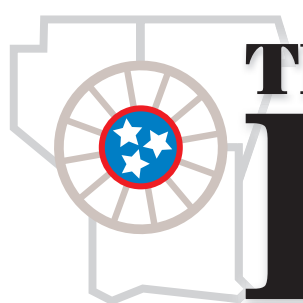




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Missing McKenzie Man Found Dead

Maurice Falls, 50, of 31 St. Johns Cemetery Lane, McKenzie was found dead in a farm pond on Renfro Road on Thursday by the landowner.

According to Sheriff Andy Dickson, on Sunday, May 3, 2020, 8:32 a.m., the family reported Mr. Falls as missing. The Sheriff's Department placed the information in the national database to alert other law enforcement agencies in case they ran his license number on the blue Mustang.

Dickson said the family thought he was possibly headed

to Milan to buy a new cell phone. They had deputies search the area of the home and had the THP helicopter to also search. The cell phone company also was asked to give the whereabouts of his cell phone. Bank records were checked to see if any activity was occurring, which was determined it was not.

Falls had some medical issues, said the sheriff.

A landowner on Renfro Road was on a four-wheeler checking his farmland when he noticed the Mustang stuck in his field, near

the pond. The landowner drove around the vehicle and saw Mr. Falls' body in the pond. Carroll County Rescue Squad was called to the scene for the recovery and the body was sent to Nashville for an autopsy.

According to the preliminary autopsy report, there were no physical marks of trauma on Mr. Falls', said the sheriff. The full report has not been completed, said the sheriff. Anyone with information, please contact Carroll County Sheriff's Department at 731-986-8947.



Maurice Falls

McKenzie, Huntingdon Graduate Sunday

(May 11) — As of press time on Monday, the latest information available concerning graduation plans for Carroll County high schools is as follows:

McKenzie High School graduation is Sunday, May 17 at 3 p.m. at the MHS gymnasium. A backup date of Saturday, May 30 at 3 p.m. is the alternate.

The commencement includes appropriate social distancing between attendees. Each senior has six tickets to give to family and friends to attend, and the event will be streamed live on Facebook. Baccalaureate ceremonies are canceled.

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Budget Committee To Reduce School Budget, Freeze Lake Growth Money

HUNTINGDON (May 8) — In a year in which all government entities are attempting to trim expenses from the 2020-21 budget, Carroll County Budget Committee is considering a reduction in the amount of funding to the Carroll County School District, which operates the county's high school technology center and the county's buses. Last year, the county funded the school at \$1.5 million.

With a reduction in overall average daily membership (students attending the school) at the county technical center, the county can reduce its funding and "maintenance of effort," as allowable

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Huntingdon Man Killed in Weakley County Accident

WEAKLEY COUNTY (April 28) — A Carroll County man lost his life, last week, in an automobile accident between Gleason and Pillowville.

According to Sgt. Jena Eubanks of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, at approximately 1:30 p.m. on April 28, 2020, 58-year-old Tracy Gouge of Huntingdon was traveling east on Brawners Levee Road in a 1999 Pontiac Grand AM, when his vehicle failed to negotiate a curve. The vehicle exited left side of the roadway and struck with a tree. The Pontiac spun and came to a final rest in a ditch.

Sgt. Eubanks states, upon arrival at the scene, it appeared the crash occurred some time during the previous night, but was not located until Tuesday evening.

The victim was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident.

Sgt. Eubanks reminds the public to buckle up, don't drive while distracted and to drive sober.

VP RACING FUELS, INC. HELPS COMBAT COVID-19



Hand sanitizer is the new product line at VP Racing Fuels in Huntingdon.

Hand Sanitizer Production to Begin in Huntingdon

HUNTINGDON — VP Racing Fuels, Inc., a global leader in performance fuels, lubricants, and additives, announced the launch of VP Hand Sanitizer to support the needs of commercial businesses, retailers, and race tracks.

"In response to the COVID-19 crisis and requests from customers, we've expanded our product lines to include a top-quality 80% alcohol antiseptic product," said Alan Cerwick, VP's President and CEO. "This step is part of VP's commitment to helping our customers and channel partners protect their employees and the general public."

On Saturday, May 9, the Huntingdon plant held a job fair to hire additional employees for the new product line. A

small cargo trailer was set up outside the building on Rosser Circle, across from Carroll County Sheriff's Department, to take applications.

The company is new to the area and is ramping up production to begin production of the new product line within 14 days.

Job positions available include production, packing, forklift operators, shipping and receiving.

The company is best known as a world leader in fuel technology in motorsports on land, sea and air.

"We've received requests from many of our distributors and retailers to make available large volume supply of hand sanitizer for their employees and store

locations," said Bruce Hendel, VP's Vice President, North American Sales – Race Fuel and Consumer Products. "We are also in conversations with race series to provide supply for hand sanitizer stations as fans return to race tracks."

VP Racing Fuels has a reputation for quality and performance, and VP Hand Sanitizer was developed and packaged to satisfy the immediate needs of retailers, industry, racers, race enthusiasts, and general consumers. VP Hand Sanitizer is available in a variety of container sizes, including 32-ounce, 1-gallon, and 5-gallon packaging, as well as 54-gallon drums and 325-gallon totes.

Bethel University Lights Up Purple for 2020 Graduates

MCKENZIE (May 8-10) — The COVID-19 pandemic prompted Bethel University to postpone its spring commencement exercises until August 1, the same day as summer commencement.

To honor the graduates who are missing out on a timely graduation ceremony, Campbell Hall was lit up in purple light over the weekend.

In a Facebook video post, Bethel University President Walter Butler announced

the special event with a message to the graduates.

He said, "COVID-19 has changed our way of life. It's been a big change for us, and it's been a big change for you, our students. I want today to wish you happy graduation, but it's not the graduation we had envisioned for you. One of my most favorite things every year at Bethel University is getting to hand that diploma to you graduating seniors who walk across the stage at

Crisp Arena. I'm gonna miss that this time, but we want to still have the opportunity to do that, and we will do it for you at our summer graduation in August. On that particular day, we will have a graduation just for you, our spring graduates, that morning, and then that afternoon we'll have our normal summer graduation. I

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to all of our members for sticking with us during this time and for your patience! We are working hard to keep you and our staff safe! We will be monitoring the number of members within the gym, screening before entering and increasing routine cleaning. Signage with additional details is posted throughout the gym.

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McKenzie City Council Meets Thursday

The City of McKenzie Board of Mayor and Council meets Thursday, May 14 at 6 p.m. The board along with department heads will not be meeting in-person; instead they will be meeting via the Zoom video

meeting Internet application. The only item on the agenda as of press time is further discussion and updates on the lease of the cellular tower located on Como Road adjacent to the municipal park. The

meeting will be made available for public viewing at a later time.

For further information contact McKenzie City Hall at 731-352-2332.



Above, The school board met with appropriate social distancing at the McKenzie Middle School Library. Pictured, 1 to r, are Drew Beeler, Lance Rider, Norman French, Jan Latimer, John Austin, Lynn Watkins, Greg Barker, and LaShonda Williams with Angie Hollowell (back to camera) as secretary. Below Left, Lynn Watkins' employment contract was extended to June 30, 2022 during the May 5 meeting. He is pictured with Norman French, a 10-year member of the board, who resigned his seat during the meeting. French plans to move from the school district. Below Right, Drew Beeler, a graduating senior, was honored with a gift card during his last meeting as student representative to the board.



Watkins' Contract Extended as Director of McKenzie School

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MCKENZIE (May 5) — The employment contract of Lynn Watkins, director of McKenzie Special School District, was extended for a period of two years during the May 5 meeting of the Board of Education.

Meeting at the McKenzie Middle School Library, with appropriate social distancing of the board members, the board unanimously approved the contract.

Norman French, serving in his final board meeting, said the system needs consistent leadership during these tough times. French made the motion to extend Watkins' contract to June 30, 2023. John Austin, chairman, announced French's resignation was effective at the conclusion of the meeting. French, a 10-year member of the board, said he is attempting to sell his home and move.

Watkins, a graduate of McKenzie, started his service as director in the fall of 2009. He started his career in education as an eighth-grade teacher in 1988. In 1996, he was selected as the assistant principal at MHS. In 2000, he was named principal at MMS, but left for employment in private industry for three years before returning as MMS principal in 2007, serving two years before being named as director of schools. He leads a system of 100 certified teachers and administrators and 1,200 students.

The board waived certain requirements of teachers and students in the wake of the early closing of the 2019-20 school year. The school's policies were waived for the year to reflect the statewide closure of schools because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The passage allows the director to pay teachers and others during the closure and to designate certain persons as essential workers. It also allows teachers to continue through telework (virtual classroom).

Watkins said the policy was recommended by Tennessee School Board Association. He praised teachers, on Teacher Appreciation Day, who worked to continue the education of their students. He also praised the school's food service workers for providing grab-and-go meals for children under age 18. The average number of persons served is approximately 200 daily.

Approved was the local textbook adoption committee's recommendation for English Language Arts books, beginning with the 2020-21 school year. Watkins said the 2020-21 year, beginning July 1, is a "big year" for textbook adoption. New textbooks in ELA and math, along with supporting materials, cost approximately \$200,000 for the system.

A contract was renewed with ABM in the amount of \$27,572.94 monthly, \$270,875.27 annually was approved to provide janitorial services throughout the district's buildings. ABM was

the lowest of five bidders. ABM has served the district 12 years, starting with a two-year trial basis at McKenzie Elementary followed by two five-year contracts for services for all the buildings at MSSD.

Watkins announced the BEP census of students is 1,199, down from the last funding census of 1,231.

He announced Ashley (Barker) Lowe was hired to teach high school history and as assistant basketball coach. Cheyanne Kyle, a Bethel graduate, was hired as the MHS special education teacher.

A special meeting of the board is June 11, 5 p.m. for a budget workshop followed by the June 16, 5:30 regular monthly meeting.

The following fees were approved:

Instructional fees: MHS- Science Labs, Art, and Health Sciences, \$15; Biology II Lab Manual \$17.50; Driver's Education \$45; Diploma/Diploma Cover \$26; Health Sciences Scrubs \$40; Computer \$5; TN Ready Test Prep \$5.; Accounting Materials \$27; Cap and Gown \$44; Health Science \$15; Student Professional Health Liability Insurance \$15.

