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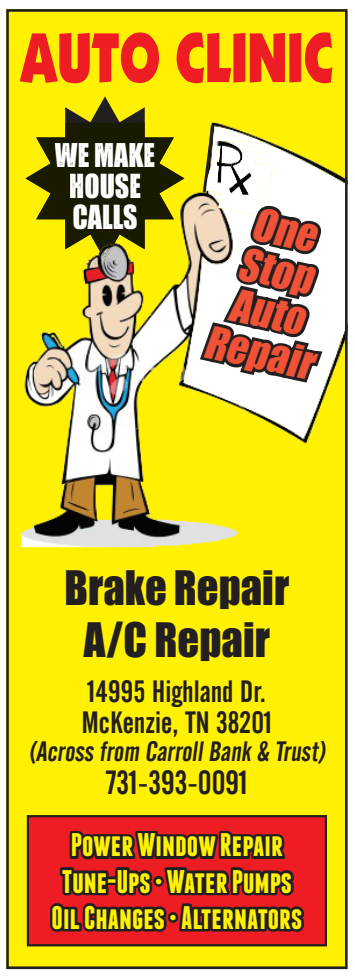
— Calvin Coolidge



City Agrees to Purchase Two Police Cars

By Joel Washburn
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MCKENZIE — (December 8) McKenzie Mayor and Council unanimously approved the purchase of two used Dodge Chargers from a Missouri law enforcement department to supplement the city's aging fleet of patrol cars.

Lieutenant Richard Sawyers of the McKenzie Police Department, said the city received a $15,000 grant and would pull another $13,000 from its capital outlay budget to purchase the two 2012 model sedans with approximately 55,000 miles each. Sawyers said the available

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HUNTINGDON CELEBRATES Main Street Christmas

Top, The Huntingdon Primary School Second Grade performs on stage at The Dixie. Bottom, The Rebel Singers perform on stage at The Dixie. *Photos by Brad Sam/The McKenzie Banner* **SEE ADDITIONAL PHOTOS ON PAGE 2**

Trezevant Christmas Parade

TREZEVANT (December 12) – Trezevant held its annual Christmas parade and fireworks show Monday night. Pat's Restaurant won first place for their float, "Merry Redneck Racing Christmas." See next week's edition of The Banner for extensive coverage of the festivities! *Photo by Brad Sam/The McKenzie Banner*

Christmas Greeting Section Enclosed

The Banner's annual Christmas greetings section is included in this issue of The McKenzie Banner.

The section is brought to you by area businesses, whose owners and management help sponsor the content.

As in years past, this section features letters to Santa Claus, as written by children from the area of Carroll, Henry and Weakley counties.

The Banner welcomed letters from any child regardless of location and several of The Banner's readers took advantage of the offer to submit a child's letter.

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Gleason Police Department Receives Grant

By Jason Martin
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GLEASON (December 8) — With the new board of alderman in place, the December meeting of the Gleason City Board was in full swing. Police Chief Jeff Hazlewood informed the mayor and board of the department's procurement of a $15,000 grant.

The grant goes towards replacing outdated body armor, communication radios and car radios. Hazlewood stated the grant must be used January through June of 2017.

In new business, Mayor Diana Poole presented the board with three issues faced by the city. The first issue dealt with illegal dumping at the lagoon area. The mayor said there are several instances of items being dumped that are not in compliance. Some of the people using the area are believed to live outside Gleason.

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New Policies Highlight Agenda

By Ernie Smothers
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BRUCETON (December 12) — During the regular monthly meeting of the Hollow Rock-Bruceton Special School District Board of Education, board members, at the recommendation of Director of Schools David Duncan, approved the following new policies recommended by the state: 2.601-Fund Raising Activities; 3.500-Food Service Management; 3.600-Insurance; 4.207-English Learners; 5.305-Family and Medical Leave; and 6.505-Students in Foster Care.

Addressing the board, Duncan said, "Policy 2.601 is basically the same as old policy 6.701. We are dropping the language regarding online fundraising and adding language specifying that students in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade will not engage in

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Above Left, Ambi Nicole Gilbert of McKenzie receives a congratulatory hug as she exits the platform and receives a bachelor's degree. Above Center, Cheyenne Geyer of McKenzie receives her bachelor's degree from President Walter Butler. Above Right, Kelsey Brown of McKenzie receives her bachelor's degree from President Walter Butler. Below Left, Zach Tippitt, a McKenzie teacher, receives his master's degree from President Butler. Below Center, Victoria Wilson of McKenzie receives her bachelor's degree from President Butler. Below Right, Samantha Chesser of McKenzie receives her MBA from Lisa Tyler. *Photos by Joel Washburn*

Bethel University Holds Fall Commencement

McKENZIE — Bethel University held its Fall 2016 Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Rosemary and Harry Crisp Arena on the school's McKenzie campus. Four hundred and two candidates were eligible for degrees. Degrees awarded included associate degrees, bachelor's degrees and master's degrees.

Dr. Logan Hampton, President of Lane College, was the commencement speaker. Hampton began with a story about author Alex Haley.

"Haley was said to keep a picture in his office of a turtle sitting on top of a fencepost," Hampton said. "Haley said the picture was there to remind him of a lesson he once learned – the lesson being if you see a turtle on top of a fencepost, you know he had some help."

Hampton pointed out how we are all turtles on fence posts and how others have helped each of us along the way.

"So today," he said. "We not only celebrate this milestone for you, but we celebrate all the people who have helped us. There are probably even some people that you don't personally know who helped in some significant way get you to this point."

Hampton also pointed out that only by the grace of God do we have the blessings we do. He quoted the Bible passage, Ephesians 3:20.

"This verse says now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. God is abundantly exceeding all that you ask or dream of in working to help you exceed your dreams."

Hampton said he wanted to leave three key thoughts with Bethel graduates.

"First," he said, "This degree marks you as one of the learned. For all of us, change is coming at a rapid pace. But this place – this degree has helped you learn how to learn. So as human knowledge is doubling at the current pace of every 13 months, you are equipped to know how to learn these new things.

"The greatest tool you leave with today is the ability to learn."

Hampton said his second point had to do with love.

"The world is looking for leadership," he said. "I encourage you to lead with love. This world needs love.

"Also remember that the secret to success is to stay in love – stay in love with the things in which you are involved," he said. "This gives you the fire and the motivation to get things done."

Hampton's last point dealt with laughter.

"Laugh with life," he said. "In life, you choose to smile or frown. Laugh with life and if you can't laugh with life, laugh at it.

"You get to choose," he said. "You can endure the ride of life or you can enjoy it."

There were two special recognitions during Commencement. First, a Bethel Alumni Garden brick was presented to the family of late student Briiana Carroll, an online student who had made a big impact on teachers and classmates.

Second, retiring faculty member Russell Holder, Associate Professor of Math, was recognized as Professor Emeritus.

Local graduates included: Ambi Nicole Gilbert of McKenzie: Bachelor of Science; Linda Beth Pryor (With Honors) of McKenzie: Bachelor of Science; Kelsey Renae Brown (Magna Cum Laude) of McKenzie: Bachelor of Science; Cheyenne Micaela Geyer of McKenzie: Bachelor of Science; Jessica Lynn Quinn of McKenzie: Bachelor of Science; Ashley Villalobos of Huntingdon: Bachelor of Science; Victoria Michelle Wilson of McKenzie: Bachelor of Science; Samantha Chesser of McKenzie: Master of Business Administration; Zachary Shane Tippitt of McKenzie: Master of Arts in Education; and Levi J. Vondenhuevel of Atwood: Associate of Arts; Thomas Fowler II of Gleason: Bachelor of Science; and Nolan Roberts of Gleason: Associate of Applied Science.

One of the oldest universities in Tennessee, Bethel will celebrate its 175th birthday in 2017. Headquartered in McKenzie, it offers bachelor's, master's, and associate degrees through a variety of learning platforms.

Huntingdon Celebrates Main Street Christmas ...From Front Page

Above, Huntingdon Church of Christ's live nativity on the Court Square. Also taking shifts throughout the day were groups from First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, and Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church. *Photo by Brad Sam/The McKenzie Banner*

Above, Costumed performers from The Dixie enjoy the Huntingdon Christmas Parade. *Photo by Ernie Smothers/The McKenzie Banner* **Right, The Dixie Christmas Carolers perform on the steps of the Courthouse. From left are Colton, Meleah, Luke and Amy Gately and Aileen Davis. Also caroling that day were Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, United Methodist Church, Eastview Church of Christ, First Baptist Church, and Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church.** *Photo by Brad Sam/The McKenzie Banner*

Donation Made to Park Theatre in Memory of Morris

By Joel Washburn
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MCKENZIE (December 8) — A star will soon grace the front entrance of the Park Theatre. It will represent a $5,000 donation to the city-owned facility in memory of Ruth Morris, who died November 7.

McKenzie Mayor Jill Holland presented a proclamation to honor the life and service of Ruth Morris during the December 8 meeting of the McKenzie Mayor and Council. John and Robbie Barker, Morris' sister, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the family. Mrs. Barker announced the donation in Morris' memory.

Morris was a community leader, who worked to better the citizens of the McKenzie area.

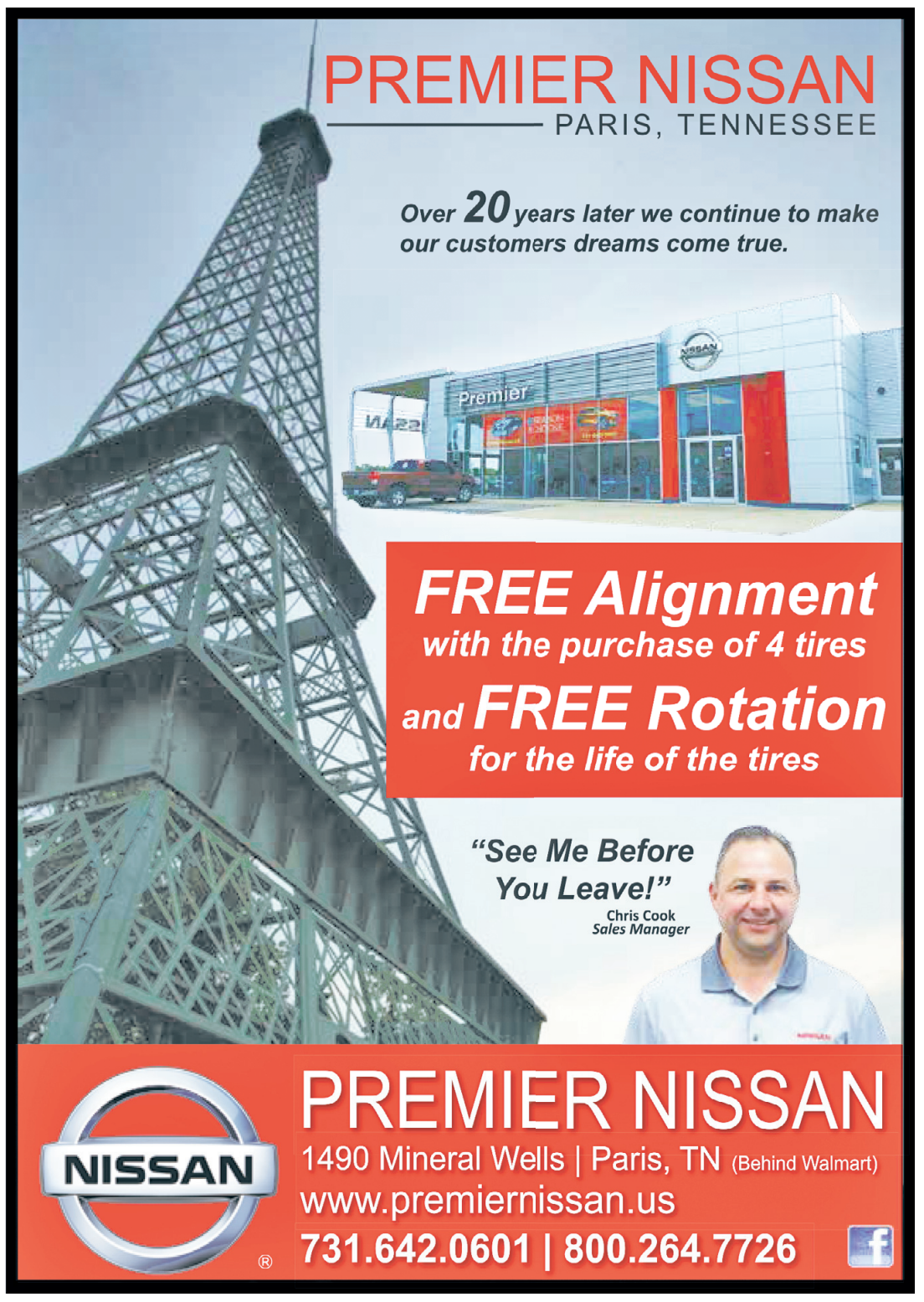
She attended New Zion School for eight years and graduated McLemoreville High School in 1938. She worked 1940 to 1942 at the AAA office in Huntingdon and started at McKenzie Banking Company in 1942, where she retired as president in 1986. She worked as cashier, vice president, and a director through her years of service. She was either the first or one of the first female presidents of a financial institution in Tennessee.

She was an elder at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and served as a Sunday school teacher and on various committees.

Other community service includes: member of the McKenzie Housing Development Board, member of McKenzie Memorial Library Board, member of Mount Olivet Cemetery Board, and treasurer of United Neighbors for seven years. She was selected as Who's Who Among American Women in 1975.

She married John Morris in 1943. He was a building contractor.

The normally sparsely-filled Council Room was filled to capacity to honor Morris' memory.



Christmas

...From Front Page

This edition is divided into two sections: the first eight pages contain event coverage, recipes and announcements; the last 16 pages are filled with letters to Santa Claus. Last week, The Banner hired additional typists to key in the many letters that were handwritten by children. At times, It was challenging to determine what some words, with the children's unique spelling, were intended to actually spell.

The Banner urges you to read each advertisement and show the supporting businesses your appreciation.

Gleason

...From Front Page

Recommendations were made by the alderman to either purchase cameras in hopes of identifying the individuals using the area or keeping the gates locked at all hours. Each suggestion had its set of pros and cons. After a brief discussion, it was decided to table the solution until next month's meeting allowing the alderman more time to find a feasible resolve.

The second problem faced by the city focused around bulk pick up of items left near the roadside. Mayor Poole recommended a fee system to board. Alderman Jim Phelps stated the City of Gleason was the only town in the area allowing these items to be picked up for free. The alderman suggested the discussion be tabled until the January meeting allowing the board more time for research and to possibly set up a structured fee system.

The last item of new business was the needed repairs to patrol car-Unit 3. Chief Hazlewood told the board of the car's current problems. The patrol car needs a new electric power steering pump. The cost is $1,200. The car also needs further repairs to stop the lifters from knocking. The repair will cost an additional $2,800. Alderman Phelps made the motion to allow the repairs after explaining the police department was currently spending less than predicted on their projected budget. The board unanimously agreed to the repairs.

In other business and reports, the Department of Public Works helped in decorating the city as it prepared for the Downtown Christmas event. Street repairs are still being made along with fixing water leaks.

The lagoon repairs are underway and are progressing at a steady rate.

Fire Department Chief Jerry Connell was ill and unable to attend the meeting. His December report was filed.

The Parks and Recreation Board informed the mayor and aldermen of needed repairs at Snider Park. Dirt work is needed to fix a drainage issue to Field 3. The ice machine is not working properly and needs an estimate for repair or replacement.

Pete Baumes of Animal Control introduced himself to the board and explained his position. Baumes expounded on the city's relationship with Carroll County Humane Society and recommended the city make a $150 donation to the organization. The humane society does not currently charge the city a surrender fee and the donation would serve as a sign of good faith.

Alderman Doug Johnson agreed with Baumes and made the motion to donate $150. The motion passed.

Board appointments will take place during the January meeting. Mayor Poole announced Gleason City Hall is close December 23 – 26 for the Christmas Holiday, and adjourned the meeting.

Alderman Jerry "Bubba" Dunn was absent for the meeting.

HRBSSD

...From Front Page

door-to-door fundraising. The rest of the policy is to be kept as-is."

Duncan said. "Policy 3.500 relates to students with peanut and other food allergies requesting modified meals from our cafeteria staff. With adoption of the policy, we will have the guidelines we need in writing."

He noted that Policy 3.500 provides additional guidelines for charging and collecting meal money.

Duncan said that Policy 3.600 provided less verbiage on the subject of insurance.

He said, "I like that the policy is not as involved. This modification allows us to go with the state approved guidelines only. It is a lot less complicated."

Regarding Policy 4.207, Duncan said, "This policy is adapted to drop the parent survey portion. We will go with what the state recommends in utilizing the policy."

Duncan said that Policy 5.305 provides more thorough specifics regarding military leave.

He said, "The policy answers a lot of questions about leave for rapid military deployment and so forth. It gives us a better grasp of what the rules are for administering leave in various circumstances."

Regarding Policy 6.505, Duncan said, "We don't have this policy in our manual. 6.505 provide guidelines for schools addressing the needs of students in foster care such as providing that student with immediate enrollment. We definitely need this policy."

The board, at the recommendation of Duncan, approved the 2017-18 school calendar already approved by the Carroll County School Board.

Duncan said, "The only deletion I made to the 2017-18 school calendar was pulling off Good Friday as an inclement weather makeup day. I know some other schools in our county did that as well."

The board also approved via Duncan's request raising the number of sick days from 75 to 90 for non-certified fulltime employees.

He said, "I believe providing this extra number of sick days is the right thing to do in regard to taking care of our people. I would like to see us extend the time to 90 days. Upon retirement, the accumulated sick days can be transferred to retirement. The state pays for the accumulated days transferred at retirement. The school system is not obligated to pay."

The raising of sick days from 75 to 90 days for non-certified fulltime employees is effective January 1, 2017.

Duncan noted that the school principals had completed an evaluation of his performance as director and would distribute copies to the board.

He said, "I haven't seen the principals' evaluation of me. That is for the board alone to review."

HRBSSD Chairman Brad Hurley noted that the board members would utilize the same evaluation instrument it has used in years past to evaluate the director.

