING at a stake in the north margin of Paris Pike, same being Jeff Rosser's southeast corner, runs thence North 47 degrees 30 minutes East with the north margin of Paris Pike 109 feet to a stake, Lucian Carroll's southwest corner, thence North 3 degrees West with Carroll's west line 177 feet to a stake in Ralph Melton's south line, thence South 88 degrees 30 minutes West with Melton's south line 111 feet to a stake in Graden Featherston's east line, thence South 2 degrees 15 minutes East with Featherston's east line 105 feet to a stake, thence South 71 degrees 30 minutes West with Featherston's south line 14 feet to a stake, Jeff Rosser's northeast corner, thence with Rosser's east line South 41 degrees East 64 feet to a stake, South 3 degrees East 90 feet to the point of beginning. (Description taken from prior deed of record)

It being the same property as that described in a Warranty Deed from James T. Williams and wife, Regina K. Williams, to Casey A. Crosser and wife, Nikki A. Crosser, dated October 6, 2006, and of record in Warranty Deed Book 333, page 160, Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

Map 011H, Group B, Parcel 010.00

The street address of the above described property is believed to be Paris Pike, McKenzie, Tennessee, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

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

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. Other interested parties: None.

Title to said property is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell as Substitute Trustee only and will assign to the purchaser all covenants of warranty contained in said Deed of Trust.

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. Said sale may be adjourned to another time or may be postponed to another date by public announcement at the appointed time of sale without readvertisement.
This office is a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

WITNESS my signature, this the 17th day of February, 2016.
KIZER, BONDS, HUGHES & BOWEN, LLC

BY: STEPHEN L. HUGHES, Substitute Trustee
P. O. Box 320, Milan, Tennessee 38358
(731) 686-1198

INSERTION DATES:
February 17, 2016, February 24, 2016, March 2, 2016

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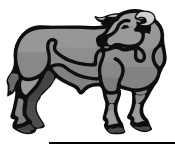

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City Summer Jobs

McKenzie Parks & Recreation is currently accepting applications for seasonal workers. Successful candidates must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid drivers license. Job includes mowing, weed eating and working special events. Must be willing to work holidays and week-ends. Applications can be picked up at the City Hall Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Deadline for applications are end of day March 11, 2016.

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LAWN CARE BID NOTICE

The Carroll County Board of Education will be accepting bids for mowing and trimming the following properties in Huntingdon, Tennessee:

14155 Paris Street	Approximately 1.5 Acres
1235 Buena Vista Road	Approximately 2.5 Acres
191 Mebanewood Drive	Approximately 1.0 Acre

During the school year, mowing must be done after 2:30 p.m. or on weekends. Lawns should be mowed according to the following schedule, or as needed:

March 15-May 31	Every 10-12 Days
June 1-August 31	Weekly
September 1-Oct. 15	Every 10-12 Days

Please bid per mowing (approximately 24).

Bids will be accepted until 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Send bids to the Carroll County Board of Education, P. O. Box 799, Huntingdon, TN 38344, or deliver to 14155 Paris Street in Huntingdon. The successful bidder must show proof of liability insurance. Please refer questions concerning this notice to John McAdams, Director of Carroll County Schools, at (731) 986-4482.

The Carroll County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Thank you for reading The McKenzie Banner!

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

PROBATE CASE NO: 2016PE35

ESTATE OF: BETTY ANN MCCADAMS HILLIARD, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **19TH** day of **FEBRUARY, 2016** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **BETTY ANN MCCADAMS HILLIARD** deceased, who died **DECEMBER 19TH, 2015,** 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 forever be 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 of 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 19TH day of FEBRUARY, 2016.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPLICATE WITH:
KENNETH TODD - CLERK & MASTER
99 Court Square, Suite 105
Huntingdon, TN 38344

Executor/Administrator
JANET CAROL HILLIARD MARTIN & DAVID TIMOTHY HILLIARD
Attorney
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2016PA26

ESTATE OF: JUDY K. KENNON, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **11TH** day of **FEBRUARY, 2016** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **JUDY K. KENNON** deceased, who died **JANUARY 2ND, 2016,** 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 forever be 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 of 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.

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THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPLICATE WITH:
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Huntingdon, TN 38344

Executor/Administrator
WILLIAM TERRY KENNON
Attorney
W. KENT JONES
Clerk & Master
KENNETH TODD

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MATTER OF RECORD

Huntingdon Police Reports

Driving While Suspended

•A Huntingdon man was cited into court on February 23 after a traffic stop.

