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Longest Icicle Challenge Winners

Vicky Williams of Bruceton and Jeff Sass of McKenzie are the winners of The McKenzie Banner's Longest Icicle Challenge. The contest was conducted on Facebook February 18-20.

Jeff Sass photographed the longest icicle at Somerset on Pea Ridge near McKenzie.

Vicky Williams's posted photograph received the most likes for her photograph of her son Haden Williams and Taylor Paterson, both Bethel students playing on the baseball team. Haden is from Bruceton and Taylor is from Milan. Phil Perry was the photographer. He is a Bethel student from Big Sandy.

In the "Most Liked" category, Williams won first; Garrett Burns earned second with a photo of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church; Michellia McKillip Wilson won first with her red holly berries in ice; Paco Stanton won

fourth with a photograph of Michael Umsted holding an icicle measuring 50 inches; and fifth went to Tiffany Hill with her photo of icicles above Patsy Hill's carport.

The "Longest Icicle" category was won by Sass; second went to Audrea Martin (daughter of Andrea Damesworth) for her home in Louisville, Kentucky with a icicle about 9.5 feet long; third went to Lisa Stewart for her photo of the Old West Steakhouse and an icicle 68 inches long; fourth went to Jennifer Rudd for an icicle measuring 55 inches; and fifth went to Paco Stanton for an icicle measuring 50 inches.

To see the entries, visit The McKenzie Banner's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mckenziebanner.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the challenge. Congratulations to all the winners.



Above Left, this photograph by Jeff Sass of McKenzie won first place in the Longest Icicle category of the Banner's Longest Icicle Challenge on Facebook. Pictured is Waylon standing next to a lone icicle that runs from roof to ground at "Somerset" on Pea Ridge near McKenzie. Above Right, this photograph submitted by Vicky Williams (of Bruceton) won first place in the Most Liked category of the Banner's Longest Icicle Challenge on Facebook. Pictured are: (L to R) Bethel University students Haden Williams (of Bruceton) and Taylor Paterson (of Milan). Both men play baseball for Bethel. The photo was taken by Bethel student Phil Perry of Big Sandy.



Florida Couple Arrested After Area Burglaries

By Shannon McFarlin
WENK/WTPR News Director

Milan — A Florida couple wanted for a series of burglaries in our area is being held on \$250,000 bond each at the Gibson County Jail after being apprehended in Milan.

Shortly after area law enforcement distributed a surveillance photo of a female who had committed several burglaries in McKenzie, Gleason, Dresden and Union City, the female and her male accomplice were arrested in Milan after trying to cash a stolen fraudulent check.

The two who are arrested are Danielle K. Thompson, age 19, of Mulberry, Fla.; and Jamar Hanchell, 26, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The dispatcher at the Milan Police Department said additional charges most probably will be added by the other jurisdictions as the case progresses.

On February 12, a vehicle was burglarized in front of a business in McKenzie. The burglar

stole the victim's purse, cell phone and banking information from her vehicle. Later, that same day another vehicle was burglarized in front of a local business in Gleason.

The burglar reportedly also stole that victim's purse, drivers license and check book from her vehicle. Entry was gained into both vehicles by shattering side windows. A white vehicle, with tinted windows, was observed leaving the scene of both burglaries.

On February 13, the female in the surveillance photographs was observed trying to pass a forged check at a bank in Union City. This check had been stolen from the vehicle in Gleason. The suspect used the identification that was stolen from the vehicle in McKenzie when she attempted to pass that check.

Later that day the suspect used the Gleason burglary victim's identification to obtain money from the victim's checking account at a bank in Dresden, Tennessee.

City of Clarksburg Adds Website

The City of Clarksburg made a big technology leap by joining the Internet and launching its own website.

Mayor Jamie Peterson announced <http://www.clarksburgtn.org> was launched on Thursday, February 19.

"The City made a decision last fall to establish a website for the convenience of our citizens so that those

who are interested can have access to agendas, minutes, and other valuable and interesting information about the City. Those living elsewhere will have access to a lot of good information about the community," said Peterson.

"We reviewed various options for hosting our site, and the best and most economical for us was to use GovOffice

who specializes in providing a basic framework and hosting for the site. We were responsible for building out the site, designing it, and adding all the information," Peterson said.

The website provides information about city government such as meeting agendas, financial reports, minutes, and city codes as well

as links to local businesses, churches, local attractions, and useful links like genealogy. Peterson said he hopes citizens will access the site and provide helpful suggestions. "We are still working on a few subsections, but we thought it was sufficiently developed to launch at this time."

Hollow Rock Accepts Bid to Repair Bridge

By Ernie Smothers
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Hollow Rock (February 17) — During the regular monthly meeting of the Hollow Rock Board of Alderman, town mayor Tim Runions informed board members that he had accepted Foster Farms of Huntingdon's low bid of \$78,012.50 for the Robinson Circle bridge project.

He said, "I opened four sealed bids and accepted Foster Farms' bid because it was \$42,000 less than the next-lowest bid submitted."

Other bidders included: Fuller Excavation of Camden-\$136,000; PRI Pavement of Milan-\$132,066.28; and Humble Construction of Holladay-\$120,000.

Hollow Rock's Board of Alderman did not vote on the bids because the project is being funded exclusively by state and federal disaster grants with no town money involved.

Runions said that town employees will assist on the project via dirt removal and other job-related functions.

The board unanimously approved Water Grant Resolution R2015-01 authorizing the submittal of an application to the Tennessee Department

of Economic and Community Development for \$360,360 in grant funds via the Small Cities Block Grant Program for the addition of fire hydrants and improvements to fire protection for the municipality.

Addressing the board prior to the vote, Runions said, "The total cost to the town to receive \$360,360 in grant funding is \$3,640. That is a very small amount of money to pay to receive such a large amount of funding. We are eligible to apply for these monies via CDBG program guidelines, and I recommend that we do so."

He added, "The only downside to the CDBG water project is that work might not commence until 2016. But, the grant funding is nearly 100-percent and will allow us to eliminate long-standing water system problems on Kee and Dodd streets."

At the recommendation of Runions, the board unanimously approved the town's fiscal year 2013-14 audit.

He said, "Vance CPA of Belvidere provided our town with an unqualified opinion, which is exactly what we were hoping for. I want to thank City Recorder Pam Gallimore, Public Services Director Kenny Chandler, and Police Chief

Danny Emerson for once again doing a great job of staying within budget constraints. They've always done an excellent job, but even more so this past year. I am appreciative of their dedicated efforts on behalf of our town. Thank you for the excellent work. The town is in good shape financially, but we still have to keep a careful watch on spending."

Runions restated his appreciation of Chandler's effort in helping the town's water department attain a perfect score of 100 during the recent state sanitary survey.

Financial highlights from the audit revealed that the assets of the town exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$2 million (net position), an increase of \$60,000. As of the close for the current fiscal year, the town's general fund reported an ending fund balance of \$167,000, a decrease of \$14,000 in comparison with the prior year. Of the total fund balance, \$162,000 is available for spending at the town's discretion.

The Town of Hollow Rock has two proprietary funds, the Water and Sewer Fund and the Solid Waste Fund. Charges for services approx-

imated those of the previous year. The overall decrease was attributable to the decrease in fees received. Expenses decreased by \$5,000.

In addition, actual revenues for the general fund were less than final budgeted revenues by \$1,000. Expenditures in the general fund were less than budgeted amounts by \$7,000 in the current year, mainly attributable to other governmental expenditures.

The only significant deficiency found was the repeated finding of inadequate segregation of duties, a predominant finding in many small town fiscal statements.

Alderman and town fire chief Bobby Brotherton informed the board that the fire department will utilize the \$750 gleaned from the sale of the deeded lot on Seminary Street to upgrade the training room and lower ceilings at the fire hall located inside the former elementary school.

Brotherton also told the board that he would like to find a buyer for the fire department equipment van and brush truck in order to cut down on insurance costs.

Huntingdon School Board Awards Bid for 46 Fieldhouse Lockers

Courtesy of the Carroll County News-Leader

The Huntingdon High School football field house will soon have 46 new freestanding lockers, according to action taken Thursday night by the Huntingdon Special School District

Board of Education.

The awarding of the bids for the lockers was the only item on the regular agenda. Under the consent agenda, a maternity leave was granted for Ginger Coleman from April 16 – May 20. Two other items under the consent agenda were taken off because they involved band

trips to Murray State University that had to be cancelled because of inclement weather.

Only one company, Wildcat Manufacturing of Tahaka, Texas, submitted a bid for the lockers. The company had two bids based on the method of delivery.

One of the bids was \$25,185

if a Wildcat truck was used for delivery or \$24,185 if it was common carrier delivered.

Board member Paul Stokes questioned Dillahunt if she was satisfied with the bid.

"The coaches are satisfied with the lockers," said Dillahunt. "I have talked with high school principal Jonathan Kee

and football coach Eric Swenson about them."

Stokes said he was for freight delivery since \$1,000 would be saved.

The board accepted the \$24,185 bid.

"The lockers are something we had talked about purchasing in Joint Venture," said

Dillahunt.

Dillahunt said she was advertising the mowing for bids for the school system.

"They have to be in by March 17 and will be awarded by March 31," said the director.

Board chairman Lee Carter announced the next meeting is March 19 at 7 p.m.

Lack of High Speed Internet Hurts Rural Areas, Mayor Kelley Tells Senate Committee

Huntingdon Mayor Dale Kelley recently met with the State of Tennessee Senate Commerce & Labor Committee and addressed the needs for high-speed Internet services in rural communities to help "level the playing field" on economic development.

Mayor Kelley's comments follow:

- We are located just outside of Jackson, Tennessee a metropolitan area with Tennessee Fiber Community providing broadband services to its businesses and residents.
- There are Jackson-based businesses and industry with supply partners in Huntingdon, and our community relies on them to help sustain our local economy.
- While the Jackson plants have broadband connectivity, their suppliers, partners and employees in Huntingdon do not - which greatly limits the ability to do business at the same level of online operations and communications.
- None of the traditional television and telecommunications companies are willing to offer fiber services to smaller communities in rural areas like ours.

- However, Tennessee law currently prohibits our communities from accessing the services
- of those providers who ARE willing to offer us broadband service.
- Therefore, I am appealing to this committee to remove the barriers that currently prevent communities like Huntingdon from accessing broadband services.
- We're not asking for the legislature to fund these fiber optic deployments or be responsible for them. We're simply asking you to give our communities the freedom and responsibility to invest in fiber optics services that our residents and businesses need to be competitive in the 21st Century.
- Carroll County is the 14th largest county in Tennessee as it relates to land size. (599 sq. miles)
- More than 50% of Carroll County's population lives outside of the eight incorporated towns.
- Carroll County is home to Bethel University, one of the leading higher education institutions in Tennessee related to online programs.

I remember a day in time when writing a letter and putting it in the mail and waiting two weeks for a response was the norm. This is certainly not the case in 2015.

Today, we email and text and expect an immediate acknowledgement. Also, today we transfer a vast amount of data and information as attachments to emails. Today, you don't mail a response to anyone for information for an industrial prospect. Rather, you email it with pictures, graphs, etc. included.

The business world is all about the speed of the internet. Many of our industrial parks are located outside of the city limits or municipalities, tourist attractions are also outside the city limits of our towns.

People expect and demand reliable, speedy internet services. Education depends on speedy internet service to provide students the ability to research education assignments and to take online courses.

A Real Story: A worker in Carroll County can't do her homework for her Bethel University Success class at home due to slow internet speed.

She has to do her homework at work during lunch or after work. Yet, her internet provider would tell you she has broadband services at her home. She would agree she pays monthly for that service.

It is a shame that we can't give every student in Carroll County a laptop and expect they could take it home and receive high speed internet. But they can't. Availability and cost are barriers to many of our families. \$500 a year is difficult for some families to pay for internet.

Today, internet access is a basic infrastructure service that is expected to be delivered. If it is an industrial prospect, a student at Bethel University, or a high school student wanting to take online classes at home, or the tourist visiting the Carroll County 1,000 Acre Recreational Lake or our Carroll County Shooting Park; reliable, speedy internet service is a big deal, a big need, and a big challenge for especially rural communities in Tennessee.

Thank you.

State's Electric Systems Asking For Broadband

BRENTWOOD — The Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association (TMEPA) is seeking to end Tennessee's constraint on municipal electric broadband so that communities can choose their internet providers and to give more Tennesseans access to the fastest broadband speeds.

TMEPA consists of the state's 60 municipal systems, which serve 2.1 million homes and businesses, or 70% of Tennessee's electric customers. TMEPA is supporting legislation (SB1134 / HB1303) that removes the current limitation on municipal electric broadband providers that restricts broadband service to just its electric service territory. This change in the law would allow municipal electric broadband to expand to more areas where it is needed.

"High-speed broadband is the next utility of the 21st century, and municipal electric broadband should be allowed to be an option for more communities across Tennessee," said Jeremy Elrod, Director of Government Relations for TMEPA.

Today's world has made high-speed broadband vital infrastructure that drives local economies, promotes economic development, increases educational opportunities and outcomes, increases regional and global competitiveness, and allows more opportunities for telemedicine, telework, and a better quality of life.

"With the critical need for more and better access to high-speed broadband, a community should have every option available to it as it tries to meet its needs," said Elrod.

Nearly half of rural Tennesseans still lack access to 25 megabits per second broadband, the FCC's new broadband standard, and many have little to no internet connectivity at all. Conversely, municipal electric systems have made Tennessee the leader in the nation in per capita availability to gigabit speed broadband with 1 in 10 Tennesseans having access to the fastest speeds in the country. same whether downloading or uploading data. system can develop innovative solutions to meet its community's broadband needs.



The Trezevant council discusses assigning street department employee John Moore to crossing guard duties on a regular basis. The board unanimously approved to pay Moore an additional \$120 per week to serve as crossing guard at West Carroll Elementary school in the mornings and afternoons.

Trezevant

Council Discusses Scrivner Property; Crossing Guard

TREZEVA NT (February 10) The Trezevant mayor and board of aldermen met in regular session Tuesday evening. In department reports Teresa Goodroom noted that the police department issued 52 citations, made 16 service calls and five arrests during the month of January. Fire liaison Debbie Rogers reported that the fire department had no fires in town and provided two mutual aid assists. During the fire report, fire chief Danny Curtis noted that the department will be transferring from an analog signal in their emergency communications equipment to a digital one in the coming weeks, similar to the switch in TV signal a couple of years ago. Alderman James Gilliam noted during the water and sewer report that part of town was without water for a few hours during an outage the previous week. Mayor Dennis Mitchell informed the board of town accountant and office assistant Annie Hand's letter of resignation. Hand noted in her letter that while

she is taking an offer from the town of Bruceton to be its new city recorder, she will remain available roughly 10 hours per week to continue to assist the board in balancing its budget. Upon roll call vote, the board unanimously accepted Ms. Hand's resignation. In unfinished business, alderman Pam Bryant informed the board that she had examined the Scrivner property for anything of value that the town could possibly salvage. She also expressed concern of any citizens going onto the property, though town attorney Charlie Trotter assured her that anyone on the property would be trespassing and therefore the town wouldn't be liable. Bryant pronounced that the Scrivner property was the first and most glaring property subject to the town's slum clearance ordinances. Trotter noted that future issues with slum clearance would most likely go through chancery court. Police liaison Goodrum noted that Brent Autry is no

longer with the Trezevant PD in new business before suggesting that water department employee John Moore (who has been serving as crossing guard in Autry's absence already) be officially designated as crossing guard for West Carroll Elementary. Upon Mayor Mitchell's recommendation, the board unanimously approved to pay Moore an additional \$120 per week for guard duties, which raises his pay to a rate of \$9.62 per hour. Reports of delinquent water bills and taxes as of February 3, 2015 were as follows: delinquent water bills, \$18, 747.10; seven disconnects; six reconnects; delinquent property taxes, 2010 - \$18.01; 2012 - \$527.44.; 2013 - \$2,339.99. Bank balances as of February 3 were as follows; General Fund, \$164,543.95; Solid Waste, \$28,679.86; Street Aid, \$18,607.56; Drug Fund, \$2,238.34; Water Fund, \$98,400.96; Water Reserve Fund, \$80,282.86; Sex Offender Registry, \$359.67.

Officers

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Officers on leave were: Sgt. Eric Sawyers, Corporal Scotty Davis, and deputies Jason Walker, Carlton Cupples, and Dennis Adkins. The Banner has chosen not to identify the officers involved in the shooting. Two officers responded to a domestic assault incident on McCullough Road. They reported that the male perpetrator, Belk, had left his home. Another officer spotted the vehicle on Clay Farm Road

and gave pursuit. The shift sergeant advised the pursuing officer to await backup support before making the stop. One of the officers left the scene of the assault and was preparing to help with the pursuit. Belk was stopped with two patrol cars in front of him and one behind in a technique known as a "rolling stop" said the sheriff. Belk subsequently exited the vehicle with a handgun in his hand, after which one deputy fired, striking and killing Belk. Officers were uninjured in the incident. The incident occurred on the roadway, said Dickson. The names of the officers have not been released. The shift of five

officers is on paid administrative leave pending a critical incident stress debriefing by a trained team of counselors. That debriefing has been delayed because of poor weather conditions. Officers from other shifts are filling in, said Dickson. Belk's body was sent for an autopsy in Nashville. He previously attended (briefly) McKenzie High School and graduated at Carroll Academy in 2005. He was said to have four children and a fiancé. Sheriff Andy Dickson said this is the first officer-involved shooting death since 2002. He asked the TBI to investigate to avoid any impropriety.

Rebels

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the world to me. To have people reach out in kindness to my wife and daughter is special to my heart. It makes me ever more thankful that we made the move to McKenzie." He continued, "From my very first year of coaching here, I have witnessed the buzz developing around our basketball team. People knew that this year our team had the potential of being pretty good. Night after night, the players and I saw the bleachers become more and more packed, and it is wonderful to play before a gym full of supporters. We have been blessed to have won 23 straight games and win the district championship. To drive through town and see signs on businesses like Big Daddy's BBQ saying "Go Rebels" touches you. It makes me proud, and I know it means

the world to the players on this team. " Regarding the upcoming Region 7A tournament, Wilkins said, "I'm excited to get this going. I want the very best for my team, especially the seniors. The young men that make up this team are exceptional people that I have true respect and admiration for. As hard as they have worked all season, I want them to be able to achieve great things and to keep playing as long as possible. I would love for us to make it the state tournament in Murfreesboro, and I know that we are all going to give our all to try and get there. There's something to be said about starting off the region at home before a packed house, and that is what we are hoping for. These kids deserve everything that is coming their way, and I just want success to continue for them." He added, "When this season does come to an end, I will be proud but sad. Having to say goodbye to these seniors

is going to be very hard for me personally. These young men have found their way into my heart, and I could not be prouder of them. I'm proud of all of the guys on this team. They handle themselves well under pressure and keep their heads about them. The thing now for us is to remain focused and play consistently. We have already beaten some of the teams that we may face in the regional tournament, and we know that we can do so again if we play our best ball. Plus, at this stage of the season, you have to get a few breaks as well. It all comes down to playing one game at a time. Stay focused." He added, "I know I probably won't sleep much tonight, but that's the life of a coach. Please let everybody know how thankful all of us are on the Rebels team for the love and support we've been given. It's an honor and privilege to represent our town and community on the basketball court. Thank you."

