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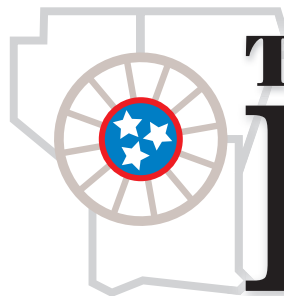
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QUOTE

"The human race has one really effective weapon, and that is laughter."

—Mark Twain

Carroll County Records First Death from Virus

COVID-19 Update for April 20: Carroll 15, Henry Eight, Weakley Six

NASHVILLE (April 20, 2020) — Tennessee Department of Health reported the first death in Carroll County related to COVID-19.

The identity and the city of residence of the person were not released.

All area public schools are closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.

In Tennessee, there are 152 deaths (2 percent), 7,238 confirmed cases, 3,573 who have recovered, and 100,638 who have been tested.

Carroll has 1 death, 11 recovered, 15 positive cases, and 285 were tested. Hen-

ry County has no deaths, 5 recovered, 9 positive, and 255 tested. Weakley has no deaths, 2 recovered, 8 positive diagnosis, and 213 tested.

Other area counties and the number of positive cases include: Benton 4; Chester 8; Crockett 6; Decatur 4; Dyer 28; Hardeman

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Schools Will Not Resume For 2019-20

Based on a recommendation from Governor Bill Lee on Wednesday, area schools will not resume the 2019-20 school year.

Directors of individual school districts, along with school board members and administrators, now have many decisions to make on the implementation of the closure.

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Huntingdon Police, Cash Savers Partner to Assure Grocery Delivery

The Huntingdon Police Department is now partnering with Cash Savers Supermarket in Huntingdon to make sure people in Huntingdon can still receive groceries and essential items even if they are unable to travel or are at a high risk during this unprecedented time.

Persons meeting that criteria and who reside within the city limits of Huntingdon can phone the Huntingdon Police Department at 731-986-5310 and get registered for free

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ON THE FRONTLINES

McKenzie Medical Center Thanks Community For Support

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, health care workers are on the frontlines. McKenzie Medical Center (MMC) has felt the love and support from the community in various ways over the last few weeks.

MMC has received masks and face shields to protect the providers and staff, meals from local restaurants and most recently signs were placed outside the clinic reminding them of the difference they are making.

McKenzie Medical Center is thankful for the support of the community during this trying time and are dedicated to providing "Hometown Healthcare at its Finest."



Representative Halford Seeks Reelection

Curtis Halford (R) of Dyer, Tenn. announces he is seeking re-election to the Tennessee House of Representatives. It will be my great pleasure to continue to serve the people of Carroll and Gibson counties.

While serving in the 111th General Assembly, Halford serves as chairman of the House Agricultural/Natural Resources Committee, the Sub-committee to Agriculture/Natural Resources Committee, House Government Operations Committee, Government Operations Sub-Committee, House State Government Committee, State Government Sub-Committee and House Calendar and Rules Committee.

Halford was appointed by Speaker Cameron Sexton in 2020 to serve as a member of the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) where he is a member of the Agriculture and Environment Standing Committee. Halford is a former member of the Gibson County Commission, where he served six years before being elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 2008. He is a Veteran of the United States Air Force Reserve.

Halford supports efforts to restrain government spending and is an opponent of increased taxes. With his help Tennessee has been able to pass a balanced budget while lowering the taxes on Tennes-

seans by \$500 million-plus. Tennessee continues to enjoy one of the best credit ratings in all fifty states. An avid outdoorsman, Halford supports Second Amendment freedoms and is a member of the National Rifle Association in good standing. He is pro-life and has been honored with the endorsement of Tennessee Right to Life in previous campaigns. He is pro-business/small business having received the endorsement of the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Representative Halford has been influential in helping to obtain several million dollars

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Victoria Steele Appointed As Grand Jury Foreperson

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Circuit Judge Donald E. Parish appointed McKenzie resident Victoria Steele as the new Grand Jury Foreperson for Carroll County.

Mrs. Steele is a General Accountant and SOX Compliance Site Coordinator for Allegion Republic in McKenzie. She began her career with Republic Builders Products Corporation in 1978 and held various positions within the company. Over the years, she worked with many great people and organizations in this community through her commitment to Republic, United Way and Relay for Life.

Mrs. Steele is a graduate of Henry County High School in Paris. In 1994, she completed the Leadership Carroll County Program and served on the Carroll County Leadership Board for several years.

Mrs. Steele and her husband, Patrick Steele, are proud parents of Brian Steele and Tiffany Steele and grandparents to seven wonderful grandchildren.

Mrs. Steele is pleased and honored to be selected for this position and looks forward to serving the community in this capacity.

As Grand Jury Foreperson, Mrs. Steele helps manage the Grand Jury during each of the three terms of a calendar year. The Grand Jury consists of twelve members and two alternates. These members hear cases presented by the District Attorney. It is not the Grand Jury's duty to decide guilt or innocence, only probable cause. It is the Foreperson's responsibility to keep this group organized and informed. Mrs. Steele's term will begin June 1, 2020.



Victoria Steele will take over as Grady Jury Foreperson is June.

Bob Rutledge served as the Grand Jury Foreperson for over ten years. Mr. Rutledge

retires from this position at the end of April. He and wife, Cherideth, have moved to middle Tennessee. We are thankful for his years of dedication and service to our county.

Murphy Appointed as County Commissioner

HUNTINGDON (April 13) — Carroll County commissioners appointed Barry Mac Murphy of Huntingdon to fill the unexpired District 5 (Huntingdon) seat vacated by Jeff Carter, who moved from the county. Murphy received 17 of the 20 votes while Mike Tate received three.

Commissioners met by Zoom over the Internet to comply with mandatory social distancing because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Murphy is a 1969 graduate of Huntingdon High School and is a retired associate of the Tennessee Division of Property Assessments and worked with property assessors in all 95 counties. He was nominated by Commissioner Vince Taylor, a classmate of Huntingdon High School.

Most of the meeting's agenda concerned fiscal year-end budget amendments. One amendment raised the question of commissioners John Austin and Paula Watkins. It was the Highway Department's budget which amended the budget by \$74,170, which was deducted from the Department's reserve (savings) account. Austin indicated the transfer includes some large budgetary items.

Another deficit budget that went unquestioned by the General Purpose School Fund, which pulled \$46,400 from the reserve account.

Commissioner John Mann said the county should work to



Barry Mac Murphy took the oath of office from Mayor Joseph Butler. Murphy was appointed to fill the vacancy of the District 5 commission seat.

have a budget that adequately funds all departments and not pull from reserve accounts. Commissioner Watkins

asked Mayor Joseph Butler to host a workshop with all commissioners prior to presenting the budget for a vote.

Carroll County Solid Waste Committee to Meet

The Carroll County Solid Waste Committee meets Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 10 a.m. at the Conference Room located inside the Carroll County Office Complex located at 625 High St, Huntingdon.

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order No. 16 and Executive Order No. 17 regarding limiting gatherings to

prevent the further spread of COVID-19 and allowing public meetings to be conducted by electronic means, the meeting will be conducted with commissioners participating by video/audio conference with approved media in attendance but closed to the public.

Meeting in this way and limiting public access to the

meeting is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare in light of COVID-19. We hope to return to in-person meetings as soon as possible.

Special communications will be made to inform the public of the agenda and minutes of the meeting.

McKenzie to Hold Graduation With Limited Audience

(April 16) — McKenzie (Tenn.) High School is holding graduation for the seniors of 2020 on Sunday, May 17, 3 p.m. at the MHS Gymnasium. A backup date of May 30, 3 p.m. is the alternate date. Schools are out for the remainder of the year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Kelly Spivey, principal, wrote the

graduation will include appropriate social distancing between attendees. Each senior has six tickets to give to family and friends to attend the ceremony. There was speculation the class of 2020 would be denied a formal graduation ceremony because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Spivey wrote, "We are doing this because we want to

have graduation. I know this will make some families have to make tough choices, but we must remember it is more about allowing the seniors to have their opportunity to graduate more than anything else."

The ceremony will be streamed live on Facebook. Baccalaureate ceremonies are canceled for 2020.

Weakley Schools Administrators Outline Process to Close Schools

School Feeding Program is Tuesday And Friday Until Next School Year

WEAKLEY COUNTY (April 2020) — Weakley County Schools Director Randy Frazier, staff and principals met online Thursday, April 16 to determine the next steps of closing the 2019-20 academic year. The meeting followed Governor Bill Lee's recommendation on Wednesday to close all Tennessee schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Among the items covered in the administrators' meeting were meals, grading, graduation and the gradual return to school facilities.

Frazier began by praising the principals, teachers and staff who have worked alongside cafeteria staff to provide for nearly 100,000 meals since schools closed. He reminded meeting participants meal distribution will now take place on Tuesdays and Friday. He also announced that the meal program will continue through the summer and until school restarts in August.

Next, he reviewed the recent actions of the State Board of Education in their emergency meeting to enact rules related to the COVID-19 closures across the state including:

Seniors' required credits reduced from 22 to 20.

Mandate for high school grading to follow state uniform grading policy and follow a similar formula statewide for calculating GPA.

Districts allowed to determine grading for Kindergarten-8th grade as a local decision.

Frazier announced a meeting on Friday with high school principals and counselors to discuss implications for Seniors' grades. He also asked all principals to arrange online meetings with their faculty as soon as possible to discuss grading. Along with that, he requested plans be made for teachers' staggered return to the facilities.

"We want to adhere to social distancing and at the same time prepare for the school year to be closed out on the books and in the building," noted Frazier. He asked principals to determine a coordinated plan for allowing teachers back in the buildings in small groups so that all assignments can be graded and all grades posted. Schools would also need to create a plan by

which students can return all materials such as books and computers and receive items they left behind when schools closed March 16.

A process by which report cards can be distributed safely must be on each school's agenda as well.

Frazier noted the district has flexibility on how to determine a numerical score for grades and offered several options for principals to consider.

"We had nine weeks of instruction in the second semester," he pointed out. "We could take five of the six weeks and average. Or we could take the first semester and double it and then let the second semester count as only a third."

"We can't pick any situation that is going to feel fair for everyone," he acknowledged. "But I hope we can find a way to be the most lenient."

Leniency could take many forms, the group determined. Once students who are failing or on the borderline are clearly identified, additional work could be offered. However, equity is a concern due to the need to address the specific needs of special needs students and the fact that a large portion of the Weakley student population is without internet access. Any form of instruction to help a student improve would have to be in print and would have to be adapted for special needs.

"Unchartered situations call for unchartered decisions," he noted. "I hope we err on the side of moving students forward."