Patrolman Brian Bennett charged Lathan Rantrell Gilbreath of 284 High Street with violation of seatbelt law and driving while suspended. According to Bennett's report, Gilbreath was seen driving without a seatbelt. When he was stopped, a computer check of his license revealed that it was suspended.

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Drug Possession

•A Huntingdon man was arrested on February 20 after a traffic stop.

Patrolman Paul Hugueley charged Olajuwon DaShawn Clark of 227 East Railroad Street with simple possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, violation of light law, and driving while suspended #1. According to Hugueley's report, Clark was stopped for driving a truck with one headlight out. A computer check of his license revealed it was suspended. As Hugueley was speaking to Clark he noticed a leafy substance on the front of his shirt. Clark gave consent to have his truck searched. Hugueley found a bag of a green substance believed to be marijuana, a leaf crusher, and a pack of cigars. He also found a container used to hold fake urine for passing drug screens.

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Driving on Revoked

•A Huntingdon woman was arrested on February 19 after a traffic stop.

Patrolman Paul Hugueley charged Jennifer L. Greenway of 245 Indian Creek Drive with driving on a revoked license #2. According to Hugueley's report, officers ran a tag on a silver Nissan. The tag came back belonging to a blue Nissan. When the driver, Greenway, was stopped a computer check of her license showed that it was revoked with one prior arrest.

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Driving with Canceled License

•A Huntingdon man was cited into court on February 16 after a traffic stop.

Patrolman Paul Hugueley charged Julius Dewayne Craig of 17110 Highway 70 with speeding and driving with a canceled license. According to Hugueley's report, Craig was pulled over for driving 40 miles per hour in a 25 mph zone. A computer check of Craig's license showed that it was canceled.

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Theft

•A woman was cited into court on February 21 after allegedly stealing from a local store.

Patrolman Randy Kelley charged Mary Shelley Williams, address unknown, with theft under $500. According to Kelley's report, Williams took an item valued at $31.70 from Wal-Mart without paying for it.

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Driving While Revoked

•A Benton County man was arrested on February 20 after a traffic stop.

Sergeant Brad Allen charged Christopher Andrew West of Big Sandy with violation of financial responsibility law, driving while revoked #1, and speeding. According to Allen's report, West was stopped for speeding on East Main Street. West told Allen that he did not have a valid license or insurance.

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Driving on Suspended License

•A Huntingdon woman was cited into court on February 19.

Patrolman Paul Hugueley charged Sherrie Wisdom of 20100 Main Street with driving on suspended license #5. According to Hugueley's report, Wisdom was seen driving and officers had prior knowledge that her license was suspended. When she was stopped, a computer check of her license confirmed that it was suspended.

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Driving on Suspended

•A Huntingdon man was cited into court on February 16 after a traffic stop.

Patrolman Paul Hugueley charged Torey L. Watson of 155 Forney Road with driving on suspended #1. Hugueley reported that he stopped Watson when he was driving a car with an obstructed tag. A computer check of Watson's license showed that it was suspended.

Marriage Licenses

•Devin Allan Herron, 36, of Huntingdon to Carrisa Sade Jameson, 29, of Huntingdon.

McKenzie Police Reports

Failure to carry license / leaving the scene of an accident — property damage / financial responsibility — According to a report filed by MPD patrolman Billy King, on February 22 at approximately 10:30 a.m., the officer responded to a hit and run call at McKenzie Regional Hospital . Upon arrival, the officer spoke to Danielle Burns, Highway 22, Huron, the owner of a white Dodge Charger, who said her vehicle was hit and damaged while she was inside the hospital visiting her daughter. The officer then talked with McKenzie Regional Hospital maintenance supervisor and viewed camera footing showing a white Jeep Grand Cherokee backing into Burn's vehicle, causing damage to the Charger's driver side rear bumper and tail light before leaving the scene. Later that day, King was summoned to the hospital parking lot where the maintenance supervisor pointed out the Jeep with damage to its passenger side fender. After running the vehicle tag numbers, the officer located the Jeep driver, identified as Ashley Marie Nadolski, 24, Paris Street, McKenzie, who admitted to backing into the Charger and leaving the scene. She further admitted to not having a driver license or insurance. Nadolski was then cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court for the listed offenses.

