

McKenzie Amends Personnel Policy

McKENZIE (May 14) — For the second time in history, the City of McKenzie Board of Mayor and Council did not meet in person but via the Internet application Zoom. During the meeting, members of the council approved in its first reading Ordinance #531. The ordinance amends the City of McKenzie's personnel rules and regulations.

The amendment falls under VII-Separations and Disciplinary Actions, A. Types of separations, 2. Layoff. The following sentence will be removed: The order of layoff shall be in reverse order to total continuous time served upon the date established for the layoff to become effective. In its place, it will read: 2. Layoff – The department head, upon approval from the mayor, may lay off an employee in the municipal government service when he/she deems it necessary by reason of shortage of funds, the abolition of a position, or other material changes in the duties or organization of the employee's position, or for related reasons that are outside the employer's control and that do not reflect discredit upon the employee's service. Temporary employees shall be laid off before probationary or regular employees.

The second and final reading of the Ordinance #531 will take place during June regular meeting.

Under financial matters, the council approved payment to Pavement Restoration in the amount of \$32,506 for necessary patch work following water line repairs. D&D Service Center will receive payment in the



amount of \$2,947 for a new motor in one of the Public Works Department's trucks.

In the June meeting, the council should be presented the City of McKenzie's 2020-2011 fiscal year budget. Mayor Jill Holland said the budget will contain cuts due to the decrease in sales taxes revenue due in part to the COVID-19 Pandemic. She added the State of Tennessee has seen "a negative growth rate of 39% during this period, which is the worst growth rate since the Great Depression Era." The only increase during the pandemic came in the form of grocery sales, liquor sales and on-line purchasing.

The Public Works Department informed the council they are working diligently to pick up all remaining debris following the series storms and high winds. Necessary repairs to equipment and trucks put the department behind. The Fire Department was thanked for their assistance to the Public Works Department in the removal of trees blocking roads and driveways.

The next regular meeting of the mayor and council is June 11 at 6 p.m. A decision to meet either in person or via the Internet will be decided closer to the date of the meeting.

State Lifts Capacity Restrictions on Restaurants, Retail; Allows for Large Attractions to Open

NASHVILLE — As Tennessee continues to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the state's Economic Recovery Group is lifting capacity restrictions on restaurants and retail to instead focus on social distancing best practices effective May 22 and issue guidelines to facilitate the safe reopening of larger, non-contact attractions on or after May 22. New Tennessee Pledge guidelines will be released early next week. Six counties – Shelby, Madison, Davidson, Hamilton, Knox and Sullivan – may continue to follow individual, county-specific reopening plans created in consultation with State and local health departments.

"Tennesseans have worked incredibly hard to do their part and

help slow the spread of COVID-19 so that our state can begin to reopen. Thanks to their continued efforts, we're able to allow restaurants and retail businesses to operate at greater capacity and large attractions to open in a safe and thoughtful way," said Governor Bill Lee. "Our state continues to see downward trends in case growth and meets the White House criteria for a phased reopening. This progress has been hard-won, and we can build upon it by reopening while also maintaining common-sense safety measures like mask-wearing and good hygiene. By taking the Tennessee Pledge, our businesses can reopen in a way that protects the health of their customers and employees,

and protects the livelihoods of hard-working Tennesseans."

The new Large Attractions guidance applies to those businesses that can effectively practice social distancing with strong measures to protect both employees and customers, including racetracks, amusement parks, waterparks, theaters and dinner theaters, auditoriums, large museums and more. Restrictions on social gatherings of more than 10 people remain in place for the time being. Updates to Restaurant Guidance will include a lift on capacity restrictions, allowing for increased service as long as social distancing guidelines are adhered to, including 6 feet between tables.

Trezevant Board Approves First Reading of New Budget

BY BRAD SAM

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TREZEVANT (May 12) — The Trezevant Board of Mayor and Aldermen met Tuesday for the first time since March with a short agenda that included the first reading of the town's proposed budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

A minimum quorum of three aldermen was present for the meeting and the crucial budget vote. The first reading was approved on a 2-1 vote. Aldermen Christy Creysells and Mark Argo voted to approve, while Eddie Granger voted against. Pam

Joyner and Ricky Browning, Jr. were absent.

The proposed budget includes a general fund with estimated income and expenses balanced at \$445,712. The water fund estimates revenues at \$400,859 and expenses at \$616,442 for a projected loss of \$215,583.

The state street aid portion of the budget is expected to be balanced at \$32,000. The drug fund projects \$500 of income and \$250 of expenses for a net income of \$250.

Finally, the solid waste fund has estimated income to be \$74,500 and expenses to amount to \$70,500 for a net income of \$4,000.

The board also continued discussion on charging rent for park-

ing on the gravel lot next to the railroad crossing. The first reading of an ordinance will appear on next month's agenda, pending consultation with MTAS regarding the town's contract with CSX, who owns the lot.

The board approved a resolution accepting a Local Government Support Grant from the state in the amount of \$48,670, which has been factored into the new budget. \$35,530 will be allocated to the Park Street drainage repair project. \$6,500 will be used for an HVAC upgrade at the community center, and \$6,640 will go towards sewer repairs at city hall.

The meeting adjourned after one hour.



2020 Tennessee Iris Festival Canceled

The Executive Committee of the Tennessee Iris Festival announces the 2020 festival, originally scheduled for April 25 to May 2 and then rescheduled for July 4-11, is now canceled due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic. The Executive Committee regrets the decision to cancel this year's festival. The decision was made in consid-

eration of the safety of all citizens of our community in light of the projections the pandemic is expected to continue until a vaccine is discovered and a significant number of citizens are immunized to prevent the spread of the virus.

The City of Dresden plans a fireworks show on July 4. This will be a drive-up show at

Wilson Park beginning at 9 p.m. Spectators can drive their cars to the area of the park to view the show and park at either the Civic Center parking lots, in the park parking areas on Gaylord Street or in the Walking Trail parking spaces. Parking will also be available in the parking area behind the girls softball and T-ball fields.

State Route 76 Still in Development Between McKenzie, Milan

A proposed widening of a state highway between Sydnor Road in McKenzie and Milan is under development in three phases, according to Nichole Lawrence, John Ward, and Gary Scruggs of the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

Participating in a ZOOM virtual conference with members of the McKenzie Rotary Club, the three indicated the widening of State Route 76 (U.S.

79), planned for more than two decades will bypass both Trezevant and Atwood to complete the four-lane project. The first phase is a 3.5-mile stretch between Milan and Atwood. The right-of-way is purchased and the project's bids will be let in the Spring of 2021.

The second section is east of State Route 77 to Cutlip Road, northeast of Trezevant, where it reconnects with the existing

route. All right-of-way is purchased, however, construction is not yet funded.

The final section is west of Cutlip Lane, near Trezevant, to west of Sydnor Road outside of McKenzie. The right-of-way is not purchased nor funded. Right of Way acquisition is expected to begin in the year 2022.

All intersections with highways 77 and 105 are at grade with no overpass.

Gleason City Board Discusses Need for New Police Station

BY DAVID FISHER

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GLEASON (May 14) — The need to procure a separate building for the Gleason Police Department was a major topic of discussion, during Thursday night's meeting of the Gleason City Board.

Police Chief Paul Eddlemon addressed the board concerning his department's need to have its own building to properly conduct police business. He argued the victims of child abuse, sexual assault and other crimes are reluctant to be seen talking with officers at the police department's current location inside city hall.

Chief Eddlemon stated the old Co-op building is for sale and could be purchased for \$47,000, which is a fraction of its value.

Alderman Keith Radford spoke in favor of the purchase; however, Mayor Diane Poole was adamant that if there is to be a new police station, it should be built next to the existing city hall in downtown Gleason.

"Police work has changed a lot in the last 10 years," Chief Eddlemon said. He noted, during the past week, Gleason police officers have had to utilize the Carl Perkins Center to conduct private interviews involving child abuse and sexual abuse, because they have no adequate space of their own.

"We have a one-room police department, and it's difficult to do our job there," Chief Eddlemon said. He explained when interviewing a victim or a suspect, people are coming and going inside city hall, so officers have to try to find somewhere in the building to conduct interviews where their conversation can't be heard.

"We've found that people, such as rape victims, don't want to come up here and be seen, because they're ashamed," Chief Eddlemon said.

"I'm asking for some type of police department, so we can effectively do the job. We're cramped where we are, so we have to utilize everybody else's space when we don't have it ourselves."

The chief stated he looked around at different buildings and found the old Co-op building on James Mill Road has set dormant for quite some time. Eddlemon added the Co-op Board agreed to sell the building and approximately three acres of land, which are appraised at \$160,000, for \$47,000. The chief stated the land is needed to comply with the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) program, which stipulates the equipment they donate to the city must be kept in a secure location. By fencing the back of the lot, Gleason Police Department's Humvee and other equipment could be kept under lock and key.

Regarding possible ground contamination from fuel and chemicals, the manager of Co-op has

agreed to take core samples of the entire property before Gleason finalizes the purchase.

"I'm asking the board to proceed forward with this and perform a title search," Chief Eddlemon said.

He stated he has heard concerns over the proposed location for a new police station not being located in the middle of town. However, he stated the property is separate; more private has plenty of parking space. Eddlemon also commented he would like to have a storm shelter at the site for people who don't feel safe in their homes.