Crash

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Manor Nursing Home. Ice was the reason for the crash, and neither driver was cited." He continued, "Peggy Rogers, 45, Grove Street, McKenzie, was negotiating an icy slope in her 2001 Chrysler Sebring when her vehicle impacted head-on with a 2000 Honda Electra driven by Heather Anderson, 34, Oak Manor Road, McKenzie. Ms. Rogers sustained an ankle injury in the crash and was transported by ambulance to Henry County Medical Center. One of two minor passengers in the Anderson vehicle sustained an undisclosed injury and was transported to McKenzie Regional Hospital." Officer Steele noted that both vehicles' air bags deployed during the crash.



Glenda (second from right) is pictured during her retirement reception with (left-right) her aunt, Lonnelle McMillin; her mother, Claudine Jordan; and family friend Mignon Edwards.

Glenda Taylor Awarded State Health Department Meritorious Service Award

Tennessee Commissioner of Health Dr. John Dreyzehner presented Glenda Taylor with the Meritorious Service Award on Monday, February 2, 2015, for her 42 years of service to the Tennessee Department of Health. Glenda began her career

with the Department of Health as a clerk in the state office. While in Nashville, she served as secretary for Commissioner of Health E. Conrad Shackelford, who was also from Carroll County. She later transferred to the West Tennessee Regional Office

in Jackson. For the past 26 years, Glenda has served as the public health office supervisor for the Carroll County Health Department. Glenda and her husband, Vince, have one daughter, Morgan.



Rain-soaked carpet in the MMS Library.

Flooding

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blocked water on the surface of the ground and allowed it to flow under some of the entry doors of the school, especially on the Band Room. Watkins said water was standing from the front office to the Band Room. School personnel came in Saturday and operated wet vacs to clear the water in about four hours. Some ceiling tiles and carpet in the library and music room were saturated. Water also entered the other two school buildings. McKenzie High School had water in the hallway of the front administration office area, near the principal's office, and in the cafeteria area. Ice dams around roof drains created the

problem. McKenzie Elementary School had similar problems with one classroom, Betsy Campbell's, being flooded and some leaks under the front hall. Dr. Kee, principal at Huntingdon High School said the school building sustained only minor leaks and some damaged ceiling tiles. Carroll County schools depleted the six snow days on Tuesday. Any additional snow days will be made up during a planned weeklong spring break. The Carroll County Office Complex also sustained some leaks from ice dams around roof drains. Carroll County Mayor Kenny McBride said there were some leaks, but no damage other than ceiling tiles. The ice, rain mix also created ice dams on roofs of residential properties. Insurance agents were busy with calls about wa-

ter running down walls and dripping through the ceilings. An ice dam occurs when shingles were lifted by the ice and water or melting ice can get under the shingle. Thawing and re-freezing created sheets of black ice on the roadways and parking lots. Janice Newman said the county was spared significant damage. At one time, all roads were covered in ice. Only rural roads remained with some limited ice cover. Three houses were without electricity for a significant time because electrical crews could not get to those houses. Newman encouraged residents to check on their neighbors and family during the winter months. Other areas of the county sustained electrical outages. Some were out for more than 10 hours. (see separate story on electrical department).

Lake

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the sleuth gate at spillway, creating a smaller lake; or (4) do nothing. Commissioners were advised of those public meetings. Carroll County Mayor Kenny McBride, McKenzie Mayor Jill Holland, and Carroll County Chamber of Commerce President Brad Hurley attended

the Nashville meeting to show their support for the lake. McBride, who was sitting in the audience, was invited to speak on the subject. He told commissioners the lake is where baptisms, weddings, camporees, and fishing tournaments took place. He had previously suggested the National Guard could help dredge the lake bed to increase its depth. Two years ago, the Guard helped construct the land structures for the Carroll County Sports Shooting

Complex. Following the meeting, McBride said the commissioners were very receptive. Carroll Lake is a state-owned lake, managed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. It was built in the 1950s to help control erosion and prevent flooding. During the June 2014 flood, the spillway gates were damaged as the lake overflowed its bank, possibly the first time in its six-decade history.

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OPINION

Guest Editorial

“Keys to Open Government” Available to Public, Media

The release of “Keys to Open Government” a long-awaited 52-page guide to Tennessee’s open records and open meetings laws was released during the Tennessee Press Association’s Winter Convention in early February.

Written by Gleason native Frank Gibson and edited by Deborah Fisher of the Tennessee Coalition for Open Government, “Keys” is a guide we hope will help journalists and citizens use “the law.”

“Keys” is not intended to be legal advice. As the introduction states: “Its purpose is to spread knowledge that can make navigating the law less frustrating.”

The guide was made possible by grants from the Tennessee Press Association Foundation, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the National Freedom of Information Coalition, the Scripps and Gannett foundations. The cover was generously created by Kevin Slimp, who declined credit in the book.

There is another credit missing. The book should have been dedicated to John Seigenthaler, my mentor on the subject. He often dispatched young reporters (me included) to run out to break up secret meetings. He would coach us to take copies of the sunshine law and free press clause the Tennessee Constitution and “give a copy to every d-m one of them.”

The book was finished six months after his death, but it was John who unknowingly provided the title.

Education on the law is the key to success for citizens wanting to participate in their democratic republic, for journalists performing their watchdog role, and for public officials with a

sincere desire to be transparent in performance of their duties. We hope “Keys” serves all three goals.

“Keys” tries to explain:

1. Various exemptions and restrictions for conducting closed meetings, what the “adequate” in “adequate public notice” means.
2. Who is covered by “the law” and why legislature technically is not.
3. What meetings are and are not covered and what constitutes “deliberation.”
4. Defining public records and what types of records are subject to the law? Some are specifically mandated to be open.
5. Requirements for making a records request and what the government response should be under the law.
6. Various types of public records exemptions, including the distinction between official emails and emails of officials.
7. What fees are authorized and which are not.

We asked Lucian Pera, a partner in Adams & Reese, legal counsel for the Commercial Appeal in Memphis and TCOG vice president, to do a cursory review. He said he was “very impressed on both substance and style” and because legalese had been “stripped out.”

“It will be a very useful resource for reporters and members of the public.”

Sara Jane Locke, publisher of The Herald-News, inquired about sharing copies with her staff in Dayton.

“I would love to have more copies in the office,” she said, adding “...the info in the book is great and really easy to understand.”

That was our goal.

Frank Gibson

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Blessed are the Grocery Clerks

By Paula Watkins

I was in line at the grocery store to pay for my groceries – that was after going by the bank to take out a loan to pay for the groceries. Groceries are so darn expensive! I think I remember that same remark being said when I was checking groceries at Daddy’s grocery store. Ground beef was three pounds for a dollar, ice cream was fifty-nine cents for a half-gallon, and crackers were thirty-nine cents a box. Still the sweet little ladies complained that they were hoping that big super market would have groceries cheaper. I was taught to be patient while they discussed that a dollar just didn’t go far anymore.

The same day that I was weak in the knees from what I knew my groceries were going to cost, I noticed a man ahead of me that looked very familiar – even though he certainly looked older (I thought). As I was thinking about how I knew that person; he recognized me. The sweet checker kept scanning his groceries as he began a conversation with me. She finished and informed the old codger what he owed for his groceries. I asked him if he was going to pay, and he replied, “Nope, I am not through talking yet.” So there we stood – me and two other customers. The cashier smiled and waited patiently as he

carried on his conversation. This situation hit me as a time to recall even more changes to what started as the “mom and pop” grocery stores.

My tenure as a grocery checker began by pecking in the price amounts using an adding machine. (Don’t know what that is, do you young person?) Before groceries were brought to the front to be added up, we had to price each item using a manual ink stamper that put the price right on the top of the cans – no bar codes back then. And certainly no scanners to beep the cost of your pork n’ beans, and let them roll down the moving belt to a sacker. No sir, you hit the numbers, subtotaled the amount, and added the tax. Then you presented the buyer with the ticket so they could see what they owed. It never failed that at least two or three times a day, the customer would want to look at the WHOLE ORDER to see if you pecked in the right amounts. Smiling in that situation was very trying on my nerves, since I was a teenager and knew that I already knew everything.

I think back to the sweet little old ladies who would come to the front with their few items, and would wait until you gave them a total before they would begin to search in their pocket book (Don’t know what that is either, do you young person?). The money was always tucked in a side pocket

or a coin purse and had to be slowly taken out and counted before handing it to me. I think those ladies thought, maybe by some miracle, their money had multiplied in that purse. I also dearly remember one little lady who, when informed of the cost of her groceries, had to unpin her tobacco sack from inside her dress to get to her money.

I think of those good customers, especially the senior citizens. Why? because I have joined the ranks of those standing in line to pay for my groceries. I try to have my money ready so those hard working folks will not have to wait for an eternity for me to find it. But sometimes I feel rushed, frustrated, and convinced that I certainly did not spend what the charming young girl is telling me I owe. It’s not unusual for me to sense one of the “ghosts of customers past” tapping my shoulder. I just know they are smiling that I too can’t make these stiff fingers work like they used to.

The one thing that holds true and hasn’t changed very much is the slogan that “the customer is always right”. Checkers, sackers, and grocery stockers in our home town grocery stores work hard to provide customer satisfaction, and ninety-eight percent of the time they succeed. We senior citizens are working on the other two percent. I mean, after all, what’s worse than a contrary woman??

McKenzie Store Severs Ties with Radio Shack

Customers of McKenzie Auto Parts, located on Highland Drive, will still be able to purchase electronics, despite the bankruptcy of Radio Shack Corporation.

The locally owned and operated shop is severing ties with the multinational company as it enters bankruptcy, closing thousands of stores and potentially selling off thousands more.

McKenzie Auto Parts plans to exhaust its Radio Shack inventory and replace it with the same products from other suppliers as needed.

In an interview with The Banner, co-owner Rusty Newman said that his brother and co-owner, Carey, has been seeking new suppliers

and is pleased that much of the merchandise will be priced lower than its Radio Shack equivalents.

Carey added, “We’ll continue to sell prepaid airtime, ink, batteries, computer accessories, cables, antennas, flash drives, cellular accessories, telephones, GPS, scanners, CB accessories, splitters, routers, and ear buds. We will be able to order products that work in our area at prices cheaper than before.”

The owners will be removing the Radio Shack signage soon and are contemplating altering the name of the business to reflect the electronics products it offers in addition to automotive supplies.

Very Special Arts Festival is Saturday

The Carroll County Very Special Arts Festival is Saturday, February 28, 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center.

Arts and craft booths will be set up for children to create take-home crafts and complete art activities. Local talent will provide

entertainment on the Civic Center stage throughout the event. All activities are absolutely free. Concessions will be available for purchase with proceeds benefiting local persons with disabilities.

Please make your plans to attend this event.

Thank you for your continued support of this newspaper.

Hunker Down with Kes

The Glass Half Full

Sometimes I hate being grown-up. All I’ve heard for the last couple of days is about the terrible snow blanketing much of the northeastern United States. My son in Nashville was worried about getting to work. The Weather Channel guys were standing knee deep in the white stuff as they relayed traffic warnings from seven different states.

We heard from stranded folks in airports. Some were concerned about outside pets, shrubbery and busted pipes. All sympathized for those bound in their homes, the ones caught out in the weather, or those with special medical needs. But I’ve got to tell you, there is another side to this story...

I remember a time when that beautiful snow blowing down on three wayward boys “stranded” out at the end of Stonewall Street was a cause for mass celebration. We went to bed with the wildest expectations you could imagine. And we bounced up the following morning, racing for the radio. This was way before Jim Cantore, weather satellites, and global climate patterns. Shucks, we didn’t even have a TV. If school was called off, WHDM radio would be announcing it every four and a half minutes.

We didn’t care about the weather “north of us”, we’d never heard of “lake effect” or “arctic air” and it sure didn’t matter if Huntingdon, Paris, Gleason or Frog Jump had snow or not. Two boys that had to be dynamited out of bed on a school day and one (Leon beat to a little different drum) who could sleep through the explosion would be jumping up and down in front of that floor model Zenith, awaiting Ed

Perkins to interrupt some program to announce the Carroll County schools were closed because the buses could not run—

We didn’t hear the rest; we were leaping into some jeans; maybe a jacket and a wool cap if we couldn’t get outside before Mother caught us. A free day! No School! With SNOW! I’m telling you, at the most tender age, we just knew life wasn’t going to be any better than that! And, looking back from sixty years away, we might have been right...

We’d throw snowballs at each other until our arms gave out. We held snow-eating contests. We’d build a snowman in proportion to the amount of snow that had fallen. The carrot nose was easy. We had coal in the bin for eyes. We substituted a crooked stick for a pipe. And the people passing by had to imagine a top hat and a scarf as those items didn’t exist in West Tennessee in the ‘50’s.

We’d “guide” David Mark under a snow-laden limb and shake an avalanche down on his head. It looked like so much fun we quickly were seeking branches of our own. We’d race on our bellies, plowing snow right and left as we snaked our way across Stonewall. We’d throw rocks at icicles hanging on Mrs. Boaz’s house. We’d bury ourselves under the snow out by the road with every intention of “leaping forth” and scaring the daylighters out of the first passing car. Of course, mostly it was the only time we noticed the cold and the wet as we waited... and waited... It was Leon who usually concluded this might not be our best plan, “We don’t even see cars out this way

when the weather is perfect.”

If the snow was of an appreciable size, we’d chase down rabbits. I kid you not! Rabbits had a tough time maneuvering when the drifts made them leap high for every step. We’d run one out of the woods into an open field and the race was on. You could get very close. I dove for a rabbit on many occasions. Had a back leg in my hand one time! But I couldn’t ever close the deal. You talk about fun! It beat reading about Dick and Jane, adding fractions, and memorizing spelling words all to Kingdom come and back.

You’d think we’d mature and grow out of the “snow day” syndrome by high school. But only an idiot would let a good thing go! I can remember being just as excited and “set free” as ever my junior year when Mr. Perkins dutifully reported “no school today”. We had outgrown crawling on our bellies and burying ourselves under the snow. We played hockey with tin cans down at Mr. Archie Moore’s frozen over pond. We sledged down the Forrest Avenue hill. We threw snowballs at Wanda Britton, Ann Carol McCaleb, and Bonnie Clanton instead of each other. We flipped a 1956 Chevrolet hood upside down and tied it with a long rope to the back of a pickup truck and “hung on” while Leon bounced us across ditches, Burma Shave signs, startled cows and hills and dales from one end of the Como Road to the other!

Maybe we were naive as to the problems a major storm could “create”, and quite probably, we didn’t understand the bigger picture. But maybe, just maybe, we were simply living large... seizing the moment, making the most of what grown-ups might consider a “serious” weather condition. We didn’t mean to offend, make light or act irresponsibly.

Blame it on our roots.

Respectfully,
Kesley Colbert

Looking Back From Our Archives...

10 YEARS AGO- \$20,000 dollars in lottery tickets were stolen by a McKenzie man from Little General convenience store in McKenzie, also a purse with contents valued at more than \$500 from a Laundromat patron. He is also charged with allegedly assaulted his girlfriend, and abusing their three

week old daughter.

*West Carroll School Board has declared the former Trezevant gymnasium as surplus property, subject to sale.

*Tim Runions will continue to act as the Hollow Rock vice mayor following his election by fellow alderman at their regular meeting. He, along with

Ronnie Webb, was unable to attend the meeting. He was selected unanimously selected by aldermen Woods, Smith and Richardson.

20 YEARS AGO- McKenzie will host the Southeast Regional Babe Ruth Tournament this August 3-11.

*Martha Taylor was accepted as Huntingdon town recorder as replacement for Ken Houston on his retirement. She had formerly worked for the city.

*O.C. Milam, 63, of Randall

Street, McKenzie, was transported to Methodist Hospital by ambulance and later airlifted by ambulance to a Memphis hospital after he was seriously burned. He reportedly suffered from third-degree burns over 18 percent of his body.

*Clint Verner, a McKenzie Junior High Spelling Bee champion outspelled 20 other contenders. Second Place winner Audrey Scruton missed the word “yield” which was correctly spelled by Mr. Verner in

addition to the word “Allowance.” Audrey is a sixth grade student and Clint is a seventh grade student.

50 YEARS AGO- Mr. & Miss Bethel College were chosen by the students by popular vote. They were Tommy Highfil of Mexico, Kentucky and Judy Burroughs of McKenzie. Tommy, a senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Highfil of Freonia Kentucky and Judy, a senior, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Raymon Burroughs

of McKenzie.

*Robert E. Langley, 24, was promoted to specialist five, at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he is serving with the 70th Engineer Battalion. He is a 1959 graduate of Gleason High School.

*Army Pvt. Ozell Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones, McKenzie, was assigned to the 521st Engineer Group in Germany in February. Jones is in the group’s 98th Engineer Company stationed near Kaiserslautern.

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OBITUARIES



**SOLOMON LEE DEVILLE
2011-2015**

Solomon Lee DeVille, 3 of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. In lieu of flowers and gifts, the family asks that memorials be given to THE SOLOMON LEE DEVILLE ART SCHOLARSHIP at the Dixie Carter Performing Arts, 191 Court Square, Huntingdon, TN 38344 or the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 10:30 AM in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment followed in the Humbles Cemetery. Bro. Alex Hilliard and Pastor Linda Hilliard officiated the service. Pallbearers who served were Dan Williams, Bridger DeVille, Joe Smothers, Russell Kirchner. Honorary pallbearers were Cameron Murphy and Chandler Murphy. Solomon was born May 13, 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee. Solomon was a happy light in this world. He brought joy wherever he went. He was rarely shy and always full of questions. If he wasn't talking, he was singing, mostly songs he learned at church. Like most little boys, his favorite things included toy trains, tractors and trucks, robots, swords and guns. Every day, he dressed up in at least one of his costumes such as a cowboy, fireman, or superhero, and he loved to pretend he was Prince Charming for whatever princess his sister chose to be. When we thought hope was gone, we realized that God was not finished using Solomon on this Earth. Parts of his sweet little body have been shared with other children to continue bringing joy to others. The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center has memorialized his legacy by setting up the Solomon Lee DeVille Art Scholarship. There is joy in Heaven and on Earth for the eternal life of this child, Solomon Lee DeVille. 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 He is survived by his parents, Stoney and Laura (Smothers) DeVille, one brother, Landon, age 12, one sister, Celia, age 5, maternal grandparents, William Lee and Linda Smothers of Huntingdon, paternal grandparents, Terrel and Carol DeVille of Homer, Louisiana and paternal great grandmother, Blanche Crowson of Hodge, Louisiana. Paid obit.

