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One Airlifted Following Accident



McKENZIE (December 7) — A two-car collision at the intersection of State Route 22 and Connie Allen Road sent one of the drivers to the hospital via air ambulance.

According to a report by the Tennessee Highway Patrol, the accident occurred on December 7 at 3:45 p.m. Linda Burcham, 71, was driving a 2005 Toyota Highlander when she crossed Highway 22 after exiting Connie Allen Road. She entered the path of Luke Woodall, 23, driving a 2006 Jeep Cherokee.

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SEVERE WEATHER TURNS DEADLY MID-STATE



Above, The National Guard Armory in Dresden, Tennessee sustained damage on Saturday when an EF-1 tornado passed nearby. Photo courtesy of Jeff Washburn/The Weakley Times Below, Quarter-sized hail came down in Atwood on Saturday as severe weather passed through Carroll County. Photo Courtesy Brittany Fowler

Dresden Relives Tornado Terror Two Years Later

Six Dead in Middle Tennessee

BY BRITTANY MARTIN
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DRESDEN (December 9, 2023) — On Saturday, one day shy of the two-year anniversary of the long track EF-3 tornado that churned through the heart of downtown Dresden, residents found themselves reliving the nightmare. Only this time it was

at midday, the downtown area was spared and preliminary surveys indicate it was an EF-1 tornado. The tornado Saturday had an estimated peak wind speed of 110 mph, was 600 yards wide and tracked a 25.3 mile path through Gibson and Weakley counties injuring three people with no fatalities. It started in Yorkville in Gibson County and ended in Dresden in Weakley County.

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Nine McKenzie Teachers Granted Tenure

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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McKENZIE (December 5) — Nine teachers in the McKenzie Special School District were granted tenure during the December 5 meeting of the school board.

In a unanimous vote, the following teachers were granted tenure: Chase Barton (first grade), Brandy Baumgardner (Pre-K), Kelsey Brown (first grade), Dusty Emerson (special education), Rachel Hardy (kindergarten), and Cari Moore (second grade) — all at McKenzie Elementary

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Newly Tenured Teachers at McKenzie (L to R) Front Row: Kelsey Brown, Rachel Hardy and Cari Moore. Back Row: Trey Cantrell, Chase Barton, Karlene Ellis-Brown and Brandy Baumgardner. Not pictured are Audra Atkins and Dusty Emerson.

Huntingdon Christmas Parade Rescheduled

HUNTINGDON — Huntingdon annual Christmas Parade is rescheduled to Saturday, December 16 at 6 p.m. in the downtown area. It was originally scheduled for December 9, however, severe weather was predicted and the city leaders correctly chose to

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Two Charged With Multiple Drug Charges

McKENZIE (December 9) — Eddie L. Shaw, 40, Cedar Street, McKenzie and Jaclyn N. Dodd, 32, McDonald Avenue, McKenzie, were charged with several drug charges after a traffic stop due to a display of registration violation.

McKenzie Police Officer Shaw Beck, MPD Sergeant Jason Artymovich, MPD Sergeant Cody Coleman, and K-9 Officer Toby participated in the arrest.

Shaw was arrested on charges of Possession with Intent-Schedule II (Cocaine), Possession with Intent Schedule II (Meth), Possession with Intent Schedule 6, Possession

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West Carroll Contracts with Medical Clinic

ATWOOD (December 7) — Students, faculty, and staff of West Carroll now have a medical clinic on campus, thanks to an agreement with Evans Clinic of Huntingdon. The contractual arrangement provides for a medical practitioner to visit the three campuses each Tuesday to serve the people at West Carroll schools.

Preston Caldwell, director of schools, said the agreement with Evans Clinic is 'fantastic.' It has served the schools well and is modeled after an agreement that Huntingdon Special School District and Evans Clinic designed earlier this school year.

West Carroll students must have parental authorization before any treatment. Evans Clinic processes all the charges and makes financial arrangements with the families.

