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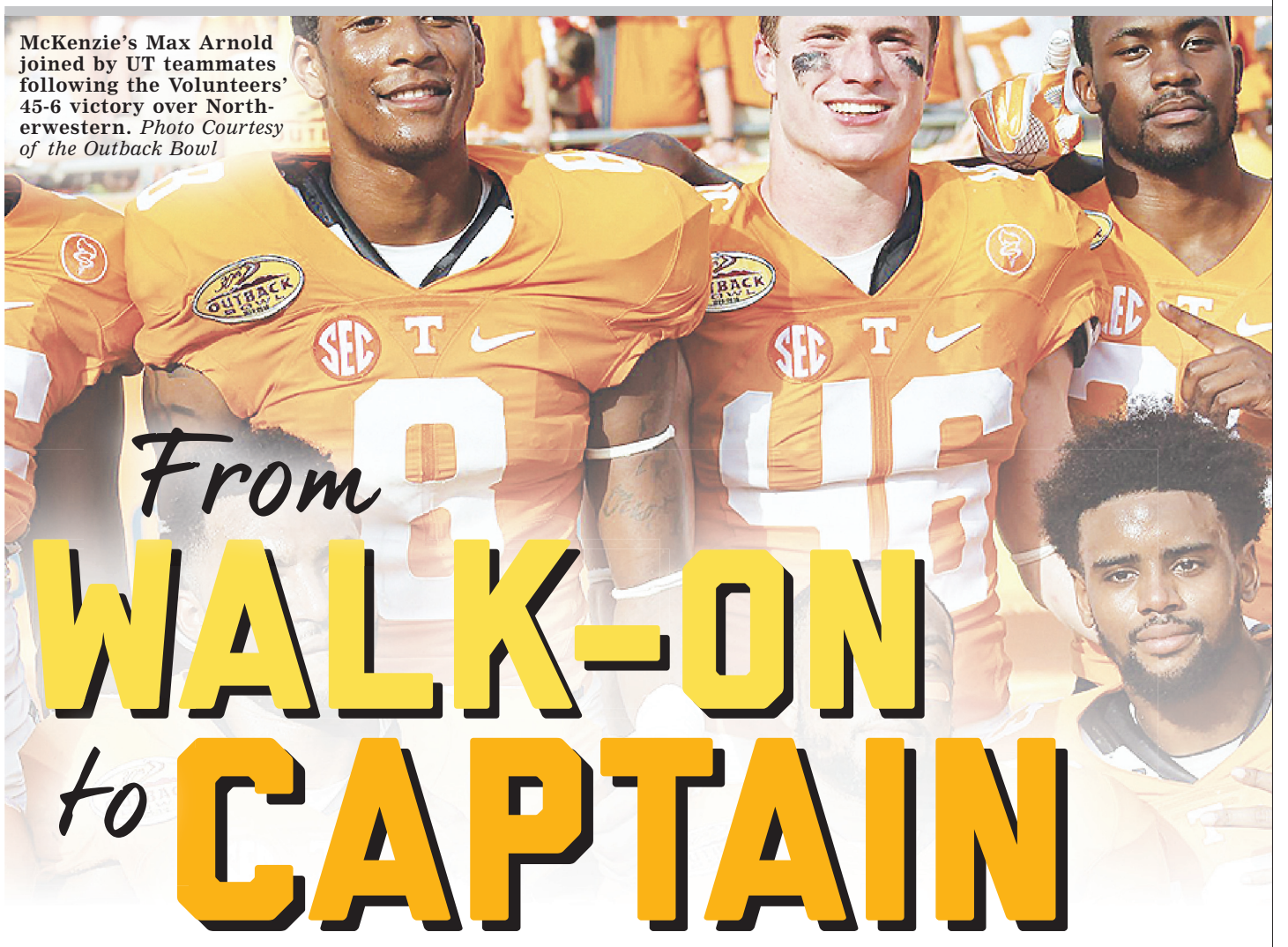
By Brad Sam
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McKENZIE (December 29) — During Tuesday's regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Council, members voted to approve the low bid of $866,000 from J.S. Haren (Athens, Tenn.) for improvements to the city's wastewater system. The action was passed unanimously, with Councilpersons Cassie Allen and Jessie Townes absent.

Last April, the council approved loan agreements totaling over $1.6 million for the upgrades, which the state has said need to be completed in 2016. The new system, once operational, will improve the quality of treatment of wastewater and reduce the impact on the environment. It should have a lifespan of 40 years.

The board also approved an ordinance establishing impound lot regulations and fees. Owners of vehicles impounded by

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McKenzie's Max Arnold joined by UT teammates following the Volunteers' 45-6 victory over Northerwestern. *Photo Courtesy of the Outback Bowl*

From WALK-ON to CAPTAIN

By Jason Martin
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The University of Tennessee Volunteers and redshirt senior Max Arnold finished their post-season with a 45-6 shellacking of the Northwestern Wildcats in the Outback Bowl. Arnold in his last game as a Volunteer helped lead #23 UT past #13 Northwestern.

Always humble, Max took a few minutes to discuss the bowl game and the significance of his time at UT.

After five seasons as a Volunteer, Arnold said he felt complete with Friday's win. There is always a winner and a loser in each game and finishing the season on a six-game winning streak was always a huge plus. The bowl win added value to the season, but Max said it was also rewarding to share the moment with teammates, family and friends in Tampa. "It was great to hear congratulations from fans in McKenzie. It was also cool to have people I know cheering for me

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Carroll County Election Commission

Preparations Set for Upcoming Presidential Primary Election



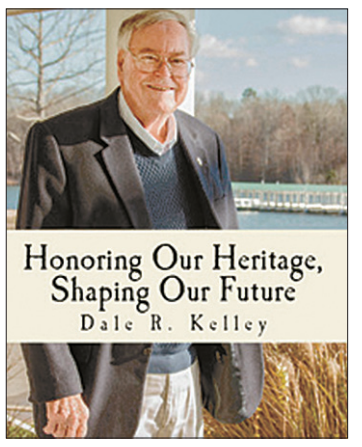
Carroll County Election Commission members Nellie Hale and Ron Reiter inspect new voter registration forms.

By Ernie Smothers
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HUNTINGDON (December 29) — During the regular monthly meeting of the Carroll County Election Commission, CCED Chairman Billy Smith led members Nellie Hale and Ron Reiter in preparations for the upcoming Presidential Preference Primary absentee voting beginning February 10 and ending February 23.

Smith said, "The first thing we need to do is secure the Presidential Preference Primary absentee ballot box. We only need two locks and two seals to do this. Nellie (Hale) will hold on for safekeeping the designated key that opens the Democrat lock. In like manner, Ron Reiter will hold on to the designated key that opens the Republican lock. Nellie and Ron will be responsible for opening the absentee box for the vote count at the conclusion of absentee voting."

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Kelley Story Released This Month

Humbles Church Road Media, a western Tennessee publishing company, is releasing this month the story of Carroll County treasure Dale R. Kelley entitled: Honoring Our Heritage, Shaping Our Future.

From his birth in October, 1939, in a log house in Reedy Creek bottom, Kelley has risen to success as an athlete, local and state-elected office holder, business entrepreneur, NCAA Final

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Central High School

Principal Tim Gilmer Resigns

In an unanticipated move, Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School Principal Tim Gilmer tenured his resignation to Director of Schools David Duncan at the end of the final day of school on December 18, 2015 prior to the start of Christmas Break in order to accept the principal position at Liberty Tech Magnet School in Jackson.

Gilmer started his new job at Liberty on January 4.

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Corker Statement on Expected Executive Action on Gun Laws

ATLANTA, Ga. — U.S. Senator Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) released the following statement regarding reports that President Obama will take executive action on gun laws.

"It's not hard to understand why so many Tennesseans fear that the president will abuse his authority and act in a way that infringes upon their Second Amendment rights," said Corker. "Like most Americans, I want to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals and dangerous mentally ill people, but the president's expected unilateral actions would be divisive and detrimental to real solutions. After reviewing the details, I will work with my colleagues to respond appropriately to ensure the Constitution is respected."

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City officials, ACT II volunteers, and McKenzie Banking Company representatives with the fittingly large check.

McKenzie Banking Company Donates $35,000 to Park Theatre

By Brad Sam
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McKENZIE (December 29) — During Tuesday's regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Council, McKenzie Mayor Jill Holland made an exciting announcement- that McKenzie Banking Company had made a donation toward the restoration of the historic Park Theatre in the amount of $35,000.

The mayor began by noting that McKenzie is full of generous people, saying "Our community always seems to come through whenever we really need something." She applauded the Park Theatre: ACT II committee for its dedication and hard work, especially Ryan Griffin, one of the organization's chief fundraisers, who approached the bank to request a donation.

MBC Community President Keith Priestley said, "McKenzie Banking Company and the Charles P. Wilson Foundation are very pleased to be able to participate in the renovation of the historic Park Theatre in downtown McKenzie. The Park Theatre began in 1941 and the McKenzie Banking Company charter dates to 1934. Both the theater and the bank have been an integral part of downtown McKenzie for the past 75 to 80 years.

"McKenzie Banking Company has grown over the years with bank offices in six communities in West Tennessee. It all began right here in McKenzie, and we are excited about giving back to the community which has supported our bank for over 80 years.

"This donation to the Park Theatre follows McKenzie Banking Company's purpose statement, which says that we exist as a tool to invest in those things which will outlive us. We certainly hope that the theater is around for another 75 years to be enjoyed by all in the community."

Mayor Holland said, "We are absolutely awed by this tremendous donation," and announced that the stage will be named in honor of McKenzie Banking Company.

The funds will go toward the purchase of a projector that will allow the theater to screen movies.

Organizers say that they are now just $15,000 away from fulfilling the goal of opening the historic landmark as a fully-functioning, multi-purpose facility to be used for movies, stage productions, meetings, and training sessions.

Mayor Holland pointed to February for the potential grand opening.

Conservation Reserve Program Meeting

Interested in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)? If so, and you have cropping history from 2008 to 2013 (4 out of those 6 years) or have pasture land adjoining a permanent body of water or stream please join us for an evening workshop to learn more. Tennessee NRCS and Quail Forever Wildlife Biologists will have short presentations regarding General CRP, Continuous CRP, Mid-Contract Management and other CRP/wildlife management related topics. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the program along with program enrollment assistance. Meeting will be held at Henry County Fairgrounds Commercial Building, 517 Royal Oak Drive, Paris, TN 38242, on Thursday, January 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

A meal will be provided. PLEASE RSVP by Wednesday, January 6th and call the USDA service center office at 731-642-0761.

Contact: Brittney Viers; Quail Forever Wildlife Biologist, 731-358-1860; bviers@quailforever.org.



Above, Zombies Sakura Horiuchi, Hannah Nichols, Libby Farmer and Addi Cate proclaim: "2015 Is Dead To Us". The group won second place in money raised. *Photo by Joel Washburn/ McKenzie Banner* **Below, Thirty-five people jumped into the cold waters on January 1 at Paris Landing State Park.**







Above Left, Steve Matlock and wife, Barbara are dressed as Batman and Bat Mamma. Above Right, Hooked On Real Hope won Best Costume and first place in most money raised. In the group are Donna Craig, Michele Atkins and Jamie Miles and their children John Thomas Atkins; Paige and Dallas Craig and Piper and Emery Miles.

$6,000 Raised for REAL Hope With Shiver in the River

By Shannon McFarlin
WENK/WTPR News Director

BUCHANAN — With milder temperatures this year, a large attendance was present for the 7th annual Shiver In The River event Friday, either to take the chilly plunge or to cheer for those who did.

A whopping $6,000 was raised for the REAL Hope Youth Center, double the amount raised last year, with more donations coming in. Thirty-five people participated.

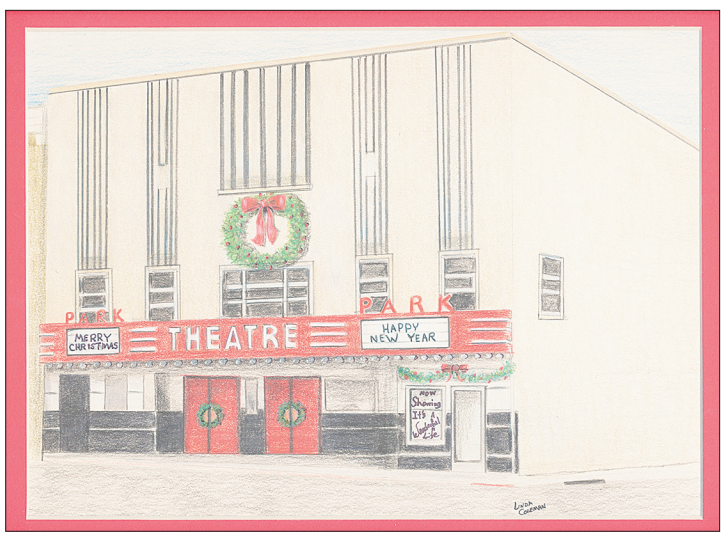
The participants received a warm breakfast brunch served at the Paris Landing Inn after the event, where winners were announced.

This year's winners were:

Best Costume awarded to the Hooked On Hope group. Dressed like pirates, they included Donna Craig, Jamie Miles and Michele Atkins, joined by their children John Thomas Atkins, Paige and Dallas Craig and Piper and Emery Miles. Runner-up was Jane Garrett as Olaf the Snowman.

Group Awards for money raised were won by: First Place, Hooked on REAL Hope, $1,361; Second Place, 2015 Is Dead To Us (Zombie group), $1003; and Third, Alpha and Omega, $75.

Individual Awards for money raised: First, Dawn Hurney, $1,292; Second, Dennis Inman, $1,190; Third, Randi French, $100.



Coleman's original colored-pencil drawing of the historic Park Theatre.

Coleman Honored For Art Contribution

McKENZIE (December 29) — During Tuesday's regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Council, McKenzie Mayor Jill Holland delivered a proclamation, honoring and thanking Linda Gregg Coleman for her beautiful drawing of the historic Park Theatre, which was featured on the city's 2015 Christmas greeting card.

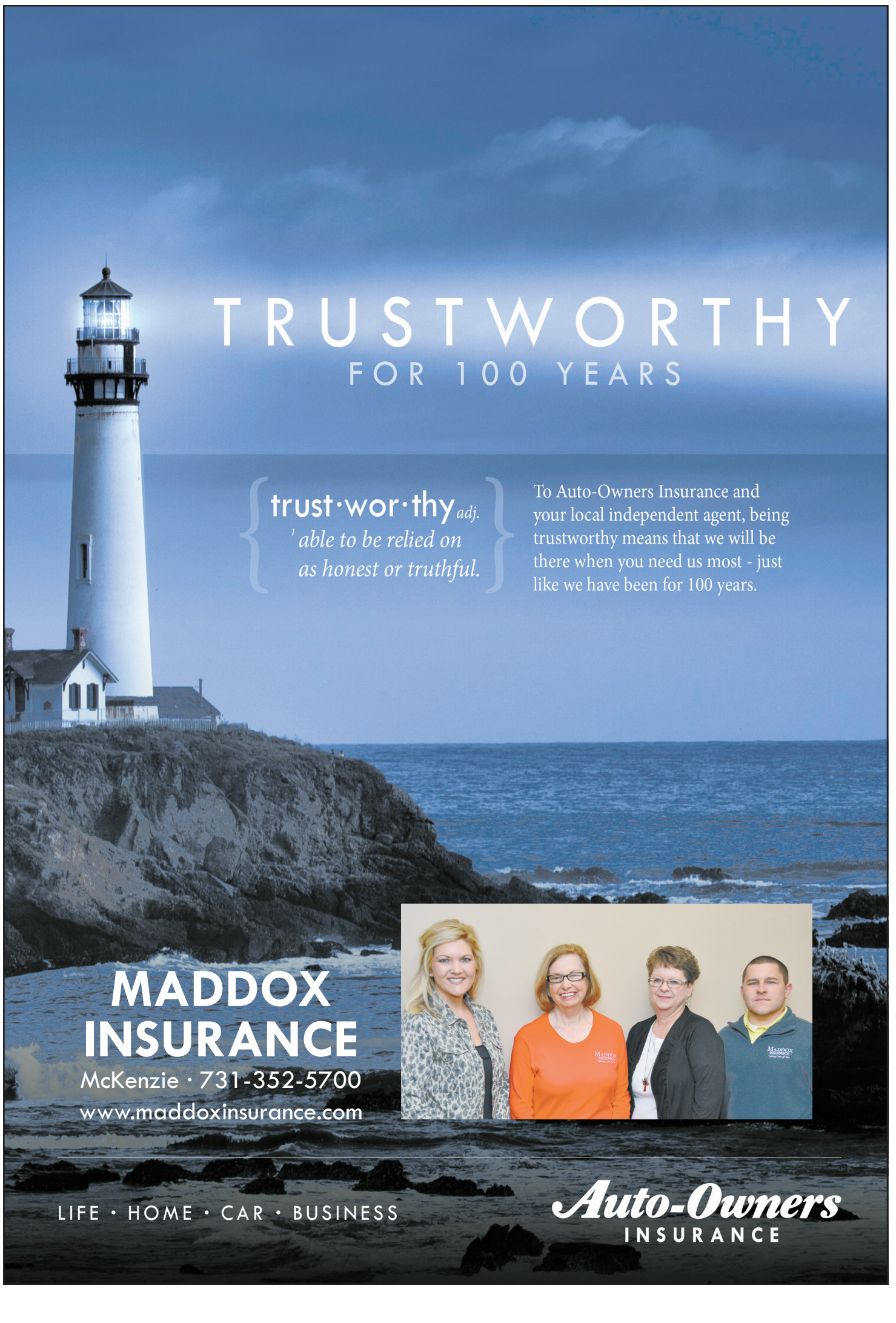
The proclamation read, in part, "Mrs. Coleman, a resident of Carroll County, and successful business owner for 28 years of Heartworks Gifts and Custom Frame Shop in the City of McKenzie, Tennessee, has distinguished herself in art and has won numerous awards for her talent."