Public intoxication — According to a report filed by MPD patrolman Mark Boaz,, on February 23, officer Boaz, accompanied by Sergeant Trey Boucher, responded to dispatch stating that a possible break-in had occurred at a residence located on Garland Street. Upon arrival, the officer observed a male subject exiting the residence heading towards a maroon Ford pickup truck. Questioned by the officer, the subject, identified as Perry B. Benjamin Newman, 21, Old Stage Road, Huntingdon, said that he and his girlfriend were talking and she was still inside the home. Upon speaking to the girlfriend, she informed the officer that the couple had just broken up and she wanted him gone from her residence. Smelling alcohol on Newman's breath, Sergeant Boucher requested Boaz to perform a field sobriety test. After performing poorly on said tests, Newman was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail for the listed offense.

Resisting arrest / disorderly conduct / possession of schedule VI drug — According to a report filed by MPD Sergeant Trey Boucher, on February 26 at 9:07 p.m., Michael Walker, Eli Brown Road, McKenzie, called MPD to report that Kimberlee M. Arnold, 26, same address listed, would not get out of his gray-colored 2001 Chevrolet SC1 pickup or give him the keys to his vehicle. Upon arrival, the officer was told that Arnold had driven away in his truck from Little General at approximately 8:00 p.m. and he had located her at 9:05 p.m. on Linden Street. At that time Sergeant Boucher and patrolman Kyle Beauchamp found Arnold sitting in the vehicle without the keys in the ignition in a very intoxicated state. While talking to Arnold, Beauchamp observed marijuana blunt in plain view in the passenger side floorboard. At that time, Arnold reportedly exited the vehicle and began to argue and was repeatedly told to move away from Beauchamp as he was searching the vehicle. Refusing to do so, the officers attempted to place Arnold under arrest. After refusing to place her hands behind her back to be handcuffed and pulling away from the officers, Arnold was placed on the ground and handcuffed before being transported to Carroll County Jail for the listed offense with the following bonds set: disorderly conduct-$500; resisting arrest-$500; and simple possession of schedule VI-cite. Arnold was also found to have a suspended license out of Paris and charged with driving on suspended-first offense. Walker opted to not press charges on Arnold for taking his truck.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Drug and Weapon Possession

•A Hollow Rock man and a Huntingdon man were arrested on February 20 after a high-speed chase.

Deputy Michael Krause charged Houston Thomas Wilkes, 42, of 20590 Highway 114 and Dennie Eddison Jessee III, 31, of 3920 Highway 219 with aggravated assault, weapon law violations, drug/narcotic violations, and drug equipment violations. According to Krause's report, deputies had prior knowledge that Wilkes had a revoked license when they saw Wilkes driving on Main Street in Huntingdon. When deputies engaged their lights to pull Wilkes over, he drove through yards to avoid them. He exceeded speeds of 100 miles per hour and drove on the wrong side of the road as he led deputies on a chase. Several other drivers nearby were put at risk, including one vehicle Wilkes almost hit head on. He also attempted to ram deputy vehicles. Eventually he lost control of the vehicle and wrecked on Cherry Creek Lane in Hollow Rock. Wilkes and his passenger, Jessee were then restrained. In the vehicle four plastic bags were found with a substance that tested positive for methamphetamines. A 9 mm handgun with a round in the chamber, one magazine with four rounds of ammunition, a handgun holster, portable police scanner, rolling papers, a spoon, two digital scales, two bottles of butane, two pipes, and 289 clear plastic bags were also found. When Wilkes was transported to the Carroll County Jail an additional bag with a substance that tested positive for methamphetamines was found on his person. A computer check showed that his license was suspended for DUI and that he was a convicted felon.

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Drug Possession

•A Decatur County man and woman were arrested on February 20.

Deputy Michael Smith charged Tristan Joseph Swinford, 31, of 3970 Old Ferry Road and Lisa Yvonne Stevens, 52, of 3970 Old Ferry Road with two counts of possession of a schedule II drug. According to Smith's report, deputies spotted a truck with two people sitting at Humbles Chapel. When they were asked what they were doing, they replied that they were waiting on a friend but did not know the friend's name. Deputies asked for permission to search the vehicle and were given permission. Eleven oxycodone pills in an unmarked bottle and two hydrocodone pills were found. Swinford and Stevens both denied that the pills were theirs.

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Drug Possession

•A Cedar Grove man was arrested on February 20 after the execution of a search warrant.

Deputy Michael Mulligan charged Brian Blottiaux, 58, of 617 Buggy Branch Lane with possession of a schedule I drug, possession of a schedule VI drug, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Further charges are also pending. According to Mulligan's report, deputies were executing a warrant at Blottiaux's home when they found three capsules that tested positive for heroine and four syringes with small amounts of a brown oil that Blottiaux voluntarily admitted was cannabis oil. Also found were multiple guns along with ammunition. Blottiaux had pled guilty to a domestic assault charge, which prohibits him from possessing firearms.