Middle School Science Lab bears a \$10 fee.

Instructional fees at MES are \$20.

Board members honored Drew Beeler, a graduating senior, for his service as the student representative to the board.

COVID-19 Cases, Deaths Increase in Tennessee Over Week

NASHVILLE (May 11) — According to the Tennessee Department of Health, the number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Tennessee increased over the week. Presently, there are 15,544 positive cases (up from 13,571 one week earlier) and a total of 252 deaths (up from 219 one week earlier). The numbers

represent the total number of positive cases during the 2020 pandemic. A total of 1,344 patients were hospitalized and 8,038 have totally recovered.

In Carroll County, there has been one death, 17 recovered and 21 positive cases. A total of 804 were diagnosed as negative.

In Henry County, 13 have

recovered of 15 positive cases and 865 tested negative.

In Weakley County, 22 have recovered of 24 positive cases and 747 tested negative.

In the United States, as of May 10, a total of 1,300,696 positive cases were reported in 2020 with 78,771 deaths, according to Centers for Disease Control.



The new "germ guard" glass is installed at the Carroll County Clerk's office.

'Germ Guards' Installation In Progress at County Office Complex

HUNTINGDON (May 11) — The installation of germ guards at the four front offices at the Carroll County Office Complex on High Street is underway. The building is locked to the public and will reopen either May 18 or the last week of May.

Joseph Butler, Carroll County Mayor, said "germ guards", are being installed between

the clerks and people visiting the offices. The first office to receive the new protection is the County Clerk's Office. Additional glass shields will be installed in the offices of Register of Deeds, Property Assessor, and Trustee.

Each has a small service slot underneath the glass to pass documents.

Mayor Butler said non-touch hand sanitizing stations are also being installed at the complex.

In recent weeks, during the pandemic, office clerks, sheriff's deputies, and some other personnel have worked alternating shifts so not all staff members are in attendance at any one time.

Campbell Family Shares COVID-19 Experience

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MCKENZIE — One local family suffering from COVID-19 is sharing their experience with the public in hopes of raising awareness about the illness and encouraging others to take it seriously.

Brad Campbell began exhibiting symptoms on Monday, April 6, followed by his wife, Courtni, two days later and son, Hudson, five, after another two days.

Brad was tested and received a positive result on Wednesday. He posted on the couple's shared Facebook page about the lead-up to his positive test.

Sunday, Courtni made another post detailing in-depth the timeline of everyone's symptoms.

As Brad emphasized in his original post, the family fully embraced the precautions recommended by health professionals from the beginning. Courtni and the children have remained in the home since March 17. They have used curbside grocery pick-up. Brad wore masks and gloves while working. In his words, "We have done everything the 'right' way, and I still ended up with it... I have tried everything to keep from bringing this home to my family. Regardless of all of my efforts, here I am. At this point, everyone needs to treat this virus as if everyone around them has it. Don't live in fear, but be smart."

He noted that he had only recently recovered from pneumonia. "I definitely had a weakened immune system due to my recent struggle with pneumonia. I knew it would be a risk to expose myself. Please just take my advice and be careful."

As noted in Courtni's follow-up post, Brad felt fine when he left for work Monday morning, but had a fever by lunch and was "full-blown sick" by the end of the day. His fever was up to 102 degrees. He had a cough, body aches and a severe headache. He was seen at a clinic, where his blood-oxygen was between 90 and 92, causing numbness. His x-rays were clear, but he tested positive for strep. He was treated for that.

During the night, his oxygen dropped to the low 80s, and he woke up with pink-eye. His eyes were bulging and felt heavy. Another x-ray was still clear and nothing was found in his initial blood work. During that second day, his fever was reduced but still around 101. He also began suffering from lower intestinal distress.

Courtni describes day three as terrifying. They thought Brad would be admitted to the hospital

as his condition was not improving. "We were terrified. Terrified to be away from each other... just the whole not knowing." As he received his COVID-19 diagnosis, his temperature stayed near 100 despite around-the-clock Tylenol. "Nothing seemed to give him any type of relief." His stomach issues remained, as did a loud, dry cough.

This day, Wednesday, was also the day that Courtni woke up with a fever of 99 and a dry cough. "My energy was wiped, but I had to take care of Brad and keep the babies away from everyone." Her oxygen level was good, but she credits that to her "good lungs." "[I] really never get down that bad with respiratory stuff so I felt confident that I would be okay."

On Thursday, they received oxygen and nebulizers, which had a quick effect on Brad. Courtni wrote, "[His] energy immediately picked up. His body was no longer numb... It was probably an hour and the numbness was completely gone. We felt like everything was looking up." His headache had finally subsided, but his other symptoms lingered.

Courtni was still on the decline. She was beginning to experience the same severe headache as Brad had, and her fever was near 101 (for context, her typical body temperature is 97.5). "My eyes, nose and throat were on fire. My chest felt heavy, and my left foot also went numb. This was an odd feeling... kind of felt like jello was sitting on my foot." Both she and Brad were prescribed Azithromycin.

On Friday, Brad was feeling much better, but still had the dry cough and stomach issues. "He was actually taking care of me by this point," said Courtni. "I felt like I was dying. This is the only way I know to explain it. Everything in my entire body hurt. My insides were aching. My chest aches. My collarbones ached. My knees... you name it, it was killing me. My headache was unbearable. It hurt all the way down into my spine. My head felt like it was being compressed. My face and teeth killed me."

To make matters worse, Hudson developed a major headache and fever of 102. "He just laid there looking at us like, 'what's wrong with me?'. It was heart-breaking."

At the start of Saturday, both Brad and Courtni felt similar to having the flu, a big improvement over COVID-19. However, by noon, Courtni was feeling worse again. "I felt hopeless and just wanted to cry... This virus is very odd. One minute you feel like you're getting better and the next you're knocked right back down." Hudson woke up

drenched in sweat, but Courtni said, "So far Huddy seems to be handling it much better than we did. This is something to be thankful for."

On Easter Sunday, both Courtni and Brad's condition regressed. She had to resume using oxygen (Brad had never stopped). Thankfully, Hudson was "doing great," and daughter Shiloh, four, had not shown any signs of infection.

The couple slept on oxygen and woke up Monday feeling better. Courtni posted, "I'm almost scared to say that I think we might be getting over this finally. Every time I say that, we wake up a million times sicker. Hudson and Shiloh are doing awesome! Hudson was sick for about two days. You can still see it in his eyes, but his energy is back to normal. Shiloh is more than likely asymptomatic. Her oxygen has dropped a little bit, but she hasn't shown a single symptom other than that."

Tuesday and Wednesday were good days as everyone felt better, but still tired. Then, Friday, Courtni reported that Brad was again regressing and was back on oxygen. Her throat was sore again, and she was fatigued. The kids were both doing well, except for some stomach pains for Hudson.

On Saturday, Brad's oxygen was still hovering around 90-91. He made arrangements to return to the doctor on Monday, concerned that he had developed pneumonia again. Hudson's stomach was still hurting and he had very little appetite, but he had regained his energy. Courtni was still dealing with fatigue.

The family was also suffering from the absence of Courtni's oldest son, Xan. He was at his father's when Brad first became ill, so he has remained there to avoid exposure. (That family also quarantined as a precaution.) Courtni said, "I miss Xan so much. It has been 20 days since I've seen him. I have never been longer than seven days without seeing him... This just hurts... I can't wait until he gets to come back home."

Fortunately, Brad's x-rays came back clear and the family continued to improve. At last update, everyone was feeling much better.

Courtni expressed her appreciation to friends and family in the midst of the ordeal. "We have felt every single prayer. Every. Single. Prayer. We are so incredibly grateful that we seem to be making it out of this alive. I know that sounds awful but that's the reality of this virus... Thank you so much for all of the kind words, thoughts and prayers."

West Carroll Board Seeks Bids for Additional Chromebooks

150 More Allows for One-to-One in Grades 3-12

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ATWOOD (May 7) — The West Carroll Board of Education met Thursday in the cafeteria of the junior senior high school with social distancing guidelines in place. Headlining the actions taken, the board moved to seek bids for 150 Chromebooks, which will give the district enough of the computers for each student in grades three through 12.

District technology coordinator Sheila Brawner presented the "one-to-one initiative" after calculating the number needed to achieve the goal. If each student can be assigned their own, the Chromebooks can be sent home for homework, studying and projects. The bid request will also seek prices on covers for the computers.

Director of Schools Dexter Williams announced that the school had received a federal grant under the CARES Act in the amount of \$234,252.75, which can be used to recoup losses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic or to expand the district's distance learning capabilities.

The board unanimously approved tenure for first-year Kindergarten teacher Malorie Watkins, who arrived from the Jackson-Madison County school system and had tenure there.

Board members also approved a resolution to suspend board policies in order to allow flexibility during the pandemic. They also waived a second reading of and approved a temporary change to Families First leave policy through the pandemic.

Director Williams provided the 2021 student handbooks from each school to the board members.

Approval of the books will be on next month's agenda.

The board and director discussed plans for graduation and honoring the seniors.

Graduation is set for June 18 at the football stadium with the following two days as backup dates. Another date of July 16 has also been set if the pandemic causes another delay.

A senior parade is Thursday, May 14 and will span the three campuses and surrounding areas. This event takes the place of the senior walk that normally occurs at the three schools.

Williams announced that the summer feeding program would resume. Students will be provided seven days worth of meals each Friday.

Board member Patrick Lindsey requested the Williams explore contracting janitorial services, and the director acquiesced.

The meeting adjourned after one hour.



Huntingdon School Board exercised proper "social distancing" when they convened at the Huntingdon Middle School on Thursday, May 7.

Huntingdon Class of 2020 Graduates May 17

HUNTINGDON (May 7, 2020) — It's official: Huntingdon High School Class of 2020 graduates on Sunday, May 17, 6 p.m. at Paul Ward Stadium. Huntingdon Special School District Board of Education made the decision during a special meeting Thursday at the Huntingdon Middle School cafeteria.

After some discussion, the board voted unanimously to hold graduation on the originally scheduled date, just a different venue instead of the gymnasium.

Each of the estimated 90 seniors expected to participate (93 total seniors) can have up to six visitors in the stands. Seniors will distribute the tickets to family and friends. All attendees will be properly socially distanced to comply with state standards during this coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. All attendees will be seated on the home side, which is estimated to seat 537 with the social distancing.