It continued, "Mrs. Coleman's colored-pencil rendering of the historic Park Theatre is the result of many hours of highly-focused practice and dedication deserving of recognition by the community."



Mayor Jill Holland presents Linda Gregg Coleman with the proclamation.

The document concluded that the citizens of McKenzie are justifiably proud of and wish to extend their gratitude to Coleman for her time and talent.





UT Outback Bowl game captains Max Arnold #46, Brian Randolph #37, Kyler Kerbyson #77 and Josh Dobbs #11 at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla. *Photo By Craig Bisacre/Tennessee Athletics*

Arnold

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on my journey."

The journey is the story of Max's beginnings at Knoxville. Max said when he left McKenzie to become a walk-on at the University of Tenn., he was "prepared for the worst and hoped for the best. It was like climbing a mountain." The first day, nobody knew Max Arnold, they did not know if he came to play football or try out as a manager, and they certainly did not know his level of determination. With his faith and trust in God and the love and support of family, Max made it.

Five seasons later, the kid from McKenzie was a grown man and a bowl game captain. Max said the adversity he faced made him a better man and person. The challenges he faced also brought his family closer together. "There were two things in the beginning I knew to rely on, God and my family."

"I would love for more time as a Vol, but I am excited about my future," Arnold responded when asked about finishing his career as a Volunteer. "My time at Tennessee gave me confidence, and I proved to myself that I could compete at the SEC level."

Not only did he compete at the SEC level, but also Max gained respect from teammates and coaches. Being named captain is a huge accomplishment because the nomination came from his teammates.

The University of Tennessee Volunteers defense played solid against the University of Northwestern Wildcats. The defense allowed just 251 yards. When asked how that came to be, Arnold stated, "it was great preparation during the week. The coaches balanced the week out with work and fun." Max went on to say that the "team felt 110%" because they were focused on themselves as a unit rather than focusing solely on Northwestern.

The philosophy and discipline in the Volunteers that game is a reflection of Max. The young man is driven, does not put himself above his team or family. God can be found at the center of all things. When speaking with Max a person feels impacted with a certain feeling of positivity. With Max's drive and determination, all things are possible.



(L to R) Carroll County Election Commission member Nellie Hale and CCEC Chairman Billy Smith secure locks and seals to the Presidential Preference Primary absentee voter box.

Election

...From Front Page

Smith then supervised Ron Reiter's destruction of six additional keys and locks procured by Administrator of Elections Peg Hamlett for the purpose of securing the absentee voter box.

Smith said, "We only need two locks and two keys for this process-one for Nellie, and one for Ron. We don't need additional keys floating around that can unlock either lock that secures the absentee voting box."

Hamlett informed commission members that Carroll County voters can cast absentee votes for the Presidential Preference Primary at the election office located inside the Carroll County Office Complex from February 10 through February 23.

She added, "From February 10 through February 23, registered voters in Carroll County can cast absentee votes at this office on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon."

Carroll County election Office will be closed Monday, February 15 in observance of President's Day.

Hamlett noted that county registered voters can cast votes in the Presidential Preference Primary Election on March 1 at polling locations placed throughout the county.

Hamlett said polling officials for nursing homes and assisted living residences will be appointed along with polling machine technicians at the next commission meeting on Thursday, January 28, at 4:00 p.m.

She said, "Schooling for polling officers, judges, and registrars will be conducted from February 1 through February 4 inside the office complex conference room. Certification of election results by the election commission is scheduled for March 10, 2016."

Hamlett distributed to commissioners lists of Republican and Democratic presidential candidates that will appear on the county's Presidential Preference absentee and primary ballots. Republican presidential candidates include: Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Jim Gilmore, Lindsey O. Graham, Like Huckabee, John R. Kasich, George Pataki, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Rick Santorum, Donald Trump, uncommitted, and write-in.

Recently, Republican presidential candidates Graham and Pataki have suspended their campaigns.

Democratic presidential candidates appearing on the ballot include: Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, Martin J. O'Malley, uncommitted, and write-in.

Hamlett said that an information packet had been requested from a Carroll County resident interested in running for president.

Smith replied, "I don't know who the person from our county is that is asking for the information packet, but I definitely commend them for aspiring to run for the highest office in America."

Smith then observed commission members Hale and Reiter inspect five new voter registration forms.

Hamlett noted that a total of 47 new voter registrations were submitted.

Prior to adjournment, Hamlett said that the state election commission is still working to fill the vacancy on the commission board created via the resignation of Brent Bradberry, a Republican.

Bradberry resigned his position on the commission to accept a job at the state level.

Smith noted that a Republican must be appointed to fill Bradberry's vacancy.

Gilmer

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During an interview with The McKenzie Banner, Duncan said that due to Gilmer's resignation being submitted only four days after the last school board meeting, no official action will be taken by the board concerning the matter until the next school board meeting on January 11.

Duncan added, "High school principal responsibilities will be shared by school administrators until a new principal is hired."

Prior to accepting the position as Central High School head football coach and middle school principal in 2004, Gilmer served at the University School of Jackson as football defensive coordinator and classroom educator.

Gilmer was employed as Central Middle School principal from 2004 until 2008 before being hired as high school principal in 2009 by then-director of school's Rod Sturdivant.

During an interview, Gilmer said that although he enjoyed his time at Central, he could not pass up the opportunity to serve at a larger school.

Although technology is emphasized at Liberty Tech, the school also offers standard high school classes in addition to vocational technical training in the fields of agriculture, manufacturing, marketing, communications, cabling, auto mechanics and culinary arts.

Gilmer thanked past and present Central administrators, school board members, teachers, students, and community parents and guardians for supporting him during his time at the school.

He noted that although he was excited about his new job at Liberty, he was in no hurry to sell his house and leave Bruceton.

He does, however, foresee his family eventually relocating near the Jackson area.

Gilmer's wife, Amber, is employed as the Carroll County Service manager for the Northwest Economic Development in Huntingdon.

The Gilmer's have three children attending Central. They are: Peyton, a senior; Emma, an eighth grader; and Colbi, a first grader.

Holt's Tweets Draw Disdain, Support

State Representative Andy Holt (R-Dresden) is drawing national attention after he tweeted his support for anti-government protestors in Oregon. On Monday, Holt tweeted #bunddy militia where can I send support for your efforts. He deleted the tweet, but not before others observers had made a computer copy of the tweet. Holt told Channel 4-Nashville that he deleted it because he received death threats. Holt said he deleted the initial tweet "so liberal loons will quit responding."

According to a report from Channel 4, the protesters marched in support of a family of ranchers who refuse to sell their land. Inside the Oregon federal wildlife refuge, a spin-off group of armed protesters took over a government-owned building.

Holt spoke to Channel 4 by phone on Monday. He said he was offering moral support but pulled back from supporting the actions of the protesters.

"I don't necessarily agree with their methods, but I agree with their fight," he said. "I'm not about to invade a federal building."

Holt said he supports efforts to resist a federal government that he called powerful and tyrannical.

Read more: http://www.wsmv.com/story/30881848/state-lawmaker-tweets-then-deletes-support-for-oregon-protesters#ixzz3wNK6y3g5

Holt represents Weakley and portions of Carroll and Obion counties in Tennessee.

Sewer

...From Front Page

the police department will now be required to pay the towing fee incurred by the city, as well as a storage fee of $30 per day that the vehicle is impounded.

A request by the police department was heard, conveyed by Councilperson Charles Pruneau, to approve the purchase of a used 4x4 SUV or crew cab truck with drug fund money. The vehicle would be particularly useful in the event of a snow or ice storm. As Pruneau explained, purchasing such a vehicle is difficult if the vehicle has to be specifically approved by the board, because "they go quickly." One truck that would have been a good purchase was missed out on last month because the department didn't yet have approval. The point was accepted by the other members present, and the department was given approval to act when another suitable vehicle became available.

The board also approved the annual audit for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

Two agenda items were tabled as documents were not completed. An ordinance to establish fees for the release of city documents will be discussed further at the next meeting. A new employee handbook will also be discussed, and a workshop may be held to finalize specific changes to the handbook.

Fire department liaison David Hochreiter announced that the department would need to look into a new tanker, but also that it had maintained its Class 3 rating. The rating will help keep down citizens' insurance rates.

The meeting adjourned in under an hour.

Kelley

...From Front Page

Four basketball official, Commissioner of Transportation, coordinator of NCAA officials for multiple college athletic conferences, Bethel University athletic director, and mayor of his beloved hometown of Huntingdon for more than two decades.

In addition, Kelley was instrumental in the creation of Carroll County Thousand Acre Recreational Lake.

Below is the introduction of the Humbles Church Road Media release -Honoring Our Heritage, Shaping Our Future-Dale R. Kelley.

The log house where I was born resides at the bottom of a lake.

Sometimes I stand at the water's edge of what used to be a meandering creek and wonder about that house. Waterlogged and rotting, lost to sight and soon to memory, the log cabin and its surrounding scrappy farmlands now lie far below the smooth surface of sparkling lake waters. Kayakers skim above with no recognition of my history hidden beneath their dipping paddles. Anglers cast lures with no knowledge that I was born there, in that very spot, in that very cabin, on Reedy Creek. Sunsoaked riders on personal water crafts careen across the surface with no thought for the years invested by my family upon this patch of flooded land, of the expense of toil and aching muscles and sweat required for coaxing a crop from such poor sandy soil.

Success necessitates change.

My parents were small farmers, members of the rural poor, and for a few years they worked a forty-acre section of land along the bottoms of Reedy Creek. The soil was sandy, breaking into crumbling furrows of erosion along every sloping contour, and nutrient-poor beneath the shadow of skinny pines and hard oaks. Channeling water when it rained and baking hard beneath the hot sun when it did not, these sandy creek bottoms proved nearly impossible to farm.

At two o'clock in the morning one memorable October day in 1939, our local doctor R.B. Wilson arrived to deliver for my parents another baby boy. Me. Dale Russell Kelley. The log house along Reedy Creek became my first home.

And now this house lies far below the surface of the Carroll County Thousand Acre Recreational Lake. After more than a decade of laying the groundwork for such an endeavor, our community labored for fourteen years to create a recreational site that would spark economic growth for the town of Huntingdon and its surrounding county in western Tennessee. To fill the lake, we dammed Reedy Creek, and with excruciating slowness, the rising lake waters flooded the house where I was born.

Success necessitates change. It is unavoidable. We hope for the most part that the changes are positive for ourselves and for our families and for our communities. Sometimes, however, change carries a nostalgic twinge of sadness, a quiet prick of loss that has nothing to do with the good of myself or of my community. For however brief a period of time, this very spot was my home. Now it lies beneath the lake, and I have lost part of my personal history, my private history. For the sake of memory I saved a piece of my birthplace, a log from its weathered walls, which now serves as the mantel above the fireplace in my family's modern Huntingdon home. To remember.

Because success necessitates change.

This is my story of a lifetime of change, a story I of necessity share with the community I have called home for the vast majority that time. We traversed a similar pathway, my town and I. I emerged from my beginnings as a rural kid born poor in a log house to become a man who served in the state legislature, worked as a liaison for several governors and succeeded in a nationally-recognized sports career. Concurrently, my hometown of Huntingdon, Tennessee, matured from a struggling agricultural community into an economically viable small town.

My community and I.

We grew together. We changed together. And we found success together. This is our story.

For more information regarding Kelley's book or other literary offerings, go to http://www.humbleschurchroadmedia.com/dale-r-kelley.html or e-mail: read@humbleschurchroadmedia.com.

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A Change in Focus for the Newspaper

Editor's VIEWPOINT



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The McKenzie Banner is changing its focus on news coverage and online presence.

This Wednesday, the Banner's new mobile-friendly website launches. It will have two components – a website and the e-edition and will have an "app", which allows subscribers to make one click to access both the website and the e-edition.

News content will be updated more frequently than the current website. Some news items will update throughout the week.

In the past, The Banner has provided the e-edition free with a subscription to the print edition. When the new site launches, subscribers will decide if they want only the printed issue or the printed issue plus the online edition for an additional subscription price.

In the current online model, subscribers have to enlarge the page to read the content from a full page. Once the new site launches, a subscriber can click on a single story to enlarge it and the accompanying photos. It is more mobile friendly.

Another new feature allows the user to choose a story and then click on a button for the computer to audibly read the story for the user to hear.

Online subscriptions can be purchased in one week, six month, or one year increments once the new site launches.

Current online subscribers (members) will use their same username and password to access the site.

Everyone will have free and full access in January 2016 when the site launches. In February, a subscription will be necessary for access.

The Banner is also changing its news coverage focus. According to a mid-2015 online and in-print survey conducted by The Banner, readers wanted more features of individuals and businesses. The survey also indicated the primary readership area is in McKenzie, Huntingdon, West Carroll, Gleason, Paris, and Hollow Rock-Bruceton – in that order. In response to the survey, The Banner is increasing its coverage of news from Gleason and Paris and reducing its news and school events from Hollow Rock-Bruceton area. The change in coverage better reflects coverage of the tri-counties.

The Banner is seeking the assistance of our readers to provide suggestions for features. One can send those ideas to washburn@mckenziebanner.com or call Joel Washburn, editor/publisher at 731-393-4150.

AAA

Gas Prices Could Remain Lower Than 2015

TAMPA, Fla. (January 3, 2016) — Gas prices are likely to remain relatively low in 2016. AAA estimates the annual average price of gas in 2016 is likely to end up between $2.25 and $2.45 per gallon, which would be cheaper or at least comparable to this year's average of $2.40 per gallon.

"Motorists enjoyed some of the cheapest gas prices in years thanks to a global glut in oil supplies which helped keep the price of oil and gasoline production costs low," said Mark Jenkins, spokesman, AAA - The Auto Club Group. "Gas prices remained at their lowest level for the year-end holidays since the 2008-09 holiday season. Increased demand from holiday travelers temporarily froze prices in place, but gas could get even cheaper in January as demand tapers off."

Energy prices are forecast to remain low next year, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. The EIA projects the price of WTI oil to average $50.89 next year ($49.08 in 2015), and a gallon of gasoline to average $2.36 - 7 cents lower than last year's average. According to EIA data, gasoline will average $2.06 in the early winter months (Jan 1-Feb 29), $2.38 in the spring (Mar 1 - May 31), $2.55 in the summer (June 1 - Aug 31), $2.38 in the fall (Sept 1 - Nov 30), and $2.24 for the month of December.

Gas prices should experience seasonal increase in February.

Based on typical seasonal trends, the national average price of gas could remain relatively flat, or drop another 10 cents per gallon over the next few weeks. By late winter, the national average could rise 50 cents per gallon or more as refineries conduct seasonal maintenance in advance of the busy summer driving season. Despite the likelihood of higher prices by spring, AAA does not expect the national average price of gas to rise above $3 per gallon in 2016.

Regional gas prices will continue to vary dramatically around the country in 2016. Problems with local refinery production, especially during spring maintenance and the busy summer driving season, could temporarily send regional gas prices much higher than the national average. Events like this could cause prices in some areas to rise above $3 per gallon, just as they did in 2015.

There is significant uncertainty over the potential cost of crude oil in 2016, though most analysts expect the market will remain oversupplied throughout the year. There currently is a glut of crude oil around the world that has grown faster than demand, and that situation is unlikely to change significantly as Iranian oil enters the marketplace and because the global economy is growing at a relatively weak pace.

It is possible that gas prices could rise higher than expected if there are significant changes in the oil markets. Some analysts have predicted that low prices will significantly limit oil production in the United States and in other higher-cost production countries, which could allow supply and demand to re-balance by the end of 2016. Alternatively, it also is possible that political events and conflict could unexpectedly disrupt oil production. Either of these possibilities could lead to higher than predicted oil and gasoline prices for Americans.

Gas prices in 2015 averaged about 94 cents per gallon less than 2014.

The national average price of gas in 2015 was $2.40 per gallon, which was the second cheapest annual average of the past ten years. Only 2009 was lower during that time.

AAA estimates that Americans saved more than $115 billion on gasoline this year compared to 2014, which was an average of more than $550 per licensed driver.

The annual average price of gas in recent years was $3.34 (2014), $3.49 (2013), $3.60 (2012), $3.51 (2011), $2.78 (2010) and $2.35 (2009).

The most expensive daily national average of the year was $2.804 per gallon on June 15, while the lowest was $1.998 per gallon on December 21. Average gas prices dropped below $2 on December 21 for the first time since March 25, 2009.

The average price of diesel in 2015 was $2.71 per gallon, which was the lowest average for the fuel since 2009. Last year diesel averaged $3.81 per gallon.

The average price of premium gasoline in 2015 was $2.84 per gallon, which was about 87 cents per gallon less than the previous year. The average difference between regular and premium was 44 cents per gallon in 2015, which was the largest difference on record.

Fuel prices remained relatively low throughout the year due to a worldwide glut in crude oil. There was more than enough oil to meet demand around the world, and that allowed oil prices to drop to the lowest levels since 2009.



