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Top, Hayden Garrett, age 8, enjoys sledding down an icy street in McKenzie. He received a push from Christian Nunnery, a senior at MHS. Above, an Amish horse-drawn buggy makes its way down the snowy Clark Street in McKenzie. *Photos by Joel Washburn.*

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HAM & CHEESE PUFFS

1 package (2 ½ ounces) sliced fully cooked ham, chopped
1 small onion, chopped
½ cup shredded Swiss cheese
1 egg
1 ½ teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 tube (8 ounces) refrigerated crescent rolls

In a bowl, combine the first six ingredients; set aside. Divide crescent dough into 24 portions. Press into greased miniature muffin cups. Spoon 1 tablespoon ham mixture into each cup. Bake at 350 degrees for 13-15 minutes or until golden brown. Yield: 2 dozen

PIZZA ROLL-UPS

½ pound ground beef
1 can (8 ounce) tomato sauce
½ cup shredded mozzarella cheese
½ teaspoon dried oregano
2 tubes (8 ounces each) refrigerated crescent rolls

In a skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Remove from the heat. Add tomato sauce, moz-

zarella cheese and oregano; mix well. Separate crescent dough into eight rectangles, pinching seams together. Place about 3 tablespoons of meat mixture along on long side of each rectangle. Roll up jelly-roll style, starting with a long side. Cut each roll into three pieces. Place, seam side down, 2 inches apart on greased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes or until golden brown. Yield: 2 dozen.

LIFE'S RECIPE

1 CUP OF GOOD THOUGHTS
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1 CUP OF CONSIDERATION
FOR OTHERS
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3 CUPS OF WELL-BEATEN FAULTS

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Town Of Bruceton

Board Hires New City Recorder

By Ernie Smothers
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BRUCETON (February 10) During their regular monthly meeting, Bruceton's Board of Alderman, via 3-1 vote, approved the hiring of Trezevant's part-time Town Recorder Annie Hand to serve as the municipality's new city recorder.

Voting for the hiring of Mrs. Hand were aldermen Cliff Sturdivant, Robert Cole, and Renee Ford.

Alderman Jenna Young voted against hiring Mrs. Hand because she believed it would be in the best interest of the people of Bruceton to hire someone with local ties that understands the needs of the town.

Alderman Scotty Higdon was absent from the meeting.

Prior to the vote, Bruceton Mayor Robert T. Keeton III informed board members that Mrs. Hand is a state-licensed certified municipal financial operator (CMFO) and has completed 81 of 100 hours of education required for state certification as town recorder.

He added, "Mrs. Hand has worked for the Town of Trezevant as part-time recorder and is familiar with the computer software program that we utilize for our town's financial bookkeeping. After interviewing numerous applicants over the last month and a half, I believe, based on her knowledge and skill, that Mrs. Hand is the person the town needs to hire for city recorder."

Following approval, Mrs. Hand, accompanied by her husband, Clint, and daughter, Kelsey, thanked the board.

She said, "I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Bruceton city recorder. I look forward to working here and getting to know all of you."

Hand said that her start date as Bruceton city recorder is Monday, March 2.

The board, at the motion of Alderman Jenna Young, unanimously approved Young's request for Bruceton Police Chief Ronnie Stewart to work on adjusting shift schedules of the town's full-town police officers to reduce periods of non-coverage.

Prior to the vote, Young said, "Chief Stewart and I have discussed the possibility of his altering officer schedules to vary start and end-of-shifts to reduce periods of town non-coverage without the use of overtime."

Alderman Sturdivant, "The

town has no police coverage from 3:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. We rely on the county sheriff's department for coverage during that period.

Following Alderman Robert Cole's request for a copy of the town police officers shift schedule, Cole said, "I am seeing an overlap of officer's during certain period of the day. We have two officers working every day. Do we need two officers on shift at the same time?"

Stewart replied, "If I am going to be able to get anything done, we do. There is a ton of paperwork to handle each day along with sexual offender registry and court dockets; there is just too much for one officer to handle alone."

Responding to Cole's query regarding shift hours per officer, Stewart said, "I work an eight-hour shift and the officers work a 10-hour shift."

Cole replied, "From what I am gathering from the schedule, our officers are working all of their hours during the week so they can be off on the weekends."

Sturdivant added, "The reality of this is that we want the officers' schedules to benefit the town, not the officers."

Stewart told the board that he would begin adjusting officer work schedules in an attempt to reduce periods of non-coverage.

In related business, Alderman Renee Ford asked if Hollow Rock's Police Department had begun assisting with school zone monitoring.

Stewart replied, "No."

Young replied, "If Hollow Rock could help monitor the school zone, it would definitely help slow speeders down."

Stewart said that he would notify his officers to turn on their blue lights at the school zone in the morning and afternoon to slow traffic.

Following discussion, the board, at the motion of Young, approved receiving cost quotes from Bruceton-Hollow Rock (B-HR) Little League representatives for facility improvements to the field areas and concession stands at City Park.

Addressing the board, B-HR Little League representative and Central Elementary School educator David Thomas said, "First, on behalf of fellow B-HR Little League representatives Rocky Noe and Brad Dean, I want to thank you for allowing us to speak with you. As most of know, our town's Little League program is in the midst of a major comeback.

Four years ago, we had three tee-ball teams and two baseball teams playing on the fields at City Park. Three years ago, we had one tee-ball team playing there. Two years ago, we grew to 96 players participating. Last year, 176 young people participated. This year, we are hoping for one more youngster to participate than last year. We want to continue to grow."

He continued, "The renewal of interest by our young people to play summer sports at City Park is due to the hard work of many. The community ball parks are the only places available for all kids in this town, and especially little girls, to participate in sports. Unfortunately, the park is starting to show its age. Trees are sprouting up around the fences of some fields and there are lots of needs such as a new water heater for the concession stand kitchen, painting of bleachers and facilities, purchase and installation of new light bulbs to improve poor night visibility on the fields, and raising of tee-ball dugout roofs so that adults can enter and exit without bumping their heads."

Young responded, "Ashley Cook owns a construction company and has volunteered to provide free labor for anything that needs to be done at the park."

Mayor Keeton responded, "The town's Little League has historically-maintained the playing field and edges for the last twenty years. If trees are sprouting up, that is due to you all not taking care of the matter. The City provides lights, water, and some maintenance. Having said that, what is it that you need? The town normally takes care of things outside the fences-we don't normally mow or maintain fields."

Ford interjected, "The fields where the trees are sprouting up weren't used for a number of years and became overgrown."

Responding, Thomas said, "I was born and raised in Huntingdon, but I have lived in Bruceton for the last 13 years. This town is my home now and I love it. I am 100-percent blue and white now, and I'm not going anywhere." Pausing to gather his emotions, he continued, "This town means a lot to me, and I want my children to have the great experiences I had growing up. I'm tired of hearing negative comments about our fields and park from folks that come here to play ball from towns nearby. Our kids deserve the best we can provide for them. A lot of folks care. One of them

is Coach Dennis Chapman. He doesn't have a dog in the race, yet he mows one of the fields all summer by himself just for the good of the kids and town. Coach Chris Finley has helped us financially. He donated a Patrick Willis-autographed 49ers jersey so that we could auction it off to raise money. All of us are in this for one thing only-the kids."

Addressing Thomas, Cole said, "It isn't easy doing what you all do. I've been there. I also know that the park's appearance needs more effort put into it by the town employees. I've seen them mow the park. It takes them about an hour and a half to run through it. It's embarrassing to see grass growing up through the cracks of the walking trail and along the sides. We as a town need to step up and do a better job."

Keeton responded, "Am I hearing you right? Are you saying that our city employees are not doing a good job? Our town employees work very hard. In addition to performing the considerable duties entrusted to them daily, they also do a tremendous amount of mowing in the summer months."

Cole replied, "Mayor, all I can tell you is that I wouldn't want the city employees mowing my yard. I'm just telling it like it is. The newspaper can print that if they want to."

Young said she felt the 20-year historical standard of assistance from the town to the Little League should be eliminated.

She said, "We need to do more for our Little League."

Keeton asked Thomas, "Have you talked to Hollow Rock about their financial responsibility to the Little League? After all, it is Bruceton-Hollow Rock."

Thomas replied, "They are next on our agenda."

Sturdivant added, "I want the City to step up and offer financial help and anything else we can for our Little League. Our children constitute our greatest natural resource. Any money we spend toward that end is an investment in the future of Bruceton. We all need to work together."

Addressing Little League representatives, Keeton said, "Although our town is limited in what it can provide financially to a private organization, please submit a listing of specific requests and estimates for review along with a profit-loss statement. We will do what we can."



Hearing about festivals – (l to r) Jennifer Waldrup, McKenzie's economic director, Marty Marby of the Department of Tourism, and Mayor Jill Holland.

City Hears About Festivals, Planning

Promotions, activities, vendors, and food are all key aspects of having a successful festival, said Marty Marby, West Tennessee Regional Manager for the Tennessee Department of Tourism.

Marby was in McKenzie on Monday, February 9 to speak about promoting the Sweet Tea and Fried Food Festival that occurs each August in McKenzie. She said the time is now to start finding vendors for the event and plan for the activities. She suggested advertising the event

through print and social media, and word of mouth by visiting vendors at other festivals. She spoke to the ACT II committee and the Downtown Committee.

McKenzie will host its third annual festival in August. In the second year, Bethel University students participated in significant numbers. Marby said Bethel is a great resource of talent and should be tapped for the students' skills and expertise.

The tourism development director told of the festival in Athens Alabama. It is known as

Athens Grease Festival, in honor of its Greek city name and its fried food. The event received national attention because over 1,000 persons attended and wore togas.

Other suggested were ticketed events to raise money, such as a food-tasting tent with different food varieties are available at limited times of the day. She also suggested a ribbon-cutting ceremony to start the event and lots of contests throughout the duration.

Carroll Lake Options

Please Check One of the Following
& Return By March 1, 2015

- ☐ 1. Fix the lake back like it was
- ☐ 2. Do Nothing
- ☐ 3. 1/3 Fishing Lake; 2/3 Wildlife Viewing Area
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NEWS

Stevens

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ernor's speech he pointed out that nearly 225,000 new private sector jobs have been created in Tennessee during his first tenure. The Governor's \$33.3 billion balanced budget highlights strategic investments in education and workforce development while continuing a thoughtful approach to making government work more efficiently and effectively."

Stevens said that Haslam announced during the address that out of 65,000 high school seniors, 58,000 have signed up for Tennessee Promise, the scholarship program which provides last dollar tuition assistance to fill unmet financial needs so students may attend community college or a college of applied technology free of charge.

He said, "Tennessee Promise is part of the state's efforts to ensure a strong workforce by filling the skills gap in order to attract technologically advanced industries to the state. We must prepare students for the 21st century marketplace. We need a workforce in place that can perform technically-advanced jobs. Prioritizing education to empower our people is essential to making this a reality."

Stevens said that another key component of Tennessee Promise is Haslam's "Drive to 55" initiative aiming to raise the percentage of Tennesseans with a certificate of degree beyond high school from 32 to 55 by the year 2025.

Stevens said Governor

Haslam's speech heralded the state's recent academic achievement gains.

He said, "Tennessee students had the largest academic growth on the 2013 National Assessment of Educational Progress in the nation, making the state the fastest improving state in America. Our state is one of a few states to make significant investments in funding educational improvements. State spending on K-12 education during the Governor's first term doubled the national average. The proposed budget includes nearly \$44 million in new money to account for growth in the Basic Education Program, and \$100 million for increasing teacher salaries to reward teachers performing at the highest levels. Also, \$5 million is earmarked to create the Educator's Liability Trust fund to offer liability insurance to teachers at no cost."

Stevens noted that the current teacher evaluation process is not perfect and continues to be tweaked.

He said, "The teacher evaluation process must be fair to all teachers."

He continued, "I personally am not for federally-mandated Common Core Standards enacted by the state board without legislative access. There is a bill in our legislature now to review and develop standards by Tennesseans that will maintain our high education standards. There is a lot of support to get away from Common Core and to create our own standards. I think we should do so."

During the question and answer segment, Carroll Bank & Trust president and Chief

Executive Officer Mike Cary said, "I know that the governor's Insure Tennessee plan failed, and I am disappointed that this happened. We have two hospitals in our county that would have benefitted had the plan passed. It's true that none of us here today, regardless of our political differences, want to add to the financial burden of our nation. Having said that, my question is this; is there a thoughtful approach being constructed to save rural hospitals and protect local health apparatuses?" Stevens responded, "As it stands, we don't have the opportunity via federal law to create a better healthcare protective system. We can only nibble around what currently exists. The Governor's proposal would have cut revenue losses for rural hospitals. We have to find a sustainable model to fund rural hospitals. We can't afford to lose them."

Cary replied, "I don't have any answers, but we better find ways to sustain local health care."

Carroll County Mayor Kenny McBride interjected, "Senator, are we anywhere close to having something in the hopper relative to the Governor's failed plan?"

Stevens replied, "The bill can come back up. I don't see a path to it passing as it stands."

McBride asked, "Are there any alternatives to Insure Tennessee that might work?"

Stevens responded, "It's still too early after the failed plan to tell. We in state government are trying to create solutions for health care issues, but having to do so while operating inside a little box. We are constrained by federal mandates, and only time will tell how things will progress from here."

Local Option Sales Tax Collection

The Tennessee Department of Revenue reported the following local option sales taxes for taxing entities in Carroll County.

Receipts in January 2015 are listed below with the collections

one year also listed.

Carroll County \$35,839.21 (33,267 in 2014); Huntingdon \$241,061.40 (\$227,950); Atwood \$18,444.05 (\$18,533); Bruceton \$19,512.66 (\$15,636); Clarksburg \$17,014.25 (\$14,262); Hollow Rock

\$5,819.68 (\$5,549); McKenzie \$154,583.71 (\$196,931); McMoresville \$2,618.67 (\$2,131); and Trezevant \$11,016.59 (\$11,094).