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Drug Possession

•A Madison County man was cited into court on February 21 after a traffic stop.

Deputy Kenny Tucker charged Nehemiah Poindexter, 35, of Jackson with drug violations. According to Tucker's report, Poindexter was pulled over when he crossed the centerline and fog line as he drove down Highway 70. When Tucker approached the vehicle he could smell marijuana. Poindexter said he had been at a party at the National Guard Building in Paris and he had smoked a joint on the way back from the party. He gave consent for his vehicle to be searched. A joint and a bag with 8.5 grams of marijuana were found and Poindexter admitted that they belonged to him.

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Fraud

•Authorities are investigating a case of credit card fraud. Robert Wortham, Jr. of Huntingdon reported to authorities that an unknown person used his debit card to purchase items online through Google Wallet on January 25.

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Vandalism

•Deputies were dispatched to Marlboro Missionary Baptist Church in Hollow Rock on February 23.

Melvin Walker, a member of the church, reported to deputies that someone had driven through the churchyard, making ruts and tearing up the crossties boundary. The damage is estimated at $100.

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Driving on Suspended License

•A Benton County woman was cited into court on February 25 after a traffic stop.

Deputy Carlton Cupples charged Marcia Foster of Camden with driving on a suspended license. According to Cupples's report, a vehicle was seen crossing the yellow centerline on Highway 70 three times. Foster, the driver, had a license that was suspended for failure to satisfy a citation from Huntingdon City Court.

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Fraud

•Authorities are investigating a case of fraud.

A Huntingdon woman reported to deputies that her debit card was used on February 17 at Dillards in Memphis without her permission or knowledge.

Property Transfers

•Tim Carroll to Charles and Jamie L. Arnold in District 14.

•Sharon Ranae Younger and Lana Younger Suite to William B. and Barbara Joyce Younger.

•Hardin County Bank to David O. and Martha V. Renfroe in District 9.

•Joe Phillip and Mary Lucille Ridley to Grant E. Lowrance in District 4.

•Carolyn and Phillip Rayburn to Anthony Schmidt in District 16.

•Donnis Hansen to Bonita and Gary Lindsey in District 13.

•Chelsey O. and John R. Cobb to Judy E. Foster in District 11.

•Misty D. Perritt to Tracy R. Yundt in District 15.

•Regina Faye Lowe and others to Michael H. and Kandy S. Jones in District 16.

•Paul and Phoebe Bergoffen to Paul A. and Phoebe A. Bergoffen.

•William Moore to William and Bennie Alford in District 5.

•Robert Gilbert Carpenter to Robert Gilbert Carpenter in District 6.

•Annie Rust Dean to William Allen Jr. and Jennifer A. Espey in District 11.

•Roger Dale Nelson to Tyler Shaw in District 4.

•Samuel Lee McLemore to Rebecca Lee McLemore in District 1.

•Dorothy Jean McKee to Anthony W. and Leann G. Pritchard in District 14.

•Robert Joe and Sherry M. Johnson and others to Justin and Lindsey Johnson.

Carroll County General Sessions

No cases were bound over to the Grand Jury last week in Carroll County General Sessions Court.

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The following cases were disposed:

•Jennifer A. Armstrong, East Paris Street, Huntingdon: reckless endangerment-vehicle / misdemeanor-dismissed. Motor driven cycles helmet required-dismissed. Reckless driving-dismissed. Off-road vehicle on highway-dismissed. Evading arrest-flight-vehicle-dismissed.

•Brenden Tyler Burns, Drew Court, Huntingdon: failure to appear-misdemeanor-guilty pleas as charged entered. Driving while license canceled-$100 fine and cost on guilty plea. Seatbelt-18 and older-dismissed.

•Ashley Casey, Forrest Avenue, McKenzie: domestic assault-no violent contact with victim, 6 months unsupervised pre-trial diversion, file proof of anger management.

•Debra Chaney, Linden Street, McKenzie: disorderly conduct-no violent contact with victim, pre-trial diversion until August 25, 2016. Public intoxication-pre-trial or judicial diversion.

•Olajuwon D. Clark, East Railroad, Huntingdon: driving while license suspended-dismissed. Light law-motor vehicle-dismissed. Unlawful drug paraphernalia-attempt-$100 fine and cost on guilty plea. Simple possession / casual exchange-$250 fine and cost on guilty plea.

•Julius Dewayne Craig, Highway 70, Huntingdon: driving while license canceled-dismissed-cost to defendant. Speeding-dismissed.