"I'm asking the board to move forward with purchasing the property."

"I think we need to table it and look at the budget, compare prices and discuss pros and cons," Mayor Poole said.

"I've tried to discuss pros and cons with you mayor," Chief Eddlemon said.

"I know you have, and you know what I've told you, I want it in the middle of town," Mayor Poole said.

"The police department needs a separate building," Alderman Jim Phelps said. "You can't bring a rape victim and sit down in that office where there are people all around it. They're going to be crying. They're not going to feel safe. They're not going to feel comfortable. You can't do that. They need a separate space. Every city in Weakley County has moved their police departments out of city hall. Gleason is the only one that has not. So, I agree they need another location. We can argue over whether it needs to be downtown or wherever."

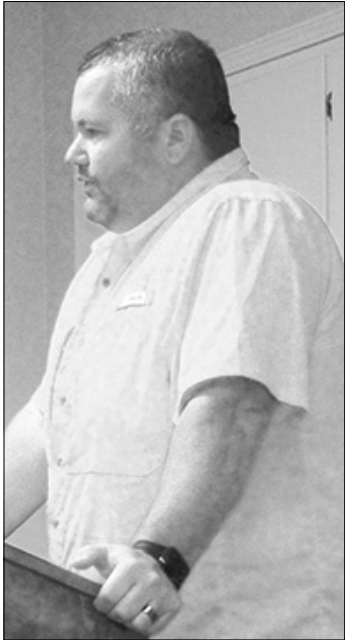
He added if someone wants to come talk to the police about drug issues, they may be afraid to come forward for fear of being seen.

Mayor Poole suggested building a police station next to the existing city hall (toward the library) and renovating city hall. This would include rewiring and making other needed upgrades to the current building, such as replacing the windows. "If we did that, we could just do all of it at one time."

Alderman Keith Radford said, "I'm going to say we've dug our feet long enough, and I make a motion that we proceed to buy that property."

But, before the motion could be seconded, Mayor Poole said, "I table that. We're not going to buy it now. Not until after the budget."

The board also heard from Sandy Hickey office manager for BAM-2, a water and wastewater specialist company located in Gleason that has worked on turbines and other equipment for numerous municipalities throughout West Tennessee. Hickey stated the local business wishes to partner with the city on certain projects, such as a water park. (See sepa-



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The 2020 Tennessee Soybean Festival Board of Directors made the decision to cancel the 27th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival planned for September 5-12, due to the uncertainties that still lie ahead from the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to TSF Executive Director, David Belote, "The information we are currently receiving from state and federal governments indicates that we should discontinue our efforts to host festivals, fairs, or other special events that have the capacity to draw large numbers of people until further notice. The Tennessee Soybean Festival requires advance planning in the form of securing agreements with carnivals, street vendors, entertainment acts and other attractions. From a planning perspective, we simply cannot take the financial risk given the uncertainty of the future. We are dealing with a pandemic and the obvious restrictions that it imposes."

"Also, the Tennessee Soybean Festival relies solely on sponsorships and contributions from local businesses to operate," Belote stated.

"Truly, these are difficult times for all of us and as stewards of our festival, we would be hard-pressed to ask our local retailers and businesses to contribute to the festival this year while their own financial futures are uncertain due to the many closures and restrictions as a result of COVID-19."

The Tennessee Soybean Festival was awarded in February 2020 the Best Festival in the Southeast by the Southeast Festivals and Events Association. The festival last year attracted over 24,000 people to Martin, Tennessee. Currently, the State of Tennessee Economic Recovery Group is asking local gov-



ernments to not plan events that encourage close contact and the assembling of large groups.

Director Belote emphasized that public safety is one of the most important planning components of the Tennessee Soybean Festival.

"The safety and well-being of our citizens is paramount. Our board of directors has emphasized that ensuring the safety of Martin residents, attendees, entertainment acts, and vendors is of utmost importance. The inherent risks involved with this pandemic are self-evident. Given all of the factors that it takes to produce a festival and the current uncertainties surrounding the pandemic, at this point in time we strongly feel that it is not in the best interest of our community to continue the pursuit

of the 2020 Festival."

Mayor Randy Brundige was asked for comment regarding the significance of what the TSF means to the Martin community. Mayor Brundige stated, "Not only does the Tennessee Soybean Festival contribute to the city's economy but also puts us on the map. We will miss making people smile and making Martin a destination to celebrate the soybean this year." Mayor Brundige stated that in his travels across the state the Tennessee Soybean Festival has become one of the premier associations with the city. If you visit the TSF website, one will see that Martin truly becomes a destination during this week. Documented and identified are those who travel to Martin to attend the festival from all parts of the United States and throughout the world.



Sandy Hickey, office manager for BAM-2, a water and wastewater specialist company located in Gleason, stated the local business wishes to partner with the city on certain projects. She specifically mentioned installing a water splash pad at Snider Park.

Splash Pad Under Consideration by Gleason Board

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Hickey, who worked for Goodwill for 10 years in the area of public relations, networking, grant writing, and helping people find jobs, stated since she started working for BAM, she has discovered there is a lot of opportunity to give back to the community. She stated the local business wishes to partner with the city on certain projects.

"We want to improve the park system," Hickey said. "We want to put in some type of waterworks system, such as a splash pad, which typically costs \$150,000 or more." Hickey stated BAM-2 installed the water park for Martin and Union City, and is in the process of installing a water park for Paris, which will be the largest in the United States.

She stated there is a Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) grant available for parks. "They will match whatever we can come to the table with."

The Parks and Recreation

Committee and Downtown Revitalization Committee, working in concert with BAM-2, could begin working on the grant, which is a 50/50 grant.

Hickey stated the mission of Brent Summers, who is the owner and president of BAM-2, is to give back to others. "He is the one who is spearheading that we should be a part of the community and make things better," she said. "He came up with a couple of drawings for an activity area that would be efficient, effective and very durable."

"We really have to look at your budget to determine what you can maintain," Hickey said. She also mentioned BAM-2 assisting with fundraising and grant applications for a park project.

"I think the ball is in your court to see if you want to jump on this venture," Hickey said.

She stated the prime location for a splash pad would be Snider Park, where there are other activities to draw people in. "When the kids get hot playing on the playground, they can cool off at the splash pad," Hickey said. She suggested locating a splash pad west of the Memorial Wall.

While BAM-2 would assist in raising the money for the project, she noted the city would be responsible for upkeep and providing water for the splash pad.

The board voted to look into procuring a grant, but not proceed with applying it, until more is known about the proposed project, particularly the cost to the city.

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The original plans called for the inaugural class to be announced at the golf scramble in April, with the banquet in August. Hatler said he does not want to announce a first class, without a proper banquet date, time and place to celebrate the inductees, and board is working on plan.

Information and a registration sheet for the golf scramble can be found on the Hall's website, www.weakleycountysportshof.com

umns and editorials assessing how well the public sector is serving you and how things could still be improved. Local television has many strengths, but those are not among them.

And if some believe they can rely on social media moving forward, they need to think again. Social media without real local news becomes a festival of cat pictures.

I know newspapers are old-school and it's tough to market a product that was introduced to America in 1690. But maybe you'd find it easier to write a check if we re-brand local news organizations as "information concierges" who will provide a report tailored to your community in real-time and maybe even hand-delivered to your home each morning. Cutting-edge stuff.

We don't want to sit down with our grandchildren one day and say, "You won't believe this, but in the old days, our phones had to be hooked to a wall, we only had four channels of television, and there were people paid to tell us what our government was up to."

America can't afford to lose local news.

Ken Paulson is the director of the Free Speech Center based at Middle Tennessee State University.

Commission Makes Committee Appointments

General Fund Budget During Pandemic Questioned

CARROLL COUNTY (May 11) — The Carroll County Commission met via Zoom internet app on Monday, May 11. Most of the commissioners were home and logged in to participate in the 7 p.m. meeting.

The following resolutions were approved without dissent.

Resolution 05-01-2020 – Resolution to Appoint John Austin to the Carroll County Board of Zoning Appeals and Carroll County Regional Planning Commission with Term Ending May 2024

10. Resolution 05-02-2020 – Resolution to Reappoint John Wright to the Carroll County Audit Committee with Term Ending May 2024

11. Resolution 05-03-2020 – Resolution to Appoint Barry

Mac Murphy to the Carroll County Audit Committee with Term Ending May 2022

12. Resolution 05-04-2020 – Resolution to Reappoint Ronnie Murphy to the Carroll County Audit Committee with Term Ending May 2022

13. Resolution 05-05-2020 – Resolution to Reappoint Steve Parker to the Carroll County Audit Committee with Term Ending May 2022.

At the end of the meeting, Mayor Joseph Butler was questioned about the 2010-20 fiscal year budget ending June 30. The worldwide pandemic and the resultant closing of area businesses adversely affected revenues of governmental agencies.

Of the General Fund, the majority of the county's an-

nual budget, Butler said the county has received about \$9.5 million and spent about \$8.8 million this fiscal year with a few months remaining in the fiscal year. No one is certain how the pandemic freeze in March and April will affect the budget. Butler said the county has a "good opportunity" to balance during the 2019-20 fiscal year.

On a question by Commissioner John Austin concerning the reserve fund (savings), Butler said the county has over \$3 million in reserves.