**GENE ELLIS WILSON
1944-2015**

Gene Ellis Wilson, 70, of Huntingdon, died Friday, February 20, 2015 at the Baptist Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted on Monday, February 23, 2015 at the Huntingdon First United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the Bethlehem Cemetery. Rev. Mark Carrigan and Brother Kenneth Massey officiated the services.

Mr. Wilson was born June 20,

1944, in Carroll County, to the late Harry Walden and Sybil (Crutchfield) Wilson. He was a member of the Huntingdon First United Methodist Church and a Navy Veteran. He was retired from the State of Tennessee and Norandal with 31 years of service. He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Neely Wilson, and a brother, Joe David Wilson.

He is survived by: a son, Brad Wilson; a sister, Joan Lewis; and a brother, Jimmy Wilson, all of Huntingdon.

**MELVIN GURLEY
1923-2015**

Melvin Gurley "Oose", 91, of Clarksburg, died Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at his home. Funeral services were conducted on Friday, February 20, 2015 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Burial followed in Clarksburg Cemetery. Bro. Philip Halter officiated the service.

Mr. Gurley was born September 25, 1923 to the late Luther Vincent and Lois (Meals) Gurley. He was a farmer and a member of the New Liberty Missionary Baptist Church. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Maxine Gurley; one son, Mark Gurley; one sister, Eunis Gurley; and one brother, Raymond Gurley.

He is survived by: one son, Gregor (Brenda) Gurley of Cedar Grove; one sister, Marie Snider of Bruceton; two brothers, Marshall Gurley of Yuma, and James Gurley of Germantown. He also leaves four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

**GLENDA CAROL ROGERS
1948-2015**

Glenda Carol Rogers, 66, died Sunday, February 22, 2015 at Oak Manor Health Care in McKenzie. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 11:00 am at Trezevant Church of Christ with Brother Tim Rogers officiating. Burial will follow at Trezevant Cemetery.

Mrs. Rogers, a former employee at Halls Printing in Dresden and a homemaker was born on October 9, 1948 in Henderson County near Lexington to Edmond Glen and Martha Sue Cook Utley. She was a member of Trezevant Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Jay Rogers.

Survivors include: her husband, James T. Rogers of Trezevant; a daughter, Jana Blount; and a son, Bro. Tim (Wendy) Rogers of Trezevant; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**ALTA LOUISE ARNOLD
SCOTT
1928-2015**

Alta Louise Arnold Scott, 86, died Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at McKenzie Health Care Center. Funeral services were Sunday, February 22 2015 at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home with Brother Darrell Pollock officiating. Burial followed at Carroll Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Scott was born September 10, 1928 near Chesterfield in Henderson County to Ora Lee Arnold and Lula Frances Hayes Arnold. She began working for Gaines Manufacturing in 1959 and retired in 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd R. Scott, a brother, William Lee Arnold, a sister, Ruth Arnold Saydak.

Survivors include: one sister,

Zula Reynolds of McKenzie; four children, Linda (Ed) Miller of Spring Creek, Alma Scott, and Ray Scott, both of McKenzie, and Glen (Debbie) Scott of Pace, Florida; nine grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

**JAMES H. "RED"
COLEMAN
1944-2015**

James H. "Red" Coleman, 70, of Huntingdon, died Sunday, February 15, 2015 at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville. Funeral services were Friday, February 20, 2015 in the chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Carroll Memorial Gardens. Walter Butler officiated the services.

Mr. Coleman was born March 28, 1944 in Memphis to the late Haywood Harris and Martha Sue (Butler) Coleman. He was a retired lab technician for Norandal and an Army veteran. He was preceded in death by an infant son and a brother, Billy Coleman.

He is survived by: his wife, Patricia Coleman; one daughter, Suzanne (Hunter) Ward; one son, Nicholas (Ginger) Coleman; and a sister, Mary Ann Lamar; all of Huntingdon. He also leaves two grandchildren, two nephews and several first cousins.

**OPAL ROBINSON
KIRKSEY DAMERON
1910-2015**

Opal Robinson Kirksey Dameron, 105, of Huntingdon, died Friday, February 20, 2015 at her home. Funeral services were conducted on Monday, February 23, 2015 at the Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the New Hope Cemetery. Bro Lynn Stapleton officiated the service.

Mrs. Dameron was born to the late John (Bud) Robinson and Mettie Robinson on February 21, 1910, in Carroll County. She was a homemaker and a charter member of the Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by six brothers (Dewey, Lonnie, Graden, Leon, Cleva, and Harold) and two sisters (Iota Fry and Ola Ellis). Opal was also preceded in death by her husband of 28 years, William "Will" Kirksey, and her husband of 32 years, Dorsey Dameron.

She is survived by: a daughter, Sarah Ann Kirksey Ridings of Huntingdon; one grandson, two step-grandsons; a step-granddaughter, and a host of nieces and nephews.

**WILLIAM THOMAS
MCCLURE
1925-2015**

William Thomas McClure, 89, died February 18, 2015 at Gallatin Health Care Center, Gallatin, TN. Funeral services for William Thomas (Bill) McClure were Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cedar Avenue Chapel of Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Burial will be at New Hope Presbyterian Cemetery, McKenzie, TN. Visitation will be Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

He is a retired custodian in the Humphreys County School System and a WW II Navy veteran, was born April 6, 1925 in McKenzie, TN to John Jefferson and Lula Stafford McClure. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Virginia Helen

Ivey McClure, two sisters Maureen Hopper and Frances Foster, and four brothers Charles, Gene, Kenneth, and Jack McClure.

He is survived by daughter Pam Bohannon (Wayne) Thompson of Portland, TN, two sons, John (Susie) McClure of Wichita Falls, TX and Joel McClure of Hopkinsville, KY, nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

**JOSEPH CARROLL "JOE"
MITCHELL
1923-2015**

Joseph Carroll "Joe" Mitchell, 91, of Bruceton, died Monday, February 16, 2015 at Life Care Center in Bruceton. Funeral services were Thursday, February 19, 2015 at Bruceton Funeral Home chapel with Father Joey Kemp officiating. Burial followed at Prospect Cemetery.

Mr. Mitchell was born on September 10, 1923 in Bruceton to the late Mr. John Lawrence Mitchell and Margaret Ann Gorman Mitchell. He was a member of Holy Catholic Church in Huntingdon and one of the founders of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Camden.

He is survived by: wife Leva Margaret "Margie" Thompson Mitchell; and several nieces and nephews.

**HERBERT EARL SAYLOR, JR.
1956-2015**

Herbert Earl Saylor Jr., 59, of Huntingdon, died Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon. Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home.

Mr. Saylor was born January 15, 1956 in Miami, Florida to the late Herbert Earl and Madelyn (Hall) Saylor, Sr. He worked for Fisher Island as a boat captain and was a member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Huntingdon High School Cross Country Team.

He is survived by: his wife, Pamela Saylor; one son, Stephen Saylor; and one sister, Charlene MaGee, all of Huntingdon; one brother, George Saylor of Phoenix, Arizona; and one granddaughter.

**SALLY SULLIVAN
1953-2015**

TREZEVANT — Graveside funeral services for Sally Denise Sullivan will be Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery, McKenzie, Tenn.

Mrs. Sullivan, 61, died February 22, 2015 at her residence. She is a retired beautician and school bus driver for Carroll Co. Schools. She was born June 21, 1953 in Cincinnati, OH to the late Earl and Billie Houston Davis.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas L. Sullivan of Trezevant; three sons, Chris Sullivan of Medina, Shane Sullivan of Atwood, and Timothy Sullivan (Tonya Verner) of McKenzie; two sisters, Sharon Davis and Diana Snowden, both of McKenzie; and three grandchildren.

Brummitt Funeral Home -Trezevant is in charge of arrangements. If you need assistance, call 731-669-3871 or visit our website at www.brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com.

Inglenook Book February Meeting

The Inglenook Book Club met in February at Lakeside Assisted Living Center with Victoria Ard and Genia Sherwood serving as hostesses. Everyone enjoyed chicken salad on croissant rolls, and little personalized carrot cakes with each member's name written in icing on top, both created by Victoria. Also served were Chex Mix, nuts and pretzels along with assorted beverages.

President Zia Locke called the meeting to order and members recited the Club Aim and Motto.

The Recording Secretary called the roll and read the January minutes which were approved as read. Treasurer Donna Ward reported the bank balance.

Under Committee Reports, Sunshine Committee Chairman Shelia Rogers reported no activity in the past month. However, several members are sick, so Shelia will send cards to those individuals.

Membership Chairman, Suzanne Howell, reported that Sandi McMahan will be joining us as a new member starting in May. Sandi will fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Marie DeSisto.

Zia thanked all the committee chairmen for their efforts each month. She also gave a report on the recent Trivia Bowl, in which our club participated. Although our team did not win, everyone had a great time.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Marilyn Putman and Gena Manner who have February birthdays.

Under Unfinished Business discussion took place concerning our participation in the Act II luncheon and fashion show fundraiser. After discussion, motion was made not to purchase a table but members wishing to attend will purchase their own tickets. Motion was seconded and passed.

There was no New Business. Vice President Victoria Ard

introduced our speaker, Peggy Chappell, who gave her program on Gillian Flynn, author of the best seller Gone Girl, also a recent hit movie. Peggy has also placed Gone Girl in the book club this year.

Born Gillian Schieber Flynn in February, 1971, she has written three novels: Sharp Objects (2006) about a serial killer in a Missouri town; Dark Places (2009) in which a woman investigates the murder of her family by her brother; and Gone Girl (2012) in which a man searches for his wife amid suspicion that he is guilty of her murder.

Flynn was born in Kansas City, Missouri to parents who were community college professors. Although very shy, she loved horror stories and saw the movie Psycho at age seven. She obtained her undergraduate degree in English and journalism at the University of Kansas, and a Master's in journalism at Northwestern University in Chicago. Flynn describes herself as a "movie geek with a journalism degree".

Flynn is married to an attorney and they are the parents of a son, born while writing Gone Girl, and a new daughter. They also have a "giant black cat named Roy". Her second novel, Dark Places, is headed to the big screen.

The March meeting will be held at Lakeside with Zia Locke and Donna Ward serving as hostesses. Suzanne Howell will present the program on Jan Karon.

After the book passing, the meeting adjourned.

Members present were Victoria Ard, Peggy Chappell, Juanita Finley, Carolyn Goodwin, Suzanne Howell, Zia Locke, Gena Manner, Jean McKinnie, Mary Newman, Melinda Popplewell, Carolyn Potts, Marilyn Putman, Shelia Rogers, Suzanne Russell, Genia Sherwood, Sally Sutton, Donna Ward, and Elaine Williams.

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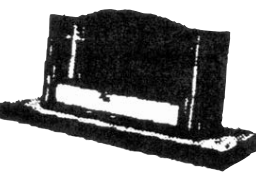
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Perspective McKenzie

I Don't Understand All That I Know

By: Bob McDonald

February 24

Most of us have heard the words, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." Whoever came up with those words is right. What beauty is to one person may not be to another.

For instance, I saw a fellow recently on television that made me think to myself, "Now he's one of the ugliest fellows I've seen." Yet his wife might view him as a very handsome man. It reminds me of a kid saying "pretty is as pretty does." Probably the kid's mother has told him that time and time again to get the point across.

This snowy weather we've had is beautiful to me, but many could view it as a nuisance. Wooded lots are very scenic to me; I like to view the trees, birds, squirrels and other creatures.

In his poem, "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening", Robert Frost compiled words that are touching.

He wrote, "Whose woods they are I think I know, his house is in the village though; he will not see me stopping here, to watch his woods fill up with snow. My little horse must think it queer; to stop without a farmhouse near."

Now Ole Bob coming home and looking back across the snow-covered Holland farmland really feels that beautiful nature is all around us every day where ever we go.

I threw some birdseed on the frozen snow behind my home then went inside to watch. Although there is a bird feeder filled with feed hanging in the location that I pitched the bird seed, I wanted to watch birds eat the seed off the snow. The little birds had a feast as I looked on.

Aw, the delights of the winter wonderland, and mm, the delights of the frozen wonderland. When you were little, did your mother ever go out and get a big bowl of snow, bring it in the kitchen, and make you some snow cr me? That's a memory of mine from my younger days. Now if you have fretted a bit about having to shovel the snow off the walk, just remember; it could be many, many months before we have snow again.

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1 tablespoon rum
Garnishes: whipped cream, grated chocolate
Microwave the chocolate morsels and ½ cup cream in a glass bowl at HIGH 1 ½ minutes or until melted, stirring twice. Stir in vanilla and rum, blending well. Cool 5 minutes. Beat remaining 2 cups cream at medium speed with an electric mixer until soft peaks form; fold cream into choco-

late mixture. Cover and chill 2 hours. Pipe or spoon into a serving bowl or desert dishes. Garnish, if desired. Yield 6 servings.

WHITE CHOCOLATE MOUSSE
2 (4-ounce) packages white chocolate bars, chopped
1 cup whipping cream
Microwave white chocolate and whipping cream in a 2 quart microwave-safe bowl at medium (50% power) 3 ½ minutes (do not boil). Whisk until mixture is smooth. Place bowl in a pan of ice water; let stand 10 to 15 minutes or until very

cold, stirring often. Remove from ice water, and beat at medium speed with an electric mixture just until soft peaks form. Cover and chill until serving time. Yield: 4 servings.

THREE-FRUIT YOGURT SMOOTHIE
2 cups vanilla or desired fruit flavored yogurt
1 cup fresh blueberries, frozen
1 cup fresh peach slices, frozen
1 (8 ounce) can unsweetened pineapple chunks,
Drained and frozen
Process all ingredients in a blender until smooth, stopping to scrape down sides. Serve immediately. Yield: 4 ½ cups.

BANANA-PEACH BUTTERMILK SMOOTHIE
2 large ripe bananas, sliced and frozen
2 cups frozen peaches
1 cups whole or fat-free buttermilk
½ cup fresh orange juice
2 tablespoons honey
Process all ingredients in a blender until smooth, stopping to scrape down sides. Serve immediately. Yield: 4 cups.

AAA: Gas Prices Rise For 27th Consecutive Day

Longest Streak of Gas Price Increases in Over a Year

TAMPA, Fla. (February 22, 2015) — Gas prices jumped another 4 cents last week. The current national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded is \$2.29. Motorists are now paying 26 cents more a gallon since prices hit a low of \$2.03 on January 26th. “It’s common this time of year to see an increase at the pump,” said Josh Carrasco, spokesman, AAA – The Auto Club Group. “Refineries are conducting their annual spring maintenance, which causes prices to rise due to tightening of supply.” Gas prices normally rise between 30-50 cents during the

spring as refineries conduct seasonal maintenance. This is one of two times a year refineries do maintenance on their equipment in order to prepare to switch from winter-blend to summer-blend fuel, as required by the Environmental Protection Agency. The price at the pump increased by 5 cents in Georgia this week. Motorists in Florida and Tennessee saw only a slight rise, as gasoline crept up 1 cent. “The decline in gas prices we saw earlier in the year was great for consumers, but couldn’t last forever,” said Carrasco. “While recent in-

creases could create concern, motorists should be relieved to know that gas prices are still more than \$1 cheaper than this time last year The price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil closed at \$50.81 on the NYMEX Friday, down \$1.86 a barrel from the week before. The Energy Information Administration predicts a barrel of WTI will average \$55.02 in 2015, well below the 2014 average of \$93.26. The EIA also forecasts the price of gas will average \$2.33 in 2015, saving the average household \$750 in gasoline spending.

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WINTER WEATHER NEWS

Carroll County Electric Department Ready to Respond

By Ernie Smothers
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HUNTINGDON (February 19) — During an interview with The McKenzie Banner, Carroll County Electric Department General Manager Danny Brawner said that the county’s electrical grid was basically unscathed by recent snow and ice episodes.

He said, “All in all, we have fared pretty well with the snow and ice. The full crew worked on their President’s Day holiday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. That day, we responded to a power outage at Wal-Mart in Huntingdon caused by loss of partial phases. In normal situations, our work crews can restore electricity by manually flipping switches located on poles, but those switches were frozen in place. We remedied the problem by repairing the lines. It didn’t take long to restore electricity to the store and area businesses and residences located nearby.”

CCED Operations Manager Mike Bailey noted that crews worked Saturday, February 21 and Sunday, February 22 to restore power to the Arnold / Clear Lake area in McKenzie and to repair electrical lines damaged by falling tree limbs on Highway 79 in Atwood.

He continued, “In addition, line crews restored one non-storm related electrical outage just south of Huntingdon over the weekend.”

He concluded, “Except for encountering difficulties in accessing rural areas due to icy road conditions, our work crews were able to quickly restore electricity and keep the system operating at full capacity.”

Brawner said that CCED always has two linemen from Huntingdon and two linemen from McKenzie on standby each night and that full crews are prepared to respond during emergency situations night or day.

He said, “I would estimate that 90-percent of power outages are caused by fallen trees or tree limbs. That is why we apply so much effort to clearing trees and branches. Our proactive efforts often prevent major problems during icing events.”

He concluded, “We are continuously watching the weather for future storms. Our vehicles are always fueled and loaded with poles and repair materials. There is still a lot of winter left, and we are ready to respond.”

Carroll County Electrical Department’s telephone number is (731)-986-8284.

Tennessee at Level II State of Emergency

CURRENT SITUATION
Tennessee is at a Level II-State of Emergency due to the major impacts to infrastructure, power and roads from Saturday’s snow and ice storm. The largest area impact Saturday, with significant power outages and debris, is Tennessee’s Cumberland Plateau, particularly the counties of Cumberland, Fentress, Morgan, Overton, Scott, Putnam, Roane and White. There were no notifications to the SEOC overnight, though, of additional issues or damage in the state.

The major threats toady will include ice, downed power lines, flooding and debris.