The collections are net receipts after the state deducted a 1.125 percent administrative fee.



Drew Beeler, RC Wilson, Natalie McCaleb, Carlie Beeler. Miles Beeler Paul Watkins, Anders Rider, Noah Mcewen, Kyle Hopper, Chase Kelly Justin Pruitt, Cameron Oakley, Braxton Rider, Russell Truman. (submitted by Hollye Rider).

Weather

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One accident Monday was a flipped car on State Route 22 near Huntingdon. The five passengers escaped uninjured.

Tennessee Department of Transportation pre-treated roadways with a salty brine and then bladed and salted roads after the icy conditions started during the early Monday hours. The process continued throughout the day Monday.

Schools were closed Monday for President's Day and closed Tuesday because of the bad weather. The weather has also delayed the finish of the high school boys' district tournaments and regional tournaments. (watch www.mckenziebanner.com for updates).

The winter precipitation has moved out of Tennessee leaving behind very cold temperatures. The expectation is for

temperatures to not be above freezing before the weekend.

There have been three (3) weather-related fatalities in the state – one (1) in Knox County and two (2) in Williamson County.

Current Situation (Tuesday morning)

- I-40 east bound at mile marker 156 in Hickman County is backed up 12-miles into Humphreys County to around mile marker 152.

- I-24 west bound from the 96 mile marker to I-840 is to be closed down due to crashes and a previous back up.

- Power outages have spiked in Tennessee as of 9 p.m., CST, currently at 55,682 customers, impacting at total of 19 counties with Bedford, Davidson, Fentress, Knox, Monroe and Smith having the highest outages.

Response Actions

- TEMA has requested the

Tennessee National Guard for State Active Duty to deploy initially a 10-person crew with five Humvees for motorist wellness checks.

- THP has requested National Guard specifically for the Humphreys County back-up on I-40 east bound.

- TEMA is transporting 216 bottles of water and 225 ready packs is being transported to the backup on I-40

- Roane County has requested five chainsaw crews from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency to assist with debris clearing.

- Williamson County Sheriff's Office has requested salt for the I-65 north at the I-840 east bound entrance ramp.

TEMA's mission, www.tnema.org, is to coordinate preparedness, response and recovery from man-made, natural and technological hazards in a professional and efficient manner in concert with our stakeholders.

Beer

...From Front Page

Mayor Holland. The store owners in McKenzie wanted that same privilege.

If the ordinance is approved on the second reading, beer can be sold for off-premise and on-premise consumption (at approved restaurants) on election days and Sundays from 12:01 p.m. to midnight. Sales are already permissible Monday to Saturday, 6:00 a.m. to midnight.

Voting for the changes were Vice Mayor Gene Hale, Cassie Allen, Jessie Townes, and Charles Pruneau. Gallimore abstained and David Hochreiter was absent.

In other business, the Council approved on the first of two readings, to establish a landscaping policy for new commercial and residential subdivision developments. Presently, the city has no guidelines, however, it does require landscaping for new commercial development. The existing guidelines were subjective, the new guidelines are more definitive. The proposed plan calls for some mitigation of trees if existing trees are removed.

Central Refrigeration of McKenzie was the apparent low bidder for the replacement of two rooftop central heating and cooling units serving the police and fire departments. Six bids were received ranging from \$13,826 to \$17,221. An ad hoc committee was selected to

review the bids and determine the lowest and best bid.

New computer software (Crimestar) was purchased for the McKenzie Police Department at a price of \$13,500. The new software will provide more accessibility to crime data within the department.

The Council also voted to support Insure Tennessee to help the uninsured patients in Tennessee by expanding Medicaid. Mayor Holland said a Tennessee Senate committee has voted down the governor's idea, however, rural hospitals are losing money because they treat the uninsured at tremendous financial losses.

Councilman Jessie Townes resigned from the McKenzie Municipal-Regional Planning Commission and Councilman Gene Hale was appointed as his replacement. Townes works in Dresden and was unable to attend the monthly afternoon meetings.

Gene Hale reported the leaf truck is back in service after three weeks of repair to its front end. It will operate until the end of February.

Cassie Allen reported the spring sports programs will start in March.

Kevin Gallimore reported the elevated water tank behind City Hall was refurbished and is full of water, however, a valve is not working properly. It is usable, but not yet in service.

Gallimore also reported the city was awarded a \$500,000 grant to make repairs to the sewer system. That amount, couple with the \$1.9 million

recently borrowed by the McKenzie Water Commission, will make extensive repairs to the wastewater treatment plant and the service lines through the city.

Jessie Townes reported the final paperwork on the Walnut Street neighborhood sidewalk grants is being submitted. The neighborhood "looks good" said Townes.

Charles Pruneau reported the McKenzie Police Department had an active January with 893 incidents, including 446 courtesy security checks, and 148 traffic stops.

Mayor Holland reported a newly elected officials' academy is March 20-21. The City Council will host a informal workshop on March 12 to hear about the operations of the McKenzie Fire Department.

Carroll Lake was discussed at the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting in Nashville on Thursday, February 12. Mayor Holland, county Mayor Kenny McBride, and Chamber President Brad Hurley attended the meeting. Holland said the report to the commission indicated a packed house at the McKenzie public hearing and about 25 at the Huntingdon meeting. She said it was a good report to the commission. She urged everyone to contact their state legislator and members of the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission concerning the lake.

Two upcoming city events include the Fashion Show and Luncheon with Miss Tennessee on March 7 and the Mardi Gras dinner on March 17.

Suspect

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officers is on paid administrative leave pending a critical incident stress debriefing by a trained team of counselors. That debriefing has been de-

layed because of poor weather conditions. Officers from other shifts are filling in, said Dickson.

Belk's body was sent for an autopsy in Nashville.

He previously attended McKenzie High School and graduated at Carroll Academy in 2005. He was said to have four children and a fiancé.

Sheriff Andy Dickson said this is the first officer-involved shooting death since 2002. He asked the TBI to investigate to avoid any impropriety.

We will continue to investigate the matter and turn our findings over to the District Attorney General for his further review, said the TBI spokesman.



Bethel University Department of Nursing is dedicated to providing students with the opportunities, education, experiences, environment, mentoring and leadership necessary for them to develop to their highest potential as professional nurses. To validate the continuing quality of the education provided by Bethel Nursing Program, the Department of Nursing is seeking re-accreditation of the nursing program by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and will host a visit by CCNE representatives April 15-17, 2015.

One of the components of the accreditation process is an opportunity for the community of interest, which includes all interested constituents and collaborative partners, to submit in writing, comments concerning the program's qualifications for accreditation status.

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Randy Rutherford of Camden

Sarah McBride of Jackson
Melissa Jackson of South Fulton
Kimberly Coombs of Dover
Lauren McAdoo of Huntingdon
Haley Flowers of Camden
Karlie Davis of Holladay
Tyronza Willis of Huntingdon

OPINION

Letters
The Readers Speak ...

Common Core —
Perhaps There’s Hope!

Kudos to the 114 of 140 superintendents/directors of K-12 school districts in Tennessee* followed by the thirteen presidents of the community colleges in the Board of Regents System** for going on record and telling our legislators that they support the academic standards contained in Tennessee’s Common Core. They’re working. I am especially proud of the five superintendents in Carroll County who are on the list -- Johnny McAdams, Carroll County Schools; Pat Dillahunt, Huntingdon; Lynn Watkins, McKenzie; Tony Tucker, South Carroll; and Eric Williams, West Carroll. Common Core is certainly not the answer to every problem in education, but it is far, far ahead of anything I have seen in 40 years in education. A meaningful reform effort must have the support of political leaders as well as the leaders and teachers in education. This one does.

I have watched this effort unfold over the past couple of years, initially with great hope that finally the so-called planets have lined up for our nation to address the growing issue of deficient academic preparedness of our students from elementary through university level. Unfortunately, some of the political circles saw it as a convenient carriage for their message and hijacked it... and with what I perceive as little thought about trying to prepare students for jobs and successful careers. I thought it rather ironic, even amusing, when one of my superintendent friends told me that when he asked some of the most vocal opponents to tell him what was wrong with the program, there was stony silence. Two of the most sensational criticisms are “It’s Obama’s program” and “It’s the feds after us again”. I wonder how many people really know that the standards originated with the nation’s governors and the nation’s chief state school officers. Check it out. Obama was/ is neither. Honestly, people! Take the political games somewhere else. We’re dealing with the lives of our young people, the future of this nation.

I come at this issue from experience as a high school mathematics teacher, a university faculty member in mathematics, a senior administrator with the Tennessee Board of Regents, the head of a state system of higher education, and finally a university president. I mention these only to reinforce the idea that this not my first rodeo! How well I recall the first efforts in Tennessee to address the deficiency in academic

preparedness in 1984. With the leadership of then-Chancellor Roy Nicks, the Board of Regents launched its Remedial/Developmental Program after trying unsuccessfully for several years to deal with entering freshmen who could not perform at university level. At that time, the figure was 48%. Today’s news says it is 70%**. Incredible! In 1984 we were excoriated by the Legislature for having the audacity to say that practically half our entering freshmen could not perform at university level. I know, for one of my responsibilities was representing the System with the Legislature and defending the program before committees. It was not pretty. Nicks and the Board stood their ground, and we took our tongue lashings and forged ahead. The System, the State, and especially the students were better for it.

We hear a lot about major threats to our nation today. Terrorists, both home grown as well as foreign. A wobbly economy. A drug culture that has metastasized nationally. Dysfunctional national politics. Each is an issue... big issues that threaten our perch as the leader of the West. I would submit another... one which makes the list only parenthetically or as a footnote, if at all, is the underpreparedness of our students when they graduate. Who needs to be reminded of the sweeping changes in technology which have impacted every sector of our lives and practically every job? Students entering the workforce today have to be able to think, to solve problems, to articulate their thoughts, both orally and in writing. Are we going to cede the best jobs to those who come to us much better prepared academically? The old maxims of learning the multiplication tables and reading a little Shakespeare won’t stand with the competition from those who have been subjected to high expectations and high standards. The good jobs go to the competent, and that’s the way it should be. Common Core pushes us along toward that goal. Legislators, just let it be. Let the educators work through this without having to run interference on Capitol Hill. I hope I live long enough to see parents and citizens in general get as excited about the academic accomplishments and competence of our young people as they are about the next ballgame.

**Howell Todd
Clarksburg**

**Source: Nashville Tennessean Feb 10, 2015*

***Source: Jackson Sun Feb 12, 2015*

Correction

In the Carroll County General Sessions Reports on page 8B, it was mistakenly reported that Kristopher Laman of Huntingdon pled guilty to meth-possession or casual exchange. The actual charge should have been listed as possession of a schedule II drug-specifically for two unlabeled bottles of assorted pills found in Laman’s pos-

session during a May 14, 2014 traffic stop by Trooper Chris Rollins with the Tennessee Highway Patrol. No methamphetamine was found in Laman’s possession by Trooper Rollins. According to an employee with the General Sessions office, this error occurred due to a computer glitch in that office.

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I Would Not Trade For Anything!!

By Paula Watkins

It’s 4:30 a.m., and I have already been up for an hour. I am not sure if this inability to sleep for eight hours, as recommended by health gurus, is just one of those “getting older” traits - or if my cup runneth over with the realization of how blessed I am to live in a small town where, when one hurts, we all hurt. We tend to circle the wagons when tragedy threatens us as is common in probably all small communities, I suppose. It just seems like God has allowed our community’s blanket of protection and security to be woven with a tighter thread that resists life’s wear and tear. Sometimes we get a thin spot, but we quickly find a thread to strengthen that fabric of compassion.

I have decided, after years of observation, that we have the unique ability to rejoice, laugh, and cry with each other more than any small town I know of. You have

to understand that I haven’t lived anywhere else, as I said I have observed and listened.

-We follow our ball teams with enough energy to suit up if our bodies would just give the go ahead. We hurt when they lose a game, and we boast when they win. We just know without our yelling they would not have scored an extra ten points.

-We look with pride at our young people and realize that someone is doing something right. Someone is sowing seeds of confidence in each young person as he or she matures. Parents? Teachers? Coaches? Grandparents? - A village to raise a child.

And then we hurt! Boy, can we hurt! An accident involving one of our own, and we begin to pray for you and yours. A diagnosis of cancer, Alzheimer’s or any life threatening disease is cause for pain and compassion among us. The loss of a life can rock us to the very core of understanding! We fervently look for sources of healing for those who are

ailing - we feel so hopeless sometimes. It’s kind of like falling down and skinning your knee. You know in time each of us will heal, but there will always be that scar. A positive thing, that scar. You will always look down at the blemish and remember when this community of enduring folks came together.

After we cry, we allow the balm of love to begin the healing process that caused the threads of our community blanket to withstand one more rip. The generations to come will learn of our ability to weave threads of hope into each pattern of our blanket. Our young people and their peers will observe the strength of our community. They will rejoice that someone cared enough to pass on an inheritance that has absolutely nothing to do with material blessings. And they will laugh! We will hear them as they grow up and thank God for allowing us to glimpse the future. We do not exist alone - you do realize that, right??

The Mockingbird Sings Again – Maybe

By Clayburn Peeples

Supposedly, so the story goes, or at least one version does, sometime in the late 1950’s a young Southern writer named Nelle Lee took a rough draft of a novel she had written, to a New York publisher. The book was about a New York woman who had grown up in the Deep South, moved to the city, and had gone back home to deal with her father. The editor to whom she showed it found the woman’s effort to be a hodgepodge of anecdotes about small-town Southern life, but also found some of the stories to be compelling enough that she told the author to go home and weave them into a single narrative. The editor also suggested that the best of the stories dealt with flashbacks to the 1930’s when the protagonist was a 10-year-old girl. Why not make the novel about that girl, the editor suggested.

So the would-be author went home and rewrote her stories into a single tale of a singular summer in a small Southern town in the midst of the Great Depression. She had originally titled her novel, Go Set a Watchman, but she called her second offering, Atticus, the name of the protagonist’s father. She took it back to the publisher.