Commissioner Steve Parker asked if the commission can meet in person in June. Butler said the county can possibly meet at the Civic Center or Courthouse in a room with adequate social distancing.

Senator Stevens Announces Rural Hospital Readiness Grant for Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County

NASHVILLE (May 18) — State Senator John Stevens announced Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County will receive \$250,000 in a Rural Hospital Readiness Grant. The grant was made possible under a COVID-19 response appropriation added to the state's budget by the General Assembly in March.

Stevens is chairman of the Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee's Appropriations Subcommittee.

"COVID-19 has added to the

challenges rural health care providers face," said Sen. Stevens. "I am very pleased that this budget appropriation is providing aid to this hospital as they continue serving patients. I also appreciate Governor Lee and our state officials for their role in awarding these funds."

The COVID-19 response appropriation provided \$10 million in Small and Rural Hospital Readiness Grants that are going to support hospitals facing financial strain due to

effects of the virus. The funds, which are capped at \$500,000 per hospital, are distributed by the Tennessee Department of Finance & Administration.

"Our health professionals and hospitals across Tennessee have done an amazing job during these unprecedented times," Stevens added. "They are a lifeline to many local citizens and we appreciate their continued dedication to the health of those in our communities."

Memorial

...From Front Page

serving."

Memorial Day is Monday, May 25.

American Legion to Place

Flags at Veterans' Graves

American Legion Post 37 will place flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day. The Post members and interested citizens should meet at 8 a.m. at Mt Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie,

on Sunday, May 24. American Legion Post 37 will provide the flags.

Community support for this effort would be greatly appreciated.

Dana Deem, Commander, Post 37.

Harmon

...From Front Page

Harmon says "I'm the Independent candidate for chancellor because partisan politics has no place in the courtroom. The chancellor must be fair and impartial in making decisions. Therefore, the chancellor must be independent in all rulings. I have had the privilege of growing up around some of the best judges in the State of Tennessee and one thing they all had in common was they did not allow partisan politics to enter into their job."

Currently, the Chancery Court has a substantial backlog. I'm a hard worker, I always have been, and I will see that the matters in the Chancery Court are handled fairly and efficiently to eliminate the backlog.

"I am, first and foremost, a father to two beautiful daughters. I take a lot of pride in my children, and I am amazed every day by what wonderful young women they have become. I am a lifelong resident of Hardin County and a second-generation attorney. My father, the late Ron Harmon, was the former chancellor of the 24th Judicial District. I started traveling this district with him when I was a young man and I have always felt like the whole 24th Judicial District was my home. He was a fair, honest, and hard-working judge, just as I will be, if the citizens choose to elect me."

The position of chancellor requires a judge who can preside over cases that are diverse and sometimes very complicated. "During my practice, I have represented thousands of clients. I have handled divorces that involved the identification and distribution of millions of dollars of marital assets, including privately owned businesses and large retirement accounts. I have represented clients in child custody cases that involved dependency and neglect, termination of parental rights, adoption, establishment of paternity, establishment of custody, visitation, and support, as well as, modification of existing parenting plans. I have also represented clients to re-establish custody rights after having them suspended. Clients have trusted me to represent them in real estate transactions, both commercial and residential, with single transactions reaching into the millions of dollars. I have represented clients in property issues that range from boundary line disputes to adverse possession of property to establishment and enforcement of easements. I have formed and established Homeowner Associations and enforcement of the by-laws of homeowner associations. I have both prosecuted and defended civil lawsuits, many into the hundreds of thousands of

Weakley County Sports Hall of Fame Scramble Rescheduled

In an effort to comply with local, state and The National Golf Course Superintendent Association of America's guidelines, the Weakley County Sports Hall of Fame postponed the inaugural golf scramble once again.

The hopes of the WCSHOF is to conduct the event on June 25 at Persimmon Hills Golf Course in Sharon. Tee off is noon.

Executive Director John Hatler said, "Our hopes are to provide an opportunity to celebrate the creation of the hall in June. This event is to help

raise funds for our scholarships for eight student-athletes in Weakley County through the golf scramble."

One mission of the WCSHOF is to sponsor a \$ 1,000 scholarship to a female and male student athlete from each of the four county high schools.

"The board is working to put together a plan for the upcoming year. Obviously, the first induction class and banquet need to be celebrated. Like everyone, we are working to figure things out in these unprecedented

COVID-19 Takes Toll on Local News Coverage

BY KEN PAULSON

MTSU Free Speech Center

MURFREESBORO (April 12) — Three handy tips for coping with COVID-19: Wash your hands frequently. Wear a mask outdoors. And subscribe to a local newspaper or website.

When this crisis is over, we'll return to the rhythm of our usual work and play, but in many cities across the country, local news organizations may be gone or badly diminished.

I've written about the need to fund local journalism before, but this time there's a special urgency. The economic factors – revenue streams destroyed by digital disruption – that endanger local news organizations have accelerated with COVID-19. The advertisers that still support local news – bars, restaurants and entertainment venues – aren't advertising when their doors are shut, yet newsgathering and distribution costs remain.

Most vulnerable are alternative weeklies.

On March 19, Joshua Benton of the Neiman Lab offered this assessment: "This has, without a doubt, been the single worst week in the history of America's alternative press. They're facing a double blow:

Not only have their main advertising sources dried up, so have their main points of distribution. (Where do you pick up an alt-weekly? At a bar, at a restaurant, at a theater – all the places that have gone dark.)"

Local community weeklies and dailies face the same challenges.

"I'm hearing 40% to 60% drops in revenue over the last 30 days," Dean Ridings, CEO of the trade association America's Newspapers, told Bloomberg News. "The advertisers are the local mom and pops, the retailers, the restaurants, who are understandably canceling their advertisements." "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-04-04/long-struggling-local-newspapers-pushed-to-brink-by-coronavirus

"We could be approaching an extinction event for some publishers," industry analyst Ken Doctor told The Philadelphia Inquirer. "It will depend on the condition of those businesses before the virus, and how long this whole thing lasts."

If you have a good local newspaper, you know how your mayor and city council are addressing the crisis. You know what's open, what isn't, and the state of education and government services. You'll see opinion col-

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• 202 Memorial Dr.
731-641-2800
• 2155 E. Wood St.
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McKENZIE BANNER NOTICE

EARLY DEADLINE

Memorial Day Monday, May 25

- All ads and news will be affected.
- The newspaper will print Tuesday evening to be distributed Wednesday (newsstands) and local mail delivery Thursday (subscribers).
- Delivery is one day later than usual.

FINAL DEADLINE

Friday, May 22, 4 p.m.

Thank you for your assistance!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proposed Hog Barn Concerns Neighbors

We need help! Something is happening in our neighborhood and we don't know what to do or where to turn. With this Pandemic occurring, it has been hard to get information.

We live in what is know as Big Buck or the "19" district in Carroll County. A large hog barn operation, with over 5,000 hogs, is planned to be built right in the middle of our neighborhood! There are homes in all directions, at least 41 homes plus our little Baptist Church in a one-mile radius. Only three are rental houses including one on the proposed hog barn farm.

My husband was born in this neighborhood 81 years ago. In 1958, as newlyweds we purchased his family home place. We farmed and raised our three girls here.

We had hogs, cattle, chickens and row-crops. A fire destroyed our house and years later a tornado took our barn but we built back and are still here. Two of our daughters and their husbands live in this community.

Our two grandsons just this year came back to Big Buck- one bought a small farm on Bright Road (near proposed hog barn site) and the other is building a house 1 1/2 miles away. Most of the people in this neighborhood have lived here for years and plan to stay. We are all upset and have several concerns about this hog barn.

Just a few of our concerns are- odor, contaminated drinking water, diseases, increased heavy road traffic and decreased property values. We are so concerned that even with the threat of Covid-19 we had a neighborhood meeting last week. Approximately 120 people attended. We had a question and answer session. Their answers did nothing to alleviate our fears! We found out what they do with dead hogs- compost area.

We realize our meat (pork in-

cluded) has to be raised somewhere but should there not be regulation for these barns to be built in remote areas, not in the middle of an established neighborhood? If people want to build their home near a hog barn, that is their choice. But we have no choice here, we feel as if our neighborhood has been invaded and violated! It is going to be hard to work in the garden, grill out or mow the yard while holding your nose! Our family comes to our house for Sunday dinner after church, we enjoy sitting out in the yard- is that going to be a thing of the past depending on which way the wind is blowing? Hasn't Covid-19 done enough to affect our lifestyle?

As a community we have consulted several people. The lawyers say "Let them build and then sue". We don't want to do that to them. People in other neighborhoods near hog barns have this advice "If there is anything in the world you can do to stop it- DO IT-It will ruin your community!"

How can we stop it? Towns have zoning laws- why can't rural neighborhoods? Have we no rights? Could this be something our county mayor and commissioners should consider? Where else can we turn? We understand that the laws protect ag- but who protects the citizens?

I realize my husband and I won't have many years left but we don't want to leave this "Hog Barn Operation" neighborhood as a legacy to our family and neighbors.

We wish no harm to the young man who has purchased this farm. He seemed very well mannered and nice. We just do not want a hog barn!

Would you want one in your neighborhood?

Thank you,
Joella Lundy

Are We Willing . . .