RESPONSE ACTIONS

- The Tennessee National Guard has deployed 10 units with 20 personnel to the Cumberland Plateau to do wellness checks and assist local and state officials in the response.
- The Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) has deployed a strike team to White County to assist the County and has sent two troopers to Overton County for traffic support.
- Multiple chainsaw crews are scheduled to work in eight (8) counties (White, Putnam, Overton, Cumberland, Fentress, Morgan, Scott and Roane) today to clear debris. The crews are staffed with personnel from the Tennessee Division of Forestry, Department of Transportation, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). The Salvation Army is also providing meal support to the CAP and VOAD crews.
- TEMA’s East, Middle and West Regional offices continue to poll counties for situational updates and to provide assistance to local EMAs and officials.

POWER OUTAGES
There are 44,139 customers without power in Tennessee over seven counties: Bledsoe (220); Cumberland (22,639); Fentress (8,555); Monroe (582); Overton (1,176); Putnam (9,656); and White (1,311).

SHELTERS
Currently there are nine (9) shelters open statewide with 373 occupants.

PRIORITIES
Address life safety needs and support local government assistance requests
Assess and address roadway conditions, and assist stranded motorists
Monitor changes to weather conditions and conduct sheltering operations

Area Residents Wake to The Sound of Ice Quakes

Residents in the tri-county area and other areas of Tennessee woke last week to the loud sound of ice quakes during the early morning hours of Friday, February 20.

Area emergency dispatch centers received calls thinking an explosion had occurred. The explanation is a phenomenon known as cryoseism, also known as an ice quake or a frost quake, caused by a sudden cracking action in frozen soil or rock saturated with water or ice.

Water drains into the ground and expands as it refreezes during colder temperatures. The expanding ice creates a small seismic event and adds hydraulic pressure to the soil.

Middle Tennesseans also experienced cryoseism and filed reports with emergency agencies.

The Banner spoke with several area citizens, aged 50, 60, and 70 years. None had ever heard of the phenomenon prior to this year.

Twenty-One Weather-Related Fatalities in Tennessee

Tennessee has 21, confirmed, weather-related fatalities (since Feb. 16, 2015):
Benton County – One (1) fatality: 64-year-old female, motor vehicle accident
Hamilton County – One (1) fatality: 63-year-old male, hypothermia related
Haywood County – One (1) fatality: 40-year-old female, motor vehicle accident
Henry County – Two (2) fatalities: 64-year-old female, hypothermia related; 69-year-old male, hypothermia related
Hickman County (1) fatality: 67-year-old male, dialysis patient, unable to get to treatment
Knox County – Four (4) fatalities: 30-year-old male, motor vehicle accident; 75-year-old male, fire; 68-year-old female, fire; 47-year-old male, fire
Moore County – One (1) fatality: 73-year-old male, hypothermia
Overton County – One (1) fatality: 38-year-old female, motor vehicle accident
Roane County – One (1) fatality, 44-year-old male, hypothermia related
Sequatchie – One (1) fatality,

85-year-old male, hypothermia related
Sevier – Two (2) fatalities, 70-year-old female, hypothermia related; (age unknown) male, hypothermia related
Shelby County – Three (3) fatalities: 48-year-old male, hypothermia related; (age unknown) male, hypothermia related; (demographics unknown), hypothermia related
Williamson County – Two (2) fatalities: 34-year-old female; 10-year-old male, motor vehicle accident

Cold Weather Creates Record TVA Power Delivery Day

KNOXVILLE (February 20, 2015) — Arctic temperatures that averaged in single digits across much of the Tennessee Valley on Thursday, Feb. 19, resulted in record electricity demand of 694 gigawatt-hours for the 24-hour period.

That’s the most energy ever required over a one-day period during February in Tennessee Valley Authority history and the third most overall for a 24-hour period. The all-time one-day record occurred last winter when demand reached 703 gigawatt-hours on Jan. 7, 2014.

With rising temperatures on Friday afternoon and over the weekend, energy demand is expected to decline but remain above normal levels. While the need to conserve power has diminished, consumers should still consider following the simple tips found on TVA’s EnergyRight website to save on their own electric bills, including:

- Lowering your thermostat a degree or two.
- Opening blinds on the south side of your home during sunny days, but closing them during cloudy periods and at night.

If not using your fireplace, ensuring that your fireplace flue is closed.

Weather forecasts are also calling for potential precipitation, including ice, over sections of TVA’s service territory. Ice weighs down power lines and trees, creating conditions for localized power outages. For your safety, always treat a downed power line as if it is energized and immediately contact 9-1-1 and your local power company.

FOR WEATHER-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS IN CARROLL COUNTY

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MHS Student’s Project Earns Attention of NASA

By Brad Sam
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Each year, high school students from across the state compete in the Tennessee Junior Science and Humanities Symposium in Knoxville, presenting projects dealing with advanced scientific research in hopes of gaining invaluable experience (and possibly scholarships) to further their education.

Last year, MHS science teacher Kevin Gallimore took an exceptional student, Aiden Gonzalez, to witness the symposium first hand and get the feel for the competition. This year, the junior will be one of the 120 students competing.

Aiden’s project comes from a directive given by NASA to the Georgia Institute of Technology to determine how to capture a distant asteroid and return it to orbit around our moon. This would allow manned teams to study the rock, as well as mine it for resources. Also, and perhaps most importantly, such advancements could be used to defend humanity from an asteroid on a collision course with Earth.

Because of prior work he has done with Georgia Tech’s Aerospace Systems Design Laboratory (ASDL), the university sought out Aiden to work on this project. Over the summer months of last year,



Aiden worked with a team of Georgia Tech graduate students and research engineers, looking at previous mission data and determining the method of achieving the lofty goal through rigorous calculation and simulations.

Aiden is a young man of few words and absolutely no bravado, but Gallimore is beyond proud and amazed by his pupil. During an interview of the two with The Banner, Gallimore stated that, “Aiden stood out to me [for the competition]. His knowledge of physics is mostly self-taught, but he’s extremely humble. He just does what he needs to do, and doesn’t care much for attention.”

But Gallimore made sure to emphasize the point, “He solved the mathematical equation that

makes this possible.” And NASA took notice. When Aiden submitted his research to the space agency, they invited him to a teleconference to discuss his work. So Aiden sat in Gallimore’s classroom, communicating with some of the top scientists in the world, who were very impressed with him, to the point that they couldn’t believe he was only a junior in high school.

The work that Aiden began is being expanded on now by another team, with Aiden contributing weekly in an advisory role.

Aiden will travel to Knoxville this week to finally compete in the symposium against other bright minds that have been working on their own projects. If Aiden wins, he will receive a scholarship to the university of his choosing, and advance to the national competition.

While the seventeen-year-old is undecided on where he would like to continue his education, he says that he would like to one day be a research engineer for a university. When asked about the prospect of seeing his work come to fruition in outer space, he said simply, “That’s not for me.”

So, in what sounds like the plot of a Hollywood blockbuster, the young man at the center of this story is nothing, if not completely down to earth.

McKenzie Elementary Honor, Merit Roll for Third Six Weeks

HONOR ROLL First Grade

Brown – Carli Beeler, O.C. Calderon, Emily Clement, Hannah DeMonia, Molly French, Riley Hudgins, Aidan Klonowski, Landyn McLearn, Lily Sam, Jacob Snead-Soto, and Eli Travelstead

Hassell – Gracie Aird, Cash Garner, Matthew Gaylord, Lukas Pride, Kaelyn Stebbins, and Ryan Toombs

Haywood – Haylee Beard, Brody Berryhill, Tobey Brooks, Jacob Cavaness, Jasmine Curtis, Morgan Little, Javon Roberts, Connor Summers, and Brian Turner

Moore – Mason Batten, Dylan Bomar, Demitrios Burnette, Katelynn Essary, Triston Garrison, Shelby Lewis, Landon Otis, and C.J. Reed

Taylor – Megan Bates, Miles Beeler, Cook Coleson, Dalton Roberts, Brianna Smith, and Eli Vinson

White – Ethan Batton, Liberty Dyal, Fletcher Holt, Landon Pershell, Keelan Sneed, and Caden Tucker

Second Grade

Brown – Evan Blakeman, Landon Brown, Spencer Ervin, Ethan Harwell, Aden Heath, Heather Oakley, Jacey Pinson, Devyn Rogers, Laila Scott, Cadon Steele, Skyler Stenberg, Janai Tabada, and Morgan Williams

Campbell – Landon Barton, Kortnee Brown, Adyson Freeman, Allyson Gibson, Hunter Palmer, Emma Smith, Carter Swalley, and Craegen Travis

Fesmire – Caleb Burke, Reese Carroll, Jayden Curtis, Nathan Dameron, Emily McMullin, Colt Norden, Taylor Rawls, Braxton Williams

Oakley – Denver Brush, Guillermo Hickman, Destiny Huitzache, Aiden Pride, Abbi Kate Sumrok, and Addison Washburn

Sisson – Jaylin McGaw, Kelsey Sherrill, Hannah Lee, Carter Kee, and Rachel Essary

Winston – Briley Arnold, Mason Epperson, Jada Flippin, Carson Hill, Christian Martin, Lydia Pate, Finley Smith, Ja-

cob Smith, Tate Surber, and Ryan Wilson

Third Grade

Chandler – Parker Lyons and Abbie Young

Kee – Savannah Davis, Taylor Fesmire, Kay Klonowski, Lute McCaslin, and Caidenz Woodard

Medford – Landon Allison, Chandler Conrad, Olivia Nuss, Sam Sullivan, and Belle O’Brien

Warren – Bethany Bell, Isabella Etter, Nicole Gibson, and Stafford Roditis

Wilkes – Bella Arnold, Dakota Cary, Gracie Goodrum, Allie Mansfield, and Ava Warman

Fourth Grade

Brown – Lily Mathenia and Sophie Vinson

Pate – Kristin Bradberry, Drew Harvey, Autumn Hawks, Sophie Hilliard, Daniel Latimer, Payton Ognibene, Chase Palmer, Kylie Reynolds, and Andi Tomas

Smith – NONE
Spivey – Jackson Cassidy, Austin Cooper, Lauren Laser, Nathan Price, Lilly Sumrok, and Maggie Walker

Wall – Briley Auvenshine and Rylee Shell

MERIT ROLL First Grade

Brown – Khamari Coleman, Sandra Lopez, and Aiden Mason

Hassell – Aiden Callis, Caleb Glover, and Ta’Marion Johnson

Haywood – Zyaila Lewis and Ivan Phillips

Moore – J.T. Cathey, Jaci Lewis, La’Nyiah Newbill, Jayden, and Luke Toombs

Taylor – Kalecia Cunningham, Sanaah Dennie, Larissa Mercer, and Seth Walker

White – Bethaney Hatley, Amy Kate Washburn, Charli Weatherford, and Kadein Wimberly

Second Grade

Brown – Emily Becerra, Corbin Butler, and Wyatt Mathenia

Campbell – Trey Gilbert, Cordell Orgain, Sophie Pate, and Allie Walker

Fesmire – Jaylie Banker,

Lexie Cox, Brook Hudgins, Kameron Jenkins, Andrew Johnson, and Dacoda Nolin

Oakley – Sophie Carrasco, Holden Puckett, Landyn Smith, Brooks Waugh, and Anna Weatherford

Sisson – Skyler Fornera, Laken Fisher, and Kori Brown

Winston – Ariyana Ayers and Landon Priestly

Third Grade

Chandler – Madison Bates, Brady Brewer, Jake Cassidy, Drew Chappell, Grace Cottrill, Ava Gones, and Braxton Sulock

Kee – Austin Allen, Kelsey Becker, Landon Carrasco, Ace Fisher, Liseth Huerta, Jackie Padilla, and Lia Rivera

Medford – Noelle Herries, Danielle Bateman, Hunter Reed, A’Darius Penick, Ava Isbell, Kamryn Brewer, and Mikeala Reynolds

Warren – Rainee Bolin, Antonio Brown, Aubrey Cook, Alyse Lowe, Aliza Peery, and Mahki Watkins

Wilkes – Jaykin Bateman, Christopher Beck, Grant Cooper, Chaz Flippin, Hayden Garrett, Isabel Guzman, Ladi Hyer, Macey Mayo, and Emma Ward

Fourth Grade

Brown – Braden Birmingham, Hunter Brasfield, Jesse Calderon, Brady Hawkins, Jose-Jaime Luna, Jarrett Johnson, Maddox Martin, Kattie Sisemore, Kalayah Townes, and Nolan Renfro

Pate – Raven Collier, Cody North, Adam Riley, and Yajaira Vega

Smith – Mia Ball, Brice Becerra, Chaten Bivens, Kaylee Brown, Austin Bush, Ashton McGee, Brooklyn Nolen, Lexie Sullivan, and Alex Taylor

Spivey – Makia Halliburton, Mandy Harvey, Angel Lawrence, Ally Rainey, Dylan Richardson, and Hunter Wilkes

Wall – Lane Cavaness, Jimmie Fitzgerald, Alajah Gilbert, Ashlyn Burnine, Bryson Steele and Zach Aird

Beacon Releases New Website For Tennessee Taxpayers

NASHVILLE — The Beacon Center of Tennessee released a website that gives taxpayers across the state an opportunity to see how their tax dollars are spent on education. MySchoolSpending.org is a customizable tool that allows Tennesseans to look into how their specific school district spends money. By typing in their ZIP Code, or choosing a local school district with a drop down menu, taxpayers can determine whether their invest-

ment is being spent wisely.

Some of the statistics taxpayers can see for each school district include total spending per child, percentage of money spent in the classroom, and the growth in administrative costs. For instance, taxpayers spend \$9.3 billion each year on education statewide. Of that amount, just 53 percent makes it into the classroom.

Beacon CEO Justin Owen noted, “This is a great tool for parents and taxpayers alike to see

how their tax dollars are actually spent when it comes to education. Overall, we have found that many school districts are spending excessive amounts of money on administrative costs instead of on each child’s actual education. We believe that by exposing how school districts spend money, people will be more open to parental choice options that could result in a more efficient use of taxpayer money along with better results for our children.”

Fred Morris Graduates from the Dave Ramsey Financial Coaching Master Series

Fred Morris of McKenzie recently graduated from Dave Ramsey’s 4-day Master Series course held at Financial Peace Plaza in Brentwood, Tenn. The master series prepares certified financial counselors to change lives through financial coaching of those who are serious about bettering their financial situation, providing continuing education that covers current laws and procedures needed in coaching people who are dealing with collectors, foreclosures, mortgages, bankruptcy, retirement and estate planning. Morris became a certified financial counselor in 2008 and has applied free confidential counseling in financial matters across several states.

While in Brentwood, Fred

and Jean Morris were dinner guests of former McKenzie natives, Bruce and Patty Coleman. Bruce is a longtime associate of Dave Ramsey and key leader in the Ramsey group that numbers 500 employees. He is the son of Ted and Evelyn Coleman and Patty is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Moseley. Coleman and Morris’ long-time friendship began more than 20 years ago when Bruce was pastoring in Washington State and Morris was preaching revivals there.

The duo plan to work together on materials for classes that Morris will teach at North Mississippi Baptist Bible Institute in Pontotoc, Miss. They will also work together in placing

financial training in churches in several states where Morris represents Wall of Grace Ministries.

McKenzie FFA Students Compete

The McKenzie FFA recently competed in the West Tennessee FFA speaking contest at Crockett County high school

in Alamo.

Natalia Pomphrey competed in the freshman creed contest and placed in our

district.

Riley Toombs competed in the job interview portion of the contest and did well also.

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The event is FREE, but scavenger hunt cards/tickets are limited, so pick yours up in advance at the following locations:

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Brice Priestley and Jacey Kerby

Kerby, Priestley to Wed

Wayne and Becky Kerby of Paris, Texas and Keith and Sherri Priestley of McKenzie announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Jacey Kerby and Brice Priestley.

The Bride is a 2004 graduate of Paris High School, Paris, Texas. She received a Bachelor's of Science in Dental Hygiene from Texas Women's University in 2009. Jacey cur-

rently practices Dental Hygiene in Frisco, Texas.

The Groom is a 2006 graduate of McKenzie High School. He received a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Accounting from Harding University in 2010. Brice is a Certified Public Accountant, and he currently has a corporate Finance role for Sam's Club in Southlake, Texas.

Jacey and Brice are avid travelers, and they enjoy following their favorite sports teams – the Atlanta Braves, Tennessee Volunteers, and Dallas Mavericks. They will unite in marriage on March 7th at Preston Road church of Christ in Dallas, Texas. After the honeymoon, the newlyweds will make their home in downtown Dallas.



From left to right: Danny Frizzell Eighth District Oratorical Chairman Lexington, TN, Hannah Bilger McKenzie High School Freshmen, Dan Miller Post 77 Commander, Lexington, TN.

Bilger Wins in Oratory Contest

Hannah Bilger, McKenzie High School Freshmen, won first place in the American Legion High

School Oratorical Scholarship Contest. The event was Saturday, February 14th at Scotts Hill High

School. Bilger will advance to the semi-final division contest on February 21 in Humboldt, Tenn.

McKenzie Elementary School TASL Bookmark Contest Winners



The McKenzie Elementary School library recently held a bookmark contest in conjunction with the Tennessee Association of School Librarians. The winners, who will advance to the state competition, were Briley Auvenshine, Rylee Shell, and Maddox Martin. Libby Hawkins was awarded Honorable Mention. Congratulations to the winners and all who participated.

MHS Great Pretenders is March 7, 8



McKenzie High School students rehearse for the upcoming Great Pretenders annual performance. The McKenzie High School Great Pretenders performance will be Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m. at Bouldin Auditorium at Bethel University. Reserved seats are \$10.00 and general admission is \$8.00. Ask any McKenzie High School senior student or go to the McKenzie High School office to get your tickets.

The Dixie Players Present BIG The Musical

HUNTINGDON — With four shows on the schedule, there are no excuses for missing The Dixie Players presentation of BIG The Musical.

The classic 1987 motion picture fantasy starring Tom Hanks bursts onto the state of The Dixie Carter Performing Arts & Academic Enrichment Center Friday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. AND 7 p.m.

In **BIG The Musical**, Josh Baskin is sick of being an awkward kid. At a carnival, he makes a wish to the Zoltar machine to become big. To his shock, his wish is granted.

After an understandably awkward beginning, Josh discovers

there's much more to being an adult than he's bargained for and learns we must all grow up at our pace, in our own time.

• Scott Conley, who has worked with The Dixie on several Dixie Players performances including last year's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, directs the show with help from Joshua Randle as assistant director and Andrea Cottrill as music director.