It was then rewritten again, and the title was changed again, this time to a fragment of a line spoken by the girl’s father. They called it, To Kill a Mockingbird. The young author also decided, just before publication, to drop her first name from the cover and go by her middle name instead, “Harper.” Harper Lee would be her literary name.

And so it came to pass that the third time was a charm indeed, and in 1960, the same year John Kennedy was elected president, the third draft of To Kill a Mockingbird was published with little fanfare but tremendous

success. It sold and sold and sold, and is, right now, on the bestseller lists again.

In 1962, it was made into one of the most beloved movies of all time. Gregory Peck, who played Atticus in the movie, once said that he couldn’t sleep at all the night he read the script for fear the part would be offered to someone else before he could say “yes.”

They didn’t, of course, and Gregory Peck will be forever the face of Atticus Finch, the inspiration, and aspiration, of just about every small-town lawyer in the South, perhaps in the entire nation as well. Many lawyers today will say that the book, To Kill a Mockingbird, and/or the movie adaptation of it, inspired them to go into law as a profession.

Miss Lee, the author, never wrote again after the book’s publication. The sequel everyone expected and eagerly anticipated never came, and as the years melted into decades, it became obvious to even her most ardent fans that it never would. Critics called her a one-hit-wonder and said she had the greatest case of writer’s block in history. Some even speculated that she hadn’t actually been the author of Mockingbird. She was a childhood friend of Truman Capote’s, who was the inspiration for the character “Dill” from the novel, and she was working with him on his book, In Cold Blood, around the time of the publication of Mockingbird. Maybe, say some, it was Capote who really wrote To Kill a Mockingbird.

Or maybe, say her defenders, knowing that she had written a masterpiece, she just decided it would be futile to try to do anything to top it. Maybe she just decided to leave well enough alone. For 55 years now, she has refused to talk about it at all.

Until now, at least, says her lawyer: Earlier this month the literary world was shocked and thrilled to hear that a new Harper Lee

novel will be published this summer. Miss Lee, who is still living, has authorized the publication of her long-ago first draft of To Kill a Mockingbird, the one called Go Set a Watchman, to be published. Supposedly it is set in the 1950s and features Scout, the protagonist in To Kill a Mockingbird, as a young woman living in New York who returns home to Alabama to deal with her father Atticus, who plays a much larger role in this version.

So this is great, right? Well, not everyone thinks so. The manuscript in question had been presumed lost, even by Harper Lee herself for the last 50 years until it was “discovered” by her lawyer recently.

Miss Lee, 88 years old, is legally blind, almost deaf and frequently fails to recognize even her friends. She supposedly authorized publication of the novel, but plenty of people think she is no longer competent enough to do so, and wouldn’t agree to it if she was. Some of her defenders and friends say she would not want this early effort published, that it can’t be anywhere nearly as well-written as To Kill a Mockingbird and that if not, it will tarnish her reputation and possibly even fuel renewed speculation as to the authorship of Mockingbird. They fear she is being manipulated.

But whether it’s a good idea or not, the book is coming out, this summer. The most beloved book in modern history will finally have a sequel, written, ironically, before the book whose story it continues.

And even though it won’t be published until next July, and no one knows for certain what it is even about, or if it is any good at all, advance orders have already propelled it to near the very top of the New York Times bestseller list.

Not bad for a bird we’ve never heard sing.

Rep. Andy Holt is Subject of Channel 5 Investigation

News Channel 5 in Nashville aired its investigation of State Representative Andy Holt’s swine operation during a Monday night segment. Holt said he quit the hog business in late 2014.



Ben Hall, investigative reporter, interviewed Holt about the operation and its reported lack of the necessary permits through the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The interview indicated Holt

was illegally dumping waste from the operation into a stream and that the carcasses of dead swine were not properly disposed.

The investigative report implied the TDEC turned its head to the violations and Holt was granted favorable treatment.

According to www.newschannel5.com, “The Republican lawmaker’s hog farm in Dresden, Tennessee in Weakley County had as many as 1,400 hogs.

“But NewsChannel 5 Investigates discovered that, despite his claims of heavy government regulation, the state ignored “serious” environmental violations on his farm and let him operate for years without a permit.

“A state inspector took pictures showing

dead hogs -- not properly buried -- on a visit to Holt’s farm in 2011.

“He also photographed hog waste being pumped out of an overflowing lagoon and into a nearby creek.

“It turned the creek black a mile away.”

Holt told Hall that he was no longer in the swine business and had quit in late 2014.

<http://www.jrn.com/newschannel5/news/newschannel-5-investigates/State-Inspector-Discouraged-From-Citing-Lawmaker-292109061.html>

Looking Back
From Our Archives...

10 YEARS AGO- The town of Henry has received a \$70,000 USDA Rural Development grant to reroute a city street around Repogle Enterprises, a heavy lumber industry.

*Lance Corporal Lindsey Damesworth is serving with the Third Marine Division based in Camp Pendleton, California.

She has just returned from a six-month tour of duty in Iraq where she served with the 11th Marine Expeditionary unit, a special operations unit capable of providing combat services support.

*Dollar General in McKenzie was destroyed by a fire that was intentionally set, according to

investigators for the Tennessee Fire and Bomb Squad.

*The Carroll County office of the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse has relocated to a residential area on Redden Street, behind Thomas Park, Huntingdon.

20 YEARS AGO-McKenzie Police Department has a new officer. Chief Gene Owen announced that Jeffery Venson Davidson would begin work on the midnight shift. Davidson 28, was a five-year veteran of the

Greenfield Police Department.

*Bank of Gleason made a \$1000 gift presentation to Bethel College. The Bank of Gleason, along with many other area supporters, continues to recognize Bethel’s mission of higher education and its contribution to the community.

*Grace Humphreys of Puryear was the first resident admitted to the new McKenzie Health Care Center nursing home.

*Zach Bell, an eighth grader at West Carroll Middle School,

has been chosen “Student Star of the Week” for January and February. He is the son of Addie and Lonnie Bell.

50 YEARS AGO-The C.H. Scott home on Hinkledale Road burned Wednesday morning. The three-bedroom brick structure was completely destroyed as was the household furnishing. The fire was believed to have started from a faulty electrical switch in the kitchen. No one was at home at the time of the fire.

*Arthur Argo, Jr. of Trezevant

was chosen County Heart Fund Chairman for Carroll County. Argo succeeded Troy Smothers of Bruceton.

*Brown Shoe Company will construct a replacement factory for the 42-year-old plat at Union City, Tennessee. The new structure, which will resemble other one-story brick and insulated wall panel plants, will cover approximately 60,000 square feet and include an assembly line conveyor system.

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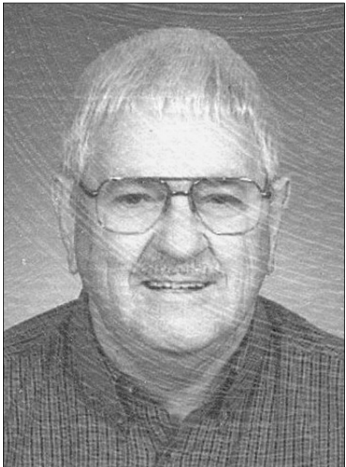
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OBITUARIES



JOE DAVID BRANDON 1941 - 2015

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Joe David Brandon, 73 of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at the Jackson Madison County General Hospital. Funeral services were Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment followed in Liberty All Cemetery. Bro. Mike Ridgely officiated the service. Pallbearers who served were Frank Brandon, Lynn Brandon, Michael Brandon, Parker Brandon, Walter Smothers, and Marty Towater. Honorary Pallbearers were Jerry Nolen, Jerry Fuller, Richard Bennett, and Harold Mayo.

Mr. Brandon was born October 14, 1941 in Huntingdon to the late Enoch Brandon and Elsie (Crossett) Brandon. He retired after 34 years from Noranda, where he worked in the shipping department, was a member of Liberty All United Methodist Church, and worked part-time for the Carroll County Electric Department. He is also preceded in death by one son, James Anthony Brandon and one brother, Douglas Brandon.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Barbara Brandon, two daughters, Shelia Annette Toombs (husband Danny) of McKenzie and Deborah Carol Fuller of Huntingdon; five sons, Mark David Brandon, Barry Joe Brandon (wife Nagisa) both of Paris, Danny Brent Brandon (wife Christy), Kevin Duane Brandon, both of Huntingdon, and Christopher Shane Brandon of Cabot, Arkansas; one brother, Horace Ray Brandon (wife Peggy Joyce) of New Johnsonville, and a sister-in-law, Peggy Brandon of McKenzie. He also leaves fourteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Pd obit.

LILA RUTH GRIFFIN THREE MONTHS OLD

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Lila Ruth Griffin are Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church, McKenzie, Tenn. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie. Visitation will be Friday, February 20, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. the Cedar Avenue Chapel of Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Saturday's visitation is at the church, 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. service time.

Miss. Griffin, three months old, died Friday, February 13, 2015 at McKenzie Regional Hospital. She was born in Jackson, Tenn. on November 10, 2014 to Ryan and Lisa Bradfield Griffin. She is preceded in death by maternal great-grandmother, Mary Ruth Bradfield, maternal great-grandfather, Buddy Edwards, paternal great-grandfathers LJ Griffin and Frank Webb.

She is survived by her parents, Ryan and Lisa, brother, Lute McCaslin of McKenzie, maternal grandparents, Dan and Carie Neal Bradfield of McKenzie, paternal grandparents, James and Rhonda Griffin of Bradford, maternal great-grandmother Bette Edwards of McKenzie, maternal great-grandfathers, Aaron Bradfield and Ken Mitchum both of McKenzie, and paternal great-grandmothers Nancy Webb and Gloria Griffin both of Bradford

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DAKOTA LEE FLATT 2001-2015

CAMDEN — Dakota Lee Flatt, age 13, of Camden, Tenn. died February 8, 2015 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Mr. Flatt was born on March 3, 2001 in McKenzie, Tenn. He was an eighth grader at Camden Jr. High School in Camden. He was preceded by his father, Shawn Phillip Flatt; a grandmother, Thresia Jackson French, a grandfather, Phillip Flatt.

Survivors Include: Mother: Jennifer (John) Joyner of Camden.; two brothers: Trevor Flatt of Martin, and Corey Joyner of Camden; five sisters: Amber Kee of Camden; Cheyanne Bojanowski of Camden; Anastasia Joyner of Camden, TENN.; Katie Thompson of Georgia, Sierra Henley of Martin; grandparents: Carol (Robert) Arnold of Trezevant, Doug (Sherry) Hardin of Paris, Mike (Pat) Joyner of Camden.

Funeral Services were Friday, February 13, 2015 at 2 PM at the Oakdale Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Brian Vitt officiating. Burial was in the Blues Chapel Cemetery in Trezevant.

CHARLES R. BURKE 1933-2015

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Charles R. Burke are Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cedar Avenue Chapel of Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Brother Mark Abbott will officiate. Burial will be at Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Greenfield, Tenn. Visitation will be Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday 9:00 a.m. until service time.

Mr. Burke, the youngest child of eight children, was born December 15, 1933 in Carroll Co., Tenn. to Bland and Norma Burke. He served in the US Air Force as an air policeman in Alaska for three years. Served as a deacon for years at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church (AKA “Good Low Baptist”). He retired from Milan Arsenal after thirty-four years of service.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Frances

Nell Stafford Burke, three sisters, Myrtle Tegethoff, Dorothy Barker and Lucille Burke, three brothers, James Burke, Edward Burke and Ernest Burke and two grandsons, Dalton Hudgins and Derek Burke.

He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Betty Allen Burke, two daughters, Charlotte (William) Leyhue and Michele Hudgins, one son, Keithel (Deb) Burke, all from Greenfield, two step-daughters Betty (Herman) Jones of Huntingdon and Sandra (David) Rimmer of Atwood; brother, William (Pearlie) Burke of Bradford, TN, seven grandchildren Jeremy (Jennifer) Leyhue, Jenea (Jake) Fisher, Jacob Burke, Jessica Burke, Colin Hudgins, Elizabeth Hudgins, Emily Hudgins, four step-grandchildren Daniel Jones, John Jones, Jeanie (Jeremy) Brooks, Randy O’Neal, five great-grandchildren Hailey Leyhue, Eli Leyhue, Blane Fisher, Josie Fisher and Jentry Burke.

My precious Charles, I asked the Lord for a Christian husband and he gave me you. You were such a blessing from the beginning to the end. I love you and will miss you so much. You will be missed by everyone.

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MALCOLM STANTON GILCHRIST

Malcolm Stanton (Gil) Gilchrist, Colonel, retired U.S. Army, age 72, of Sevierville, Tennessee died Monday, February 09, 2015.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, Sevierville.

Col. Gilchrist graduated from the U.S. Military Academy and earned Master's Degrees from Rice University and U. S. Army War College. He retired after 26 years in the U.S. Army, having served two tours in Vietnam. He was awarded the Silver Star for Valor as well as two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. He served in various leadership positions throughout his career, including a tour in the Pentagon on the Army Staff. Following retirement from the Army, he held a key position with and retired from the National Rifle Association.

He was always a soldier and loved reading all things military. He loved gardening, enjoyed playing bridge, loved animals and was an avid supporter of the Sevier County Humane Society. He served as the secretary of the Sevierville Salvation Army Council. Col. Gilchrist was a Mason and Shriner.

He was preceded in death by parents Colonel (Retired) Malcolm Frank and Mrs. Mary Stanton Gilchrist and his sister, Ann Gray Gilchrist.

Survivors include his wife

Martha Carden Gilchrist; son Malcolm Thomas Gilchrist and wife Tracy and their daughters Maddy, Morgan, and Katie; daughter Ann Gray and husband James D. Shell and their son Andrew J. Young and wife Julia, daughter Abigail, and son John T. Young; brother Michael Gilchrist and wife Shannon; sister-in-law Diane Bannister Carter; niece Lynn Gates Mazurkiewicz and husband Anthony; niece Lee Carden Martin; nephew Alan Gates and wife Vail; nephew Lane Gilchrist and wife Wendi; nephew Jack Gilchrist and wife Katie; nephew Courtney Carter; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to Sevier County Humane Society Building Fund, P. O. Box 976, Pigeon Forge, TN 37868.