He said, "I ask that each board member fill out your director evaluation and return them at the January board meeting. We will need a couple of board members to tally the results of the evaluation and provide that information at the February meeting."

During Financial report, school business manager Karen Brooks said that the school was receiving above $3,100 each month in sales tax revenues.

She added, "So far, we have collected 39-percent of budgeted revenues for the school year. We are doing well financially."

Hollow Rock-Bruceton Technology Coordinator Janna Brotherton informed the board that the school's new website had been upgraded to resemble a "Pinterest" page.

She said, "I have been contacted by the company we utilize about the possibility of placing company and product advertisements on the sidebar of the school web pages.

She said, "It does not matter to me whether the board pursues this possibility or not, but I do know that allowing it will generate some money for the school system.

Hurley asked, "Can we control who advertises on our web pages?

Brotherton replied, "Yes."

Hurley requested that Brotherton provide the board with names of other school allowing advertisers to utilize the schools' web pages and additional information relative to the process.

During principal's comments, Central Elementary School Principal Deborah Martin said, "The state came by last week and observed three of our teachers utilizing Response to Instruction (RTI) in the classroom. We will receive the state's feedback soon."

She continued, "We are spending our money locally this year by taking the students to see a movie in Huntingdon at the Court Theatre. Next Monday, we will have our Christmas Program in the CES Gym."

CMS / CHS Principal Joe Norval informed the board of four dual-enrollment courses provided by Bethel University available to CHS junior and senior students possessing a 3.0 GPA.

He said, "The program is excellent, but some students are shying away from taking it because they are worried that the challenging courses could cause their GPA to drop."

Norval stated that the Back Pack program to provide food on weekends for economically-challenged students has grown to 50 students.

He said, "I think this program reflects the sincerity of our school system to provide our less fortunate students with needed nutrition during the weekends. I am proud that our school has embraced this outstanding program. What isn't paid for by the government is covered via Student Council concession collections. This program reflects well on our students and community as a whole."

Norval concluded by praising the students and community for delivering over 2,000 Angel Tree donations to economically disadvantaged students since its inception.

Duncan's request to allow him to let bids for each portion of the concession stand building project for the purpose of saving money was approved.

In final business, the board approved the following consent agenda:

A. Approval of the minutes of the October 17, 2016 school board meeting.

B. Next school board meeting is January 9, 2017.

Council Members — (L to R) Randy Callahan, Charles Pruneau, Gene Hale, Jessie Townes, David Hochreiter, and Cassie Allen. Seated is Mayor Jill Holland. *Photo by Joel Washburn, The McKenzie Banner*

McKenzie

...From Front Page

inventory from Missouri was quickly dwindling and the city needed to act promptly.

The department has 12 patrol officers and needs 12 working patrol cars – one for each officer. Sawyers said the department receives better longevity from the automobiles when each officer has his or her own patrol car instead of using a single car around the clock on each of the three work shifts. Officers are each driving an average of 75 miles per shift, down from 125 miles per shift just a few years ago.

Originally, the department had hoped for three newer cars, however, the department had to dip into its allocated funds to make repairs to its aging fleet. Additionally, some of the department's budget was spent on sending four new officers to the police academy to bring the department back to full force strength. On average, academy training costs the department $31,000 per officer for salary and training costs.

The lieutenant said some of the emergency equipment – lights, radios, etc., can be transferred from existing vehicles and those vehicles can be sold via auction. Generally, each vehicle requires an additional $6,000 in equipment.

Council members also approved the provisions to allow the sale of on-site consumption of liquor and a privilege tax for doing so. Citizens approved liquor by the drink in the November 8 referendum. The city had to establish the guidelines in accordance with the passage of the referendum. Restaurant can now apply through the city's and state's alcoholic beverage commissions to sell and serve liquor.

A restaurant liquor-by-the-drink license allows the sale of liquor, wine and high-gravity beer at a restaurant located in a city or county which has authorized the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on premise.

State requirements include:

- A public place kept, used, maintained and held out to the public as a place where meals are served and where meals are actually and regularly served
- Without sleeping accommodations
- Supplied with adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room equipment
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- Employing a sufficient number and kind of employees to prepare, cook and serve suitable food
- Open at least three days a week with the exception of holidays, vacations or periods of redecorating
- More than fifty percent of the gross revenue of the restaurant is generated from serving meals-

City employees will receive a Christmas bonus in the amount of $100 for full-time and $50 for part-time employees. Council members rejected a proposal to issue city employees McKenzie Bucks for Christmas instead of cash. McKenzie Bucks could only be used in McKenzie at local merchants. Mayor Holland said the local businesses and citizens pay the taxes that operate the city. Spending the money in other cities support those cities fire and police departments, now McKenzie's. New Councilman Randy Callahan agreed with the mayor, however, voted with other councilmembers to make the effort unanimous to provide cash instead. Callahan said he would accept McKenzie Bucks instead of his stipend for serving on the Council.

Councilman David Hochreiter urged the employees to spend their money at home, however, he said actual cash might possibly mean the employee can purchase one more Christmas gift. He said the McKenzie Bucks was an overreach by the city.

Mayor Holland said the McKenzie Bucks would be a gift, not part of their salary.

In years past, the city has given hams or fruit baskets in lieu of cash.

Councilman Charles Pruneau said it is a gift, however, the McKenzie Bucks would tie the hands of the employees. He said the cash would be a gift with no strings attached.

Mayor Holland announced McKenzie Bucks are available for purchase by citizens at City Hall.

Individuals and commercial entities with fire and burglary alarms must now register the alarms with the city. Fire Chief Brian Tucker said the fire and police departments receive several false alarms and cause the emergency departments unnecessary expense. After three false fire alarms, the city will charge $150 per incident. Tucker said the permit registration is free, but needs to be completed annually to accurately reflect the current contact and equipment information. It also affects those who subscribe for fire department services outside the city limits.

The first of two reading on a rezoning request was approved for the property located at the intersection of State Route 124 (Old McKenzie Highway) and Clark Street. The residential property is listed for sale, however, its zoning is designated B-2 Highway Business. The misalignment of zoning will result in higher homeowner interest rates. A second and final reading is scheduled for January.

The new sidewalk project on North Stonewall connecting McKenzie Middle School and McKenzie Elementary School is delayed following some technicalities with the two bidders' contracts. It will be re-bid for the 2,600 linear feet concrete project. Tennessee Department of Transportation first accepted the bids and then rejected both after it was discovered both contractors had marked through a provision that was in conflict with other associated documentation. TDOT indicated the contractors had altered the provisions of the contract, said Holland, who noted the marked-through provision was not applicable to the contract. A third bidder might be interested in the project, said Holland, who noted the other two bidders might decide not to participate in a second round of bidding.

The Council also voted to apply for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of $525,000 to help fund a sewer system improvement project. The total project is estimated at $581,395.

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I Should Have Kissed Millicent Blackburn

It was an innocent question. A seasonal one; born out of politeness or perhaps curiosity and hopefully, some sincerity. Shoot, I didn't know how an eleven year old's mind worked...when I was eleven! I'm sure the proper answer was supposed to be a new shirt and a tie; some running shoes or maybe world peace...

Believe me, Luke was way more interested in what HE was getting for Christmas than any thoughts I had on the matter. I figured this query was simply a diversion that was eventually going to meander around to HIS list!

It came right in the middle of Thanksgiving dinner for goodness sakes! I stared at the baked beans and asparagus casserole..."Kes," Cathy, having no idea where I was, and ever the polite one, would never leave a grandchild hanging, "Luke asked you a question."

I might have been looking at the beans but I was seeing the gun and holster set in the window of the Ben Franklin Store. You talk about some wide eyes! It had that dark leather and what looked to me to be real bone handles on the pistols. There ain't no telling how many bad guys I could shoot if somehow Santa left that under the tree!

It was a hop, skip and a jump up Broadway to Cannon's Rexall Drugstore. They had a Timex watch in the front case that had a red sweep second hand and numerals that glowed in the dark! It also had a nine dollar price tag. Way more than Santa could afford.

You should have seen the toys in the basement of J. A. Abernathy's hardware store! I spent hours in there...wishing and hoping! We'd pull on the Red Ryder gloves, we'd push every truck along the shelf, we'd unbox a Slinky and give it a test run and we "tried out the seat" of every bicycle in the place!

Yeah, I'll tell you what I want this Christmas. I'd like to feel that anticipation of youth, the sheer joy of being alive, I want to be excited about the prospects of what might be coming my way. I want to see my breath fogging up a storefront window in complete wonderment. I want to picture how that gun and holster would fit on my hip. How that watch would look on my wrist. I don't want one concrete, material thing mind you, but I'd sure like to recapture that "feeling"...

Our little town came alive in December. Every storefront had snow painted in the windows. Most had striped candy canes and green holly dancing above the snow. Christmas music from somewhere drifted across the town square. Folks would be wishing you Merry Christmas, stuffing your pockets with candy and asking what Santa was bringing you this year. It might not have been Bedford Falls, but it didn't miss it by much.

I loved that old town. And, oh, how I've clung to every memory, smell, sight, sound and person that buried Christmas so deep into my little heart. I tell you what I'd like under my tree this year. I'd like to have Mr. Charlie Mitchum tussle my hair. I'd like Mr. James Williams to invite me into his Ben Franklin Store. I'd like Mr. Bailey Moore Wrinkle to show me the shotguns lined in his cabinets. I'd like to have Mr. Cecil Jackson explain what all the knobs did on the new television sets they'd just gotten in. I'd like to have Mr. Robert Hall lead me down to the baseball glove aisle in his Western Auto. I'd like Mr. John Motheral to make me a double malted chocolate shake.

I'd get my Mom a real gift. It's funny how we just took for granted that she'd do for us. I don't recall her ever asking for one thing in her whole life. Granted we were eleven years old and it was Christmas. But why didn't I stop just one time in all those years and ask her the same question my grandson had just asked me...

I'd fight my brothers over which tree to cut down. We'd fight over who got the honor of carrying the ax. We'd fight over who had the dirty task of carrying the tree back to the house. I wouldn't let David Mark touch my Daisy Air Rifle. I would stay mad at Leon because he wouldn't let me play with his Gilbert Chemistry Set. We didn't get that "it's more blessed to give than to receive" part until years later.

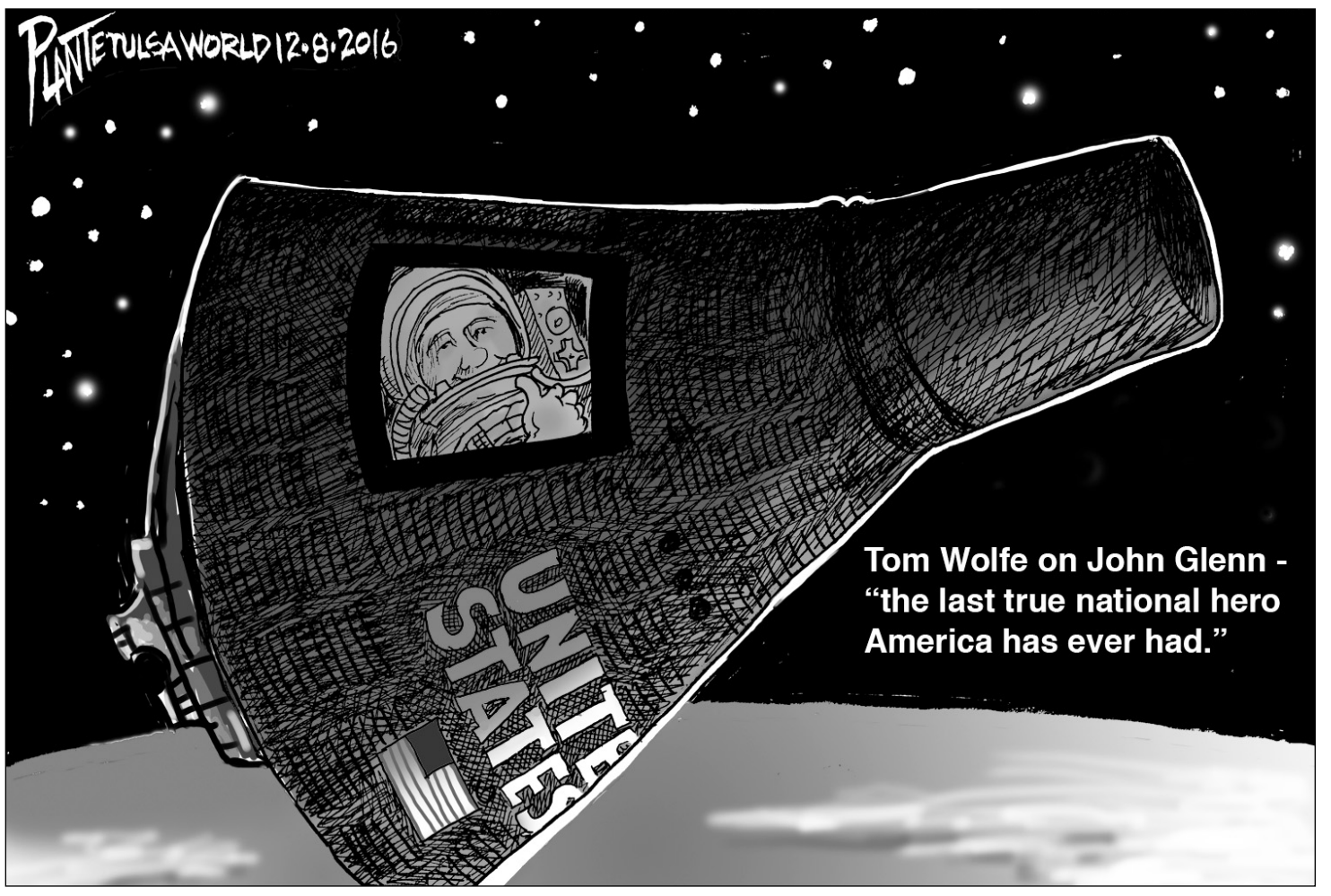
I remembered the Christmas I was in junior high. Millicent Blackburn came in with some mistletoe and told me I had to kiss her. I told her I'd eat that green stuff before I kissed any girl—

"KESLEY" Cathy snatched me back to the Thanksgiving table, "Luke asked you what you wanted for Christmas!"

I smiled, reached for another helping of sweet potatoes, and said, "Luke has already given it to me."

Respectfully,
Kes

Kesley Colbert is a 1965 graduate of McKenzie High School and now resides in Florida.



That Little Black Dress

By Clayburn Peeples

"It wasn't like Miracle on 34th Street," my eight-year-old daughter Sarah said after being in court with me one day last week.

It was the first time I'd ever taken any of my kids to court with me. For a number of reasons, I don't think that's a good idea, but on this particular Friday, her sisters and mother were in Jackson, taking part in the performance of The Nutcracker, so Sarah was left with me, and we went to court together.

The only case on the docket that morning was a Workers' Compensation matter, and it had settled the day before, so it didn't take long at all.

I didn't realize how little my children knew about what I do, but Sarah gave me a clue as I was taking off my robe.

After commenting on the fact that neither Mr. Kris Kringle nor the little boy from the movie were in the courtroom, she asked, with a pensive look on her face, "Why do you wear that black dress?"

Now believe it or not, no one has ever asked me that before, and even though it's a simple question, I didn't have much more than a clue about the answer, and it turned out I was wrong.

Or at least, I wasn't completely right.

I thought that judges wore black robes, sort of like a uniform, to remind them, the judges, that their decisions should be uniform as well. The plain black robe, I thought, is to remind every judge that his or her personal ideas and preferences are secondary to the uniformity required by the law.

The black robe also reminds people in court, I told Sarah, that they are not just dealing with an individual wearing the robe, but the court system the robe wearing judge represents, and that the robe enhances the authority of both the judge and the court.

And while that may all be true, and those may be good reasons for judges to wear robes today, they have nothing to do with why the custom began.

It all started, as most of our legal practices did, in England, in this case more than 700 years ago, during the reign of Edward II. That much we know, but that's about all we know. The rest is conjecture.

Academics and clerics had been wearing robes for a couple of centuries by then, partly, it is thought, to keep warm in the drafty medieval churches where the first university classes were held, but partly to set them apart as well. This academic garb began to be worn in other settings also, especially on visits to the royal court.

At some point judges took up the practice of wearing robes too, but the first judges' robes weren't black; they came, at this point it seems, in three colors, violet for summer wear, green for winter and scarlet for special hearings. In 1635, a guide was published suggesting that judges wear fur trimmed black robes in winter, and violet or scarlet robes featuring pink taffeta in the summer, but most judges in the 1600's wore scarlet robes with black scarves and scarlet hoods when they were hearing criminal cases, and solid black silk robes for civil matters.

English judges also wore powdered wigs, but in the American colonies, which largely emulated England's legal customs, the patriots balked at wearing wigs. The story goes that John Adams, who wanted American judges to wear all the finery of English jurists, and Thomas Jefferson, who wanted American judges to wear ordinary suits, rather than robes, in court, argued about the matter but finally reached a compromise whereby American judges would wear robes, but not wigs.

But neither Adams nor Jefferson addressed what color the robe should be. Scarlet was a popular color, and numerous early judges often wore scarlet or ermine robes when hearing cases, but in 1801, Chief Justice John Marshall chose a plain black robe for his swearing in ceremony, and just like that, black was the new red, and one by one the other justices on the court, and judges all over America as well, fell into line, and the black judge's robe became one of the most distinctive work uniforms in the world.

So even though no more than one or two states have any laws at all about what judges are required, or allowed, to wear in court, nearly all judges wear robes. If you go to almost any courtroom in the country you will probably find at least two things, an American flag and a judge wearing a plain black robe, ideally one clean and in good repair, that conveys the gravity and dignity of justice and reminds litigants that business in court is serious and that everyone will be expected to conduct themselves in a formal and dignified manner.

They've done studies about this, of course, and it turns out, judges' intuitions about wearing robes over the centuries have been correct. Research shows that people respect robe wearing judges more and feel they are fairer and more considerate and consistent than judges who do not wear robes. They even rate judges wearing robes as being smarter than judges who don't.

Of course it could be it's not people's perceptions of judges that change when judges put on robes. It could be that the judges themselves behave differently when they're wearing the regalia of their profession. It could be them that the robes are affecting, not the litigants and others in the courtroom.