Recently we have heard the following questions:

Where is God in all of this terrible suffering of death, illness, and of loss of income due to the COVID-19 virus? How could a loving God allow a five-year-old child to die of a complication of COVID-19 while his parents and dedicated health care professional watch helplessly? The COVID-19 stay at home order has caused us to drive less. Is our air now cleaner? Is global warming a reality that is caused in large part by the burning and refining of fossil fuels? These questions and others like that are troublesome.

Is there some relation between COVID-19 and global warming? What groups of people have suffered the most from COVID-19? The poor, those living in crowded conditions like nursing homes and prisons, native Americans, brown, black, immigrant farmworkers and meatpacker employees.

What groups of people have suffered the most from the air pollution caused by the refining and burning of fossil fuels and

who will suffer first from the climate crisis? The poor, those living in crowded conditions like nursing homes and prisons, native Americans, brown, black, immigrant farmworkers and meatpacker employees. Are all the rest of us also suffering?

Is this reality challenging American capitalism? Are we being forced to look at ourselves in the mirror and ask what do we believe? Are we our brothers' and sisters' keeper? Are we neighbors to those who live on the other side of the tracks? Are we simply reaping the result of allowing some of God's children to live in fossil fuel polluted areas that are now having a devastating effect on all of us? Do we really want to go back to 'normalcy' or are we being directed to change our society? Are we to redistribute wealth and see to it that ALL people are able to live with clean water, clean air, adequate food, clothing, housing, health, without fear of suppression just because they may look different, believe differently, love differently or have physical or mental challenges? Are we willing to put life above money?

Roger C. Johnson, Ph.D.
McKenzie



Top Left, The Dairy Queen in 1972. Pictured (L to R): Edmund Ellis, Charlie Beasley, Ola Ellis, Mary Winchester, Kathryn Morgan, Jonelle Ellis, Carol Sherwood, Olene Coleman, Janice (Beasley) Wiggins, Maudell Beasley, Louise Beale, Bill Beasley, Shirley Baker and Tom Beasley. Above, Bill Beasley along with his wife, Maudell, owned the Dairy Queen in McKenzie from 1968-1991. Left, Bob and Rosa Brawner (left) with Maudell and Bill Beasley. Rosa and Maudell were sisters.

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William 'Bill' Beasley

The Milk Man and the Dairy Queen

Growing up in McKenzie, I can not think of any place more iconic in this town than the Dairy Queen.

Older generations may have had a few other places they loved, but to me, nothing was more special than picking up a few "baby burgers" or some type of ice cream treat.

It wasn't until I married Brittany that I learned more about Dairy Queen and the Beasley family. My mother-in-law's mother, the late Rosa Brawner is the sister of the late Maudell Beasley. She and her husband "Uncle Junior" Bill Beasley bought the Dairy Queen in 1968 and the family has operated ever since.

William Beasley, Jr. was born May 12, 1928, in Rutherford County, Tennessee near Eagleville. Like most families during that era, the Beasleys had little money. His father, William Sr., was a truck driver and farmer, and his mother, Myrtle, was a housewife. In order to make due, the family grew most of what they ate.

Working in the hot sun either in the tobacco fields or hauling hay, Bill never made more than seventy-five cents a day. That was until he enlisted in the Navy at age 17. As World War II came to an end, he joined the service where he made \$72 a month along with medical, dental, and vision care and clothing.

At the end of his first month

of basic training in San Diego, he sent \$50 of his check to the family.

"I thought I was on a pension. That left me with \$22 and that was more than I'd ever had before."

While in the Navy, he was assigned to a salvage unit whose duty it was to clean up what was left for World War II. Bill and his unit worked in Okinawa, Manis Island, Pearl Harbor and all over the Pacific Ocean. At the end of his service, he had saved \$2,400.

He parlayed his savings into a milk truck. With the purchase of the milk truck, Bill worked eight-and-a-half years for the Jersey Farms Milk Service in Williamson County. He transported milk in ten-gallon cans. "That's what me and mama courted in," said Bill, "she knew when I was coming because she could hear the milk cans rattling around when I came round the curve. She said she was to get right up in there with you, you know."

In 1947, Maudell left her home in Gleason and moved to Nashville. She was attending Andrew Jackson Business University and was working as the secretary at Belmont Methodist Church in Nashville.

The couple married on February 25, 1949. By this time, the milk truck had been sold and Bill started work at the American Bread Company (Sunbeam Bread). He remained with the company for twelve years and a

half years. This job put him at working 17-hour days, starting around 2 a.m. and leaving in the neighborhood of 10 p.m.

After five years, he was promoted to a route supervisor. The long hours were hard on the family. Bill and Maudell had six sons and a daughter over the years, the first five coming from 1949 through 1956; Billy, Dennis, Tommy, Charlie and Janice. In 1967, John was born and in 1970, Mike completed the set.

Eventually, a new supervisory position with the bread company allowed the Beasleys to move to West Tennessee. Maudell worried the small-town lifestyle wouldn't suit Bill, but he told her "where she was, he would be happy, as long as she was there."

In 1968, they purchased the Dairy Queen from Thomas Page. For 15 years, the pair operated their business in the current Domino's Pizza building before building the site of today's Dairy Queen.

In 1991, Bill and Maudell decided it was time to sell their business. Their son, Charlie, who was working in Nashville for the same bread company his father had once worked, purchased his father's shares of the business. Soon Charlie and Connie were at the helm of the Dairy Queen.

Growing up, Bill had always lived on another man's land since his father was a tenant farmer or sharecropper. With a love for mules and other livestock, he began to acquire land. He first bought 50-plus acres in Gleason. Soon he added 72 more acres and then another 60.

Bill never tried to make a living from farming, rather he enjoyed the animals that shared his land: 40 head of Beefmaster cattle, ten registered Percheron mares and one registered stud, a pair of working mules, a pair of young mules and pair of jennies, as well as ponies for the younger children and grandchildren.

For ten years, the Beasleys

hosted a gathering at their farm in Gleason following the annual Tater Town Parade. Wagon teams and horsemen would complete the parade route, then make their way to the Beasley farm. There they were greeted with music, fellowship and a large spread of delicious food (courtesy of Maudell's kitchen).

The story of Bill and Maudell Beasley is a story of love, family and generosity. Though I did not know "Uncle Junior" or "Aunt Dell" well, I can recall how they were always friendly and had a kind word. Over the last few years, I've heard tales of large family get-togethers that included enough food to sink a ship and game nights that lasted into the wee hours of the morning.

In November 2016, Maudell died after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. In December 2019, Bill died and was laid to rest next to his wife at New Valley Cemetery in Gleason. In 1999, Bill was asked about his accomplishment in life. His response was in typical Bill Beasley fashion, short and to the point. "What I've accomplished does seem that significant...til I look back to where I started."

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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

From One Great Class...To Another!

Boy howdy, if someone with just a smidgen of authority had told me and Buddy, Ricky and Yogi back in March of 1965 that we didn't have to go through that graduation ceremony thing...let me tell you, the celebration would have been on!

And then, on top of that, they tell us we are not going to have any school for the rest of the year. Are you kidding me!

AND everybody is going to pass all their classes and move up to the next grade—which automatically meant Rollin Trull would get to graduate with us...

We would have immediately started looking around for Rod Serling; surely, the whole universe had crossed over...into the "Twilight Zone".

We had older brothers. We'd been to a high school graduation. Mostly it was getting dressed up to hear some old guy talk about the unlimited possibilities that life had waiting for the graduates. Just as soon as he finished a couple of the smarter honorees "came up" and added some more commencement thoughts to the affair.

Around about the hour and a half mark, the whole class stood one at a time and

marched across the stage. Mr. W. O. Warren stuck an official looking document in their hand while Glen Chalk snapped a picture for posterity's sake.

The audience was not allowed to leave until the last robed participant had left the building. It was some kind of etiquette rule.

Wasn't it William Shakespeare who coined the phrase, "Much hoopla about nothing?"

Who needs it!

Yogi was a little smarter than the average bear. We were hiding out one Monday morning, late in our senior year, in the boiler room when he suggested we burn the school down. "They can just mail our diplomas to us."

"Well," Buddy chewed that over for a moment, "If we were going to set the place on fire, we should have done it at the beginning of our freshman year!"

We laughed. School wasn't Bud's long suit.

I think we all viewed it as a necessary evil. Of course, we railed against the regimented system, the food in the lunchroom, algebra, Miss Clark reading those confounded poems to us, coaches that blew whistles just because we were a second late for PE...

"Remember how we looked up

to Bob Cassidy, Tommy Herron and Doug Paschall?"

"Whew," I rubbed my side, elbow and tried to shake the cobwebs out of my head—from injuries incurred four years back when those three seniors ran over me, stomped me into the ground, spindled, mutilated and left me flat on my back every day at football practice... "Yeah, goodness gracious, did I remember 'looking up' to them!"

More laughter.

The talk got around to girls. It always did. We made fun of them; especially in the grammar school years. That had kinda changed as we progressed. By junior high, some of them weren't half bad.

Of course, by junior high, they were eying the sophomore boys. We were just "old hat" to them.

We didn't laugh about that.

"Remember the fight between the parent and the student outside Mr. Berry's science room?" It was a school career highlight for sure! He wasn't too keen on who was dating his daughter.

"How about the food boycott?" Another highlight! And I got called into the office over that one...