Funeral services were Thursday, February 12 at First Baptist Church, Sevierville with Rev. Dan Spencer and Rev. Jerry Hyder officiating. Following the service military honors were provided by American Legion Post #104. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements were by Atchley Funeral Home, Sevierville. (www.atchleyfuneralhome.com) pd. obit

EDWARD RAY HUBBARD 1962-2015

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Edward Ray Hubbard were Monday, February 16, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cedar Avenue Chapel of Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Burial will be at Jolly Springs Cemetery, Dresden, Tenn.

Mr. Hubbard, 52, died Friday, February 13, 2015 at VA Hospital, Nashville. Mr. Hubbard is a disabled Air Force Veteran, a member of the AMVETS and DAV. He was born May 13, 1962 to Arthur Joe and Vivian Loucille Williams Hubbard. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Pam Franks and brother, Nathan Massey.

He is survived by his wife, Glenda Hubbard of McKenzie, two daughters, Carrie Hubbard and Cherity Hubbard, both of McKenzie, one sister, Pamela I. Roberts of Texas, three brothers, Jim Hubbard of FL, Jeff Hubbard and Jerry Hubbard both of Arkansas and three grandchildren.

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KEITH ANTHONY MELTON 1962-2015

MCKENZIE — Services for Keith Anthony Melton, 52, were Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home with Brother Bob Hutchins officiating. Interment was at Enon Cemetery.

Mr. Melton, a small engine mechanic, died Wednesday night, February 11, 2015 at his residence. He was born on December 13, 1962 in Milan, Tenn. to Wade Alton and Molly Sue Edwards Melton. He was preceded in death by his father Wade Melton and his step-father Andrew Morris.

Survivors include two daughters Deanna Crutchfield of Ashland City, Tenn., Dana Wells of Gleason, Tenn., a son Wade Melton of Paris, his mother Molly Morris of McKenzie, two sisters Diane (John) Allen of McKenzie, Judy (Kevin) Alex-

ander of Rutherford, Tenn., and six grandchildren.

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

FRANK BRAWNER 1936-2015

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Franklin D. Brawner were Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cedar Avenue Chapel of Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Burial will be at Everett's Chapel Cemetery, McKenzie, TN.

Mr. Brawner, 78, died Friday, February 13, 2015 at Jackson Madison County General Hospital. Mr. Brawner is a retired Captain for the Memphis Police Department and a member of McKenzie Church of Christ. He was born November 18, 1936 to Paul McKenzie and Juanita Brogdon Brawner. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Joyce Chapman and Barbara Montgomery.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Shirley Rodgers Brawner of McKenzie, daughter, Beth Brawner (Barry) Moon of Jasper, Ala., two sons, Roger Brawner of Nashville and Dana (Katie) Brawner of Commerce City, Colorado, two sisters, Melba Summers and Virginia (Richard) Hooton, all of McKenzie, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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PAX ROE OWEN INFANT

Pax Roe Owen, infant son of Richard and Amber Owens Owen, of McKenzie, Tenn., died Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at Henry County Medical Center in Paris, Tenn.

Besides his parents, he is also survived by his one sister, Heather (Brady) Jackson of McKenzie; one brother, Justin (Kara) Owen of Nashville, Tenn; Grandparents, Roger and Peggy Owens of Henry, TN and Regina Owen of Henry, Tenn.; and Aunt, Rose Ellen Wade of Sharon, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Coach Owens Morley; and a grandfather, Roe Owen.

Arrangements were handled by Ridgeway Funeral Home, Paris, Tenn. He is to be cremated. Candise Farmer conducted the memorial service.

BLONDELL SEIBER 1948-2015

Mrs. Blondell Seiber, 66, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at her home.

Funeral services were Friday, February 13, 2015, at 1:00 PM in the Chapel of Dilday – Carter Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Hebron Cemetery. Brother Mitch Cameron officiated the services.

Mrs. Seiber was born December 24, 1948, in Huntingdon, Tennessee, to the late Felix Washington Bell and Myrtle Jane Noles Bell. She was preceded in death by her husband, Les Seiber. She was a cashier for Walmart.

She is survived by a sister, Brenda Bell, of Milan, Tennessee, and a brother, Roger Bell, of Huntingdon, Tennessee.

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

BETTY VAUGHN ANTWINE 1933-2015

Services for Betty Vaughn Antwine, 81 of Gleason, were Monday, February 16, 2015, at Williams Funeral Home at 2 p.m. with burial in Tumbling Creek Cemetery. She is survived by four sons, David (Peggy), Jimmy (Lisa), Herman (Jan), and Ronnie Vaughn, all of Gleason, one daughter, Judy (Curtis) Mayo of Gleason, brothers Doyle (Sue) and Loyle Martin, both of Gleason, and Carmen (Linda) Martin of Paris, and one sister, Nettie (Gale) Dilday of Westfield Center, Ohio, 12 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

KENNY LOUIS PEARSON 1955-2015

Mr. Kenny Louis Pearson, 59, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Sunday, February 8, 2015 at the Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 1:00 PM in the Chapel of Dilday – Carter Funeral Home. Pastor William Davenport officiated the services.

Mr. Pearson was born November 8, 1955, in Carroll County, Tennessee, to the late Mather and Martha Weathers Pearson. He was a member of the Third Avenue Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Stevie Pearson, Paul Pearson, two sisters, Anna Ren and Regina Pearson.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Glisson Pearson, a daughter, Keisha Glisson, two grandchildren, Shawn and Caylee. He also leaves six brothers, Richard (Wilma) Pearson, Earnest Pearson, both of Huntingdon, TN, Billy (Marti) Pearson, Nathan (Connie) Pearson, Randy Pearson, Robert Pearson, all of Champaign, IL, two sisters, Minister Frances Kay Pearson, of Huntingdon, Tenn., and Patricia Carter, of Nashville, Tenn., several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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

LOTA ANN CLARK PARK 1927-2015

BRUCETON — Mrs. Lota Ann Clark Park, 87, of Bruceton died Saturday, February 14 at Jackson-Madison County Hospital. Funeral services were Monday, February 16 at Bruceton First Baptist Church.

She was born November 24, 1927 in Carroll County to the late Garvin Clark and Mrs. Lonie Brown Clark. She was a retired employee of Camden General Hospital.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Mr. John Cooper Park and two sisters, Ava Smothers and Brooxie Clark.

Survivors include: husband, Philip Park of Bruceton; one daughter, Phyllis (Robert) Taylor of Huntingdon; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Bruceton Funeral Home was in charge of services.



Perspective McKenzie
I Don't Understand All That I Know
By: Bob McDonald

When I was 15 years old, my dad passed away. I remember mama telling me, “You have to be the man of the family now.” Being older than my sister or brother, I understood that many things would now be on my shoulders. Daddy had been a good person to give advice, and many of his teachings I still remember. Advice like, “Don’t tell everything you know, for the person you are telling will know what he knows and what you know and then be smarter than you.” Not exactly a perfect truism, but a good thought. “If you don’t try you won’t get anything done”; “treat others like you would want to be treated”; “Don’t be late, show up on time”; and, “If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again.”

Some of the simple adages go back in time. Remember reading of John Paul Jones telling his men “Don’t give up the ship!” In life you can’t always control what happens to you; but you can control how you respond.

A sales manager at a company I once worked for in Memphis had regular meetings where we sales people all sat together at a table. He would have us all toss out ideas (regardless of how silly some of them might seem) and we would discuss how to improve sales in regard to those ideas presented. Communication is the

root of so many things that happen. Sometimes, something that may have sounded stupid, can be picked up on, expanded, discussed many times, and changed into something really worthwhile. But, regardless of why or how-change continually happens.

The 1879 McKenzie Business Directory featured several saddle shops, wagon makers, blacksmiths, axe handle factories, shoe makers, livery stables, and other types of businesses that are not around now. A lot of you can remember when this area shipped a huge amount of sweet potato plants from here. Remember the big shed situated on the side of McCadams Implement beside the railroad track? The shed was filled with crate after crate of sweet potatoes, most of which were grown around Gleason. In fact, many folks still call Gleason “tater town.” It would be difficult for most folks today to imagine the quantity of sweet potatoes that originated around “tater town” that were shipped all over the country. Steele Plant Company was the big supplier. When harvest season came around, the shed became the center for shipping the grown potatoes. The oversized potatoes were called “Jumbos”. Daddy would manage to buy jumbos for us to eat. Man! Sliced and fried-so tasty! Mama knew how to fix them just right. Mmm!

If you’ve never eaten a slice of fried sweet potato you have really missed out.

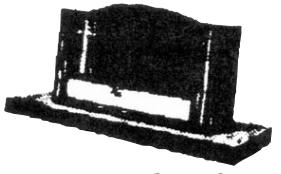
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This wonderful tribute is dedicated to the memory of
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in gratitude to all who honored him with your presence, your precious cards, your phone calls, your face book messages, your delicious food, and most of all your prayers!

When Great Trees Fall
by Maya Angelou
May 28, 2014
When great trees fall,
rocks on distant hills shudder,
lions hunker down
in tall grasses,
and even elephants
lumber after safety.

When great trees fall
in forests,
small things recoil into silence,
their senses
eroded beyond fear.

When great souls die,
the air around us becomes
light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.
Our eyes, briefly,
see with
a hurtful clarity.
Our memory, suddenly
sharpened, examines,
gnaws on kind words
unsaid,
promised walks
never taken.

Great souls die and
our reality, bound to
them, takes leave of us.
Our souls,
dependent upon their
nurture,
now shrink, withered.
Our minds, formed
and informed by their
radiance, fall away.
We are not so much maddened
as reduced to the unutterable
ignorance of
dark, cold
caves.

And when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always
irregularly. Spaces fill
with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.
Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us.
They existed. They existed.
We can be. Be and be
better. For they existed.

- Maya Angelou

MATTER OF RECORD

Property Transfers

•Regions Bank to Gregory Bookout and others in District 3.
•Margaret G. Brakebusch to Margaret G. Brakebusch in District 4.
•David L. and Brian G. Johnson to Kimberly J. Maness in District 7.
•Allen and Kimberly J. Maness to Tommy G. and Christy Altom in District 7.
•Town of Hollow Rock to Jack Van Goethem in District 16.
•Amy L. and Otis Jerry McKenzie to Austin L. and Andrea R. Jones in District 11.
•Ricky Brockman to Nathan Brockman in District 2.
•Larry Kelly to The Kelly Family Revocable Living Trust in District 6.
•Tamaralyn D. Cunningham to Vernon and Ruthie L. Stem.
•Barney and Valerie Hyatt to Daniel A. and Jackie K. Gant in District 13.
•Don and Dianne Harris to Ryan A. and Cera Brockman in District 11.
•Betty L. Simmons Wilson to

Tina M. Johnson.
•Lee M. Carter to Stanley Carter in District 11.
•Margaret L. Sellers to Jon Jeremy Seymour in District 6.
•James S. and Wanda L. Bartholomew to the City of Clarksburg in District 13.
•Larry P. and Frances E. Musser to Rodney G. and Robin J. Bost in District 11.
•Shannon Mikel and Keith Lynn Vaughn to Joseph Ryan Latch in District 2.
•Robert Joe and Sherry M. Johnson and others to Josh and Jennifer Johnson in District 11.
•The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Wilma Lynn Norton in District 9.
•Steven L. and Kimberlie Haywood to Jimmy Siggers in District 8.
•Stephen L. Hughes to Kelly-Keel, LLC in District 6.
•William D. and Patricia Scarbrough to Dusty McDaniel in District 3.
•David and Melinda Ferguson to Casey Drewry in District 4.

McKenzie Police Reports

Drug Violation / Paraphernalia – Promise Hicks, 20, and Latricia Deuerling, 24, both of McKenzie, were arrested on Thursday, February 12, 2015 by Ptl. Michael Pershell on Forrest Circle for a drug violation (methamphetamines) and unlawful drug paraphernalia.
Warrant Arrest – Ted Mayberry, 42, of McKenzie, was arrested on Thursday, February 12, 2015 by Sgt. Chad Davis on Allen Street for a warrant out of Madison County.
Burglary – On Sunday, February 15, 2015, Ptl. Kyle Beauchamp and other officers were dispatched to Linden Street due to a storage building being broken into and tools stolen from it. Investigation in the incident is ongoing.
Warrant Arrest – Jonathan Sands, 29, of McKenzie, was arrested on Saturday, February 14, 2015 by Ptl. Jonathan Goodrum on Highland Drive for a probation warrant out of

Henry County.
Driving on Suspend License – Jamison Johnson, 24, of McKenzie, was arrested on Saturday, February 14, 2015 by Ptl. Chris Adams on Garland Street for driving on a suspended or revoked license.
Cruelty to Animals – Stephanie Lukens, 28, of McKenzie, was cited into general sessions court on Sunday, February 8, 2015 on Stonewall Street by Ptl. Chris Adams for cruelty to animals.
Driving on Suspended License – Reva Watson, 46, of Ripley, was arrested on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 on Highland Drive by Sgt. Chad Davis for driving on a suspended or revoked license.
Driving on Suspended License – Demertios Sinis, 60, of Martin, was arrested on Monday, February 9, 2015 on Highway 22 N by Ptl. Kyle Beauchamp fOr driving on a suspended or revoked license.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust dated November 8, 2002, of record in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, in Trust Deed Book 495, page 1159 with a Modification and Extension Agreement recorded in Trust Deed Book 623, page 785, ROCCOT, PHILLIP BEASLEY did convey in trust, to CURTIS MAYO, TRUSTEE, a tract of land hereinafter described, to secure the payment of the indebtedness described in said Deed of Trust to BANK OF GLEASON; and,

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust provides that in the event of default in the payment of the debt secured by said Deed of Trust, when due, or in the event of failure to comply with any of the conditions and/or covenants of said Deed of Trust, the whole amount of the unpaid principal sum, together with all interest due and accrued upon the same, together with all other payments agreed to be made, shall, at the option of the holder, become due and payable immediately without demand or notice thereof; and,

WHEREAS, W. Kent Jones was appointed Substitute Trustee by Appointment of Substitute Trustee, as provided for in Trust Deed Book 640, page 165, Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and there have been other violations of the conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the owner and holder of said debt has instructed the undersigned Substitute Trustee, to foreclose said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority in me vested as such Substitute Trustee, I will on the 13th day of March, 2015, offer for sale and sell in front of the Courthouse in Huntingdon, Tennessee, at the hour of 10:05 a.m. to the last, highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, dower and curtesy rights, and all other rights or exemptions of every kind, and all unpaid taxes, to effect satisfaction of principal, interest and costs due on said promissory note(s) and Deed of Trust aforementioned, as well as to pay all attorney's fees and costs necessarily incident to this foreclosure, the following tract of land, situated in the 4th Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake on the south margin of David Street, it being the northeast corner of Lot No. 30; runs thence south 32 degrees west with the east line of Lot No. 30, 216.5 feet to a stake; thence east 100 feet to a stake; thence north 32 degrees east 218 feet with the west line of Lot No. 32 to a stake in the south margin of David Street; thence west with the south margin of David Street 100 feet to the point of beginning and being Lot No. 31 of the First Addition to Long Subdivision, a plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 1, page 13, of the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee. Description taken from previous deed. Being all of that property as shown in Map 2-O, Group C, Parcel 32.00, Assessor's Office of Carroll County, TN.