Hunker Down with Kes

The Lure of the Big Game

It is just me? Or have you noticed that we've got as many college football bowl games this year as we have people running for President of the United States! Isn't there something about too many cooks…..familiarity breeds….. how about a penalty for piling on!

It takes me back to the number of Westerns on TV in 1959. That was great….until "Laramie" quickly blended into "The Virginian" which morphed into "The Big Valley". It got to where you couldn't tell Paladin from Josh Randall. You had to see the color of the hat to know who to root for.

The week before Christmas it all got started with the Celebration Bowl. I couldn't tell exactly who was celebrating what, unless maybe it was the fact that Alcorn State made it to a bowl game. If you missed that one, you could have seen the New Mexico, Las Vegas, Camellia, Cure and New Orleans Bowls all on the SAME DAY. I missed the Cure Bowl so I don't know if they were looking for it….or they found it!

Atlanta, Orlando, New Orleans and Glendale, Arizona, are hosting two bowl games this year. I'm not sure what that means except maybe they had no trouble keeping "Have Gun Will Travel" separated and completely apart from "The Guns of Will Sonnet".

ESPN has taken a play out of the Republican National Nominating Committee playbook, "The More, The Merrier."

I remember when it was the Bluebonnet, Cotton, Sugar, Orange and Rose Bowl. Let me tell you, you had to play yourself into those bowls! The best named bowl this year is the Potato, played naturally in Boise, Idaho. I also liked the Foster Farms Bowl. I'd never seen so many chickens (I'm talking about the commercials here folks). The Boca Raton, GoDaddy, Pinstripe, TaxSlayer, Belk and Quick Lane Bowls did leave me scratching my head. But I figure if you've got the desire—and the money—ESPN will find you a stadium and a couple of teams.

And listen, I'm not against these bowl games. I'm trying to watch as many as I can. They are certainly better than the glutton of situation comedies, reality shows and presidential ads being shoved down our collective throats.

Four teams have won their first bowl game in the history of the school this year! That's a pretty revealing tip-off as to how many games are being played!

Here's the good news. No one is going to be disappointed. Your school has got to be in a bowl game! I mean if your team is breathing, if you've got eleven bodies, you're in!

This is way too good to keep solely in the United States. Why not take it international. Israel and Palestine could each pick their best team and settle their long standing differences in a bowl game. Al-Quada, Isis and the Taliban are vying like crazy to be the most hated opponent of America. Why not let them settle it in a championship bowl setting. Of course, it would have to be a three team play-off which would only add to the hype and fanfare…..to say nothing of the escalating television rights. The problem here might be each of them finding enough good men to field a team.

It would seem this bowl idea could move readily into the political arena. And I doubt that a few more "games" would even be noticed. And, for sure, no self respecting candidate would pass on the national television exposure……or the opportunity to literally flatten an opponent.

How about the Bernie Sanders Bowl? People with jobs have to buy two tickets and give one to someone who doesn't work.

Or maybe the Rick Santorum Bowl. It would be between two teams that you'd forgotten were still playing football.

The Jeb Bush Bowl would feature Hank Williams Jr. at halftime doing his mega hit, "Family Tradition".

The Dr. Ben Carson Bowl. Everyone in the stadium must wear a gray suit, look kinda boring but really understand the game more than most.

The Marco Rubio Bowl would be between the two coaches with the best teeth.

The start of the Chris Christie Bowl would be delayed by a gigantic traffic jam.

Hillary could have a leg up in the Clinton Bowl seeing as how she gets to delete all the penalties and the score is kept on her server.

The Donald Trump Bowl? You have to be born in the stadium to see the game.

I could go on but you get the idea. About the only difference I can make out between the college bowl games and the political contests we've grown so accustom to…….is that the college season does eventually end!

Kes

A Cake by Any Other Name

By Clayburn Peeples

I got an email last week from a reader of this column who was deploring the use of the term "dump cake" to describe the "newest" baking sensation.

Ironically, my lovely young wife and I were discussing that very thing over Christmas when contemplating desserts for a family gathering.

"We will not," she said, with the force of an Old Testament injunction, "serve anything made from a mix, and don't even think of coming up with anything called a dump cake."

O.K. That settled that, but actually, I agree with my wife and the reader. "Dump cake" is about the worst dessert name ever, is it not?

To be sure, there are other dessert names that don't sound too terribly tempting. In the Carolinas, people are said to be awfully fond of something called "Pig Pickin' Cake, so named because it is often served with a pork barbecue. It is a vanilla cake with mandarin orange slices spread throughout the batter, which, after baking, is topped with whipped cream infused with pineapple pieces and their juice.

Sounds great, and probably is, but I'd rather eat it by its other name, "Sunshine Cake." How about "Preacher Cake," a simple, delicious cake recipe with pineapple/coconut/cream cheese frosting, so named, allegedly, because of the ease with which it could be thrown together when a woman learned at the last minute that the preacher was coming by.

I vote that we promote it to "bishop's cake."

There are several other unsavory sounding names for categories of desserts, but most have fallen into the dustbin of history. Grunts and slumps and fools and pandowdies are all tasty treats that hardly anyone eats anymore, partly, I think, because of their names.

I mean, are dessert names not supposed to tease and entice us into tasting them? How about a piece of Aunt Stella's divinity? Would you like some ambrosia? Perhaps some cherries jubilee?

Maybe you'd prefer a piece of angel food cake or French Silk Pie. Or something really special, like a Lady Baltimore or Red Velvet Cake.

You don't want a highfalutin sounding dessert? All right, how about a charmingly whimsical one. Have some snickerdoodles. They're on the plate right next to the gingersnaps. If you want something more substantial, try some of that shoofly pie or the apple brown Betty. Maybe some of those s'mores.

But not a dump cake. What kind of celebration can that be? I understand that in certain parts of the country, names don't mean as much as they do in the South, but here they are hugely important. They don't just identify people, places and things; they are part of a person, place or thing's inner identity as well.

So it is with desserts. In the South, cake is part of our culture, even in this fast food age, and Southern holiday tables are still often graced with cakes with names.

Not a banana bread cake with cream cheese icing – no, let's call it something more fun. How about Hummingbird Cake? Doesn't the name alone make you want to try it?

Pineapple cake? Why not Pineapple Sunshine Cake? Surely you'd prefer a slice of that.

Of course, making a layer cake is laborious and difficult, but isn't that part of the point of it all? Let's face it; a layer cake says love like no other dish.

But I completely understand that modern people just can't spare the extravagance of time required to make impressive desserts, and dump cakes, in spite of their regrettable name, are sometimes delicious.

And easy to make. You just dump all the ingredients right into the baking pan – fruit, yellow or white cake mix and about a ton of butter, and you're finished. I once made cherry cobbler for an entire army company that way, in a field kitchen, no less, while on KP duty. (No kidding; I really did.) People raved about it, but we'd been eating army food for several days at the time, and it might not have actually been as good as I remember it.

Most people think dump cakes came about with the advent of cake mixes, but there are references to them in newspapers and magazines going all the way back to the late 1800s.

They've never been as popular, however, as they are today. Look on Amazon.com and you'll find literally hundreds of cookbooks with recipes for every kind of dump cake ever conceived. "Chubby hubby dump cake," "lazy man's cherry dump cake," "ooey gooey dump cake" or the ever popular, "dump and go chocolate cake," all of them with that charming and mouth-watering word "dump" in their names.

Who did this? Who perpetrated this verbal vandalism upon the kitchens and dining tables of our land? Well you can bet it wasn't a Southern woman. She would've called it something like "hurry up cake" or "quick as a wink cake." Or maybe something like, "miracle in minutes cake."

And she probably would have added a term like "heavenly" or "million-dollar" to the main name. Then you'd have "heavenly hurry up cake" or "million-dollar miracle in minutes cake."

Awkward, yes, but wouldn't either one of them taste a whole lot better than chocolate dump and go cake?

You just know they would.

Looking Back
From Our Archives...

10 YEARS AGO – A Paris man was arrested in connection with a November incident in which April Sykes of Paris was kidnapped, assaulted, and abandoned inside a burning vehicle. Still recovering at The Medical Center in Memphis at the time of the arrest, Sykes is the daughter of Officer Jackie Sykes, School Resource Officer for McKenzie schools.

*Two McKenzie burglars were arrested after being caught breaking into Phipps Pharmacy on Hospital Drive in McKenzie late Christmas night. Matthew Belk, 18, and Justin Lynn Roberts, 22, were apprehended after fleeing the scene as police were waiting as the two exited the pharmacy.

*Sonda Zell was the first baby born in Carroll County in 2006. Born to Michelle Zell of Camden at McKenzie Regional Hospital on New Year's Day, Sonda weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

20 YEARS AGO – Beth Reagan of Paris gave birth at Methodist Hospital of McKenzie to Hunter Claxton Reagan, weighing 13 pounds, 11 ounces, setting a new birth weight record for the facility.

*John Moseley announced his retirement and the sale of his business, Moseley Seed and Produce in McKenzie, after 65 years of service to the community that began with John's father, Leonard.

*The Huntingdon Mustangs and the Camden Lady Lions were crowned champions of the Huntingdon Point Guard Christmas Tournament.

50 YEARS AGO – The McKenzie, Huntingdon, Bruceton, and Camden bands participated in a band festival sponsored and hosted by Bethel College, culminating in a free public concert by the combined bands.

*On New Year's Day, Imperial Model Raceways and Hobby Center in McKenzie held the first 200 lap race. Winners were: Billy Pierce, first; David Colbert, second; and Robert Earl Melton, third.

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United States Constitution
Bill of Rights: Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

OBITUARIES

ELBER RUTH ELLIS
1937 - 2015

McKenzie — Funeral services for Elber Ruth Ellis are Monday, January 4, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cedar Avenue Chapel of Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Brothers Dennis Trull and Tim Coleman will officiate. Interment will be at Liberty Cemetery, McKenzie. Visitation is Monday, January 4, 2015, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Ellis, 78, died Thursday, December 31, 2015 at her residence. She was a retired factory worker for Wilker Brothers, McKenzie and a member of Grace Baptist Church. She was born January 28, 1937 in Carroll County, Tenn. to William Jesse and Ruby Mae Hollingsworth Bush.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, William "Bill" D. Ellis, three sisters, Roverta Bush, Annie Toombs, Retha Vaughn, and Martha Barton and five brothers, Vernon Bush, Eugene Bush, Floyd Bush, Neal Vaughn, and Virgil Bush, and her daughter-in-law, Janie Ellis.

She is survived by a daughter, Shannon Renea (Matt) Dixon of Henry, a son, William Bendell (Donna) Ellis of McKenzie, five grandchildren, Lorrie (Steven) Vinson, Bethany Ellis, Beverly Dixon, Tiffany Clement (Chris Ellis) and Eli Dixon and three great-grandchildren, Emily Clement, Savannah Vinson and Jackson Vinson.

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

BECKY MARIE GALLIMORE
1965 - 2016

MCKENZIE — Graveside services for Becky Marie Gallimore were Monday, January 4, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Hopewell Cemetery, Gleason, Tenn.

Ms. Gallimore, 50, died Friday, January 1, 2016 at Baptist Memorial Hospital - Huntingdon. She was a retired nurse assistant at NHC Health Care Center, Milan, Tenn. She was born April 25, 1965 in Milan to Bobby Dean Gallimore and Kathy Grooms Pate. She was preceded in death by a sister, Teresa Pate.

She is survived by her mother, Kathy Grooms Pate of Trenton, father, Bobby Gallimore of McKenzie, son, Joshua (Kayla) Hayes of Greenfield, sister, Donna (Charles) Green of Trenton, brother, James (Mary) Gallimore of Sidonia and two grandchildren.

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WAYNE SEAVERS
1944 - 2016

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Wayne Carlton Seavers were Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Huntingdon. Brothers Bryan Oaks and Philip Halter will officiate. Interment will be at Bethel Cemetery.

Mr. Seavers, 71, died Saturday, January 2, 2016 at his residence. He was an employee of DuPont in Nashville and a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Huntingdon. He was born May 4, 1944 in Lavinia, Tenn. to Clifton and Anne Ingram Seavers. He was preceded in death by his father, son, Ron Seavers and sister, Diane Woodard.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-two years, Carolyn Bennett Seavers of McKenzie, daughter, Terri (Joe) Norval of Bruceton, mother, Anne Seavers of Trezevant, three sisters, Scarlett (Don) Barger, Brenda Hinson and Amy (Tim) Ellington, all of Trezevant, four grandchildren, Dereck (Amber) Seavers, Kayla (Matthew) Chandler, Kyle Seavers, and Delaina Norval, and four great-grandchildren Kendall, Graham, Averie and Macie.

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WAYNE WALKER
1948 - 2016

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Robert Wayne Walker were Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at Eastview Baptist Church, Huntingdon. Interment was at Jones Cemetery, Wildersville.

Mr. Walker, 67, died Saturday, January 2, 2016 at Jackson Madison County General Hospital. He was disabled and had been an employee of TAMCO. He was an Army veteran and a member of Eastview Baptist Church, Huntingdon. He was born March 29, 1948 in Nashville to Robert Van and Betty Patton Walker. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Anita Woods.

He is survived by his wife of forty years, Donna Seel Walker of McKenzie, son, Daniel Walker of McKenzie, two sisters, Sue Odom of Lexington and Gwen (Ricky) Derryberry of Chesterfield, and one brother, Van (Jane) Walker of Lexington.

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WILLIAM PAUL FEATHERSTON
1920 - 2015

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Willard Paul Featherston were Friday, January 1, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cedar Avenue Chapel of Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Brother Eric Kelleher officiated. Interment is at Blooming Grove Cemetery, McKenzie. Mr. Featherston, 95, died Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at his residence. He was a retired insurance agent for Life of Georgia and a farmer. He was a member of Blooming Grove Methodist Church, a World War II Navy veteran, member of the VFW and the American Legion. He was born November 13, 1920 in Carroll County , Tenn. to Claude Cleveland and Artie Gill Matheny Featherston. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 27 years, Virginia Ann Morrow Featherston, a son, Danny Lynn Featherston, two sisters Wilma Blackburn and Mildred Winston, two brothers Raymond Featherston and Lloyd Dudley Featherston and a grandson Thomas Adrian Featherston.

He is survived by a daughter, Linda Ann (Chuck) Goforth of Frisco, Texas, two sons, Tommy (Pat) Featherston of McKenzie and Timothy (Judy) of Clermont, Florida, five grandchildren, Leslie Ann Johnson, Tee-Jay Moore Glidwell, Courtney Goforth, Kelsey Goforth and Andy Goforth and three great-grandchildren, Haiden Lee Glidwell, Harlie Rae Glidwell and Emma Goforth.

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BEULAH MAE WILLIAMS
1920 - 2015

Mrs. Beulah Mae Williams, 95, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Sunday, December 27, 2015 at the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon. Funeral services were Wednesday, December 30, 2015 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment followed in McAuley Cemetery. Bro. Tim Coleman officiated the service. Mrs. Williams was born March 19, 1920 in Carroll County, Tennessee to the late Roscoe Conklin and Viva (Williams) Melton. She was a homemaker and was a member of the Fairview Baptist Church. She was also preceded in death by her husband, William Thelder Williams; one son, Larry Dale Williams, and three brothers, Thedore, R.C, and Robert Odel Melton. She is survived by one daughter, Joyce Crews (husband Billy); two sons, Robert "Roscoe" Williams and Anthony Williams all of Huntingdon. She also leaves six grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

MARGRET HELEN WOODSON
1934 - 2015

MEMPHIS — Mrs. Margaret Helen Woodson 81, of Memphis, Tennessee died Thursday December 31, 2015 at Methodist Hospital North in Memphis, Tennessee.

Graveside services were Sunday January 3, 2015 at Bethlehem Cemetery. Interment was at Bethlehem Cemetery.

She was born October 2, 1934 in Carroll County to the late Otis and Lecee Neely Turner. She was preceded in death by her husband John Gordon Woodson.

She is survived by two sons Mark (Michelle) Woodson of Memphis, Tennessee and John M. Woodson of Memphis, Tennessee two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren Devon Wilkerson, Hannah and Haley Craig one brother Hulon Tuner.

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

Top News Articles of 2015

...Continued from Last Week

4 Peggy Hamlett Selected Carroll County Administrator of Elections

HUNTINGDON (June 12) — Following an exhaustive two-day interview session, Carroll County Election Commission members narrowed the candidate field of eleven down to Russell Bush, Monte Cunningham, and Peggy Hamlett before ultimately selecting Hamlett as the county's new administrator of elections.

Hamlett, currently employed as a paralegal for lawyer Charlie Trotter at the Trotter Law Office in Huntingdon, will replace Carroll County Administrator of Elections Vince Taylor, who is retiring on June 30.

Born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee, Hamlett, 59, received her PhD in International Agricultural Ecosystem Resource Management from Texas A&M. After working extensively in northern Kenya accumulating agriculture-based data to aid in detecting potential droughts, she returned home to Memphis to assist her siblings in caring for her elderly parents and worked for the University of Tennessee Agriculture Extension Office. Following the deaths of her father and mother, she accepted a position with the Trotter Law firm. She owns and operates Hamlett Heritage Bend Poultry Farm located on Highway 77 between Atwood and McLemoresville.

Hamlett told commission members during her interview that she had applied for the Administrator of Elections position after State Senator Stevens mentioned the job opening to her.

After a short but tense discussion between Smith, election commission members, and observers regarding whether the voting process utilized was valid and fair to the candidates that were not voted on, Secretary Corrada opined that the final vote could not be rescinded.