We reviewed every teacher, good or bad. We "remembered" time and time again gathering to decorate the Homecoming float, Squeaky Ridinger's mad dashes

(via the fire escape) downtown for doughnuts, the Halloween dance that wasn't, Yogi scaling the outside wall of the three-story high school under the cover of darkness in a quest to find Miss Polly's English exam early...

Lord, it was a virtual treasure trove of memories! And the basic, solid, well rounded education wasn't a bad by-product either.

Graduation was the consumption.

Me and Buddy, Ricky and Yogi might have talked big. But we wouldn't have missed it for anything. You see the whole deal in a different light when it's YOUR class seated up front!

I hate the situation for this year's seniors. Some have had graduation canceled completely. Others have modified versions. All have been disrupted to some degree. And our collective hearts go out to them.

But let me tell you seniors, your accomplishments have not been lessened in any shape, form or fashion! And those very special, personal, one of a kind memories will live on with you forever!

Now, if you still insist on the hour and a half speech, come by and see me anytime...

Respectfully,
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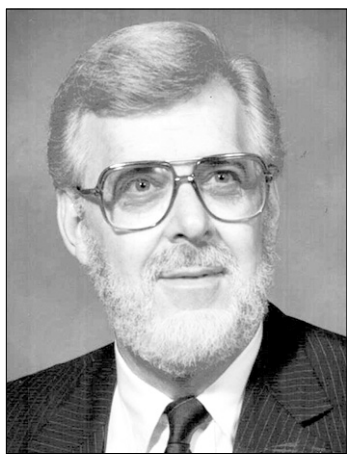
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Obituaries



**DR. WILLIAM ODOM
1934 — 2020**

Dr. William Lee Odom, 85, died peacefully on May 9, 2020. He was born December 28, 1934, in Richmond, Virginia, the son of an AT&T telegraph operator and part-time minor league baseball pitcher and a business secretary. He graduated from John Marshall High School in 1953 and Hampden-Sydney College in 1957 where he was captain of the tennis team. He earned a master's degree in Greek from the University of Virginia and, after successfully petitioning the UVA Board of Trustees to initiate the program, received a Ph.D. in Greek in 1964.

His first position was as a Greek professor at Randolph Macon College where he earned tenure his first year. He soon returned to Hampden-Sydney where he added tennis coach to his teaching responsibilities. It was the mid-1960s and during this time he and Carol took strong stands on the civil rights movement, sending both of their children to public school in Prince Edward County, Virginia, and actively protesting against local efforts to support the private academy at the public schools' expense.

In 1969 he pivoted to becoming a college administrator, becoming the Academic Dean and Vice-President of Keuka College in Keuka Park, New York. At the time, this all women's college was intentionally integrating their campus and Dr. Odom's work in civil rights in Virginia was partially responsible for his selection to this post.

In 1975 Dr. Odom was installed as president of Bethel College in McKenzie, Tennessee. At his installation service, the keynote address was delivered by his friend, Representative Barbara Jordan, who became famous for work during the Nixon impeachment hearings in the House of Representatives. Dr. Odom is credited with turning around the college, which was struggling financially when he arrived. He is honored on campus with a building named for him, Odom Hall.

In 1991 Bill and Carol moved to Americus, Georgia where he became Director of Development for Habitat for Humanity International. They worked alongside President Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn building houses and were frequent visitors to the former President's Sunday School class at the Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia. He also became a fan of the Indigo Girls when their song Hammer and Nail was sung at a Habitat fundraiser event.

In 1994, Dr. Odom was named Director of Development for the Washington D.C. Salvation Army. Bill and Carol, who worked at the Smithsonian, took full advantage of the culture DC had to offer during their years there. In raising money for the Salvation Army, he was perhaps most proud of his work for the Harbor Light Center, a residential addiction recovery center, and Turning Point Center for Women and Children that provides transitional housing for single mothers and their children.

In 2001, Bill and Carol retired to Memphis, Tennessee to be near their son and Bethel friends. Never one to take a real vacation without a fight, Dr. Odom stayed active during his early retirement, doing consulting work for Memphis Theological Seminary, volunteer consulting work for Church Health, and leading a group who published a book of sermons written by Rev. Harold Davis, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister.

The common thread of Bill's

life was his deep and abiding faith as a life-long Presbyterian and his love for his wife Carol, with whom he fell in love at age 13. All of the organizations for whom he worked in his long career are faith-based institutions. He intentionally sought to have his faith life shine through his professional life. He often put his faith in action as a choir director which he loved doing and took as seriously as any of his jobs.

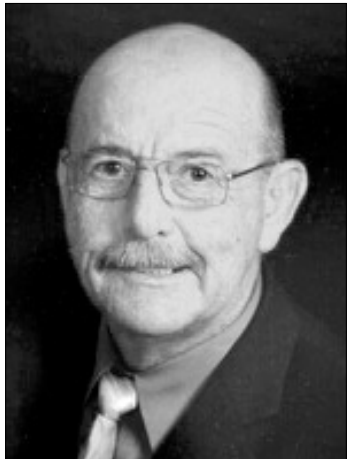
To his family, he was known for his work ethic, sweet nature, sense of humor, athletic abilities, love of music, love of family, intellect, and perhaps most importantly, his honor and integrity.

Dr. Odom was preceded in death by his father, Ivey Odom, his mother, Thelma Odom Zabriskie, his brothers, Edward (Dot), Jim (Virginia), his son-in-law, John Meggs (husband of Linda), his brother-in-law, Fred Huff, and a Keuka College student Bill and Carol considered an adopted daughter, Beverly Jackson. In addition to his wife, Dr. Odom is survived by his sister, Ivey Huff of Wake, Virginia, his son Butch Odom (Debbie) of Memphis, Tennessee, and his daughter, Linda Odom of Charlottesville, Virginia. He is also survived by four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

In 2015, Bill and Carol moved into Kirby Pines Lifecare Community in Memphis. The family extends a special thanks to the many kind employees there who cared for and supported him.

A memorial service will be announced after the current health challenge abates. Dr. Odom will be interred in College Church cemetery on the grounds of Hampden-Sydney College.

Memorial gifts can be made to Bethel University, 325 Cherry Ave., McKenzie, Tennessee 38201, Church Health, 1350 Concourse Ave., Suite 142, Memphis, Tennessee 38104, or to the charity of the donor's choice. +



**DAVID MAYBERRY
1957 — 2020**

David Allen Mayberry, a servant of Jesus Christ, was called home to meet Jesus on the morning of May 10, 2020. David was a hard-working, Tennessee farm boy who found his way to Texas in 1987. David was forever meeting and talking with people and never met a stranger. He loved his Lord Jesus Christ, his wife Courtney, his family, his faithful German Shephard, Maggie, serving others, and fishing. David is preceded in death by his parents, Dow and Carrie Erin Richardson Mayberry, and siblings, Charles Mayberry, Lynn Mayberry, Glynn Mayberry, Evelyn Mayberry Church and Jane Mayberry Smith. David is survived by his wife of 24 years, Courtney Mayberry, of Round Rock, Texas; two stepsons and their families: Chisholm Tate and his wife, Jennifer, of Houston Texas, and Brandon Tate and his wife, Michelle, of Waco, Texas; seven grandchildren: Collin Tate, Darian Tate, Jacob Tate, Cayden Tate, Kaitlyn Tate, Caroline Tate, and Zachary Tate; siblings: Ralph Mayberry of McKenzie, Tennessee, Betty Mayberry Martin of McKenzie, Tennessee, Jone Mayberry Kirksey and her husband Jackie of Huntingdon, Tennessee, Bill Mayberry and his wife Linda of McKenzie, Tennessee, Ruby Mayberry Berry of Atwood, Tennessee, Brenda Mayberry Underwood of Readyville, Tennessee, brother-in-law Bryan Shaw and his wife, Sheila of Milpitas, California, and brother-in-law Jack 'Bud' Shaw and his wife, Jackie of Red River, New Mexico; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. A memorial service for David will be held at Faith Missionary Baptist Church located

at 1561 Sam Bass Road, Round Rock, Texas 78681 on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 2 pm, officiated by Donnie Rogers. We know David and Courtney are loved deeply by many; however, due to COVID-19 protocol and in adherence to social distancing, we are limited to 43 people in attendance. Therefore, a private memorial service will be held. We invite everyone to join the service virtually via Facebook. You can visit www.faithroundrock.com on Saturday for the link to view the service. A memorial service will be held in McKenzie, Tennessee with a date to be announced at a later time. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in David's name to the American Cancer Society. + <https://www.taylorprovidence-funeralhome.com/> +



**HILDA SANDERS
1930 — 2020**

MURRAY — Hilda F. Sanders, 89, of Murray, Kentucky, formerly of Henry County, Tennessee and McKenzie, died Thursday, May 14, 2020. Memorial services were Monday, May 18 at McEvoy Funeral Home, Paris. Burial was in Memorial Cemetery.

Hilda F. Sanders was born November 14, 1930 in Statesboro, Georgia to the late William J. Fail and the late Bertha Alford Fail. She married Richard D. Sanders on March 15, 1951 and he preceded her in death on October 2, 2001. She is survived by daughters, Patricia (Tom) Hamlyn of Cordova, Tenn., Theresa Sanders of Salem, Oregon, Cynthia (Charles) Oliver of Palmersville, Tenn., and Debra (Dan) Boaz of Murray; sister, Maude Ray of Pooler, Georgia; grandchildren, Garret Mack and Logan Brown; great grandchildren, Pennylane Mack; and close family friend, Kellie Schuster of Murray.