•Shawn Dill, Purdy Road, Huntingdon: theft (up to $500)-no contact with Wal-Mart, no fine and cost on guilty plea, 11 months and 29 days unsupervised probation, review date set for August 25, 2016.

•Valerie Lynn Fisher, Hill Road, McKenzie: reckless driving-dismissed. Restraint-under age 4-guilty plea as charged entered.

•Michael Freeman, Cherry Street, McKenzie: schedule VI drugs-SOL-11 months and 29 days supervised deferred probation, $250 fine and cost, credit for time served. Probation violation-guilty plea as charged entered.

•Lathan Rantrell Gilbreath, High Street, Huntingdon: driving while license suspended-dismissed. Seatbelt-18 and older-dismissed.

•Danny Lee Hardin, Perkins Mill Road, Hollow Rock: allowing dogs to run at large-dismissed.

•Josh Hollowell: public intoxication-$50 fine and 30 days to serve-report time March 7, 2016 at 8:00 a.m., no contact with Oasis Store, A&D assessment, 40 hours community service, counts run concurrent. False statement in stat reports-no fine, 10 months and 29 days supervised probation, no contact with County Line Oasis Store.

•Jessica LeeAnna Marise, Hayes Park Circle, Lexington: schedule II drugs-manufacture, deliver, sell, possess-dismissed. Limitations on backing-improper backing-dismissed.

•Leslie C. Nash, Highway 51 Bypass, Dyersburg: driving while license canceled-$250 fine and cost on guilty plea, order to serve 10 days, 5 months and 20 days unsupervised probation.

•Allen W. Pearson, Pear Road, Cedar Grove: failure to appear felony-dismissed.

•Jason R. Rainey, Tumbling Creek Road, McKenzie: theft (up to $500)-dismissed.

•Daniel J. Taylor, Bradford Highway, Milan: driving while license revoked-second or subsequent-no fine and cost on guilty plea, order to serve 10 days, 11 months and 19 days supervised probation. Speeding-dismissed.

•Daniel Benjamyn Turner, Blackburn Road, McKenzie: theft (up to $500) / three counts. Count one-restitution to be paid in full, no contact with E.W. James in McKenzie, as to count-5 months and 29 days supervised probation, no fine and cost on guilty plea. Counts 2 and 3-11 months and 29 days supervised probation, no fine and cost on guilty plea, credit for time served. Forgery-6 counts: all dismissed. Probation violation-partial revocation, order to serve 30 days.

Carroll County Democrat Party Delegate Convention

March 5th, 2016

11:00 a.m.

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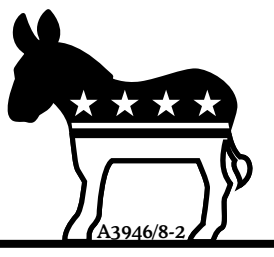

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Nashville, TN 37217

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Nashville Office
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Nashville, TN 37211

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The City of McKenzie TN reserves the right to waive informalities and to reject any and all bids.

By: Jill Holland, Mayor

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Public Notice

Northwest Tennessee Development District

The Northwest Tennessee Development District Executive Committee and Northwest Tennessee Human Resource Agency Policy Council will meet in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 18, 2016; at Carroll County Shooting Sports Park located at 680 McAdoo Cemetery Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344.

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NOTICE

City of McKenzie Water Customers

The 2015 Consumer Confidence Report for the City of McKenzie will be published in the March 8th Edition of the McKenzie Banner. This report will not be mailed to everyone individually; however copies will be made available at McKenzie City Hall, and the McKenzie Water Dept. during regular business hours. If you have any questions or comments please contact Gordon Dickson at 352-3114.

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NOTICE

The 2015 Consumer Confidence Report for the Town of Bruceton will not be mailed. It will be published in the March 15th edition of The McKenzie Banner. Also, the CCR report will be made available at the Carroll County Library and the Bruceton City Hall on or after March 15th. If you have any questions or comments concerning your water quality, contact Brian Edwards at 586-2401 or come by City Hall.