The guidance from the state is clear — any student passing prior to March 16 when Weakley County Schools closed will pass.

For Seniors, who were not on track, efforts will be made to help them meet graduation requirements. Conversations with principals and counselors prior to the online meeting revealed that, county-wide, only a few seniors are in the area of concern.

Principals then discussed several options for graduation ceremonies. The current plan is to keep the date of May 15 as a graduation date with May 1 as the deadline to determine how ceremonies might look. If social distancing guidelines



Director Randy Frazier

have been adjusted to allow for larger gatherings, May 15 will stand. If not, then on May 1 an alternate date or alternate approach to the ceremonies will be announced.

Frazier noted that principals should now determine how graduation and yearbook vendors will be allowed to distribute ordered items on their campuses.

He said his greatest concerns for the upcoming year were the learning engagement of the specials need population and young readers. Current efforts to keep children engaged in learning without grading their work or requiring it to be turned in will continue he said. Next up for teachers after determining grades will be to assess what standards were covered by the time schools closed and what areas remained to be covered.

"Some of our classes may have covered all standards. Some may have planned to do so in later months. We need a good picture of where we need to start in first weeks of next year. May 1 would be the deadline for teachers to see what the answer is to that," Frazier said.

"I believe enough in our teachers and the ability of our administrators that we can come up with a plan that our student gap is not going to be as big and wide as people have thought. I am receiving questionable emails from across the state suggesting it will be vast, but I don't believe that is the case in Weakley County. If our teachers know what they are dealing with, I think we can make sure that those standards are covered when the 2020-21 year begins."

Huntingdon Approves Three-Year Extension with Waste Management

HUNTINGDON (April 14) — The Town of Huntingdon's Mayor and Council approved a three-year extension on its solid waste contract with Waste Management. The new contract begins July 1. It provides residential curbside pick up and commercial collection and disposal. The meeting was conducted via the internet to comply with social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A contract with ATA Accounting was approved to perform the city's annual audit. The contract amount is \$24,415 plus an additional fee of \$3,750 in the event that an audit in accordance with the Uniform Guidance is deemed necessary. This base amount is \$710 greater than the prior year base audit amount.

Mayor Dale Kelley announced Spring Clean Up is April 27 to May 8. The leaf truck will run a regular route across town. Instead of the placement of a dumpster during this clean up period, residents are asked to place unwanted items at curbside for pickup on their regular sanitation schedule or by Town employees running special route pickups.

Kelley said town officials participated in numerous conference calls from The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs with President Trump and others from his administration and also with State of Tennessee officials. These calls have provided up-to-date information on COVID-19 and pertinent Federal and State actions.

"We are making every effort to keep our citizens informed," said Kelley. "The staff has done a great job of collecting this data and communicating important updates to everyone. Town employees continue to provide all Town services while taking necessary precautions. We appreciate all that they have done during this difficult ever-changing time. We are also thankful for the citizens of Huntingdon doing their part to slow the spread of COVID-19. Our citizens have been very cooperative and understanding in following the Federal and State mandates. Please continue to keep up the efforts, and we will all get through this together."

Retiring MES Teacher Reacts to School Closure

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Seniors aren't the only ones missing out on special final moments at their schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The closure of schools has also robbed retiring teachers of those last days with their students and coworkers. One such teacher shared her feelings with The Banner.

Marcia Webb, intervention teacher at McKenzie Elementary School, is retiring after 34 years in education.

She told The Banner, "I am sad that the school year was cut short for the students. They didn't get to experience any of the end of the year activities. It is always a joy to see the excitement of the last day of the school year. I didn't get to tell my students and fellow teachers goodbye."

"My education came from this very school system," she noted. "I taught first grade for 15 years and third grade for 12 years. The past seven years I have been the Interventionist. Retiring was not a decision that I took lightly. I love being around children. It has been who I am for 34 years."

Webb added, "I feel I have made a positive impact on the students and families that I have served. The years have



Retiring MES teacher Marcia Webb in her classroom with granddaughter Maggie Webb.

gone by quickly. I am grateful to have worked with so many talented and good people. I have been surrounded by great teachers and administrators."

Webb is a lifelong McKenzie resident. She and husband Tracy have two children, Andrew and Brice, and four grandchildren, Maggie, Easton, Bennett and newborn Hazel Grace.



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Above Left, Hunters shouldn't have trouble spotting this bear at Tri-County Animal Clinic. Above Right, A bear looks out from McKenzie's historic railroad depot, which houses the McKenzie Economic Development Corporation. Below Left, TCAT-McKenzie gets in on the fun with a digital bear on their roadside sign. Below Center, Bear hunters need to look closely to spot this guy in a small window at The Dixie. Below Right, Two of Sonic Drive-In of McKenzie's four bears hang out on the patio. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Communities Around the World Battle Cabin Fever with ‘Bear Hunts’

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A global phenomenon is spreading joy and helping people maintain a sense of community during this difficult time

of social distancing. Families around the world are going on “bear hunts” as a way to get out of the house and safely engage with their neighbors while following guidelines to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Homes and businesses dis-

play stuffed bears (and other animals) to be visible from the street, and families get in the car and drive their neighborhoods in search of as many bears as they can spot. The idea was inspired by the children's book “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt” by Michael

Rosen. The success and rapid spread of bear hunts wouldn't have been possible before the era of social media. Wherever the idea originated, it didn't take long to catch on across the globe with kids and many parents stuck at home through viral Facebook

and Instagram posts. Social media allows neighbors to coordinate where bears have been spotted, and it allows for friendly competitions to see which residents can display the most original bears and which families can spot the most. Many towns and neighbor-

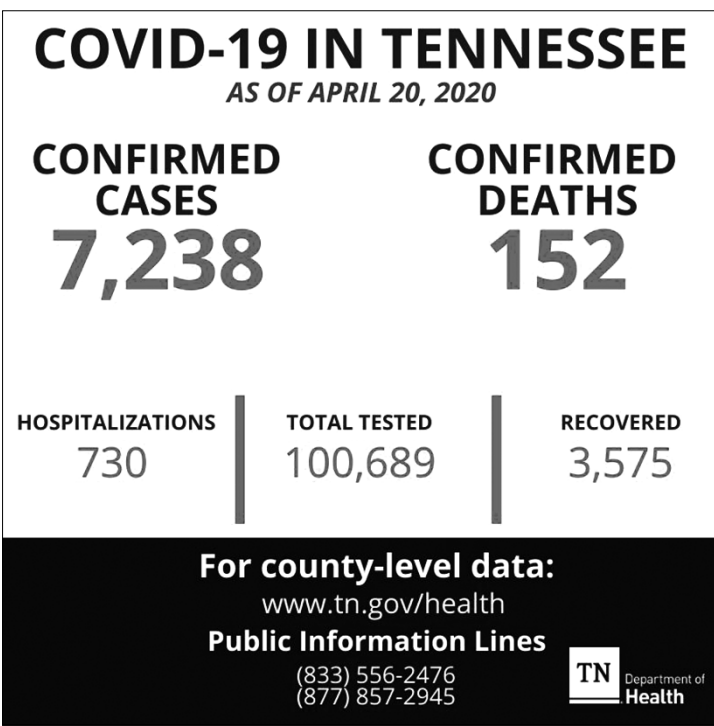
hoods have created Facebook groups dedicated to their local bear hunts. The activity also helps businesses that have shut down or may be closed to the public remain engaged with the communities they normally serve.

Virus

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7; Henderson 7; Humphreys 6; Madison 87 (1 death); Tipton 83; Obion 9 (one death); Davidson 1,675 with 19 deaths; Shelby 1,839 with 35 deaths. Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler confirmed one courthouse employee tested positive for the virus. All courthouse employees are now working from home. “We will continue to answer calls to the court offices, and continue to take care of work that can be done remotely. This will allow us to make sure the virus doesn't spread,” said Butler. “In respect to HIPAA regulations, we need to work to keep patient information confidential, which is why I am not sharing the patient's name. The patient has made sure to contact those that potentially need to be tested, and the Health Department is working closely with her and others that need to take specific actions.”

Over the weekend, more than 11,000 Tennesseans received free COVID-19 tests through the weekend efforts of Tennessee Unified-Command Group to offer tests regardless of traditional symptoms. The Unified-Command Group is a joint partnership between the Tennessee Department of Health, the Tennessee Department of Military and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA). “Tennesseans across the state heeded the call of ‘when in doubt, get a test’ and we believe these efforts will be an important part of our overall strategy to reboot Tennessee's economy,” said Gov. Lee. “While demand exceeded original projections, our Unified-Command group adapted quickly this weekend so that individuals who needed tests could receive them.” Saturday turnout was the largest with more than 6,500 samples taken from 22 sites across all three grand divisions of the state. Tennessee Department of Health personnel and Soldiers and Airmen of the Tennessee National Guard operated 19 sites, four more than originally planned, to meet the testing demand. In West Tennessee, the Weakley County Health Department held a mobile clinic and tests 109 persons in the three hours of operation on Saturday morning. Madison County tested 1,394 over two days. Other mobile sites were in Tipton and Hardin in rural West Tennessee. Sunday testing turnout ex-



ceeded expectations with more than 4,600 tests collected across 11 sites. On both days, many Tennesseans drove to sites outside their county of residence to obtain a test from a neighboring county that operated a weekend site. “Since Gov. Lee's expanded testing initiative announcement last week, we continue to see an increase in the number of citizens who want to be tested whether it's on a weekday or weekend and regardless of symptoms,” said Tennessee Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Lisa Piercey. Governor Bill Lee announced the order for Tennesseans to remain at home will expire April 30, with the vast majority of businesses in 89 counties allowed to re-open on May 1. “Our Economic Recovery Group is working with industry leaders around the clock so that some businesses can open as soon as Monday, April 27,” said Gov. Lee. “These businesses will open according to specific guidance that we will provide in accordance with state and national experts in both medicine and business.” The Lee Administration will work with Shelby, Madison, Davidson, Hamilton, Knox and Sullivan counties and their health departments as they plan their own re-open strategies. “While I am not extending the safer at home order past the end of April, we are working directly with our major metropolitan areas to ensure they are in a position to reopen as soon and safely as possible,” said Lee.

“Social distancing works, and as we open up our economy it will be more important than ever that we keep social distancing as lives and livelihoods depend on it.” The Economic Recovery Group (ERG), composed of 30 leaders from the public and private sector is crafting guidance to assist businesses in a safe reopening. The industry representatives participating in the ERG collectively represent over 140,000 Tennessee businesses that employ over 2.5M Tennesseans. Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China. Additional cases have been identified in a growing number of other international locations, including the United States. Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of: fever, cough, and shortness of breath. It is ten times more deadly than influenza. Governor Bill Lee announced last week the “Safer at Home” mandate imposed April 2 is extended to April 30. The Governor said that until a treatment is available, possibly a year or more in the future, social or physical distancing will be part of Tennesseans daily lives. In the coming weeks, Governor Lee said the newly assembled economic recovery group will develop a plan for businesses to move forward in a world where the virus is present.