Besides her parents and husband, Ms. Sanders is also preceded in death by sisters, Blannie Yirak and Alma Bryan; and brothers, Lawrence, Harrison, Johnny, Recie, Clarence, and Clifford Fail.

Ms. Sanders was a longtime member of Russwood Baptist Church. She worked and retired as an accountant with Jerome Crawford CPA. Hilda was a master seamstress and enjoyed all types of crafts.

The family requests memorials be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

**MARY MARGARET WILLIAMS
1951 — 2020**

PARIS — Mrs. Mary Margaret Waddle Williams, 68, died Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at Henry County Medical Center in Paris. She was born on October 30, 1951 in Nashville, Tennessee to Dr. L C and Mary Elizabeth Dotherow Waddle. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother John David Waddle. A memorial service is being planned for a later date, meanwhile Mary desired to be cremated and her remains buried beside her mother and father in Shiloh Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband Robert Williams of Las Vegas, NV, her son James Davis (Bonnie) Williams of Paris, her brother Walter Waddle of McKenzie, and three grandchildren.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**SHIRLEY CRIDER
1935 — 2020**

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Shirley Crider, 84, of Huntingdon,

Tennessee died Sunday, May 17, 2020 at Huntingdon Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services are Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Bro. CInterment will follow in Bethel Cemetery.

Mrs. Crider was born October 23, 1935 to the late Will and Viola (Bush) Brandon.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Wesley Crider, a grandson, Joe David Smith, two sisters, Dorothy Beal and Allie Mae Wilson, and three brothers, Ray Brandon, Paul Brandon, and Johnny Brandon.

She is survived by a daughter, Patricia New (Jim) of Huntingdon, two sons, Ricky Crider (Angie) of Huntingdon and David Crider (Tiffany) of Jackson. She also leaves two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.



**JEFFREY SMITH
1985 — 2020**

McKENZIE — Mr. Jeffrey Matt Smith, 34, died Sunday, May 17, 2020 at Vanderbilt Medical Center from injuries sustained in a car wreck.

Mr. Smith was born in Frankfurt, Germany on October 29, 1985. He is a 2004, Henry County High School graduate, and a former production worker at Magpro, Camden, Tenn.

He is survived by his parents John F. and Irene D. Smith of McKenzie, wife Danielle McRoberts of Red Bud, IL, two sons Mason and Lucas Smith and one daughter Savannah Smith of Red Bud, three sisters Mendy (Kenneth) Seiber of San Antonio, TX, Molly Luthy of El Dorado, KS, Emma Smith of McKenzie and three brothers Michael Smith and Alex Smith both of McKenzie and Jeremy (Brooke) Smith of Henry and a niece Grace Seiber of McKenzie.

There are no services scheduled at this time, the family has chosen cremation with a memorial service scheduled at a later time.

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.

**MELODY TRAVIS
1960 — 2020**

Mrs. Melody Marie Travis, 60 of Venice, Florida died May 13, 2020 in Florida.

Graveside funeral services will be conducted on Friday, May 22, 2020 at 2 p.m. at the Jamison Cemetery.

Mrs. Travis was born January 17, 1960 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Bendell Ray Boyd and Fay (Kennedy) Boyd. She had worked as a waitress for several years before becoming disabled. She was also preceded in death by a son, Donny William Travis, two brothers, Richard A. Boyd, Stephen H. Boyd, a sister-in-law, Barbara Boyd and a niece, Kendall Boyd.

She is survived by her husband, Miter John Dusch, two daughters, Candice Miranda (J. D.) of Murrieta, California, Danielle Goodwin (Spencer) of Orlando, Florida, two sisters, Tammy Ward (Vance) of McKenzie, Barbara Ezell (Ray) of Orange, Virginia, four brothers, Danny Ray Boyd of Mayfield, Kentucky, Larry Michael Boyd (Michelle) of Jackson, James D. Boyd and Randy D. Boyd (Danielle) both of McKenzie. She also leaves three grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

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The McKenzie Banner's policies concerning the cost of publishing obituaries. Effective June 1, 2020 the following policy will dictate the costs. The newspaper will still publish some obituaries without charge as indicated in the "death notice" in the description below. In your time of need, The McKenzie Banner will print your loved one's full obituary for a nominal fee.

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AMERICAN LEGION TO PLACE FLAGS AT VETERANS' GRAVES

American Legion Post 37 will place flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day. The Post members and interested citizens should meet at 8 a.m. at Mt Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie, on Sunday, May 24. American Legion Post 37 will provide the flags.

Community support for this effort would be greatly appreciated.

Dana Deem, Commander, Post 37.

HUNTINGDON SCHOOL BOARD MEETS MAY 21

Huntingdon Board of Education meets Thursday, May 21, 7 p.m. in the Huntingdon Middle School, 199 Browning Avenue, Huntingdon.

ANNUAL HOPEWELL CEMETERY FUNDRAISER

The Gleason Rotary Club will be at Hopewell Cemetery on Sunday, May 24, to accept donations for maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery. The Rotarians will be present from

9 a.m.—4 p.m. for city residents to drive by and make a donation. If unable to make donation on Sunday you may contact any Rotarian or go by the Bank of Gleason to make a donation.

LIBERTY ALL MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM CANCELED

Liberty All United Methodist Church, 2415 Old Stage Road, Huntingdon is unable to have its annual Memorial Day program Sunday, May 24 because of COVID-19 restrictions. However, in their thoughts and prayers, members will continue to honor and remember all those who have given their lives for our freedom.

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.

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.

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.

CARROLL COUNTY FLEA MARKET REOPENS

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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.

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.

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Vet Clinic. Vouchers expire one month from purchase.

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

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

JOHNSON TEMPLE C.M.E. PRAYER VIGIL

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

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

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.

CALENDAR • GENERAL



Banana Nut Bread

1 cup mashed bananas
1 1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup buttermilk
1/2 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cup plain flour
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1/2 cup shortening
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 eggs, well beaten
Cream shortening and sugar. Sift dry ingredients together. Add flour mixture, milk and bananas alternately to shortening and sugar mixture, beating well each addition. Add vanilla and nuts. Bake in tube pan at 350 for 45 minutes.

The Best Biscuits You'll Ever Eat

2 cup flour, sifted then measured
1/4 teaspoon soda
6 Tablespoons butter
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 Tablespoon baking powder
Cut until the texture of peas. Add 3/4 cup buttermilk. Mix to form ball. Knead for 30 seconds. Put on floured surface and cut into biscuit shapes. Bake on buttered pan and top with melted butter at 450 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes.

Grilled Burgers

1 envelope dry onion soup mix
2 pound ground beef
10 slices fresh tomato
fresh lettuce
10 hamburger buns, toasted
large fresh onion rings
Combine 1/4 cup water and soup mix, blending well. Stir in ground beef until well mixed. Shape into 10 patties; place on grill over hot charcoal. Cook to desired doneness. Arrange lettuce on bottom halves of buns. Place patties on lettuce; add tomato slices and onion rings to each bun. Add bun tops; serve immediately.

Rib Eye Roast

4 - 6 pound Rib Eye
2 cloves garlic
2 teaspoon grated orange peel
1 teaspoon each cracked pep-

per, salt, thyme

Combine seasonings and rub on surface of meat. Place on rack fat side up with thermometer. DON'T cover and don't add water. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Allow 18 to 24 minutes per pound. Bake at 135 degrees for rare, 155 degrees for medium, 165 degrees for well. Let stand 15-20 minutes in warm spot before carving. Temperature will rise 5 degrees during this resting period.

Cranberry Crunch

2 cup uncooked oats
1 cup flour
1 cup butter or margarine
2 cup brown sugar
small amount of salt
1 lb can jellied cranberry sauce
Mix oats, brown sugar, flour and salt. Cut in butter or margarine until crumbly. Place half this mixture in 9 x 13 greased baking dish. Spread cranberry sauce over the oats mixture. Then top with remaining crumb mixture. Bake 45 minutes at 350 degrees.

Old Fashioned Tea Cakes

4 cup self rising flour
1 1/4 cup sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/4 cup margarine or shortening
2 tablespoon cinnamon (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter, sugar and eggs. Add to mixed dry ingredients. Add slowly. Beat well and add vanilla. Roll dough on lightly floured surface. Cut out with cookie cutter. Bake 10 minutes. Do not over cook.

Peanut Butter Pie

1 3 ounce cream cheese
3 tablespoon milk
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Area Rotary Clubs To Sponsor Area Mobile Food Pantry

Area Rotary Clubs are funding mobile food banks to serve food insecure homes in rural west Tennessee.

Two area food banks will serve residents in Weakley and Carroll counties. Rotary clubs have partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee to provide a tractor-trailer full of food.

Gleason First Baptist Church is the site for an event on Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m. FBC and other Gleason churches recently hosted a similar event on May 9. The Gleason event is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Gleason, Dresden, Greenfield and Martin. There are an estimated 5,100 "food insecure" households in Weakley County.