The Cast includes local community members: Kassie Arnold, Campbell Cary, Gracie Blount, Jalia Brodie, Jimmy Fitzgerald, Joe Fitzgerald, Shana Fitzgerald, Jack Higdon, Lisa Wimberly Higdon, Spencer Higdon, Reese Hopper, Addyson Kemp, Ariel Lowe, Chey-

enne Lowe, Nathan Martin, Bryan Meade, Chase Palmer, Anna Claire Patel, Morgan Phelps, Emma Renfro, Jadrea Romines, Juliet Romines, Alysia Shear, Lilly Sumrok, Andrew Taylor, Curt Taylor, Natalie Taylor, Bobby Traywick, Lydia Warren, and Dan Webb.

BIG The Musical is produced with special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI) and is the Theatre for Young Audiences version. Carroll Bank & Trust is sponsoring the show.

Tickets are \$15 each and are available at The Dixie box office in downtown Huntingdon, by calling 731-986-2100, and online at dixiepac.net.

Motown Comes to The Dixie in March

Join us at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center for Motown in Motion on Saturday, March 7th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are only \$15 plus tax. Motown in Motion is part of this year's Dixie Dance Festival happening March 5-7th.

Eisenhower Dance Company is presenting the performance as well as facilitating several dance classes and residency programs throughout the week. This year we will not have a dance showcase

at the Civic Center, instead we will have that showcase during our One Way Music and Arts Festival in September. Events for the festival in March include two School Time Performances of Mini Motown in Motion for children, schools and families on Friday, March 6 at 9 and 11 a.m., there are still some seats left for this so please contact the box office to reserve.

The Dixie will also hold dance classes for Carroll Academy, St. John's Community Services, P.E. and Health Educators in our area as well as Masterclasses for dance students during the residency program. Of special note is a Chair Dance class conducted by Karen Balzer, Artistic Director of the Jackson Purchase Dance Company.

We invite anyone who is in a wheelchair, has limited mobility or who works with those with limited mobility to attend this free class. please RSVP to The Dixie.

About the performance on Saturday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m.: Hailing from the Motor City, Eisenhower Dance will present a visual salute to the tunes that made Motown Records famous...the Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson, The Miracles, Michael Jackson, and others. This performance and residency activities are funded in part by the Dance Touring Initiative grant provided by South Arts in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts.

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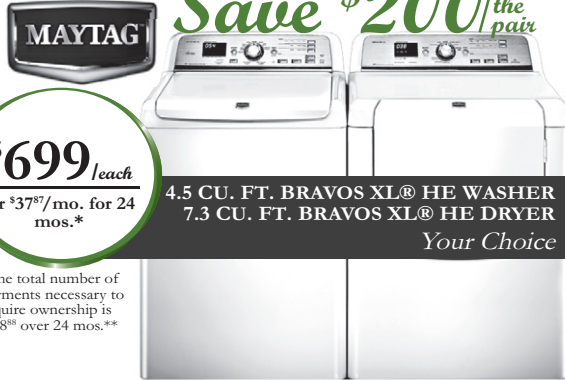
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February 25-March 3 Area Sports Calendar

February 25 (Wednesday): Region 7A Basketball Tournament Semifinals @ Bethel University-Girls-4:00 p.m.-Dresden-Union City winner vs. Greenfield-Gleason winner; 5:30 p.m.-Girls-Gibson County-Huntingdon winner vs. West Carroll-Bradford winner; Boys-7:00 p.m.-McKenzie-Lake County winner vs. Humboldt-Dresden winner; 8:30 p.m.-Boys-Union City-Big Sandy winner vs. Huntingdon-Halls winner.

February 26 (Thursday): Region 7A Championships @ Bethel University-6:00 p.m.-Girls-/7:30 p.m.-Boys.

March 3 (Monday) 5:00 p.m.-Camden High School Softball scrimmage at McKenzie High School.

Valentine Named Top Communicator

For more information, contact Pete Muller at (803) 637-7698

EDGEFIELD, S.C. — For conveying the social and conservation importance of hunting to a broad audience Brenda Valentine, The First Lady of Hunting, earned the National Wild Turkey Federation's (NWTf) Communicator of the Year Award.

Valentine continually encourages women to try hunting and shooting sports, writes the Hen Tracks column in the NWTf's Turkey Country magazine and is an NWTf spokesperson. She accepted the award at the 39th annual NWTf Convention and Sport Show. She is a Henry County resident, former coach of the Bethel University Archery Team, and the sister of Tressia Barksdale of McKenzie. "I am humbled as there are numerous men and women who also are deserving of this award," said Valentine. "The NWTf embraces all men, women and children who wish to help secure places for future generations to enjoy a hunting way of life."

The NWTf determined this year's award winners based on how their work strengthens the Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt. initiative. Valentine is a committed conservationist, author, award winning TV host and champion archer. She also is an inductee into the National Legends of the Outdoors, Tennessee Turkey Hunters and Paris/Henry County Sports halls of fame.

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The District 13A Champion McKenzie Rebels.



The District 13A Runner-up Huntingdon Mustangs.

Rebels Rally Past Mustangs, Clinch District Title

Lions Grab Third In Overtime Thriller

By Brad Sam
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McKENZIE (February 21) — After nearly a week of icy anticipation, the top-seed McKenzie Rebels and two-seed Huntingdon Mustangs faced off Saturday night for the District 13A Championship at Bethel University's Crisp Arena. In a game where neither team led by more than 4 points after the first quarter, it all came down to a last second drive to the basket by Rebel Breshaun Oglesby to break a 45-45 tie and seal McKenzie's title, 48-45.

There was also no shortage of excitement in the consolation game between the three-seed Dresden Lions and four-seed Big Sandy Red Devils. The back-and-forth battle couldn't be decided in four quarters as Big Sandy rallied late to tie the game at 46-46. The extra minutes were more of the same,

but Lion Jordan Mitchell broke the final tie with thirty seconds remaining, and Dresden clinched the third-place finish with a 57-54 win.

McKenzie Rebels 48, Huntingdon Mustangs 45

After three tense, scoreless minutes, Mustang Sadarius Hutcherson scored inside for the first points of the game. McKenzie tied it quickly with two free throws by Breshaun Oglesby. The Rebels brought the full court pressure and forced a turnover, leading to a Chase Kelly lay-up. Tournament MVP Tyree Owens added two freebies, and Jack Surber drove in for two following another Mustang turnover. Oglesby hit one-of-two from the line, and Owens hit from the paint to cap an 11-0 run. Huntingdon finally beat the full court pressure at the 2:40 mark with a Keeton Bailey drive. Bailey scored again quickly, and, with the quarter running out, Tylan Johnson hit a three to cut the Rebel lead to 11-9.

Sadarius Hutcherson split a pair of free throws early in the second frame to bring Huntingdon within a point.

Rebel Chase Kelly hit two tosses, but Mustang Davion Phillips answered with a deuce. A minute later, Hutcherson scored inside to give the Mustangs a 14-13 lead. Tyree Owens regained the Rebel lead with two from the line. Breshaun Oglesby drove to the basket off of a steal to extend the lead, but Phillips tied the game with an old-fashioned three-point play. Rebel Edwin Dudley split from the line, and Owens scored off of a steal. Phillips hit a deuce, answered by Dudley on the other end. Mustangs Dylan Johnson and Keeton Bailey each scored to give Huntingdon the lead with two minutes left in the half. After several offensive rebounds, Jack Surber drove to the basket with twenty seconds left to give the Rebels a 24-23 halftime advantage.

Rebel Chase Kelly hit three-of-four from the line in the first minute of the third before Mustang Tylan Johnson sank a three-pointer. Davion Anderson hit a deuce a minute later to regain the lead for Huntingdon. Rebel Edwin

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Lady War Eagles Fall to Bradford, 47-53

By Brad Sam
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ATWOOD (February 23) — The West Carroll Lady War Eagles' season came to an end Monday night as they were defeated by the Bradford Lady Red Devils, 47-53, in the opening round of the Region 7A Tournament.

West Carroll outscored Bradford, 14-10, in the first quarter. Madison Heckert scored 5 points; Alexis Patterson had 4; Morgan Lawrence hit a three-pointer; and Adria DePriest hit two free throws. Lady Red Devil Morgan Taylor scored 5 points, including a three-pointer; Haley Cooper also hit a three; and Morgan Martin had 2 points.

The Lady War Eagles increased their lead with a 16-14 second frame to lead 30-24. Madison Heckert scored 8 points; Emani Melton had 5; and Morgan Lawrence hit another three-pointer. Lady Red Devil Morgan Martin had 7 points; Morgan Taylor hit a

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Northwest Middle School All-Star Game

The 2015 Northwest Tennessee Middle School Basketball All-Star games slated for February 28 at Milan High School will feature area eight-grade standouts from McKenzie, Huntingdon, and West Carroll.

In the girls' contest at 1:00 p.m., East Squad Head Coach Addy Greer of Lakewood Middle School will utilize the talents of McKenzie Middle School's Olivia Wright and Huntingdon Middle School's Alli Jones and Grace McMackin.

In the boys' contest at 2:30 p.m., the West Squad will feature McKenzie Middle School's Ben Austin and West Carroll Junior High's Zach Heckert.

In all, 8th graders from 30 middle schools in Northwest Tennessee including Carroll, Weakley, Henry, Lake, Obion, Crockett, Gibson, and Dyer Counties will participate.

The event is presented by BSN Sports and will be broadcast live on the Victory 93.7.

Admission for the event is \$5 at the door for school age and above.

Team rosters (Girls): East squad-Head Coach Addy Greer; McKenzie-Olivia Wright;

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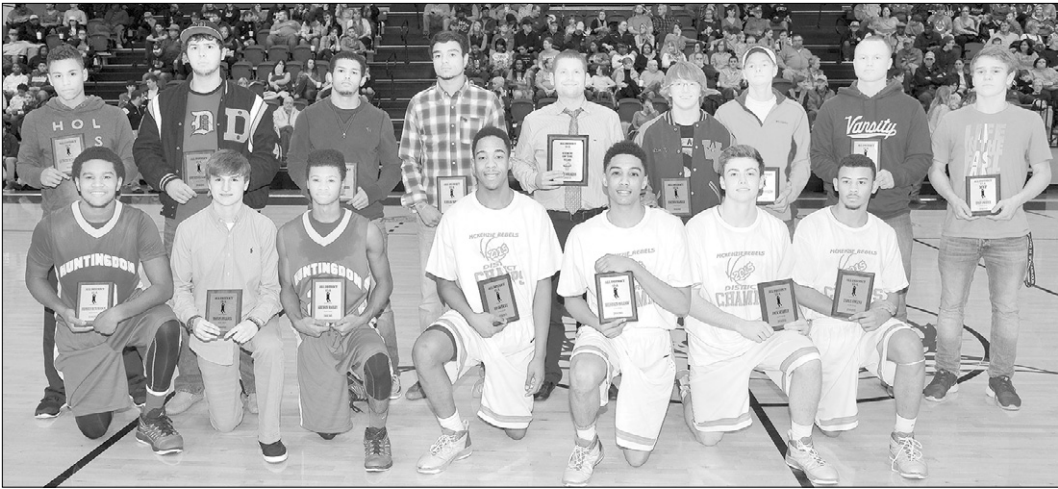






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All-District 13A Team (l to r)- Front Row: Mustangs Sadarius Hutcherson, Macon Bullock, and Keeton Bailey; Rebels Edwin Dudley, Breshaun Oglesby, Jack Surber, and Tyree Owens; Back Row: Lions Quincy McDonald and Kourtney Sawyer; Tigers Andrew Willis and Kaelin Willis; Coach of the Year John Wilkins (McKenzie); War Eagle Dalton Weaver; Bulldogs Keaton Collins and Tracy Perry; and District MVP Red Devil Trey Phifer.



All-Tournament Team (l to r)- Mustangs Davion Anderson, Keeton Bailey, and Dylan Johnson; Lions Quincy McDonald and Kourtney Sawyer; Red Devil Trey Phifer; Rebels Edwin Dudley, Jack Surber, Breshaun Oglesby, and Tournament MVP Tyree Owens.

District 13A Boys’ Awards Announced

McKENZIE (February 21) — Following Saturday’s championship game, the All-District 13A and All-Tournament teams were announced, along with district and tournament Most Valuable Players and Coach of the Year.

Players named to the All-District team were: from Clarksburg, Hunter Garner and Devin Wildridge; from West Carroll, Dalton Weaver; from Gleason,

Keaton Collins, Tracy Perry, and Lucio Solano; from Central, Kaelin Willis and Andrew Willis; from Dresden, Kourtney Sawyer and Quincy McDonald; from Huntingdon, Keeton Bailey, Macon Bullock, and Sadarius Hutcherson; from McKenzie, Jack Surber, Tyree Owens, Breshaun Oglesby, Edwin Dudley; and from Big Sandy, MVP Trey Phifer.

The District 13A Coach of

the Year is McKenzie’s John Wilkins.

Players named to the All-Tournament team were: from Big Sandy, Trey Phifer; from Dresden, Kourtney Sawyer and Quincy McDonald; from Huntingdon, Dylan Johnson, Keeton Bailey, and Davion Anderson; from McKenzie, Edwin Dudley, Jack Surber, Breshaun Oglesby, and MVP Tyree Owens.



SGC Senior Airman Reed inked a letter of intent with Southern Illinois University during last Wednesday’s National Signing Day. Reed, who holds the SGC school records for receptions, yards and touchdowns at WR, will be playing defensive back for the FCS program next fall. Reed’s family and a throng of supporters gathered in the SGC library to congratulate him. Pictured are (l to r): Keylan Ridley, Airman Reed, Crystal Harris and Joey Harris.

Reed Signs with Southern Illinois

By Logan Watson
(Milan) Mirror-Exchange

South Gibson County’s own Airman Reed took part in National Signing Day last Wednesday when he committed to play football for the Salukis of Southern Illinois University.

He is the grandson of Alesia (Bates) Griffin of Trezevant, formerly of McKenzie.

Reed, who will be attending SIU on a full athletic scholarship, was congratulated by friends, family and SGC facul-

ty when he signed on with the FCS program.

“SIU is getting a great football player,” said SGC head football coach Scott Stidham to those in attendance, “but an even better young man.”

Reed holds three SGC school records as a receiver, logging 86 receptions, 1,364 yards and 17 touchdowns for the Hornets over his four years with the program. Reed also rushed for a career total of 454 yards on 76 carries, picking up 10 touchdowns for the Hornets. Last season also marked the

first time for Reed to take a snap at QB, completing 14 of 22 passes (63.64 percent) for 105 yards and throwing only one interception. Reed returned 11 kicks for 270 yards as well, averaging almost 25 yards per return.

Reed cut his opponents no slack on the other end of the ball either, making a career total of 104 stops, recovering three fumbles and snagging five interceptions.

“God made him 6’3. That helps,” joked Coach Stidham about the big man’s natural athletic abilities, but credited his achievements to his work ethic, both on and off the field. “We’d love to see Airman play for a National Championship, but more importantly than that, we want to see him get his degree.”

Reed took a moment during his ceremony to thank God for blessing him with his abilities and his family, coaches and the student body for all of the support they have given him over the years.

“It’s a great program. I’m really excited,” said Reed about his future with the Salukis, who have a 1983 National Championship, eight NCAA playoff appearances and eight Conference Titles to their credit. While Reed has stated that he will be playing at defensive back with SIU, his academic aspirations are still up in the air. “I’m thinking about majoring in Business Management or something in that field, but I’ll probably go into my freshman year undecided.”



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Dudley hit a free throw after another minute to knot the game at 28-28. Tylan Johnson scored, but Dudley hit two more tosses to tie the game again. Anderson and Keeton Bailey each scored for a 34-30 Mustang lead at the 2:00 mark. With under a minute left, Tyree Owens cut the lead with a jumper. After three quarters, Huntingdon led 34-32.

Tyree Owens quickly drew a foul in the final frame and hit one-of-two. Davion Phillips answered with a deuce, but the Rebels pushed the ball to Chase Kelly for a quick, game-tying three. Phillips answered with two more points, and, a minute later, Sadarius Hutcherson added two freebies. Breshaun Oglesby hit a Rebel free throw, followed by a deuce by Owens to bring McKenzie within a point. Near the halfway mark in the quarter, Keeton Bailey sank a three-pointer to put Huntingdon up 43-39. Owens scored on a fast break, but Tylan Johnson answered in kind. Oglesby scored in the paint, and tried to repeat on the next possession, but was called for a charge. Montryll Robinson managed to steal back the turnover, leading to a Jack Surber lay-in to tie the game with just over a minute remaining. Neither team was able to score until Oglesby drove to the basket with :02 showing on the clock. He was fouled on the way up, but forced in the shot. Sinking the free throw sealed the 48-45 win and the district title for McKenzie.

In the Rebel victory, Tournament MVP Tyree Owens led all scorers with 15 points (five-of-six from the line), followed by Breshaun Oglesby with 11 and Chase Kelly with 10, including McKenzie’s lone three-pointer.

The Mustangs were led by Keeton Bailey (three-pointer) and Davion Phillips with 11 points each, followed by Tylan Johnson with 10 (two three-pointers).

Dresden Lions 57, Big Sandy Red Devils 54 (OT)

Dresden took the opening tip to a quick deuce from Austin Thomas, but District MVP Trey Phifer nailed a three-pointer in response. Red Devil Ty Madden followed with another, and Tucker Wade added a deuce for an 8-0 Big Sandy run. Lion Alex Warren ended the run with a jumper, and Kourtney Sawyer added a free throw. Thomas scored again to pull within a point, but Red Devil Landon French answered with a three. Sawyer scored inside on one play and added a freebie on the next possession. Lion Isaac Davidson put back an offensive rebound with fifteen seconds left to give Dresden a 12-11 first-quarter lead.

After a scoreless minute, Red



Tournament MVP Tyree Owens catches a pass en route to the basket in the title game, with Mustang Tylan Johnson defending. Owens led the Rebels with 15 points in the victory.

Devil Landon French scored to regain the lead. Lion Quincy McDonald answered with a drive to the basket, scoring and drawing a foul. After hitting the charity toss, McDonald repeated the feat on the next possession, but missed the extra point. Trey Phifer scored on a jumper to bring Big Sandy closer, but a McDonald free throw, an Austin Thomas deuce, and a pair of freebies by Dylan Yates upped the Dresden lead to 22-15. Ty Madden scored and French completed an old-fashioned three-point play to cut the Lion lead to a pair with three minutes on the clock. Scoring stalled until the :30 mark, when Madden hit one-of-two from the line. Lion Kourtney Sawyer answered in kind, and, with less than a second left, Isaac Davidson added a pair to give Dresden a 25-21 halftime lead.