Dr. Jonathan Kee, principal, said gates open at 4:30 p.m. with

seating for sections A and E at 5 to 5:15 p.m., B and D at 5:15 to 5:30, and the remainder at 5:30.

Kee said the students have "lost a lot" because of the shortened school year.

Dr. Lee Carter, chairman, said the students need closure after their senior year was disrupted by the virus. He also cautioned the virus is truly a significant threat to health.

The alternate rain date is Monday, May 18.



The staff at Rejuvenate MedSpa & Salon (L to R): Maggie Latimer, nail technician; Hollie Bell, stylist; Brittney Waddell, stylist; Reni Toombs, stylist; and Raquel Hixson, LPN, owner. Not pictured are Andrea Martin, stylist, and Brookelyn Ballard, nail technician. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rejuvenate MedSpa & Salon Reopens with Safety Guidelines

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McKENZIE (May 6) — Rejuvenate MedSpa & Salon on Hospital Drive reopened Wednesday under the guidelines of the Tennessee Pledge.

The full-service salon, owned by Raquel Hixson, LPN, offers services for hair, nails and skin. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the business had remained closed since March 27.

Upon reopening, employees and customers must follow a plethora of procedures designed to reduce the spread of coronavirus.

No walk-ins are allowed. Clients must call or text their stylist, nail tech or provider to make an appointment.

Upon arrival, clients must remain in their cars, contact the provider and await further instructions.

The client must enter alone. A child with an appointment may be accompanied by one

adult.

Clients must wear a mask. Rejuvenate will try to have masks available, but asks clients provide their own if possible.

Temperature will be taken to ensure the client is not above 100.4 degrees.

Hands must be washed upon entering.

If a client has been exposed to sickness or has been sick themselves, they are asked to please reschedule their appointment.

The staff will clean and sanitize between each client entering the building.

Stylist Reni Toombs spoke to The Banner about the impact of the closure. “We are all self-employed, therefore being forced to stay home means no income for us. We applied for unemployment, which was a nightmare because the website was not set up for self-employed people. Some received benefits quickly, but others still haven’t received any payment. For those of us that have two incomes in their families, we

are doing okay, but for those that don’t, it’s really impacted their lives.”

She noted that reopening came with its own positives and negatives. “It’s a relief being able to provide for our families, there’s excitement about seeing clients again, and, in general, getting back to what we know and trying to feel normal.”

She described the challenges as “Preparing for clients to enter our work areas. We are required to sanitize and disinfect our work areas daily and to wipe every surface down between clients, along with our regular sanitizing of the tools we use. We must allow extra time between appointments to prepare our work area for the next client. Also, wearing masks, taking temperatures and washing hands frequently to ensure our safety and that of our clients.”

Rejuvenate operates Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays by appointment. The salon can be reached at 731-352-3342.

Big Buck Community Neighbors Rally Against Hog Barn

Concerned Citizens of Big Buck are holding a meeting on Thursday, May 14, 6 p.m. at Union Academy Baptist Church parking lot to discuss options to stop the

proposed construction of a large hog barn operation between Renfro Road and Bright Road.

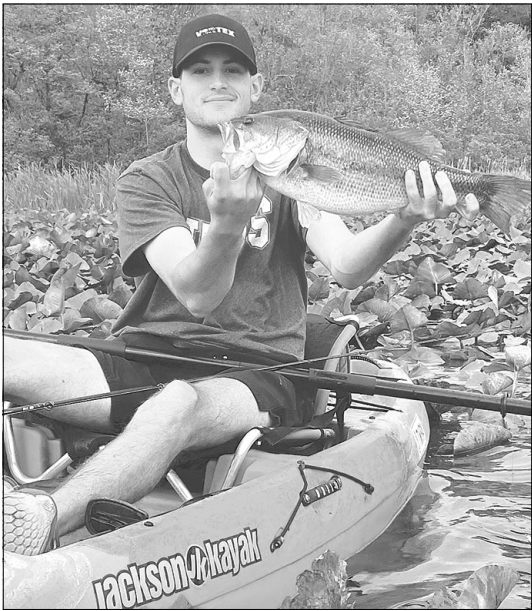
The group is expressing its concerns about the safety of well

water, property values, and air quality.

The group encourages attendees to bring a lawn chair and honor social distancing.



Braxton Rider



Anders Rider

Big Fish from Carroll Lake

Anders and Braxton Rider display the big fish they caught at the newly reopened Carroll Lake in McKenzie. The two fished from kayaks in the

lily pads. The fishing lake reopened May 1 after being closed since June 2014 after a flood damaged the spillway. The lake is a TWRA-operated lake with

an honor pay system for daily use. Since its opening, anglers have reported great success in their catches.

Chamber Recognizes 14 High School Seniors for Outstanding ACT Scores

CARROLL COUNTY — Fourteen high school seniors from Carroll County were recognized by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce for their academic excellence, by scoring a 29 or better on the national ACT test.

“These students are in the top 10 percent in the nation of all the students who took the ACT exam,” said Brad Hurley, Chamber President. “Their academic excellence is exemplary, and the expectations for these young women and men are extremely high.”

Elijah Brewer, Zachary Taylor Childress, Isabella Florrie Colotta, Moriah Jordan Momilani Deloach, Olivia Goostree, Carter Graves, Caley Elaine Harris, Joshua Cameron Kee, Kaitlyn Lane, Laura Millsaps, Braden Pounds, Jenna Paige Tucker, Na-

than Lavon Whitsell, and Jackey Qiying Zheng are the eighth group of students selected for the Chamber’s ACT Wall of Honor. The Wall was created in 2013 and a total of 106 students have been recognized by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce for their academic achievement.

“The Chamber’s board and its membership are proud of these young women and men for striving to attain excellence,” said Hurley. “These students have set high standards for themselves, and we know by keeping their standards high, they will be successful in every endeavor they undertake.”

American College Testing (ACT) is a standardized test for high school achievement and college admission. This 60-year-old test consists of four concen-

trations: English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning, with an optional writing component.

The main four tests are scored individually on a scale of 1 to 36, and a composite score is provided which is the whole number average of the four scores.

“By recognizing these outstanding students, the Chamber acknowledges the great job our school teachers, administration and staff are doing every day in our schools,” said Brad Hurley. “We know they are positively impacting the lives of our young people.”

In addition to the Chamber ACT Wall of Honor, the Chamber established the STEM Inspire Program to help young people be exposed to STEM.



Bethel University’s Campbell Hall was lit purple for 2020 graduates over the weekend. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Bethel

...From Front Page

look forward to seeing you there, and I look forward to giving you your diploma as you walk across

that stage.”

He noted that the graduates would receive their diplomas on time after all grades are submitted and all proper documentation has been done. “Bear with us, it’s a change. If you have any questions, please call us.”

He concluded, “We miss you.

We want to stay in touch with you. We want to see you again at our graduation for you in August, and we hope to stay in contact with you for years and years to come as you begin your journey through life. Thank you very much. Go purple, go Wildcats!”

Budget

...From Front Page

by the Tennessee Department of Education.

The school has approximately 240 students in vocational education who are part-time students and their average daily membership (ADM) is shared with the four Pre-K to 12th grade special school districts. South Carroll does not send students to the county’s vocational school. The committee noted the county school system has approximately \$8.3 million in reserves (savings), which could partially be used to fund the 2020-21 school budget.

It is permissible to reduce the budget more than \$800,000, however, the committee will possibly recommend reducing the school budget by \$650,000. Without reductions to the bud-

get this year, the 2021-22 maintenance of effort budget would be reset to the existing appropriation of \$1.

Mayor Joseph Butler said the funding does not affect any of the five special school districts.

“Growth” funding, going to the Carroll County Watershed Authority, owner of the Carroll County 1000-Acre Recreation Lake, will not continue to grow, if a proposal by the Budget Committee is adopted by the full commission. The committee recommends capping the funds at \$60,000 annually. It was estimated to increase \$102,663 for the 2020-21 fiscal year. However, the Budget Committee indicates the Watershed Authority continues to add infrastructure at the lake, passing the tax burden to the county’s taxpayers.

Each year, the Watershed Authority, whose members are appointed by the governor, receives \$250,000 from the annual \$10 wheel tax imposed on each

licensed motorized vehicle in the county. Additionally, a few years ago, the county approved “growth” funds on the appreciated value of real estate in the lake planning region. The committee hopes to put “on notice” the Watershed Authority concerning the mounting debt of the lake.

In other business, the committee chose to move \$10,000 budgeted for economic development to annual donations, which requires annual accounting of how the Chamber of Commerce spends the funds. Currently, the county receives no accounting of the funds.

The 2020-21 fiscal year budget is based on reappraised values of real property. Those new amounts will be later this month from the property assessor.

The committee reconvenes May 22, 10 a.m. to finalize the budget and to recommend it to the full commission.

Graduate

...From Front Page

West Carroll will not have graduation on the original planned date, Thursday, May 14. It is moved to Thursday, June 18

at 7 p.m. at the football stadium. June 19 and 20 are backup dates in case of inclement weather.

If it’s too unsafe in June, West Carroll commencement is Thursday, July 16 at 7 p.m. July 17 and 18 are backup dates in case of inclement weather.

The baccalaureate is canceled.

Huntingdon High School’s graduation is Sunday, May 17, 6 p.m. at Paul Ward Stadium. A rain date is Monday, May 18.

Clarksburg graduated Friday, May 8 in the school’s gymnasium.

Hollow Rock-Bruceton was not available before press time.



California

Potato Casserole

1 -32oz. frozen hash browns
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 Tablespoon salt
1 stick oleo -melted (reserve 1/4 cup for top)
pepper to taste
2 cup shredded sharp cheddar
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup water
Mix all above and arrange in 9x13 casserole dish. Top with 2 cup crushed corn flakes (tossed with remaining oleo). Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Cheesy Chicken Wings

16 chicken wings
3/4 cup crumbled crackers or fine bread crumbs
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
fresh basil or parsley, for garnish
2 tablespoon butter or margarine
3/4 cup Parmesan cheese

1 teaspoon dried basil leaves
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
Wash chicken wings, pat dry.
In a bowl, combine the crumbled crackers or bread crumbs, herbs, Parmesan cheese. Add seasonings and mix well to blend.
Melt butter. Dip chicken wings first in melted butter, then into crumb coating. Arrange chicken wings in lightly oiled oven proof baking dish. Bake at 375 degrees for about 30 minutes or until lightly brown and done. Chicken wings should be tender. Makes 4 servings.