Halford

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in Community Economic Development grants for downtown development/redevelopment for the cities of Trenton, Milan and Humboldt in Gibson County and Huntingdon in Carroll County. Several other cities received Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for water and sewer rehabilitation projects. Representative Halford's efforts were instrumental in bringing the Tyson Foods facility to District 79. With re-districting on the horizon, Representative Halford has asked to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee relating to re-districting across the state. Redistricting occurs every 10

years after the Census is completed. It is very important that northwest Tennessee have a voice at the table during these important deliberations. Representative Halford would like to be that voice for West Tennessee. “We appreciate Chairman Halford's hard work for the citizens of Carroll and Gibson counties. I certainly look forward to his continued great service in the House of Representatives,” said Representative William Lamberth, House Republican Majority Caucus Leader. He is a man of great integrity and the folks of the 79th District have solid representation in Chairman Halford.” In a personal statement Representative Halford said, “I continue to be incredibly fulfilled serving the people of the 79th District in the Tennessee

General Assembly. This has been the greatest opportunity ever afforded to me, but there is still much work to be done to make all communities in Carroll and Gibson counties the best possible in Tennessee. I have had the opportunity to work on many issues of importance to my district and the state. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know and serve countless constituents throughout the process. I appreciate the support and look forward to running for re-election in 2020.” Please contact Representative Halford with questions or for assistance with state services. You may reach his legislative office in Nashville at 1-615-741-7478 or you may contact him in Dyer at 731-487-5486 or e-mail him at rep.curtis.halford@capitol.tn.gov. — paid political announcement by the candidate.

Schools

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Schools must determine how grades will be calculated. Governor Lee and the Tennessee State Board of Education recommend that grades be based on what students had achieved as of March 20. High schools must determine plans for graduations and other activities involving seniors. Districts must also make plans regarding meal services. Lastly, officials must provide this information to the public and instruct parents and students on what actions they need to take. McKenzie Director of Schools Lynn Watkins told The Banner that district officials will meet Wednesday morning to begin to solidify plans. He encourages parents to check school websites, read The Banner or call the schools or district office for more information. He noted that food service will continue the current schedule through May 20. McKenzie High School Principal Kelly Spivey announced last week that the school is holding

graduation with limited attendance on Sunday, May 17 at 3 p.m. in the gymnasium. West Carroll Director Dexter Williams told The Banner, “At this time there is no action that parents need to take other than to monitor our district website and Facebook page for new information and updates. There will be several announcements coming in the next several days. Grades will be calculated based on what students had as of March 20. This is the recommendation from Governor Bill Lee and the Tennessee State Board of Education. There are no additional plans for graduation or other official activities at this time. We will definitely have a graduation for our seniors, but we just don't know when that will take place. The date of graduation and other activities will depend on safer at home orders and CDC recommendations. The administration, faculty/staff and I are currently working on some special things to honor our seniors. Those plans aren't finalized yet. Meal deliveries are suspended at this time. We hope to be able to resume at a later date.” Tennessee Education Commissioner Penny Schwinn released this statement regarding

the Governor's recommendation to extend school closures through the end of the school year and the creation of the of the COVID-19 Child Wellbeing Task Force. “I appreciate the governor's recommendation schools remain closed through the end of the school year to protect the health and safety of all Tennesseans. The coronavirus pandemic is constantly evolving, and we are only starting to see how this pandemic is affecting our children,” said Dr. Penny Schwinn. “Children being out of school for such a long time has significant implications for a child's wellbeing, and this poses a different kind of challenge for all of us, as communities and as a state. There is critical work ahead, and I am honored to convene the COVID-19 Child Wellbeing Task Force in the coming weeks to focus state and local leaders on the wellbeing of Tennessee's children.” Commissioner Schwinn will be convening a COVID-19 Child Wellbeing Task Force to support local leaders and communities in caring for students, particularly those who are vulnerable or most at risk. Details about the Task Force will be announced in the coming weeks.

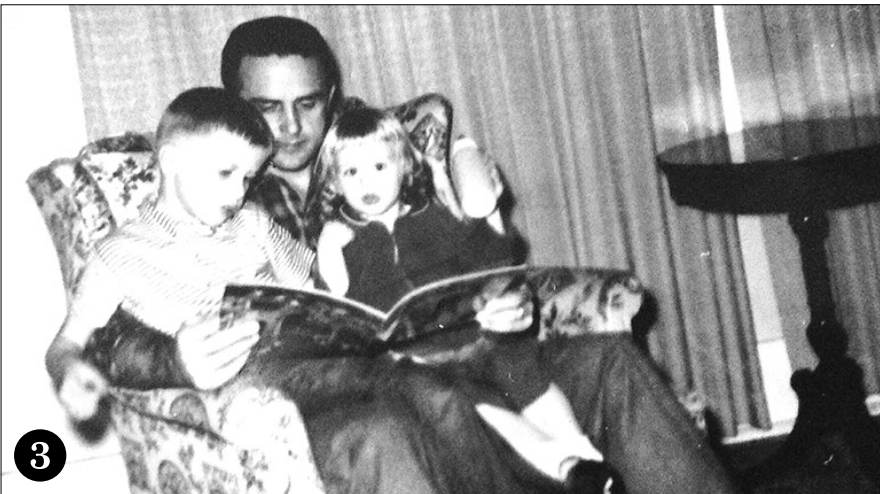
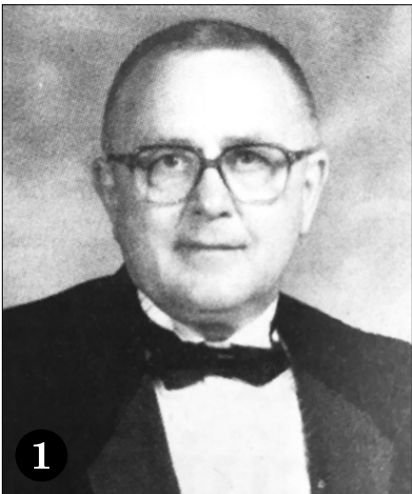
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grocery delivery. They can then phone Cash Savers and place

their order. Payment must be made by debit or credit card. After the order is filled by Cash Savers personnel they will phone the police department and an officer will pick up the purchase

and deliver to the door of the resident. HPD thanks manager Jackie Streetman and the employees at Cash Savers for helping provide this service during the COVID-19 crisis.



1. Joe Williams served as McKenzie High School principal from 1969 to 1974 before serving as McKenzie Special School District Superintendent from 1974 to 1995. 2. This photo was taken of Joe Williams shortly after taking over as the high school principal. 3. Joe Williams center with son Joe Jr. and daughter Mary Elaine. 4. Joe Williams was proud of his Naval service. He is pictured in a hat and polo shirt signifying his time aboard the USS Rodman. 5. Joe Williams and his wife, Elaine, share a dance during their anniversary celebration. 6. Joe and Elaine Williams pose together as Joe was enshrined into the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame.

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Joe Frank Williams (Part II) Principal and Superintendent

The year was 1969; Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, Woodstock changed rock-n-roll, Ted Kennedy had an issue at Chappaquiddick, Charles Manson became a household name, gas was 35 cents per gallon, and Joe Williams had returned home to McKenzie with his family. Life was not all sunshine and rainbows for Joe on his return. It proved to be a difficult time as his childhood home needed serious repairs. With his time divided between working at the high school, rehabilitating a house and raising three children, there was not much in regards to time and money. Yet, the family made do with what they had in true Joe Williams fashion. McKenzie Superintendent Baxter Wheatley hired Williams to

fill the position of high school principal because "we needed a strong principal, and he fit that bill to the 't'. He was an absolute workaholic." Integration was in full swing at McKenzie High School. As principal, he noted the school had very few issues with the transition. There were issues of anxieties and misunderstanding that took place in regards to race relations, but overall things went smoothly. What stood out as a greater concern at the school and in the community was the growing cloud of concern about the Vietnam War. On December 1, 1969, the Selective Service System of the United States conducted two lotteries to determine the order of call to military service in the Vietnam War for men born from January 1, 1944 to December

31, 1950. The influences of the Vietnam War and the counterculture's "Peace Movement" reared its head at the high school. The hairstyles and fashion of the time clashed with the conservative manner of the Great Depression-era raised Williams. His eldest child Joey was no exception to the long hair trend, causing some family turmoil. From 1969 to 1974, Williams served as principal at McKenzie High School. The five-year span was a time of stability the school needed. Beginning in the summer of 1974, he transitioned from the principal's seat to the position of Superintendent of the McKenzie School Special School District. Once again filling a position held by Wheatley, who transitioned to the Union City School District. During his tenure at the helm of the school system, McKenzie schools went through a series of improvements, including the construction of a new high school (current middle school), renovations to the junior high building, two additions to the elementary school building on Brooks Avenue renovations were added to the football stadium, the cafeteria was computerized, a new central office was constructed, and the property purchased for a new high school on Highway 22.