For source of title see Deed Book 295, page 436, in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 150 David St., McKenzie, TN but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

The debtors' equity of redemption, homestead, dower and all other rights or exemptions of the debtors are waived in said deed of trust, and the title is believed to be good, but said real estate will be sold and conveyed by me as Substitute Trustee and not otherwise.

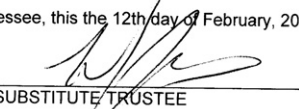
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: NONE

Said sale will be made by Substitute Trustee only, without covenants of seizin or warranties of title, and title will be made subject to any unpaid taxes and assessments and all valid restrictions, liens, covenants or easements, if any, of record on said property.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth herein, or with publication setting out the new date, time and place for the sale.

This law firm is acting as a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated at Huntingdon, Tennessee, this the 12th day of February, 2015.


SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

THE JONES LAW FIRM
19478 WEST MAIN STREET
HUNTINGDON, TN 38344-0707

General Sessions

February 11
The following cases were disposed:
Joshua W. Black, Byrd Road, Gleason: worthless checks-up to \$500-restitution to be paid in full, 11 months and 29 days supervised probation.
William K. Brown, West Gowan, Medina: DUI #1-fined \$350, sentenced to serve 11 months and 29 days suspended except 48 hours, supervised probation for 11 months and 27 days, not to drive in Tennessee for one year, DUI School, report to serve on March 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., sentence may be served on consecutive weekends. Failure to appear on citation-dismissed.
Matthew Cline, Fall Creek, Rockwood: failure to appear-misdemeanor-dismissed.
Michael Anthony Cutts, Fry Road, Lavinia: DUI #1-DUI School, 11 months and 27 days supervised probation. Implied consent-dismissed.
Brandon Emerson, Highway 77, Atwood: driving while license suspended-dismissed-cost to defendant.
Rosendo Estrada, May Street, McKenzie: public intoxication-\$50 fine and cost on guilty plea.
Joel Shane Fry, Highway 70, Cedar Grove: driving while license suspended-dismissed-cost to defendant-driver had driver's license.
Candace L. Gatlin, O'Brien Road, Cedar Grove: possession of schedule III-sentenced entered.
Patrick C. Harris, Hunt Street, Huntingdon: reckless driving-5 months and 27 days unsupervised probation. Financial responsibility law-dismissed. Drivers to exercise due care-dismissed.
Michael Horton, Old Stage Road, Huntingdon: worthless checks-up to \$500-dismissed.
Eric Jay Johnson: simple possession-dismissed.
Matthew D. Mathis, Hunter Ridge Cove, Huntingdon: underage consumption-pre-trial or judicial diversion.
Markell Nolen, Hamilton Street, McKenzie: financial responsibility law-dismissed. Light law-motor vehicle-dismissed.
Robert G. Peery, Dollar Hill Road, Buena Vista: unlawful drug paraphernalia, uses and activities-fined \$150 and sentenced to serve 11 months and 29 days suspended except 48 hours, supervised probation for 11 months and 27 days, report to serve March 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Driving while license canceled-dismissed. Failure to appear on citation-dismissed.
Robert Wayne Peery, Dollar Hill Road, Buena Vista: driving while license canceled-fined \$150 and sentenced to serve 6 months suspended except for 48 hours, supervised probation for 11 months and 27 days, report on March 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah E. Shaver, Purdy Road, Huntingdon: compulsory school attendance-penalty-unsupervised probation for 270 days.
Robert Johnson Sipes, Gore Park Cove, Lexington: possession unlawful drug paraphernalia-attempt-dismissed. Habitual traffic offender-dismissed. DUI #2-DUI School ordered, not to drive in Tennessee for two years, 10 months and 14 days unsupervised probation. Driving while license revoked-second or subsequent-10 months and 15 days unsupervised probation.
Brooksey N. Wadley, Lexington Street, Huntingdon: probation violation-partial revocation, order to serve 30 days. Failure to appear-misdemeanor-dismissed.

Christopher Warren, Holmes Mill Road, Huntingdon: criminal trespass-pre-trial or judicial diversion.
Ricky Daniel Watkins, Maple Street, Huntingdon: public intoxication-sentence entered.
February 12
Amy M. Anderson, Ode Rice Road, Hollow Rock: prevent / obstruct service of legal process-order to serve 10 days, 5 months and 29 days unsupervised probation.
Jessica Rose Furgal, Lexington Street, Huntingdon: simple possession / casual exchange / two counts. Count one-dismissed. Count two-11 months and 29 days unsupervised probation.
Georgia Hanson, Austin Road, Newbern: theft (up to \$500) / two counts-both counts dismissed.
Bennie Martin Harbin, Voss Lane, Huntingdon: theft (up to \$500)-no contact with E.W. James, credit for time served, 11 months and 19 days supervised probation.
Robert Anthony Hicks, Beech Lake Lane, Cedar Grove: simple possession / casual exchange / two counts. Count one-dismissed. Count two-pre-trial or judicial diversion. Possession unlawful drug paraphernalia, uses and activities / two counts. Count one-dismissed. Count two-pre-trial or judicial diversion. If not paid to be placed on supervised probation.
John D. Hitt Jr., Alabama Street, McKenzie: probation violation-order to serve 10 days, consecutive to present sentence.
Deward L. Little, Lakewood Lake Lane: domestic assault / two counts. On both counts-anger management, A&D assessment and follow recommendations, no contact order is lifted, 11 months and 19 days supervised probation.
Selena Lorenzi, Main Street, Atwood: disorderly conduct-dismissed. Public intoxication-\$50 fine and cost, deferred for 30 days. Failure to appear-misdemeanor-\$100 fine and cost.
Jeffrey D. Mitchell, Butler School Road, Bruceton: Driving while license revoked-dismissed-cost to defendant. Headlights on motor vehicle must operate during inclement weather-dismissed. Possession unlawful drug paraphernalia-attempt-sentence to Carroll County Jail, additional provision of time served, probation term of 11 months and 29 days.
Jennifer Ownby, Aubrey Avenue, McKenzie: worthless checks / two counts-up to \$500. Count one-dismissed. Pay restitution in full. Count two-sentence entered. Fraudulent use of credit / debit card-up to \$500 / 10 counts. Counts 1, 2 and 3-restitution to be paid in full, 5 months and 29 days supervised probation. Counts 4-10-dismissed.
Leona M. Parsons, Bobbit Road, Bruceton: criminal trespass-dismissed, diversion completed.
Gary Phelps, Lindon Heights, McKenzie: public intoxication-fined \$50.
Errol A. Reid, Cherry Avenue, McKenzie: theft (up to \$500)-dismissed, diversion completed.
Barbara Kay Roberts, Forrest Circle, McKenzie: domestic assault-no violent contact with Dianna Clark, pre-trial diversion.
Lashanda Rae Taylor, McClure Street, McKenzie: theft (up to \$500)-restitution to be paid in full, no contact with Dollar General Store, 11 months and 27 days supervised probation.

NOTICE

The Carroll County Beer Commission has received an application for a beer permit for GPHS Inc. d/b/a Atwood Oasis. Application is for on and off premises consumption.

The business will operate as Atwood Oasis and located at 30 Hwy 79 Atwood, TN. The business is bounded on the north by Highway 79, south west by Thomas and Zelma Rodgers, east by Edgar and Sandra Matheny, west by Oasis Road.

A hearing will be held Thrusday, February 26, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Carroll County Office Complex in Huntingdon, TN.

All persons who wish to be heard may be present at this time.

Carroll County Beer Board PO# 101-00024074 6-2

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

PROBATE CASE NO: 2015PA20

ESTATE OF: WILLIE T. TATE, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **5TH** day of **FEBRUARY, 2015** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **WILLIE T. TATE** deceased, who died **OCTOBER 17TH, 2014** were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will forever be barred:

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

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

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

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

This 5TH day of FEBRUARY, 2015.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPLICATE WITH: KENNETH TODD - CLERK & MASTER 99 Court Square, Suite 105 Huntingdon, TN 38344	Executor/Administrator RAY C. TATE Attorney APRIL RICKETTS ELGIN Clerk & Master KENNETH TODD
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Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Aggravated Assault
•A McKenzie man was arrested Feb. 10 for allegedly attacking a McKenzie woman with a machete at their mutual residence.
Deputy Tommy Decanter charged Eric Keith Brister, 53, with aggravated assault. According to Decanter's report, officers responded to a call about a suspicious man sitting on a motorcycle in the middle of Vale-McKenzie Road. Upon arrival, Herndon recognized the driver of the motorcycle as Jesse, and a computer check confirmed that Jesse's license was revoked for a DUI conviction. When Herndon tried to place handcuffs on Jesse, he resisted to the point that officers had to wrestle him to the ground in order to get handcuffs on him.
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Multiple Charges
•A Huntingdon man was arrested on multiple charges Feb. 11 after allegedly fleeing from officers during an attempted traffic stop in Huntingdon.
Sgt. Eric Sawyers charged Lawrence Davis Sherrill, 37, of 33 3rd Avenue with possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine, possession of a schedule VI drug, felony evading arrest, and driving on a suspended license (third offense). Sawyers reported that he attempted to pull over a white Chevrolet Malibu driven by Sherrill because Sawyers had prior knowledge that Sherrill's license was suspended. According to Sawyers, Sherrill took off at a high rate of speed down Beasley Street when he spotted Sawyers' patrol car, disregarding Sawyer's attempts to pull him over. Sawyers followed Sherrill's vehicle into Drew Court, which is a dead end. Sherrill then left his vehicle and fled on foot into a nearby wooded area. He was later apprehended with the help of officers with the Huntingdon Police Department. Three bags of meth and cocaine were found inside Sherrill's car. Officers also found two small bags of cocaine and a small amount of marijuana on the ground where he was captured. Officers seized \$157 found in Sherrill's possession.
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Resisting Arrest
•A Huntingdon man was arrested Feb. 7 after allegedly resisting officer's attempts to take him into custody during a traffic check on the Vale-McKenzie Road.
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Deputy T.J. Herndon charged Dennie Eddison Jesse III, 30, of 3920 Highway 219 with resisting arrest, driving on a revoked license, and possession of drug paraphernalia. According to Herndon's report, officers responded to a call about a suspicious man sitting on a motorcycle in the middle of Vale-McKenzie Road. Upon arrival, Herndon recognized the driver of the motorcycle as Jesse, and a computer check confirmed that Jesse's license was revoked for a DUI conviction. When Herndon tried to place handcuffs on Jesse, he resisted to the point that officers had to wrestle him to the ground in order to get handcuffs on him.
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Domestic Violence
•A Trezevant woman was arrested and a warrant was issued for the arrest of a Gibson County man following a domestic incident in Trezevant.
Deputy T.J. Herndon charged Raven Patrielle Williams, 21, of 1830 Wingo Circle with domestic violence. Herndon also issued a warrant for domestic violence against Earl Singleton II, 27, of Trenton. According to Herndon's report, he spoke to Singleton at Trezevant City Hall, and Singleton told him that Williams had struck him in the head during a verbal argument at his residence. Herndon contacted authorities in Milan, who contacted Williams, took her into custody, and transported her to the county line where Herndon met them and took Williams into custody. After interviewing Williams and other witnesses, Herndon issued a warrant against Singleton, who had not yet been found by officers at the time of the report.
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Theft
•The Sheriff's Department is looking into the recent theft of several items from a cabin on Smyrna Road near Huntingdon.
Greg Baker of Huntingdon told officers on Feb. 8 that items were taken from his cabin at 2152 Smyrna Road on both Dec. 17 of last year and Feb. 5 of this year. Valued together at \$240, the stolen items included an electric pole saw, a hatchet, a remote controlled LED under cabinet light, an LED rechargeable work light, and an outdoor knife set. Baker also said that about \$150 in damage was done to the cabin.
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Huntingdon Police Reports

Drug Possession
•A Huntingdon man and woman were arrested Feb. 7 when illegal drugs and drug-related items were allegedly found in the motel room where they are staying.
Sgt. Joey Hedge charged Victor S. Ouellette and Jennifer L. Greenway, both of Huntingdon Motel, Room #25, with simple possession of schedule VI drugs, possession of schedule II drugs, and possession of drug paraphernalia. According to Hedge's report he went to the Huntingdon Motel to talk with Ouellette, who was watching

over the motel while management was away. Hedge asked if he could come into the room and Ouellette agreed. Hedge reported that Greenway was in the room with Ouellette. He also reported that upon entering the room, he discovered multiple syringes and spoon with what appeared to be Oxycodone. While searching the room, Hedge also discovered more spoons with the same substance in the refrigerator, as well as a small plastic bag containing piece of hand-rolled marijuana cigarettes.