Chicken with Duck Sauce

2-3 pounds chicken (thighs or breasts)
2 envelopes Lipton onion soup mix
8 ounces apricot jam or preserves
1 -8 ounce bottle Russian dressing
Place chicken in pan lined with aluminum foil, skin side up in open pan. Mix rest of ingredients and pour evenly over chicken until well coated. Bake 2 hours at 300 degrees, basting several times. Watch so it does not burn.

Fudge Pie

1/2 cup margarine
1 cup sugar
4 tablespoons all purpose flour
3 tablespoons cocoa

1 unbaked pie shell
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
1/2 cup nuts, chopped
Melt margarine; add sugar, flour cocoa and vanilla. Stir until blended. Add eggs and stir again. Stir in nuts. Pour mixture into unbaked pie shell. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 30 minutes.

Diabetic Fruit Salad

1 large can tidbit pineapple, drained
2 bananas, sliced
2 navel oranges, diced or small can mandarin oranges, drained
30 seedless purple grapes, cut in half
1 package instant vanilla pudding
Drain pineapple and enough water to make 1 3/4 cup liquid. Add pudding to the liquid, then add cut up fruit. Chill before serving.

Orange Jello Salad

1 large sugar free orange jello
1 small orange juice, frozen undiluted
1 can chunk pineapple and its juice
2 cup boiling water
1 can drained mandarin oranges
Mix. Chill. Very good.

Lady Wildcats Add More Talent to 2020-21 Squad

McKENZIE — Coach Chris Nelson recently announced the signing of several key stand-out players. The Lady Wildcats signed five high school all-district and all-region performers in Kyla Taylor, Madison Henegar, Olivia Rinehart, Kayla Gilmore and Ever Walker.

Taylor was an all-district and all-region performer at Lexington (TN) High school who averaged 17.2 points and seven rebounds per game. She was selected to play in the BCAT All-Star Game. She scored 1,503 points and grabbed 794 rebounds for the Tigers. Taylor is ranked 64th in Tennessee’s Top 100.

Henegar averaged 12.2 points and collected five rebounds per game at Stewarts Creek (TN) High School. The 7AAA All-District performer shot 39 percent from the three-point arc and 66 percent from the floor. She also averaged two assists, two steals and one block per outing.

Rinehart did not play her senior season at Dickson County (TN) High School due to an injury. During her prep career, she averaged 14 points and almost five rebounds per game. The all-district and all-region player was named the All-District Tournament MVP and shot 51 percent from the floor. She also averaged two steals and shot 36 percent from three-point range.

Gilmore was the 10AAA District MVP her senior season

at Rossville (TN) High School. Kayla averaged 13 points and eight rebounds per game. She made the district all-tournament team her senior season. Gilmore shot 52 percent from the floor and averaged two steals per game during her senior campaign.

Walker was a 10AAA All-District and 10AAA All-Tournament player at Rossville (TN) High School. She averaged over eight points and three assists at RHS. Ever averaged two rebounds and two steals per outing.

Coach Nelson said he was excited about the additions. “We are really excited about this fresh-

man class. It is one of our more balanced classes we have ever had and that is due to the fact they can all play numerous positions. They also all come from highly successful programs and are accustomed to winning.”

Nelson added, “There is always a learning curve when transitioning to the college game, but this group is really skilled and physically dominant. We look great on paper, but we will have to create toughness and togetherness which will allow us to be at our best. To reach their full potential, they will need to work on those very things.”

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1. The 1981 McKenzie High School marching band. 2. 1969, McKenzie High School band students were among approximately 60 area students to participate in the annual Bethel Band Day program. Pictured are (L to R): Front Row — MHS Band Director Charles Pruneau, Mary Sue Morrow, Patty Bennett and Donald Bennett; Back Row — Barbara Gregg, Mark Manner and Byron Forester. 3. McKenzie Banner owners, James Washburn and Karl Barlow, present a donation to the band director Charles Pruneau for the band's trip to the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., 1981. 4. Charles Pruneau's father, Ivan Edward Pruneau (1914-2004), was a World War II veteran and the Judge of Crystal City, Missouri. 5. Leona Sylvia Mollet Pruneau (1915-2011), a homemaker, was the mother of Charles Pruneau.

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Charles Pruneau

The Maestro of McKenzie Band

As I prepare for this month's digital city council meeting, I took a moment to reflect on the April meeting. One of the events that stuck out in my mind is the confusion of attempting to have all the council members, the mayor and department heads present in the meeting via an Internet application. Much to my surprise, one of the first members of the council present was Charles Pruneau.

I thought to myself, "Wow an eighty-year-old man was able to use the digital app while people closer to my age are struggling." But that is the epitome of Charles Pruneau, he is not only going to be there but he is going to be there on time and prepared.

Most of McKenzie, like myself, had Mr. Pruneau in high school or middle school in either band or chorus. Depending on your

work ethic, you either loved him or you didn't. This week's article is on Mr. Pruneau.

Charles was born in St. Louis, Missouri on February 19, 1939, to Ivan and Leona Pruneau. The family later moved to Crystal City which is about 30 miles south of "The Gateway City."

At one time Crystal City was a thrilling suburban area driven by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. At one time or another, both Pruneaus were employed by the company. His father later became the judge of Crystal City while his mother chose to become a homemaker after World War II. A young Charles had no desire to work there but considered a career as a mortician. By the time he reached junior high school, he grew an interest in teaching.

Around the age of 9, he began taking piano lessons but didn't care for the tedious hours of practice. He transitioned to tuba

in the fifth grade because he liked the low brass sound. By his freshman year he dropped his piano lessons, a decision he regretted later in life.

Band was something of enjoyment for Charles especially when Michael O'Brien became the band director. O'Brien brought a new style and varied techniques to the marching band. He also took an interest in Charles encouraging him to consider a career in music.

This encouragement led Charles to enroll at Murray State University to pursue a career in music rather than becoming a mortician. Murray State was one of the earliest schools to offer a bachelor's degree in music education.

It was in his junior year, he met a Union University student, Donna Marie, taking a summer course on his campus. She decided to stay at MSU, and in the spring of 1961, the couple married. Charles had secured a teaching position as assistant band director at a Catholic high school in Festus, Missouri.

The couple moved to his hometown to begin their lives together. After one year, he was offered a position as head director of the Morehouse High School band. "I went with great expectation of building an outstanding program," he stated. He started the program from scratch, but after three years he was lured away to East Prairie, Missouri where he directed an 80-piece band with 40 beginning

members in the fall.

In 1965, the Pruneaus were on the move again as McKenzie Superintendent Tom Johnson contacted Charles about taking over the school's band program.

"They wanted to build a bigger band program and of course Donna was excited coming back to Tennessee. It was really interesting when I came here. The superintendent took me around to meet the various board members that day - most were businessmen - and I was interviewed by each board member. And after the meeting with all the board members, Mr. Johnson offered the position to me with a bigger salary than I was making in Missouri - and Donna was really excited - and I said ok, we'll just go to Tennessee."

After a few years, the Pruneaus bought a home. Donna completed her degree in education (teaching many years in the Henry County School System). In 1968, Donna gave birth to their only child, Michelle.

In his first year at McKenzie, the halftime show had 40 band members. He had 35 beginners waiting in the wings. Charlene Jones, who had the high school program before Charles, was working with seventh and eighth-graders. He had set a goal of 30 new band members each year.

The largest of his bands was in the 1970s with 110 members. Pruneau told how he gained such a large group, "The largest band we had was the year we went to

Mardi Gras. I used the trips as a motivational tool to encourage students to participate in band. After we did Mardi Gras it was like opening doors to being recognized as a well-disciplined, well-playing band, and we started receiving invitations to play at various functions."

Charles led the band on trips to Washington, D.C. and numerous trips to Disney World. "After I saw what a great opportunity there was for the kids at the Disney theme park, I set my goal to make all the trips to Disney. We participated in the Magic Kingdom Parade twice, Epcot Parade twice and MGM once. Off all the parades, I still like the Magic Kingdom Parade best - going down Main Street USA to the Magic Kingdom."

After 32 years as the full time junior and senior high band director, he went into semi-retirement teaching middle school and beginning band. After a few years, I finally hung up his whistle.

"High school band is very demanding. A lot of people don't realize how demanding. I do miss the more mature sound of the high school band, but it became a physical endurance contest with my body that my body no longer wanted to endure. I could keep up the pace for both jobs."

Charles taught in three different high school buildings in McKenzie and never left the McKenzie city limits. When he first began, the band room and ag department were in the same