Trezevant Fire Station is the site of an event on Friday, June 12. The truck arrives at 8 a.m. and distribution starts as soon as the tractor-trailer is unloaded. Rotary Club of McKenzie is co-sponsoring the event along with the Trezevant Ministerial Alliance. There are an estimated 4,140 "food insecure" households in Carroll County.

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See solution in next week's edition.

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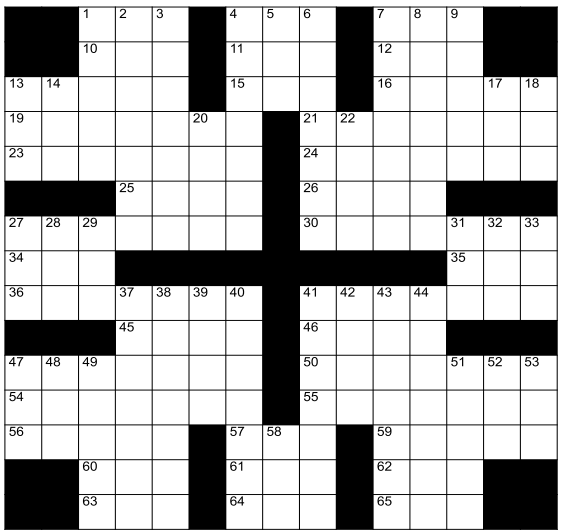
Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. It's now called Experian
4. You can draw it
7. Very fast aircraft
10. Go quickly
11. Fifth note of a major scale
12. Biochemical abbreviation
13. Make somebody laugh
15. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
16. City in NE Morocco
19. Colorless gas
21. NE football player
23. A snake is one
24. Small spot
25. Inform
26. Republic of Ireland
27. Large statues
30. Documents about an individual
34. Helps little firms
35. Namibia's former name
36. Large insects
41. Thirsty
45. A well-defined track or path
46. One who utilizes
47. Plant-eating mammals
50. Not in tip-top shape
54. Alternate names
55. A part of a broadcast serial
56. City in central Italy
57. LOTR actor McKellen
59. Trees provide it
60. Men's fashion accessory
61. Type of screen
62. Snake-like fish
63. Possesses
64. When you aim to get there
65. Tooth caregiver

CLUES DOWN

1. Hit heavily
2. Italian rice dish
3. Some are cocktail



4. A citizen of Israel
5. Read-only memory
6. Passed by
7. Northern diving ducks
8. References
9. Iranian language
13. Swiss river
14. Woman (French)
17. Gov't department (abbr.)
18. Consumed
20. Ailments
22. Balkan Jewish appetizer
27. Reciprocal of a sine
28. Skywalker mentor ___-Wan
29. Resinous secretion of insects
31. Similar
32. Female sheep
33. Cool!
37. Borders the Adriatic Sea
38. Flowers
39. It's sometimes upped
40. Immobile
41. Female body parts
42. Common request
43. Made a second thrust
44. Fell into deep sleep
47. Subway resident
48. Brew
49. The event of being born
51. Aspirations
52. Doctor of Education
53. Punk musician ___ Dee
54. Ramone
58. A subdivision of a play

Week 21

See solution in next week's edition.

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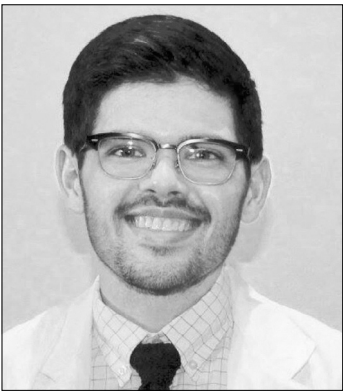
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Akin Graduates Medical School

Allan Akin, a McKenzie class of 2010 graduate and the son of John and Kim Brannon and Dana and Saudia Akin, graduates May 29 from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine in Memphis where he received his doctor of medicine degree.

Allan is a Dr. Albert M. Hand Scholar and a recipient of the Drs. Dana and Paul Latour Endowed Scholarship for Primary

Care Medicine. While at UTHSC, he served as the Community Outreach Chair for the Council on International and Area Outreach, Director of Faculty and Student Recruitment at The Stress and Wellness Center, and Chair of UTHSC's First Annual Health Disparities Symposium. He resides in Chattanooga, where he will be starting his residency training in family medicine.



Gleason Athletes Honored with Virtual Banquets

GLEASON (May 12-15) — Under normal circumstances, Gleason High School athletes would have been honored with the annual banquet Tuesday to celebrate their hard work and dedication. Instead, coaches held virtual banquets streamed via Facebook throughout the week.

First, cheer sponsor Lori Wilson recognized the accomplishments of the cheerleaders. She said, "Even though we're not meeting in person to celebrate you, your dedication to your sport is no less important... We wanted to recognize you for all that you did to make the 2019-20 season a memorable one."

She presented the following awards: Most Improved — Keely Spain; The Builder Award — Paige Smith; Coach's Award — Gracie Long; Leadership Award — Belle Fowler and Haley Harrison; Bulldog Award — Madison Fuzzell.

Next, golf coach Jacob Canada recognized his players. He thanked them as well as everyone who supported the program and complimented the players on their performance.

He presented the following awards: Best Female Golfer — Zana Tipton; Best Male Golfer — Aayden Black.

Football coach Noah Lampkins honored his team and thanked them for all of their hard work. He said, "We did it the right way. We worked hard and we had fun."

He presented the following awards: Most Improved — Mason Fuzzell; Defensive Player of the Year — Cody O'Callaghan; Bulldog Award — Elijah Young; Coach's Choice Award — Dawson Arnold; Offensive Player of the Year — Isaac Denton.

Girls' basketball coaches Sean Stephenson and Luke Hughes complimented their team for their perseverance during a difficult season marred by injuries.

They presented the following awards: Most Improved — Sophie Wilson; D.A.L. Award for Dedication, Ability and Leadership — Kenady Atkins; Most Outstanding Offensive Player — Lillie Freeman; Toughness Award — Carrington Lifsey; P.R.I.D.E. Award — Alexis Anderson; Coach's Award — Martha Nichols; Bulldog Award — Keicha Parkins; Hustle Award — Chasney Brawner; Most Outstanding Defensive Player — Veronica Rosa; Most Charges Taken (16) — Veronica Rosa; Best Field Goal Percentage (50 percent) — Carrington Lifsey;

Best Free Throw Percentage (75 percent) — Carrington Lifsey; Best Three-Point Percentage (49 percent) — Carrington Lifsey; Most Assists (54) — Carrington Lifsey; Most Rebounds (200) — Lillie Freeman.

Boys' basketball coach Mike Riggs, in his first year in the role, offered his appreciation for each player's hard work, dedication, character and determination.

He presented the following awards: Coach's Award — Brady Witherspoon; Best Defensive Player — Dawson Arnold; Most Valuable Player — Elijah Young; Most Steals — Garrett Pinkston; Bulldog Award — Olen Reed; Most Improved — Kolton Crochet.

Softball coach Albert Collins lamented that his team barely had the chance to see the field, but complimented the players on their off-the-field accomplishments and their hard work and dedication in preparing for the season.

He presented the following awards: Leadership Award — Cory Burke; Dedication Award — Christina Sandoval and Krista O'Callaghan.

Carroll County Sheriff's Department

Burglary — The Sheriff's Department is investigating a recent case of burglary/breaking and entering on private property in Buena Vista.

According to the report by Deputy Frank McGee, he went to 3963 Maple Creek Road after receiving a call about a break-in at that address. Upon arrival, McGee found that someone entered the property by dismantling the cable across the driveway. The cabin on the property was broken into, but nothing was taken from inside the building. A deer stand valued at \$1,249 was stolen from the property. Some pictures were taken by a trail camera.

Assault — Richard Allen

Wells, 59, of 107 North Carroll Street, Bruceton, was charged with simple assault following a May 12 incident at his residence.

According to the report by Deputy Tommy Decanter, Wells was arrested after he allegedly assaulted Judy Yancy by hitting her on the arm and chest with a glass tray.

Drunkness — Courtney Lee Norman, 32, of 1915 Leach Road, Cedar Grove, was cited for drunkness on May 12 in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Deputy Tony King, he found Norman in an intoxicated state trying to find help at 4 a.m. on Casino Road. King noted that

Norman smelled strongly of alcohol, her speech was slurred, her eyes were glassy, and she was unstable on her feet. Norman's vehicle was found stuck off the side of the roadway and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

Theft — Deputies are looking into the recent theft of items from private property in Buena Vista.

Daniel Schall of Millington told deputies on May 7 that someone came on his property at 2700 Pond Branch Road and took several items. Reported as stolen were a battery valued at \$100, a 30-amp RV cord valued at \$100, a storage box valued at \$150, and a door valued at \$200.

McKenzie Police Reports

Driving Under the Influence — Officer Jeffrey Lowden charged Carlos Guzman Covarrubias, 43, Smith Avenue, McKenzie, with Driving Under the Influence, Open Container, and No Drivers License on May 11. According to the report, he was seated in a car, slumped over the steering wheel, at a convenience store.

He reportedly did poorly on sobriety tests. He was charged with DUI, No Drivers' License, and Open Container and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Possession of a Firearm During Commission of Felony — Officer Justin Brister charged Romello Foster, 25, of Paris with Sale/Delivery of a Controlled Substance and Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Dangerous Felony on May 17.