Smith expressed relief that the hiring process was completed before asking Taylor to inform the candidates of the decision and summon Hamlett.

5 Carroll County Recertified as Three-Star Community

NASHVILLE — Carroll County was recognized as a ThreeStar Community during the 62nd Annual Governor's Conference on Economic and Community Development on October 13-14 at the Renaissance Hotel in Nashville.

After several years of not participating, the county chose to submit a request to re-enter the program, established by the Department of Economic and Community Development. Carroll was one of 10 Tennessee counties in 2014 that did not participate in the ThreeStar program.

The annual conference theme focused on "Team Tennessee" showcasing how the state's workforce, education and transportation systems are aligning to support Tennessee's overall economic development mission. This year's conference will be attended by more than 800 economic development leaders, state and local elected officials, and business professionals. "When people think of economic development, they typically think of business recruitment and expansions, but it's so much more than that. It is educational attainment, tourism, developing our communities and creating strong, vibrant places for people to live and work, and making all of that possible is a collaborative effort," TNECD Commissioner Randy Boyd said.

Participation in the ThreeStar program is based on an annual evaluation and activity plan. Local community leaders and Joint Economic and Community Development Boards are encouraged to implement activities that will impact the community's competitiveness in a global economy. Participating counties (and cities in these counties) will be eligible for a four percent discount (for eligible projects) on both the business development and community development ability-to-pay calculations (CDBG and FastTrack) each year the county fulfills the requirements of the ThreeStar program. Additionally, only cities located in a county that is an active participate in the ThreeStar program will be eligible to participate in the Tennessee Downtowns program.

Carroll is one of six Tennessee counties to participate in Select Tennessee, a program of the ECD to evaluate and improve industrial sites, while also planning for future development.

The Select Tennessee Property Evaluation Program is designed to help communities, with assistance from a site selection firm, to target properties for future industrial development. Presently, Carroll County has no certified industrial sites.

In 2015, McKenzie was recognized as a Main Street Community, only one of three to be newly certified in Tennessee. The 2015 class of Main Street Communities include: McKenzie, Bolivar, and Sevierville, that joined 28 other communities in Tennessee.

...To Be Continued Next Week

The Library Lines

By Nikki Cunningham

The Carroll County Library is excited to start the New Year off by offering a weekly Tot Time story hour targeted towards children ages birth through kindergarten. These story hours will be held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., unless otherwise posted. This week's theme is jelly beans; so bring your tot to the library to enjoy a story, songs, and crafts. The Library will also be hosting its very first Scrapbook Club meeting Thursday, January 14th at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining others while working on your own scrapbook and sharing ideas, this is the club for you! The Library will continue to have monthly Scrapbook Club meetings as long as there is continued patron interest.

Our next movie night is Friday, January 15th at 5:00 p.m.; we will be watching Where the Wild Things Are and there will be a Saturday Story Hour the following morning at 10:30 a.m. with the same theme. We will be reading the book, doing a craft, and enjoying snacks; so don't miss it!

The Library will be extending our Flash Sale for another week; we did very well during the last week of 2015 and want to give patrons one last opportunity to grab up these special titles. We still have a large collection of fiction books by authors such as Joan Collins, Janet Dailey, Joy Fielding, Jennifer Blake, Maeve Binchy, Susan Wiggs, and many more. Among our non-fiction books we have several biographies, encyclopedias and titles like The Glory and the Dream, National Geographic Index, Chicken Soup for the Expectant Mother's Soul, and A Public Betrayed. Fill up an entire shopping basket for just $5.00 while the sale last.

The Library appreciates Mr. Tom Stiles for his donation to the library and Huntingdon High School Class of 1953 for their memorial gift in memory of Damon King.

Photography Classes Offered At The Dixie This Spring

HUNTINGDON — Digital Photography classes begin January 28, 2016 at The Dixie! Applications are now being accepted for Basic, Advanced and Special Project Digital Photography classes under the direction of a very talented and celebrated photojournalist, Mr. Jim Veneman. There will be two spring sessions; the first session begins January 28th and the second session begins March 17th. Classes are on Thursdays at various times and each session includes six classes and an end of session exhibit.

Students must take classes in order beginning with Basic (Regardless of your previous experience but do not worry this is not to say it will be a basic learning class! The instructor will provide adequate lessons for all students). Only students who have taken Advanced can take the Special Projects class.

There is no age limit but students are recommended to be in Middle School or above.

The classes will take place in the Lower Level of The Dixie and participants will use the Academic Enrichment Entrance. Applications and class schedules can be found on our website at www.Dixiepac.net or at The Dixie Box Office.

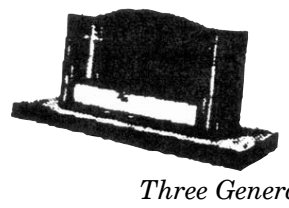
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New State Laws for 2016

State Inheritance Tax Eliminated

Beginning January 1 2016, Tennessee's controversial inheritance tax, along with numerous other laws, is going away. The Beacon Center of Tennessee fought the inheritance tax for years as an unfair double tax.

The tax was anywhere from 5.5 to 9.5 percent of the estate left behind.

Mark Cunningham with the Beacon Center commented, "This is a big deal because Tennessee is one of the last states in the country to come around and say it's not fair to tax people when they are alive and tax them again when they die," said "A lot of people save up and work hard, and they want the money to go to their family, not to the government."

Another change in Tennessee law allows drivers to renew their licenses every eight years instead of five.

The state's seat belt law is also changing, with fines increasing from $10 to $25. Repeat offenders will now be fined $50 instead of $20.

People who try to drive without liability insurance may be flagged before they get in an accident. County clerks must now confirm a driver's insurance before they give them their tag. The state can also revoke a driver's registration if they are caught without liability insurance.

In addition, no one under the age of 18 will be allowed to buy cough syrup containing dextromethorphan. Some studies show one out of 10 teenagers have used the ingredient to get high.

An animal abusers state registry will also be established, similar to the sex offender registry. Offenders will go off the animal abusers registry if they go two years after their conviction without another crime.

Tennessee Announces 8-Year Driver's License

NASHVILLE — Beginning January 4, 2016, Tennesseans will be able to renew their driver license every eight years instead of five years.

The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security informed that the change from five years includes all classifications of driver licenses and identification licenses, including commercial driver licenses and motorcycle licenses.

The change is the result of legislation introduced by Senator Nicely and Representative Goins during the 2015 legislative session intended to improve customer traffic flow at driver services centers.

"This is another step to improve the quality of our driver services and help better serve the existing population as well as plan for future growth here in Tennessee," Commissioner Bill Gibbons said. "It's our goal to enhance our driver services and provide convenient options for our customers."

He concluded, "We are pleased with the support of the Governor and the members of the General Assembly who continue to work with our department to improve our driver services division to better serve our growing state," Gibbons said.

Mayor's Message for 2016

NEWS from City Hall

By Mayor Jill Holland P: 731-352-2292
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Happy New Year to all of you, and I'm looking forward to a great and prosperous 2016, for the City of McKenzie, and I hope you are too. In 2015, McKenzie continued to receive positive recognition across the state when our city was listed in the top 25 Best Towns to Live in Tennessee, chosen #18 for Best Towns in Tennessee for Young Families, and awarded the #1 City in Tennessee for First-Time Homebuyers. We also gained certification as a Main Street Community, of which there are only 31 in the state.

Audit — The city just received its 2014-15 audit, which revealed a clean report that showed that all policies and procedures set forth by the comptroller's office are being followed and there were no findings that showed discrepancies.

Finances — in July, the city adopted a $7,927,180.00 budget for the 2015-16 year. This includes all departments and grant money for several city improvement projects. The budget includes fixed expenses which increase regularly. We do our best to continue to bring our citizens the necessary city services, and provide the much needed infrastructure, safety, and amenities for our citizens, in order to maintain and increase your quality of living in McKenzie.

Growth in our community

The latest figures in sales tax revenues as of 10/31/15, for the 2015-16 fiscal year, are $280,786.54, compared to $257,090.15 in the 2014-15 fiscal year. There were 24 new building permits since 7/1/15. There were seven new ribbon cuttings for new businesses which created over 50 new jobs. On behalf of our McKenzie Business Association, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of shopping locally, not only are we helping our small businesses, but we are investing in McKenzie. Shopping locally raises our local sales tax revenues, this in turn helps to keep our property taxes low.

Grants

Small Disaster Grant-$500,000 — We recently finished the small disaster grant on Como Street and the large ditch on University Drive adjacent to city hall. You may have noticed the new trees in this area, which were planted as part of the grant to replace the trees that were removed in order to fill the ditch.

Surface Transportation Funds — The city worked with the Tenn. Dept. of Transportation to realign Waldren Street with $277,000.00 of STP funds. These funds can only be used for designated TDOT projects. This year, the city plans to use our STP funds to provide lighting to this street. Many thanks to the Morning Glory Garden Club and Beta Sigma Phi for providing the landscape architect and landscaping for the grass medians in this area.

Stonewall Sidewalk Grant — We should be able to begin construction on this $280,000.00 project this year. We are waiting for TDOT to give us the permission to begin the easement phase of this project.

Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grant — Splash Pad — We are presently working with the state on the environmental stage of this grant, and should be able to begin work on the splash pad in the next few months.

Delta Regional Authority Grant — $200,000 –Theater- At long last, we are almost finished with the Park Theatre renovation project, and planning a grand opening in February. We hope all of you will come, and take a trip down memory lane, as we celebrate this historic landmark that was so much a part of the lives of our citizens as they grew up in McKenzie. We will be sure to keep you posted of updates on this "Red Carpet Event".

Community Development Block Grant — Tennessee Mainstreet/ Downtown Façade Grant- This $25,000 storefront renovation grant allowed our downtown merchants to rehabilitate their storefronts by painting, restoring windows, doors, refurbishing outside walls, and installing balconies and new awnings.

Community Development Block Grant for Wastewater Rehabilitation — $500,000 — rehabilitates an area of our aging sewer system's lift stations. This is accompanied by a $1.9 million State Revolving Fund loan to rehabilitate our wastewater plant.

Farmers Market Coming in 2016 — The old Studebaker Building across the street from City Hall has had many lives from a car dealership, feed store, florist and others. It will soon take on new life in the form of a Farmers Market to open in 2016. Many thanks to our own MHS student artists and their teacher who painted the beautiful window panels in the front of the building.

Thank You McKenzie! — We are so fortunate to live in a community whose overwhelming generosity of time, money and talent from so many individuals, groups and businesses, allows McKenzie to have projects that add a tremendous positive impact to our community, and quality of living for our citizens.

2016 New Year's Resolution — As your mayor, I will continue to put jobs and economic development at the top of my resolutions list. We have skilled and hardworking department heads and staff who are dedicated each day to make McKenzie the best city we can be. Our City Council is committed to moving McKenzie forward in order that we are competitive for attracting quality jobs to our area. McKenzie is unique in our great education system. Few communities have such a great school district, TCAT, and Bethel University. We have a superior medical center, hospital, and great industries. Most of all we have our citizens. To all of you in the Best Place to Live in Tennessee, May God bless McKenzie, and may He bless each of you with much Joy, Peace, Prosperity, and Good Health in 2016.

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Mama T's WHAT'S COOKIN'

By Teresa Washburn



CHESS SQUARES

1 box Duncan Hines Butter Cake mix
1 egg
1 stick margarine

Mix these until dough like, then press into bottom of a greased 9 x 13 inch cake pan.

Topping:
1 8oz. Philadelphia cream cheese (soft)
3 eggs
1 (lb) box powdered sugar

Mix these together well and pour over cake mixture. Bake 30-40 minutes at 350 degrees.

When cake is cool, the top layer will settle in the middle. Cut in squares when cool.

NINE DAY SLAW

1 cup vegetable oil
2 teaspoon sugar
1 cup vinegar
2 teaspoon celery seed
1 head cabbage, grated
1 large onion, chopped
1 sweet pepper, chopped
1 ½ cup sugar

Boil first 5 ingredients and cool. Combine cabbage, onion, pepper and sugar.

After the oil and vinegar mixture cools, pour over the cabbage mixture. Let marinate several hours or overnight.

PINK FLUFF

1 can Eagle Brand milk
1 can crushed pineapple, drained
1 large box Cool whip
1 can cherry pie filling
1 cup nuts

Mix well. Place in refrigerator until time to serve.

FIVE CUP SALAD

1 cup Mandarin Orange slices
1 cup Angel Flake Coconut
1 cup pineapple chunks
1 cup miniature marshmallows
1 cup sour cream

Drain juices from fruit; mix all fruits. Let stand an hour or two. Mix sour cream and serve.

QUICK CORN LIGHT BREAD

2 cup self-rising corn meal
1 tablespoon melted shortening
2 cup buttermilk
1 cup sugar
2/3 cup flour

Mix together all ingredients. Pour into well-greased baking pan and bake at 350 degrees 1 hour or until brown.

HONEY BUTTER

1/3 cup butter
¼ cup honey

Place honey and butter in small bowl and beat until light and fluffy.

BANANA BREAD

1 cup sugar
½ cup margarine
2 eggs, well beaten
3 bananas, mashed
¼ cup (4 Tablespoons) buttermilk
1 teaspoon soda
2 cup sifted self-rising flour

Cream margarine and sugar. Add eggs. Combine flour and soda. Add half the flour mixture, the buttermilk and bananas. Add rest of flour and mix thoroughly.

Pour batter into greased and floured loaf pan. Bake 1 hour, 10 minutes at 350 degrees. Turn out on rack to cool.

MOUNDS BAR CAKE

Mix together as directed on box of cake mix, makes 3 layers.
1 box devil's food cake mix
1 1/3 cup water
2 eggs

Coconut filling:
1 cup sugar, 1 cup milk, 15 marshmallows, 1 -3oz. can coconut or 12 oz. frozen coconut

Cook until marshmallows melt –set aside and let cool, then put between layers.

Frosting:
½ cup light corn syrup
2 Tablespoons margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 tablespoons water
1 -6oz. package chocolate chips
2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar

Combine in sauce pan, corn syrup, water and butter. Bring to boil over moderate heat, stirring constantly.

Remove from heat, add chocolate chips. Stir until batter is smooth; add vanilla and gradually blend in sugar. Can be frozen.

VANILLA WAFER CAKE

2 sticks margarine
2 cups sugar
6 eggs
1/3 cup sweet milk
1 small can coconut
1 cup broken pecans
1 (13 oz.) package vanilla wafers

Cream margarine and sugar well. Add eggs one at a time. Blend well after each addition.

Add milk, coconut and pecans. Mix well. Add the crushed vanilla wafers. Pour into greased and floured tube pan. Bake at 300 degrees for 1 ½ hours.

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January 7-12

Area Sports Calendar

January 7 (Thursday): 6:00 p.m.-McKenzie High School Basketball at Lake County / South Gibson High School Basketball at Huntingdon.

January 8 (Friday): 6:00 p.m. Big Sandy High School Basketball at McKenzie / Hollow Rock-Bruceton High School Basketball at Gleason / Clarksburg High School Basketball at Dresden / Huntingdon High School Basketball at West Carroll.

January 9 (Saturday): 6:00 p.m.-West Carroll High School Football Awards Banquet / Clarksburg High School Basketball at Clifton.

January 12 (Tuesday): 6:00 p.m.-USJ M.S. Basketball boys at HMS / Hollow Rock-Bruceton High School Basketball at Big Sandy / Dresden High School Basketball at McKenzie / West Carroll High School Basketball at Clarksburg / Gleason High School Basketball at Huntingdon.

Gleason High School Basketball

Lady Bulldogs Ranked in Dirty Dozen

After a prolonged absence from the Jackson Sun Sports Basketball Dirty Dozen, District 13A basketball's Gleason Lady Bulldogs netted an 11th-place ranking after tallying wins over St. Cecilia, Chester County, and Manassas and no loses in the Martin Lions Club Christmas Tournament.

Gleason's overall record thus far for the 2015-15 season is 10-6.

Lady Cat Coach Nelson Nets 200th Win

#5 Bethel Dominates Auburn Montgomery, 70-53

Courtesy Bethel SID

MCKENZIE (January 2) — The No. 5 Bethel Lady Wildcats continued their conference home dominance with a 70-53 SSAC victory over Auburn Montgomery at Crisp Arena. The win was the 200th career victory for Coach Chris Nelson. The Lady Cats improved to 10-3 and 3-0 while AUM fell to 10-5 and 1-2. Bethel is 19-0 against Southern States Athletic Conference opponents in Crisp Arena. Nelson, in his 10th season at Bethel is 200-106.

Speaking after the game, Nelson said, "I am proud of the 200 wins but there are a lot of people who have been a big part of our success which I share these victories with. I have been blessed with some fine assistants and players who have been the backbone of this program."

Shamon Pearson hit nine three-pointers to set a new school single game record. She finished with a career high 29 points. The previous mark at eight was shared by Janie Mayo, Kala Morton, Katie VanDyke, and Tay'la Foster.

After trailing at halftime (35-29) for only the third time on the season, Pearson's shooting sparked the second half comeback hitting seven of her three's after the break.

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Above Left, Bethel Wildcat Justice Scott. Above Right, Prep days-Scott drives to the hoop against Dresden.