Because like it or not, to paraphrase an old saying about food, "you are what you wear."

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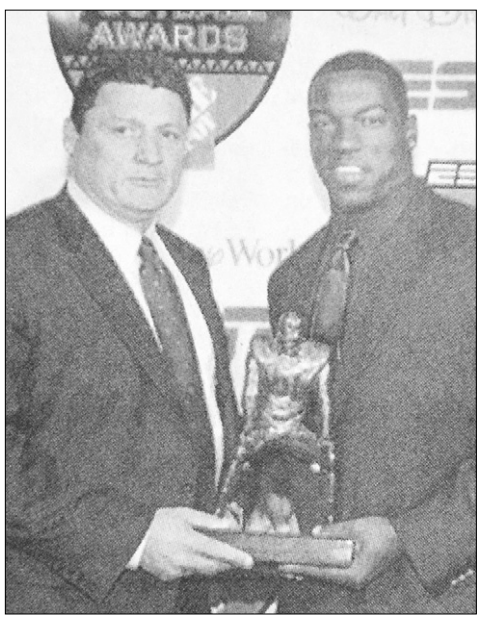

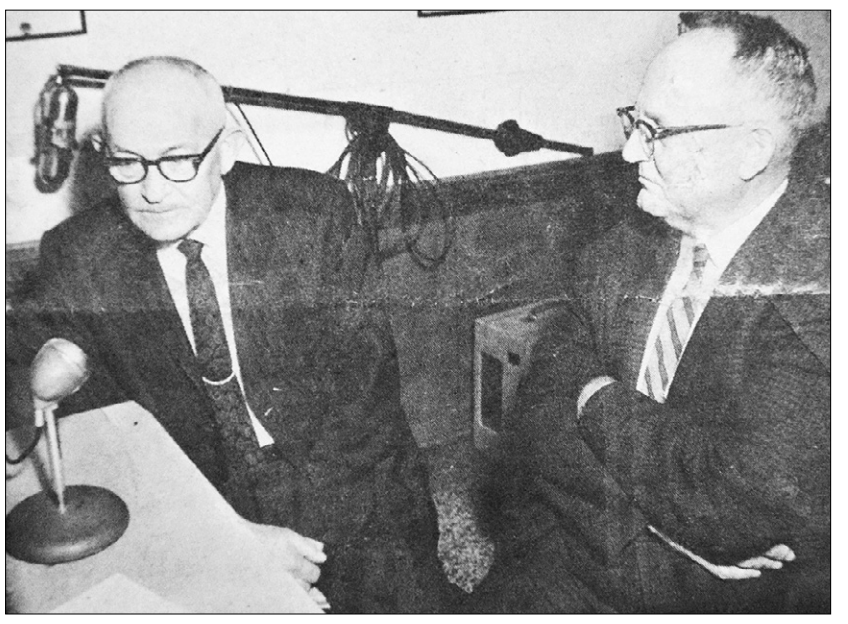

Left, 10 YEARS AGO — Ole Miss head football coach Ed Orgeron (left) with Patrick Willis, recipient of the Dick Butkus Award. Center, 20 YEARS AGO — First place winner in the McKenzie Christmas Parade was the McKenzie Girl Scouts. Right, 50 YEARS AGO — Dr. J.T. Holmes, City Health doctor, and Mayor Y.D. Moore take to the airwaves at WHDM to warn residents of a possible rabies outbreak in the area, urging all to secure their pets and have them vaccinated.

Looking Back From Our Archives...

10 YEARS AGO — Former Hollow Rock-Bruceton standout and Ole Miss linebacker Patrick Willis was awarded the Dick Butkus Award, which is presented to the nation's best linebacker.

*High School Basketball: McKenzie swept Huntingdon-Lady Rebels 59, Fillies 39; Rebels 62, Mustangs 47.

20 YEARS AGO — Taking first place among floats at the McKenzie Christmas Parade was the McKenzie Girl Scouts. The Boy Scouts took second place, and Long Heights Baptist Church claimed third.

*Newly installed radios on Carroll County school buses were quickly proven to be a worthy investment as a West Carroll student had a seizure but received swift medical attention thanks to the radio.

*High School Basketball: The McKenzie teams were swept by both Gleason and Greenfield: Lady Bulldogs 49, Lady Rebels 44; Bulldogs 69, Rebels 23; Lady Yellowjackets 59, Lady Rebels 46; Yellowjackets 43, Rebels 35.

50 YEARS AGO — County and city officials alerted residents of a possible rabies outbreak in the area, urging all to secure their pets and have them vaccinated.

*High School Basketball: McKenzie traded close wins with Henry as the Lady Pirates nipped the Rebelettes, 33-31, but the Rebels edged the Pirates, 55-53. McKenzie swapped routs with Grove, Rebelettes over Blue Devilettes, 42-28, and Blue Devils over Rebels, 62-38.

*Showing at the Park Theatre: Space Flight IC-I starring Bill Williams; Weekend at Dunkirk; What did you do in the War, Daddy? starring James Coburn; and Born Free starring Virginia McKenna.

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Bill of Rights: Amendment I
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OBITUARIES / GENERAL

EDITH CLAUDINE JORDAN
1924 — 2016

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Edith Claudine Jordan, 92, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Saturday, December 10, 2016 at her home.

Funeral services are Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Carroll Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends in the Cherrywood Room of Chase Funeral Home on Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until time of service.

Mrs. Jordan was born August 30, 1924 in Carroll County, Tennessee to the late Alonzo and Vonnie (Hargrove) Norden.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Glen Jordan and a brother, Weldon Norden.

She is survived by a daughter, Glenda Taylor (husband Vince), one sister, Lonnelle McMillin, and one brother, Buster Norden all of Huntingdon. She also leaves a granddaughter, Morgan Taylor.

MAE HELEN PICKETT

FINGER — Mae Helen Robertson Pickett, age 85, died Saturday, December 10, 2016 at McKenzie Health and Rehab.

Mrs. Pickett was born in Robertson Corner Community of Henderson County near Natchez Trace State Park, the daughter of the late Oscar Pafford and Bessie Mae Webb Robertson. She went to school in Henderson County and Chester County and in 1950 married Jessie Clay (J.C.) Pickett. The made their home in the Sweetlips – Enville area. Mrs. Pickett worked for H.I.S. Sportswear at Saltillo and then in housekeeping at Jackson General Hospital in the early 90's. Mr. Pickett preceded in death in 1999.

She is survived by three daughters; Anita Lambert and husband, Larry, of Henderson, Rita Meek and husband, John, of Finger, Judy Alexander and husband, Tom, of McKenzie, a son, Benny Pickett and wife, Denise of Finger, nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, Willard Robertson of Lexington and Wilber Robertson of Henderson and a sister, Lorece Lee of Henderson.

Besides her parents, and her husband, she was preceded in death by two grandchildren; Derick Picket, and Lori Alexander, a brother, Lloyd Robertson and a sister, Alma Jones.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 13 at Shackelford Funeral Directors – Casey Chapel with Dennis Lunsford and Tim Maness officiating. Burial will be at Sweetlips Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Monday evening at the funeral home from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM.

Shackelford Funeral Directors – Casey Chapel, Henderson, Tennessee (paid obit)

JAMES LARRY WILLIAMS
1955 — 2016

HUNTINGDON — Mr. James Larry "Pug" Williams, 61, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at his home.

Funeral services were Friday, December 9, 2016 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was in Bethel Cemetery. Bro. Guy Wilkinson will officiate the service.

Mr. Williams was born July 26, 1955 in Bruceton, Tennessee to the late L.T. Williams and Minnie Lucille (Jordan) Williams.

Besides his parents he was also preceded in death by three brothers, Bill Williams, Jerry Williams, and Donnie Williams.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Debby Williams; six children, Larry Dale Williams, Channon Williams both of Hollow Rock, Kristi Riddle (Brian) of Humboldt, Christie Avery, James Williams (Beth) both of Huntingdon, and Cassi Williams of Dickson; two sisters, Sue Douglas (Henry) of Wildersville, Ann Dodson (Robert) of Big Sandy; four brothers, Darrell Williams (Anita), Joe Williams (Brenda) both of Huntingdon, Tim Williams (Jeanna) and Robert Williams both of Hollow Rock. He also leaves twenty grandchildren.

MILDRED DEAN MADDOX
1925 — 2016

GLEASON — Services for Mildred Dean Maddox, age 90, of Gleason, Tenn. were Saturday, December 10, 2016 at Williams Funeral Home of Gleason. Burial was in New Hope Cemetery.

She was born December 9, 1925 and died December 8, 2016.

Mildred is survived by three children, Wanda Hayes of Dresden, Tenn., Cindy (Kevin) Johnson of Gleason, and Mike (Cyndy) Maddox of Nashville. She is also survived by one brother, Bob Brawner, of Laingsburg, Mich. Mildred leaves behind twelve grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Maddox, daughter, Betty Ann Morris, son, Mickey Maddox, parents, Foman and Annie Brawner, two brothers, Bill and Dick Brawner, and a sister, Helen Dale.

CHARLES L. YOUNG, JR.
1936 — 2016

CEDAR GROVE — Mr. Charles Luther Young, Jr., age 80 of Cedar Grove, Tennessee, died Sunday, December 4, 2016 at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

Graveside services were Tuesday, December 6, 2016 in the Hickory Flat Cemetery in Cedar Grove.

Mr. Young was born on February 21, 1936 in Putney, West Virginia to the late Charles L., Sr. and Beatrice Castle Young.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two sisters, June Hinkle and Drema Elder.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 58 years, Corene Gateley Young of Cedar Grove, Tennessee; sons, Rodney (Renee') Pendergrass and Eddie Young of Cedar Grove, Tennessee; daughters, Lisa (Bobby) Dial of Jackson, Tennessee, Tammy Mooney of Cedar Grove, Tennessee, and Sherry Argo of Knoxville, Tennessee; sisters, Lovonna Anderson of Charleston, West Virginia, Faye Harding of Tavernier, Florida, and Cheryl Carr of Craigsville, West Virginia; Brother, Jake Young of Cedar Grove, Tennessee; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Dilday-Carter Funeral Home is in charge (731) 986-8281 or www.dilday.com.

JUNE GREER
1930 — 2016

HUNTINGDON — Ms. June Greer, age 86 of Huntingdon, died Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at Life Care Center of Bruceton.

Funeral Services were Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the Abundant Life Family Worship Center. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Ms. Greer was born on June 27, 1930 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Wesley and Carey Odell. She was a homemaker. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by: her husband, Luther Edward Greer; Sons, Luther Dale Greer and Jesse Edward Greer; grandsons, Michael Wayne Greer, Jr., Jason Edward Greer, and Herbert Neal Chaney; Granddaughter, Carol Delores Palmer; and best friend, Betty May Lee.

She leaves behind: sons, Michael Wayne Greer, Sr. of Puryear, Tennessee, Donald Edward Greer and Michael Lee Greer of Huntingdon, Tennessee, and Nathaniel Wayne Greer of Otsego, Michigan; daughters, Glenda Faye Tyria, Wanda Ann Bennett, and Norma Sue Caswell of Allegan, Michigan, Carolda Jean Armstrong of Huntingdon, Tennessee, Debra Kay Helton of Corbin, Kentucky, and Sandra Jo Parham of Huntingdon, Tennessee; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Above, The Frozen Family Movie Night and the children are from left to right: Avery Todd, Marilyn Cunningham, Makenna Bolen, Phoenix Carnes, Bentlee Mercer, Katee Garrison, Karma McCaig, Bennett Ramsey, Kaiden Carnes, Hunter Carnes. Below, Santa reading to the children during the Story Hour with Santa.

The Library Lines

By Nikki Cunningham

The Library has had a great week of celebrating the holidays! We had a week full of activities for the community starting with our "Elfie Tot Time." All of our tots were introduced to the Library's Scout Elf named Dash. Dash dressed up like Batman for the day, but he will be hiding in a new spot in the Library each day so that children who visit the Library can find him and earn a candy cane! For this week's Tot Time we will be reading Sneezy the Snowman by Maureen Wright and painting snowmen using marshmallows. The Library hosts Tot Time every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. for children ages birth through kindergarten; however, there will not be a Tot Time Wednesday, December 21st.

Following our Tot Time last week we had Magician Bruce Amato come and amaze everyone with his Holiday Magic Show. Bruce had parents and children laughing along as he did illusions involving elves, reindeer, and even Santa Claus. Most impressive, Bruce made a bunny appear out of an empty dollhouse! Bruce will be back for our Summer Reading Program, so if you missed him this time there's still a chance to see his magic show that is always a hit.

Friday night the Library had a free showing of Disney's Frozen. After the cold weather settled in, everyone warmed up with popcorn and hot chocolate while enjoying the show. Even Olaf enjoyed a few cookies and cupcakes with the children as they cozied up in their pajamas.

And of course it wouldn't be a Holiday Celebration without Santa and Mrs. Claus! Mr. and Mrs. Claus dropped by for our Saturday Story Hour to read to the children; they even brought along one of their little helpers, an elf named Sarah. Santa read his favorite book Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and handed out toys to each of the girls and boys.

The Library is now accepting applications for a fulltime Circulation Librarian position. More information and job description can be picked up at the circulation desk of the Library. The Library is looking for someone who is driven and dedicated to moving the library forward to better serve the community; previous library experience is preferred.

The Library appreciates Santa and Mrs. Claus for donating their time to the library and putting smiles on the faces of the boys and girls in the community. The Library appreciates Sarah Hurmiz for assisting with the Saturday Story Hour and the Hurmiz family for donating Dash to the Library.

Magician Bruce Amato with his Bunny May and 4 year old Marilyn Cunningham

McKenzie Rotary Donates To Angel Tree Fund

McKenzie Rotary Club, administrator for the Moore Trust Fund, donated $600 to the Angel Tree Fund, headed by Beta Sigma Phi. Jennifer Waldrup, president of Beta Sigma Phi, accepts the check from Lynn Watkins, president of the McKenzie Rotary Club. Angel Tree assures that all children have Christmas gifts under the tree.

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The members of the McKenzie Lions Club wishes to express our sincere thanks to all who helped make our recent Hometown Christmas celebration a success. We also express thanks for the thousands of local friends and out-of-town visitors, who came to McKenzie to enjoy the festivities over the weekend. We want to recognize the major financial contributors of the event, which include our Gold Sponsors: Carroll Bank and Trust, the City of McKenzie, Wal-Mart of Huntingdon; Silver Sponsors: Bank of Gleason, Bethel University, Centennial Bank, McKenzie Banking Company, McKenzie Family Chiropractic, Tosh Farms; Bronze Sponsors: A Place Called Home, Exxon Food Stop, Hamilton Ryker Company, McKenzie Medical Center, NES Rentals, Republic Doors & Frames, Spivey Eye Clinic, P.C., and Smith & Smith Optometry. We also deeply appreciate the advertising support of the many other McKenzie businesses listed in our Hometown Christmas brochure as well. A special note of thanks to the generous bakers and buyer of our annual Bake Sale items as well. Thank you all for your continuing support of our sight-service work in this community.

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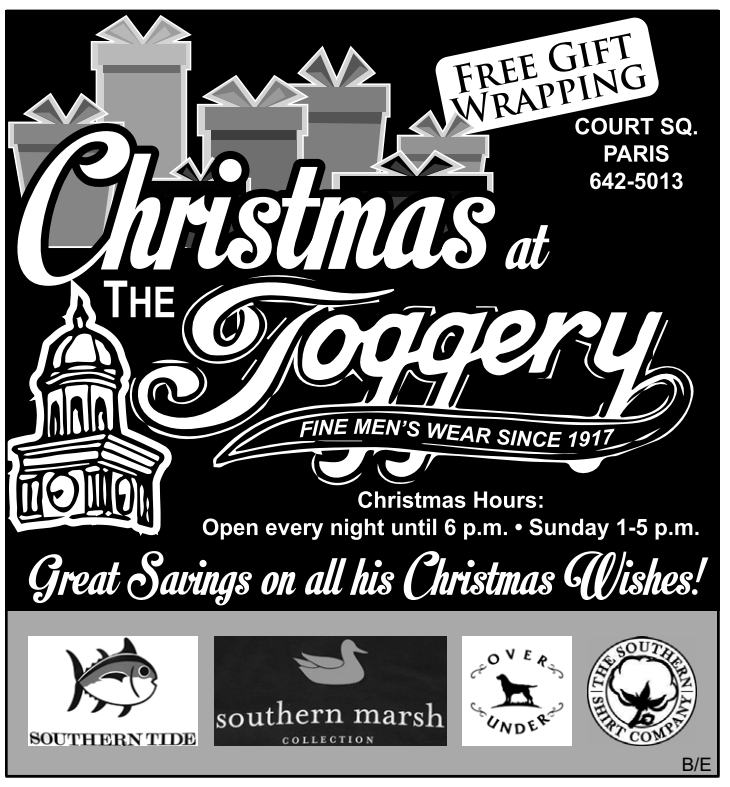

CARROLL COUNTY E911 BOARD TO MEET

The Board of Directors for the E911 Communications District in Carroll County meets in regular session Monday, December 19 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Carroll Bank & Trust Community Building, Huntingdon.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FOR MCKENZIE SCHOOLS

Christmas holidays for McKenzie Schools begin at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2016. Bus students will be dismissed at 11:05 a.m., and all other students will be dismissed at 11:15 a.m. Classes will resume at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. Breakfast will be served at all cafeterias on Tuesday, December 20. Lunch will not be served due to the 11:15 a.m. dismissal. Students in grades 5-12 will be taking examinations on December 19 and 20.

DECEMBER EVENTS FOR CCHS

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH — Sunday, December 25 from 10 a.m. until noon. We will be featuring food by the fabulous Hugueley family as well as goodies for the animals. As always, we will hang an Angel garland at the shelter, and community members are invited to come choose a cat or dog to provide for this holiday season. If you do not live locally or cannot attend...never fear! General donations are always accepted and we will post a list of these closer to December, or you can visit our Amazon wishlist. Angel gifts can be delivered through Dec. 24 and will be distributed appropriately. Thank you all for your past, present, and future support! If you haven't been to this event, it is very heartwarming to see all the animals enjoy the company of people and "open" their presents. It's a very fun event.