Officer Brister stopped a Chevy Malibu with its rear bumper dragging the road and sparking. As he was stopping the vehicle on Highland Drive, dispatch received an anonymous tip the suspect in the vehicle had sold drugs at an apartment in McKenzie.

Upon stopping the vehicle, Officer Brister saw the two rifles in the front seat. Upon questioning Foster about illicit drugs, he admitted to marijuana in a backpack, which resulted in 122.3 grams. He was placed under arrest and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Driving Under The Infl-

Huntingdon Police Reports

License Violation — Ryan Leigh Balentine, 33, of Huntingdon was cited for driving on a suspended license (second

offense) during a May 8 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Officer Brad Allen, he saw Bal-

entine driving a blue Ford Expedition on East Main Street. Allen conducted a traffic stop because he had prior knowledge that Balentine's license was suspended. A computer check confirmed her suspended status.

Theft — Officer Just Brister took a report from April Moore, Walnut Avenue, about theft from her carport. The report, on May 15, indicated the theft of leaf blower, bird cage, emergency kit with jumper cables, utility cord.

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- Chad and Laura Taylor to Lucian M. Kee Jr.
- Jason Pendergrass to Jason and Rebekah Pendergrass.

Local Residents Earn Degrees from Western Governors University

SALT LAKE CITY (May 13) — Two local residents have earned a degree from Western Governors University (WGU). The online, nonprofit university has graduated over 178,000 students from across the country since its inception in 1997.

Kimberlee Roth of Bruceton has earned a Bachelor of Science, Nursing degree. Tammy Maxwell of Huntingdon has earned a Master of Science, Nursing - Education (BSN to MSN) degree.

Since January 2, 2020, WGU has awarded 6,313 undergraduate and 4,975 graduate degrees. Graduates' areas of study include business, K-12 education, information technology and health professions, including nursing. The average time to graduation for those earning a bachelor's degree was two years, three months, while the average time for graduate programs was one year, six months. The average age of those who graduated is 38 years old.

WGU pioneered competency-based education, which

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About WGU

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In just 23 years, the university has become a leading influence in changing the lives of individuals and families, and preparing the workforce needed in today's rapidly evolving economy. WGU is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, has been named one of Fast Company's Most Innovative Companies, and was featured on NPR, NBC Nightly News and CNN and in The New York Times. Learn more at www.wgu.edu.



Top, Twin seniors Lillie (left) and Katie Freeman are cheered on by the staff at Bank of Gleason. Above, Senior Madison Fuzzell greets supporters in front of her alma mater. Below, Senior Alexis Anderson waves to the crowd in front of Bank of Gleason. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Gleason Hosts Parade for Class of 2020

BY JASMINE WILLIAMS
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GLEASON (May 16) — Gleason High School and the City of Gleason celebrated the graduating Class of 2020 on Saturday during what would have been the week-end of graduation.

Many schools have had to postpone or cancel graduation for seniors amid the COVID-19 pandemic, but that is not stopping schools and communities from celebrating the accomplishments of its seniors.

Gleason seniors were honored with a parade through the city. Seniors were encouraged to decorate their vehicles and either

drove themselves or had a parent drive for them.

The parade started at Gleason School and wove through much of Gleason. Many in the community came out to celebrate the school's seniors.

Many students and parents said that they were sad that they were not able to graduate when they should have on Friday, May 15. They also were sad about many senior traditions, such as senior skip day and prom, that were not able to happen. However, they were very happy to still be able to come together and celebrate their many years of hard work.

Those who came out to the

parade said they were excited to still be able to celebrate and hope that Gleason will continue the senior parade every year alongside the regular graduation.

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 67-5-508 Tennessee Code Annotated, the property assessment records of Carroll County will be available for public inspection in Assessor of Property Office, Suite 105, Carroll County Complex during normal business hours. Any person desiring to inspect these records may do so at the appointed time and place.

The Carroll County Board of Equalization will begin its annual session to examine and equalize the county assessments on June 1, 2020. **THE BOARD WILL ACCEPT APPEALS FOR TAX YEAR 2020 ONLY UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF ITS 2020 REGULAR SESSION, WHICH WILL BE JUNE 21, 2020.** The board will meet in the Conference Room in the Carroll County Complex. Any owner of property who wishes to make a complaint or appeal to the County Board of Equalization must make an appointment by calling the Assessor of Property Office at 731-986-1975 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. daily. A property owner must appear at this time personally or by personal appearance of an agent for the owner bearing the owner's written authorization. Failure to appear and appeal an assessment will result in the assessment becoming final without further right of appeal.

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Bethel's Dr. Lancaster Named to SSAC All-Faculty Team

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The 2019-20 SSAC All-Faculty Team was announced recently by the Southern States Athletic Conference. Bethel University's Dr. David Lancaster was named to the team.

Each athletic department submits one faculty member from their institution that has gone above and beyond in support of student-athletes.

Dr. R. David Lancaster (B.A., '75), professor of Christian Studies at Bethel University, lives in Martin. He and his late wife, Barb, who was also a Bethel graduate ('76), married in September 1975, and had four children, all Bethel graduates.

After earning a Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School in 1979, he began his first pastorate in West Paducah, Kentucky. After five years, the family relocated to Knoxville, serving the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church over the next 19 years. He has served on



Dr. David Lancaster

several denominational boards, and beginning in 1986, has taught in the extension school for ministers preparing for ordination. For twelve years, the Knoxville congregation sponsored a daily radio ministry which David produced called

Family Matters, which aired on a local Christian station. The Graduate Theological Foundation awarded him a Doctor of Ministry degree in 2008. In September 2010, the Sharon CP Church honored him by naming him its supply pastor.

In its annual June General Assembly meeting in Palm Harbor, Florida, in 2017, the delegates elected him as its 187th Moderator, a one-year position which concluded in June 2018.

For over 20 years, David has studied the subject of leadership. He wrote a monthly column, Leading Matters, for the denominational magazine, The Cumberland Presbyterian. He has developed two outreach/service programs at Bethel, The Bethel Center for Creating Leadership (inactive) and Certificate in Christian Studies.

Bethel Associate Athletic Director Brad Chappell shared his thoughts, "The All-Faculty Team is an honor voted on by our coaches each year. It is awarded to the faculty member that is viewed by our coaches as having been the most supportive of our athletes and our department. We are proud to honor Dr. Lancaster with this distinction as he certainly checks all those boxes."

Bethel President Dr. Walter Butler commented, "Dr. David Lancaster's history with Bethel goes all the way back to the 1970's when he was a student here. Being selected for the SSAC All-Faculty Team is so appropriate for Dr. Lancaster. He cares for his students and spends hours, each semester, helping them to become successful, both on and off the field. On behalf of the entire Bethel University faculty, staff and student body, your choice of Dr. Lancaster is a great selection."

Dr. Lancaster was thrilled with the award. "I'm in total shock, and incredibly honored and thrilled to receive this kindness. I love working with our student-athletes. I feel blessed to be a part of the Bethel experience."

Bethel Alum Mandi Thomas Competes on NBC's The Voice

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Bethel University alum Mandi Thomas represented her alma mater well on NBC's The Voice. The Memphis native was among the top 17 competitors on the singing contest before her elimination on May 5.

Thomas enrolled at Bethel in 2004 as an inaugural member of Renaissance. She graduated in December 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Music.

She is currently a vocal instructor at Visions Academy of Performing Arts in Cordova and the lead singer of Cruisin Heavy.

Mandi's journey began with a blind audition at The Voice studio

in Los Angeles. She performed "Con Te Partiro," and was selected by coach Kelly Clarkson.

She then moved to the Battles round on April 6, advancing with a performance of "My Baby Loves Me."

On April 20, she performed "My Church" in the Knockout round and defeated her opponent.

The remaining 17 contestants performed from their homes on May 4. Thomas performed "I Hope You Dance." Her elimination was announced on the show the following day.

She took to Facebook Live immediately following the announcement to thank her fans for their support and to let them know that her "wonderful experience" on the show was just the beginning for her.



Bethel alum and The Voice contestant Mandi Thomas

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Top and Right, Students enjoyed their parade. Bottom Right, Kelly Todd, principal of West Carroll Junior/Senior High, wears a portion of the War Eagle costume.

West Carroll Hosts Senior Parade

ATWOOD (May 14) — Normally, the West Carroll High School seniors have a tradition of marching the halls of the Elementary and Primary schools on graduation week. This year, since school was closed since mid-March, the seniors improvised with a drive-by senior parade. The seniors lined up at

the former high school building in Atwood and then, with a police and fire truck escort, drove through the parking lot of West Carroll Junior/Senior high, where teachers and staff members cheered for them, then through Trezevant to the Elementary and then McLemoresville to the Primary School.



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Congratulations, Grads!

After years of hard work and months of uncertainty, you have finally arrived – graduation!

Your story is unique, the graduating class that lost, but gained. You lost time with friends, celebrations and sports seasons, but gained the love and support of a community that came together to say, "Your accomplishments did not go unnoticed. You are amazing. You have overcome so much and you're going to do great things in life."

This newspaper and your community stand behind you.

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.

Jordan Roman Smith

SCHOOL: Dresden High School
PARENTS: Jake and Janet Smith of Dresden, Tenn.
CLUBS: Beta Club, Chess Club, FBLA, 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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