Bethel Basketball's Justice Scott

Former Mustang Shines for Wildcats

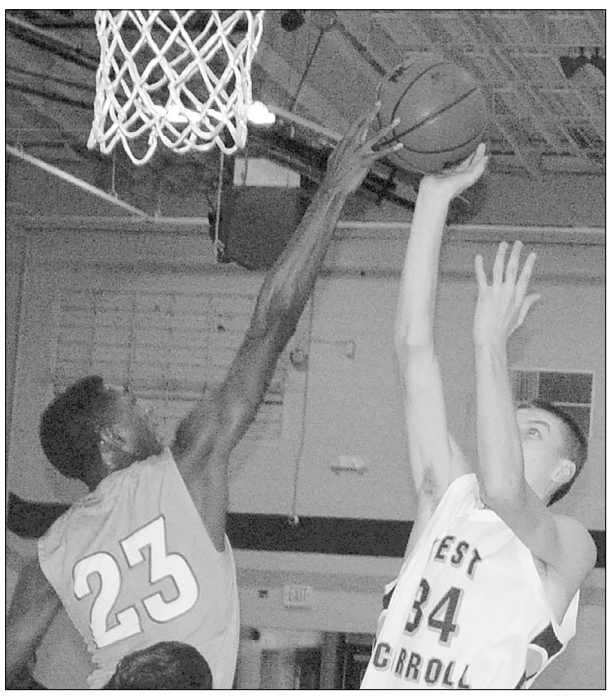
By Ernie Smothers
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MCKENZIE (December 17) — As Wildcat basketball sophomore forward Justice Scott swished trifectas and dunked with ease during a pick-up game inside Bethel's Crisp Arena, memories of the former Huntingdon Mustang's outstanding prep performances filled this reporter's mind.

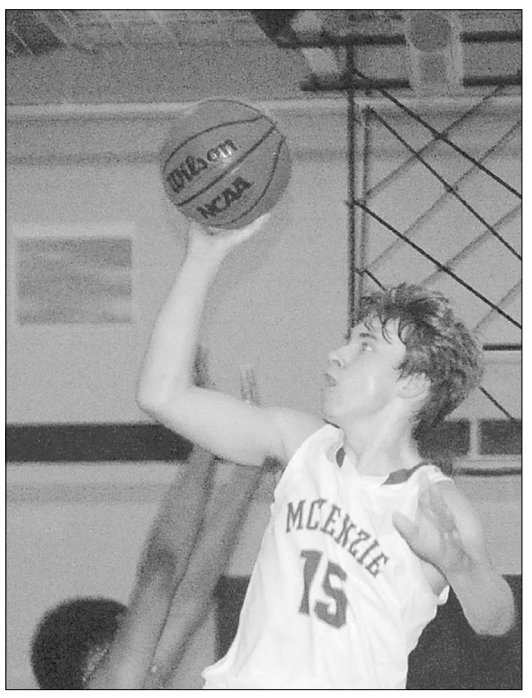
From junior high through high school, Scott, cheered on courtside by his ever-present grandfather, Wilford Jordan, dazzled area basketball fans with clutch baskets and determined defensive play.

Reflecting, Scott said, "My grandfather only missed one game during my junior high and high school years at Huntingdon. He and my grandmother (Joann) always encouraged me. When I was little, he (Wilford) would come by mom's (Sabrina Williams) house all the time and help me work on my game. As I grew taller, he would raise the basket a little higher. Rain or shine, whatever the season, I was out there in the yard, practicing to get better. I would play at night with the porch light on-just hours and hours out there by myself or with friends. I've been told that my mom and dad were really good basketball players,

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Above Left, War Eagle Aaron Heckert (34) scores inside against Gibson County. Above Center, Lady War Eagle Alyssa Gilley (21) bottoms a trey against Obion County. Above Right, Rebel Brandon Baucum (15) converts from the baseline.

Huntingdon Point Guard Christmas Tourney

Day I

HUNTINGDON (December 28) — In opening round action of the Huntingdon Point Guard Coca-Cola Christmas Basketball Classic, the Clarksburg Lady Rockets wowed their fans by battling gamely and falling just short of upsetting the Camden Lady Lions, 45-44. In boys' action, the Lions, fueled by the 28-point performance of area standout Hunter Vick, defeated the Rockets, 77-52. Coupling the scoring of Alexis Patterson (17), Madison Heckert (13), and Deidra Clark (12), the Lady War Eagles bested Humboldt, 57-39. In the boys' contest that followed, Riverside placed four players in double figures as they cruised to a 69-39 win over the War Eagles. Managing only 13 points, Hall's girls' team conceded at the half to Huntingdon, 51-13. In

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Day II

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HUNTINGDON (December 29) — Day two of the Huntingdon Point Guard Coca-Cola Christmas Classic Basketball Tourney featured Obion County girls edging West Carroll, 71-65; Gibson County defeated the War Eagles, 68-34; and the McKenzie Rebels holding off the scrappy Riverside Panthers, 56-49.

O.C. Lady Rebels 71, Lady War Eagles 65

In a high-scoring opening frame, Obion County coupled two treys by Macy Horner with the scoring of Nellina Wooten (6), and respective two-pointers by Jenna Smith, Hannah Cavness, and Parker Albright

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Day II

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to lead West Carroll at the end of the first canto, 18-11. The Lady War Eagles were led offensively in the first period via the production of inside production of Alexis Patterson (7) and two deuces by Aubrey Jones.

Battling back, West Carroll, fueled by the scoring of Patterson (7), Deidra Clark (6), Jones (4), and respective trifectas by Alyssa Gilley and Madison Heckert, outscored the Lady Pioneers in the second clip, 19-15, and narrowly trailed at the half, 33-30.

Paced by two early deuces by Clark, West Carroll cut Obion County's lead to a single digit, 37-36, at the 5:57 mark of the third quarter. The Lady Pioneers responded as Jenna Smith netted a deuce and four charity attempts as Obion County extended their lead to 55-48 at the start of the fourth square.

In a fierce battle on both ends of the court, West Carroll roared back from a 63-53 deficit behind the inside scoring of Patterson and a pair of deep three-bombs by Katie Holt to cut Obion County's lead to 67-63 with 45.6 seconds remaining in the contest. Reacting, the Lady Pioneers coupled charity stripe conversions by Nancy Horner and Smith with a deuce by Cavness to edge the Lady War Eagles, 71-65.

West Carroll was paced via the production of Patterson (25), Gilley (11), Clark (8), Jones (8), Heckert (7), and Holt (6).

Obion County was led offensively by Horner (18), Smith (16), Cavness (13), Wooten (11), Courtney Hoeck (7), and Albright (6).

Pioneers 68, War Eagles 34

Coming out hot offensively, Gibson County coupled the production of twins Pierce Holt (7) and Peyton Holt (5) with a deuce and trey by Mac Hicks to outscore West Carroll in the first frame, 17-9. The War Eagles were paced in the opening canto via the scoring of Carson Lee Robinson (trey) and respective deuces by Jack Johnson, Aaron Heckert, and Tyler Barrow.

Holding the War Eagles to respective treys by Johnson and Chase Nash, Gibson County outscored West Carroll in the second clip, 15-6, and led at the half, 32-15.

Resuming play in the second half, West Carroll scored all of its points from the charity stripe via the production of Johnson (4) and Heckert (2) as Gibson County widened their lead at the start of the fourth period, 47-23.

In the final frame, Gibson County netted 21 points behind the scoring of Donte Watson (5), Tyner Hughes (5), Gerrious Pitts (3), Peyton Holt (2), and Aubrey Perkins (2) to cruise to a 68-34 win.

West Carroll was led via the scoring of Johnson (11), Heckert (8), Nash (6), Barrow (4), Robinson (3), and Joey Fowler (2).

The Pioneers were paced offensively by Pierce Holt (14), Peyton Holt (11), Hicks (10), Watson (9), Samerious Skinner (9), Tyner Hughes (5), Zaccheus Brooks (4), Pitts (3), Shabur Harris (2), and Perkins (2).

McKenzie Rebels 56, Riverside Panthers 49

Riverside took an early 3-0 lead via a three-bomb by Jay Autry before McKenzie responded with inside deuces by Brandon Baucum and Chase Kelly. Panther Cannon Duke ripped a trey from the top of the key that was answered by Jack Surber's roll-around deuce as the score was knotted, 6-6, at the 4:41mark of the first period. Ramping up, the Rebels coupled two deuces by Baucum and a three-pointer by Surber to lead at the end of the first quarter, 12-8.

In the second period, Riverside battled back behind the scoring of Daryl McElrath (9), Daniel Teague (4), and a deuce by Micah Anglin (2) to trail the Rebels at the half, 28-23. McKenzie netted 16 points in the second clip via the scoring of Surber (5), Kelly (5), and respective two-pointers by Baucum, Bryce Wiggins, and Tyler King.

Fueled by Surber's two-treys and deuce and Baucum two-pointer from the baseline, McKenzie grew its lead to 40-31 midway through the third canto. Refusing to bow, Riverside coupled three deuces and a charity swish by McElrath with a Teague deuce in the paint to cut McKenzie's lead to 40-33 at the 2:39 mark. Responding, Surber ripped back-to-back trifectas to counter respective treys by McElrath and Duke as the Rebels led at the start of the fourth quarter, 46-40.

In a fierce defensive struggle, McKenzie coupled the defensive intensity of Bryce Wiggins with four Surber charity conversions and respective deuces by Kelley, Baucum, and Wiggins to narrowly outscore Riverside in the fourth frame, 10-9, en route to their 56-49 victory.

McKenzie was paced via the production of Surber (21 points including three treys), Kelly (15 points including three treys), Baucum (12), Wiggins (4), and King (2).

Riverside was paced by the scoring of McElrath (22 points including three treys), Duke (8), Teague (8), Autry (7), Kyle Roach (2), and Anglin (2).

Trevor Birdwell Bags 11-Pointer



On December 22, 11-year-old Trevor Birdwell killed a 9-point buck. Trevor was accompanied during the hunt by his grandfather, Joe Birdwell.

Scott

...From Sports Front

so I guess that my love for the game is woven into my DNA."

Scott smiled, "One of my best high school basketball games happened to be my last one as a Mustang. Our team had advanced to regional competition to face state-ranked Union City, a big, strong team loaded with D-I talent. That night, in front of a big crowd, we caught Union City off-guard. They had underestimated us. Coach (Jonathan) Kee had us ready to play. I scored 38 points, and we stood toe-to-toe with them and came real close to pulling off a big upset. I'm proud of the effort our team gave that night."

During his three years as a starter for HHS, Scott averaged 22 points, 12 rebounds, and three assists per game with a 43-percent shooting average and 39-percent scoring average from three-point land.

During his senior year, Scott earned All-District MVP, First Team All-State, All-Region, and All-West Tennessee honors.

He concluded his prep career with 1,600 points.

During a recent interview with The McKenzie Banner, Huntingdon Head Basketball Coach Jonathan Kee praised Scott.

He said, "He is a perfect example of how persistence and hard work can pay off for an individual. Justice always led by example at practice and during games. He played hard on both ends of the court, and encouraged his teammates to give their best. It made me proud to see his grandfather Wilford at our ballgames shouting encouragement to him and the team. I am not surprised that Justice is playing well for the Wildcats. He is not afraid of any challenge, and plays well under pressure, just like when he scored 37 points against Union City and their DI prospect Bradford He's the kind of player that a coach can count on. He is a winner."

He added, "I must say that I am even more proud of the fact that Justice has persevered to a place where he can earn a degree from Bethel University and change his future forever. Now that is success."

Currently majoring in Criminal Justice, Scott plans to change his major to Computer Management.

Now 6'4"and 205 pounds, Scott is excited about the prospects for the young but talented Wildcat basketball squad.

He said, "Last year, our team was loaded with seniors, so I didn't get to play in games that much. But the experience of practicing and learning from those upperclassmen was invaluable to me and had helped me develop as an athlete. This year, I'm getting into the games more often and contributing offensively and defensively. A few days ago, I had my best game so far against Washington Adventist of Maryland. I scored 20 points, stole the ball three times, and blocked two shots. I also had a 19-point outing against Bluefield of Virginia and tallied double digits in four other games."

He continued, "I want to stress, however, that I am far more interested in helping my team win that accumulating personal accolades. I just want to be the best team player that I can be and be a part of the family that our team has become. Coach (Jeff) Britt keeps telling us to learn from mistakes and strive to get better. We are a young team, but we are already showing signs of growth. Our record is 8-4 overall at mid-season. We are all fast and play good defense. We all can score. As long as we work unselfishly as a family, accept our roles on this team, and keep our personal goals in check, we will continue to get better through the rest of this season and get even better next year. Our team is on the rise."

Scott said that the addition of talented freshmen to the squad this fall was very encouraging.

He said, "If that group stays together all four years, I have no doubt that they will make it to the Kansas City for the conference championship. As for me, I want us to make it to the conference competitions this year, next year, and my senior year. I would love to be part of a conference championship team. If I ever put a championship ring on my finger-I would never take it off. That is what we are working for."

Count on Wilford and Sabrina to be there at the Crisp, cheering Justice on.

Day I

...From Sports Front

the final contest of the evening, the Mustangs, fueled by stellar performances by Keeton Pearson (35 points including four treys) and Macon Bullock (17 points including five treys), battled gamely before bowing to the fast-and-furious Halls Tigers, 94-65.

Lady Lions 45, Lady Rockets 44

Coming out hot offensively in the opening stanza, Clarksburg coupled two treys and a pair of charity tosses by Mikayla Peterson, respective trifectas by Rachel Tucker and Shyann Williams, and two free throw conversions by Ashlyn Yarbrough to roll out to a 16-6 lead over Camden.

Flipping the script in the second frame, Camden utilized treys by Baylee Pafford and Morgan Hunt to outscore Clarksburg, 15-6, and narrowly trail the Lady Rockets at the half, 22-21.

In the third frame, Camden took the lead for the first time of the contest via the production of Brittney (6), Pafford (5), Hunt (2), and Karlie Hudson (1) and led Clarksburg at the start of the fourth quarter, 35-31.

Determined, the Lady Rockets combined the scoring of Ashlyn Yarbrough (6), Tucker (5), and Peterson (2) to battle back in the closing seconds of play before bowing to the Lady Lions, 45-44.

Clarksburg was paced offensively by Peterson (14), Yarbrough (13), Tucker (12), Williams (3), and Ward (2).

Camden was led offensively by Minor (18), Pafford (11), Hudson (5), Morgan Hunt (5), Paige Hampton (3), and Payton Hunt (3).

Lions 77, Rockets 52

Fueled by the offensive production of Hunter Vick (11) and respective four point efforts by Darian Fountain, Colton Smith, and Tanner Johnson, Camden rolled out to a 23-8 lead over the Rockets at the end of the first stanza.

Battling back, the rockets fused the scoring of Devin Wildridge (7) with respective deuces by Jaden Phillips, Dalton Prater, and Demetrius Phelps to net 13 points and trail the Lions at the half, 40-21.

Unleashing in the third canto, Camden rained six three-bombs and pumped in 31 points to widen their lead at the start of the final frame, 71-33.

Playing for pride, Clarksburg outscored Camden 19-6 behind the production of Wildridge (7), Mason Boyd (5), Phillips (3), Prater (2) and Terry Bartholomew (2) before falling, 77-52.

Clarksburg was led via the scoring of Wildridge (19), Boyd (9), Phillips (9), Prater (7), Phelps (4), Bartholomew (2), and Bailee Webb (2).

Camden was paced offensively by Vick (28), Alex Satterfield (10), Darian Fountain (10), Colton Smith (9), Hayden Stanford (5), Dalton Furr (5), Tanner Johnson (4), Keyshaun Gaines (4), and Davis Hopkins (2).

Lady War Eagles 57, Lady Vikings 39

In a defense-dominated first frame, West Carroll coupled Deidra Clark's three free throw swishes with respective two-pointers by Alexis Patterson, Madison Heckert, Alyssa Gilley, and Aubrey Jones to lead Humboldt, 11-10.

In the second canto, Arkansas State signee Heckert netted seven points in the paint as West Carroll widened their lead over Humboldt at the half, 25-17.

Fighting back, the Lady Vikings narrowly outscored West Carroll, 14-12, but trailed 37-31 at the third frame.

Limiting Humboldt to eight points down the stretch, West Carroll utilized Patterson's nine-point paint performance to earn their 57-39 win.

The lady War Eagles were paced offensively by Patterson (17), Heckert (13), Clark (12), Gilley (9), Jones (4), and Taneshia Smith (2).

Humboldt was paced via the production of Chesslyn Owens (11), Tyreyounna Nelson (10), Mariah Horton (8), Shelby Cook (5), Amber Wardlow (3), and Elizabeth Hicks (2).

Panthers 69, War Eagles 39

Utilizing the scoring of Will Maness, Cannon Duke, Jay Autry, and Daryl McElrath, Riverside roared out to a 33-17 first half lead over the War Eagles.

Continuing to scorch the nets, the Panthers added 22 points in the third clip and 14 in the final period to cruise to a 69-39 win over West Carroll.

The War Eagles were led via the scoring of Colton Johnson (10), Carson Lee Robinson (6), Jack Johnson (6), Zach Heckert (5), Chase Nash (5), Aaron Heckert (3), Wyatt Butler (3), and Tyler Barrow (2).

Riverside was paced via the production of Maness (18), Duke (14), Autry (13), McElrath (10), Teague (8), Anglin (4), and Jennings (2).

Fillies 51, Halls 13

In a contest that lasted only two quarters, Huntingdon outscored Halls in the first frame, 32-5, and second frame, 19-8, to earn an easy win over the Lady Tigers.