EVENTS AT WEST CARROLL SCHOOLS

Breakfast with Santa at WCHS — Saturday, December 17 from 9-10 a.m. $5 per ticket; children 2 and under are free.

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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Bethel Baptist Church in McKenzie will have Christmas Day service. Worship one service begins at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 25. There will be no Sunday school. The Christmas Children's Program is Sunday, December 18 at 6 p.m.

JESUS, BREAKFAST AT EASTWOOD BAPTIST

Eastwood Baptist Church, 420 Old McKenzie Road, McKenzie, invites everyone to "Jesus and Breakfast" each Sunday. Breakfast is at 10 a.m., and the words of Jesus begin at 11.

BENEFIT FOR TIM BOYD

An ongoing benefit for Tim Boyd, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident, offers chances to win a Remington 1100 .410 sporting shotgun. Chances are $10 each or 3 for $20. You must be at least 18 years of age and pass a background check to be eligible to win this gun. For more information, contact Tim Carlton at 731-415-1796.

MONTHLY VETERAN SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

VFW Post 4939 hosts a veteran support group meeting the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is open to all veterans and family members.

MCKENZIE PLANNING COMMISSION

McKenzie Planners will convene Wednesday, December 14, 3:00 p.m. at McKenzie City Hall.

MCKENZIE INDUSTRIAL BOARD MEETS MONTHLY

McKenzie Industrial Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the former railroad depot, Bruce Street, McKenzie.

REBEL SINGERS TO PERFORM

McKenzie Elementary School's Rebel Singers will perform December 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bethel basketball game at Bethel. They will be in concert at 7:00 p.m. on December 15 at MHS.

CCHS December Black Cat Sale

All black cats at CCHS are just $40 during December, and if you want to adopt two, it's just $60! The cats are all spayed or neutered and up to date on shots. There are lots of them at CCHS right now, and they are all ready for a home. We've got adults, young ones, lazy ones, playful ones, ones with big heads, ones that want to climb in your lap, and one really shy guy named Little Bear that could use a home that will give him plenty of time to get used to being in a family. They're not all solid black either. There's a tuxedo kitten and a really cool black-and-white dude named Bob.

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Technology Aids in Interactive Learning

By Joel Washburn
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MCKENZIE (December 6) — Research can be fun and engaging, said Carol Nanney, librarian of the McKenzie Elementary School. She and Jill Warren, computer instructor, worked collaboratively to develop a fun-learning project using Chatter Pix, a computer application that allows anyone to make a photograph of a person, draw a line at the mouth, and then record a message. The "app" will make the photograph appear as if it was talking in synchronization with the recorded message. Another app in Google Classroom helps students write the biographies.

The two teachers told members of the McKenzie Special School District Board of Education that ten Apple iPad Minis, funded by the Parent Teacher Organization, are used to produce the interactive video.

Students use resources in the library to research biographies of historical people. The students then work in groups of three to produce an oral biography of the person using Chatter Pix. The students make sure they have reliable sources while developing the biographies. All biographies are written in third person and presented in the audio recording. Students collaborate and help each other, said Mrs. Nanney.

Mrs. Warren said the students have a time limit for their readings. Parents seem excited about the project, she concluded.

Owner Patty Beck cuts the ribbon at "The Barns," joined by community and business leaders, including Carroll County Mayor Kenny McBride and Chamber President Brad Hurley. *Photo by Brad Sam/The McKenzie Banner*

'The Barns' Holds Ribbon Cutting

McKENZIE (December 1) — The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday for The Barns of West Tennessee, or "The Barns," located at 360 Blooming Grove Road South in McKenzie.

Guests were given a tour of the grounds and facilities and treated to coffee and refreshments in the barn-turned-chapel.

Before the ribbon cutting, Ryan Anderson, pastor of Overflow Church, delivered a blessing.

According to owner Patty Beck, her family purchased the Amish farm/ranch in 2005 as a vacation spot. In 2014, the decision was made to the convert the existing barn into a beautiful, rustic, and elegant venue for weddings, parties, and other celebrations.

The grounds were groomed to create multiple ceremony sites, that include bold fencing, arches, and gates. Horses roam the fields in the background.

The family's apartment has been converted into a bridal suite, for the party to prepare in comfort.

To learn more or schedule a visit, contact "The Barns" on Facebook at The Barns of West Tennessee A Wedding and Event Venue, by phone at 731-393-1516, or email barnsofwesttn@gmail.com.

McKenzie's Dr. Daniel Sumrok National Leader in Addiction Treatment

MEMPHIS (November 17) — In recognition for developing the first integrated addiction treatment model coordinating clinical care, research, education and community outreach in the United States, The University of Tennessee College of Medicine's (UTCOM) Center for Addiction Science was lauded by the Addiction Medicine Foundation as the nation's first Center of Excellence in its field as a ceremony held on November 15 at the Holloran Centre for Performing Arts and Education in Memphis.

The award was presented by Dr. Kevin Kunz, Executive Vice President, American Board of Addiction Medicine.

The origins of (UTCOM) Center for Addiction Science can be traced back to McKenzie's Dr. Daniel D. Sumrok.

While serving as an Army Green Beret saving lives of American soldiers on the battlefield, Sumrok bemoaned the disturbing spread of methamphetamine and alcohol addiction to an Army buddy. In response, the friend asked him what he planned to do about it; thus planting the seeds of Sumrok's life mission to transform the medical community's failing attempts to treat addiction.

One of the first of 106 physicians in North America boarded in addiction medicine; Sumrok, then assistant professor at UT Health Sciences Center (UTHSC) in Memphis, approached the university with the concept of creating a center focused on a multidisciplinary approach to addictive specialty treatment.

Today, the director of the Center for Addiction Sciences in the College of Medicine at UTHSC continues saving countless lives by implementing his proven addiction treatment strategies while leading the medical field via innovative research revealing the causes surrounding addiction.

At the conclusion of the awards ceremony at the Holloran Center for the Performing Arts and Education in Memphis, Sumrok said, "Addiction is an equal-opportunity illness. It does not discriminate with whom it impacts. To combat addiction effectively, the perception of addiction by medical practitioners and law enforcement must change."

He added, "We are training physicians and health care professionals at the Center for Addiction Science to better recognize, diagnose, treat and prevent addiction and offer alternate forms of pain therapy to avoid over-prescription of opioids."

Last year, 1,451 people died from drug overdoses across Tennessee, according to 2015 statistics released by the Tennessee Department of Health on Tuesday. The 2015 figures represent the highest annual number of overdose deaths in state history, and nearly 72-percent of them involved opioids.

Sumrok noted that twenty-six percent of all people incarcerated in United States prisons are serving due to drug addiction convictions.

He said, "The answer to the addiction epidemic is not incarceration. Criminalizing an illness just creates criminals. The war on drugs is a war on cultures."

In response, the Center for Addiction Science created a new fellowship in July, 2016 that will train physicians and health care professionals to better recognize, diagnose, treat and prevent addiction. Multidisciplinary research is also underway, particularly on neonatal abstinence syndrome, which affects newborns exposed to addictive drugs in the womb.

During a 2015 interview with The McKenzie Banner, Sumrok expressed his views regarding the causation and treatment of addiction.

He said, "I believe that trauma is the link to most health problems, including addiction. The development of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) at any age can leave a victim feeling helpless and hopeless. Addiction should be reclassified as a bonding problem. People dealing with trauma often disconnect and live in isolation."

He emphasized, "We as a society must learn how to raise our children differently. Hurt and abuse suffered in childhood follows victims into adulthood. Trauma impacts victims both physically and mentally. It doesn't just fade away over time."

Sumrok said that every dollar spent in treating an addicted person saves the community $12.

He said, "Combining the twelve-step recovery approach garnered from the Gospel of James in the Holy Bible with medically-assisted treatment is dually-effective in the treating addiction. Some people think that the correct way to shake addiction is to 'get clean' and forgo using medication to combat the habit. I don't subscribe to that idea. I know from my years of treating addictions that medicine works, especially the drug Bupropion."

He continued, "As a pastor, I also understand that people battling addiction need to be part of a group. They need to know that others care about them, understand what they are going through, and are willing to support them in their battle to recover."

He concluded, "To help combat addiction, health providers simply need to 'go where the fish are biting'. Inclusion, not ostracism, is a key element to healing the addicted."

Sumrok's professional organization affiliation includes: American Society of Addiction Medicine, TN Society of Addiction Medicine, American Academy of Family Practice, Tennessee Medical Association - West Tennessee Consol Chapter.

Professional certifications include: Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Certificate, Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO)-Instructor, Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Certificate, Epidemiologist Certificate, Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) Certificate, Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Certificate, Special Training in Tropical Medicine.

In his 32nd year of providing family medical services, Sumrok's offices are located at 1894 Cedar Street, McKenzie, and St. Francis Hospital, 1301 Primacy Parkway, Memphis.

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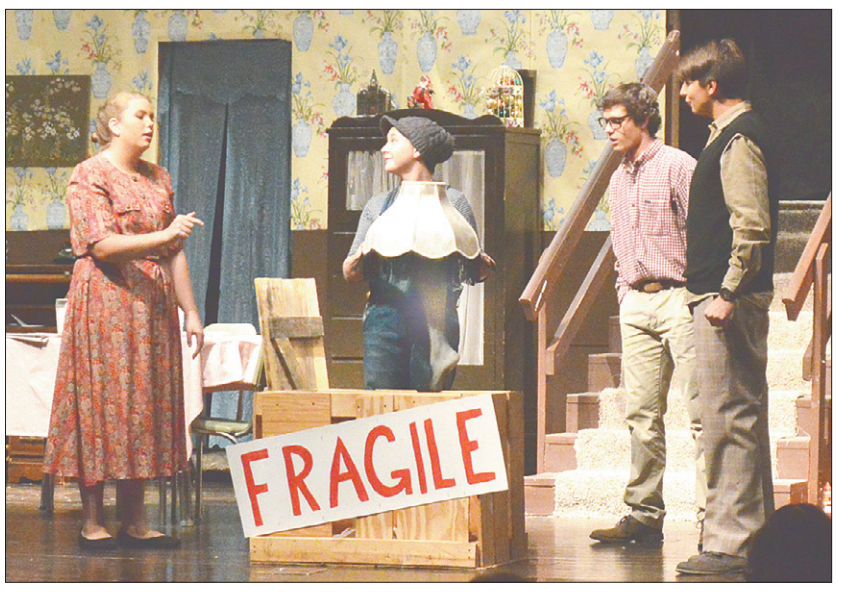

Above Left, The cast and crew of "A Christmas Story: The Musical." Above Right, (L to R) Mother (Emily Lunn), Randy Parker (Claudia Patrick), Ralphie Parker (Paul Watkins), and the Old Man (Joseph Keenan) have mixed opinions of the patriarch's "major award." *Photos by Brad Sam/The McKenzie Banner*

McKenzie High School Theatre Presents 'A Christmas Story: The Musical'

By Brad Sam
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McKENIZIE (December 10-11) — The McKenzie High School Theatre, co-sponsored by Carroll Arts, Inc., presented "A Christmas Story: The Musical" last weekend.

The production is based on the classic 1983 film which is a favorite Christmas staple for all ages.

Directors were Charro Keenan, Glynda Rich, and Denise Sam, with musical direction by Connie McCain. Beth Fleming was an intern director.

The cast included Bransen McCaleb, Paul Watkins, Emily Lunn, Joseph Keenan, Claudia Patrick, Sierra Keenan, Zack Roy, Isabella Colotta, Devyn Smiley, Mason Wallace, Braxton Hobson, Emma Renfro, Andrew Goodrum, Mary Van Dyke, Madyson Driggers, Madison Langevine, Lilly Daffron, Sabrina Vasquez, Allie Harvey, Dylan Cary, and Amber Wright.

Crew members were Amberleigh Cooper, Aluria Parks, Marisa Nunnery, Tariq Wyatt, Kimberlee Roberts, Bridget Bradberry, and Morgan Rayburn.

The directors wish to thank Carroll Arts, Inc., Bethel University Renaissance, McKenzie High School, Meredith Daffron, Wayne Bannister, Lindsey Parham, Lizz Gonzalez, Mona Batchelor, Wade Comer, Williams Furniture, Dr. Joe Sam, Arnold's, Christian Nunnery, Josh Keenan, Thomas Keenan, Sarah Bradberry, and The McKenzie Banner.

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Town of Huntingdon Hosts Ministers' Appreciation Breakfast

Huntingdon Mayor Dale Kelley and staff hosted the first annual Ministers Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, December 3.

Everyone enjoyed a breakfast of biscuits, gravy, tomatoes, eggs, country ham and homemade sausage, all prepared by the mayor's staff and other volunteers.

After the fellowship and meal, a very inspirational and moving devotional was given by Brother Jim Humphreys.

Preparing the food was Kim Carter, Martha Taylor, Lori Nolen, Randy Crossett, Carlene Kelley, Drake Whitworth, Tresa and Walter Smothers.

Mayor Kelley spoke to the group expressing that the fellowship between the leadership of the town and the churches provides a sense of unity which is what the community is all about. He expressed his appreciation to the ministers for the service they provide, not only to the people of their respective churches, but to the community as a whole.

Pancakes with the Prez

Top, Walter Butler, President of Bethel University (in background) and Jeffrey Wilcox, Assistant Professor of Religion, College of Arts and Sciences cook pancakes for the students. Middle, James T. Stewart, Dean of Student Development, College of Arts and Sciences and Terri Delaney prepare pancakes. Bottom, Amy Thompson, Director of Development and LeAnn Webb, a senior at Huntingdon High School, serve pancakes to a Bethel student. *Photos by Joel Washburn/The McKenzie Banner*

Bethel University Honors Students On Finals Week

MCKENZIE (December 7) — Bethel University students were treated to late night pancakes prepared by Bethel University President Walter Butler, other administrators, members of the faculty and staff. The event was held 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7.

Honoring students during the week of final tests was an idea of President Walter Butler, said Jennifer Glass, Director of University Relations. The event was called Pancakes with the Prez. The students really seem to enjoy the event that gives them a break from studying, said Glass.

At the grill was Butler along with faculty and staff members. Others served the food, drinks and cereals. Mrs. Butler worked in dishwashing.

Linda Hearn, administrative assistant, greeted students at the door.

As they dined on pancakes, students listened to Christmas music, chatted, and built gingerbread houses.

In the past, the president's event included a Mexican buffet.

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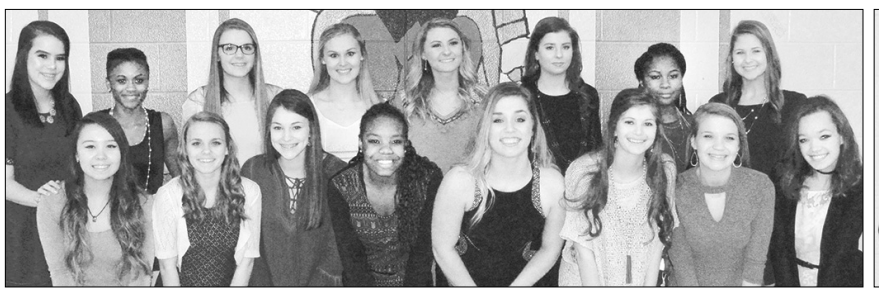
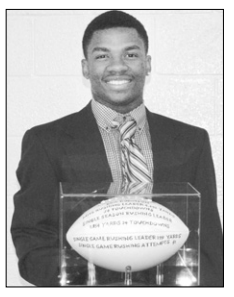
Above, Rebel Seniors. From left, Sean Beck, Julius Owens, Paul Watkins, Noah Heath, Zack Sadler, Michael Floyd, Andy Wilson, Jake Trevathan, Bransen McCaleb, and Eric Robinson. Below Left, Rebel cheerleading squad. From left, (front row) Haven Hargrove, Marisa Nunnery, Sydney Pate, Kristen Taylor, Madyson Driggers, Mollie Kate Tippitt, Emily Bolen, and Taylor Bradshaw; (back row) Taylor Hathaway, Dayana Gilbert, Madison Hendrix, Emma Pate, Olivia Bowden, Tali Pomphrey, Zaria Bowden, and Amber Eason. Below Right, MHS all-time rushing leader Eric Robinson.





MHS Rebels Football Awards Banquet

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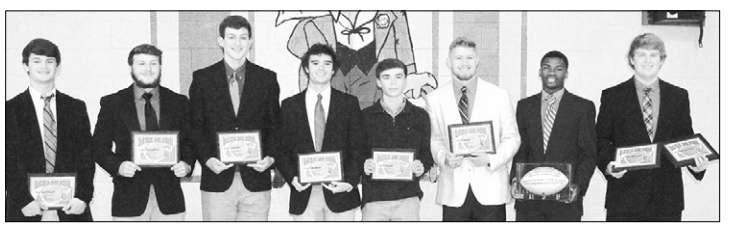


Rebel individual award winners. From left, Michael Floyd, Jake Trevathan, Zach Jarrett, Paul Watkins, Tyler Spivey, Sean Beck, Eric Robinson, and Bransen McCaleb.

MCKENZIE (December 5) — The McKenzie High School Rebel football team, cheerleaders, coaches, support staff, parents, and team supporters gathered inside the MHS cafeteria to celebrate the recent 2016 grid campaign.

Following welcoming comments by MHS Principal Tim Watkins and invocation by Andy Wilson, attendees enjoyed a delicious meal and dessert provided by Big Daddy's BBQ before traveling to the theater for the awards ceremony.

Cheer sponsor Lauren Flannery congratulated the football team and coaches before recognizing the following team members. They were: seniors-Olivia Bowden, Taylor Bradshaw, Madyson Driggers, Emma Pate, and Mollie Kate Tippitt; juniors-Zaria Bowden, Taylor Hathaway, and Tali Pomphrey; sophomores-Emily Bolen, Amber Eason, Dayana Gilbert, Haven Hargrove, Marisa Nunnery, and Kristen Taylor; and freshmen-Madison Hendrix and Sydney Pate.

After thanking the school administrators, school board members, and Ronnie Waddell and the MHS Touchdown Club, Rebel Head Football Coach Wade Comer spoke about the 2016 season.