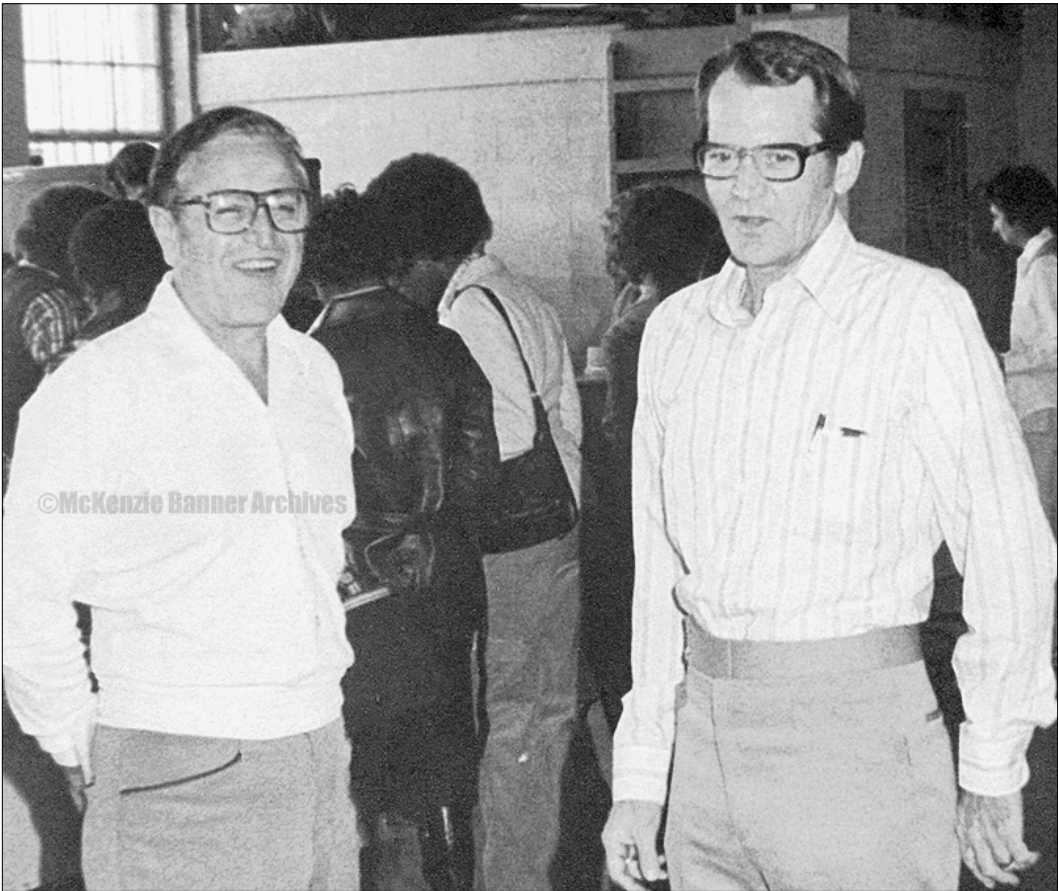
building and the only thing that separated band rehearsal from Bill Kirk's class sawing lumber was a concrete wall. Pruneau said, "The sound carried quite well in both areas."

After a short stint of living in Memphis to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren, the Pruneaus returned to McKenzie. "We've really had a good life here in McKenzie," he said. "I can honestly say that and can honestly say the good times outweigh any stumbling block that came along. And the student I have come in contact with over the years, the majority have turned out to be good citizens and have very successful lives."

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Irving Blumenthal and Rip Edwards, early 1980s. File photo originally published in "A Pictorial History of McKenzie, Tennessee," by The McKenzie Banner in October 2004.

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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Her Lamp Does Not Go Out By Night

Mom used to say she was born in the "horse and buggy" days and lived to see a man step on the moon. She really thought that was special—to see so much progress, on so many levels—unfold in a single life span.

She never stopped studying, learning, growing, observing... and marveling at the events that surrounded her time on this planet. And she carried three boys, sometimes kicking and screaming, along with her.

She was born in April of 1920. The purist among us would quickly point out by then the automobile had been around for more than two decades. Yeah, well guess how much that meant to a family living fourteen miles from the nearest town in rural Tennessee.

Steadman Ridge Road was just a trail. If Sugar Creek was "up" you couldn't hardly get a horse and wagon across it. A brand new, best equipped automobile didn't have a chance!

Plus, the mule pulling the wagon doubled as a plowing machine. You could buy, barter or raise one for little to no money. And there was way more grass than gasoline available in those backwoods of Lawrence County.

Mother didn't hear the Twenties roar. As a young girl growing up on a hardscrabble farm in what must have seemed like the middle of nowhere, she WORKED her way through them!

She met Daddy at the one room grammar school "just down the road" a mile or so. They said their "I Do's" in the middle of the greatest depression the world has ever known. Talk about an inauspicious beginning!

Instead of a honeymoon, they moved to Pulaski where Dad hauled cattle for Uncle John. Mom sewed pockets on shirts at the Slant and Slant Factory.

If either of them thought those times were hard, their worldly possessions meager, their future on rocky ground...they never mentioned a word of it to me.

World War II liked to have killed both of them; Daddy from horrendous Japanese gunfire on tiny Biak Island, and Mom, from worrying night and day over the only man she would ever love.

But I've come to understand that strength and resiliency was a way of life along the banks of Sugar Creek when men named Harding, Coolidge, Hoover and Roosevelt lived in the White House.

Mom began reading to us before I was knee high to a grasshopper. At first, it was Aesop's Fables. We graduated to the entire set of Child Craft Books. I still remember the poem about the "elephant who tried to use the telephank, No, I mean the telephone who tried to use the telephone..."

She was reading the "Hardy Boys" books to me before I started to kindergarten. She told us stories about Roman emperors, Marco Polo, Queen Victoria, Paul Revere's ride...

She would be waiting when we came in from school to ask about our day, "What new things did you learn?" Good grief, she would even want to know what Dick, Jane and Spot did in the Blue Bird Reading Class!

She never one time gave the "education is so important" talk. It was just her internal belief that life was about learning,

knowledge, expanding... Getting our eyes open!

You can see what I mean about the kicking and screaming part. She bought a brand new set of the Encyclopedia Britannica that I'm pretty sure we couldn't afford. If Thomas Jefferson came up in a conversation, she was pulling the "I-J" book off the shelf quick as a wink.

Mom did this in addition to all the usual mother things. She could kiss a busted knee and make it all better. She interceded on our behalf when Dad didn't think we ought to go to the movies EVERY Saturday afternoon. If you acted like you were still hungry after supper, she'd give you her piece of apple pie...every time!

But I'm telling you, intelligent curiosity was the key for her. She wanted us to be aware...to know...to care about events, people, places, history, life and all matters big and small.

Mom went back to finish high school when my little brother started to the first grade. She graduated from Bethel College when she was 45 years old. She was 52 when she earned her Master's Degree from Murray State. She was taking graduate courses at Union University well into her 70's.

It was never a case of "do as I say".

Mom would have turned one hundred years old two weeks before Mother's Day. I couldn't help but think of the things she would still be learning...pondering on... passing along...

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Obituaries



KENNETH BARTON
1948 — 2020

McKENZIE — A private graveside service for Kenneth Earl Barton was Saturday, May 9, 2020 at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Henry. Mr. Barton, 71, died May 7, 2020 at Baptist Carroll County Hospital. He was a retired line-man for Carroll County Electric, a member of Fairview Baptist Church and a Navy veteran. He was born June 25, 1948 in McKenzie to Seth and Marth Jane Vaughn Barton. He is survived by his wife, Janet Knott Barton and a sister, Carol (Bill) Douglas of Paris, Tenn. Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. If you need assistance please call 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummitt-mckenziefuneralhome.com.

ROY VAALA
1925 — 2020

HUNTINGDON — Roy Vaala, 95, was born to Alfred and Mollie (Undlin) Vaala on March 23, 1925. He is survived by his children: Janet (Jim) Smith of Moorhead, Minn., Ruth (Jim) Vaala-Strong of Huntingdon; Nancy Vaala of Omaha, Nebraska, Linda (Scott) Dishman of North Platte, Neb.; Daniel (Tamella) Vaala of Madison, MN and children; Susan Vaala of Omaha, NE; Stepsons: Fred (Rachel) Stasser of Lubbock, Texas, Alan (Susan) Stasser of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren, Sister, Anna Mae Dessonville. Preceding Roy in death were his parents, son Roger Allen, wife Joan, wife Charlotte, and sisters Berma and Phyllis. In lieu of flowers, a memorial is being established in Roy's memory to assist people in need. A memorial service is pending. Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

J. G. WILLIS
1939 — 2020

HUNTINGDON — Mr. J. G. Willis, 81 of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Thursday, May 7, 2020 at his home. Funeral services were Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 1 p.m., for all the family, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Humbles Cemetery.

DORIS DONAT
1932 — 2020

GLEASON — Ms. Doris Elaine Donat, 87, of Gleason, Tennessee died Sunday, May 10, 2020. Dilday-Carter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements 731-986-8281. No additional details were provided.

JIM TOWATER
1952 — 2020

LEXINGTON — Mr. Jim "Chief" Towater, 68, of Lexington, Tennessee died Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at his home. Funeral services were Friday, May 8, 2020 in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was at Bible Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. Mr. Towater was born on February 24, 1952 to the late Ivo Towater and Onie Brinkley Towater. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Margaret Pearson, and four brothers: Willie Joe, Johnny, Frankie, and Levi Towater. He is survived by his wife, Vickie Towater of Lexington, Tennessee; a daughter, Deborah (Jeff) Gregory of Huntingdon; a step-son Brian (Nikki) Beecham of Darden, Tennessee; six grandchildren, two great-grandsons, six sisters and brothers: Mary Sue Arnold of Chicago, Illinois, Dorothy Arnold of Fox Lake, Illinois, Shirley Robinson of Memphis, Tennessee, Nancy Rice of Huntingdon, Robert Arnold and

Stevie Towater of Cedar Grove. Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.



EVELYN PEARSON
1930 — 2020

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Evelyn Irene Pearson, 90, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Friday, May 1, 2020 at the Huntingdon Health and Rehabilitation Center. Graveside services were Sunday, May 3, 2020, at 2 p.m. at Obion Chapel Cemetery, with Bro Michael Ridgely officiating the services. Mrs. Pearson was born March 15, 1930 in Marked Tree, Arkansas to the late George W. Hardin and Nova Ethel (Daughetee) Hardin. She retired from the General Motors Company, after twenty-five years of service and also worked some with the Carroll Leader and McKenzie Banner. She was a member of the Carter's Chapel United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dwayne Pearson, three sisters, Nora Lucille Cathcart, Betty Sue Snellings and Mary Jeffries and one brother, George Hardin. She is survived by one daughter, Toni Marie Goodrich of Huntingdon, two sons, Gary Hugh Davis of Loudon, Tenn., Edward James Davis of Dunlap, Tenn., two sisters, Jean Louise Robison of Houston, Texas and one brother, James Hardin of Sardis, Mississippi. She also leaves six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She leaves her caregiver, Mrs. Virginia House. +