The Fillies were paced by the scoring of Kaitlin Belew (23), Jesica Keith (15), Allyn Swenson (6), Carson Hatch (4), and Taylor Smith (3).

Halls was led via the scoring of Keana Gooch (10), Dominique Tooms (1), Maranda Frasier (1), and Quin Wilder (1).

In the final contest of day one, Huntingdon, sparked by the strong play of Keeton Pearson (35) and Macon Bullock (17), battled gallantly before bowing to Halls, 94-65.

Tigers Tavon King (25 points including six treys), Myron McKinney (19), Malik Rogers (18), Tre Lewis (14), and Julius Pearson (11) posted double-digit scores in the contest.

Nelson

...From Sports Front

Jackliann Street tossed in 17 points and collected 13 rebounds. Moo Moo Williams ran the offense with 11 points and a game high eight assists. Jatoria Carter led AUM with 25 points. Reggotta Craig had 12 points and 13 rebounds for the Hawks.

Bethel shot 37 percent hitting 26-of-70 from the floor. They hit eleven total three-pointers. The Hawks hit 17-of 55 attempts from the floor for 31 percent. Bethel won the battle of the boards at 43-33. The Lady Cats finished with 17 assists.

Regarding the comeback win, Nelson said, "Shamon was sensational. She is shooting with a lot of confidence and we have a lot of confidence in her. You are sort of surprised when her shots don't fall. I thought her teammates did a good job looking for her realizing just how hot she was. This is not a one game fluke as she can fill it up."

He added, "Although we trailed at the half we felt like if we just kept working hard the shots would start falling and they did. We did a better job defending in the second half and that helped us get the ball in transition to make some open shots."

Net Cats Fall to Warhawks, 106-94

Courtesy Bethel SID

The Bethel Wildcats began their 2016 portion of their schedule on a tough note Saturday in Crisp Arena with a 106-94 loss to the visiting Auburn Montgomery Warhawks.

Bethel fell to 8-5 overall and 1-2 in the SSAC. AUM improved 8-4 and 2-1.

After trailing by as many as 14 points in the first half, the Wildcats rallied to take a 47-46 lead at the break. The two squads were tied at 67 only to see AUM put together a run to take an 82-75 lead with just over seven minutes left in the contest. The Wildcats played catch-up the rest of the game and could never make up the difference.

The difference proved to be in shooting as the Hawks outshot the Cats from the field. AUM was 36-of-67 at 53 percent. Bethel finished at 43 percent connecting on 29-of-67 attempts. AUM hit eleven three's while Bethel was just 5-of-22 from behind the arc. The Wildcats hit 31-of 42 free throw attempts but it wasn't enough. Bethel also had a 48-40 advantage on the boards but AUM's bench outscored the Wildcat bench 54-36.

Reagan Eubanks led the Hawks with 33 points. Jeffrey White finished with 19 tallies. Bethel had six players in double figures and was led by Eddie Green with 17. Andrew Rogan and Cole Nelson had 14 each. Taylor Clay and Justice Scott scored 13 each while Darren Davidson added 10 off the bench.

Coach Jeff Britt said his team has to get closer as a unit and play better defense. "We put six people in double figures and scored 94 points. We simply did not defend very well at all. We are certainly capable of doing that and we have to in this league. You score 94 points and you should win. This is a tough conference home loss and we will have to get it back somewhere on the road. Faulkner will not be an easy task Monday night and we have to put this behind us and move on. We can still be a good team but we have to come together."

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McKenzie Police Reports

Public intoxication - according to a report filed by MPD patrolman Kyle Beauchamp, on January 3, MPD received a call from a residence located on Linden Street stating that a person identified as Debra Chaney, 55, Linden Street, McKenzie, was in their garage claiming to have beaten up by a sibling. Patrolman Beauchamp, accompanied by patrolman Mark Boaz, smelled the strong odor of alcoholic beverage upon Chaney's person upon entering the garage. Upon speaking with the Chaney, she said that her sibling hit her on the head. Upon inspecting her head, the officer did not see any red marks, bumps, or bruises. I response to Chaney's complaining of a headache, the officer offered to transport her to the hospital to be checked out by a doctor. After Chaney reportedly refused transport, the officers observed that the complainant had urinated on herself inside the patrol car. EMS left the scene after Chaney again refused transport to the hospital. The officers then went to another residence located on Linden Street and talked with the sibling accused of hitting Chaney who said she had been arguing with him before grabbing a sick pack of beer and falling on her face as she walked towards her bedroom. He said she then left the residence while threatening to summon the police. Upon hearing both sides of the story, the officers, fearing for Chaney's personal safety due to her high level of intoxication, transported her to Carroll County Jail.

Speeding / driving on suspended / revoked license - according to a report filed by MPD patrolman Adam Bailey, on January 3, the officer stopped a speeding yellow Ford Mustang traveling south on Highland Drive. A computer check of the driver license belonging to Richard S. Gordon, 28, Lone Oak Road, McKenzie, revealed that Gordon's license had been suspended for failure to provide proof of insurance on June 3, 2015 with a conviction date of October 5, 2015 and a suspension date of November 4, 2015.

Driving on suspended / revoked license - according to a report filed by MPD patrolman Kyle Beauchamp, on January 1, the officer performed a traffic stop on a red 2004 Chrysler PT Cruiser driven by Kayla Elaine Wright, 21, India Road, Paris. A NCIC status check of Wright's license via dispatch revealed that that her license was suspended in Dresden City Court for failure to answer / pay original violation from November 22, 2015 to indefinite. Wright was then cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court for the listed offense.

Driving on Suspended / revoked license, possession of schedule IV - according to a report filed by MPD patrolman Mark Boaz, the officer, accompanied by patrolman Kyle Beauchamp, was on patrol when they observed a gray, 2016 Ford Taurus pass in front of them. Having prior knowledge that the car's owner, identified as Jonathon S. Norden, 38, Florida Court, McKenzie, might have a revoked driver license, the officer followed the vehicle until receiving confirmation that Norden's license was revoked out of Henry County General Sessions Court for failure for pay fine / costs / taxes on a criminal offense leading to the license to be revoked indefinitely. After stopping Norden on Highway 79 beside A&W Tire Barn and informing of him of his driving on revoked, the suspect was taken into custody and placed in the patrol vehicle. While taking inventory of Norden's vehicle prior to towing, patrolman Beauchamp found a small clear sandwich baggy in plain view with half of a blue pill and a brownish black tar-like substance in the front passenger seat of the vehicle. The blue pill was identified as 10 mg. Diazepam (schedule IV) via marking on the pill. The substance was sent to TBI for identification. Norden was then arrested for the listed offenses.

Possession of schedule VI / drug paraphernalia - according to a report filed by MPD patrolman Mark Boaz, on December 28, 2015, the officer, accompanied by patrolman Kyle Beauchamp, was dispatched to a residence located on Georgia Avenue in response to a report of shots being fired from across the street. Also responding to the call, Carroll County Sheriff's Department Deputy Atkins spotted a subject walking across the road and attempted to talk to him before the subject fled on foot. Atkins then chased the subject through a neighbor's yard while the MPD officers kept the subject in their patrol car spotlight. Keeping the subject in sight as he evaded Atkins and ran onto the back porch of a residence located Tennessee Street. The officers, now joined by Deputy Walker, approached the residence and knocked on the door. After Walker threatened to kick the door in, a female opened the door and said she had been asleep and did not know if anyone had entered the residence before returning to watch television. Another person was observed laying on the couch before a green, leafy substance believed to be marijuana was discovered along with a digital scale, a grinder, and a pack of cigarillos were discovered laying in front of the subject lying on the couch. Patrolman Beauchamp began to place the subject under arrest before a person hiding in the attic, identified himself as Marcus D. Glenn, 35, Peggy Lane, Atwood, confessed to running from the officers and being the lone possessor of the drug and drug-related items. It was further discovered that a mittimus warrant had been filed on Glenn to serve 90 days for failing to pay child support. The report noted that Glenn was arrested for the listed offenses.

Property Transfers

•Doug Yates to Eddie Dean Smith in District 2.

•Maxine Whitehead and others to Stephen R. Hames in District 2.

•Belinda W. Rider and others to Paul B. Crabtree.

•Tamco, Inc. to Terry and Beverly C. Blakemore.

•Christopher C. Lutz and others to Randy W. and Audrey Dean in District 11.

•Terry Blakemore Estate to E. Ray Morris in District 4.

•Barbara K. Walker to Barbara K. Walker.

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•Linda Fay Belew to Scott and Monica Luther.

•Michelle D. Lamb to Michael R. Goff in District 4.

•Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC to Regions Bank.

•Priority Trustee Services of TN, LLC to James H. III and Mary L. Seaton.

•Marvin R. Turpin to Miles C. Wilkes in District 13.

•Samuel and Dora T. Bontrager to Levi and Naomi Yoder in District 23.

•Deborah Ann Blackwell Thorne and others to John Dennis Blackwell in District 16.

•Louis Dean Doster to Louis Dean Doster in District 22.

•Melissa Walker to Louis Dean Doster in District 22.

•Larry Steven Springer and others to Jason Daniel Forsythe in District 8.

•John Robert Jordan to Jessica Marie Jordan in District 16.

•Lavern Hatch to Gary Hatch and others in District 11.

•Miracle Parker and Keith and Brenda Parker in District 14.

•Ricky Guy Ward to Jason Todd Perry in District 21.

•James Ronnie Stewart and others to Ricky L. and Beverly G. Stewart in District 12.

•Thomas Bland to Donnie and Randy Bland in District 1.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Assault

•A Huntingdon man and woman were arrested on Dec. 27 after a domestic altercation.

Deputy Carlton Cupples charged Jason Doyle Orr, 36, and Sherry Denise Orr, 47, both of 680 Bowden Road, with domestic assault. According to Cupples's report, deputies received a report in regards to a domestic assault. When deputies arrived at the home of Jason and Sherry Orr, Jason Orr claimed that his wife had tried to barricade him out of the house. He said he entered the home anyway and went to the bedroom, where she attacked him and scratched his nose. Sherry Orr claimed he entered the bedroom, pulled the blankets off of her as she was in bed and attacked her. Both parties involved were arrested.

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Vandalism

•An Atwood man was arrested on Dec. 26 after allegedly breaking into a home.

Deputy Michael Krause arrested Frederic Horton Crawley of 322 Peggy Lane on vandalism and breaking and entering charges. According to Krause's report, Carolyn Jordan, Annie Emert, and Lauren Emert contacted officers after their neighbor, Crawley, had entered their home uninvited. They told officers that Crawley had come in and threatened them. When they were able to get him out of their home, he stayed on the property smashing Christmas decorations and continuing to threaten them.

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Assault

•A Huntingdon man was arrested on Dec. 26 after threatening his brother.

Deputy Michael Krause charged Michael Lee Greer Sr. with assault. According to Krause's report, the defendant threatened his brother with a pocketknife. Greer claimed there had only been a verbal disagreement, but no threats and no pocketknife involved. Another witness confirmed that there had been a pocketknife.

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Vandalism

•Authorities are investigating a case of vandalism.

Chelsea Fee of Cedar Grove reported to authorities that on Dec. 25 all of the tires on her vehicle had been slashed.

Carroll County General Sessions

The following defendants entered guilty pleas and received sentences, fines, and/or court orders last week in Carroll County General Sessions Court:

•Dustin Scott St. Clair of Henry, who pled guilty to driving on a revoked license, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to appear. He was placed on supervised probation for one term of four months and 29 days, another term of 10 months and 29 days, and a third term of five months and 27 days, ordered to serve 32 days, and fined $350. A charge of driving on an expired license was dismissed.

•Marcus D. Glenn of 79 Tennessee Street, McKenzie, who pled guilty to simple possession/casual exchange and resisting arrest. He was placed on supervised probation for one term of 11 months and 27 days and another term of 11 months and 19 days, ordered to serve 12 days, and fined $250. A charge of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed.

•Jeffrey Dale Mitchell of 527 Hillcourt, Apt. A, Huntingdon, who pled guilty to failure to appear and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was placed on unsupervised probation for 11 months and 29 days, supervised probation for 11 months and 27 days, ordered to serve two days, and fined $200.

•Sarah E. Pettigrew of Big Sandy, who pled guilty to failure to appear. She was placed on supervised probation for 10 months and 29 days and ordered to serve 10 days.

•Krystal Smith of 4960 Hamilton Street, Atwood, who pled guilty to failure to appear (two counts), probation violation, and resisting arrest. She was placed on supervised probation for one term of 10 months and 29 days, another term of five months and 27 days, and ordered to serve 62 days. Two counts of failure to appear were dismissed.

•John William Walker of 200 Campbell Lane, McKenzie, who pled guilty to failure to appear, public intoxication, and driving on a cancelled license. He was ordered to serve 30 days, placed on supervised probation for five months and 19 days, and fined $150. A seatbelt violation was dismissed.

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A charge of driving on a suspended license was dismissed for Austin James Boyd of Medina.

Marriage Licenses

•Leif Duane Erickson, 43, of Huntingdon to Dawn Merrie Varaneckas, 48, of Huntingdon.

•Sylvester Pritchard, 62, of Cedar Grove of Diane Johnson, 62, of Huntingdon.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Fraud

•Local authorities are investigating a case of fraud.

Carla Yarbrough of Huntingdon reported to officers on Dec. 23 that she had received a bank statement claiming she had used her debit card at a Kroger in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Yarbrough stated that someone had used it without her permission.

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Theft

•A Benton County woman was arrested on Dec. 22 after allegedly stealing from a local store.

Sergeant Chris Cole charged Mary A. Johnson of Camden with theft under $500. According to Cole's report, officers received a call from Cato's in regards to a shoplifter. The store manager told officers that she had witnessed Johnson put a necklace in her purse and attempt to leave the store with it. The necklace was found in Johnson's purse.

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Burglary

•A Huntingdon man was arrested on Dec. 26 after allegedly burglarizing a home.

Patrolman Drake Whitworth charged Shawn P. Bradley of 120 Bridgeman Street with aggravated burglary, vandalism, and theft of property. According to Whitworth's report, officers received a call about a burglary at the residence of Brad Dean. Dean told officers he had left home early that morning, and at around 11 a.m. his father noticed the back door of the home had been kicked in. Several items were missing from the home. The items were later found on Dean's property, along with a backpack and jacket that did not belong to Dean. It was soon determined the items belonged to Bradley. Multiple witnesses told officers that Bradley had told them about breaking into the home and stealing items. Other witnesses confirmed seeing Bradley near Dean's residence on the morning of the break in. Bradley was arrested, but denied any involvement.

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Theft

•Two Humphreys county men have warrants out for their arrest after allegedly stealing from a local store.

Sergeant Chris Cole has filed charges against Blair Allen Trice and Christopher M. Williams of McEwen for theft under $500. According to Cole's report, officers were contacted by Wal-Mart on Dec. 22 in reference to a theft. Wal-Mart representatives said that Trice and Williams returned goods that had been stolen at a nearby Wal-Mart for a cash refund on Dec. 15. Williams then bought several expensive items, and after leaving the store, Trice returned and filled a buggy with the same items. He left the store with Williams's receipt and did not pay for the items. The incident was caught on camera.

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Burglary

•Authorities are investigating a case of burglary.

Maude Gouge of Huntingdon reported to officers on Dec. 25 that several items were missing from her vehicle.

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Theft

•A Huntingdon woman was cited into court on Dec. 22 after allegedly stealing from a local store.

Sergeant Chris Cole charged Myra L. Hildrich of 1010 Maytown Road with theft under $500. According to Cole's report, officers were contacted by Wal-Mart security in regards to a customer who had made a fraudulent return on Aug. 8. Employees stated that Hildrich had returned a battery charger for a cash refund. Later inspection revealed that she had returned an old charger in a new package to mislead employees. Hildrich admitted to officers that she had returned an old item for the refund.

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Driving while Suspended

•A Henry County man was cited into court on Dec. 23 after a traffic stop.

Patrolman Paul Hugueley charged Matthew C. Usleton of Paris with driving while suspended #2. According to Hugueley's report, a vehicle without taillights was seen on Highway 22. Hugueley performed a traffic stop and a computer check of the Usleton's license revealed it was suspended.

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Theft

•A Huntingdon woman was cited into court on Dec. 27 after allegedly stealing from a local store.

Sergeant Rick Crossno charged Shawn Dill of 13500 Paris Street with theft under $500. According to Crossno's report, Wal-Mart security contacted officers after Dill tried to steal several magazines. Dill admitted to taking the items.

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Assault

•A Henderson County man has a warrant pending for his arrest.

Sergeant Chris Cole has filed charges against Rommel Anderson of Lexington for simple assault. According to Cole's report, officers were dispatched to Wal-Mart on Dec. 20 in reference to an assault. Officers met with James Jackson of Huntingdon who stated he had asked Anderson to pull his pants up while they were both in the checkout line. When they left the store, Anderson struck Jackson with a closed fist. Jackson's lip was busted. A warrant will be issued after surveillance footage has been checked.

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Driving While Revoked

•A Benton Co. man was arrested on Dec. 21 after a traffic stop.

Patrolman Paul Hugueley charged Daincameron Ira Hudson with speeding and driving while revoked #1. According to Hugueley's report, officers were running radar when a vehicle was found speeding on Highway 22. A computer check showed that the driver, Hudson, had a revoked license.

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Public Intoxication/Drugs

•A Huntingdon woman was arrested Dec. 24 after allegedly being found in possession of illegal drugs at a local trailer park.