He said, "Honestly, this season was one of the most difficult seasons I've had to go through. We went through a lot of peaks and a lot of losses. The tough losses early in the season to Camden and Adamsville led to a tough stretch of losses and team injuries, forcing us to play some people that weren't really ready, but had to step nonetheless. I am proud of our continuing to fight to turn around the season and how we competed every single week. We never gave up on ourselves. We battled through together, and it made us stronger. Adversity does that."

He added, "We scratched our way out of the loss stretch and battled our way into the playoffs to face #1-seed Waverly. We gave them a battle and scored more points on them than any team had previously the entire season. We went down fighting. That is what strong senior leadership provides a team. I am going to miss the seniors very much, but we have to move forward."

Pausing, he concluded, "As a team, we are going to have to develop a tougher mentality. That is our point of emphasis from this point on. It won't be easy for you guys returning, but we will push through this together. Our seniors were the cream of the crop at MHS. I hope the players that continue on behind them will step up and give everything just like they did.

He then thanked the great many people who contribute to the program for the "ton of work and planning" that they do. He thanked the Touchdown Club for "taking care of our players." He recognized Michelle Vinson for her great work on the field, including the giant midfield Rebel man. He thanked those that provided decorations for the banquet. He spoke of the game night administrators and the chain-gang.

He thanked PA announcer Larry Joe Smith, clock operator Mark Anderson, and expressed appreciation for the cheerleaders, the band, the "Maniacs", bus drivers Wyatt Brooks and Logan Hubble, athletic trainer Ty Butler, McKenzie Regional Hospital Ambulance Service, Dr. Bryan Merrick, and Donna Waddell.

He thanked the local newspapers and their editors, The McKenzie Banner (Joel Washburn) and the Carroll County News-Leader (Shirley Nanney), and Jim Steele of mckenziereb-els.com. He also thanked radio announcers Jon Davis, David Jackson and Craig Lunn.

He thanked his coaching staff, the high school staff, Director of Schools Lynn Watkins and the school board, Principal Tim Watkins, Ricky French at McKenzie City Parks, and the coaches' wives.

Next, freshmen were presented with certificates. Team managers Brandon Alexander, Maddie Barker, Carissa Britt, Anna Comer, and Grayce Turman were recognized, as well as video technician's Kinley Millsap and Emma Renfro and ball boy Will McBride.

Comer recognized the following players: All-Region 6-2A-Lorenzo Haynes, Zach Jarrett, Bransen McCaleb, and Julius Owens; Region 6-2A Offensive MVP-Eric Robinson; All-Region Honorable Mention-Sean Beck, Tyler Spivey, and Lucas Waddell, and West Tennessee All-Star Game selectees Michael Floyd and Eric Robinson.

Assistant Coach Kelly Spivey presented the Most Valuable Running Back award to senior Eric Robinson.

During the 2016 campaign, Robinson rushed 255 times for 1,854 yards and 24 touchdowns along with 15 pass receptions and two touchdowns.

Acknowledged as the Rebels All-Time rushing leader, Robinson carried the pigskin 780 times during his four-year run, rushing for 4,492 yards and 54 touchdowns. He also caught 70 passes and scored eight receiving touchdowns.

Spivey then presented the Most Valuable Defensive Back award to Michael Floyd, who battled back from early-season injury to significantly contribute to the team down the stretch.

Assistant Coach Randy Thomas presented the Most Valuable Defensive Lineman award to Bransen McCaleb. Julius Owens was awarded the Most Valuable Offensive Lineman award.

Assistant Coach Alex Hayes presented the Most Valuable Linebacker Award to Sean Beck.

All "Most Valuable" awards are voted on by the players.

Assistant Coach Chris Wall presented the Most Improved Award, voted on by the coaches, to Paul Watkins and Zach Jarrett.

He then presented the Wide Receiver Award to Tyler Spivey.

Coach Comer recognized the team captains, Eric Robinson and Bransen McCaleb, expressing deep pride in their leadership.

Principal Watkins then announced special awards, which were also chosen by the coaches.

The Kermit Holland 3-D Award for "Determination, Dedication, and Discipline" was presented to Eric Robinson.

The Jeff Givens Sportsmanship Award was presented to Jake Trevathan.

The Howard Nolen Team First Award was presented to Bransen McCaleb.

The Jerry Phillip Carter Inspired Play Award was presented to Eric Robinson.

Rebel team members qualifying for the David Long Academic Award (92 or higher GPA) were Carissa Britt, Maddie Barker, Anna Comer, and Bransen McCaleb.

Wall of Fame Highest GPA was presented to Paul Watkins.

Coach Comer presented the Mr. Rebel Most Valuable Player Award to Eric Robinson.

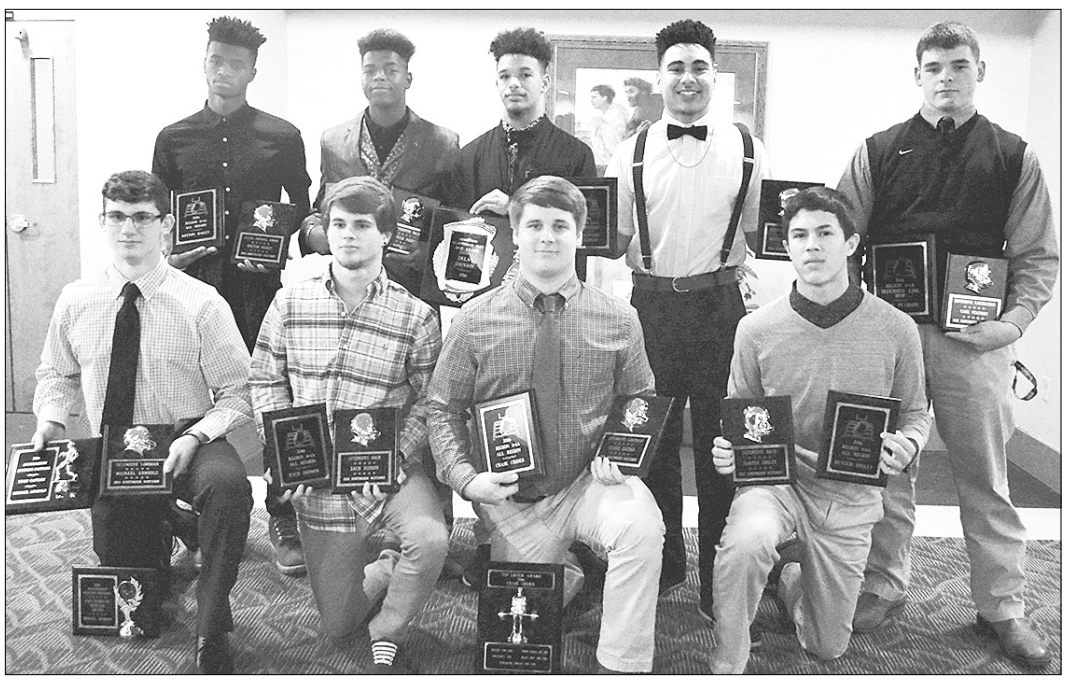
Touchdown Club President Ronnie Waddell offered thanks to everyone involved in the football program and presented the senior players and cheerleaders with footballs to have autographed by teammates. He also presented gifts to the coaches and to the cheerleading program.

The senior players thanked everyone and presented a sign proclaiming "Run it One More Time" to Coach Comer. Comer thanked the seniors for a "fun four years", adding that there were "a lot of great stories, most I won't tell."

Principal Watkins gave closing remarks, and everyone lingered for a time, taking photographs and reminiscing over countless great memories.

MHS Rebel players included: (Seniors)-Sean Beck, Michael Floyd, Noah Heath, Bransen McCaleb, Julius Owens, Eric Robinson, Zack Sadler, Jake Trevathan, Paul Watkins, and Andy Wilson; (Juniors)-Xavian Ayers, Tyler Berryman, Dee Browning, Josh Cannon, Deaaron Diggs, Lorenzo Haynes, Elijah Horton, Blake Hugueley, Jon Austin Hugueley, Zach Jarrett, Connor McReynolds, Keegan Millsap, Cameron Rawls, Luke Spivey, and Lucas Waddell; (Sophomores)-Chase Allen, Nicholas Bills, Bryston Diggs, Stephone Haynes, Larson King, Zach Laser, Brock Minton, Rusty Sawyers, Tyler Spivey, Hunter Stafford, Murphy Watkins, and Dashun Woodson; (Freshmen)-Micah Austin, Nick Baker, Diego Calderon, West Cook, Devin Fields, Jack Fry, Braxton Hobson, Nikolas Heath, Lane Horton, Evan Jarrett, Ashton Marr, Kyle Maxwell, Joseph Miller, Jeremiah Moore, Chance Norden, Noah Nutting, and Jensen Pewitt.

Rebel Assistant coaches are Randy Thomas, Kelly Spivey, Alex Hayes, Chris Wall, and Kentrell Diggs. Drew Hayes was a special non-faculty coach.



Above, Mustang Award Winners (L to R): kneeling are Michael Arnhold, Zach Dodson, Chase Crider, and Hunter Ensley; standing are Keeton Bailey, Tyrese Mebane, Dylan Johnson, Marvaughn McClerkin, and Kade Pearson. Below, HHS Cheerleaders (L to R): front row (seniors)- Haidyn McLemore, Tori Townsend, Anna Kate Arnold, and Katie Bennett; second row- Abby Ballard, Corbin Sullivan, DeJa Williams, Katilyn Williams, and Kaylee Taylor; back row- Maggie Guess, Katie Simpson, Katie Coleman, Alayna Smith, Lakia Moore, Elijah Wilkerson, and Kaitlynn Batey. Photos by Brad Sam/The McKenzie Banner

HHS Mustangs Celebrate Season with Banquet

By Brad Sam
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HUNTINGDON (December 8) — Huntingdon High School held its annual football banquet Thursday night at Huntingdon Church of Christ.

Players, managers, coaches, ballboys, cheerleaders, parents, and supporters were each honored in some way for their contributions to another successful and fulfilling football season for the Mustangs.

Scotty Pinson of the Quarterback Club welcomed all to the event, and Kade Pearson delivered a prayer. Guests then enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Joe's Catering.

When most were done with dessert, Mustang head coach Eric Swenson took the podium. He thanked a great many groups and individuals, including the AB Club, the school board, the administration, the cheerleaders, the band, the middle school coaches. He thanked Clint Butler and Scotty Pinson and their wives, medical personnel Clayton Owen and Dr. Lee Carter, Steve Morgan and the film crew, and Greg Mann, Lynn Compton, and George Russell.

Coach Swenson lamented that the program had "lost a great one" in Webb Maddox, but said having his son, Andrew, in the booth was the "next best thing."

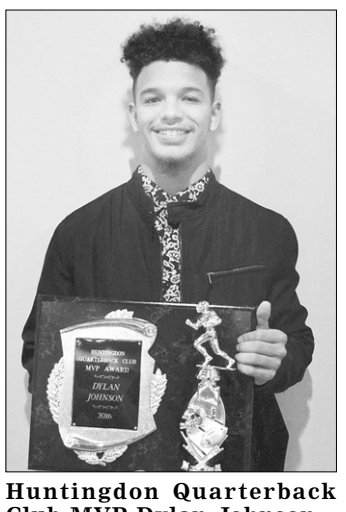
He thanked the bus drivers and the media, Chad and Kim Byars, Johnnie Ray Pearson, and the senior parents.

Finally, he thanked his assistant coaches, Robbie Miller, Rick Wallace, Jay Lowery, and Lucas Dill, and their wives, before introducing cheer sponsor Julia Orr.

She complimented her squad for their achievements in competing for the first time in a long time at a competition in Martin, where the group won several awards, including the Spirit Stick, the Top Banana Award, and the Tradition Award. The squad also received superior ratings on all evaluations.

Five students were named All-American: Anna Kate Arnold, Katie Bennett, Haidyn McLemore, Lakia Moore, and Elijah Wilkerson. Arnold and McLemore were also asked to be on the Universal Cheerleading Association staff.

Orr thanked sponsors, parents, and her family, then presented each cheerleader with a certificate. Senior cheerleaders Haidyn McLemore, Tori Townsend, Anna Kate Arnold, and Katie Bennett also received plaques and a copy of the football program.



Huntingdon Quarterback Club MVP Dylan Johnson.

Coach Swenson returned, joined by his staff. He recognized ballboys Easton Byars, Grey Eubanks, and Brady Warbritton, praising them for being attentive and "into the game." He then recognized the team managers, saying they had done a great job this year.

He then presented players with a certificate, beginning with the freshmen, then the sophomores and juniors. To the seniors, the coaches presented plaques, programs, and footballs with a team photo. He called them "a great group" and said that they "left a lasting impression."

The coach then moved on to individual awards, beginning on the defensive side of the game. The Defensive Back Awards went to Tyrese Mebane and Hunter Ensley. The Linebacker Awards went to Kade Pearson and Marvaughn McClerkin. Michael Arnhold was presented the Defensive Lineman Award.

On the offensive side, the Runningback Award went to Zach Dodson, while Chase Crider took home the Offensive Lineman Award.

The Paul Ward Senior Hustle Award was presented to Michael Arnhold. Chase Crider was named Lifter of the Year.

Coaches recognized All-Region Players Hunter Ensley, Marvaughn McClerkin, Keeton Bailey, Zach Dodson, Chase Crider, Michael Arnhold, Tyrese Mebane, Dylan Johnson (Defensive Back MVP), and Kade Pearson (D-Line Co-MVP).

Seniors voted on captains for the team, selecting Michael Arnhold as Captain and Dylan Johnson as Co-Captain.

Swenson then spoke of the season. He said that the end of the season had "the same feeling as 2011," explaining that the seniors had to show the underclassmen "what it's like to be in a dogfight." He said that the 2012 team saw it, and the result was "madness in the weight room... You can't explain that or copy it in practice."

He continued, saying that what he would remember most is that "our guys rose to a different level," pointing out that it carries over into the next season. "The dividends are gonna pay off."

Scotty Pinson then echoed many of the thanks of the head coach, adding a thank you to the team "for bringing life back into Huntingdon football."

He implored that the senior not let this be the highlight of your life, reminding them that "what you put in is what you get out."

He concluded by saying that it had been a tight vote for the Quarterback Club MVP Award, and noted that "it takes eleven men," but proudly bestowed the honor on Dylan Johnson.

Guests lingered to take photographs and reminisce about the season.

The 2016 Huntingdon Mustangs included seniors Zach Dodson, Keeton Bailey, Dylan Johnson, Amarion Gordon, Travious Gordon, Chase Crider, Michael Arnhold, Sean Chaney, Corey Leavitt, and Orry Hodo; juniors Tyrese Mebane, Marvaughn McClerkin, Kade Pearson, Kyle Lutz, Clay Carver, Tyler Perritt, and Dustin Christman; sophomores Kameron Gordon, Kelby Pearson, DeJuan Raglin, Daniel Arnhold, Paxton Weir, Matthew Ellis, Joseph Richardson, Dorian Williams, Austin Avery, Kody Byrd, Chris Chaney, Elijah Roe, and Johnathan Jones; and freshmen Ben Taylor, Hunter Ensley, Brandon Lawton, Konnor Pearson, Bo McLemore, Steven Rich, Noah Belew, Hunter Ledsinger, Kylin Finch, Brett Huss, Alex Odom, Dylan Armour, Austin Baker, Alex Scott, Reed Jones, Colton Sullenger, Drake Butler, Jaylen Williams, Hunter Chaney, Levi Spivey, Coreion Nance, and Cole Edwards.

Managers were Robin Parton (senior), DJ Dean (senior), Jordan Davis, Knoa Thompson, Alex Morschett, and Devontae' Harris.

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December 15-30

Area Sports Calendar

December 15 (Thursday): 4:30 p.m.-South Gibson High School basketball at West Carroll High School.

December 16 (Friday): 6:00 p.m.-Clarksburg High School basketball at McKenzie High School / Huntingdon High School basketball at Big Sandy High School / Gleason High School basketball at West Carroll High School / Dresden High School basketball at Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School.

December 17 (Saturday): WCJH Holiday Hoops Fest-first round-3:00 p.m. – JCS Girls vs. Rose Hill Girls, 4:15 – JCS Boys vs. Northeast Boys, 5:30 – West Carroll Girls vs. Humboldt Girls, 6:45 – USJ Boys vs. Humboldt Boys.

December 19 (Monday): WCJH Holiday Hoops Fest-semi-finals:-5:00 – Huntingdon Girls vs. JCS/Rose Hill Girls Winner, 6:15 – Huntingdon Boys vs. JCS/Northeast Boys Winner, 7:30 – USJ Girls vs. West Carroll/Humboldt Girls Winner, 8:45 – West Carroll Boys vs. USJ/Humboldt Boys Winner.

December 20 (Tuesday): WCJH Holiday Hoops Fest-semifinals-2:30 p.m. - JCS/Rose Hill Girls Loser vs. West Carroll/Humboldt Girls Loser, 3:45 p.m. - JCS/Northeast Boys Loser vs. USJ/Humboldt Boys Loser, 5:00 p.m.-Girls Consolation, 6:15 p.m.-Girls Championship, 7:30 p.m.-Boys Consolation, and 8:45 p.m.-Boys Championship; High School basketball-6:00 p.m.-Milan High School at McKenzie High School.

December 22 (Thursday): 4:30 p.m.-Milan High School basketball at West Carroll High School.

December 28 (Wednesday): Huntingdon Basketball Christmas Classic -4:30 p.m.-Camden High School girls vs. Power Center Academy of Memphis; 6:00 p.m.-West Carroll High School boys vs. Gibson County High School; 7:30 p.m.-Huntingdon High School boys vs. Milan High School.

December 29 (Thursday): Huntingdon Basketball Christmas Classic-3:00 p.m.-West Carroll High School girls vs. Crockett County High School; 4:30 p.m.-West Carroll High School boys vs. Crockett County High School; 6:00 p.m.-Huntingdon High School girls vs. Power Center Academy of Memphis; 7:30 p.m.-Milan High School boys vs. Gibson County High School.

December 30 (Friday): Huntingdon Basketball Christmas Classic -3:00 p.m.-Power Center Academy of Memphis girls vs. Crockett County High School; 4:30 p.m.-McKenzie High School boys vs. Crockett County High School; 6:00 p.m.-Huntingdon High School girls vs. Henry County High School; 7:30 p.m.-Huntingdon High School boys vs. Gibson County High School.