Marriage Licenses

•Aubrey Ray Chamberlain, 46, of Huntingdon to Marilyn Pedregosa Rodrigo, 31, of Huntingdon.

•Branon Reed Phillips, 24, of Hollow Rock to Danielle Nicole Deal, 21, of Lankland, Florida.

NOTICE OF JOB OPENING TOWN OF HUNTINGDON

The Town of Huntingdon is accepting applications from qualified persons for a **full-time Patrolman** for the Huntingdon Police Department. Application forms may be obtained at the Department of Finance and Administration in the Huntingdon Municipal Building, 12740 Lexington Street. Interviews for the position will begin approximately March 11th, 2015.

- Basic qualifications for this position include, but are not limited to:
- (1) Must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older.
 - (2) Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.
 - (3) Possess a valid Tennessee drivers license.
 - (4) Be in good physical condition, be physically able to perform the required duties, and pass a physical examination and substance abuse screening test prior to regular employment.
 - (5) Be free of mental deficiencies and pass a psychiatric evaluation prior to regular employment.
 - (6) Have no convictions for a felony or a misdemeanor involving a charge of "Moral Turpitude".
 - (7) Be of good moral character and be willing to have finger prints filed with the TBI and pass a background investigation prior to regular employment.
 - (8) Be willing to work shift work.
 - (9) Attend formal training as required by the department.
 - (10) Preference will be given to applicants currently certified by the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy and/or have prior law enforcement experience.

The Town of Huntingdon is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Applicants will be considered on the basis of qualifications and suitability regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or non-limiting physical handicap. All employees are initially hired on a 90 day probationary period.

Martha Taylor
Recorder

Mrs. Lorrie Brown’s First-Grade Class Reaches Reading Goal



Mrs. Lorrie Brown’s first-grade class reached their reading goal of 1,000 Accelerated Reader points in February. The class maintained an average of 94.6 percent correct in comprehension while achieving their goal. Congratulations to the class and keep up the hard work.

Mrs. Allison Winston’s Second-Grade Class Reaches Reading Goal



Mrs. Allison Winston’s second-grade class reached their reading goal of 1,000 Accelerated Reader points in February. The class maintained an average of 93.4 percent correct in comprehension while achieving their goal. Congratulations to the class and keep up the hard work.

Mrs. Betsy Campbell’s Second-Grade Class Reaches Reading Goal



Mrs. Betsy Campbell’s second-grade class reached their reading goal of 1,000 Accelerated Reader points in February. The class maintained an average of 95.1 percent correct in comprehension while achieving their goal. Congratulations to the class and keep up the hard work.

Mrs. Kristi Brown’s Fourth-Grade Class Reaches Reading Goal



Mrs. Kristi Brown’s fourth-grade class reached their reading goal of 1,000 Accelerated Reader points in January. The class maintained an average of 91.7 percent correct in comprehension while achieving their goal. Congratulations to the class and keep up the hard work.

Mrs. Tiffany Smith’s Fourth-Grade Class Reaches Reading Goal



Mrs. Tiffany Smith’s fourth-grade class reached their reading goal of 1,000 Accelerated Reader points in January. The class maintained an average of 88.3 percent correct in comprehension while achieving their goal. Congratulations to the class and keep up the hard work.

Cub Scout Pack Collects Blankets



Cub Scout Pack #78 in McKenzie took donations for Warm A Heart Blanket Drive to help give blankets to kids who needed them. The scout members felt each child needed the ability to feel secure, and with a blanket most children have that as security. Well over 30 blankets were collected and donated to United Neighbors in McKenzie to distribute to children in need.

Silver Threads Quilt Guild January Meeting

The January monthly meeting of the Silver Threads Quilt Guild was presided over by Jean Wininger, a short meeting was suggested to allow time for a quilt show. Jean asked members to bring a Valentine themed quilt, table runner, or wall-hanging to the February meeting.

Mureen Carreiro handed out patterns for this year’s block of the month, it is called “Joys of Winter” and has a snowman theme. Maureen will also be in charge of the “Unfinished Projects Challenge” (UFO), this will consist of members bringing their unfinished project in to be photographed, then they will have six months to finish it. There will be a prize awarded.

Quilter Ann Cook of Hol-low Rock was Silver Threads guest of honor and presented the members with a beautiful quilt show. She displayed and described over sixteen quilts that she showed. Each quilt was a work of art with the choice of colors and needle-



Quilter Ann Cook showing her “Double Wedding Ring” quilt to members of the Silver Threads Quilt Guild. Guild members were inspired by Ann Cook’s quilt exhibit. Mrs. Cook shared over sixteen queen-size, hand-quilted quilts.

work used to create it. Silver Threads Quilt Guild wishes to thank Mrs. Cook for taking time to share the beautiful quilts with them.

Silver Threads Quilt Guild

meets the third Tuesday at 10:00 at the Quilt Room in the Carroll County Complex on High Street. For more information, call Jean at 415-7889 or Tammy at 694-0602.

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February 20-26
Area Sports
Calendar

February 20 (Friday) — D13A Tournament at Bethel University-6:00 p.m.-Boys Consolation / 7:30 p.m. Boys Championship.
February 23 (Monday) — Region 7A Girls Quarterfinals-7:00 p.m.-Four satellite games played at higher seed.
February 24 (Tuesday) — Region 7A Boys Quarterfinals-7:00 p.m.-Four satellite games played at higher seed.
February 25 (Wednesday) — Region 7A Tournament at Bethel University-Girls and Boys Semifinal games at 4:00 p.m. / 5:30 p.m. / 7:00 p.m. / 8:30 p.m.
February 26 (Thursday) — Region 7A Tournament at Bethel University- Girls Championship at 6:00 p.m. / Boys Championship at 7:30 p.m.

D13A District,
Regional
Tournament
Changes

Courtesy Brad Chappell-Bethel Associate Director of Athletics
The TSSAA has issued a special announcement regarding completion of the district 13A tournament schedule:
Schools have the remainder of this week to finish district basketball tournaments.
Hopefully, the boy's D13A consolation and championship games can be played at Bethel by Friday night at the latest.
If not, games will keep being pushed back.
Bethel has conference basketball games scheduled at home on Thursday and Saturday, and those games will not be displaced. So, we are looking at playing the D13A Boys consolation / championship games on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday.
Region Tournament Update:
The schedule for the 2015 Region Basketball Tournaments shall be as follows:
There will be no high school games played in Crisp Arena on Monday 2/23 or Tuesday 2/24.
Monday, February 23 – Girls' Quarterfinals @ Higher Seed @ 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 24 – Boys' Quarterfinals @ Higher Seed @ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 25 (Bethel) – Girls & Boys' Semifinals @ 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 26 – Girls' Championship @ Central Site @ 6:00 p.m. followed by Boys' Championship @ 7:30 p.m.

Tentative
Regional HS
Basketball
Schedule

NASHVILLE (February 16) — The Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association released an announcement Monday afternoon regarding deadlines for completion of district high school basketball tournaments. Schools will have until Sunday, February 21 to finish district tournaments. On Monday, February 23 the Region 7 ladies quarterfinals satellite contests will be hosted by the higher seeds with tip-off at 7:00 p.m. The boys Region 7 quarterfinals satellite contests will also be hosted by higher seeds with tip-off at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24.
Both ladies' and gents' Region 7 semifinals will be on Wednesday, February 25 at Bethel University's Crisp Arena with game times at 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 8:30 p.m. On Thursday, February 26 the Region 7 champions will be decided as the ladies title tilt begins at 6:00 p.m. and boys title match at 7:30 p.m., also at Crisp Arena.



District 13A MVP Emani Melton makes a ridiculous 30-foot buzzer-beating three-point shot at the end of the first quarter of the ladies' district high school basketball championship in Bethel's Crisp Arena Saturday night.

Lady War Eagles Suffer First Loss as
Lady Lions Claim D13 Championship

Gleason Takes Third
By Lindsey Arnold
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MCKENZIE (February 14) — Bethel University's Crisp Arena served as the venue for the championship and consolation matches of the District 13A ladies' high school basketball tournament Saturday evening. The four-seed Huntingdon Fillies trailed at the half of the opening consola-

tion game, 30-23, before the third-seed Lady Bulldogs of Gleason triumphed via 48-39 final tally.
In the showcase event a defensive first half saw the two-seed Lady Lions erase a five-point, first-quarter deficit to lead at the break, 14-13. Dresden outscored the previously undefeated Lady Eagles in the second half, 25-21, en route to a 39-34 victory to earn the championship trophy. Following presentation of the championship and runner-up trophies, the ladies'

13A All-District team was announced, including West Carroll senior Emani Melton as District MVP and first-year WC head coach Anna Trull as District 13A Coach of the Year.
Dresden 39, West Carroll 34
Lady Eagle Deidra Clark tallied the first points of the nightcap contest with a one-handed floater at the 7:03 mark of the first stanza. Dresden's Millie Bryant countered via lay-up. District
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Rebels, Mustangs Advance to D-13A Championship

Red Devils, Lions
To Face Off in
Consolation

By Brad Sam
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MCKENZIE (February 13) — At Bethel University's Crisp Arena, the top-seeded McKenzie Rebels defeated the four-seed Big Sandy Red Devils, 83-32, on Friday night to advance to the District 13A championship, where they will face the two-seed Huntingdon Mustangs, who topped the three-seed Dresden Lions, 56-48, in the semifinal nightcap. The Lions and Red Devils will face off to determine third- and fourth-place finishes.
Those games, originally scheduled for Monday evening, have been postponed due to hazardous weather conditions. As of press time, the make-up date has not been finalized.
McKenzie Rebels 83,
Big Sandy Red Devils 32
The Rebels set the tone in the opening frame, dominating the Red Devils 26-5. Tyree Owens scored 13 points, including 3 three-pointers. Breshaun Oglesby had 5 points; Jack Surber and Edwin Dudley each scored 4 points. Red Devil Ty Madden sank a three-pointer; Tucker Wade had 2 points.
The Red Devils fought for a closer second quarter, but were still outscored 19-13. Jack Surber scored 8 for the Rebels, including 2 three-pointers. Breshaun Oglesby and Brandon Baucum each scored 4, and Chase Kelly hit a three. Red Devil Ty Madden scored 6 on 2 three-pointers. Trey Phifer nailed a three, and Tucker Wade and Lucas Marvin each scored 2 points.
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Rebel Jack Surber drives to the basket on a fast break, laying it in for 2 points. Surber had 16 points in the victory.

D13A Girls
Tourney
Semifinals

West Carroll Overpowers
Huntingdon; Dresden
Outpaces Gleason

By Ernie Smothers
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MCKENZIE (February 12) — In District 13A girls basketball tournament semifinal action, the 28-0 and state fourth-ranked West Carroll Lady War Eagles utilized the dominating defensive efforts of Madison Heckert (seven blocked shots) and aggressive scoring of Emani Melton (16) and Deidra Clark (14) to overpower the Huntingdon Fillies, 59-36. In the nightcap, Dresden's Lady Lions, bolstered by the return of Carrie Hatchel, defeated a determined Gleason Lady Bulldog squad, 51-40.
Lady War Eagles 59, Fillies 36
Making her presence known early in the first frame, Lady War Eagle center Madison Heckert blocked four shots in the paint before Huntingdon's LeeAnn Webb netted a ten-foot jumper from the right side to give her squad a 2-0 lead at the 5:12 mark. Three minutes later at the 2:11 mark, Lady War Eagle center Madison Heckert netted a jumper down low to knot the score, 2-2. On the ensuing Huntingdon inbound, Lady War Eagle Emani Melton stole the ball and raced to score. Undaunted, Webb connected on a fall-away jumper. In the final minute of the first frame, West Carroll's Melton swished a charity toss and assisted Deidra Clark in the paint as the Lady War Eagles led Huntingdon after one quarter of play, 7-4.
Attacking inside, Fillies Taylor Smith scored of the glass and Jessica Keith converted one-of-two charity tosses as Huntingdon tied the contest, 7-7, at the 5:47 mark of the second canto as West Carroll Head Coach Anna Trull called for a timeout. Resuming play, West Carroll switched gears as Alexis Patterson blocked Keith's shot down low and Heckert scored in the paint. Patterson added a spinning jump shot before Heckert blocked Kaitlin Belew's shot attempt in the paint and scored moments later
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Ladies D13A
Basketball
All-District,
All-Tournament

MCKENZIE (February 14) — Following the District 13A ladies high school basketball championship and consolation contests Saturday night, the All-District and All-Tournament teams were announced. The 2015 All-District 13A ladies team consists of: Big Sandy's Rebecca Caruthers; Bruceton's Shominique Pearson; Clarksburg's Sarah Rickman; McKenzie's Anna Comer and Infinity McClerkin; Huntingdon's Jessica Keith, Kaitlin Belew, and Allyn Swenson; Gleason's Kelsey Bourneman, Lillian Nichols, and Jayden Green; Dresden's Hailey Browning, Jacqueline Ellis, and Kayla Hayes; and West Carroll's Deidra Clark, Madison Heckert, Adria DePriest, and District 13 MVP Emani Melton. First-year Lady War Eagle skipper Anna Trull was bestowed the Coach of the Year award.
The all-tournament team was announced as follows: Huntingdon's Jessica Keith; Gleason's Jayden Green and Mahlesa McDonald; West Carroll's Emani Melton, Madison Heckert, Deidra Clark and Alexis Patterson; and Dresden's Alex Dunn, Hailey Browning, Carrie Hatchel and tournament MVP Jacqueline Ellis.
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SPORTS

Champs

...From Sports Front

MVP Emani Melton nabbed a steal and teammate forward Madison Heckert scored in the post at the 5:20 mark as WC took a 4-2 lead. Bryant answered with a steal and fast break score before a Melton lay-up had the Lady Lions trailing, 6-4. Following a Heckert block, Melton concluded the first frame with a gorgeous 30-foot three-pointer at the buzzer to increase the WC advantage, 9-4.