Investigator Joey Hedge charged Angela M. Hollingsworth of 2464 Tate School Road with public intoxication, possession of a schedule II drug, and possession of drug paraphernalia. According to Hedge's report, officers went to the Cotham Drive Trailer Park after receiving a call about a suspicious person. Officers found Hollingsworth in what seemed to be an intoxicated state. While searching her person, officers found five white pills identified as Oxycodone. A search of Hollingsworth's vehicle revealed a syringe with some kind of drug residue in it.

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January 4, 2016

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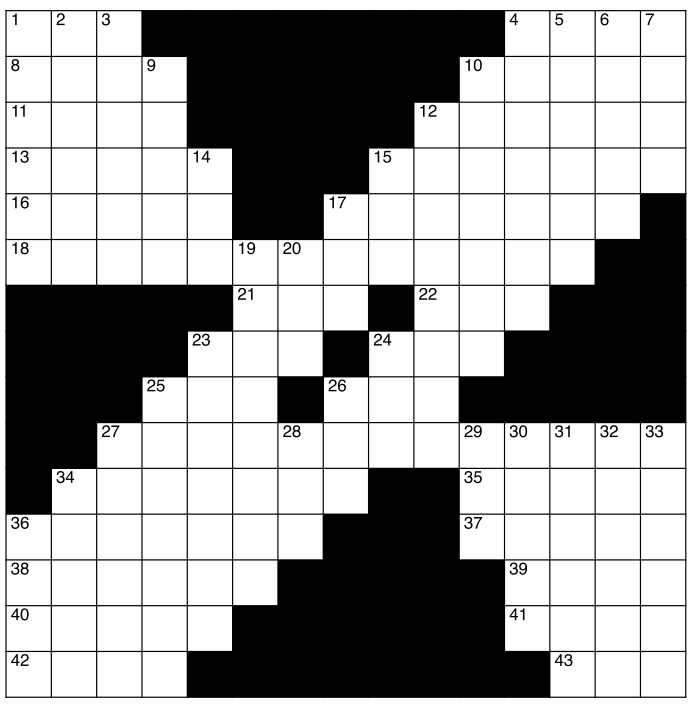
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Engine additive
4. Soluble ribonucleic acid
8. Subdue
10. One long, three short
11. Morally bad
12. With collapsible shelter
13. Central church parts
15. Summer shoes
16. Intestinal
17. Transgressors
18. Meeting expectations
21. Clutch
22. Autonomic nervous system
23. What you can repeat immediately after perceiving it
24. Favorite summer sandwich
25. An accountant certified by the state
26. Cologne
27. Norma Jean Baker
34. Galaxies
35. Bluish greens
36. Detected
37. Having 3 dimensions
38. Made level
39. The destroyer (Hindu)
40. Uncovered
41. Ooze slowly
42. Aerie
43. Point midway between S and SE



CLUES DOWN

1. Having beautiful natural views
2. Fanafuti is the capital
3. Shrub used for hedges
4. Polishing tools
5. Slow down
6. Christmas carols
7. & & &
9. Sound of sheep or goat
10. A long flag, often tapering
12. Atomic #73
14. Schilling (abbr.)
15. Female sibling
17. Long sandwich
19. In a way, necessitated
20. Mayan people of SW Guatemala
23. Cleaned up
24. Prohibit
25. Upright cupboard
26. Cyclone center
27. Metric linear units
28. Young male
29. Securities market
30. City across from Dusseldorf
31. Animal disease
32. Mount of __ east of Jerusalem
33. Get free
34. Variable stars
36. One point N of NE

1-5-16

See solution in next week's edition.

PUZZLE SOLUTION

12-29-15 Crossword Puzzle Solution

B	A	B	A	R	■	P	I	E	R	■	A	R	A	D
A	L	U	L	A	■	S	T	R	E	E	T	C	A	R
W	A	N	A	M	A	K	E	R	T	R	O	P	H	Y
L	E	T	■	■	R	O	M	■	R	A	N	T	S	■
■	■	■	■	V	A	V	■	W	I	S	E	■	■	■
■	■	S	O	D	S	■	■	H	E	E	D	E	D	■
A	B	A	S	■	■	■	R	E	V	S	■	P	A	C
D	A	B	S	■	S	M	O	T	E	■	C	E	B	U
O	B	I	■	A	N	E	W	■	■	■	T	E	A	L
■	E	N	A	M	O	R	■	■	S	A	N	S	■	■
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■	P	L	O	N	K	■	A	S	L	■	■	A	O	T
G	O	U	N	D	E	R	T	H	E	K	N	I	F	E
U	N	R	E	A	L	I	T	Y	■	I	R	A	T	E
I	D	E	S	■	S	O	U	■	■	T	A	K	E	N

SUDOKU

SOLUTION 12-29-15

2	5	6	8	9	1	3	7	4
9	4	3	2	7	6	5	8	1
7	1	8	5	3	4	6	2	9
6	7	4	3	1	2	9	5	8
8	3	1	9	4	5	2	6	7
5	2	9	6	8	7	4	1	3
4	9	5	7	6	8	1	3	2
3	6	7	1	2	9	8	4	5
1	8	2	4	5	3	7	9	6

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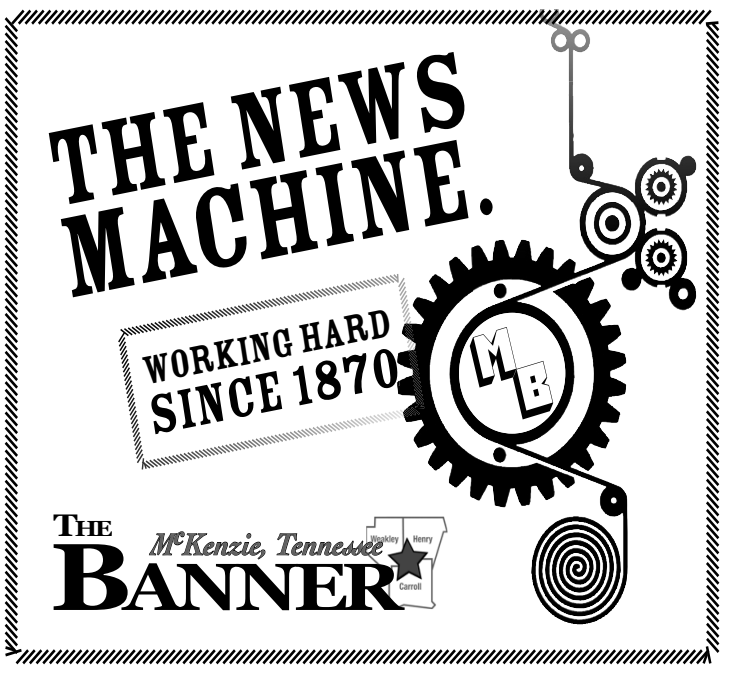
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‘Best of’ Celebration is January 14

The Best of Carroll County 2015 Celebration is Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McKenzie. The event, hosted by The McKenzie Banner, will announce the winners of the Best of Carroll County contest conducted by the newspaper.

All winners and finalists will be announced during the red carpet event. Winners and finalists will receive window decals for prominent placement on the business front door or vehicle, a certificate suitable for framing, a goodie bag full of advertising specialties, calendars, and notepads. Plus, a photo will be made of the top winner in each of the categories. Light hors d’oeuvres will be served.

During the sixth annual contest, The Banner had two rounds of balloting and had more than 1,200 votes cast either in print or online. The first round included a blank slate for anyone to be nominated. Those votes were counted and round two included the top three nominees from the first round of balloting.

The response of the voters far exceeded the participation in any of the five previous contests.

Businesses and individuals were nominated in more than 100 categories.

Up to two persons from each of the three finalists in each category can attend free of charge. Additional attendees will pay $10 each. Space is limited so phone 731-352-3323 to reserve your seat before the Tuesday, January 12 deadline.

“If your name or business’s name was listed as one of the finalists in the balloting, you are invited to attend,” said Joel Washburn, publisher.

Additionally during the event, The Banner will honor a long-time associate of the newspaper who is retiring.

RSVP by calling 731-352-3323 or visit The McKenzie Banner’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/McKenzieBanner/, click on the “Best of Carroll County Red Carpet Awards Banquet” event pinned to the top of the page, and click on the “Going” button.

To RSVP now, scan this QR code with your smart phone to go to the Facebook event page.

MMRPC AGENDA PLANNING MEETING

The McKenzie Municipal-Regional Planning Commission will have an agenda planning meeting on Wednesday, January 13 at 5 p.m. at the McKenzie Municipal Center.

FAFSA HELP AT TCAT-MCKENZIE

TCAT-McKenzie is providing assistance to students and parents in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on Tuesday, January 12 from 2-6 p.m., on the campus at 16940 Highland Drive, McKenzie. Students and parents should have: names, social security numbers, and dates of birth; 2015 tax returns, including W2 forms; records of untaxed income and current assets.

Before filling out the FAFSA, students will need to get a username and password (FSA I.D.) Parents of dependent students will also need an FSA I.D. Log on to StudentAid.gov/fsaid. Please complete this step prior to FAFSA Night at TCAT.

MLK CARROLL COUNTY CELEBRATION

The MLK Carroll County Celebration will be at Clark Street Baptist Church in Huntingdon on January 18, beginning at 10 a.m. Following the program will be a march. Organizers ask for donations of sandwiches, soup, and chili. For more information, please call 731-986-0027.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM MEETING

Interested in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)? If so, and you have cropping history from 2008 to 2013 (4 out of those 6 years) or have pasture land adjoining a permanent body of water or stream, please join us for an evening workshop to learn more. Tennessee NRCS and Quail Forever Wildlife Biologists will have short presentations regarding General CRP, Continuous CRP, Mid-Contract Management and other CRP/wildlife management related topics. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the program along with program enrollment assistance.

The meeting will be held at Henry County Fairgrounds Commercial Building, 517 Royal Oak Drive, Paris, on Thursday, January 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

A meal will be provided. Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 6 and call the USDA service center office at 731-642-0761.

For more information, contact Brittney Viers, Quail Forever Wildlife Biologist, 731-358-1860; bviers@quailforever.org.

GREATER ENON M.B. CHURCH MLK PROGRAM

The Greater Enon M.B. Church, 313 E. Walnut Ave., McKenzie, will be having its annual MLK Program on January 18, beginning at 10 a.m. The topic will be “ALL Lives Matter.” The guest lecturer will be Mr. Ike Gilbert, President of Webb Alumni Association, followed by a sermon from Rev. Dr. Wilma Pearson, Pastor of Johnson Temple CME Church, McKenzie. The community is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served immediately following the program at the center. Rev. Dr. Christopher Johnson is the host pastor.

YOUTH VILLAGES FOSTER CARE INFORMATION NIGHT

Youth Villages Foster Care, 412 Tyson Ave, Paris, will have an information night on January 12 at 5:30 p.m. This meeting is just for information purposes; no commitment is required. For more information, call 731-641-4141.

MCKENZIE SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET JANUARY 26

McKenzie Special School District Board of Education meets January 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Board Office on Bell Avenue.

ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASSES

Sylvia Whitaker will teach Acrylic Painting Classes, beginning Wednesday, January 6, 9:00 to noon at the Carroll County Office on Aging, 625 High Street, Suite 108, Huntingdon. There is no cost to take the classes. Participants must purchase their supplies. Class size is limited to eight. Call 731-986-1985 to register.

VFW POST 4939 SPAGHETTI SUPPER

McKenzie Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4939 is hosting a Spaghetti Supper, January 16, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The meal consists of spaghetti and garlic bread for $5.00.

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.

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Stretch N Tone sessions at the McKenzie Sr. Citizen Center from 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. on most Mondays. The sessions include a variety of stretching & light cardio movements. $1 per session. Exercise floor mat required. For more information call 731-402-0607.

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.

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.

MCKENZIE CARROLL COUNTY UNITED NEIGHBORS

United Neighbors is accepting fall and winter clothing at this time. Please be sure they are clean and in good condition. If the bin is full, please take items to other donation boxes.

Food: crackers, cereal, ravioli, spaghetti noodles, and evaporated milk.

Personal Hygiene: Deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, bar soap and shampoo.

Assistance and shopping are from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and 9 a.m. until noon on Wednesday. We will be closed Wednesday afternoon and Friday and Saturday and Sunday.

Call 352-0547 with any questions. Donation hours: during store hours. Please no glass or boxes in the bin. Do not leave items outside!

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Sat. 1:55, 7:05, 10:10
Sun. 1:55, 7:30

STAR WARS 3-D (PG-13)
Fri.-Sat. 7:00
Sun.-Thurs. 7:25

STAR WARS 2-D (PG-13)
Fri. 10:00
Sat. 2:05, 10:00
Sun. 2:05

DADDY’S HOME (PG-13)
Fri. 7:15, 9:30
Sat. 1:50, 4:10, 7:15, 9:30
Sun. 1:50, 4:10, 7:35
Mon.-Thurs. 7:35

SISTERS (R)
Fri. 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 1:40, 4:10, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:40, 4:10, 7:30

ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: ROAD CHIP (PG)
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Carroll County Senior Citizens Center

Renowned Eye Surgeon’s Seminar is February 11

HUNTINGDON — On Thursday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m. the Carroll County Senior Citizens Center will present an informative and educational medical talk by renowned eye surgeon, Dr. Ming Wang.

A Harvard and MIT graduate (magna cum laude); Dr. Wang is one of the few cataract and LASIK eye surgeons in the world who holds a doctorate degree in laser physics.

In his seminar, Dr. Wang will discuss the latest advances in state-of-the-art LASIK technology, and offer eye care suggestions, and discuss individual eye care concerns from the audience.

Dr. Wang’s extraordinary real life story inspired a character in the nationally acclaimed book, ‘God’s Not Dead’. In 2014, the best-selling book was transformed into a blockbuster movie that included Dr. Wang’s character from the book. The book and movie scrutinizes the evidence proving the existence of God while focusing on individuals who sought and found God.

Everyone is invited to attend Dr. Wang’s outstanding seminar. For additional information, visit the Carroll County Senior Citizens Center at 625 High Street or call 731-986-1985.

The Kingdom Heirs Highlight The Dixie Gospel Show

HUNTINGDON — One of the most popular male vocal groups highlight this year’s Gospel Show, a favorite part of the annual Dixie Live Concert Serious.

The Kingdom Heirs will perform at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts & Academic Enrichment Center Saturday, Jan. 16. Celebrating their 28th year as the resident gospel group at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., The Kingdom Heirs are award-winning artists with 11 No. 1 songs.

Kreis French, Dennis Murphy, Jeff Chapman, Arthur Rice, Brian Alvey, Andy Stringfield, and Jerry Martin are The Kingdom Heirs. French serves as the manager of The Kingdom Heirs, is the owner and is in his 34th year with the group. He plays bass guitar.

Murphy has been with The Kingdom Heirs for 25 years and is the drummer. He has been nominated for Instrumentalist of the Year the past 12 years.

Rice, in his 19th year with the group, serves as emcee. He does most of the recording and producing for The Kingdom Heirs in his own studio.

Now in his 13th year with the group, Chapman sings the bass part, reaching the lowest of low notes but also taking lead occasionally.

Stringfield is the youngest member of the group and is in his seventh year with The Kingdom Heirs. He is a talented piano player who also sings baritone and lead vocals.

Singing tenor is Martin, in his fifth year with the group. He serves as The Kingdom Heirs’ webmaster and handles all aspects of social media.

Alvey is the newest member – a baritone singer and talented young man who plays piano, drums, bass guitar, lead guitar and steel guitar.

Tickets for the Gospel Show with The Kingdom Heirs are $20 per person and are available at the Box Office in downtown Huntingdon, by calling 731-986-2100, and online at dixiepac.net.

County Commission Has Two Agenda Items

Carroll County Commissioners convene on Monday, January 11, 7:00 p.m. with two items on the agenda. Both are appointments.

The first is a recommended reappointment of Billy Barksdale to the Carroll County (Lake) Regional Planning Commission with a term ending January 2020.

The second resolution is to appoint Vince Taylor, retired election administrator, to the Carroll County Civic Service Commission with a term ending July 2020. He will fill the vacancy of the late James Paul Baxter.

The meeting is open to the public.

Bethel University Announces Honor Roll, Dean’s List for Fall 2015 Semester

Two hundred and forty-four students have qualified for the Honor Roll and one hundred sixteen other students have qualified for the Dean’s list in the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Health Sciences at Bethel University for the Fall Semester, 2015.

To qualify for the Honor Roll, a traditional student must have an average of 3.70 or above on twelve or more simultaneous academic hours with no grade below C. For a traditional student to be named to the Dean’s List, he or she must have completed twelve or more hours of simultaneous academic work with an average of 3.50 to 3.69 with no grade below C.

Named to the Honor Roll from Carroll County are:

Hollow Rock: Kirsten Lane

Huntingdon: Sierra Betterman, Sarah Bratton, Mallorie Ellis, Kayla Foster, Ronald Hampton, Joshua Haywood, Dylan Hollowell, Keely Jordan, Samantha McPherson, Haley Sullivan and Ashley Villalobos.

McKenzie: Ashley Barker, Kevin Beck, Muhase Buzigire, Sedona Carlin, Patrick Crawford, Janson Davis, Hollye Frazier, Kimberly Garcia, Lucas Garcia, Sebastian Garcia, Sasha Gilbert, Morgan Gilliam, Adam Horner, Victoria Jewell, Taylar Johnson, Jai-Chandler Mathis, Kelsey Mattox, Tammy Maxwell, Jordan Merchant, Braden Nanney, Alejandra Padilla, Breckinridge Sharbel, Dorde Vidosavljevic, Ashley Wallace, and Gracia Yuma.