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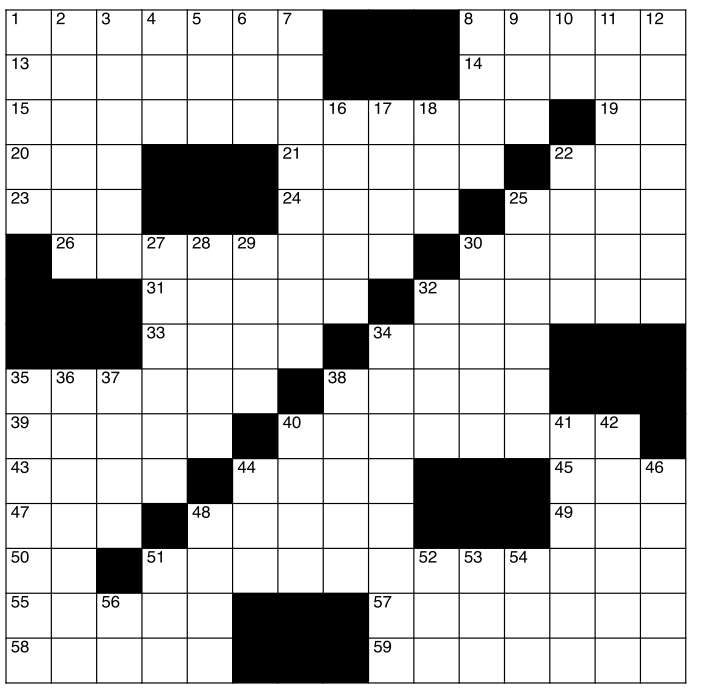
CLUES ACROSS
1. Sold at a higher price
8. Instill fear
13. Can be domesticated
14. Oohed and ___
15. Make too simple
19. Plutonium
20. Necessary for breathing
21. Make happy
22. Mythological bird
23. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
24. Put on __
25. Type of dough
26. Blushed
30. Celestial object
31. Point __ National Seashore
32. Purplish red
33. Towards the mouth or oral region
34 Portuguese musical genre
35. Steals
38. Acts insincerely
39. City in Belarus
40. Anticipates
43. Paris airport
44. Deal with
45. No (Scottish)
47. Opens lock
48. Central parts
49. Sheep disease
50. Indicates position
51. Doing many things at once
55. Khoikhoin peoples
57. Informal alliance between countries
58. Long poems
59. The state of being poorly illuminated



CLUES DOWN
1. Portico
2. Delicacy
3. Punish with an arbitrary penalty
4. Household god (Roman)
5. Public television station
6. __ Lilly, drug company
7. Degraded
8. Free from danger
9. Low bank or reef of coral
10. Exclamation of surprise
11. Lies down in rest
12. Give an education to
16. Provides
17. Fat from a pig
18. Belonging to a thing
22. Branches of a bone
25. Having a cheerless aspect or disposition
27. Edema (archaic)
28. Bo __, "10"
29. Unfledged or nestling hawk
30. Surrenders
32. Type of dessert
34. Planted with trees
35. Washington town
36. Listen in
37. Inwardly
38. Chinese province
40. Garrison
41. Converts thermal energy to mechanical work
42. Holy people
44. Lowest point between two peaks
46. Boundaries
48. Utter obscenities
51. ___ and cheese
52. Member of the cuckoo family
53. Type of microscope
54. ___ and Barbie
56. Michigan

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See solution in next week's edition.

PUZZLE SOLUTION

2-23-16 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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SOLUTION 2-23-16

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HUNTINGDON PREK/HEAD START 2016-17 ENROLLMENT

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If your child will be four years old on or before August 15 and you are interested in enrolling him/her in the Head Start program, you may complete an application during registration day. Children with disabilities will be given priority for enrollment including those with severe disabilities.

Registration will be held at Huntingdon Primary School on Tuesday, March 22 from 8-4 and Wednesday, March 23 from 8:30-2 and at the Head Start Center on Wednesday, March 23 from 2:15-4 and Thursday, March 24 from 10-6. Walk in during the listed times, or appointments can be scheduled for alternate times as needed.

The following documentation is needed to complete your child's application:

*Proof of child's age
*Social Security number for each family member
*Name, address, and telephone number of at least three emergency contacts
*TennCare and/or insurance card
*Proof of income
*Tennessee shot/immunization certificate

Contact: Shirley Smith, Family Advocate or Jennifer Vinson, Center Coordinator at 731-986-7526 or 731-694-5600.

WEST CARROLL SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET

The West Carroll Special School District Board of Education meets Thursday, March 3 at 6 p.m. Items on the agenda include the director of schools contract, approval of the school calendar, approval of the National Beta Convention field trip, board policy updates, a request to bid on a cafeteria steamer, personnel discussion, and discussion of WiFi issues.

WEST CARROLL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUE FINAL SIGN-UPS

The final sign-ups for the West Carroll Baseball and Softball leagues will be at Trezevant City Park, under the pavillion, on Saturday, March 5 from 10-2 and Sunday, March 6 from 1-4.