MILDRED BELL
1928 — 2020

Mildred was born in Clarksburg (Carroll County) Tennessee, on March 2, 1928, to the late Mrs. Marie E. Parker Buckley and Mr. Luther Buckley. She was the eldest of five children born to that union. She professed a hope in Christ at an early age and joined the Clark Street Missionary Baptist Church in Huntingdon, TN. Mildred worked in many auxiliaries of the church, thus, serving as a member of the Choir and the Missionary Society (Mother Board) and remained a faithful member until her health failed. Mildred attended the public schools in Carroll County, Tennessee. On August 10, 1946, Mildred was united in Holy Matrimony to Odell Bell. To this union two sons were born. On Friday, May 1, 2020, the Angel of Mercy visited NHC Health Care in Milan, Tennessee and called to rest the bright and loving spirit of Mildred I. Bell. Surrendering from her earthly life, as a loving mother grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and dear friend. Her soul winged its flight from this world of sin, sorrow, and pain to a place of eternal rest. Preceding her in death were her parents; two sisters: Shirley Buckley and Pauline Johnson; and two brothers: John A. Buckley and L. B. Taylor. Mildred's Christian life was as the fragrance of a beautiful rose, and her influence will forever live in whatever places she has resided. She was one of God's gentle women upon whose head rested a crown studded with sparkling jewels of her golden deeds. Her smile brightened anyone's day, and her kindness was simply amazing. She, Odell, John, and Mae Henry were always calling and sharing their garden of vegetables and fruit with everyone they knew. Mildred leaves to cherish her precious memory, two loving

sons: Dr. Kenneth Wayne (Nickie) Bell of Dover, Delaware; and Dwight Elliott Bell of McMoresville, Tenn.; One sister: Lillie M. Thomas of Huntingdon, Tenn.; and one brother, Preston (Rebecca) Buckley of Warrenton, North Carolina; four grandchildren, Michellene (Rev. Ronald) Ballard, Jr., and Dr. Nicole (Michael) Rogers – both of Dover, Delaware, Chassidy Bell of Jackson, Tenn., and Raven Bell of Atlanta, Georgia; an adopted granddaughter, Naquana Diggs of McKenzie, Tenn.; three great-grandchildren, Ayanna N. Waters and Jai A. Smith of Dover, Delaware and Taj Tillery of Atlanta, Georgia; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Stephenson and Shaw Funeral Home-Jackson. +

HILDEGARD GREGORY
1930 — 2020

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Hildegard Gregory, 89, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Monday, May 4, 2020 at her home. Funeral services were Wednesday, May 6, 2020 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was in Sellers Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Gregory was born May 29, 1930 in Germany to the late Joseph Lottermser and Martha (Stall) Lottermser. He was also preceded in death by her husband, James Gregory and one son, Alfred Gregory. She is survived two grandchildren, six great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

JERRY GRAVES
1932 — 2020

Jerry Joe Graves, 87, died at his home on May 9, 2020. Graveside funeral services were Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at Mount Olivet Cemetery in McKenzie. Jerry was born December 2, 1932 at this home in McMoresville to the late Willard and Gertrude Graves. After his parent's death he spent the last twenty-three years of this life with his sister, Becky Fry, in Cedar Grove. Jerry is survived by his sister, Becky Fry, her children, Gina Fry and Franklin Fry. His brother James Graves and wife, Glenna,

CHARLES COPELAND
1962 — 2020

McKENZIE — A private graveside service for Charles "Anthony" Copeland is Thursday, May 14, 2020 at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Mr. Copeland, 58, died May 10, 2020 at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital. He was born in Paris, Tenn. on April 13, 1962 to the late Jetra Sneed Copeland and Charles H. Copeland. He is survived by his father and stepmother, Charles (Mattie) Copeland of McKenzie, two sisters, Carla (Ricky) Hawkins of Antioch and Doris (Anderson) Ulm of Antioch, a step-sister Ruby (Kenneth, Jr) Hillsman of Huntingdon and a step-brother Harry (Genita) Anderson of Dallas, TX Brummitt - McKenzie Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. If you need assistance please call 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummitt-mckenziefuneralhome.com.

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25 CALENDAR

COVID-19 DISCLAIMER

All items appearing on this calendar are subject to postponement or cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The McKenzie Banner has not received notice of changes to any of the events, but also can not guarantee that each event will still be held at the time and date listed. The Banner appreciates your patience during this unprecedented time of rapidly-changing circumstances.

FARMVILLE CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE CANCELED

Farmville Cemetery's annual Memorial Day observance, scheduled for May 17, has been canceled this year due to health concerns.

FINLEY CEMETERY MOWING FUND

The heirs of S.P. Finley wish to notify anyone that has a loved one buried in the Finley Cemetery that you need to make a donation for the mowing of the lot. If there are no funds, you will be responsible for the mowing of your own lots. Make checks payable to Finley Cemetery Mowing Funds and mail to Judy Finley, 4675 Hwy 423, McKenzie, TN 38201. For more information, call 731-352-3901.

IRIS RHIZONES BULB SALE

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

CARROLL COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Huntingdon location: Adult Education Building, 191 Mebanwood Drive on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, also Tuesdays, 5-7 p.m. McKenzie Location: McKenzie Church of Christ, 16300 Highland Drive on Thursdays, 4-7 p.m. New Student Orientation on the third Thursday of each month in the Huntingdon location. For more information please call the Carroll County office at 731-986-4841.

CCHS CAT SPAY, NEUTER VOUCHERS

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

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

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

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

CARROLL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN MEETINGS CANCELED

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

McKENZIE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER CLOSED

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

JOY CLUB MEETS TWICE MONTHLY

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

JOHNSON TEMPLE C.M.E. PRAYER VIGIL

There is a Community Prayer Vigil every Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Johnson Temple C.M.E., 915 Walnut Avenue, McKenzie. We come together to pray for one another, our community and country, then study the Word of God. Johnson Temple C.M.E. Church convenes each Sunday

with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m.

McKENZIE AA MEETINGS

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

WEBB ALUMNI MUSEUM

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

McKENZIE HISTORIC ZONING MEETS MONTHLY

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

McKENZIE INDUSTRIAL BOARD MEETS MONTHLY

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

McKENZIE CONDEMNATION MEETINGS MONTHLY

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

McKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

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Eligible Voters May Request Absentee By-Mail Ballots for August Election

CARROLL COUNTY (May 8) — Beginning May 8, eligible Carroll County voters can request ballots to vote absentee by mail for the Aug. 6 State and Federal Primary and County General election.

The Carroll County Election Commission is committed to safe and secure elections. Visit GoVoteTN.com or contact our office to get your absentee ballot request today.”

Tennessee state law provides numerous ways to vote absentee by mail. One of the most popular reasons to vote absentee is being 60 years or older. Other reasons allowed under state law to vote by mail include:

- The voter will be outside the county where they vote during the early voting period and all day on Election Day.
- The voter or the voter’s spouse is enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college or university outside the county of registration.
- The voter will be unable to vote in person due to service as a juror.

• The voter is hospitalized, ill or physically disabled and because of such condition, cannot vote in person.

• The voter is a caretaker of a person who is hospitalized, ill or disabled.

• The voter will be working as a poll official.

• The voter is a member of the military and out of the county where they vote.

For a list of all statutory reasons to vote absentee by-mail go to weakleycountyn.tn.gov/electioncommission or GoVoteTN.com.

For voters who meet a reason under Tennessee law to vote absentee by mail, the next step is to submit a written request to the Weakley County Election Commission by mail:

- Carroll County Election Commission
625 High St., Suite 113
Huntingdon, TN 38344
- Your request must include:
- Your name
 - address where you live
 - full social security number
 - date of birth

• The address to mail the ballot to, if different than your home address

• For the August election, to receive a primary ballot, you must request either a Republican or Democratic primary ballot. If a party is not specified, you will only receive the general election ballot.

• Which of the qualifying reasons you meet to vote absentee by mail. For example, I am 60 years old.

• Your signature

While not required, a phone number is recommended in case the Weakley County Election Commission needs any additional information.

Requests must be received by the Carroll County Election Commission no later than seven (7) days before the election. For the Aug. 6 State and Federal Primary and County General Election, complete absentee by-mail requests must be received by July 30.

For more information about who can and how to vote absentee by-mail visit GoVoteTN.com.

Other important dates to remember are:

Voter registration deadline – Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

Early Voting – Friday, July 17 – Saturday, August 1, 2020.

Property Transfers

•Arete Investment Strategies, LLC to Michael T. Powell and others.

•Justin and Lindsey Johnson to Taylor Rental, LLC.

•Christopher Dale Sydnor and others to Alex W. Hayes.

•Sean and Morgan Hines to Jessica C. Spaulding.

•Richard Flores to Wilmington Savings Fund Society FSB.

•Jessica Spaulding to Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

•Ismael and Angelica Santillan Soto Molina to Elisa S. and Harlan J. Johnson.

•James D. and Alisa S. Wamble to DNA Miracle Properties, LLC.

•Pierce, Inc. to Desmond Taylor.

•Raptor Homes, LLC to Hyde

& Moore Assets, LLC.

•Angelica Wilson to Nick Canton Rich.

•Dale Wayne Ballentine to Rebecca A. and Deaton Mullins.

•Ramona K. Washburn to Jeffery T. and Joel T. Washburn.

•John F. and Glenda Cary to Kenneth J. and Rhonda R. Schultz.

•Larry Spencer to Haley Brooke Williams and others.

•Jimmy Michael and Debra E. Cannon to Jimmy Michael and Debra E. Cannon.

•United States of America to Jimmy and Susie Horton.

•Patsy Park to Edward W. and Melissa M. Medlin.

•Otis G. Ellis and others to Otis G. and Christine Ellis.

•James I. Webb to Jennifer Miller and others.

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•James I Webb to Jennifer Miller and others.

•Retha Sue Hall to Retha Sue Anderson.

•Kelly D. and Clara H. Weatherford to James T. and Cheryl E. Ward.

•Centennial Bank to James T. and Cheryl E. Ward.

•David J. and Lula Ann Radford to Hunter C. Wortham.

•Hunter C. Wortham to First Community Mortgage, Inc.

•William E. and Lecia Webb to Kellen L. and Megan C. Webb.

•Kathy F. White to Kathy F. and Kaylin L. White.

•Donnie Ray Rimmer Jr. and others to Donnie Ray Rimmer and others.

•Pamela Kay Williams Inman to Michael and Mary A. Woodard.

Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Theft — Deputies recently found a stolen ATV on private property near Huntingdon.