Red Devil Trey Phifer struck first in the second half with a put-back, but Lion Alex Warren answered in kind. Two minutes later, Tucker Wade and Phifer scored on back-to-back possessions to tie the game at 27-27. Lion Kourtney Sawyer and Red Devil Wade traded deuces to keep the game knotted. At the 3:00 mark, Sawyer scored again for the lead, but Landon French answered with a three-pointer. Ty Madden scored to build the Big Sandy lead, but Sawyer cut it with a drive inside. Dylan Yates split a pair of tosses to tie the game at 34-34 with half a minute left, then gave Dresden the lead with a last-second deuce.

Seconds into the final frame of regulation, Red Devil Dallas Allen tied the game with a deuce. Lion Jordan Mitchell answered with a pair of charity tosses, but Trey Phifer scored to tie it again. Nearly two minutes later, Lion Austin Thomas drained a three

to break the tie. Sawyer followed with a free throw to expand the lead, but Phifer answered with a jumper. Lion Alex Warren responded in kind, and, a minute later, Allen followed suit. Lion Dylan Yates hit two freebies on Tucker Wade’s fifth foul. With just :35 on the clock, Phifer hit two tosses as Alex Warren fouled out. Then, with just :17 showing, Landon French hit for two to tie the game at 46-46. Dresden failed to score before the buzzer, and the contest headed to overtime.

Lion Kourtney Sawyer struck quickly in the extra period, but Trey Phifer answered to re-tie the game. Phifer split a pair from the line to give Big Sandy a thin lead, but Dylan Yates matched him on the other end. Red Devil Dallas Allen sank a long jumper to regain the lead, but Sawyer answered with a put-back. Phifer hit again, answered by Jordan Mitchell. As the final minute arrived, Landon French split free throws, answered by Quincy McDonald in kind to tie the game with thirty seconds remaining. On the ensuing inbound, Phifer was whistled for an offensive foul (his fifth) underneath the Dresden basket. Mitchell took the ball to the hole for the lead, and, following a Big Sandy miss, Isaac Davidson drew a last second foul. Hitting one-of-two sealed Dresden’s 57-54 victory.

In the Big Sandy loss, District MVP Trey Phifer led all scorers with 20, including a three-pointer. Landon French had 16 points, including 2 three-pointers.

The Lions were led by Kourtney Sawyer with 16 points.

In Region 7A first-round action Tuesday night, McKenzie will host Lake County, Huntingdon will host Halls, Dresden will travel to Humboldt, and Big Sandy will travel to Union City. All games start at 7 p.m.

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Huntingdon-Alli Jones, Grace McMackin; Lakewood-Caroline Singleton, Emily Raines; Martin-Zanasha Gadlen, Raegan Johnson; Dresden-Kaitlyn Galimore; Humboldt-Anya Patterson, Tomiya Sherron; Milan-Mikayla Shook.

West squad: Head Coach-Tyler Tate, Dyer Middle School; Rutherford-K.J. White, McKin-

ley Burkett, Hannah Ball; Crockett County-Bayleigh Woodward, Molly Parlow; Dyer-Ashton Lannom; Lake County (Lara Kendall School)-Ayisha Hockett, Carlee Rivers; Trenton Rosenwalde-Indiah Williams; Three Oaks-Emily Finley, Kaitlyn Anderson.

Team rosters (Boys): West squad-Head Coach Drew Gibson-Rutherford; McKenzie-Ben Austin; West Carroll-Zach Heckert; Dresden-Tyrone Jones; Union City-Deonte Miller; Ridgemont-Holden King; Hill-

crest-A.J. Malone; Lake County-Dezmon Johnson, Rodarius Cheers, Black Oak-Issac Dar-nall.

East squad-Head Coach-Kelvin Bain-Crockett County; Milan-Austin White; Crockett County-Luke Shelton, Miles Chilcutt, Three Oaks-Scotty Dillard; Northview-Jeffry Taylor, Cayden Stafford; Medina-Nathan Hicks; Trenton Rosenwald-Jadarius Harris, Jasper Albea, Dyersburg-De-maar Ward, Dyer-Austin Atkins; Humboldt-Deonte Moore.

Valentine

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“For Brenda, the journey to expose new audiences to the

outdoors is unending,” said George Thornton, NWTFF CEO. “She tirelessly continues her efforts, ensuring she reaches any and all audiences with the important message of conserving wildlife and habitat, and pre-

serving our hunting heritage.”

Valentine also is co-host of Bass Pro Shops “Real Hunting” TV show and has visited troops in Afghanistan, south west Asia and Germany through the Outdoor Legends Tour II.

Bethel University Fitness Society to Hold Open Fitness Competition

McKENZIE — The Bethel University Fitness Society will host an open fitness competition, the Wildcat Fitness Classic. After years of providing a fitness contest for students, the Fitness Society is now providing a show for the public to get involved. This contest is open to anyone 18 years of age or older prior to or on the day of competition. It will take place on Saturday, March 28 at 7 p.m. in the Bouldin Auditorium in the Dickey Fine Arts Building, which will conclude the Fitness Society’s Fitness Living Awareness Week.

There are three rounds of competition.

Round 1 will be the Formal/Business Attire Round. This is the round where competitors “dress to impress” for a night out on the town, going to a job interview, going to a business meeting, etc.

Round 2 will be the Creative

Fitness Round. For 45 to 90 seconds, competitors will perform fitness feats of their choosing. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: pushups, crunches, deadlifts, aerobics, dancing, martial arts, etc. They will be judged based on performance.

Round 3 will be the Athletic Wear round. Each competitor will wear his or her best workout outfits. This will be the only round where competitors can flex if they choose to, but it’s absolutely not required and will not reflect on the scoring.

The top five men and women after the rounds will compete in a one-minute pose-down where it’s freestyle posing in front of the judges to determine a winner.

Cost to enter is \$15. Tickets to watch the event will be available starting on Monday, February 16, and they will be \$10. You can also buy them at the door. Deadline to sign-up for the contest is Friday, March 20. Entry forms and complete contest rules are available at the following locations: Bethel University (Bookstore, Fitness Center, and Student Development) and Flex Fitness in Paris, Tenn.

You can also view our event on Facebook (search for Wildcat Fitness Classic 2015) for more places to pick up entry forms as well as for the latest up-to-date info on the contest.

You can also fill out a form online on our show website

(http://wildcatfitnessclassic.webs.com) and pay the day of the competition. If you want to pay earlier, you can pay at the Bethel Bookstore or Student Development with Christopher Ray. Failure to pay will result in an automatic disqualification from the competition.

For more info on the competition, or if you are interested in being a sponsor for the Wildcat Fitness Classic, contact Christopher Ray by email at rayc@bethelu.edu or by phone at (731) 415-4613 or email Bethany DeBok at bdebok81@bethelu.edu. The official social media hashtag for this event is #wfc2015.

If you have a fitness-related business (gyms, fitness centers, health clubs, supplement companies, healthy restaurants, health food stores, personal trainers, etc.) and you are interested in setting up a booth, contact Christopher Ray via email at rayc@bethelu.edu or by phone at (731) 352-6744 Monday-Fridays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. You can also contact the Bethel University Fitness Society President Bethany DeBok at bdebok81@bethelu.edu. Please use the subject line Bethel University Fitness Expo when contacting Christopher or Bethany. Booths will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a \$10 charge for setting up a booth. Lunch will be provided, or you can bring your own.

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Eagles

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three-pointer; and Anna Taylor and Myriel Price each scored 2 points.

Bradford swung the game with a 19-6 third quarter to take a 43-36 lead. Lady Red Devil Morgan Martin scored 11 points; Natalie Martin scored 4; and Aaliyah Albea and Morgan Taylor each scored 2 points. Lady War Eagle Emani Melton scored 4 points; Alexis Patterson had 2 points.

West Carroll rallied in the fourth and outscored Bradford 11-10, but fell short of a comeback, 47-53. Madison Heckert and Alexis Patterson each scored 4 points; Emani Melton had 2; and Deidra Clark hit a free throw. Lady Red Devils Morgan Martin and Anna Taylor each scored 4 points; Morgan Taylor had 2 points.

Bradford's Morgan Martin led all scorers with 24 points, including 6-of-7 from the line. Morgan Taylor had 12 points, including 2 three-pointers.

West Carroll was led by Madison Heckert with 17 points, including 11-of-12 from the line. Emani Melton had 11 points, and Alexis Patterson scored 10 points.



Lady War Eagle Madison Heckert rejects the shot of Bradford's Natalie Martin. Heckert had two blocks on the night and led West Carroll with 17 points.

#22 Cats Fall to MMC, 102-93

(Courtesy Bethel SID)

MCKENZIE — It was almost a comeback for the ages Thursday night at Crisp Arena. Bethel trailed by 26 points at one time in the second half (62-36) but the Cats showed a lot of heart by cutting the deficit to five on several occasions later in the half against Martin Methodist. In in the end MMC won 102-93. It was Bethel's second straight loss.

Sparkling the Cat comeback was Justin Williamson who scored all of his 16 points in the second half. Caleb Hardy and Cole Nelson were also big

factors scoring 20 each. Johnny Williams added 11 for the Wildcats. MMC hit 11 three's on the night and shot 54 percent from the floor: Josh Watson and Monte Burney led MMC with 24 points each.

The No. 22 Wildcats dropped to 20-7 and 10-6 while the No. 13 is RedHawks improved to 22-4 and 12-3. Bethel had beaten MMC in Pulaski January 24.

Martin Methodist won for the 12th time on the road this season. It was Bethel's third home loss on the campaign.

Coach Jeff Britt said, "The first half was a story of us not

getting back on defense and the shooting eye of the Hawks. MMC shot 66 percent in the half and led at halftime 59-36. They hit 11 three's in the game and that proved to be too much to overcome. We are going to be back in the arena tomorrow working hard to get ready for these last three regular season games and then the SSAC tournament."

The Wildcats close out their home schedule with No. 6 Dalton State Saturday at 4 p.m. It will be Senior Day for the Cats with ceremonies taking place in the pre-game.

Bethel Football Signs Area Standouts

(Courtesy Bethel SID)

MCKENZIE (February 5) — Bethel University Football Coach Chris Elliott and the Wildcat football staff released the names of the student-athletes who have committed to play for Bethel in the upcoming seasons.

Coach Elliott shared his thoughts about the 2015 recruiting class. "We welcome this initial group of signees to the Bethel University family. We are honored that they have entrusted us with the

opportunity to help them grow and develop as young men as they take this next big step in life. These student-athletes are not just football players, they are excellent students and more important than that they are great people. We look forward to them joining our family here and becoming part of the tradition that is Bethel University Football."

Coach Elliott added, "Signing day signifies the start of building the 2015 class. Our staff has worked hard to iden-

tify these student-athletes as a fit for Bethel University and will continue to work as we will sign more in the coming days and weeks."

Area players signing with Bethel include (Camden Central High School)-Alex Gianonni—6'3"-295 lb.-offensive lineman / Trevor Gianonni-6'0"-185 lb.-outside linebacker; (Henry County High School)-Chase Henderson-5'11", 210 lb.-runningback / Shontel Thompson-5'6", 158 lb.-defensive back.

#5 Lady Cats Win 19th Straight, Clip #21 Lady RedHawks, 67-49

(Courtesy Bethel SID)

MCKENZIE — Entering Thursday's night affair at Crisp Arena against Martin Methodist, the No. 5 Bethel Lady Wildcats had won 18 straight games and had never been beaten by a fellow Southern States Athletic Conference foe winning 17 in a row against SSAC opponents.

Both streaks remained intact after Bethel beat the No. 21 Lady RedHawks, 67-49.

Bethel was led by Tayla Foster's 19 points. Ke Ke Drake followed with a double-double with 14 points and 15 rebounds. Jackliann Street's 10 points places her just 10 points

shy of joining the exclusive 1,000 point club. Shamon Pearson came off the bench with 12 points.

Bethel forced MMC into 17 turnovers while committing just eight on the night.

Kelsey Nowlin led the Lady Hawks with 11 points.

The Lady Wildcat defense was superb on the night holding MMC to just 30 percent from the floor. MMC was just 2-of-19 from three-point range.

Bethel Coach Chris Nelson was pleased with the win but said his squad still has room for improvement. "I thought we played good but not great. We did not shoot the ball par-

ticularly well but our defense was solid. Shamon came off the bench and helped us pull away. I thought KeKe was a warrior tonight. When she plays that way we can be very good. We were out rebounded and that is something that doesn't happen often so we will address that issue. I like our mindset and the way we are playing but there are several areas we will continue to work hard to improve on."

Bethel improved to 25-2 and 15-0. MMC dropped to 22-5 and 10-5. It marked the second win over MMC this season for the Lady Cats.

Lady Wildcats Defeat Brenau, 73-63

Seniors' Drake and Foster Honored

(Courtesy Bethel SID)

MCKENZIE (February 21) — The No. 5 Bethel Lady Wildcats said a home farewell to seniors Tayla Foster and KeKe Drake in style with their 20th straight victory Saturday afternoon beating Brenau 73-63 in Crisp Arena. Bethel was 19-1 at home this season. Their only loss was to No.1 FHU earlier in the year. The Lady Cats protected their home winning streak against SSAC teams running their record to 19-0 against conference opponents.

Bethel moved to 26-2 overall and 16-0 in the SSAC. The Lady Tigers fell to 10-15 and 5-11. Foster and Drake were both honored in pre-game ceremonies.

For only the third time this season the Lady Wildcats trailed at halftime as Brenau led at the break 35-32. Bethel

was just 1-of-15 from three-point land in the first half. The Lady Cats outscored the visitors from Georgia 41-28 in the second half to win by ten. Foster led Bethel with 26 points. Drake had another double-double with 19 points and 11 rebounds. It was her 23rd career double-double. Jackliann Street's bucket at the 5:27 mark of the second half put her over the 1,000 point mark at 1,001. She became the 14th player to join the exclusive club with the women's program. Brenau committed 20 turnovers while Bethel had only seven on the day.

Coach Chris Nelson was pleased with the win despite his team shooting only 37 percent from the floor. "We didn't shoot well but I am pleased how we kept our poise and eventually were able to grind

out this win. You have to find ways to win even when the shots are not dropping. Tayla was able to get to the hoop late and that was huge. We are happy for Jackliann and proud for and of her. She goes about her business and is such a huge part of our program. You will have a game like this in the postseason and I am happy the way we responded. We have two big games and we know both Loyola and William Carey will be up for us."

Bethel closes out the regular season with a two game road trip, meeting Loyola Thursday night in New Orleans and then traveling to Hattiesburg to face William Carey Saturday. The conference tournament will be in Montgomery, Alabama the following week.

Cats Fall on Senior Night, 89-86

MCKENZIE (February 21) — The No. 22 Bethel Wildcats battled back from an eight point halftime deficit and led visiting Dalton State 89-86 late in their game at Crisp Arena Saturday. In the end however, it would be the No. 6 Roadrunners who would strike back with a six point answered run to beat Bethel 92-89. Two late three point attempts would not fall for the Cats and they lost for the second straight time.

Bethel dropped to 20-8 and 10-6 while the league leading Roadrunners improved to 24-3 and 14-2.

The Wildcats had more rebounds (40-35) less turnovers (11-7) and outshot DSC (50%-48%) but free throw shooting may very well have the undoing of the Wildcats. Dalton State hit 23-of-27 attempts while the Cats struggled hitting just 7-of-16 from charity. Caleb Hardy led Bethel with 23 points. Johnny Williams had 14 points while Cole Nelson had 11 on the night. Ladaris Green had 21 points and 17 rebounds for the Roadrunners. Jamaine Burrey led DSC with 24 points.

Coach Jeff Britt said, "Dalton State is a really good bas-

ketball team. I feel they have a god shot to get to the Final Four. We had an opportunity but in the end could not close it out. We didn't do a very good job keeping them in front of us and we let them penetrate and either get good shots or get to the line. We have our work cut out for us and now we need to go on the road and get these wins back."

Hardy, Williams, Justin Wil-

liamson, Mikel Terrance, Mark Vaughn, Krys Renfrow and Gary Pollard were honored in senior pre-game ceremonies.

Bethel closes out the regular season with a two game road trip meeting Loyola Thursday night in New Orleans. They close out against William Carey Saturday in Hattiesburg. The conference tournament will be in Montgomery, Alabama the following week.

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DYER (February 23) — In Region 7A high school basketball regional tournament satellite action, the Gibson County Lady Pioneers (23-3) utilized the scoring of Briana Fields (23), Erin Lannom (15), Allie Smithson (10), and Justyce White (8) to eliminate the Huntingdon Fillies, 58-37 and advance to the 5:30 p.m. regional semifinal contest against Bradford Wednesday at Bethel.

Huntingdon (14-14) was led by the offensive production of Jessica Keith (12), LeAnn Webb (6), Allyn Swenson (6), Grace Angelos (4), and Kaitlin Belew (4).

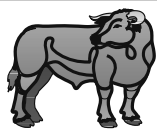
Gibson County jumped out quickly behind the scoring of Fields and Lannom to lead the Fillies at the end of the first frame, 22-8.

Battling back, Huntingdon responded via the scoring of Keith (4), Swenson (3), and respective deuces by Webb, Angelos and Marissa Belew to outscore Gibson County 14-6 and cut the Lady Pioneer's lead to 28-22 at the half.

Resuming play in the second half, Gibson County transitioned to a sprint offense and employed the production of Fields (8), and Lannom (5) to outscore the Fillies, 20-10, and lead at the end of the third period, 48-32.

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MATTER OF RECORD

Huntingdon Police Reports

Underage Drinking
•A young Huntingdon man was arrested for allegedly drinking alcoholic beverages during a Feb. 20 traffic stop on Veterans Drive.

Patrolman Brian Bennett charged Taylor Megill McCarty, 18, of 130 Angle Cove with underage consumption and speeding. Bennett reported that he pulled over a vehicle driven by McCarty after clocking the vehicle at 71 mph in a 55 mph zone. While speaking with McCarty, Bennett detected the odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle and asked McCarty if he had been drinking. McCarty said that he had consumed three beers. After gaining McCarty permission to search the vehicle, Bennett found three cases, a 12-pack, and a six-pack of beer with a total of five beers missing.

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Shoplifting
•A Parsons man was arrested Feb. 14 for allegedly stealing items from a local department store.