SPAGHETTI DINNER ENABLES YOUTH ACTIVITIES

New Hope United Methodist Church in Vale continues to support the youth of our community. We believe offering a spiritual experience builds community and community gives us the courage to encounter life, love and the God of Grace. Join us Saturday, March 12, 4:00-6:30 p.m. at 130 New Hope Church Lane. The dinner includes various spaghetti sauces, salad, dessert and beverage. This donation-only event will provide tuition for Lakeshore Campers and fund June's vacation bible school. 35 area youth enjoyed the first VBS event in 2015. We look forward to new and returning participants to catch the wave of God's amazing love.

CARROLL COUNTY RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Carroll County Resolutions Committee meets Monday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m., in the Carroll County Mayor's Office, 625 High Street, Suite 101, Huntingdon. The public is invited to attend.

RUNNING FOR KYLIE 5K/FUN RUN

We cordially invite you to participate as a Sponsor of the Running for Kylie 5K/Fun Run. The event will be held on April 9, 2016 at McKenzie City Park. Running for Kylie will kick off with a 9 a.m. with the Fun Run, started by Miss Tennessee. The 5K begins at 9:30. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Register by March 27 for $15 for the Fun Run and $20 for the 5K. After that, registration will be $20 for the Fun Run and $25 for the 5K.

This event will raise money to provide financial assistance to Kylie's family for her treatment of Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA). Kylie was diagnosed with JIA, this year, at only 2 years old. She is the daughter of Chris and Stephanie Taylor. JIA is a chronic disease characterized by persistent joint pain and inflammation. The disease is rare and only affects about 80-90 per 100,000 children. Kylie has a polyarticular form of JIA, which is the involvement of 5 or more joints. She has arthritis in her fingers, wrists, hips, knees, ankles, elbow, and was recently diagnosed in one of her eyes. With treatment, therapy, and activity Kylie can have a normal childhood leading to a normal adulthood. While the treatment can be very effective in controlling JIA symptoms, the costs can become a financial burden.

Your sponsorship can greatly help this family meet the financial demands of Kylie's intensive treatment. Please help this cause by becoming a sponsor of Running for Kylie. Our fundraising goal is $5,000.

Platinum Level Sponsor: $100 minimum; business name on the back of 5K t-shirts, name listed on sign during event.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of becoming a race sponsor. Or, please call or email, Beth Mathis or Rhonda Chandler, to answer and questions. Beth can be reached at (731-415-4596), Rhonda can be reached at (731-225-5645). Also feel free to email us at runforkylie@gmail.com.

HUMANE SOCIETY HOSTS SOUP "FUR" SUPPER

Carroll County Humane Society is hosting a Soup "Fur" Supper on Saturday, March 5, 2016, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, McKenzie. Anyone wishing to donate a crockpot of soup or chili will be appreciated. Contact Catherine Clark, event coordinator at clarkc@bethelu.edu.

CCHS has lots of puppies and donations of Pedigree Puppy Food, wet and dry, are needed. The CCHS also received lots of cats from a cruelty case. Purina Cat Chow and Arm and Hammer cat litter is needed.

For more information, visit http://www.cchspet.org/donations.html.

GIRLS TALK

Gleason Clinic will host Girl Talk in March. This class is for mothers and daughters (age 9-12).

The first class on March 1st is for the mothers only to attend. All other classes (March 8th, 15th, and 21st) are for both mothers and daughters. Class begins at 6:00 p.m. and is free of charge. You must register, seating is limited. To register please call Gleason Clinic 731-648-5634.

HAM AND BEAN DINNER

Vale Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a Ham and Bean Dinner on Saturday, March 19 at the Vale Community Center, 26165 Highway 114, north of Hollow Rock. Serving times are 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door for $8.00. Meals include ham and beans, slaw, cornbread, dessert and drink. The station needs your support to help rebuild the station after a fire destroyed it. For more information, contact 731-415-1797 or 731-415-3935.

VFW YOUTH ACTIVITIES BREAKFAST

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4939 is hosting a breakfast on March 5, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the benefit of its youth activities. The meal is $7.00 and includes all one can eat of eggs, biscuits, gravy, red-eyed gravy, sausage, grilled bologna, country ham, juice, milk and coffee. The Post is located on Cherrywood Road, just off U.S. 79 in McKenzie.

VERY SPECIAL ARTS FESTIVAL

This year's Very Special Arts Festival will be held Saturday, March 19 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center. This day is set aside for the children of Carroll County to enjoy free arts and crafts activities and stage performances. We will once again feature face painting, nutritious snacks, wearable crafts, and much more.