Net Cats Receive Top 25 Votes

Courtesy Dave McCulley
Bethel University Sports Information Director

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI (December 8) — The Bethel Wildcats (9-2) received votes in the NAIA Division I Men's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll.

After winning their first nine games, the Wildcats lost two straight road games via close conference losses at William Carey and Blue Mountain.

The Wildcats have wins over then-Top 25 teams, Georgetown, Campbellsville and Pikeville.

The Wildcats resume regular season play on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. against Cumberland University.

Lady Tigers Battle, Bow to Lady War Eagles

By Ernie Smothers
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BRUCETON (December 9) — In District 13A high school hoops competition, the Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School Lady Tigers, fueled by the game-high inside scoring and 7-9 free throw performance of Shominique Pearson, battled gamely to the final buzzer before falling to the Deidra Clark-led (16) Lady War Eagles, 45-42. In the boys contest, the vastly-improved Tigers, led by the scoring of Elijah Boyd (13) and Grant Davis (10), engaged the tall and athletic War Eagles before West Carroll pulled away in the closing minutes to claim a tough, 52-41 win.

Lady War Eagles 45, Lady Tigers 42

Following a deuce off the glass by Lady Tiger Pearson, Central's Tiffani Hughey added a charity swish as the Tigers and Lady War Eagles were tied 3-3 at the 7:01 mark of the first frame. Responding, the Lady War Eagles coupled a Clark jumper in the paint with deuces by Macey and Gracie Cunningham, an Aubrey Jones drive to the hoop, and a M. Cunningham deuce off the glass to lead 13-8 at the end of the first canto.

Hughes and Clark traded trifectas in the early portion of the second frame before Central responded via a Pearson coast-to-coast deuce off the glass and charity swish, a Haley Hughes trifecta from the top of the key and jumper, and an Olivia Lowry steal and score to cut West Carroll's lead to 19-18 at the 3:51 mark. Following a Lady War Eagle timeout, West Carroll answered via a M. Cunningham three-pointer from the right corner and Chloe Vestal putback in the paint to lead central at the half, 24-20.

The Lady War Eagles built their lead to 28-22 before Central stormed back by way of a Briley Williams trey from the right corner and Pearson two-pointer in the paint and a pair of free throw swishes to close to 30-29 at the 1:11 mark. Stealing the ball, Lady Tiger Lowry raced the distance and netted a deuce at the buzzer to give Central the lead, 31-30, at the start of the final period of play.

Following Williams' steal-and-score early in the fourth period, Lady War Eagles' M. Cunningham and Jones netted respective deuces to give their squad a 34-33 lead. Undeterred, Lady Tiger Pearson netted two free throw attempts as the lead swung back to Central, 35-34.

As play intensity ramped up, Jones netted a deuce in the paint to return the lead to West Carroll at the 4:15 mark of the final frame. West Carroll combined a jumper by Alexis Houston with a Clark drive in the paint to lead, 40-35 at the 2:31 mark. Reacting, Central clawed back into contention as Hughey scored in the paint and Pearson sank two free throw attempts to narrow West Carroll's lead to 40-39 with 1:03 left in regulation.

On the ensuing Lady Tiger possession, Lady War Eagle Holt gathered in Pearson's missed shot and fired the ball to Clark who was fouled in the paint. Stepping to the line, Clark sank both free throw tosses. Fouled on the inbound, Lady Tiger Hughey converted the front end of a one-and-one as Central trailed, 42-40, with 23 seconds remaining. Fouled to stop the clock, Clark drained two charity tosses and added a free throw swish with 7.7 seconds remaining as the Lady War Eagles fended off the scrappy Lady Tigers for a crucial District 13A road victory.

West Carroll was paced via the scoring of Clark (16), M. Cunningham (13), Jones (8), G. Cunningham (2), Vestal (2) and Holt (2).

Central was led offensively by Pearson (17), Hughey (13), Williams (5), Lowry (4) and Hughes (3).

War Eagles 52, Tigers 41

In the nightcap, West Carroll's Chase Nash ripped a trey from the right side early in the contest that was answered by Tiger Elijah Boyd's deuce off the glass. War Eagle Jack Johnson netted a jumper and added a charity toss before Nash scored inside the give West Carroll a 9-2 lead at the 4:41 mark.

Battling back, Central combined a Trent Taylor deuce down low with three charity swishes by Boyd and two charity stripe conversions by Grant Davis as the Tigers trailed the War Eagles at the end of the first quarter, 16-10.

Hollow Rock-Bruceton responded offensively early in the second frame as Davis netted a deuce off the glass and added a charity swish and Boyd sank a trifecta to lift Central to its first lead of the contest, 18-17. Zach Heckert netted two free throw attempts to return the lead to West Carroll before Central flipped the script via Gage Lowry steal and assist to Boyd and Mason Binkley NBA-length trifecta to knot the score, 21-21. West Carroll countered with a deuce and free throw swish by Nash as West Carroll led Central at the half, 24-21.

Resuming play in the second half, War Eagle Z. Heckert scored in the paint before Davis bottomed a trey from the top of the key as Central trailed, 27-24. Z. Heckert added a charity swish and Jack Johnson scored via bank off the glass as West Carroll widened its lead, 29-24, at the 4:07 mark. Refusing to bow, central combined a Deuce by Davis with a Brayden Frye three-pointer from the left corner and Boyd buzzer-beater to trail at the start of the fourth canto, 39-31.

Central cut West Carroll's lead to 40-34 via a Keith Williams free throw conversion and two charity swishes by Justin Haskins at the 5:35 mark. Following a Nash jumper and Aaron Heckert deuce off the glass, Lowry responded with consecutive deuces and Frye converted a trey from the top of the key as the Tigers threatened, 45-41 at the 2:33 mark. On the next possession, Tiger Davis fouled out.

Responding, Nash connected via trifecta from the left corner and added a charity swish before Z. Heckert delivered a resounding dunk as West Carroll netted a 52-41 road win over the Tigers.

West Carroll was paced via the scoring of Z. Heckert (17), Nash (14), A. Heckert (7), Johnson (5), Jeremiah Bryant (3), Colton Johnson (2) and Donavan Wallace (2).

Central was led offensively by Boyd (13), Davis (10), Frye (6), Lowry (4), Binkley (3), Haskins (2) and Williams (1).

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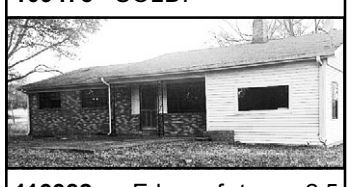
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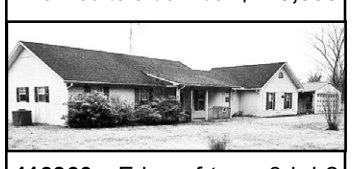
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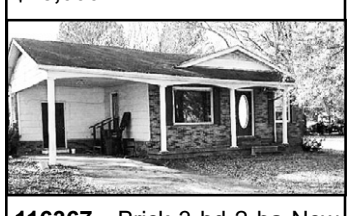
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Left, Rebel Brandon Baucum leans back on a short jumper. Baucum had nine points in McKenzie's win. Right, Lady War Eagle Aubrey Jones pulls up in the paint as Lady Rebel Carissa Britt leaps out to contest the shot. Jones had ten points for West Carroll. *Photos by Brad Sam/The McKenzie Banner*

McKenzie Sweeps West Carroll

By Brad Sam
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McKENZIE (December 6) — McKenzie and West Carroll faced off in high school hoops action Tuesday night, the first District 13-A contests of the season for both schools. The Lady Rebels jumped ahead early and cruised to a 51-31 win. The Rebels echoed the strong start, but had to respond to a third-quarter rally by the War Eagles to claim a 62-50 victory.

McKenzie Lady Rebels 51, West Carroll Lady War Eagles 31

The Lady Rebels took an early lead with a 12-6 advantage after the first frame. Anna Comer led McKenzie with seven points, Shelby Davis hit a three-pointer, and Jacey Davis had a pair. Deidra Clark had four points for West Carroll, and Cloie Vestal had a pair.

McKenzie added to the lead with an 8-4 second quarter. S. Davis had four points, Bailey Nelson had three, and J. Davis hit a free throw. Clark and Aubrey Jones each had a pair for the Lady War Eagles. At the half, the Lady Rebels led, 20-10.

Comer scored eight in an 18-7 third, including hitting six-of-six at the line. Nelson and J. Davis each had four points, and Carissa Britt had a pair. Clark hit three freebies, and Jones and Katie Holt each added a pair. Entering the final frame, McKenzie led, 38-17.

West Carroll found a rhythm on offense and outscored McKenzie, 14-13, in the fourth quarter. Jones led with six points, while Clark, Gracie Cunningham, Savannah Sutton, and Alexis Houston each had a pair. Lady Rebel Camille Travis scored five, including a three-pointer. Brooke Hobson, Macey Ognibene, Olivia Wright, and J. Davis each had a pair.

Lady Rebel Anna Comer led all scorers with 15 points, including a nine-of-ten performance at the line. Jacey Davis scored nine points.

Deidra Clark led West Carroll with eleven points. Aubrey Jones scored ten.

Rebels 62, War Eagles 50

McKenzie established the lead with a 13-8 first-quarter advantage. Rebel Brandon Baucum scored four points, and Lucas King and Preston Henderson each hit a three-pointer. Tyler King had a pair, and Bryce Wiggins hit a free throw. War Eagle Zach Heckert had six points, and Jack Johnson scored a pair.

The Rebels built on the lead with an 18-12 second frame. T. King scored seven points, Henderson hit a pair of threes, Paul Watkins added a three, and Mason King had a pair. Chase Nash scored eight for West Carroll, including a pair of threes. J. Johnson had four points. At the half, McKenzie led, 31-20.

The War Eagles kept the game interesting by outscoring McKenzie, 16-10, in the third. Nash had seven, including another three-pointer. Z. Heckert had five, and Jeremiah Bryant and Aaron Heckert each added a pair. T. King hit four freebies on four tries, Henderson drained another three, Wiggins had a pair, and Baucum hit a free throw. Heading into the final frame, McKenzie's lead was 41-36.

The home team responded to the visitors' rally with a 21-14 advantage in the fourth to seal the win. Watkins scored nine on a trio of threes, and T. King had eight. Baucum added four points.

Rebel Tyler King led all scorers with 21 points, including a perfect nine-of-nine on free throws. Preston Henderson and Paul Watkins each had a dozen on four three-pointers. Brandon Baucum scored nine points.

Chase Nash led West Carroll with 20 points, including four three-pointers. Zach Heckert had 18 points.

Lady Bulldogs, Mustangs Split District Wins

GLEASON (DECEMBER 10) — In District 13A high school basketball action, the Gleason Lady Bulldogs, fueled by Jayden Green's marquee 23-point performance, defeated the Marisa Belew-led (14) Huntingdon Fillies, 55-43. In the boys contest, the Mustangs coupled the scoring of 14 players en route to defeating the Bulldogs, 98-39. Jeremiah Pearson led the Mustangs with 16 points.

In a high-scoring first frame, Gleason combined the production of Mahlese McDonald (trey, deuce, two charity stripe swishes), Green (trey, two deuces) with two deuces by Lillian Nichols, and a two-pointer by Ally Spain to lead Huntingdon at the end of the first period, 20-13. The Fillies were led in the first canto via the scoring of Belew (two deuces, two free throw conversions), Taylor Smith (two deuces), and a two-pointer by Alli Jones.

Gleason coupled respective two-deuce performances by Jordyn Greene, Jayden Green and Darby Reed with a McDonald trey to outscore Huntingdon in the second frame, 15-11, and lead at the half, 35-24.

Battling back at the start of the second half, Huntingdon combined a trey and deuce by Jones, with two deuces by Belew, and two-pointer in the paint by Jesica Keith, and a charity swish by Leann Webb to outscore Gleason, 12-11, and trail at the start of the final period, 46-36.

In a defense-tinged final canto, Gleason utilized the free throw scoring of Jayden Green (6), Nichols (2), and Jordyn Green (1) to narrowly outscore Huntingdon, 9-7. And earn a 55-43 win.

Gleason was paced offensively by Jayden Green (22), McDonald (13), Nichols (6), Jordyn Green (5), Spain (5), and Reed (4).

Left, Mustang Tyrese Mebane (32) drives to the hoop as Bulldog Elijah Young (45) defends. Right, Lady Bulldog Jayden Green (14) defended by Fillies Leann Webb (20). Green led all scorers with 22 points. *Photos by Joel Washburn*

Huntingdon was paced via the production of Belew (14), Smith (9), Jones (7), Jasmine Dupree (5), Webb (4), Keith (2) and Kaci Fuller (2).

Mustangs 98, Bulldogs 39

From the opening tip, Huntingdon unleashed offensively via the scoring of Kaleal Bailey (three treys, deuce), Tyrese Mebane (trey, two deuces), Jeremiah Pearson (three deuces), Nikolas Bynum (trifecta) and Davion Phillips (deuce) to outscore Gleason in the first period, 29-8.

Continuing to assault the net, Huntingdon poured in 26 points via the efforts of Pearson (two three's, two deuces, respective trifectas by Tylan Jordan and Hunter Ledsinger, and solo deuces by Mebane, Brandon Lawton, Drake Butler, Kilyn Finch, and Clay Anson to lead the Bulldogs at the half, 55-17.

Gleason was paced in the first half via the scoring of Lucio Solano (12), Elijah Young (4) and Peyton Stigall (1).

Ramping up in the third canto, Huntingdon filled the net with 29 points via the scoring of Michael Kemp (try, two deuces, two charity swishes), Anson (two treys), DeJaun Raglin (three deuces), Bynum (trey, deuce), and Lawton (trey) to lead at the start of the fourth period, 84-25.

Playing for pride, Gleason fused the scoring of Jamison Lifsey (4), Solano (2), Dawson Arnold (2), Stigall (2), Nick Oatsvall (2), and Olen Reed (2) to match Huntingdon's 14-point production before falling, 98-39.

Huntingdon was led offensively by Pearson (16), Bailey (11), Kemp (9), Mebane (9), Bynum (8), Finch (8), Noah Belew (8), Tylan Jordan (6), Raglin (6), Lawton (5), Kieryen Jordan (5), Lawton (5), Ledsinger (3), Phillips (2) and Butler (2).

HHS Basketball Christmas Classic is December 28-30

The 2016 Huntingdon High School Point Guard Coca-Cola Basketball Christmas Classic line-up includes:

Wednesday, December 28: 4:30 p.m.-Camden girls vs. Power Center Academy; 6:00 p.m.-West Carroll boys vs. Gibson County; 7:30 p.m.-Huntingdon boys vs. Milan.

Thursday, December 29: 3:00 p.m.-West Carroll girls vs. Crockett County; 4:30 p.m.-West Carroll boys vs. Crockett County; 6:00 p.m.-Huntingdon girls vs. Power Center Academy; 7:30 p.m.-Milan boys vs. Gibson County.

Friday, December 30: 3:00 p.m.-Power Center Academy girls vs. Crockett County; 4:30 p.m.-McKenzie boys vs. Crockett County; 6:00 p.m.-Huntingdon girls vs. Henry County; 7:30 p.m.-Huntingdon boys vs. Gibson County.

Huntingdon Special School District

2016-17 School Year Begins August 1

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HUNTINGDON (December 8) — During the regular monthly meeting of the Huntingdon Special School District, board members, at the recommendation of Director of Schools Pat Dillahunty, unanimously approved the tentative 2017-18 school calendar endorsed by the Carroll County School Board at its November 28 meeting.

Addressing board members prior to the vote, Dillahunty said, "Teacher in-service is July 24-28 with administrative day set for July 31. The first day of school, a half-day, is August 1. The school calendar includes fall break from October 9-13 and spring break from March 30 through Good Friday."

She added, "August 2, December 16, and May 17 will be half-days of school. After six school days are missed due to inclement weather, February 19, March 26, 27, 28, and 29 may be used for makeup days. Spring Break days will not be utilized as makeup days."

Other tentative dates for the 2017-18 HSSD school calendar include: September 4-Labor Day; September 18-Staff Development (teachers present); November 22,23, 24-Thanksgiving; December 15-end first semester-half-day; January 2-administrative day; January 3-begins second semester; January 15-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day; February 19-President's Day; March 26-30-spring break (March 30-Good Friday); May 17-end second semester-half day; May 18, 21, 22-administrative days.

Dillahunty noted that the first semester (August 1-December 15) is 89 days and the second semester (January 3-May 17) is 90 days.

Following discussion, the board approved the following board policies: 2.601-Fundraising Activities; 4.207-English Learners; 4.600-Grading System; 5.305-Family and Medical Leave Act; 6.505-Students in Foster Care (new policy).

Dillahunty said that provisions were added to Policy 2.601 regarding online fundraising to address concerns with sites like Go Fund Me. The policy allows for the use on online fundraising sites under certain circumstances.

She said, "Online fundraisers are not a problem for us, but we need this information in our policy manual."

Regarding Policy 4.207-English Learners, Dillahunty informed the board that the policy has been re-titled and revised to align with Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

She said, "The policy is being adopted to modify Language English Proficiency (LEP) definitions to comply with Every Students Succeeds Act. Under ESSA, students for whom English is a second language are no longer referred to as English for Speakers of Other Languages, or ESOL. Additionally, once a student is identified, assessed, and enrolled in a program that provides appropriate instructional environment for English Learners (EL), parents of EL students shall be given notice within thirty days of the school year, or within the first two weeks of a student being placed in a language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP)."

Policy 4.207 states that the notice to parents of EL students must include the reason for identifying the child as an EL student; the child's level of English language proficiency, including how the level was assessed along with the status of the child's academic achievement; methods of instruction used in the program compared with methods of instruction in other available programs and how they differ; how the program meets the educational strengths and needs of the student, and how the program will help the student reach English language proficiency and meet academic standards.

In addition, the policy 4.207 must include program exit requirements including the rate of transition to a standard instructional program classroom and expected rate of high school graduation as well as meet the goals of the EL student with limited English proficiency.

Guidelines must include information on the parent's right to withdraw the student from the program or choose another program or method of instruction if available.