Brian Bennett charged Jason Jeffery Moody of Parsons with theft under \$500. According to Bennett's report, officers responded to Wal-Mart after receiving a call from Wal-Mart in Huntingdon about a shoplifter in custody. Wal-Mart Loss Prevention Officer Joe Lowe told officers that Moody had stolen two light bulbs priced at \$37.18. When asked where he had concealed the light bulbs, Moody pulled the stolen merchandise out of his underwear.

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Shoplifting
•A Bruceton woman was arrested Feb. 14 for allegedly stealing an item from a local department store.

Patrolman Brian Bennett charged Rachel Denise Clements of 106 South Carroll Street with theft under \$500. According to Bennett's report, he went to Wal-Mart in Huntingdon to review a video surveillance recording from earlier that day. The recording showed Clements taking a screen protector for a cellular

device. Clements returned to Wal-Mart after Bennett contacted her and asked her to come speak with him. Clements told Bennett that she thought the male friend she was with earlier had paid for the item. The man she referred to was arrested for theft earlier that evening.

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Theft/Public Intoxication
•A woman was arrested Feb. 12 after she allegedly stole items from a vehicle at a local hospital.

Sgt. Joey Hedge charged Brittany M. Ralston (address not listed) with theft over \$500, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and public intoxication. According to Hedge's report, officers responded to an incident at the Baptist Memorial Hospital-Huntingdon emergency room. Upon arrival, officers discovered Ralston arguing with hospital staff. Hospital employee Johnny Neely told officers that he went out to his truck and found a number of items missing. Neely said that another employee informed him that he or she had seen a woman going through his truck. According to Neely, he later found Ralston with stolen items in an employee bathroom. With searching Ralston, officers found stolen items in her purse and Neely's wallet in her jacket. Hedge reported that Ralston appeared to be intoxicated, and she resisted and threatened officers when they tried to place her under arrest.

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Criminal Trespassing
•A Huntingdon woman was arrested Feb. 8 for allegedly entering a local department store after she had been banned from the property.

Patrolman Ethan Parham charged Brooksey Nicole Wadley of 11400 Lexington Street with criminal trespassing. According to Parham's report, Wadley had been taken into custody by Wal-Mart security personnel when officers arrived at the store. Wadley told officers that she was aware that she was banned from the store.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Drug Possession
•A McKenzie woman was cited into court Feb. 14 when a small amount of illegal drugs were allegedly found in her possession during a traffic stop in Atwood.

Deputy T.J. Herndon charged Netisha Bianka Gordon, 27, of 309 Walnut Circle with possession of a schedule VI drug, driving on a suspended license, driving an unregistered vehicle, violation of financial responsibility, and a light law violation. Herndon reported that he pulled over a 2002 Jeep driven by Gordon because of a broken taillight. According to Herndon, Gordon could not produce her vehicle registration or proof of insurance, and a computer check revealed that her license was suspended. After getting Gordon's permission to search the vehicle, Herndon found a small bag of marijuana and a marijuana cigarette in the console.

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Theft
•The Sheriff's Department is looking into the recent theft of a trailer from the parking lot of a Clarksburg business.

David Taylor of Clarksburg told officers on Feb. 10 that his 16' dual-axle trailer had been stolen from the parking lot of his business at 5986 Highway 22 some time early that morning. The trailer, however, had already been located by officers earlier that day in a field off Roan Creek Levee Church Road.

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One-Vehicle Wreck

•A Huntingdon woman was charged for violations after being injured in a Feb. 15 one-vehicle accident on Humbles Church Road near Huntingdon. Deputy Dennis Atkins charged Sarah Ann Robertson, 23, of 22121 Highway 77 with driving on a suspended license (first offense) and was also given a summons into Juvenile Court. According to Atkins' report, officers responded to a call about a vehicle striking a utility pole. Upon arrival, officers found that Robertson, the driver of the vehicle, had already been taken to the emergency room at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Huntingdon. Officer went to the ER and spoke with Robertson. A computer check revealed that Robertson's license was suspended for failure to pay child support.

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Harassment
•A Yuma man was arrested for allegedly sending harassing text messages to a Clarksburg woman.

Deputy Ryan Dickson charged James Aaron Reamer of 1390 Highway 22 North with harassment. According to Dickson's report, Krystal Whaley told officers on Jan. 20 that her daughter was being harassed by Reamer. Officers contacted Reamer and told him not to have any kind of contact with the victim. Reamer, however, continued to send text messages to the victim between Jan. 22 and Jan. 31.

Marriage Licenses

- Lee Matthew Cook, 34, of Bruceton to Lauren Allison McArthur, 27, of Bruceton.
- Jonathan Scott Hughes, 22, of McKenzie to Samantha Ann Yates, 20, of McKenzie.
- Richard Craig Autry, 31, of Huntingdon to Brandy Nicole Norris, 28, of Huntingdon.
- Lewis Wilson Sawyer, 32, of Westport to Ashley Cheyenne Gurley, 20, of Westport.
- Travis Cody Sands, 23, of Cedar Grove to Brooke Rene Gillespe, 24, of Medina.
- Jimmy Clifford Moore, Sr., 43, of Ingram, Texas to Frances

- Marie King Coe, 46, of Ingram, Texas.
- John William Pace, 41, of Yuma to Wendy Carter Pace, 38, of Yuma.
- Samuel Benjamin Cole, 19, of Huntingdon to Reghan Cole Higginbotham, 21, of Huntingdon.
- William Keith Brown, 20, of McKenzie to Kelsey Leigh Bryant, 20, of McKenzie.
- Charles Thomas Lawrence, Jr., 26, of McKenzie to Crystal Lee Bratcher, 29, of Huntingdon.
- Lavon Horton, 43, of Huntingdon to Angela Dawn Lytle, 30, of Huntingdon.

Property Transfers

- Jacqueline Boals to James R. Boals Jr. in District 7.
- Jacqueline E. Boals to James Russell Boals Jr. in District 6.
- Jennifer and Brian McDowell to Johanna B. and John Ray T. Salma in District 11.
- Sylvia Crocker to Roy D. Fisher in District 20.
- Roy D. Fisher to Billy E. and Pam J. Morgan in District 20.
- Lowell T. Vaughn to Edd Scarbrough and others in District 22.
- John Harrison to John W. and Linda J. Harrison and others in District 4.
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- Smith to Guy Anthony and Kimberly Dawn Williams in District 13.
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- Beverly Leedham Greene to Beverly Leedham in District 11.
- Imogene Hester Irrevocable Trust to Phillip E. and Sandy D. Moore in District 24.
- 3 Bevills, LLC to Joshua Walker in District 21.
- Carol Francisco Leslie to First United Methodist Church of Huntingdon Board of Trustees in District 11.

Bankruptcy Petitions

- Joe Ray and Mary Lou Cavness, Chapter 7, Union City
- Phylis J. Dunlap, Chapter 7, Dresden

- Lisa A. Story, Chapter 7, Greenfield
- Sarah E. Webb, Chapter 7, Dresden

BID NOTICE

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

Carroll County General Sessions

February 18
The following cases were disposed:

Chance Devin Flippin, Meadowlark Trail, McKenzie: reckless endangerment-vehicle / misdemeanor-fined \$350, sentenced to serve 11 months and 29 days suspended, supervised probation for 11 months and 20 days, alcohol and drug evaluation, 40 hours community service. Simple possession / casual exchange-fined \$500, sentence of 11 months and 29 days suspended, supervised probation 11 months and 29 days, alcohol and drug counseling, 40 hours community service. Possession unlawful drug paraphernalia-attempt-sentence entered.

Allen Hardee, Hale Road, Yuma: assault-bodily injury-must attend anger management, 11 months and 29 days supervised probation.

James W. Jones, Arnold Road, McKenzie: criminal impersonation-dismissed.

Cody Kiestler, Kirkpatrick Drive, Ripley: theft (up to \$500)-restitution to be paid in full, no contact with Wal-Mart, 11 months and 29 days supervised probation. Criminal trespass-dismissed. Evading arrest-restitution to be paid in full, no contact with Wal-Mart, 11 months and 29 days supervised probation. Resist, stop, arrest, search (no weapon)-dismissed.

Brian Scott, Highway 104, Lavinia: driving while license canceled-fined \$50, sentence to 6 months suspended with time served, unsupervised probation for 6 months. Use of off-road vehicle on highway-dismissed.

Donald Terry Sullivan, Grooms Road: seat belt-18 and older-dismissed. Financial responsibility-dismissed.

Autumn M. Tindall, Price Road, Hollow Rock: theft (up to \$500)-restitution to be paid in full, no contact with victim Robert Harr, 10 months and 29 days unsupervised probation.

February 19
The following cases were bound over to the Grand Jury: Christopher Edmondson, Walnut Circle, McKenzie: simple possession / casual exchange, theft of property-\$1,000-\$10,000, aggravated burglary.

Steven Walter Gibbs, Old Bruceton Road, Bruceton: burglary-other than habitation-three counts. Theft of property-\$10,000-\$60,000.

Chenoe Casey Inman: theft of property-\$1,000-\$10,000.

Jamie Marshun Inman: theft of property-\$1,000-\$10,000.

The following cases were disposed: Robert Andrew Bridges, Mill Street, Hollow Rock: theft (up to \$500)-pre-trial or judicial diversion.

Peyton A. Cole, Earl Cove, Milan: flotation device violation-\$25 fine and cost on guilty plea.

Michael Decker, Dolan Road, Paris: allowing unlicensed driver to drive-dismissed.

Ryan Fields, Vale-McKenzie Road, Bruceton: criminal trespass-pre-trial or judicial diversion.

John D. Forrest, Clear Lake Road, McKenzie: harassment-no contact with Robert and Vickie Hill, 11 months and 29 days unsupervised probation. Public intoxication-30 days unsupervised probation. Failure to appear-misdemeanor-dismissed.

Kenny Fowler, Highway 114, Buena Vista: probation violation / two counts-both counts dismissed. Theft-(up to \$500)-dismissed.

Teresa Garner, Hopewell Road, Lavinia: theft (up to \$500)-dismissed.

Steven Walter Gibbs, Old Bruceton Road, Bruceton: theft (up to \$500)-pay restitution in full, dismissed if pays cost and restitution today, condition on bond: no contact with Grant.

Veronica Ann Hollingsworth, Highway 22 North, Wildersville: theft (up to \$500)-dismissed.

Susan Hollowell, Lexington Highway, Huntingdon: financial responsibility-dismissed.

Terry Hopper, Cheatham. Bruceton: driving while license canceled-11 months and 25 days unsupervised probation.

Julia Houseman, Coles Lane, Camden: worthless checks-up to \$500 / three counts. Count one-restitution to be paid in full-dismissed Count two-restitution to be paid in full, attend check writing school, 11 months and 29 days supervised probation. Count three-sentence entered.

Destiny Jones, Walnut Avenue East, McKenzie: probation violation-report April 6, 2015, appeal expires March 2, 2015.

Christopher Michael Laws, Highway 22, McKenzie: driver's license to be carried and exhibited-fined \$10, sentenced to serve 30 days time served, unsupervised probation for 30 days. Window tinted-dismissed. Financial responsibility-dismissed. Failure to appear-misdemeanor-dismissed.

Max Marbry, Road Street, Bardwell, Kentucky: contempt of court-order to serve 10 days.

Daryl Lynn McKee, Oakdale Road, Camden: assault-attempt-dismissed.

Bobby J. Mort, Main Street, McKenzie: domestic assault-sentence entered.

Christopher D. Pace, Clarksburg Road: driving while license canceled-sentence entered.

Kerry W. Parnell, Old Lavinia Road, Cedar Grove: simple possession / casual exchange-dismissed.

Trey R. Price, Church Street, McLemoresville: simple possession / casual exchange-finding of pre-trial or judicial diversion entered on May 8, 2014, sentenced entered-deferred probation until November 6, 2014 supervised, \$500 fine and cost.

Megan Lynette Robertson: assault-attempt-dismissed.

Clifford E. Scott: domestic assault-dismissed.

Terry M. Scott, Elm Street, McKenzie: assault-attempt-fined \$50, sentenced to serve 11 months and 29 days with time served, unsupervised probation for 11 months and 29 days, complete anger management: provide proof, does not violate current probation.

Jessica Nicole Smith, Public Wells Road, Martin: probation violation-dismissed.

Tabra Smith, Northwood Drive, Huntingdon: theft (up to \$500)-dismissed.

Jimmy Lynn Stavely, New-some Street, McKenzie: assault-threat of bodily injury-sentenced to serve 11 months and 29 days unsupervised except time served, unsupervised probation for 11 months and 29 days, complete anger management, review February 19, 2015 for certificate.

Michael F. Turbeville, Utley Lane, Atwood: domestic assault-no contact by any method, 11 months and 29 days supervised probation.

Bradley Damon Umsted, Pillowville-Gleason Road, Gleason: worthless checks-up to \$500 / two counts. Count one-dismissed, restitution to be paid in full. Count two-restitution to be paid in full, 11 months and 27 days supervised probation.

Tad S. Warford, Wadesboro Road, Benton, Kentucky: simple possession / casual exchange / two counts-both counts dismissed.

Rena Luana Watson, Central Curve Road, Ripley: driving while license suspended-dismissed, driver has drivers license.

Donald Wheat, Georgia Avenue, Huntingdon: sexual offender registration form validation-attempt / two counts. On each count-order to serve 180 days, 6 months supervised probation.

Joshua A. Whitman, Cotham Drive, Huntingdon: leaving fire near woodland unattended-sentence entered. Setting fire at certain time without permit-sentence entered.

Michael Joe Williams, Norris Hancock Road, Big Buck: driving while license suspended-dismissed, cost to defendant.

With two counts of aggravated rape, four counts of rape, and two counts of sexual battery. He was held on a \$200,000 bond.

Carroll County Sheriff's Department received notice that Tucker was in Carroll County. Dickson said he had possibly lived in the county for almost one year.

County Officers Arrest Fugitive

Carroll County Sheriff's Department arrested a fugitive from Middle Tennessee on Thursday, February 12.

Sheriff Andy Dickson said Anthony Tucker, 44, was arrested at a home on Highway 77 in the Leach Community and was transported to Rutherford County on Friday, February 13 where he is charged

with two counts of aggravated rape, four counts of rape, and two counts of sexual battery. He was held on a \$200,000 bond.

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McKenzie Police Reports

Domestic Assault – Kenneth Whitson, 45, of McKenzie, was arrested for domestic assault in the Park Circle area by Ptl. Lorrie Mulligan on Monday, February 16, 2015.

Warrant Arrest – Brandi

Anderson, 25, of Lexington, was arrested on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 by Ptl. Chris Adams for a warrant from Henderson County after she walked into the police department in order to be arrested.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: NONE

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE OF MCKENZIE, TENNESSEE

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-7-203, notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Board of Mayor and Council on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the McKenzie Municipal Center. The hearing will be held in order to receive public input on the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, "GENERAL PROVISIONS", OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF MCKENZIE, TENNESSEE BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 11-418 ENTITLED "LANDSCAPING SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS"

Full copies of the proposed amendment may be viewed in McKenzie Municipal Center during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend and comment.

Charlie Beal, CMFO, CMC
City Clerk/Recorder

CALENDAR

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

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

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION FCE TO MEET

Family and Community Education FCE (formerly known as 'Home Demonstration' and 'Home-maker' Clubs) is an international organization with 4591 Tennessee members. Members are formed locally into active Boards and Clubs that represent families and communities and become the pipeline for research-based information, current educational programs, events, and education from the University of Tennessee and the US Department of Agriculture. Carroll County has three FCE clubs that meet various dates and times for everyone's convenience. Meetings are open to everyone. The public are welcome to join a group and experience exciting opportunities to learn new skills, be proactive in the community, stay abreast of current agricultural issues, enjoy great food and meet wholesome "down-home" folks. Pennye Mays is Carroll County's FCE County President and can be contacted at (731) 986-4902. The Extension Agent for Carroll County is Gwen Joyner and she can be contacted at (731) 986-1976.

FREE PERISHABLE FOOD GIVEAWAY

Long Heights Baptist Church welcomes all who have a need for perishables at 260 Old Paris Rd, McKenzie. Join us on the second and fourth Wednesday night of each month at 8 p.m. Also, there is a clothing ministry available. Come early to fellowship and hear a word from God through Pastor Kenny Carr.

MCKENZIE CARROLL COUNTY UNITED NEIGHBORS

United Neighbors is accepting spring and summer clothing at this time. Please be sure they are in clean and good condition. If the bin is full, please take items to other donation boxes. We give away perishable food the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 11:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Food: crackers, tuna, cereal, soup, ravioli, spaghetti, and evaporated milk. Personal Hygiene: Deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, bar soap, & shampoo. Miscellaneous: Dishwashing detergent, laundry detergent, household cleaning supplies, and diapers. Assistance and shopping from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and 9 a.m. until noon on Wednesday. We will be closed on Wednesday afternoon and Friday and Saturday and Sunday. Call 352-0547 with any questions. Donation hours: Better to bring items during store hours. Do not leave items outside! Please no glass or boxes in the bin.

RENEWED HEARTS SUPPORT GROUP

Facing life's challenging circumstances / Facing life without a loved one / practical help through difficult time in your life / caregiving support. All groups are free and confidential. Meeting location: 1939A Cedar Street, McKenzie on second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. For more information call 731-352-1340.

MCLEMORESVILLE CEMETERY UPKEEP FUND

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

STRETCH 'N TONE SESSIONS

Stretch 'N Tone sessions will be at the McKenzie Senior Citizen Center from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. on

most Mondays at a cost of \$1.00 per session. The sessions, led by Myrna Johnson, will consist of a variety of stretches for flexibility, Pilates, Yoga, and low-impact cardio movements. Exercise floor mat required. For more information and next scheduled day, call (731) 402-0607.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Northwest Economic Development Council Agency is accepting applications for the 2015 Low Income Energy Assistance Program on October 1, 2014. The programs helps low-income households through direct energy payments to their energy provider. Households with total annual income below 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines may be assisted. Proof of total household income for the previous eight weeks is required to determine eligibility. The Social Security care for each household member must be provided along with a current energy bill. Persons applying for the program should make an appointment at the Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council Office: Carroll County Service Center; 13355 Paris Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344. Phone: 731-209-4458.