On his third day as superintendent, he signed a contract for the construction of the new high school on Woodrow Avenue. Jerry Escue served as principal of the high school during the construction period. Williams applauded Escue for his work and cooperation during this period. He went on to say the biggest problem during construction was the regular disruptions that occurred in the gym and home economics department as they were still in use during the renovations. As superintendent, it was no secret Mr. Williams knew how to pinch the pennies and stretch a dollar. He often joked that his wife, Elaine, said the F in his middle name stood for Frugal, not Frank. With his bookkeeper, Robbie Baker, the pair headed the school district's finances. Williams knew the money used to operate the district belonged to the taxpayers and he was entrusted to use the money discerningly. He concentrated on anticipating expenditures and investment. Admittedly, he held teachers paychecks until the close of the business day to gain an additional day allowing for a greater accrual of interest. "Money was that tight, and we wanted it to go as far as it could. We did a lot of things like that;

we would do the same with utility bills. We wouldn't take them to City Hall until it was too late to get to the bank. We took bids on everything; it didn't have to be a big purchase. We did spend where it was needed for the students," he explained about his financial philosophy. Another rumored story of his frugality dealt with the sale of his school vehicle, which originally purchased as military surplus. When the car was sold, Williams removed the battery and placed it on the school's tractor. Years later he affirmed the story. "The school's tractor's battery was shot, so we took the battery out of the car and put it on the tractor." Joe Williams remained as the school district superintendent until his retirement in 1995. Six years later, Williams temporarily came out of retirement to serve as interim superintendent when Bentley Rawdon resigned. Outside of the school system he served on the McKenzie Industrial Board, McKenzie Planning Commission and Carroll County Board of Education, and was a member of the Lions Club for many years. On March 17, 2012, Joe Williams died. He is remembered as an icon in the McKenzie education system. Terry Howell,

who was hired by Williams in 1974, said his job interview with Williams resembled an interrogation. Williams was not only an educator and mentor; he was like a father to Howell. I close this story with the five thoughts from Terry Howell that truly summarize the integrity of Joe Williams' life. "He made you think; his word was his bond; he was a role model; he was someone to emulate; he loved this community."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Traffic is Dangerous At Henry Intersection

As I leave my residence on College St. in Henry, I can choose from several routes to get on to Hwy 79, with the intersections at Mansfield Rd and Mockingbird Ave putting me at greater risk to enter the traffic flow due to limited visibility. At the two intersections of Pioneer Rd, the speed limit is set by the State at an unbelievable 65 mph. A few years ago, I searched until I found someone in the State government to consider changing and expanding the 55 mph zone in this area. I was told a "study" would be considered. I learned later that the "study"

consisted of two white T-Dot vehicles sitting on the shoulder of the highway, with one State employee holding what appeared to be a hair dryer, pointing at the on-coming traffic, which, at no surprise to anyone other than the State, immediately slowed down, just as traffic will do when a patrol car is visible or a radar detector is activated. After several attempts at negotiating a safe errand to the local Dollar General recently, I began another try in getting the State to reconsider the possible danger of this section of the highway, seeing that businesses

have opened on Hwy 79, Tosh Farms has expanded, adding large trucks to the traffic mix, and traffic between Paris and McKenzie has greatly increased. Let me paraphrase the response from the State of Tennessee Traffic Engineering Office: "we will conduct a study to see if the last study deserves another study before we pass the findings of the new study to a study group that will activate possible studies on radar analysis, a study on driveway density, a study on crash analysis (doesn't this imply the 'study' came a little too late?); coupled with a final study for final recommendations from our study groups". I can't make this stuff up. Christ must have dealt with State and Federal governments in His time because John records in chapter 11, v. 33 "and Jesus groaned in His spirit and was greatly troubled".

In Desperation,
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A Pictorial History of McKenzie, Tennessee



McKenzie Elementary Teacher, Ruth Brashear, stands in front of the old Elementary School on Woodrow Ave., 1967. File photo originally published in "A Pictorial History of McKenzie, Tennessee," by The McKenzie Banner in October 2004.

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Obituaries



WILLIAM 'BILLY' YOUNGER
1937 — 2020

William Birtle (Billy) Younger, 83, died Friday April 17, 2020. Billy was born February 1, 1937 to the late Elvis and Lula Traywick Younger.

Mr. Younger was devoted to serving his church, community and his close-knit family. For almost 50 years, he operated Younger's Grocery & Market in McMoresville, which his parents opened at the end of World War II. Billy joined his mother in running the store when his father died in 1957. The grocery store evolved over the years offering everything from feed and hardware to fresh butchered meats and prepared foods, which Billy sometimes delivered to remote or housebound customers in his jeep.

While the business, which served as the hub of the community, required long hours, Billy spent just as many hours on his other interests and pursuits. He was plumber, builder, heavy equipment operator and first class "piddler" as he called his time in his beloved workshop.

Mr. Younger was a Deacon of McMoresville Baptist Church, where he was also a Sunday School teacher for 54 years. Over the years, he was elected to serve on the McMoresville School Board, the Carroll County School Board and the West Carroll School District Board.

In 1963, he was a member of the founding brigade of the McMoresville Volunteer Fire Department. He served as Fire Chief from 1988-2012 as the department added new fire trucks (one of which he helped design) and a new fire station.

Mr. Younger was instrumental in developing a public water system for the community. When the national E911 system was implemented in Carroll County he was appointed to the first board and helped establish the system. He was one of the original First Responders in the county.

In 2011, he was recognized as Carroll Countian of the year. He was a tireless fundraiser for the

causes he loved, selling thousands of hamburgers from the Burger Wagon and acting as amateur auctioneer for PTA sales.

Billy married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Burke in 1958. She was at his side in all his endeavors and his tireless companion until the end. They had four daughters Sharon Younger, Kayla Taylor, Lana Suite(Lex) and Laura Guidi (John); seven grandchildren, Kassie (Anthony) Coffee, Kara Taylor, Danielle Suite, Carson (Kara) Suite, Ally Suite, Cole (Hannah) Lessenberry and Logan Lessenberry; and three great grandchildren: McKinley, Jackson and Kylie.

The family loved that Billy could make anything, rig anything or fix anything, which included everything from go-carts to broken hearts. He was a man of quiet faith and few words, unless he was telling a long story to the folks gathered around as he worked at his butcher block or in his workshop.

Mr. Younger died after a seven-year battle with Alzheimer's, during which, he survived a rare case of tetanus (lock jaw) contracted while helping make repairs to the Carroll County Museum. The family would like to thank his caregivers in the Memory Unit at Forest Cove Senior Living Community and his hospice nurse, Melissa Kirk, who was an angel of mercy connecting the family during the corona virus pandemic.

A graveside service was 2 p.m. Monday April 20, 2020. Memorials can be sent to the McMoresville Fire Department (PO Box 38, McMoresville Tn. 38235), McMoresville Baptist Church (PO Box 208) or the McMoresville Cemetery Association (PO Box 44).



GILBERT THOMAS BALLEW, JR.
1952 — 2020

GLEASON — Gilbert Thomas Ballew, Jr., 67, of Gleason died Friday, April 17, 2020. He was born October 3, 1952 to the late Virginia and late Gilbert Ballew, Sr. He was retired from Boral Brick of Gleason.

A memorial event is later at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in McKen-

zie where his cremations will be buried next to his late wife, Barbara.

He leaves his children, Richard (Lisa) Ballew of Gleason, Debra (Dustin) Baker of Canon City, Colorado, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by friend, Tina Blassingame.

He is survived by two brothers, Robert and James, both of Gleason, and sisters Cathy Bailey of Pillowville and Janie Bell of Gleason.

He was preceded in death by siblings Willie Ballew and Wanda Landreth. Medina Funeral Home. +

ANDREW BATEMAN
1984 — 2020

PONTOTOC, formerly McKenzie — Private graveside services for Andrew Franklin Bateman will be held at a later date. Mr. Bateman, 35, died at his residence in Pontotoc, Miss. on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. He was employed by Ashley's Furniture and worked in the human resources department. He was born June 25, 1984 in McKenzie, Tenn. to Michael O. Bateman and Laura Hazlewood Bateman. He is survived by his parents, Mike and Laura Bateman of McKenzie, three children, Danielle Bateman of McKenzie, Jack Bateman and Scarlett Montgomery, both of Pontotoc, his wife Erikka Bateman of Pontotoc, two sisters Michele and her husband David Jarrett of McKenzie, Christie and her husband, Brad Chappell of McKenzie and brother, Michael and his wife Amanda of Pegram, and several nieces and nephews. Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

SHIRLEY SMITH
1944 — 2020

TREZEVANT — Family graveside services for Shirley Jane Smith, 75, are Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Belevs Chapel Cemetery near Bradford, Tenn. with Brother Kenneth Epperson and Brother Mike Melton officiating. Interment will follow the services.

Mrs. Smith, a retired supervisor for Henry I. Siegel (HIS) in Trezevant, died Thursday, April 16, 2020 at Christian Care Center in McKenzie.

She was born on July 21, 1944 in McKenzie, Tenn. to Wade and Oberlin McDearmon York. She was a member of Belevs Chapel Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband J.C. Smith.

Survivors include her daughter, Rita (Frankie) Brown of Atwood, Tenn., a brother Bobby York of Martin, Tenn., two granddaughters Autumn Brown of Murray, Kentucky and Summer Brown of

Sharon, Tenn.

Mrs. Smith's wish was for Mike Conley, Adam McCartney, Craig Griffin and Phillip McCartney to be pallbearers carrying her casket.

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

ERNEST RAY SMITH

McLEMORESVILLE — Mr. Ernest Ray Smith, 86, of McMoresville, TN passed away Tuesday April 14, 2020. He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Virginia Espey Smith on July 3, 2015. He is survived by his son, Kenny Smith (Susan) of Knoxville, TN and his two granddaughters, Dr. Rachel Smith (David) of Chicago, IL and Amy Kennedy (Adam) of Knoxville, TN. He is also survived by his brothers, Jerry Smith (Sue) of Huntingdon, TN, Murray Smith of Huntingdon, TN and Marshall Smith (Faye) of Camden, TN. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest Loyd Smith and Rachel Reynolds Smith of Huntingdon and his sisters, Wilma McKinney (Buddy) of McKenzie, TN and Jean Wilson (Horace) of Havre de Grace, MD.

Ray was a charter member, deacon and Sunday School teacher of McMoresville Baptist Church where he faithfully served his entire adult life. He was also actively involved in the McMoresville community. After serving in the US Army, he began his career as a welder at McKenzie Boat Company where he worked his way up to become a partner and then sole owner. He sold the Cherokee Boat franchise in the late 70's but kept the McKenzie Boat Company name and focused on boat repairs. At that time, he became a co-owner in the NAPA Auto Parts store in McKenzie, TN and operated the boat repair business behind that store. After retiring from NAPA, he moved his boat repair business to McMoresville where he worked until the end of 2014.

Ray was also known for his love of quail hunting and was famous for the quail meals he would prepare at his church. He had deep, close friendships that he continued to maintain until Alzheimer's disease began to take its toll. He moved to an assisted living facility in Knoxville near his son, Kenny in early 2018. Ray's body was donated for scientific research through Restore Life USA.

Donations can be made in his memory to The Alzheimer's Association alz.org. Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

MAMIE DONALD
1924 — 2020

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Mamie Donald, 95, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Thursday, April

16, 2020 at Lifecare Center in Bruceton, Tennessee.

Private graveside funeral services will be conducted Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 1 PM at Humbles Cemetery.

Mrs. Donald was born July 1, 1924 in Yuma, Tennessee, to the late Charlie Priest Weathers and Florence (Pearson) Weathers. She was also preceded in death by her first husband, S. J. Taylor, Johnny Lewis Taylor, her second husband, George Donald, one son, J. T. Taylor, four sisters, Edda (Weathers) Owens, Nadine (Weathers) Gooch, Lula (Weathers) Ford, Susie (Weathers) Bright, five brothers, Charlie P. Weathers, L. B. Weathers, Paul Weathers, John Elvis Weathers, and A. L. Weathers, one grandson and one granddaughter.