Parental involvement will be encouraged and parents will be regularly informed of their child's progress.

Regarding Policy 4.600-Grading System, Dillahunty read, "The director of schools shall develop an administrative procedure to establish a system of grading and assessment for evaluating and recording student progress and to measure student performance in conjunction with Board-adopted content standards for grades K-8. The grading / assessment shall follow all applicable statutes and regulations of the State Board of Education."

Dillahunty read that the grading / assessment system will be uniform district-wide at comparable grade levels except that the director of schools shall have the authority to establish and operate ungraded and / or unstructured classes in grade K-3.

Subject-area grades for 1-12 will be expressed by the letters "A", "B", "C", "D", and "F" with the following corresponding numerical values: A-93-100; B-85-92; C-75-84; D-70-74; F-below 70.

Dillahunty said that minor modifications were also made to Policy 4.600 due to all schools in the district moving to nine-week grading periods.

Dillahunty said that due to the complex nature of Policy 5.305-Family and Medical Leave Act, the policy was reorganized to bring clarity to the implementation process.

She said, "The newly-written policy was drafted by TSBA to provide clarity in regard to who is eligible to take leave and the amount of time leave may be granted."

The policy reads that anyone who has been employed for at least twelve months by the school system and anyone who has at least 1,250 hours of service during the previous twelve-month period is eligible to take reasonable leave for medical reasons, for the birth or adoption of a child, and for the care of a child, spouse or parent who has a serious health condition.

Qualifying exigencies include issues arising from a covered service member's short notice military deployment for a period of seven days from the date of notification; military events and related activities, such as official ceremonies, programs, or events sponsored by the military or family support or assistance programs and informational briefings sponsored or promoted by the military. Military service organizations, or the American Red Cross that are related to active duty or call to active duty status of a covered service member.

Upon fulfilling restriction requirements for leave, the school board is required to restore the employee to the same position of employment or an equivalent position with no loss of benefits, pay, or other terms of employment, and the employee shall be kept under any group health plan for the duration of the leave.

Dillahunty said that new policy 6.505 provides that the Huntingdon School System afford all students in foster care, including students awaiting foster care placement, with a free and appropriate public education via immediate enrollment, even if the student is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment (academic records, health records, proof of residency), or missed the district's application or enrollment deadlines.

In addition, the district will ensure that a student in foster care, to include students awaiting foster care placement, remains in his / her school of origin while any disputes regarding transportation costs are being resolved.

Dillahunty informed board members that she had received a letter of immediate resignation by HHS Spanish teacher Brady Teague.

In final business, the board set the next school board meeting for Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Sales Tax Receipts Collection in Carroll County

NASHVILLE — The collection of local option sales tax in Carroll County were reported this week for the month of November 2016. Below is a comparative with the same period in 2015 and 2014.

The taxing jurisdictions collected the following amounts after the 1.125 percent state cost of administration: Carroll County $30,738 ($28,691.18 in 2015, 26,113 in 2014); Huntingdon $192,313 ($205,880.43 in 2015, $197,762 in 2014), Atwood $20,881 ($21,398.38 in 2015, $16,727 in 2014); Bruceton $15,767 ($15,242.95 in 2015, $16,383 in 2014); Clarksburg $11,226 ($12,144.61 in 2015, $17,200 in 2014); Hollow Rock $5,200 ($4,805.22 in 2015, $3,810 in 2014); McKenzie $142,338 ($146,177.92 in 2015, $137,926 in 2014); McLemoresville $1,600 ($3,157.23 in 2015, $2553 in 2014); and Trezevant $9,580 ($10,924.29 in 2015, $9593 in 2014).

McKenzie Schools Have More Than Most 'English Learners'

MCKENZIE (December 6) — There are more "English learners" in McKenzie schools than in all of Henry or Weakley counties. That's the report Lynn Watkins, director of schools, provided to the McKenzie School Board on December 6.

The 2017-18 school year starts August 1 for students. That's an earlier start date than in previous years. The calendar, approved by the superintendents of the five special school districts and the Carroll County School District, was sent to each school board for final passage.

McKenzie teachers report for the school year on Tuesday, July 25.

The calendar includes a full week for fall break (October 9 to 13), three days for Thanksgiving, and two weeks and two days for Christmas/New Years. Students will be out December 18 to January 2 and restart the second semester on January 3. A spring break is scheduled for March 26 to March 30. The final day of school is May 17.

The calendar includes 180 instructional days and up to six weather days.

McKenzie is the lone school in Carroll County with any students who do not have the ability to speak or understand the English language. There are approximately 20 total in McKenzie in various grades. They are Spanish and Mandarin (Chinese), mainly whose families are associated to local restaurants and large-scale farming operations.

Schools throughout the state offer ESL – English as Second Language programs. Today, the program is simply termed "English Learners." McKenzie School Board approved a new policy dealing with the EL students. Beth Bailey teaches the students to become proficient in English. A software program additionally helps the Chinese students. The older Chinese students help the younger one.

The new EL policy requires a prescribed amount of parental notification and encourages parental involvement.

Another policy, recommended by the Tennessee School Boards Association to comply with state law, requires the school system to immediate enroll foster children in the school, regardless of whether or not transcripts are immediately available from the previous school. The new policy mirrors that of students who are considered homeless.

Watkins reported the HVAC – heating and air conditioning project to replace the remaining through-the-wall units at McKenzie High School – will be bid on December 15, 2:00 p.m.

He also noted the state progress reports for students at McKenzie High School are much more stringent than in years past. Last year's evaluations reflected the new testing methods.

Brandon Hayes and Tony Royle were approved as substitute teachers by the superintendent.

Considerations Before Purchasing a Horse

From the Tennessee Extension Office

With Christmas just around the corner, there will be some who hope for a horse. Before purchasing a horse one should consider several factors to make sure that they are prepared for horse ownership.

The first consideration is what is the intended use of the horse? Will it be used for work, pleasure or as a pasture animal? Will the horse be rode or worked enough to warrant ownership versus other options? The owner should also consider the amount of time responsible horse care requires.

Another consideration is requirements for the basic care of a horse. Water that is clean, palatable and safe should be available. Each horse requires 3-10 gallons of water per day depending on age, activity level, production and variations in horses as well as environmental conditions. Horses require free access to a shelter that is either natural or man-made. It should be safe, keep weather off the horse, have adequate ventilation, adequate space and be hazard free. Stabled horses should be exercised every day. Adequate health care must be provided as well as adequate nutrition. Horses typically eat 1- 2 ½ % of their body weight per day in forage or hay. Grains are used to supplement the diet if horses are lactating, growing, working hard or if there is not enough forage available. (Please contact your local vet or extension agent for specific amounts of feed required when supplementing a diet with grains.)Horses in West Tennessee generally require about 3 acres per horse. Pastures are generally fescue, fescue-legume or bermudagrass.

If horses will be boarded there are several factors to consider. They include distance to the boarding facility, who will be responsible for the feeding and exercising of the horse, who will clean the stall and replace bedding , will the horse have access to pasture and what is the cost of boarding.

What is the cost of owning a horse? If you plan to keep a horse on your property be sure to figure in fencing and shelter maintenance cost, insurance, taxes, land, utilities and equipment cost. Typically horse owners across the state spend on average about $300/ year on hay for pastured horses, $32 for salt and minerals, $234 for weed control and fertilization of pastures, $780 in bedding, $120 in raw waste disposal and $854 on health cost (including farrier cost assuming trimming hooves every 8 weeks, vaccinations, deworming, vet visits, coggins test and a health certificate). Basic boarding cost across the state averaged about $400/ horse/month.

Other items to consider is what tack and equipment must be purchases, who will transport the horse to shows, trail rides, and to the vet in an emergency situation. Where will animal waste be discarded? A typical 1,000 lb. horse produces a total of 51 lbs. of raw waste per day including solids and liquids. A major issue to consider is how to get rid off the horse if you no longer want to be a horse owner. You should realize that it may take some time to sell or give the horse away. And lastly, how will the animal be disposed of if it dies. Typical cost to dispose of a dead horse is $250-$500 burial, $600-$2,000 for cremation or incineration. The horse can be taken to a landfill, rates do vary.

Although all of the things to consider in horse ownership can be overwhelming, a well-thought-out decision leads to a happier horse ownership experience. For more information on horse ownership contact the University of Tennessee Extension Office, Carroll County at 731-986-1976. The University of Tennessee Extension Service programs are open to all eligible participants regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, age, handicap or veteran status. The Extension Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Lady Nat Cats Drop to #18

By Dave McCulley
Bethel University Sports Information Director

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI (December 8) — The Bethel Lady Wildcats (5-4) dropped to No. 18 in the latest 2016-17 NAIA Division I Women's Basketball Coaches' Top 25 Poll.

The Lady Wildcats were previously ranked No. 10 in the nation.

Bethel is 2-0 in the Southern States Athletic Conference after opening up with two league wins at William Carey and Blue Mountain this past week. The Lady Wildcats are 36-2 in their last 38 regular season conference games.

The Lady Net Cats return to action December 17, 18, and 19 in the SSAC / MSC Challenge in Campbellsville, Kentucky, facing Pikeville on Saturday, Shawnee State on Sunday, and host Campbellsville on Monday.

Wildcats Drop Exhibition At Delta State, 96-65

Courtesy Dave McCulley
Bethel University Sports Information Director

CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI (December 8) — The Bethel Wildcats traveled to Cleveland, Mississippi for an exhibition affair with the Delta State Statesman (3-0) as DSU remained unbeaten in Walter Sillers Coliseum with a 96-65 victory.

DSU counted the game as a regular season contest and improved to 6-1 on the season.

The Cats fell behind 5-0 and saw DSU gradually pull away in the first half. The Statesmen led at one point of the half by 27 at 44-17. The Wildcats shaved eight points off the deficit and trailed at the half, 48-29.

Bethel shot 35-percent from the floor and hit just one three in the half. Delta State shot 52-percent and knocked down five three-pointers. The teams were tied with 20 rebounds each.

Marcus Burnett led Bethel at the half with ten points.

Bethel made an early run in the second half and pulled to within 16 but could never pull closer. DSU's biggest lead came at 82-48.

The Wildcats shot 44-percent in the game hitting 25-of-62 shots. They finished with eight three-pointers. The Wildcats struggled from the free throw line hitting just 7-of-17 charity tosses. DSU shot 51-percent from the field and hit ten three-pointers and out rebounded Bethel, 43-35.

Tyrus Robinson led Bethel with 16 points. Andrew Rogan followed with 13 points. Isaac Edmondson and Burnett had 11 points each.

The Wildcats played the game without their leading scorer, Darren Davidson, who sat out the contest with an injury. Zach Fitzgerald also is out with an injury.

The Wildcats play another exhibition traveling to Murray State Monday night with tip-off at 7:15 p.m. They return home for a regular season game Wednesday December 13 at 7:00 p.m. against Cumberland University.

Carroll County Sheriff's Department

Theft — The Sheriff's Department is investigating a recent theft from private property in Bruceton. Chad Lee Khan of Jonesboro, Arkansas told officers on December 8 that his red Polaris Ranger valued at $15,000, a transfer fuel pump valued at $450, and a covert game camera valued at $500 had been stolen from his property on Old Bruceton Road.

Debit Card Fraud — Authorities are looking into a recent case of debit card fraud. Mark James Malm of Cedar Grove told officers on November 29 that someone had used his debit card number to draw out a total of $506 from his bank account without his knowledge or consent. The money was taken out in two unauthorized transactions on November 29.

DUI — A Montgomery County man was arrested December 3 after allegedly attempting to drive in an intoxicating state in McKenzie. Deputy Ethan C. Parham charged Carlos Edwon Walden, 22, of Clarksville with DUI (first offense), violation of implied consent, and driving on a suspended license. According to Parham's report, he and other deputies were assisting McKenzie police regarding multiple noise complaints on Winston Avenue. Deputies observed two men walking along Winston Avenue, stumbling, and appearing to hold each other up. One of the men, later identified as Walden, got into a car, back sideways into the middle of the street, and then stopped there in the street for a long period of time. When deputies approached Walden and spoke with him, they noticed that he had slurred speech, his eyes were bloodshot, he was unsteady on his feet, and he smelled strongly of alcohol. Walden refused to take a breathalyzer test.

Theft — Deputies are investigating a recent case of theft in McKenzie. Linda Summers told officers on December 3 that someone had stolen an antique Gulf Service Station sign that had been hanging on the side of her barn on Hilliard Road. The sign was valued at $1,000.

Burglary / Vandalism — The Sheriff's Department is investigating the recent burglary / vandalism of a Huntingdon residence. Betty Meggs told deputies on December 5 that someone had broken into the home of her relative, Garrett Meggs, at 190 Bethel Church Road. Upon arrival, deputies found that the back door had been forced open and interior of the home vandalized. Three antique clocks, a generator, a table saw, and a coffee pot — all valued together at $755 — were found to be missing from the residence. Other items may also have been taken from the residence.

Theft — Deputies are looking into the recent theft of a trailer from private property in Cedar Grove. James Perry told officers on November 25 that someone had taken a black 5 X 8 trailer valued at $700 from is property at 9045 Highway 70.

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K-115653 • Beautiful traditional home, downstairs bedroom with handicapped bathroom, ideal neighborhood, affordable 4 BR 3 1/2 Bath, large kitchen, walk in closets, lots of storage. A must see!

Huntingdon Police Reports

Public Intoxication — A Benton County man was cited into court November 30. Patrolman Brian Bennett charged Andrew Ray Buchanan, 23, of Camden with public intoxication. According to Bennett's report, officers received multiple calls about two men, Bennett and another man, causing a disturbance. After speaking with the men on several occasions, the men continued to cause a disturbance.

Drug Possession — A Huntingdon man was arrested December 3. Investigator Joey Hedge charged Christopher Taylor, 42, of Huntingdon Motel room 19 with possession of schedule II with intent and possession of drug paraphernalia. According to Hedge's report, officers received information that Taylor was selling methamphetamine. After receiving permission to search his hotel room, officers found no evidence of drugs. However, when given permission to search the car of Taylor's girlfriend, Kelly Wyatt, plastic bags and 8.6 grams of methamphetamine were found. Taylor told officers the drugs were his.

Drug Possession — A McKenzie man and woman were cited into court December 3. Investigator Joey Hedge charged Katie Brown and David Arnold II, both 33 and of 47 Jordan Ave. with possession of schedule III and theft under $500. According to Hedge's report, officers were contacted by Wal-Mart security after Brown and Arnold allegedly attempted to steal $79.66 worth of items from the store. While searching Brown, officers asked her to empty her pockets. Four Tramadol pills were found.

Drug Possession — A Huntingdon man was arrested November 29. Investigator Joey Hedge charged Chad Maceri, 46, of 132 Hawkins Lane with possession of schedule II, possession of schedule VI, and possession of drug paraphernalia. According to Hedge's report, officers found a glass jar containing marijuana, a plastic bag containing marijuana, and several pipes, baggies, scales, and a grinder while executing a search warrant at Maceri's residence.

Drug Possession — A Huntingdon man and woman were arrested December 3. Investigator Joey Hedge charged James Smith, 39, and Stephanie Thorpe, 36, both of Huntingdon Motel room 23 with possession of schedule II and possession of drug paraphernalia. According to Hedge's report, officers received information that Smith was selling methamphetamine out of his motel room. When officers were given permission to search the room they found pipes, foil, digital scales, and methamphetamine.

Theft — A McKenzie woman was arrested December 2 after allegedly stealing from a local store over a period of months. Sergeant Brad Allen charged Wanda Carol Rainey, 48, of 1668 Stonewall Street with theft under $500. According to Allen's report, Wal-Mart security contacted officers in regards to Rainey shoplifting several hundreds of dollars in clothing, beginning September 19.

Driving While Suspended — A Huntingdon man was arrested December 6 when Sergeant Brad Allen charged Joshua Lawton, 41, of 335 Holmes Mill Road with driving while suspended #2. According to Allen's report, Lawton was stopped while driving due to officers having prior knowledge that his license was suspended. A computer check confirmed that. Lawton also had a warrant for his arrest out of Henderson County.

McKenzie Police Reports

Theft — According to a report filed by MPD Sergeant Jeff Winberry, on December 12, defendant Christina Ennis and witness Scott Davis came to MPD and wrote statements stating that they had dropped suspect William Dale Morgan, 36, Avalon Street, Greenfield, at EZ Pawn. Ennis said that upon arriving at the store, Morgan walked away so that she and Davis could not see what he was doing. After the three left the store, the officer received a call from the manager of EZ Pawn stated that a Sony Handycam camera valued at $60 was missing. The camera was later found at Ennis' residence by Weakly County Sheriff's Department Deputies. Davis stated that Ennis spent her last $20 purchasing the camera from Morgan the day the item was reported as missing. The report noted that Morgan and Ennis were charged with the listed offense.

Theft — According to a report filed by MPD Patrolman Lorrie Mulligan, December 7, the manager of Merchants Outlet Mall called MPD to report a theft at the store. Upon arrival, the manager stated that two women identified as Amber N. Gallimore, 21, Highland Drive, McKenzie, and Melinda Maupin, address not listed, were attempting take items without paying for them. Maupin informed the officer that she had taken some items her daughter (Gallimore) wanted and had put them into her purse. The items listed included: one Summer Time perfume for women; one Cato brand shirt; one BobGau brand shirt; one pair of Karma Blue jeans, and one pair of Vigoss brand jeans with total value of $36.21. Gallimore stated that she had taken items her mother wanted and put them in her jacket pocket. The items included: one bottle of Mad About You body lotion; one confederate flag ring; and one blue cross ring. The items were valued at $16.99. Both women were cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court for the listed offense.

Domestic assault / vandalism — According to a report filed by MPD Sergeant Trey Boucher, Amber B. Wiley, 26, Chestnut Street, McKenzie stated that on December 8 at approximately 6:24 p.m., after she and her boyfriend, identified as Spencer S. Allen, 22, same address listed, got into an argument at their home, Allen allegedly pushed her off the front porch injuring her left ankle after holding her down on a couch against her will earlier in the day. Spencer stated that when he came on December 8 at the aforementioned time, he found that Wiley had taken approximately $600 of his clothes and poured bleach on them before taking the items outside and placing them in the trash can. The clothes were photographed and recovered from the trash can. Allen was arrested for domestic assault and transported to Carroll County Jail with bond set at $1,000. Wiley was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court for vandalism under $1,000 due to her caring for two children at the time of the incident.