According to the report by Deputy Kenny Tucker, an individual called the Sheriff’s Department on May 1 saying someone was riding a camouflage four-wheeler behind a residence at 105 Green Valley Road. The caller said the four-wheeler may have been stolen from Benton County. Tucker went to the address and found a 2007 500 Polaris Sportsman, and a call to the Benton County Sheriff’s Department confirmed the ATV was reported as stolen. While on the property, Tucker also found a 2018 gray Jeep Cherokee registered to Helms Motor Company in Lexington. Tucker contacted Helms and was advised that the vehicle had been rented but not returned. Tucker’s report did not name a

suspect or suspects in the case.

Drug Possession — Kimberly M. Turner, 38, of Columbia was cited for simple possession of marijuana on May 6 in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Deputy Cody Walker, Sheriff Andy Dickson witnessed Turner holding a marijuana blunt in her hand while in the Walmart parking lot, and Dickson called Walker to the scene. When asked if there were any more drugs in the vehicle, Turner said that there were and gave Walker a jar containing approximately 20 grams of marijuana.

Protection Order Violation — Shianne Hunt, 19, of 310 Fire Tower Road, Huntingdon, was charged with violating an order of protection following a May 6 incident near Huntingdon.

According to the report by Deputy Cody Walker, he re-

sponded to a domestic call at 4430 Smyrna Road and spoke with resident Phillip Williams and Hunt, who was at Williams’ residence. Walker confirmed that Williams had a court order of protection against Hunt.

Theft — A trailer was recently reported as being stolen from private property in Cedar Grove.

Brenda Gurley contacted deputies on May 7 and reported that her closed green trailer valued at \$2,000 had been taken from her property at 140 Auction Road. Gurley said she last saw the trailer parked in the side yard at around 5:30 p.m. on May 6. Gurley also mentioned a contractor from Lexington had been at her residence during the morning of May 6 doing work on her bathroom.

McKenzie Police Reports

Driving While Suspended — Officer Jeremiah Brooks charged Anthony Vermillion, 26, Oak Street, McKenzie with Driving on a Suspended License after he wrecked a borrowed motorcycle on May 2.

According to the report, he was on the motorcycle for a test ride and exited the roadway into a drainage ditch at the intersection of Forrest and Highway 79. The check of his license revealed the suspended status. Vermillion refused medical treatment. The owner of the bike hauled it from the scene in a trailer.

Theft — Officer Dalton Rasperry investigated a stolen trailer from a Highway 22 residence. It was a black mesh trailer, 5 foot by 8 foot. It was missing on May 3.

Theft — Officer Jeff Winberry took a report of theft of a 2013 Nissan Altima on May 4. Amber Walker, North Main Street, said the vehicle went missing from her residence during the night.

Driving While Suspended — Officer Chance Townes charged Casey Charles Hilliard, 32, Springville, Tennessee with Driving While Suspended on May 5.

According to the report, he was driving on U.S. 79, fell asleep, and exited the road, striking used cars at Gary Simmons car dealership. Two of the three vehicles were totaled. He was additionally charged with Driving Without Insurance, second offense.

Theft of Merchandise — Officer Mark Boaz charged Brian Garriott, 54, Park Circle, McKenzie, with theft of merchandise after a call from E.W. James and Sons stating Garriott had stolen some stamps and purchased merchandise with those stamps. A review of video surveillance indicated Garriott stole the stamp from the cashier station. The incident occurred on May 5.

Driving on Suspended — Officer Jeff Winberry charged Alfonza Duffy, 20, of Paris Street, Huntingdon with Speeding and Driving on a Suspended License on May 5. According to the report, Duffy was stopped on U.S. 79 for speeding and a check of his license revealed the suspended status.

Driving on Suspended — Officer Jeff Winberry charged Deudre Luckett, 26, Clarksville with Speeding and Driving on a Suspended License on May 5. She was driving on U.S. 79 when she was stopped for speeding. A check of her license revealed the suspended status.

Public Intoxication — Officer Justin Brister charged Dossie Wright, 39, Highland Drive, McKenzie with Public Intoxication on May 7, 8:10 p.m. He was walking along Cedar Avenue when Officer Brister made contact. He reportedly stumbled and did poorly on a field sobriety test. He was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Leaving the Scene, Drugs — Dora Lee Ewald, 53, of Huntingdon was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and possession of methamphetamine following a May 6 traffic accident in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Officer Labe Ezell, Eward was driving a 2007 Ford Taurus on Tower Road when she veered off the roadway and struck a tree and then left the scene of the accident. Ezell caught up with her and pulled her over at the intersection of Hawkins and Rollins. Ewald gave Ezell permission to search her vehicle, and during that search, Ezell found 0.3 grams of a substance that field-tested positive for methamphetamine.

Domestic Assault — Herbert L. Strayhorn, 58, of Huntingdon was charged with domestic assault following a May 4 incident in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Officer Kodie Edwards, a woman called the HPD and said her neighbors in the other side of the duplex at 255 Watson Avenue were yelling and screaming

and the walls were shaking. Upon arrival, Edwards was given a description of a black male (later identified as Strayhorn) who left the scene. Edwards spoke to the victim, Crystal Greer, and she told him that she and Strayhorn got into an argument, and Strayhorn struck her in the face. Greer said she grabbed a hammer, trying to make Strayhorn leave, but he struck her again before fleeing the residence. After officers learned Strayhorn lives at 219 Maple Street, an officer went to Strayhorn’s residence and brought him back to the duplex. When questioned by officers, Strayhorn did not confirm nor deny striking the victim.

Vandalism — Sherrise Robinson, 36, of Huntingdon was charged with vandalism between \$1,000 and \$10,000 following an April 17 incident at a Huntingdon residence.

According to the report by Officer Shelton Moon, he responded to 181 Cotham Drive after receiving a call stating that Robinson was trying to make entry into the home. The caller also stated that Robinson damaged a 2018 Range Rover with a metal pipe and ripped the storm door from the house. Upon arrival, Moon found that Robinson had already left the scene, so he took statements from residents. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at nearly \$1,500, though an estimate on damage to the storm door was given at the time of the report.

License Violation — Kyle Wayne Marin, 29, of Huntingdon was cited for driving while revoked during an April 26 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

Officer Brad Allen reported he pulled over a four-wheeler driven by Marin on West Main Street. A computer check showed Marin’s license was revoked.

Criminal Trespassing — Charles Hill, 27, of Huntingdon was charged with criminal trespassing on April 29.

According to the report by Officer Richard Crossno, he went to 515 Hillcourt after being notified Hill was at the residence. Hill was found hiding under a bed. Crossno noted Hill was previously caught trespassing at that residence by Officer Labe Ezell.

Shoplifting — Grasiela Morales Palacio, 50, of Huntingdon was charged with theft of merchandise under \$1,000 on April 29 for allegedly trying to steal items from Walmart in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Officer Jackie Allen, the HPD was contacted by Walmart regarding a female shoplifter. Upon arrival at Walmart, Allen was advised Palacio attempted to leave the store with \$30.68 in merchandise without paying for these items after going through the self-checkout line. Most of the items were found to be damaged, and Palacio owes \$23.24 in restitution to Walmart.

BID NOTICE

West Carroll Special School District is accepting bids for Chromebooks. Bids are due before Tuesday, May 26 at 1 p.m. Bid specifications are available at www.wcssd.org or by contacting the West Carroll Technology Department at 731-662-4208.

A432/20-2

NOTICE OF MEETING



The Board of Commissioners of the West Tennessee Public Utility District will meet in regular session on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. in the offices of the District at 14055 Paris St., Huntingdon, Tennessee.

A1756/EB/19-2

Eligible Carroll County Voters Can Start Requesting Absentee By-Mail Ballots for August Election

Carroll County, TN – Beginning May 8, **eligible** Carroll voters can start requesting ballots to vote absentee by-mail for the Aug. 6 State and Federal Primary and County General election.

“Our office is working hard to process absentee by-mail ballot requests for the August election,” said Peg Hamlett. “I encourage Carroll County voters to make your request now.”

Tennessee state law provides numerous ways to vote absentee by-mail. One of the most popular reasons to vote absentee is being 60 years or older. Other reasons allowed under state law to vote by-mail include:

- The voter will be outside the county where he/she votes during the early voting period and all day on Election Day.
- The voter or the voter’s spouse is enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college or university outside the county of registration.
- The voter will be unable to vote in-person due to service as a juror.
- The voter is hospitalized, ill or physically disabled and because of such condition, cannot vote in-person.
- The voter is a caretaker of a person who is hospitalized, ill or disabled.
- The voter will be working as a poll official.
- The voter is a member of the military and out of the county where he/ she votes.

For a list of all statutory reasons to vote absentee by-mail go to carrollcountytnelections.com or GoVoteTN.com.

For voters who meet a reason under Tennessee law to vote absentee by-mail, please submit a written request to the Carroll County Election Commission by mail to 625 High St, Ste 113, Huntingdon, TN 38344; fax 731-986-1913; or, email to carroll.commission@tn.gov.

To submit a request by email, attach a document with all the necessary information listed and your scanned signature.

Your request must include:

- your name
- address where you live
- full social security number
- date of birth
- the address where to mail the ballot, if different than your home address
- for the August election, to receive a Federal/State Primary ballot, you must request either a Republican or Democratic primary ballot. If a party is not specified, you will only receive the County General election ballot.
- which of the qualifying reasons you meet to vote absentee by-mail. For example, I am 60 years old.
- your signature.
- the date you complete and sign your request.

While not required, a phone number is recommended in case the Carroll County Election Commission needs any additional information or we can not read any part of your responses.

Requests must be received by the Carroll County Election Commission no later than seven (7) days before the election. For the Aug. 6 State and Federal Primary and County General Election, complete absentee by-mail requests must be received by **July 30**.

“Peg Hamlett has been diligently preparing for this election,” said Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett. “She and her staff are ready to assist you with your absentee by-mail ballot request.”

For more information about who can and how to vote absentee by-mail visit the Carroll County Election Commission web site, carrollcountytnelections.com

A927/20-1

NOTICE OF VACANCY

McKENZIE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EDUCATION ASSISTANT

(Middle School)

Applications can be found online at <http://www.mckenzie.schools.org> or picked up at the McKenzie Board of Education office. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. If you have any questions, please contact Dorethea Royle, Principal at 731-352-2792 or Mr. Lynn Watkins, Director of Schools at 731-352-2246.

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A7589/19-4

NOTICE OF VACANCY

2020-2021 School Year

McKENZIE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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(Elementary School)

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See solution in next week's edition.