She is survived by three daughters, Mae Helen Hart of Cedar Grove, Louise (Billy) Williams, Rose Johnson, both of Huntingdon, one step daughter, Sandra Donald-Foster of Paducah, Kentucky, three sons, L. T. (Martha) Taylor of Jackson, Charles (Sharon) Taylor, Jimmy Lee Taylor, two step sons, Don E. Donald, Lindsey Neal (Teresa) Donald, and one daughter-in-law, Chestine Taylor, all of Huntingdon. She also leaves twenty-two grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren, and numerous great great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM CLINT DOUGLAS
1940 — 2020

BRUCETON — Mr. William Clint Douglas, 79, of Bruceton, Tennessee died Monday April 13, 2020 at the home of his son in Hollow Rock.

Private graveside funeral services are Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 11 a.m. at New Prospect Cemetery. Bro. Roger Cooper will officiate the service.

Mr. Douglas was born November 11, 1940 in Huntingdon, Tennessee to the late Delbert James and Lula Jane (Woody) Douglas.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Diane Douglas of Bruceton, one daughter, Susie Deeter (Ben) of Huntingdon, two sons, Steve Douglas (Tammy) of Hollow Rock, Shannon Douglas of Bruceton, and one sister, JoAnn Fowler of Camden. He also leaves one granddaughter and one grandson.

FRANK DODD, SR.
1939 — 2020

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Frank G Dodd Sr., 80, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Saturday April 18, 2020 at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Dodd was born October 8, 1939 in Decatur County to the late Roba Gray Dodd and Eliza Jane Haynes Dodd. He was in the Army-National Guard for 32

years and retired as a lieutenant colonel. He was the owner of Dollar Hill Sales and a member of the Huntingdon First Baptist Church. Preceded in death by one grandson, Kyle Bradley.

He is survived by his wife, Diann Dodd of Huntingdon, Tennessee; one daughter, Cindy (Wayne) Tiller of Hohenwald, Tennessee; one son, Frank G Dodd Jr. of Huntingdon, Tennessee; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter Mattigan Johnson. Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

PATTY RUTH PETTY
1934 — 2020

GLEASON — Patty Ruth Petty, 85, of Gleason, Tenn. died April 15, 2020. She will have a private graveside service.

She was born October 9, 1934. Mrs. Petty is survived by three daughters; Susan Sparks of Memphis, Lori Petty of Springville and Amy (David) Hoskins of Paris. She is also survived by a brother, Thomas Roach Young of Kenner, Louisiana. Mrs. Petty leaves behind six grandchildren and one great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Allen Petty, parents, Hershel Smith and Naomi Wiley, and two infant brothers. Williams Funeral Home, Gleason.

WILLIAM ADAMS
1929 — 2020

McKENZIE — Private Graveside services for William "Bill" Clayton Adams are Tuesday April 21, 2020 at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Adams, 90, died at Christian Care Center, McKenzie on April 19, 2020. He is a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and he retired from the State of Tenn. Highway Department, where he was a heavy machine operator. He was born November 30, 1929 in Gleason, Tenn. to Ernest and Flossie Holland Adams.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Margie Ingram Adams of McKenzie, two daughters, Cathy (Dan) Cochran of Smyrna, Georgia and Becky (Mike) Hagler of McKenzie and one son, Mike (Debra) Adams of Powder Springs, Georgia, one brother, Dr. Wray (Shirley) Adams of Gleason, seven grandchildren, and sixteen great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

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25 **CALENDAR**

**COVID-19
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**NWTN WORKFORCE
BOARD COMMITTEES
TO MEET BY
WEBINAR**

The following committees of the NWTN Workforce Board will meet by webinar: The American Job Center Committee — Monday, April 27 at 10 a.m.

The Outreach and Opportunities Committee — Monday, April 27 at 1 p.m.

The Executive Committee — Wednesday, April 29 at 10 a.m.

Meetings are open to the public and a conference call option is available. For more information, contact Lana Burchfiel at burchfiel@nwtnetworks.org.

**MCKENZIE SCHOOL
BOARD MEETS
IN MAY**

The McKenzie Special School District Board of Education meets in regular session on May 5, 2020. The first agenda item will be the approval of a contract renewal for K. Lynn Watkins, Director of Schools.

**FINLEY CEMETERY
MOWING FUND**

The heirs of S.P. Finley wish to notify anyone that has a loved one buried in the Finley Cemetery that you need to make a donation for the mowing of the lot. If there are no funds, you will be responsible for the mowing of your own lots. Funds are also needed for gravel. Make checks

payable to Finley Cemetery Mowing Funds and mail to Judy Finley, 4675 Hwy 423, McKenzie, TN 38201. For more information, call 731-352-3901.

**TANSIL CEMETERY
NEEDS FUNDS**

The Tansil Cemetery on Sidonia Road in Sharon is in need of funds for upkeep. If you have a loved one buried there, please make a donation in any amount to the Tansil Cemetery account at Simmons Bank in Sharon or to John Waterfield at 573 Hawkins Road, Sharon, TN 38255.

**IRIS RHIZONES
BULB SALE**

McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church is selling iris rhizone bulbs. All proceeds go to the church's building fund. For more information, call 731-352-3252.

**MCKENZIE
SENIOR CITIZENS
CENTER CLOSED**

The McKenzie Senior Citizens Center is closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**IRIS FESTIVAL
IS JULY 4 TO 11**

DRESDEN — Due to the threat of the coronavirus and the care and concern for the community, a decision was made to postpone the annual festival. The rescheduled dates are July 4-July 11. Please check our page often for more updates. You may contact City Hall (731-364-2270) for more information.

Pageants are rescheduled for June 12 and 13.

**CARROLL COUNTY
ADULT EDUCATION
CLASSES**

Huntingdon location: Adult Education Building, 191 Mebanewood Drive on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, also Tuesdays, 5-7 p.m. McKenzie Location: McKenzie Church of Christ, 16300 Highland Drive on Thursdays, 4-7 p.m.

New Student Orientation on the third Thursday of each month in the Huntingdon location. For more information please call the Carroll County office at 731-986-4841.

**PSA: USDA
COMMODITIES
DISTRIBUTION
POSTPONED**

USDA commodities distribution for Weakley County for April 15 and 16 are postponed until some time in May. Date has not been set.

**CARROLL COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC WOMEN
MEETINGS CANCELED
INDEFINITELY**

The Carroll County Democratic Women and Committee meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the county office complex in Huntingdon. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these meetings are canceled indefinitely.

**JOY CLUB MEETS
TWICE MONTHLY**

The Joy Club meets at McKenzie First United Methodist Church on the first and third Thursdays of each month from noon-2 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy fellowship, games, guest speakers and movies. All are welcome.

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FAMILY AND
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of Weakley County FCE club meetings:

First Friday — New Salem Club (Martin/Sharon area), 1:30 p.m.

Second Wednesday — Central Club (Dresden area), 1 p.m.

If you are interested in attending or becoming a member of a FCE Club in your area, please contact the Weakley County UT/TSU Extension at 731-364-3164.

**DRESDEN SENIOR
CITIZENS CENTER
ACTIVITIES CANCELED**

All scheduled activities at the Dresden Senior Citizens Center are canceled until further notice. This is a precaution to keep everyone safe.

**MCKENZIE
AA MEETINGS**

The McKenzie group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Sunday and Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. at 10 Lee Street in downtown McKenzie. For more information, call Sean at 731-535-2884 or Robert at 731-418-2772.

**TURNING POINT
GROUP AA MEETINGS**

Turning Point Group AA meetings are Thursdays at noon at the Park Theatre in McKenzie.

**WEBB ALUMNI
MUSEUM**

Webb High School Alumni, Inc., and the Webb High School Alumni Museum Committee welcome all to visit the museum at 938 West Walnut Ave., McKenzie, open every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or by appointment.

**CCHS CAT SPAY,
NEUTER VOUCHERS**

The Carroll County Humane Society provides low-cost cat spay/neuter vouchers for \$35. Come by the shelter 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturdays. Call Paris Vet Clinic and set up your appointment. Take your cats in one morning and they come home the same day! That's all there is to it.

Here's all the information you need about these vouchers: Your city of residence or

income doesn't matter, anybody can buy these vouchers. You can buy as many as you need. All vouchers must be used at Paris Vet Clinic. Vouchers expire one month from purchase.

You can use these for your cat or the neighborhood stray. You can buy the vouchers for others to use for their cats.

This is an ongoing program. Cats just need to weigh two pounds, which is usually at around eight weeks of age.

**JOHNSON TEMPLE
C.M.E. PRAYER VIGIL**

There is a Community Prayer Vigil every Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Johnson Temple C.M.E., 915 Walnut Avenue, McKenzie.

We come together to pray for one another, our community and country, then study the Word of God. Johnson Temple C.M.E. Church convenes each Sunday with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m.

**MCKENZIE
HISTORIC ZONING
MEETS MONTHLY**

The McKenzie Historic Zoning Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month, 4 p.m. in the city hall council chambers.

**MCKENZIE
INDUSTRIAL BOARD
MEETS MONTHLY**

McKenzie Industrial Board meets the second Tuesday of each month in the former railroad depot.

**MCKENZIE
CONDEMNATION
MEETINGS MONTHLY**

City of McKenzie Condemnation Meetings are the fourth Monday of each month at 3 p.m. in the city hall council chambers.

**MCKENZIE
CITY COUNCIL
MEETS MONTHLY**

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

Lifeline Bloodmobile in McKenzie May 1

You can save a life by giving blood at SAVE-A-LOT in McKenzie, Friday, May 1, from 12-6 p.m. We want to remind you that giving blood is considered an essential activity by health and government officials.

Many canceled blood drives

caused blood supply to decrease. Lifeline representatives are asking that you please consider giving blood this week. The last thing our community needs during this difficult time is a blood shortage.

Because of social distancing,

the blood donation process might take longer and we are requesting that if you have a mask, please wear it when you come for your donation. If you have questions or need more information, please call 731-427-4431.

Gasoline Prices Average \$1.54 per Gallon

TENNESSEE (April 20, 2020) — Tennessee gas prices fell 3.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.54/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 3,821 stations. Gas prices in Tennessee are 33.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$1.04 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee is priced at \$1.07/g today while the most expensive is \$2.51/g, a difference of \$1.44/g. The lowest price in the state today is \$1.07/g while the highest is \$2.51/g, a difference of \$1.44/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 5.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$1.78/g today. The national

average is down 33.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 106.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

Historical gasoline prices in Tennessee and the national average going back ten years, gasoline averaged \$3.74 in April 2012 and as low as \$1.91 in April 2016 over the past ten years.