Currently, we are in need of and taking reservations for arts and crafts booths and stage performances. School groups, church groups, civic organizations and individuals are all encouraged to participate in this exciting event for the people of Carroll County.

Please call 986-4482 ext. 226 for more information and to reserve your booth/performance time.

TATER TOWN PAGEANTS ARE MARCH 5

The annual Tater Town Pageants are Saturday, March 5, at the Gleason School Gymnasium, beginning at 1 p.m. Registration begins at 12:30. Categories for boys and girls are: 0 thru 11 months; 1 year olds; 2 year olds; 3 year olds; 4 and 5 year olds; and 6 through 9 year olds. Older categories include the Pre-Teen Miss Tater Town for girls ages 10-12. Next will be the Jr. Miss Pageant for girls ages 13-15.

The finale of the evening is the Miss Tater Town pageant for ages 16-21. Pageant winners qualify for the West Tennessee Strawberry Pageants. Entry fee for all pageants is $20. For more information call 514-9007 or 415-3511.

VFW AUXILIARY POST 4939 MEETS MONTHLY

All members are invited to attend monthly meetings of the VFW Auxiliary Post 4939, held at the post every third Thursday at 6:45 p.m.

EVENTS AT GLEASON ROTARY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Gleason Rotary Senior Center, 120 S. Cedar St., is the location of these recurring events. "The Gleason Pickers" perform traditional Country, Gospel and Bluegrass music every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish, bring a friend!

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings are offered Mondays 7:00 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings are offered on Thursdays 7:00 p.m.

BI-WEEKLY AA MEETINGS

AA Meetings are each Sunday and Wednesday, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. at McKenzie Regional Hospital – Cafeteria.

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

A monthly caregiver support group open to persons caring for family members meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 16 McTyeire St., McKenzie. This is an opportunity to share and learn from other people facing the ongoing challenges and frustrations of giving care. It's an hour each month when you can get practical answers and support from people who know exactly what you are going through. If you know someone who would be interested in joining this group, please pass the word on to them.

MONTHLY VETERAN SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

VFW Post 4939 will host a veteran support group meeting to be held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., beginning February 2, 2016. The meeting is open to all veterans and family members. Thomas O'Bryant, the Carroll County Veteran Service Officer will be the guest speaker at the first meeting. Refreshments will be served.

RENEWED HEARTS SUPPORT GROUP

Facing life's challenging circumstances / Facing life without a loved one / practical help through difficult time in your life / caregiving support. All groups are free and confidential.

Meeting location: 1939A Cedar Street, McKenzie on second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. For more information call 731-352-1340.

TREZEVANT ADD-A-DISH MEAL

A community add-a-dish meal is each third Wednesday, noon at the Trezevant Community Center.

CARROLL COUNTY AARP MEETS EVERY THIRD MONDAY

The AARP Carroll County Chapter meets every third Monday at noon, except in September, at the Carroll County Civic Center in Huntingdon for an add-a-dish meal. Please bring non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

FREE PERISHABLE FOOD GIVEAWAY

Long Heights Baptist Church welcomes all who have a need for perishables at 260 Old Paris Rd, McKenzie. Join us on the second and fourth Wednesday night of each month at 8 p.m. Also, there is a clothing ministry available. Come early to fellowship and hear a word from God through Pastor Kenny Carr.

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Registration will be held:

When: Tuesday - March 22nd, Wednesday - March 23rd, Thursday - March 24th
Where: Tuesday-Huntingdon Primary (8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.),
Wednesday - Huntingdon Primary (8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) and
Wednesday Head Start Center (2:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m.),
Thursday - Head Start Center (10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.)
Time: Walk-in at times listed above or by appointment

Appointments Can Be Scheduled for Alternate Times As Needed.

Contact: Shirley Smith, Family Advocate or Jennifer Vinson, Center Coordinator

Telephone: 731-986-7526 or 731-694-5600 - 13310 Paris St., Huntingdon, Tenn.

The following documentation is needed to complete your child's application:

(1) Proof of child's age
(2) Social Security number for each family member
(3) Name, address, and telephone number of at least three emergency contacts
(4) TennCare and/or insurance card
(5) Proof of income
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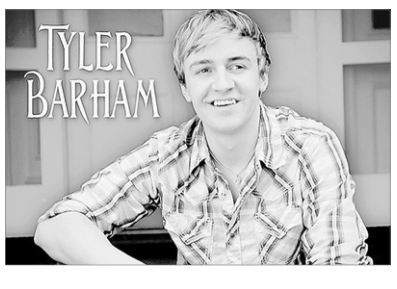

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