Dessert Word Search

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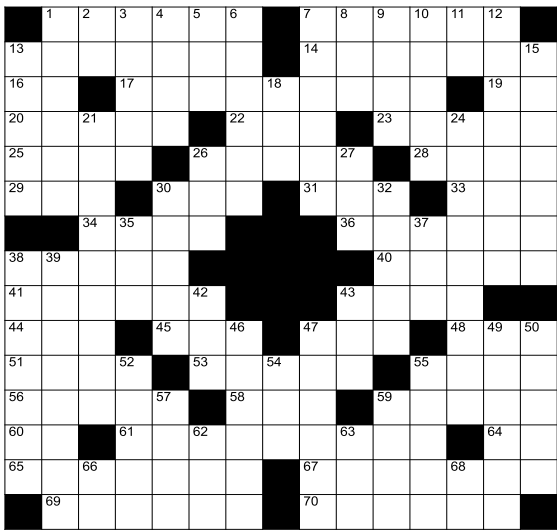
Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- Seed part
- Productive
- Popular cocktail
- Sausages
- Western state
- Natural desires
- Defunct British automaker
- Early media tycoon
- Move from one place to another
- Letter of Semitic abjads
- Female birds
- Umbrella brand
- Delinquent
- Tax collector
- Cooking tool
- Female sibling
- Flat-topped hat
- Angolan currency
- Boardwalk candy
- European nation
- Leaflike part of palm
- Removed with solvent
- Uttered words
- Unfashionable person
- Disappointed
- Controversial device in soccer
- 007's creator
- Pain
- UCLA mascot
- Razorbill
- Turkic people
- Mimic
- Crime involving fire
- And, Latin
- A saponaceous quality
- Dorm employee
- Estate lands
- States
- They slow you down
- Gets up

CLUES DOWN

- One or the other
- Doc
- Songs have them
- Record of payment (abbr.)



- Speak endlessly
- American state
- Disgraces
- Tell on
- Brews
- Belongs to the bottom layer
- American cigarette brand
- Legal voting age in US
- Dish
- Expelled air from the nose
- Body art
- Fierce, destructive act
- Bear bright yellow flowers
- Japanese delicacy
- Get off your feet
- Male organs in some invertebrates
- 32 ____ so good
- Cleverness
- Protest yacht
- Anesthetized
- Mollified
- Touch lightly
- Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- Some windows have them
- National capital
- Squirrels like them
- Grandmothers
- Painter's tool
- News organization
- ____ and thesis: musical term
- Famed activist Parks
- ____ Spumante (Italian wine)
- A number or amount not specified
- Body part
- Of I
- Old English

Week 20

See solution in next week's edition.

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Morgan Lawrence and Cordon Hight

Lawrence, Hight to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lawrence of McMoresville are excited to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter Morgan to Cordon Trey Hight. Morgan is the maternal granddaughter of Jimmy McClain and the late Janice McClain of Trezevant and paternal granddaughter of Reggie and Susan Lawrence and great-grand-

daughter of Lewis and Willo-dean Carter, all of Huntingdon. She recently graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin with her BSN and will work as a critical care nurse at the Henry County Medical Center in Paris.

Cordon is the son of Corby and Kara Hight of Grand Chain, Illinois and Todd and Becky Garner of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He is the maternal grandson of Carroll and Bobbie McCommons and the paternal grandson to Marlan and Barbara Hight. Cordon is a teacher and basketball coach for Inman boys basketball in Paris.

The couple will marry May 23, 2020 in Paris, where they will reside.



West Carroll senior Kaci Fowler signs with Bethel University Renaissance, joined by her mother Trish Ulrich (left) and Director of Renaissance Bands Keith Cottrill. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

West Carroll's Fowler Signs with Bethel Renaissance

BY BRAD SAM

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ATWOOD (May 8) — Senior West Carroll Marching War Eagle field commander Kaci Fowler will continue her education and music career at Bethel University as a member of Renaissance. A signing ceremony was held Friday in the West Carroll gym with limited attendance and social distancing measures.

Topping a long list of accomplishments in Fowler's two years as field commander is her first place finish in the finals of the

2019 Division I state marching band championship.

She will play flute as a freshman with the Renaissance Regiment and then have an opportunity to audition for a spot on the podium as field commander.

Director of Renaissance Bands Keith Cottrill spoke glowingly of his new pupil. "She had a fantastic audition, plus I had the chance to see her as West Carroll's field commander. I see leadership roles in the future for her. She seems like a very good student, a good kid and a great fit for our university."

West Carroll Director of Bands

Michael Nelson called Fowler "a highly-motivated, goal-oriented student who is passionate about the arts." He said, "I'm very excited about the next part of her journey. I know she'll do great things at Bethel. I'm very proud."

Fowler told The Banner she chose Bethel because "It's close to home, and it's a great school." She called it "an honor" to have been a Marching War Eagle. "It gave me many opportunities to lead and make more friendships with my band family."

She plans to pursue a career in nursing.

Local Residents Receive Degrees from UT Martin

MARTIN — Several Carroll County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during spring commencement held May 2, 2020. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a virtual commencement was held in lieu of the traditional in-person ceremony and was live-streamed via Facebook Live and YouTube. An in-person graduation ceremony is currently being planned for August 2020 in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:

- **Bruceton** — Delaina Brooke Norval; Alexis M. Reynolds; Colin Michael Roberts; Michael Elihu Wilson Jr.; Allison Laine Young.
- **Cedar Grove** — Jace Wallace Williams; Blake William Wright.
- **Clarksburg** — Faith Marie Douglas; Madison Lynn McClure; Amanda Christine

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- **Clarksville** — Molly Elizabeth Brewer; Nathaniel Scott Burris; Robert Hadley Ott; Jessica A. Roberts; Miles Hunter Wilbur.
- **Hollow Rock** — Ashley Celeste Stockdale; Kayla Marie Woods.
- **Huntingdon** — Carson Elise Hatch; Austin Kyle Hill; Kirk Maddox; Kelsey Marie Mann; Jacob Todd Sisk.
- **Lavinia** — Ashleigh T. Todd.
- **McKenzie** — Lexie Nicole

- Bolin; Anna Carol Comer; Morgan Alicia Klinzing; Breanne Nichole Lipford; Logan Priestley; Nathan David Smith; Alejandro Zaragoza.
- **McLemoresville** — Morgan Ashley Lawrence; Jillianne Dionne Moncrief.

The students receiving graduate degrees were:

- **Clarksville** — Kaylyn Kristine Campbell.
- **McKenzie** — Bryant Wade Comer; Jacob Harrison Owen.

Questionnaire For High School, College Seniors

During this unprecedented and difficult time for everyone, one group facing unique adverse consequences is high school and college seniors.

The Class of 2020 has seen the excitement, joy and togetherness that normally occurs in these spring months replaced by uncertainty, sadness and isolation.

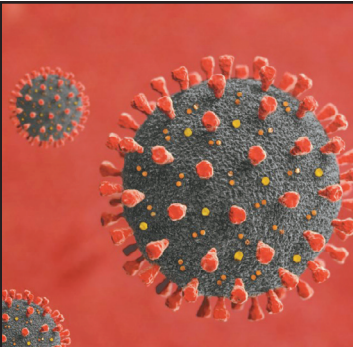
With the recent extension of public school closures for the remainder of the school year and the cancellation of spring college classes, the possibility looms that seniors may never return to their alma maters for regular school activities and even that graduation ceremonies may be canceled.

The McKenzie Banner and Dresden Enterprise are looking to help mitigate the loss of these precious and irreplaceable moments for seniors and their families.

Below is a questionnaire that seniors can complete and email to banner@mckenziebanner.com (Carroll County) or enterprise@dresdenenterprise.com (Weakley County). Please include "Class of 2020" in the subject line of the email.

Participants are encouraged to include a photo (preferably a senior photo).

Name:
Parents/Guardians:
School:
Degree (college only):
Clubs, Organizations and Activities:
Awards, Honors and Scholarships:
Plans after Graduation:
Favorite Memory with Classmates:
Most Influential Teacher (K-12 or college) and Why:
How has the COVID-19 Pandemic affected your life?:





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We are honoring area seniors in the

Graduation Keepsake Edition

We are working hard on our annual Graduation Keepsake Edition. There will be two separate editions: one for Weakley County grads (inserted in the Enterprise) and one for Carroll County grads (inserted in The Banner). Gleason will appear in both like it has for years.

This year, with help from the schools, graduates will be featured in individual portraits, not a group composite (See example, courtesy of the Gleason Class of 2019).

These very special editions are only possible with financial support from local businesses and the community. Let's give this graduating class a great keepsake to cherish.

If you or a business is interested in supporting this edition with a paid sponsorship of a school or senior(s), please call us at 731-364-2234 or 731-352-3323 or e-mail grad@dresdenenterprise.com.



For questions about the editions, Call 731-352-3323 or e-mail grad@mckenziebanner.com



Jordan Roman Smith

SCHOOL: Dresden High School
PARENTS: Jake and Janet Smith of Dresden, Tenn.
CLUBS: Beta Club, Chess Club, FBIA, Student Council, and Fine Arts.
FUTURE PLANS: Attend Austin Peay in the fall.
COURSE OF STUDY: Engineering

We Are So Proud of You!

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Lakeside Senior Living Community

We passed the test.



At Lakeside Senior Living Community, we limited visitors before limited visitation was mandated; we quarantined before quarantines were required; we deep cleaned before deep cleaning was recommended. Now, we celebrate the successful completion of testing residents and staff for the coronavirus.

With new ways to communicate, new activities and new clinical operations, Lakeside Senior Living Community celebrates a future of safe and secure residents, healthy lifestyles and connected community.



731-352-4567

Celebrating our staff – You are our Heros

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| <i>Lushane Allen</i> | <i>Linda Huisman</i> |
| <i>Rikki Barrick</i> | <i>Cathie Kerr</i> |
| <i>Letha Basford</i> | <i>Cathy Phillips</i> |
| <i>Executive Director</i> | <i>Sherry Townes</i> |
| <i>Catrina Clark</i> | <i>Rita Trevathan</i> |
| <i>Ira Cunningham</i> | <i>Betty Watson</i> |
| <i>Lisa Griffin</i> | <i>Tomiko Wharton</i> |
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