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices: Chattanooga- \$1.51/g, down 2.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.53/g; Nashville- \$1.80/g, down 6.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.86/g.

"With another drop in the national average from a week ago, we've made it eight straight weeks of decline, and for the first time in GasBuddy's 20-year history, we have two cities that are averaging under \$1 per

gallon. That's right- not a single station under \$1, but the entire city average. Truly unprecedented demand destruction has been dismantling expensive gas prices everywhere," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "With oil again at new multi-decade lows, we still have room for prices to fall nearly country-wide, though areas with lower prices will see little decline, take Wisconsin for example, while higher priced states like California have the most room to decline. With the wounds to the oil industry growing deeper, it's becoming more likely that even after most Americans return to work, there will be a hangover to the low prices that many motorists will eventually be able to take advantage of."

Proud to be your community newspaper.

The Banner, 731.352.3323

**MES PRE-K AND
KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION**



You may come by the school and pick up a packet off the door. The office will be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. Please fill out and bring back ALL paperwork by May 21. Your safety and health is very important to us during this difficult time. We will continue to practice social distancing while getting paperwork completed. Please call if you have any questions at 731-352-5272.

Students entering **Pre-K** must be 4 years old by August 15, 2020.

Students entering **Kindergarten** must be 5 years old by August 15, 2020.

To enroll, McKenzie Elementary School must have the following documents:

- Certified copy of birth certificate (optional)
- Proof of Residency (i.e. utility bill with home address excluding phone and cable bill)
- Tennessee Certificate of Immunization (Forms may be obtained from your doctor or health department)
- Tennessee School Entry Medical Examination completed by medical doctor (physical)
 - o The following immunizations are required and are to be documented on a Tennessee Permanent Certificate of Immunization (PH 2414):

- DTP series and booster, five (5) doses
- Polio series and booster, four (4) doses
- MMR, two (2) doses
- Hepatitis A, two (2) doses
- Hepatitis B, three (3) doses
- Varicella (chicken pox), two (2) doses or history of disease.
- Shots must be on the new TN Certificate of Immunization as of July 1, 2010
- If you are registering for Pre-K, you must provide proof of income for each person living in the household.

Please park in the front of the elementary school and enter through the office.

We are looking forward to a FANTASTIC year!

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How it works:

Buy a NEW ad in the month of April 2020 and we will give it a boost by doubling the size of it!

NOTE: Print advertising is measured a little differently column width by inches tall. i.e. 2x3 = 6 column inches

AN EIGHTH PAGE AD
BUY 3x5 = 15 column inches
GET 30 column inches
As a 3x10, 6x5, 5x6, 4x7.5 print ad

A QUARTER PAGE AD
BUY 3x10.5 = 31.5 inches
GET 63 column inches
A HALF PAGE AD — 6x10.5

A HALF PAGE AD
BUY 6x10.5 = 63 inches
GET 126 column inches
A FULL PAGE AD — 6x21

Buy a FULL PAGE AD, get another FULL PAGE AD to appear in the same or next print edition.

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Your support helps us continue delivering local news you can trust. By supporting each other, we all benefit. With that support, we all have a better chance of surviving the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for reading and supporting this small business.

Bonus! As an additional thank you, we will place your advertisement on our website, www.mckenziebanner.com for two (2) weeks.

To get involved, call 731.352.3323 or e-mail boost@mckenziebanner.com

Terms and Conditions: The minimum size is six paid column inches to participate in this offer. To redeem this offer, payment must be processed before advertisement appears in print. Offer applies to NEW advertising campaigns only. Current advertisers can take advantage of this offer by placing a NEW and separate ad from ad(s) currently running. Void if customer cancels existing ad(s) for the purpose of using this offer. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Offer can be used more than once by the same advertiser in the same edition as long as it is a new advertisement.

SERVICES

SAWYERS TREE SERVICE: 60' BUCKET Truck. Take Down or Prune. Haul Off and Clean Up. Grind Stumps. Licensed and Insured, Free Estimates. Call 731-514-1708. A3319/EB/24-TF

JOE'S TREE SERVICE AND STUMP REMOVAL: 60 ft. bucket truck, prune or take down grind stumps, clean up and haul off, insured, free estimates. 731-697-0023 or 731-513-1518. A7084/BE/21-TF

BOB'S TREE SERVICE: Tree removal, stump grinding, tree topping, mulching, all types of yard work, storm damage clean-up. Insured. Call 731-571-5867. A6785/BE/44-TF

COOPER CONSTRUCTION: Carpenter with 30 years experience and helper. Will do bid work or hourly of any sort. Own our own tools. Call 731-514-7908. A3444/R1459/EB/2-34

MATT'S PRESSURE WASHING & LAWN CARE — No job too big or small for my crew at Matt's. We cover everything from washing homes, decks, sidewalks, pool areas and farm equipment. Our elite landscaping crew can and will expertly transform the curb appeal and property value of your home with anything, but not limited to mowing, mulching, gravel and shrubbery. Give us a call at 731-415-3046 for all of your home exterior needs! Free estimates within 30 miles of McKenzie. A5713/BE/14-4

WANTED YARDS IN CARROLL COUNTY AREA TO MOW. Also, call if interested in bush hogging. Please call or text 731-418-0822. R15459/BE/16-3

RESIDENTIAL WORKS — GARDEN TILLING, brush cleanup and removal, building site preparation. Also provide driveway installation and reconditioning, as well as light backhoe services, small demolishing and hauling. Phone #: 731-225-7889. Owner: Clint Fuqua. A6416/R15458/BE/16-4

RETIRED MALE REGISTERED NURSE LOOKING for in home care of the elderly. Reasonable rates, dependable, and trustworthy. Call 760-989-1615 to inquire. Small meal preparation and light housework included. A7310/R15516/BE/17-8

YOUR LOW COST ADVERTISING SOLUTION! One call & your 25 word ad will appear in 98 Tennessee newspapers for \$275/wk or 26 West TN newspapers for \$100/wk. Call this newspaper's classified advertising dept. or go to www.tnpress.com/newspaper-networks. (TnScan)

FOR SALE

EAGLE BUILDINGS — NEW & Used Portable Buildings, Cabins, Carports & Garages. 314 Memorial Dr., Paris (731) 644-0090; 202 Memorial Dr., Paris (731) 641-2800; 17595 Highland Dr., McKenzie (731) 393-0277; 1409 Hwy 70 W, Camden (731) 279-4192; 15035 S. First St., Milan (731) 613-2166; 586 W. Church St., Lexington (731) 249-9184; 852 University St., Martin (731) 281-7117. eaglebuildingstn.com. A7655/BE/50-TF

FOR SALE — 2013 SUZUKI BERGMAN 400 CC MOTORCYCLE - \$3,500. Like new with 4,500 miles. Added new Givi trunk with brake light kit. Added new Givi wind screen. Also has pigtail for battery charger. Great bike. Come by and take a look at 246 Collins Road, Dresden, TN or give me a call at 731-336-9305. A1695/EB/14-4

FOR RENT

HOUSES AND APARTMENTS: MCKENZIE AREA. www.mckenziehomesfinders.com 731-352-2255. A1219/BE/44-TF

FOR RENT: MOBILE HOME, 2, 3 or 4 bedroom in Atwood Acres Mobile Home Park. 731-662-7402 or 731-707-2555. A1019/BE/44-TF

HILLTOP TRAILER PARK — “OWN Your Own” Rent to Own Trailers. \$400 rent, \$400 deposit. Please contact Debbie for more information 731-487-8490. A4785/R15373/BE/12-8

ANTENNAS

WE SELL, INSTALL, AND SERVICE outside antennas and accessories for local TV channels. Call or come by Beasley Antenna & Satellite, 3000 E. Wood St., Paris. 731-642-4077. Let me know if you need anything else. A269/BE/34-TF

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ELIMINATE GUTTER CLEANING FOREVER! LEAFFILTER, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 15% off Entire Purchase. 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-855-389-3904. (TnScan)

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HIGH-SPEED INTERNET. WE INSTANTLY COMPARE SPEED, pricing, availability to find the best service for your needs. Starting at \$39.99/month! Quickly compare offers from top providers. Call 1-844-299-4648. (TnScan)

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HEALTH: SERVICES

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STORAGE

TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED STORAGE. CURRENTLY AVAILABLE: 200 square feet, \$110 per month. Contact Ricky Finney 731-225-1492. A440/EB/47-TF

HEALTH / BEAUTY

LIVE PAIN FREE WITH CBD PRODUCTS from AceWellness. We guarantee highest quality, most competitive pricing on CBD products. Softgels, Oils, Skincare, Vape & more. Coupon Code: PRINT20 Call Now 877-358-1817. (TnScan)

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CABLE/SATELLITE TV

DISH NETWORK. \$59.99 FOR 190 CHANNELS! Blazing Fast Internet, \$19.99/mo. (where available.) Switch & Get a FREE \$100 Visa Gift Card. FREE Voice Remote. FREE HD DVR. FREE Streaming on ALL Devices. Call today! 1-844-274-6074. (TnScan)

DIRECTV — SWITCH AND SAVE! \$39.99/MONTH. Select All-Included Package. 155 Channels. 1000s of Shows/Movies On Demand. FREE Genie HD DVR Upgrade. Premium movie channels, FREE for 3 mos! Call 1-844-230-4803. (TnScan)

HELP WANTED

RECRUITING HEAD-ACHES? WE CAN HELP! Advertise your job opening in this newspaper + 97 newspapers across the state - One Call/Email for All! Contact our classified dept. or email networks@tnpress.com. (TnScan)

HELP WANTED: DRIVERS

NEW STARTING BASE PAY — .50 cpm w/ option to make .60 cpm for Class A CDL Flatbed Drivers, Excellent Benefits, Home Weekends. Call 800-648-9915 or www.boydandsons.com. (TnScan)

NEED YOUR CDL? WE DO CDL TRAINING, testing, Job placement. Company paid training available. Training at 119 EL Morgan Dr., Jackson, TN or 6711 Reese Road, Memphis, TN. Call 800-423-8820 or visit www.drive-train.org. (TnScan)

OFFICE FOR LEASE

QUALITY OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE — From 430 Sq. Ft. to 3,000 Sq. Ft. Highway 79 Highland Mall, across from the post office. Call 731-352-2189. A5404/BE/44-TF

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MISCELLANEOUS

NEED TO GET RID OF IT? Advertise it in the classifieds! Thousands of readers are looking at the classifieds every week. Advertise your service or product for only \$5 for 25 words, \$8 for 26-50 words, and 20 cents for each additional word over 50 each week. Call 731-352-3323 to get started! NC/27-TF

COMPUTER ISSUES? GEEKS ON SITE provides FREE diagnosis REMOTELY 24/7 SERVICE DURING COVID19. No home visit necessary. \$40 OFF with coupon 86407! Restrictions apply. 855-478-2083. (TnScan)

AUCTIONS

GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT YOUR NEXT AUCTION! Save Time & \$\$\$! One Call for All. Your ad can appear in this newspaper + 97 other TN newspapers. For more info, contact this newspaper's classified dept. or call Becky Moats 931-624-8916. (TnScan)

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Power Ventilated
\$15.00 & Up
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Call Cathy Sisson at Reeves Bros. Trucking, Inc.