Driving on suspended / revoked license / lights — motor vehicles / financial responsibility — According to a report filed by MPD Patrolman Jasmin Burgess, on December 6 at approximately 11:40 p.m., the officer observed a white-colored, 1997 Chevrolet ML driving north on Highway 22 with a side taillight not functioning properly. After the vehicle turned onto Heather Drive, the officer initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. Upon running a computer check on the license of the driver, identified as Robert F. Rummage, 58, Carroll Street, McKenzie, the officer discovered that rummage's license were revoked for failing to satisfy fines out of Carroll County General Sessions Court. Rummage was unable to provide proof of insurance at the time of the stop. After writing citations for the listed offenses, the officer seized Rummage's driver license.

Speeding / simple possession or casual exchange / driving on suspended / revoked license — According to a report filed by MPD Sergeant Jeff Winberry, the officer observed a silver-colored, 2000 Chevrolet Malibu speeding on Highway 22, traveling at 65 mph in a 45 mph speed zone. Upon stopping the vehicle, the officer asked for the driver license of Kaylub David Akers, 21, Michigan Avenue, Goshen, Indiana. A computer check revealed that Akers' license was suspended for a 2016 driving on suspended in Indiana. After asking Akers if he had anything illegal in the vehicle, the defendant said that he had some pipes and an open beer sitting on the floorboard that he had been drinking. Akers was then placed under arrest for the listed offenses and transported to McKenzie City Hall where he admitted to having a 0.4 gram bag of crystal meth on his person. Akers was then transported to Carroll County Jail for booking.

Driving on suspended / revoked driver license / financial responsibility law / stop sign — vehicles must stop — According to a report filed by MPD Patrolman Cody Coleman, on December 11 at around 7:00 p.m., Officer Coleman and MPD Patrolman Savannah Bigham were patrolling on Highland Drive when they observed a silver colored, 2002 Chevrolet PTC fail to stop at the intersection of Hamilton Street and Highland Drive. After stopping the vehicle, the officer spoke to the driver, identified as Johny R. Sherrill, 52, Hilltop Drive, McKenzie and was informed by Sherrill that he did not have a driver license or proof of insurance on the vehicle. A computer check revealed that Sherill's license was revoked for failing to satisfy fines in Hamblen General Sessions Court on April 13, 2016. The officer instructed Sherrill to call someone to pick up the child in the vehicle and cited him into Carroll County General Sessions Court for the listed offenses.

Theft — According to a report filed by MPD Patrolman Jasmin Burgess, on December 11 at 6:01 p.m., the officer responded to a call at a residence located at Paris Street in regards to a stolen "Star Shower" valued by the owner at $60. The owner, Brock H. Doggett, 35, Paris Street, McKenzie, stated that he had gone outside at approximately 5:45 p.m. to activate the device when he noticed that it was gone. The officer advised Doggett to file a theft report.

Simple possession or casual exchange / lights — motor vehicle / driver license required — According to a report filed by MPD Patrolman Cody Coleman, on December 11 at around 4:00 a.m., the officer was observing traffic on Highland Drive when he saw a white-colored, 2011 Kia Opt travelling south on Highland Drive without any headlights or taillights on. After stopping the vehicle just outside the city limits, the officer, while speaking to the driver, identified as Marquel D. Taylor, 21, Farris Carter Street, Atwood, smelled the strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. At that time MPD Patrolman Jasmin Burgess arrived at the scene as Coleman asked the driver to exit the vehicle. Taylor was unable to provide a driver license or proof of insurance for the vehicle. A computer check revealed that Taylor did not have a valid driver license. After informing Taylor and the passenger of the vehicle that he smelled marijuana emanating from the vehicle, a search of the vehicle revealed what was believed to be marijuana rolled inside a cigar on the passenger side floorboard. Officer Burgess then found a small bag containing what was believed to be marijuana in the center console of the vehicle. After Taylor admitted that the 3.0 grams of marijuana was his, he was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court for the listed offenses.

Carroll County General Sessions

The following defendants were bound over to the Grand Jury last week in Carroll County General Sessions Court:

•Charles Woodrow Cochran of 2240 Hebron Church Road, Bruceton, who is charged with aggravated domestic assault, contempt of court (two counts), and violation of a protective order.

•Jonathan Goodrum (no address listed), who is charged with community supervision violation and violation of the sexual offender registry.

•Adam Joe Warren of 36 Bryant Street, Trezevant, who is charged with indecent exposure and solicitation of a minor/statutory rape (two counts).

The following defendants entered guilty pleas and received sentences, fines, and/or court orders:

•Freddy E. Adams of 1310 Yuma Road, Yuma, who pled guilty to a hunting violation. He was fined $50.

•Joseph Cody Allen of 115 Miller Lane, Huntingdon, who pled guilty to DUI (first offense). He was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in jail (suspended), to be monitored by Circuit Court for 11 months and 29 days, fined $350, ordered to serve 48 hours, ordered not to drive for one year, and loss of license for one year. A charge of possession of intoxicating liquor by someone under 21 was dismissed.

•David J. Bradford of Camden, who pled guilty to failure to appear and driving on a suspended license. He was ordered to serve 30 days, placed on unsupervised probation for 11 months and 29 days, and fined $100.

•Dwight Joshua Bryant of Springville, who pled guilty to joyriding and domestic assault. He was given two terms of 11 months and 19 days of unsupervised probation and ordered to serve two terms of 10 days.

•Marlaina Burge of Camden, who pled guilty to domestic assault (two counts). She was ordered to serve three days, placed on supervised probation for 11 months and 26 days, fined $50, and ordered to undergo a drug and alcohol assessment.

•Ronald L. Byers, Jr. of 130 Bell Store Road, McKenzie, who pled guilty to driving on a cancelled license. He was ordered to serve two days, placed on unsupervised probation for 11 months and 27 days, and fined $150. A speeding charge was dismissed.

•Reginald Regeria Cozart of 1895 Wingo Circle, Trezevant, who pled guilty to DUI (first offense). He was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days (suspended), placed on unsupervised probation for 11 months and 29 days, fined $350, ordered to serve 48 hours in jail, and ordered not to drive, including loss of license, for one year.

•Michael Lee Crews of 3140 Hilliard Road, McKenzie, who pled guilty to failure to appear and possession of a schedule II drug. He was ordered to serve 120 days, placed on supervised probation for one term of 10 months and 29 days and another for 11 months and 29 days, and fined $750.

•Porter Cunningham Jr. of 222 Everett Street, McKenzie, who pled guilty to driving on a cancelled license. He was placed on unsupervised probation for six months and fined $100.

•John Dakota Deniker of 26415 Highway 114, Bruceton, who pled guilty to reckless endangerment. He was ordered to serve 48 hours, placed on supervised probation for 11 months and 27 days, ordered to give 20 hours of community service, and fined $350. A seatbelt violation was dismissed.

•Brandy L. Hardin of 1360 Renfroe Road, Huntingdon, who pled guilty to public intoxication. She was fined $50.

•Stephen Janiszeski of Thomaston, Georgia, who pled guilty to domestic assault. He was ordered to serve 90 days and placed on supervised probation for eight months and 29 days.

•Cassidy C. Moore of 1599 Mill Road, Trezevant, who pled guilty to setting a fire without a permit. She was fined $50.

•Donald J. Pillow of Paris, who pled guilty to theft up to $500. He was ordered to serve 10 days, placed on unsupervised probation for 10 months and 29 days, ordered to pay full restitution, fined $25, and ordered to have no contact with Wal-Mart for one year.

•Russell Powell of 514 Hamilton Street, McKenzie, who pled guilty to DUI (first offense). He was ordered to serve 48 hours, placed on unsupervised probation for 11 months and 29 days, and fined $350. A violation of implied consent charge was dismissed.

•Stephanie Thorpe of Huntingdon Motel, Room 23, Huntingdon, who pled guilty to possession/casual exchange of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was ordered to serve 30 days, placed on supervised probation for 10 months and 29 days, and fined $750.

•William Chase Brock of 146 Elm Street, McKenzie, who pled guilty to driving on a cancelled license. He was placed on unsupervised probation for 11 months and 29 days and fined $250. A window tint violation was dismissed.

•Amy L. Cagle of 175 South Dodd Street, Hollow Rock, pled guilty to criminal trespassing. She was fined $10.

•Jimmy R. Melton Jr., Murfreesboro, pled guilty to aggravated assault. He was placed on supervised probation for 11 months and 29 days, ordered to complete anger management classes, given a no-contact order, and fined $50.

•Jerry L. Milton of 155 Walnut Circle, Apt. 4019, McKenzie, who pled guilty to failure to appear. He was ordered to serve two days, placed on supervised probation for 11 months and 27 days, and fined $100. Another failure to appear charge was dismissed.

•William C. Ragsdale of Camden, who pled guilty to failure to appear and driving on a cancelled license. He was ordered to serve two days, placed on supervised probation for 11 months and 27 days and another term of six months, and fined $200.

•Timothy Kevin Ricketts of 22615 State Route 114, Hollow Rock, who pled guilty to disorderly conduct. No sentence listed.

•John Paul Todd of Camden, who pled guilty to probation violation. He was ordered to serve 30 days.

•Tyler Wright of 3415 Highway 105, Trezevant, who pled guilty to probation violation. He was ordered to serve 30 days.

The following defendant was granted a pre-trial / judicial diversion:

•Teardrop L. Williams of 87 West End Avenue, McKenzie, for domestic assault.

All charges were dismissed against the following defendants:

•Rachel D. Clements of 106 Carroll Street, Bruceton, for a seatbelt violation, expired registration, and violation of financial responsibility.

•Marvin Dene Grayson of Bells for driving on a revoked license.

•Eric S. Jones of 10360 Purdy Road, Huntingdon, for driving on a suspended license.

•William A. Nunnery of 121 Forrest Avenue, McKenzie, for driving on a suspended license, violation of financial responsibility, and a stop sign violation.

•Tosha M. Stubblefield of 390 Bobbitt Road, Bruceton, for driving on a suspended license, violation of financial responsibility, and expired registration.

•Ingrid L. Liquez of 80 Blackburn Avenue, McKenzie, for domestic assault.

•Roy M. Lowrance of 199 Diamond Drive, McKenzie, for violation of an order of protection.

•Benjamin Ricky Presson II of 9515 Highway 77, Huntingdon, for domestic assault.

•Kenneth Walker of 21645 Seminary Street, Hollow Rock, for community supervision violation.

Property Transfers

•Michael Douglas and Kristina Marie Hilton to Timothy Shane and Melanie Anne Bowen in District 6.

•Devin O. and Janet M. Russom to Gregory T. and Barbara A. Haines in District 6.

•Linda Lassater Moore and others to Linda Lassater Moore and others in District 4.

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•Christopher John and Anna Renee Mitchell to Craig A. and Tracy L. Minton in District 11.

•David Dove to Vernon and Ruthie L. Stem in District 11.

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•Susan Hayes to Timothy Little in District 21.

•Robert A. and Patricia Langley to George D. and Gina Smith.

•John F. Coleman Jr. to John F. Jr. and Melodie A. Hendrix Coleman in District 2.

•Totsy P. and Eric Daniel to Francis R. Daniel in District 15.

•Totsy P. Daniel to Francis R. Daniel.

•Timothy Wade Chaney to Samantha Jennifer Gray Wilkes in District 11.

•Samantha Jennifer Gray Wilkes to Timothy Wade Chaney in District 21.

•Paul T. and Sherry Epperson to Daniel and Heather Willman.

•Edward and Donna S. Sexton to John and Carole Butler in District 11.

•James E. Parish to Lonnie J. and Melissa Kish Stoner in District 22.

•Joanna Turner to Rebeka J. Lee and others in District 4.

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•Patricia Ripley to Steven A. Ripley.

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Marriage Licenses

•Jason Dennis Edwards, 39, of McKenzie to Jacqueline Elsner Boals, 29, of Huntingdon.

•Joseph Lee Ellis III, 33, of Trenton to Brittany Paige Turner, 22, of Trenton.

•Hayden Nicholas Howell, 23, of Bruceton to Amanda Lee Dunnam, 25, of Bruceton.

USDA-Farm Service Agency
Notice of Availability
FSA Direct and Guaranteed Loans Resulting in Swine Facility Site Preparation and Construction
Draft Environmental Assessment

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces they will be completing an Environmental Assessment for a proposed loan guarantee to be located at property in Carroll county identified as Carroll County Assessor's Map 009 Parcel 020.00. The primary objective of the activity is for financing site preparation and construction of two "Wean to Finish Type" Swine Barns and related equipment.

FSA is accepting comments on the potential effects of the proposed project on protected resources and the human environment through January 6, 2017.

Information regarding this project can be reviewed in person at the Carroll County FSA office. Comments should be submitted to Anita W. Mullins, FLO at 630 High Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344

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NOTICE
Twenty Fourth Judicial Circuit Court

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

IT IS THE DUTY OF THE GRAND JURORS TO INVESTIGATE ANY PUBLIC OFFENSE WHICH THEY KNOW OR HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE HAS BEEN COMMITTED AND WHICH IS TRIABLE OR INDICTABLE IN THIS COUNTY. ANY PERSON HAVING KNOWLEDGE OR PROOF THAT SUCH AN OFFENSE HAS BEEN COMMITTED MAY APPLY TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE GRAND JURY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TENNESSEE CODE ANOTATED, SECTION 40-12-104

THE FOREMAN IN THIS COUNTY IS PRESENTLY:
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CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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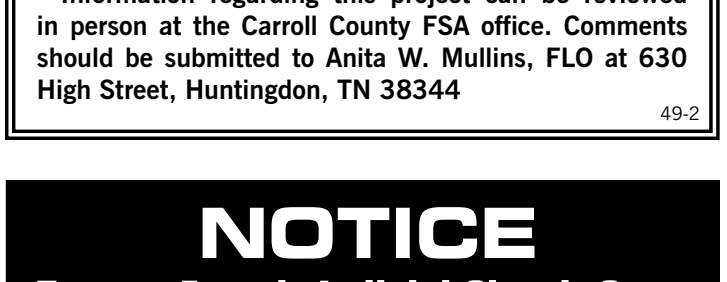

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2016-PA-206

ESTATE OF: JIMMY JOE MANN, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the 1ST day of DECEMBER, 2016 Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of JIMMY JOE MANN deceased, who died DECEMBER 18, 2015, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will forever be barred:

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

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

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

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See solution in next week's edition.

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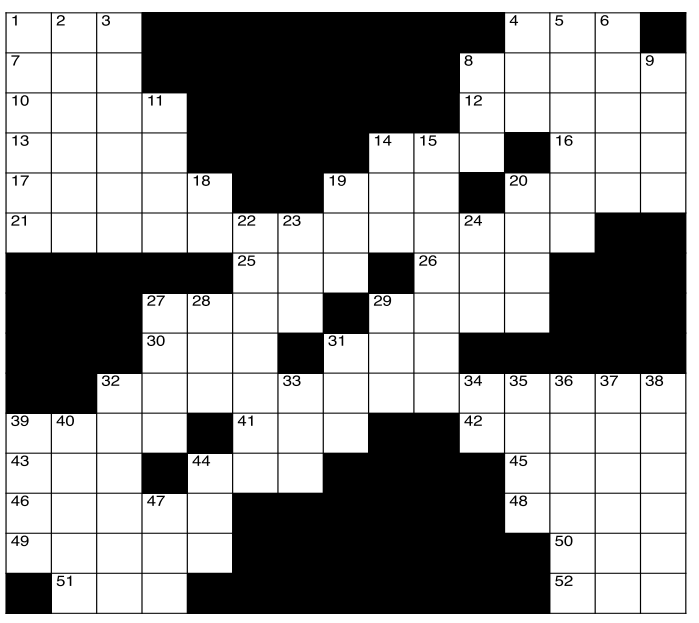
Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS
1. Large primate
4. Annualized percentage rate
7. Frictional horsepower
8. Alternate name
10. Incursion
12. Metrical feet
13. Musician Ingram
14. Swiss river
16. Text speak for annoying
17. Squelch
19. Will Ferrell played one
20. Close violently
21. Arrogant
25. Goddess of the dawn
26. Today (Spanish)
27. Ethiopian town
29. Speed
30. Kids take it to school
31. Bowling ball's adversary
32. 1988 NFL MVP
39. Volcanic crater
41. Curved shape
42. Discover by investigation
43. Up in the air (abbr.)
44. A son who shares his dad's name
45. Assist in wrongdoing
46. Actress Lathan
48. Nonsense (slang)
49. Sharp and forthright
50. Midway between northeast and east
51. NAACP cofounder Wells
52. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN
1. Again
2. Erectile organs
3. Concluding speech
4. Pie _ __ mode
5. With pustules
6. Muslim calendar month
8. Need it to live
9. Thailand
11. Container to serve food
14. Boxing great
15. Woolen blankets
18. Expresses surprise
19. Emergency medical services
20. Inflamed swelling of the eyelid
22. Reporter
23. Arrived extinct
24. Ad __
27. Academic bill of rights
28. A pair
29. Pumpkin and apple are examples
31. China
32. Made illegal
33. Be mistaken
34. Stephen King's "Pennywise"
35. Semite
36. Martens with short tails
37. Large bodies of water
38. Lower in position
39. Dough used in Latin American cuisine
40. Calculating tools
44. Boxers do this
47. Macaw



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**Submit Complete Applications to:

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REFERENCE: HS/EHS Location – Position of Interest

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S	T	U	P	E	F	I	E	S	■	R	I	L	E	D
■	■	T	O	P	A	Z	■	■	M	A	N	I	L	A
R	A	T	I	O	N	A	L	I	S	T	■	E	E	G
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1	8	3	5	2	7	6	9	4
7	6	2	4	3	9	8	5	1
5	9	4	6	8	1	7	3	2
6	4	7	1	9	5	2	8	3
2	5	9	3	7	8	1	4	6
8	3	1	2	6	4	5	7	9
9	1	5	7	4	2	3	6	8
3	2	8	9	5	6	4	1	7
4	7	6	8	1	3	9	2	5

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