McLemoresville: Brianna Newsome and Taylor Shaw.

Trezevant: Elizabeth Pratt.

Named to the Dean’s List from Carroll County are:

Atwood: Rhiannon Gray.

Bruceton: Haden Williams.

Hollow Rock: Carly Jernigan.

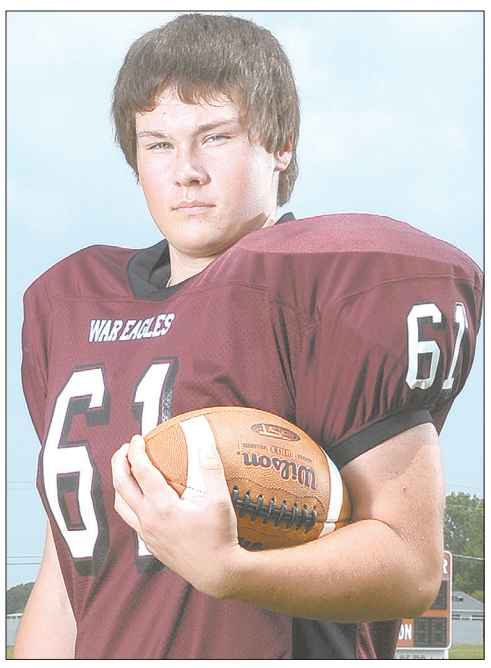
Huntingdon: Austin Baker, Khrystian Bynum, Aaron Dotson, Bradleigh Haynes, and Andrew Rush.

McKenzie: Jake Chappell, Jessalyn Elliott, Cheyenne Geyer, Keisha Gibson, Laura Heflin, Joshua Hubble, Bridget Neisler, and Marco Ramirez.

For more information about Bethel University, go to www.Bethelu.edu.











Left, West Carroll War Eagle Blake Ray. Center, Tennessee Volunteer Max Arnold tackles an Auburn kick returner. Right, 49ers All-Pro Patrick Willis closes in on Titan Chris Johnson.

The Banner's Top Sports Stories of 2015

(continued from last week)

4 War Eagles Grieve Death of Teammate (July 10) — Minutes after West Carroll's football team concluded their morning practice at 11:00 a.m., the calm was shattered as the field house doors were thrown open and the coaches were alerted that junior lineman Blake Ray had been involved in a two-vehicle accident just two miles from the school on Highway 79 between Atwood and Trezevant.

Reacting, coaches and some players still in the field house gathered medical supplies and Ray's medical information and rushed to the scene. Unfortunately, Ray had already died at the scene from traumatic injuries sustained during the mishap.

According to a report by Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Phillip Steele, Hunter Finch of Dresden had stopped for traffic in the roadway on Highway 79 when his pickup was rear-ended by the pickup driven by Ray. Both men were wearing seat belts. Ray died at the scene, while Finch was not injured in the accident.

5 Lady Rebels Crowned D13 Softball Champions (May 8) — Dresden, which a day earlier had eliminated Huntingdon from postseason play with a bottom of the seventh-inning rally, fell to McKenzie in similar manner during a 2-1 defeat in the District 13A Tournament championship game on Thursday at West Carroll.

The Lady Rebels came from behind to overcome a 1-0 deficit, tying the game in the bottom of the sixth inning before getting the winning run across in walk-off fashion during the home half of the seventh.

With the win, McKenzie (17-10-1) claims its first district softball crown in 20 years. The 13A title game was, first and foremost, a pitcher's duel.

Lady Rebel freshman Audrie Washburn, who earned the win in the circle, went the full seven innings with three hits allowed, one walk issued, and five strikeouts. Offensively, Washburn and Madison Green each had two hits for McKenzie. Washburn accounted for the game-winning run in the seventh by plating Green via single.

6 Mustangs Crowned D13A Baseball Champs (May 6) — Coming out swinging in the top of the first, Huntingdon plated four runs via sacrifice RBIs by Kade Pearson and Brandon Baker and a two-run double by Ben Clifft and added three runs in the fourth and one run in the seventh to defeat the McKenzie Rebels, 8-3, and win the D13A baseball championship.

Mustang pitcher Brandon Baker limited McKenzie to two RBIs by Chase Kelley in the first and third inning and Isaiah Townes RBI in the third.

Rebel pitcher Jack Surber struck out three, walked none, and surrendered seven runs to absorb the loss.

McKenzie battled back from a 4-1 deficit to narrow the Mustang lead to 4-3 by way of Kelley and Townes' RBIs, but Huntingdon responded with a three-run spurt in the top of the fourth as Josh Coleman plated Kolton McMinn via single through the gap at short and Elijah Wilkerson's two-run double.

Holding the Rebels scoreless for the remainder of the contest, Huntingdon added one run in the top of the seventh via passed-ball error en route to their 8-3 championship win.

7 Fillies, Mustangs Crowned MS Basketball Champions (December 5) — The Clarksburg Lady Rockets and Huntingdon Fillies faced off for the girls' title in a low-scoring defensive battle. The Fillies jumped ahead to a comfortable lead by the half, but the Lady Rockets came alive in the late third and early fourth quarters to come within 3 points. A late surge by the Fillies sealed a 29-21 championship victory. Huntingdon's Adyn Swenson led all scorers with 16 points. Tyasia Reed scored 7.

Emily Peterson led the Lady Rockets with 7 points, including a three-pointer. Rachel Tucker had 5, including a three-pointer; Ashlyn Yarbrough also scored 5.

The McKenzie Rebels and Huntingdon Mustangs then met for the boys' championship. After the Mustangs led briefly to begin the contest, McKenzie held a slim lead throughout until Huntingdon tied the game with a three-pointer by Brandon Lawton just seconds before the end of regulation. The Mustangs edged out the Rebels in the final seconds of overtime to claim the championship, 37-36. Mustang Brandon Lawton led all scorers with 19 points, including a three-pointer. Hunter Ensley had 8 points.

Lucas King led the Rebels with 18 points, including a pair of three-pointers.

8 Arnold Bids Farewell to Neyland Stadium (November 28) — The Tennessee Volunteers concluded their regular season with a 53-28 thrashing of in-state SEC rival, the Vanderbilt Commodores. McKenzie's Max Arnold, a red-shirt senior defensive back, was on the field for the victory. It was Senior Night at Neyland Stadium as Arnold took the field for his last home game.

The 2011 McKenzie High School alum joined the Volunteers as a walk-on. Max decided early on that he wanted to be a part of "big time football." Growing up as a Vols fan, Arnold sought to prove his talents in Knoxville.

Max had a successful high school career. In three seasons, Arnold was named All West Tennessee Sophomore of the Year in 2008, All District 13-A Defensive Back in 2009, and 13-A Offensive Player of the Year, All West Tennessee, and All State Defensive Back in 2010.

At the conclusion of his senior season, Arnold made the transition to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Max's faith played a huge role in his decision. He stated that God gave him athletic talent, and there was a calling to use those gifts. In the end, he did not want regrets when looking back on his life.

As a Volunteer, Max has two key events that standout in his memory. In 2013, he was awarded the John Stucky Iron Vol Award after the Orange and White Game. Arnold explained that he was honored to receive the award because it came from his teammates. Max's second memory came against West Kentucky. In the game, the Vols defense forced five consecutive turnovers in one quarter. Arnold recovered one the fumbles in the NCAA record performance. Max wanted to send a special thank you to the people of McKenzie. He said that he was indebted to the community. Max recalled how great a feeling he got each time during the Vol Walk when he slapped hands with familiar faces from McKenzie. Returning to McKenzie during his time away from Knoxville is something special to Max. He said, "The drive on I-40 brings a feeling of excitement," as he heads west.

9 West Carroll's Heckert Signs with Arkansas State (November 11) — Surrounded by family, fellow players, and her coach, Anna Trull, West Carroll senior Madison Heckert signed to play D1 basketball at the collegiate level with Arkansas State. Heckert was during the signing ceremony in the library of West Carroll Jr. /Sr. High School.

Heckert was very humbled

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Discover REAL Secrets Most People Will Never Know About Protecting Their Estate From The Government!

Who Is Inheriting More Money From Your Estate: The Government Or Your Family?

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Probate costs too much! In some states, probate fees are set by law. In Tennessee, attorneys can charge whatever "reasonable" fee they can collect from the estate. Probate fees often range from 3% to 10% or more of the estate. This is why many lawyers would rather write Wills, and then make a bundle when the Will is probated.

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Nursing Home Poverty. One of the greatest fears of our seniors is that they end up in a nursing home, resulting in a great loss of personal autonomy, often at a catastrophic financial price. Depending on your level of care, nursing homes cost between $60,000 and $100,000 a year. Most people end up paying for nursing home care out of their savings until they run out.

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Carroll County Youth Leadership 2015 Row one (L to R): Layla Byrum, Madison McClure, Kelsie Singleton, and Meagan Gooch. Row two Jordan Allen, Allyn Swenson, Taylor Bridges, Meagan Delany, and Rebecca Roberts. Row three Jada Strickland, Kelsey Spivey, Lauren Riley, John Ervin, and Cameron Oakley. Row four Kendall Davidson, Parker Birdwell, Katie Thomas, and Jack Surber. Row five (Standing) Madison Heckert, Jace Williams, Mitch Merrick, Jessa Potts, Buddy McGinnis, and Grant Davis. Not pictured-Ally Johnson.

Carroll County Youth Leadership

Twenty five high school students from Carroll County's five high schools are participating in the 2015-2016 Chamber Youth Leadership Carroll County Program.

The 24-hour program is divided up into four sessions covering an enormous amount of information. The group has completed two of its four sessions.

"One aspect of Youth Leadership is to expose the students to a wide array of jobs available in Carroll County. We do this through our tours," said Mr. Brad Hurley, president of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

So far the class has visited C.S.I, the Carroll County Airport, Associated Publishers, G & C Supply Company, Carroll County Sports Shooting Park and the Carroll County 1000 Acre Recreational Lake.

More than 365 students have graduated from the YLCC program. The class meets again in January and February 2016.

For more information on Carroll County Youth Leadership Program contact: Carroll County Chamber of Commerce at (731) 986-4664.



Front row (L to R): Carter Graves, Jack Crocker, Autumn Baker. Back row: Maycee Cary, Callie Bratton, AnaKate Welsh. Sponsors (not pictured): Lauren Scott-Runions, Debbie Moore, and Michael Graves.

CMS DI Team Places Sixth in Global Competition

(Courtesy Lauren Scott-Runions)

The oldest Central Middle School DI team for the year 2014-15 participated in the Fine Arts division, Feary Tales.

The team placed First at Regional competition in Milan, first at state competition at Lipscomb in Nashville (along with receiving the seldom given Renaissance Award for outstanding performance), and sixth place at Global Finals in Knoxville after competing against over 100 teams. The global competition features young students from around the world.

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Mayor Honors Killebrew for 100th Birthday



McKENZIE (December 29) — Mayor Jill Holland paid a visit to McKenzie Health Care on Tuesday to present Ms. Jessie (Aunt Jessie, Gaga) Killebrew with a Mayoral Proclamation for her 100 years of loving and caring for others. Ms. Killebrew celebrated her 100th Birthday on Thursday, December 24, 2015.

UT Martin

Local Students Named to Chancellor's Honor Roll

MARTIN — The outstanding academic achievements of undergraduate students at the University of Tennessee at Martin have been honored with publication of the Fall 2015 Chancellor's Honor Rolls for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for Chancellor's Honor Roll recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 (B) grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the Chancellor's Honor Roll with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5 through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

McKenzie - Anna E. Anderson, Highest Honors, Mickenzie A. Beasley, Honors, Emily J. Bloodworth, Honors, Tyler A. Boggs, , High Honors, Brandon L. Bookout, Honors, Jon-Austin J. Brannon, High Honors, Juan Calderon, Honors, Kendra E. Cook, High Honors, Casey M. Cox, Honors, Beth A. Crocker, Highest Honors, Rachel L. Edlin, Highest Honors, Courtney J. Fowler, High Honors, Kendra L. Gilmore, Highest Honors, Madison L. Graves, High Honors, Haley M. Kalinowski, Honors, Michael T. Keenan, Honors, Rachel L. Kincy, High Honors, Morgan A. Klinzing, Honors, Noah M. Lowrance, High Honors, Zachary A. McEwen, Honors, Rocio Mejorado, Highest Honors, Jacob H. Owen, Highest Honors, Julia B. Petering, Highest Honors, Katelyn D. Ridley, Highest Honors, Lucas K. Robertson, High Honors, Jesse L. Robinson, Highest Honors, Terriann S. Schukert, Highest Honors, Emily K. Scott, Highest Honors, Emily B. Seaton, Highest Honors, Brooke A. Spivey, High Honors, Holden J. Stanfill, Highest Honors, Ashley N. Taylor, High Honors, Macy R. Watkins, Honors, Rebekah L. Watkins, High Honors

Huntingdon - Mallory A. Autry, High Honors, Kayla N. Boyd, Highest Honors, Madison C. Boyd, Highest Honors, Courtney J. Caton, High Honors, Jessica J. Davis, Highest Honors, Melissa D. Dill, High Honors, Savannah C. Dodson, Honors, Brett A. Hampton, High Honors, Daryl O. Hawkins, Highest Honors, Lydia G. Hayes, Highest Honors, Grace E. Hilliard, High Honors, Lauren D. Hixon, High Honors, Heath W. McAlexander, High Honors, Allison L. McClure, High Honors, Morgan T. McMackin, Highest Honors, Mikaela A. Miles, Highest Honors, Caroline F. Parish, Honors, Benjamin J. Reiter, Highest Honors, Allie N. Roney, Highest Honors, Madison E. Sneed, High Honors, Kelsey L. Stroud, High Honors, Heather R. Trevathan, High Honors, Jacob L. Warbritton, Highest Honors, Tyler S. Warbritton, Highest Honors, Ashley C. Webb, Honors, Caroline E. Williams, Honors, Ellen L. Bell, Martin, Highest Honors, Chelsey D. Bradley, High Honors, Alexandria K. Crosser, Honors, Jamal N. Glenn, High Honors, Jennifer T. Hames, High Honors, Carly B. Johnson, Honors, Madeline M. Stokes, Honors, Amy J. Wilkinson, Highest Honors, William C. Peery, Honors,

Buena Vista - Grace A. White, High Honors, Ryan Butler, Honors,

Gleason - Brittany L. Davis, High Honors,

Bruceton - Andrew P. Barnhart, Honors; David K. Birdwell, 38317-2206, High Honors, Ciara E. Evans, High Honors, Brandon L. Hilliard, High Honors, Abigail P. Pierce, High Honors, Alexis M. Reynolds, High Honors, April R. Stepp, Highest Honors, Amanda l. Stockdale, Highest Honors

Hollow Rock - Dakota N. Coble, High Honors, Aimee K. Hollingsworth, Hollow Rock, High Honors,

McLemoresville - Morgan A. Lawrence, Honors

Trezevant - Michael R. Andrews, Honors, Doris E. Brown, Highest Honors, Tierra N. Williams, Highest Honors, Britey L. Wilson, Highest Honors

Westport - Faith M. Douglas, Highest Honors, Colton L. Moore, High Honors, Ashten T. Simpson, Highest Honors, Hannah K. Wood, Highest Honors

Yuma - Taylor L. Hays, Highest Honors

Sports

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about her accomplishment, but her coach and principal, Dexter Williams reminded those in attendance of the significance of the event. Williams said a signee at a D1 school is rare, but achievable.

Coach Trull said she is very, very proud of Madison.

"Madison always had this goal and works every day to achieve it. Her presence at post is awesome," said Trull. The coach said Madison achieved this goal through hard work on the court and in the classroom. The 6-foot, 4-inch senior has a 4.0 grade point average and has earned 16 post-secondary credits in academics. Madison realizes that her academics are important for her future. During last year's performance, Madison was All District, All Academic, 1000-Point Club, led in rebounding, averaged 13 points per game, and had 174 blocks during the season.

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49'ers All-Pro Patrick Willis to Retire

(March 9) — According to multiple news sources including ESPN, CBS, ABC, and FOX Sports Network, former Hollow Rock-Bruceton All-State, Ole Miss All-American and Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Year, five-time All-Pro, and seven-time Pro Bowl San Francisco 49ers linebacker Patrick Willis is planning to announce his retirement from professional football.

Selected in the first round (11th pick overall) of the 2007 NFL draft by San Francisco, Willis earned the starting position as 49ers middle linebacker prior to the start of his rookie season. By season's end, his jaw-dropping, 174 combined (135 solo) tackle performance earned him the Associated Press' Defensive Rookie-of-the-Year Award.

Shouldering leadership roles as defensive captain and pregame vocal catalyst of the 49ers, Willis maintained his role as starter until being sidelined by a season-ending, toe injury six games into the 2014 season.

During a press conference prior to being placed on injured reserve last November, Willis said that he had played with the toe injury for four or five seasons in the NFL before the pain became too unbearable for him to continue. The presumptive Hall-of-Famer tallied 950 tackles, 20.5 sacks, eight interceptions including a 49er's team-record 86-yard return for touchdown, and 16 forced fumbles in 112 games during his prolific, eight-year career and played a pivotal role in helping the once-beleaguered 49ers return to prominence and reach three consecutive NFC Championship Games from 2011 to 2013 and the 2013 Super Bowl.