1-800-892-7067

HELP WANTED

News and Sports Stringer to cover events in Carroll and Weakley Counties in West Tennessee.

Tri-County Publishing, Inc. is seeking a qualified news and sports stringer to cover meetings, events and sporting events in the Carroll and Weakley County area of West Tennessee while representing The McKenzie Banner and Dresden Enterprise.

This is a part-time position with the possibility of full-time hours during peak seasons.

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Valid driver's license.
- Reliable mode of transportation.
- Must pass a drug test and background check.
- Ability to work nights and weekends.
- Must meet deadlines and make revisions in a timely manner.
- Positive attitude, outgoing personality and strong ethics.
- Professional dress.
- Excellent written and verbal skills.
- Computer proficiency, i.e. Microsoft Office Suite and Google products.
- Access to Microsoft Word or similar word processing program.
- Internet access and/or ability to e-mail stories to editor.
- Knowledge of AP writing style and the inverted pyramid.
- Knowledge of Social Media platforms, i.e. Facebook and Twitter.
- Photography experience.
- Basic knowledge of photo composition.

PLUSES:

- Photo editing and/or Adobe Photoshop experience.
- Customer service experience.
- Smartphone with ability to update social platforms from event.

Apply in person at The McKenzie Banner, 3 Banner Row, McKenzie, Tenn. or e-mail resumé@mckenziebanner.com

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— Walter Seward



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JOB OPPORTUNITY

PART-TIME SALES POSITION

For newspaper, printing and advertising specialties company

Tri-County Publishing, Inc. is seeking a qualified salesperson to represent the Dresden Enterprise and The McKenzie Banner and its commercial print shop. Candidate is responsible for selling print and web advertising; printing services and advertising specialty products.

CANDIDATE MUST DEMONSTRATE:

- Strong customer service skills
- Positive attitude, outgoing personality and strong character
- Must be ambitious and results oriented
- Must meet sales goals and quotas
- Excellent written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills
- Experience in the printing industry is a plus
- Candidates must be able to travel to client within assigned sales territory
- Valid driver's license is required
- Exercise independent judgment and discretion when interacting with all accounts and determining product and service offerings
- Report results of customer interactions
- Computer proficiency, i.e. Microsoft Office Suite and Google products
- Understand and use basic selling techniques: open, probe, presentation, overcoming objections, identify opportunities
- Understand and apply information regarding customers and account packages
- Maintain company confidentiality outside of the workplace
- Must pass background check and drug screen

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Guaranteed hourly base + uncapped commission
- Vacation after one year of employment

Apply in person at The McKenzie Banner, 3 Banner Row, McKenzie, Tenn.

NC/BE/42-TF



SUDOKU								
WEEK 17								
	7	4	3	1			2	
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Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

See solution in next week's edition.

Earth Day Word Search

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

AIR EXTINGUISH OZONE REUSE
APRIL FOREST PEOPLE SMOG
CLEAN GLOBAL PLANET SOLAR
CLIMATE GREEN POLLUTION TRASH
COMPOST LAND PROTECT TREES
CONSERVATION LITTER RECYCLE WASTE
ENERGY NATURE REDUCE WATER
ENVIRONMENT OCEAN RESOURCES WILDLIFE

Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Revolutions per minute
4. Hymns
10. Brew
11. Did not acknowledge
12. Atomic #77
14. Partly digested food
15. Not one
16. Lesotho capital
18. Copyreading
22. Living organism that feeds on organic matter
23. One's biological father
24. An aggregate of molecules
26. Equally
27. Khoikhoi people
28. Jump in figure skating
30. Lantern
31. TV network
34. Georges ____, French philosopher
36. Sharp, shrill bark
37. Albanian monetary units
39. Launched Apollo
40. One who graduated
41. Exist
42. Passed by
48. Very unpleasant smell
50. Graduates
51. Seedless raisin
52. Self-protection
53. Clue
54. Life-savers
55. Ingest too much
56. Misrepresented
58. Small Eurasian deer
59. Mocking
60. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

1. Flower cluster

2. A form
3. Inner organ regions
4. Local law enforcement
5. A citizen of Senegal
6. Positively charged electrodes
7. Connects granules
8. Business practice
9. The Mount Rushmore State
12. Leader
13. Hindu queen
17. Proofreading mark
19. European country
20. Greek mythological nymph
21. Grandfather
25. Clears
29. Amount of time

31. Mollusks
32. German municipality
33. Body part
35. City of Angels hoopsters
38. Suffocate
41. Pleasing to the eye
43. Poplar trees (Spanish)
44. Ship officer
45. Individual investment account (abbr.)
46. Prefix meaning within
47. Ceased to live
49. Day by day
56. Not color
57. Condition of withdrawal (abbr.)

Week 17

See solution in next week's edition.

THIS DAY IN...

APR 23

HISTORY

• **1616:** PLAYWRIGHT WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE DIES IN ENGLAND.

• **1968:** STUDENTS AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN NEW YORK TAKE OVER BUILDINGS IN PROTEST OF THE VIETNAM WAR.

• **1985:** COCA-COLA ANNOUNCES THAT IT IS CHANGING ITS FORMULA AND INTRODUCES NEW COKE.

SUDOKU								
SOLUTION WEEK 16								
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2	9	6	1	3	4	7	8	5
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Week 16 Crossword Puzzle Solution												
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Volunteer Hospital in Martin is one of many facilities affected by COVID-19. Many medical facilities ceased portions of operations during the pandemic.

Shutdown Affects West Tennessee Healthcare Cost-Cutting Measures Implemented

Jackson, Tenn. (April 17) — The economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis is being felt far and wide throughout the country, and the healthcare industry is not immune. Lower volumes, closure of nonessential services, and the cancellation of elective procedures across the country and in Tennessee have left hospitals with concerns regarding cash flows and how to continue operations in the foreseeable future. Our health system is no different, said CEO James Ross.

Ross said, over the past month, in order to be fully compliant with government orders and to promote social distancing, West Tennessee Healthcare temporarily closed several facilities, such as LIFT Wellness Center, West Tennessee Surgery Center, and Skyline Endoscopy Center, as well as other departments.

West Tennessee Healthcare operates Volunteer Hospital in Martin.

Ross said, “As we look to the future, we must take additional steps in response to the eco-

nomie impact of COVID-19 on our health system. Consequently, our executive leadership team has made the collective decision to implement many expense reduction measures while maintaining the quality and safety of the health system. Some of these measures include management pay reductions, reduced hours and furloughs, and suspension of the employer contribution to the 403b retirement plan. Furloughed employees will retain West Tennessee Healthcare benefits and may be redeployed in the event of a surge of patients.

“The duration of this crisis is uncertain. We are continuously evaluating the current situation, and we will continue to adjust our operating structure accordingly. We continue to work with our state and local leaders to monitor projections on the number of cases and hospitalizations we might be seeing in the near future.

“We are also making every effort to take advantage of relief provided by the government

and other avenues to offset the impact and continue to provide essential patient care.

“I want to assure you that we would not be taking such drastic steps if we didn’t have to. We have an obligation to continue to improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve while providing exceptional and compassionate care for generations to come. Hopefully, the steps we take today will help us sustain our system for the long-term.

“We appreciate the community’s ongoing support during this unprecedented crisis because we are all in this together. Our steps to flatten the curve ARE making an impact, and we stand ready to offer medical assistance to anyone who needs it.

West Tennessee Healthcare is a public, not-for-profit healthcare system with locations serving 19 counties in West Tennessee and Southeast Missouri. The mission of West Tennessee Healthcare is to improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve while providing exceptional and compassionate care. For more information, visit www.wth.org.

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Staggered Weekly Certifications

Certify by Last Digit of Social Security Number

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wed-Sat</u>
0,1,2,3	4,5,6	7,8,9	All Numbers

Weekly Unemployment Certifications on Staggered Schedule

To Improve Online Experience, Claimants Will Now Certify by Social Security Number

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development moves to a staggered schedule for unemployment claimants completing their weekly certifications. This change will spread the number of people certifying over three days, creating a more responsive experience for claimants using Jobs4TN.gov.

More than 324,000 Tennesseans have applied for unemployment benefits over the last four weeks, creating an unprecedented demand on the unemployment computer system. While claimants can certify any day of the week, most choose Sunday, putting a workload 21 times

the normal rate of usage onto the system.

Starting Sunday, April 19, claimants can complete their weekly certifications according to the last digit of their social security number.

Sunday - 0, 1, 2, 3; Monday - 4, 5, 6; Tuesday - 7, 8, 9; Wed. - Sat. - All numbers

When a claimant tries to certify and clicks the tab, if they are accessing the system on the correct day, it will allow them to proceed. If it is not the claimant’s scheduled day, the system will not let them certify.

If a claimant misses their scheduled day, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

are open certification days for any social security number.

Once a claimant completes the weekly certification process, their financial institution typically posts the benefit payment to their account or debit card within 48 to 72 hours.

For claimants who normally certify on Sunday, switching to a Monday or Tuesday certification will change the day of their weekly deposit.

Claimants must certify each week to ensure eligibility for benefit payments and to avoid the potential for overpayment. If someone does not certify for a particular week, they have five weeks to go back and do so, but the state is unable to process the payment for that week until they complete the missed certification.

Governor Lee Appoints Economic Recovery Group Mayor Jill Holland Serves on Group

Nashville, Tenn. (April 16) — Today, Governor Bill Lee established the Economic Recovery Group, a joint effort between state departments, members of the legislature and leaders from the private sector to build guidance to safely reboot Tennessee’s economy.

“COVID-19 has not only created a public health crisis, it has hurt thousands of businesses and hundreds of thousands of hardworking Tennesseans,” said Gov. Lee. “As we work to safely open Tennessee’s economy, this group will provide guidance to industries across the state on the best ways to get Tennesseans back to work.” The group is led by Tennessee Department of Tourism Development Commissioner Mark Ezell. This public-private partnership will prioritize connection, collaboration, and communication across industries, the medical community and state government” said Ezell. “We’re grateful to these leaders for serving at a critical time in our state’s

history.”