As the defensive battle ensued, Heckert tallied another block and Clark broke a three-minute scoreless streak (by both squads) via reverse lay-up as Dresden trailed, 11-4. Following Heckert's third block, the Lady Lions' Jacqueline Ellis sank a 13-foot jumper and a college-length three-ball with 1:03 remaining to conclude an 8-2 run. Clark hit a baseline jumper to tally the Lady Eagles other field goal of the second frame, while Dresden's Hailey Browning drove the lane for a lay-up to give her team its first lead, 14-13, with under one minute until the break. Lady War Eagle Alexis Patterson missed a pair of charity tosses as the Lady Lions maintained their 14-13 advantage.

Tournament MVP Ellis then found her stroke early and often in the third period of action, draining three treys and scoring 13 of her team's 14 points during a 14-4 run. Dresden played keep-away thereafter, and maintained sole possession of the ball for nearly three consecutive minutes. Lady Eagle Heckert wrangled an errant Dresden shot and assisted a Melton lay-up at the buzzer as the Lady Lions led, 28-19.

West Carroll battled valiantly in the final canto as a Morgan Lawrence trey at the 7:07 mark trimmed the Lady Lion lead to five. Dresden's Ellis countered with a trifecta of her own (at the 6:10 mark) before WC rallied

via 6-0 run. Clark scored on a put-back, Adria DePriest assisted a Heckert field goal, and Lawrence fed Melton's lay-in with 4:13 remaining as the Lady Eagles trailed, 31-29. Dresden's Browning answered with a float-er and senior Carrie Hatchel scored a pivotal driving lay-up after Heckert split a pair of free throws. Melton sunk a floating jumper to trim the Lady Lion back to three points. Browning split two charity tosses, Patterson scored in the post via Lawrence assist and Browning converted the final field goal of the contest via Kasey Gallimore assist. Hatchel added another swish from the charity stripe as the Lady Lions prevailed, 39-34.

Dresden was paced by the scoring of Ellis (21), Browning (5), Bryant (5), Hatchel (4), Gallimore (2), and Kayla Hayes (2). West Carroll's leading scorers included Melton (11), Clark (10), Heckert (6), Patterson (4), and Lawrence (3).

Gleason 48, Huntingdon 39

Both squads opened the consolation contest with missed field goals before the Fillies' Allyn Swenson notched the first points of the match with a trifecta at the 6:01 mark. Lady Bulldog Jayden Green answered with a hard three-point play as she was fouled on a successful lay-up and sunk the subsequent free throw to knot the scoreboard, 3-all. Huntingdon's Taylor Smith drove the lane with a lay-up before Kelsey Bourneman countered with a pull-up jumper. Filly Swenson swished a pair of charity shots and Gleason's Green nabbed a steal and coast-to-coast lay-in to tie the game, 7-7, with 3:15 remaining. Gleason's Lillian Nichols sank a pull-up jumper from the free-throw line before Filly LeAnn Webb and Nichols exchanged single free throw conversions. Green tallied her second steal-and-score at the 1:46 mark. Swenson scored via driving lay-up with 40 ticks left, and Nichols drained a pull-up buzzer-beater to edge her Lady Bulldogs to a 14-10 lead after one frame.

Filly Kaitlyn Belew trimmed

the Gleason lead to two via Jessica Keith assist to open scoring in the second stanza. Gleason's Green drained a three-ball before Filly Keith scored in the post via Swenson assist. Mahlese McDonald missed a pair of free throws preceding teammate Jasmine McKinney's lay-up. Filly Keith scored via put-back before McDonald atoned for her charity stripe misses with a trey with 4:35 remaining. Keith tallied another post put-back, Bourneman countered via baseline jumper and Nichols added a charity toss. Huntingdon's Swenson sank a trifecta at the 1:57 mark to trim the Lady Bulldog lead, 25-21. Green converted a mid-range field goal, Keith added two charity swishes for HHS, and Green fed Bourneman on a three-pointer as Gleason led at the half, 30-23.

Following two scoreless opening minutes, Belew sank a jumper in the third frame via Swenson assist to end the offensive drought. Swenson swished a baseline field goal to cap a 5-0 Huntingdon run. Gleason ended the quarter with a 7-2 run as Bourneman sank a baseline jumper, Green drained a trey and McDonald converted a driving lay-in at the buzzer to maintain their lead, 37-30.

Filly Belew nabbed a board and put-back before the Lady Bulldogs tallied a 7-0 run, sparked via a hard three-point play by Aubrey Wallace with 5:57 remaining. Huntingdon's Webb answered a pair of Nichols baskets with a three-point conversion at the 2:06 mark and followed a Gleason miss with a 15-foot jumper. Smith tallied the Fillies' final points with a driving lay-up before Gleason converted four-of-seven charity tosses in the final minute to seal the District 13A ladies' consolation win, 48-39.

Gleason was paced by the scoring of Green (18), Nichols (10), Bourneman (9), McDonald (5), Wallace (4), and McKinney (2). Huntingdon's scorers included Swenson (12), Keith (9), Belew (8), Webb (6), and Smith (4).

Rebels

...From Sports Front

The Rebels fired up the offense again in the third, outpacing Big Sandy 30-12. Monty Robinson scored 11 points; Tyree Owens had 6; Jack Surber and Edwin Dudley each scored 4. Breshaun Oglesby had 3 points, and Brandon Baucum scored 2 points. Red Devils Tucker Wade and Trey Phifer each scored 6 points, including a three by Phifer.

Reserves flooded the floor for a quick final frame, with McKenzie out front 8-2. Braden Nanney scored 4 points, and Reed Austin and Paul Watkins each had 2 points. Brook Smalley scored Big Sandy's 2 points.

In the 83-32 victory, Rebel Tyree Owen led all scorers with 19 points (3 threes, 4-for-4 from the line), followed by Jack Surber with 16 (2 three-pointers).

In the loss, Tucker Wade led the Red Devils with 10 points. Trey Phifer (2 threes) and Ty Madden (3 threes) each scored 9 points.

Huntingdon Mustangs 56,

Dresden Lions 48

Huntingdon earned a narrow lead, 10-6, after one quarter. Keeton Bailey scored 4 points; Dylan Johnson, Macon Bullock, and Sadarius Hutcherson each had 2 points. Lion Dylan Yates scored 3 points; Austin Thomas had 2; and Quincy McDonald hit a free throw.

Dresden took a one-point lead into the half, outscoring the Mustangs 15-10 in the second frame. Lion Quincy McDonald scored 10, including a three-pointer. Isaac Davidson had 3 points, and Kourtney Sawyer scored 2 points. Huntingdon's Macon Bullock and Tylan Johnson each scored 5 points, including a three-pointer for each.

The Mustangs took control in the third quarter, outscoring the Lions 21-9. Macon Bullock scored 7 points, including a



Mustang Dylan Johnson gets ahead of the Lion defenders and elevates to the basket.

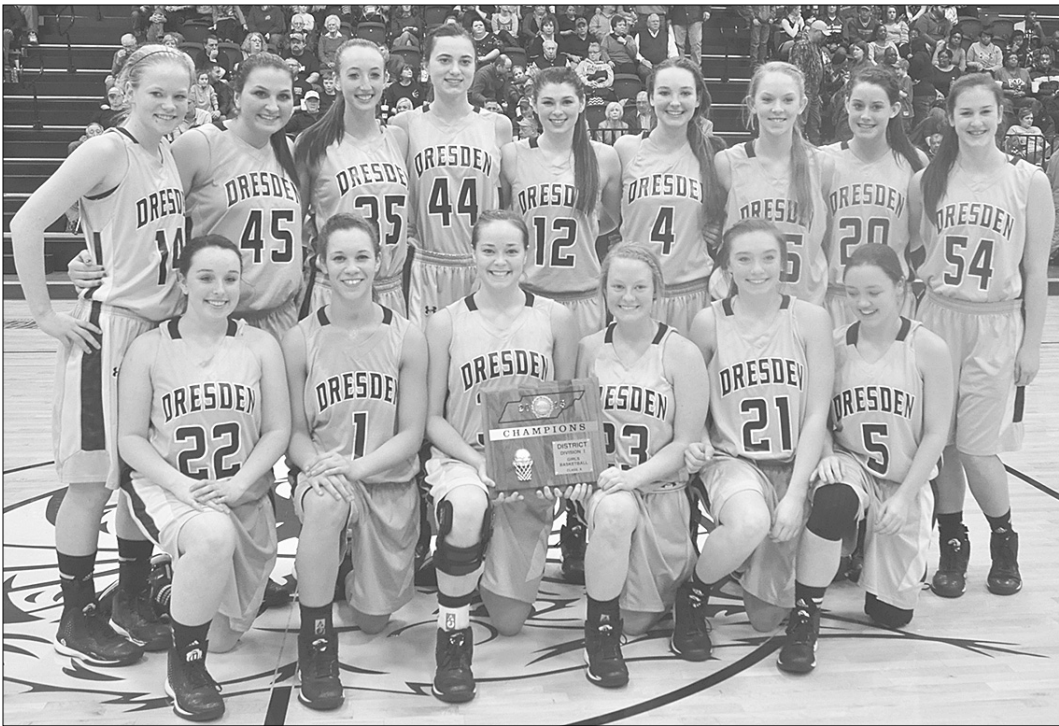
three-pointer. Keeton Bailey, Davion Anderson, and Sadarius Hutcherson each had 4 points, and Dylan Johnson had 2 points. Kourtney Sawyer had all 9 points for Dresden.

The Lions fought back again, outscoring the Mustangs 18-15 in the final frame, but fell short of closing the gap. Lion Brice Williams had 6 points; Kourtney Sawyer scored 4 points. Quincy McDonald and Isaac Davidson each had 3, and Dylan Yates scored 2 points. Mustang

Keeton Bailey scored 6 points, including a three-pointer. Davion Anderson had 5 points, and Tylan Johnson scored 4 points.

In the loss, Lion Kourtney Sawyer led all scorers with 15 points, followed by Quincy McDonald with 14, including a three-pointer.

In the 56-48 win, Mustangs Macon Bullock and Keeton Bailey each scored 14 points. Bullock had 2 threes, and Bailey sank a three-pointer as well.



The 2015 ladies high school basketball District 13A champion Dresden Lady Lions were presented the championship plaque following the contests.



The 2015 ladies high school basketball District 13A runner-up West Carroll Lady War Eagles were presented the second place plaque following the contests.



The 2015 ladies high school basketball District 13A third-place Gleason Lady Bulldogs were presented an award plaque following the contests.



The 2015 ladies high school basketball District 13A fourth-place Huntingdon Fillies were presented an award plaque following the contests.

D13A

...From Sports Front

off the glass, Ramping up via full court press, Lady War Eagle Melton forced a turnover and was fouled. Making the most of her charity line opportunity, Melton swished both tosses as West Carroll led, 15-7, at the 1:38 mark. Following a Fillies miss, Melton assisted Clark in the paint and Clark stole the Fillies inbound and scored. Depriest was fouled after stealing the ball on the next play and sank two free throws. Continuing to shine defensively, Heckert tallied her sixth block of the first half and Clark converted a free throw toss. The Lady War Eagles capped their 19-0 run at the 39-second mark via a Melton steal and score and two charity swishes. Battling back, Huntingdon's K. Belew netted a charity toss and Keith scored via putback at the buzzer as the Fillies trailed the Lady War Eagles at the break, 26-10.

Resuming play in the second half, West Carroll coupled a trey by Depriest with a Heckert deuce off the glass to widen their lead to 31-10. Undaunted, Fillies Keith netted three free throws and Taylor scored via steal. Ramping up, West Carroll combined two free throw tosses by Depriest, with a Melton deuce and Morgan Lawrence jumper from the right side to lead, 37-15, with one minute left in the third square. Huntingdon responded as Marissa Belew and Webb added two charity swishes respectively as West Carroll led at the start of the final period, 37-19.

Despite a solid, 17-point per-



Lady War Eagle Madison Heckert (50) scores as Fillies Jessica Keith (44) defends.

formance by Huntingdon, West Carroll produced 22 points behind Clark's nine-point production to defeat the Fillies, 59-36, and advance to the championship contest against Dresden.

The Fillies fell into the consolation bracket to face Gleason. West Carroll was led via the scoring of Melton (16), Clark (14), Heckert (10), Depriest (7), Patterson (6), Gilley (2), Lawrence (2), and Jones (2).

Huntingdon was paced offensively by Webb (12), Keith (9), Smith (4), M. Belew (4), Angelos (3), K. Belew (2), and Childress (2).

Lady Lions 51,

Lady Bulldogs 40

Erupting offensively early in the first period, Lady Lion Dunn netted three deuces in the paint before Lady Bulldog Jasmine McKinney scored via putback and Mahlese McDonald bottomed a trey and deuce off the glass to give Gleason a 7-6 lead at the 4:04 mark. Responding, Dresden reeled off an 8-0

run as Millie Bryant scored via putback, Alexis Osteen added a steal-and-score, Dunn converted a deuce in the paint, and Carrie Hatchel swished a jumper from the left side to lead, 14-7. Responding, Lady Bulldog Kelsey Bourneman scored a buzzer-beating deuce off the glass as Gleason trailed Dresden, 14-9.

Dresden quickly widened their lead to 20-9 via two trifectas by Jacqueline Ellis by Bourneman bottomed a three-ball from the top of the arch. Lady Lion Ellis netted two charity tosses before Lady Bulldog Darby Reed answered with two freebies as Dresden led Gleason at the 4:10 mark of the second stanza, 22-14. Dresden added two deuces by Gallimore, an Ellis putback, and two Hatchel charity conversions and a Dunn free throw toss to widen their lead over Gleason at the half, 31-22.