EASTWOOD CHURCH BREAKFAST

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

VERY SPECIAL ARTS FESTIVAL – CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

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

VERY SPECIAL ARTS FESTIVAL FEBRUARY 28

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

BETHEL THEATRE TO PRESENT “NOISES OFF” FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 1

Michael Frayn's "Noises Off" will be presented by Bethel's Academic Theatre Department on Thursday, February 26, 2015 through Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 1, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in Bouldin Auditorium on Bethel's campus. General Admission is \$7.00. Tickets are free for students, faculty and staff with ID. Tickets may be purchased at the door. "Noises Off" is an outrageous British farce that is a "spectacularly funny, peerless backstage farce," according to the New York Times.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HUNTINGDON NEEDS SMARTPHONES FOR VIETNAM PASTORS

The First Baptist Church of Huntingdon is needing donations of working phones that have an SD or MicroSD card slot and can play video, with charger cords if

possible. These phones will be loaded with teaching materials to give to pastors in Vietnam. Please bring phones in to the office at First Baptist Church in Huntingdon.

SENIOR CITIZEN TRIP TO LYNCHBURG APRIL 24

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

DAVID HARDY BENEFIT MARCH 14 AT CC CIVIC CENTER

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

CARROLL COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER SPRING 2015 REGISTRATION

Registration dates for Carroll County Youth Soccer are as follows: Thursday, February 26 at Central Elementary Gym from 5PM-7PM; Saturday, February 28 at Huntingdon City Hall from 10AM-1PM; Monday, March 2 at McKenzie Railroad Depot from 5PM-7PM; Tuesday, March 3 at Clarksburg City Hall from 5PM-7PM; Thursday, March 5 at McLemoresville Fire Dept. from 5PM-7PM; Saturday, March 7 at Huntingdon City Hall from 10AM-1PM. Please log onto www.cayso.org and pre-register your child and come to one of the sign ups listed above with registration fee and information sheet. \$35 per child if they did play in the fall, and \$45 per child if they didn't play in the fall. For complete registration information, visit www.ayso-region1077.org or call 731-415-9390.

MHS LADY REBEL SOFTBALL CLINIC

The MHS Lady Rebel Softball Clinic is February 28, 2015 at the McKenzie High School Gym. Girls ages 4-8 will meet from 9:30-12:00. Girls ages 9-14 will meet 1:00-3:30. We will work on hitting, fielding, and running. Please bring your bat and glove. We will start in the gym and if the weather permits, we will also be outside. The cost is \$25; make checks to MHS Softball. Each girl will receive a t-shirt, snacks, and drinks. Prizes will also be awarded. Forms can be filled out at McKenzie Elementary School or McKenzie Middle School. Please contact Rebecca Jones at MMS at 352-2792 or at jonesr8@k12tn.net.

TERRY COMMUNITY PARK T-BALL SIGN UPS

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

RESOURCE PARENTS NEEDED

There are over 400 children in Northwest Tennessee that are placed into state custody, many times due to no fault of their own. While those children are out of their home, they need a place that is safe and nurturing to stay. Resource parents offer that safe and nurturing home for those children. If you are interested in providing a safe and nurturing home to a child in state custody, you may attend the upcoming training class (PATH) in McKenzie, Tuesday, February 24 at 6:30pm at Long Heights Baptist Church, Youth Building "The Shack", 95

Doug Lane. To register and/or for more information please call Carrie Hollowell, Home Study Writer with the Dept. of Children's Services at 731-364-4537 or at carrie.hollowell@tn.gov.

MCKENZIE “SPRING” CITY WIDE YARD SALE

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

CC RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETS MARCH 2

The Carroll County Resolutions Committee will meet on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Carroll County Mayor's Office (located at 625 High Street, Suite 101, in Huntingdon. The public is invited to attend.

CC E911 BOARD TO MEET FEBRUARY 26

The Carroll County E911 Board of Directors will meet in a rescheduled regular meeting (original meeting was postponed due to inclement weather) on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Huntingdon City Hall, located at 12740 Lexington Street.

MHS GREAT PRETENDERS MARCH 7 AND 8

The McKenzie High School Great Pretenders is Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m. at Bouldin Auditorium at Bethel University. Reserved seats are \$10.00 and general admission is \$8.00. See any MHS senior or go to MHS office to get your tickets.

CC LAKE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO MEET FEBRUARY 24

The Carroll County Lake Regional Plannign Commission will meet on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Carroll County Office Complex.

WESTPORT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH NIGHT MARCH 1

Westport Missionary Baptist Church invites everyone to Youth Night service, Sunday, March 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Bro. Chris Wallace. Pastor is Elder Greg Jones.

PLEASANT GROVE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETS MARCH 5

The annual meeting of the Pleasant Grove Cemetery Association will be Thursday night, March 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church. All interested parties are invited to attend. Contact Ernie Wood at (731) 845-5464 for more information.

LENTEN CATFISH MEAL AT HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH MARCH 6

Holy Family Catholic Church, located at 256 Cotham Drive in Huntingdon, is having a Lenten catfish meal, including catfish, hush puppies, cole slaw, shie

beans, fries, a drink and dessert for \$8.50 on Fridays in March (March 6, 13, 20, and 27) from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Plates for children under eight years of age cost \$4.00. Carryout is available. Fish cooked by Ted Brou of Ted-Dee's Catfish Café.

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

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

READ ACROSS AMERICA NIGHT

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

MCKENZIE PLANNING COMMISSION TO MEET

McKenzie Planning Commission to meet Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. Agenda items include: I. Call to Order, II. Roll Call / Establishment of a Quorum, III. Approval of Agenda, IV. Reading and Approval of the Minutes, V. Old Business A. Any properly presented old business, VI. New Business A. Presentation on Land Use and Transportation Plans, VII. Other Business A. Municipal Reports B. March Agenda & Regular Planning Commission Meeting Schedule by Chairman Dean Robb VIII. Adjournment.

MCKENZIE SSD BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MEET MARCH 3

The McKenzie Special School District Board of Education will meet in regular session Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the McKenzie Board of Education of-

fice (located at 114 Bell Avenue). Items on the agenda include: 4. Consider for approval budget amendments to the McKenzie Special School District funds, 5. Consider for approval the 2015-16 School Calendar for the McKenzie Special School District, 6. Adopt a resolution to establish the 2015 property tax rate at the tax neutral rate as determined by the State Board of Equalization.

MCKENZIE YOUTH BASEBALL SIGNUPS FEBRUARY 28, MARCH 7 AND MARCH 14

McKenzie Youth Baseball sign-ups will be Saturday, February 28; Saturday, March 7; and Saturday, March 14, 2015 at McKenzie City Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Mandatory coaches meetings (for interested head and assistant coaches) will be Wednesday, February 25 and Wednesday, March 18 at 8:00 p.m. at McKenzie City Hall. Cal Ripken (ages 4-12) cost is \$35 for a single or \$70 maximum for family. Babe Ruth (ages 13-up) cost is \$35 per player.

MCKENZIE GIRLS FASTPITCH SPRING LEAGUE SIGNUPS FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 7

McKenzie girls Fastpitch Spring League signups will be Saturday, February 28, 2015 and Saturday, March 7, 2015 at McKenzie City Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Deadline for registration is Saturday, March 7, 2015. For questions or more information, contact Justin at 418-2654 or Jennifer at 571-5869.

GREATER ENON YOUTH REVIVAL MARCH 16-18

Greater Enon Missionary Baptist Church will be having Youth Revival on Monday, March 16 through Wednesday, March 18, 2015 each night at 7:00 p.m. Guest speakers will be as follows: Monday – Minister Marcus Thornton; Tuesday – Minister Cassandra Parker; and Wednesday – Minister Tommy Bond, Jr. Please come out nightly to support our revival.

CEDAR GROVE FIRE DEPT. ANNUAL FISH FRY APRIL 4

Cedar Grove Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual fish fry on Saturday, April 4, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. until sold out. Price is \$10.00 per plate and includes fish, all the trimmings, drink and dessert. Children's plates are \$7.00. Live music will be provided by the band Touch of Gray.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated July 14, 2009, executed by MARIE PARKER EVANS AND STEVEN EVANS, conveying certain real property therein described to FMLS, INC., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee recorded July 15, 2009, in Deed Book 588, Page 640-649; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on March 19, 2015 at 03:00 PM at the Front Steps of the Carroll County Courthouse, located in Huntingdon, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Carroll County, Tennessee, to wit: SITUATED ABOUT 1/2 MILE EAST OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF HUNTINGDON AND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BUENA VISTA HIGHWAY, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A STAKE, THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF ODELL WILKES LAND AND THE ORIGINAL NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE GOOCH CARRINGTON TRACT, RUNS THENCE WITH ODELL WILKES' EAST LINE SOUTH 3 1/2 DEGREES WEST 550 FEET TO A STAKE, IN CROSS FENCE, THENCE SOUTH 83 DEGREES EAST 120 FEET TO A STAKE IN FIELD, THENCE ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF THIS TRACT, NORTH 3 1/2 DEGREES EAST, 550 FEET TO A STAKE IN THE SOUTH MARGIN OF THE BUENA VISTA AND HUNTINGDON ROAD, THENCE WITH ROAD NORTH 83 DEGREES WEST 120 FEET TO A STAKE, THE POINT OF BEGINNING. DESCRIPTION TAKEN FROM THE PRIOR DEED OF RECORD. LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: BEGINNING AT A SET IRON PIN ON JOE T. SMOTHERS' (DB. 256, PG. 543) WEST LINE AND 248.7 FEET SOUTHWARD ALONG SMOTHERS' WEST LINE FROM THE SOUTH MARGIN OF BUENA VISTA ROAD, THENCE SOUTH 10 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST 287.3 FEET ALONG FENCE AND SMOTHERS' WEST LINE TO A SET IRON PIN AT A FENCE CORNER, THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 12 MINUTES WEST 119 FEET ALONG FENCE TO A FENCE CORNER ON THOMAS L. SMOTHERS' (DB. 259, PG. 371) EAST LINE, THENCE NORTH 9 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST 301.98 FEET ALONG FENCE AND SMOTHERS' EAST LINE TO A SET IRON PIN, THENCE SOUTH 80 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST 119.86 FEET THROUGH STEVEN EVANS (DB. 345, PG. 158) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.81 ACRES MORE OR LESS. Parcel ID: 072-080.00 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 330 BUENA VISTA RD, HUNTINGDON, TN 38344. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. CURRENT OWNER(S): MARIE PARKER EVANS AND STEVEN EVANS OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee 119 S. Main Street, Suite 500 Memphis, TN 38103 www.rubinelublin.com/property-listings.php Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (404) 601-5846 Ad #78311: 2015-02-24 2015-03-03, 2015-03-10



PRESENTS



100.9 The Farm presents "Farmerican Idol"—the biggest country music talent show in the history of Carroll County! The competition runs each Friday night thru March 13th! This Friday night we cut the field from 15 to 10 contestants. Here are the remaining contestants:

Chase Stanford of Medina	Sarah McBride of Jackson
Sarah Fowler of Beech Bluff	Melissa Jackson of South Fulton
Chelsea Rhodes of Selmer	Kimberly Coombs of Dover
Alexis Stinson of Huntingdon	Lauren McAdoo of Huntingdon
Mattie Tyus of Stanton	Haley Flowers of Camden
Danny Eastin of Huntingdon	Karlie Davis of Holladay
Autumn Webb of Milan	Tyronza Willis of Huntingdon
Randy Rutherford of Camden	

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Our 2015 Farmerican Idol winner receives \$1,500 from Carroll Bank & Trust, a year's supply of Pepsi from Pepsi Mid-America and a performance slot on an upcoming Chick-fil-A Barn Bash.

See you Friday night, February 27th at the Big Red Barn on Baker Road in Huntingdon! Come out and cheer for your favorite! Tickets \$9.00, which includes a meal from Chick-fil-A.

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GENERAL

114 School District Leaders Ask General Assembly to Oppose Standards Legislation

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS) released a letter to all members of the General Assembly signed by 114 Tennessee superintendents and school district directors who are asking lawmakers not to change the state's academic standards during this legislative session.

The leaders who signed the letter represent school districts that are educating more than 850,000 students, or nearly 86 percent of public school students in Tennessee.

The letter points out that in the past seven years Tennessee's K- 12 education system has undergone significant changes that have led to unprecedented progress in the quality of education that students receive.

Another major change will occur in the spring of 2016, when TNready, a new statewide assessment aligned to Tennessee's State Standards, is introduced. "This work is paying off," said TOSS Board Chairman Randy Frazier, Director of Weakley Coun-

ty Schools. "Tennessee has received national attention for historic gains in student achievement. That's why we say to the General Assembly, please do not derail this momentum. We are asking the members to make no adjustments to Tennessee's State Standards before we have the results of the public review process set up by the Governor and the State Board of Education. We also are asking that the implementation of TNready be allowed to proceed with no delays."

The public review process allows Tennessee residents to review each standard for math and English language arts, to recommend whether the standard should be retained or changed, and to explain why.

"There has been unprecedented participation in the review process, especially by Tennessee teachers," the TOSS letter says. "We ask that their input be valued and that we move forward with efforts to improve and enhance our current standards and truly make them our own, while also giving educators and students the stability they desire and deserve."

"The superintendents who signed these letters believe the input from those closest to the classroom should be valued and more of it should be gathered through the online review," Kingsport City Schools Superintendent Dr. Lyle Ailshie said. "We also believe that our teachers, principals, and students deserve some much-needed stability. For those reasons, we

urge the General Assembly to allow the review to continue and to refrain from passing legislation this year that disrupts standards or assessment." TOSS represents the state's superintendents and directors of schools and is the leading advocate organization for public education in the state of Tennessee.

The TOSS mission encompasses advancing public education, promoting the work and interest of the superintendency, gathering and circulating information on general school matters, and providing pertinent information on sound education legislation to the General Assembly. TOSS also proposes and analyzes legislation that impacts local school systems.

Some of the area superintendents who signed the letter include: Pat Dillahunt, Huntingdon Special District; Lynn Watkins, McKenzie Special District; Mary Reel, Milan Special School District; Tony Tucker, South Carroll Special District; Randy Frazier, Weakley County Schools; Eric D. Williams, West Carroll Special District; Johnny McAdams, Carroll County Schools; Dan Black, Bradford Special District; Mark Florence, Benton County Schools; Susan Bunch, Lexington City Schools; Sam Miles, Henry County Schools; and Mike Brown, Paris Special School District.



FROM OTHER SOURCES

The Jackson Sun
TENNESSEE'S SEVERE WEATHER WEEK TO RAISE AWARENESS

Tennessee governor Bill Haslam has declared February 15-21, 2015 as Severe Weather Awareness Week to encourage all Tennesseans to make planning and preparing for severe weather a priority. Throughout the week, emergency managers, health professionals, family advocates and meteorologists will host educational activities and drills across the state to help people prevent injuries and fatalities due to tornadoes, damaging winds, flash floods, lightning and hail. "We cannot wait until a flood, thunderstorm, or tornado is on top of us to act," said Deputy Commissioner David Purkey of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. "It's important that Tennesseans be prepared now and be ready to take action when severe weather threatens."

Paris Post Intelligencer
AMON EVANS REMEMBERED FOR WORK ON TOWER

The man who played a driving role in bringing clean, fresh water to hundreds of Springville homes was honored posthumously on Thursday, February 12, by county and federal officials. Amon Carter Evans was remembered during a ceremony marking the completion of the Springville Utility District's water tower on Poplar Grove Road southwest

of Springville. Freshly painted, and with the name of the town emblazoned on its southwest- ern face, the 150,000-gallon tank holds a five-day supply of water for the 400-plus customers in the district using about 30 miles of water lines. A handful of speakers agreed that water district would not have been possible without the drive and determination of Springville resident and former Tennessean newspaper owner Evans. Prior to his death at age 77 on May 11, 2011, Evans shepherded the water project through most of its state and federal hurdles. Under the leadership of Denise Evans, who took over for her husband after his death, the SUD hooked up its first customer in July 2012. "It's (water tower) a beautiful sight," said Mary Warren, a former county commissioner who worked closely on the project with Evans. "I just wish Amon was here to see it."

The Courier
VETERAN POLICE SERGEANT CAUGHT SLEEPING ON JOB

Savannah officials released on Wednesday, February 11, the personnel file of a veteran police officer fired on February 3. Former Sergeant Tim Kelley had been with the Savannah Police Department for 17 years when he was terminated for reasons including sleeping on the job and leaving a loaded firearm lying around his office. Kelley's law enforcement career crashed on the morning of January 28 when, according to Savannah Police Chief Gary Will Jr., Kelley was on duty and failed to respond to dispatches to go to a domestic distur-

bance and, shortly thereafter, a request to assist emergency medical personnel enter a residence where an elderly woman had fallen and could not get up. Will said that Kelley's patrol vehicle was found parked behind a Savannah business owned by a relative, and Kelley was discovered inside the building sleeping beneath a blanket on a recliner instead of working. Hours passed before the sergeant could be reached because officers were knocking on the wrong side of the building. During the course of an internal investigation that followed, a loaded .22 caliber revolver used in a suicide last June was found in an unmarked plastic bag behind his desk, the Chief said. "It's unfortunate," said Chief Will, "I liked Tim. But when you have such serious safety issues, you can't let it go."

Weakley County Press
SHARON POLICE CHIEF RESIGNS AT CITY BOARD MEETING

The city of Sharon is without a police chief and apparently an alderman after a heated city board meeting. Police Chief Jeff Matthews turned in his keys and left the building during the February 9 meeting, indicating he was resigning. He submitted a formal resignation the next day. Meanwhile, city alderman Jimmy Harris as indicated he was resigning but had not submitted a formal resignation as of the morning of February 11. As he does every meeting, Matthews stepped forward to give his report, noting that the police department recorded 62 incidents in January. He then said he had a second issue that "may be kind of touchy." He then referenced a conversation with Harris in January concerning two anonymous calls about police stopping alleged violators and watching activity outside Big T's place. Big T's owner Terry Dunn told the board his "only concern" is that if law-abiding customers are on their way to the tavern and see a cop sitting across the street, they're not going to stop. He said, "If they see a (police) car sitting there, they're going straight on through. They're not even going to stop. They're not even going to slow up." Matthews responded, "We're not trying to run your business off. We're trying to be safe out there on the road. It's a privilege to drive. It's not a right. The last thing I want is for somebody to get hurt. We're not there to punish your business, pick on you or anything like that." Harris said he was concerned about city coffers. "If our policemen are just sitting out at B&R watching that place, his business is going to fall off." B&R is across the street from Big T's. He continued, "If Dunn's business falls off, our taxes are falling off. That's what I'm concerned about-city money." After input by a citizen at the meeting, Mayor Monroe Ary spoke up on the issue. "Our officers have the right to be anywhere in the city they want to be." As the mayor was speaking, Matthews asked, "May I be excused?" "Yes sir," Ary responded. "Thank you," Matthews said, leaving his keys on the podium, according to City Recorder Donna Stricklin. "I guess that settles that," said Ary, who by default becomes the city's acting police chief.

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