Sammie Arnold serves as the chief of staff for the Economic Recovery Group. Arnold is the assistant commissioner of Rural Development at the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. Members of the Economic Recovery Group include:

Lee Administration Representatives: Mark Ezell, Director, Sammie Arnold, Chief of Staff, House Majority Leader William Lamberth (R – Portland), Senate Majority Leader Jack Johnson (R – Franklin), Brandon Gibson, Senior Advisor to Governor Lee, Bob Rolfe, Department of Economic and Community Development, Greg Gonzales, Department of Financial Institutions, David Gerregano, Department of Revenue, Dr. Charles Hatcher, Department of Agriculture, Dr. Jeff McCord, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Hodgen Mainda, Department of Commerce and Insurance, Tony Niknejad, Governor’s Office, Brig. Gen. Scott Brower,

COVID-19 Unified Command, Dr. Morgan McDonald, Tenn. Dept. of Health, Deputy Commissioner, Butch Eley, Department of Finance and Administration.

Industry Representatives: Jim Brown, National Federation of Independent Business, Bradley Jackson, Tenn. Chamber of Commerce, Beverly Robertson, President and CEO of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, Rob Ikard, Tenn. Grocers & Convenience Store Association, Rob Mortensen, Tenn. Hospitality & Tourism Association, Colin Barrett, Tenn. Bankers Association, Fred Robinson, Tenn. Credit Union League, Dave Huneryager, Tenn. Trucking Association, Will Cromer, Tenn. Hospital Association, Mayor Kevin Davis, President of Tenn. County Services Association, McKenzie Mayor Jill Holland, President of Tenn. Municipal League, Jeff Aiken, Tenn. Farm Bureau, Tari Hughes, Center for Non-Profit Management, Roland Myers, Tenn. Retail Association and Clay Crownover, President and CEO of Associated Builders & Contractors of Tennessee

McKenzie Police Reports

Sale/Delivery of Controlled Substance — Officer Kyle Beauchamp charged Bobby Gene Smithey, 61, 155 Forrest Avenue, McKenzie, with Sale/Delivery of a Controlled Substance and Drug Paraphernalia on April 13. MPD was called to West End Avenue at 3 a.m. to a report of a man standing on the sidewalk while it was raining. MPD found Smithey wearing multiple coats and was in possession of numerous knives. Officers searched Smithey and found a plastic bag containing what was believed to be seven individually wrapped marijuana. They also located a glass smoking pipe, digital scales, and \$99 cash. He was cited into court and given a date to report to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on Suspended/Revoked, Drug Parapher-

nal — Officer Dalton Raspberry charged James Sole, 26, of Union City and Lesenda Gergory, 30, Walnut Circle, McKenzie after a traffic stop at 2:13 p.m. April 16. According to the report, Officer Raspberry stropped a 2007 Ford Focus when he noticed the license tag was registered to a different vehicle. Sole was charged for driving on a revoked license after a license check revealed he was revoked for a DUI conviction.

A check of Gregory’s purse revealed rolling papers, a smoking pipe, needles, and a small marijuana roach. One of the needles field tested positive for methamphetamine. Sole was transported to Carroll County Jail. Gregory was cited into court. The vehicle was impounded.

DUI — Officer Justin Bris-

ter charged Raven Nicole Hudgins, 33, of Milan with DUI on April 19 after a 911 call was received about a dispute between a male and female at a local convenience store around 8:34 p.m.

MPD found a male inside the store who indicated it was his child’s mother who made the call. Officers spoke with the male and then Hudgins, who had dilated pupils and did poorly on the field sobriety test. She was being transported by MPD to Baptist Hospital-Huntingdon when she complained of an abnormal heart rate.

An ambulance was dispatched to transport her the remainder of the way. When she was released from the hospital after an evaluation and blood test, she was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Animal Cruelty — Joe C. Harvey, 77, of Huntingdon was charged with aggravated animal cruelty on April 14.

According to the report by Officer Angela Barker, she responded to 20065 East Main Street after receiving a call about a man on the sidewalk smashing the heads of four baby kittens.

A witness at the scene told Barker that an older white

male smashed the heads of the kittens, put them in a bag, and then discarded them in a trash can. Barker observed fresh blood on the sidewalk and found the bodies of four dead kittens, all with what appeared to be head wounds, tied up in a bag in a nearby garbage can. Barker identified Harvey as the suspect and placed him under arrest.

Drug Possession — Kathie

Barker Mann, 48, of Huntingdon was cited into General Sessions Court for possession of a schedule II drug (methamphetamine) on April 13.

According to the report by Officer Labe Ezell, Mann was found to have a small baggie containing 0.3 grams of a substance that field-tested positive for meth while in the parking lot outside Dollar General Store.

Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Vandalism — Deputies are investigating the recent vandalism of a vehicle in Trezevant.

According to the report by Deputy Scotty Davis, William Guinn of Atwood was sitting in a parked vehicle beside Paul’s Pool Hall in Trezevant on April 13 when someone threw an object believed to be a rock through the back and front windows of the vehicle. Guinn told deputies he did not see

anyone or the direction from which the object was thrown. Damage was estimated at \$250.

Stolen Vehicle — The Sheriff’s Department is investigating the recent theft of a vehicle in Westport.

Chelsea Meggs of Huntingdon told deputies on April 14 that her gray 2008 Nissan Altima was stolen while she was sleeping at a residence on Hawkins Creek Road. Meggs

said she had her keyless entry remote in her pocket at the time of the theft and the vehicle requires that device to start.

Meggs said she believes she knows who took the vehicle, but she was unsure of whether or not that person possesses another keyless remote for the car. The vehicle and its contents were valued at \$6,000.

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- Billy Wayne and Mary F. Barlow to Barlow Asset Protection Trust.
- Scarlet Peevyhouse to Keith Peevyhouse.
- Barness William Allison to Terry L. and Marian M. Herndon.
- Jerry Thomas McDaniel to Meet Ministries.
- Douglass and Kimberly Purdy to Jacob and Samantha Malone.
- The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Teresa A. Goodrum.



Tennessee River Jam Canceled Due to COVID-19

The Tennessee River Jam, scheduled for June 25-28, is another event or festival to add to the growing list of COVID-19 cancellations.

“Fan experience is a top concern for us, and at this time we can’t guarantee that we can provide a safe and healthy environment for the concerts,” commented Travis McLeese, CEO of the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce. “At times, we have to make business decisions, not emotional ones. I can honestly say we tried everything and explored all options to make this festival happen.”

port, and we all look forward to planning for our next event in 2021!”

Ticket refunds will be processed within the next few days. The World’s Largest Fish Fry in Henry County, the

Strawberry Festival in Humboldt, and the Fiddlestick Festival in Greenfield are among the festivals canceled for 2020. Dresden’s Iris Festival is rescheduled to begin July 4.

State of Tennessee Carroll County Probate Division	NOTICE TO CREDITORS As Required by TCA §30-2-306	Case Number <u>2020-PE-60</u>
Estate of <u>DWYER KENDRICK MITCHUM</u> , Deceased		
Notice is hereby given that on <u>APRIL 7TH</u> of 2020 letters testamentary in respect of the estate of <u>DWYER KENDRICK MITCHUM</u> , who died March 13, 2020, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:		
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All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.		
Date: <u>4-1-2020</u>	<i>Cari New Bradford</i> Executrix	
Date: <u>4/1/20</u>	<i>[Signature]</i> Attorney	
Date: <u>4/7/2020</u>	<i>[Signature]</i> Clerk & Master	

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TSSAA Cancels Remaining Events for 2019-20

NASHVILLE (April 15) — The Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) announced Wednesday that, due to the Governor's announcement of school closure for the remainder of the school year, all events for 2019-20, including all spring sports and the postponed BlueCross Basketball Championships, are canceled.

TSSAA's announcement read, in part, "This is an unprecedented time across our state and country, and we do

not make this decision lightly. We thank all of the participants, their coaches, administrators, parents, and everyone else who has dedicated a tremendous amount of time, passion, and effort to high school athletics, especially these affected events.

"To our senior participants - we thank you for everything you have done for your schools and communities and wish you the very best in your bright futures. This is difficult, but the lessons you've learned

and friendships you've made through high school activities will last your lifetime. We look forward to the resumption of high school athletics during the 2020-21 school year, and will continue work on those events at this time. The TSSAA thanks everyone involved for their patience and understanding throughout this process."

Information will be given to member schools regarding summer athletic activities in regards to the sports calendar at a date in the near future.

Robinson Named Bethel Strength, Conditioning Coordinator

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McKENZIE — Bethel Head Football Coach Michael Jasper announced Wednesday Garrett Robinson has been named the

Strength and Conditioning Coach for the program.

Robinson grew up in southern Maine where he was a competitive athlete in gymnastics for 12 years.

While in college, he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science with a concentration in Athletic Training: Sports Medicine. Throughout college, Garrett instructed competitive gymnastics and strength and conditioning classes, leading young gymnasts to compete all over the United States.

After college, Garrett worked in physical therapy rehabilitation, and eventually relocated to West Tennessee to work as an Athletic Trainer for Bethel University, assisting in injury prevention and sports rehabilitation for student-athletes.

In total, Garrett has 10-plus years experience in the physical fitness industry with proven results. Garrett is also an active member with the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA), and an instructor for CrossFit.

Garrett expressed his excitement about the opportunity. "I am very excited for the opportunity to assist in strength and conditioning student-athletes on the football team at Bethel University. Without a doubt, strength and conditioning is an essential component to maximizing each athlete's potential. When practiced with the correct form, it can decrease the chances of injury drastically, and transform the regular to the exceptional."

Coach Jasper commented, "This is a huge deal for our program and I am thrilled to have Garrett join our staff. I believe it is going to soar our program to new heights. Coach Robinson's expertise in athletic training along with his vast knowledge of strength and conditioning programming will help us better serve our student athletes."

Kee's Class Earns 1,000 Accelerated Reader Points



Congratulations to Mrs. Courtney Kee's second grade class at McKenzie Elementary School for earning 1,000 Accelerated Reader points in March. They had 92.7 percent correct.

Winston's Class Earns 1,000 Accelerated Reader Points



Congratulations to Mrs. Allison Winston's second grade class at McKenzie Elementary School for earning 1,000 Accelerated Reader points in March. They had 88.4 percent correct.

Newman's Class Earns 1,000 Accelerated Reader Points



Congratulations to Ms. Rachel Newman's second grade class at McKenzie Elementary School for earning 1,000 Accelerated Reader points in March. They had 91.6 percent correct.

Coleman's Class Earns 1,000 Accelerated Reader Points



Congratulations to Ms. Lee Ann Coleman's second grade class at McKenzie Elementary School for earning 1,000 Accelerated Reader points in March. They had 88.8 percent correct.

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