Ramping up on both ends of the court, Dresden netted 11 points in the third period via the scoring of Dunn (4), Osteen (3), Hatchel (2), and Hailey Browning (2) while limiting Gleason to a pair of jumpers by Reed to lead at the start of the final frame, 42-26.

Refusing to bow, Gleason outscored Dresden 14-9 in the fourth period behind the production of Green (5), McDonald (3), and respective deuces by Nichols, McKinney, and Bourneman before falling, 51-40.

Dresden was paced offensively by Dunn (13), Ellis (12), Hatchel (10), Osteen (5), Gallimore (4), Browning (3), Bryant (2), and Hayes (2).

Gleason was led via the scoring of Green (13), Bourneman (9), McDonald (8), Reed (4), McKinney (4), and Nichols (2).

District

...From Sports Front



Tim Watkins presents WCHS Lady War Eagle Head Coach Anna Trull with the District 13A Coach of the Year award.



The D13A All-Tournament team included (pictured, from left): Gleason's Mahlesa McDonald and Jayden Green; Huntingdon's Jessica Keith; West Carroll's Alexis Patterson, Deidra Clark, Madison Heckert and Emani Melton; and Dresden's Hailey Browning, Carrie Hatchel and tournament MVP Jacqueline Ellis.



The All-District 13A ladies basketball team included (pictured, from left): (back row) Sarah Rickman, Rebecca Caruthers, Shominique Pearson, Anna Comer, Jessica Keith, Kaitlin Belew, Allyn Swenson, Kelsey Bourneman, Lillian Nichols, and Jayden Green; (front row) Hailey Browning, Jacqueline Ellis, Kayla Hayes, Deidra Clark, Madison Heckert, District MVP Emani Melton, and Adria DePriest.

CALENDAR

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

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

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION FCE TO MEET

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Pennye Mays is Carroll County's FCE County President and can be contacted at (731) 986-4902. The Extension Agent for Carroll County is Gwen Joyner and she can be contacted at (731) 986-1976.

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The McLemoresville Cemetery is in need of upkeep funds. Donations may be sent to: Angie Martin, P.O. Box 44, McLemoresville, Tennessee, 38235.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Northwest Economic Development Council Agency is accepting applications for the 2015 Low Income Energy Assistance Program on October 1, 2014. The programs helps low-income households through direct energy payments to their energy provider. Households with total annual income below 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines may be assisted. Proof of total household income for the previous eight weeks is required to determine eligibility.

The Social Security care for each household member must be provided along with a current energy bill. Persons applying for the program should make an appointment at the Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council Office: Carroll County Service Center, 13355 Paris Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344. Phone: 731-209-4458.

EASTWOOD CHURCH BREAKFAST

Eastwood Church, located at 420 Old McKenzie Road, welcomes Bethel students for a free breakfast every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. with a very casual service to follow at 11:15 a.m. Call (731) 418-1692 for more information.

STRETCH N TONE SESSIONS

Stretch 'N Tone sessions will be at the McKenzie Senior Citizen Center from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. on most Mondays at a cost of \$1.00 per session. The sessions, led by Myrna Johnson, will consist of a variety of stretches for flexibility, Pilates, Yoga, and low-impact cardio movements.

Exercise floor mat required. For more information and next scheduled day, call (731) 402-0607.

VERY SPECIAL ARTS FESTIVAL FEBRUARY 28

The Very Special Arts Festival will be at the Carroll County Civic Center on Saturday, February 28 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Admission is free! In addition to arts and crafts, there will be stage performances and concessions available for purchase.

MCKENZIE CARROLL COUNTY UNITED NEIGHBORS

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

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Food: crackers, tuna, cereal, soup, ravioli, spaghetti, and evaporated milk.

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

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GREATER ENON CHURCH BAR-BQ PORK & BOLOGNA SANDWICH FUNDRAISER FEBRUARY 20

Greater Enon Missionary Baptist Church Center, located at 103 Chestnut in McKenzie (behind the main sanctuary) is having big Bar-BQ pulled pork and bologna sandwiches on Friday, February 20, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Each sandwich costs \$5.00 and comes with a bag of chips and a drink. Delivery is available and advance orders are welcome. To place advance orders, call (731) 415-4396 or (731) 358-4789. Sponsored by the Greater Enon Minister's Department.

SENIOR CITIZEN TRIP TO LYNCHBURG APRIL 24

A senior citizens' trip to Lynchburg is planned for Friday, April 24, 2015 with departure from Huntingdon at 8:00 a.m., lunch at Miss Mary Bobo's at 1:00 p.m. and a tour of Jack Daniel's Distillery at 2:45 p.m. Cost is \$62.00, which includes transportation on chartered bus, lunch, and tour of distillery. For more information, call the Carroll County Office on Aging at 986-1985.

BETHEL THEATRE TO PRESENT "NOISES OFF" FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 1

Michael Frayn's "Noises Off" will be presented by Bethel's Academic Theatre Department on Thursday, February 26, 2015 through Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday,

March 1, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in Bouldin Auditorium on Bethel's campus. General Admission is \$7.00. Tickets are free for students, faculty and staff with ID. Tickets may be purchased at the door. "Noises Off" is an outrageous British farce that is a "spectacularly funny, peerless backstage farce," according to the New York Times.

DAVID HARDY BENEFIT MARCH 14 AT CC CIVIC CENTER

A benefit for David Hardy will be at the Carroll County Civic Center on Saturday, March 14, 2015 beginning at 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Dinner will be choice of grilled chicken breast or tenderloin, includes three sides, roll, dessert and a drink. Tickets in advance cost \$12.00 or \$15.00 at the door. Hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos and popcorn will also be available. Music will be provided and includes the great talent of Cumberland Street Band, Touch of Gray, Tera Townsend, and more. There will also be gun, quilt, ham, raffle and door prizes, hourly auction items, a silent auction, a cake auction, games for children, face painting and more. For more information, or to volunteer to help, call (731) 793-2904.

CARROLL COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER SPRING 2015 REGISTRATION

Registration dates for Carroll County Youth Soccer are as follows: Thursday, February 26 at Central Elementary Gym from 5PM-7PM; Saturday, February 28 at Huntingdon City Hall from 10AM-1PM; Monday, March 2 at McKenzie Railroad Depot from 5PM-7PM; Tuesday, March 3 at Clarksburg City Hall from 5PM-7PM; Thursday, March 5 at McLemoresville Fire Dept. from 5PM-7PM; Saturday, March 7 at Huntingdon City Hall from 10AM-1PM. Please log onto www.cayso.org and pre-register your child and come to one of the sign ups listed above with registration fee and information sheet. \$35 per child if they did play in the fall, and \$45 per child if they didn't play in the fall. For complete registration information, visit www.aysoregion1077.org or call 731-415-9390.

WEST CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL TO HOLD WOMANLESS BEAUTY REVIEW, SILENT AUCTION

A Womanless Beauty Review and Silent Auction is March 14, 2015 at the West Carroll Jr/Sr High School, Atwood, TN. The Silent Auction begins at 6 p.m., and the Womanless Beauty Review begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door. Children NOT in school are Free. The evening is sponsored by the West Carroll High School Project Graduation Class of 2015.

TERRY COMMUNITY PARK T-BALL SIGN UPS

Terry Community Park T-Ball sign ups will be Saturday, February 21 and Saturday, February 28 from 12 a.m.-2 p.m. both days. Children 4-6 years. Cost is \$30 and other sibling \$15. Please bring child's Birth Certificate. For more information, contact Daniel Hart at 731-234-4242.

MHS LADY REBEL SOFTBALL CLINIC

The MHS Lady Rebel Softball Clinic is February 28, 2015 at the McKenzie High School Gym. Girls ages 4-8 will meet from 9:30-12:00. Girls ages 9-14 will meet 1:00-3:30. We will work on hitting, fielding, and running. Please bring your bat and glove. We will start in the gym and if the weather permits, we will also be outside. The cost is \$25; make checks to MHS Softball. Each girl will receive a t-shirt, snacks, and drinks. Prizes will also be awarded. Forms can be

filled out at McKenzie Elementary School or McKenzie Middle School. Please contact Rebecca Jones at MMS at 352-2792 or at jonesr8@k12tn.net

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE FEBRUARY 18 AT 1ST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MCKENZIE

Ash Wednesday Service will be on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of McKenzie, located at 16 McTyeire Street in McKenzie.

VERY SPECIAL ARTS FESTIVAL – CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Organizers for the Very Special Arts Festival need your help making this year's event a success. Individuals, school groups, church groups, and area organizations are asked to participate by sponsoring a make-and-take arts and crafts booth or presenting a talent on stage. In addition to audience favorite Kapellers Tae Kwon Do and MMA, the West Carroll Jr./Sr. High Cheer Squad will be providing a demonstration this year, along with booths from area schools, the Carroll County Farm Bureau Women, Bethel University, and Huntingdon First Baptist Church. Area DJ Curt Taylor will be providing his emcee skills again this year, while Knights of Columbus Council 9754 will be providing concessions available for purchase. All proceeds will benefit individuals with disabling conditions. Everything else during this event is entirely FREE. Each year, over 3000 people attend this event. Please help make this year our very best. For questions or to reserve your performance time or booth, call Linda Furr at 986-4482, ext. 226.

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the upcoming training class (PATH) in McKenzie, February 24 at 6:30pm at Long Heights Baptist Church, Youth Building "The Shack", 95 Doug Lane. To register and/or for more information please call Carrie Hollowell, Home Study Writer with the Dept. of Children's Services at 731-364-4537 or at carrie.hollowell@tn.gov.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM AT MCKENZIE HEALTHCARE FEBRUARY 24

McKenzie Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center will be hosting a Black History Month Program with Mr. George Nolan and Ms. Wilma Pearson on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the main dining area. Refreshments will be served.

CC 4-H CLAYBUSTERS SIGN-UP AT FEBRUARY 23 MEETING

The Carroll County 4-H Claybusters will have an organizational meeting Monday, February 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Carroll County Office Complex, located at 625 High Street in Huntingdon. The Carroll County 4-H Claybusters participate in the Tennessee 4-H and Tennessee Scholastic Clay Target Program shotgun programs. The Claybusters conduct citizenship and leadership activities in addition to shotgun sports. For more information on the Carroll County 4-H Claybuster, contact the Carroll County Extension Office at 986-1976. The Carroll County 4-H program offers 4-H programs to all eligible participants.

READ ACROSS AMERICA NIGHT

You are invited to help celebrate Read Across America at McKenzie Elementary Thursday,

February 26, 5:30-7:00 pm. Join in for a fun evening to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. Cat in the Hat, Thing 1, and Thing 2 will be there. Cookies and juice will be available for everyone. Reading Night will be in the library. Book Swap will be in the gym. There will also be a Book Walk (like a cake walk with books). You will get to decorate a bookmark. Bring your camera for a photo. Don't miss the fun!

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

MCKENZIE "SPRING" CITY WIDE YARD SALE

The McKenzie "Spring" City Wide Yard Sale is May 1 and 2 (always the first weekend of May). Mark your calendars for the Community Wide Event!

LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET FEBRUARY 23

The Carroll County Library Board will meet on February 23 at 4:15 p.m.

BID NOTICE

The West Carroll Special School District will be taking bids to add an additional parking area to the West Carroll Jr/Sr High School. Anyone interested in bidding on this project may contact the West Carroll District office at 731-662-4200 to set up a walk through meeting and pick up specs. This project will be consisting of excavation, preparing a base, paving, putting down an extruded curb and striping. Sealed bids will be accepted up to 12 noon on February 27, 2015.

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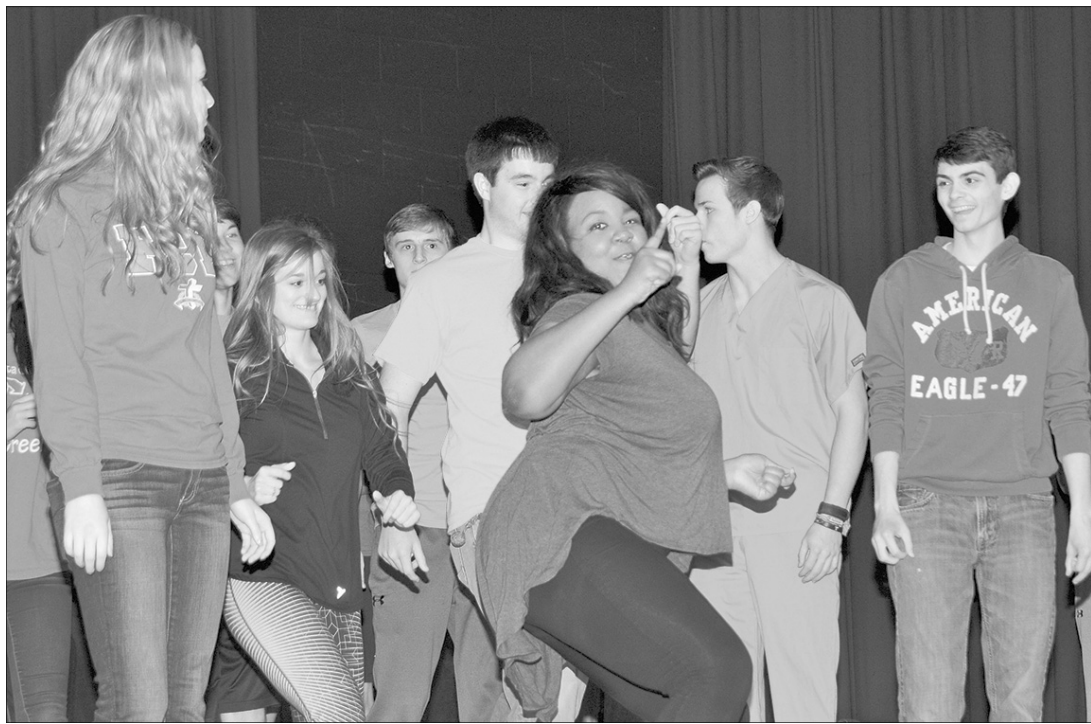
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