In recent weeks, area schools have experienced

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Above, Dr. Terry Colotta and Dr. Bryan Merrick along with Holly Arnold and Shelby Chapman welcomed the members of the community to the re-opening of the pediatric department at Hometown Health Clinic. The newly renovated facility was toured by numerous members of the community along with business leaders, community leaders and local government officials. Below Left, The clinic had various drawings during the day giving away great prizes to the children. Below Right, Each exam room in the pediatric unit has kid-friendly farm scenes.



Hometown Health Clinic Reopens Pediatric Center

MCKENZIE (December 9) — On Saturday, Hometown Health Clinic hosted the free community event “A Very Merry Hometown Christmas” and held a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the opening of its newly renovated pediatric center. The event provided children with a chance to get their last-minute gift

requests into Santa Claus along with a petting zoo, gift shoppe, a food truck and giveaways to Santa’s lucky little ones. The event and ribbon cutting were attended by numerous members of the community and their children. The renovated pediatric department highlighted the

clinic’s ongoing commitment to delivering healthcare services to the youngest members of the community. The department is supported by Holly Arnold and Shelby Chapman. Both providers are board-certified physician assistants. Regular appointments are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The center is located at 205 Hospital Drive in McKenzie – Entrance B. Hometown Health Clinic and urgent care facilities are owned and medically directed by Dr. Bryan Merrick and Dr. Terry Colotta. The local community healthcare organization has been in McKenzie now for more than forty years.

McKenzie Cross County Celebrates Season



MCKENZIE (December 3) — On Sunday, the McKenzie High School Cross Country Team held a banquet to celebrate their season at Hometown Hangout. Members of the team include: Gracie Aird, Molly French, Alyson Gibson, Madeline Gottshall, Morgan Little, Alyse Lowe, Jacey Pinson, Brody Berryhill, Tobey Brooks, Avery Brown, Nolan Fawcett and Hudson Wallace. The team is coached by Beth Mathis. Submitted Photo

Lady Cats Win Ninth Straight

COURTESY BETHEL SID

MCKENZIE — After beating the Bellevue Bruins Friday night in a hard fought 56-47 battle on the opening night of the Holiday Classic, the (RV) Bethel Lady Wildcats had a much easier win Saturday beating the Harris-Stowe Hornets 77-37. The win was Bethel’s ninth straight victory. For the second night in a row, it was Bethel’s defense which

played a key role in the win. Harris-Stowe shot just 23 percent from the floor. The Hornets were 0-of-10 on three-point attempts. The Cats led 41-11 at half-time. The Lady Cats shot 39 percent from the field and hit ten threes. Bethel was 21-of-29 from the free throw line. Bethel’s bench was huge with a 44-11 advantage in the game. Fourteen different players scored for Bethel. The Cats won the

battle of the boards with a 43-28 margin. Kalynn Howard knocked down four three-pointers and led Bethel with 15 points. Alyia Lee had 12 points and five rebounds. Kyla Taylor had a game high of 11 rebounds for Bethel. Bethel improved to 9-2 while Harris-Stowe dropped to 2-5. Coach Chris Nelson spoke about the Classic and the win. “Today was a good finish

to the Holiday Classic. We had some really good teams and good coaches here on campus this weekend. We had an opportunity to work with some different line ups today and really liked what we were able to see from some different players. We have some big games coming up and hopefully we can keep improving and stay focused on the process of getting better.”



Sherri Brawner, a third grade teacher at Gleason School, was honored as the Teacher of the Year. She is pictured with her principal, Lee Lawrence.

Sherri Brawner Honored As Teacher of the Year

GLEASON (December 1) — Gleason Third Grade Teacher, Mrs. Sherri Brawner, received recognition December 1 as the Weakley County Teacher of the Year for grades Pre-K-4. Each year in Weakley County Schools, ballots are distributed at the building level to identify the best candidates for three grade groups that include Pre-K through 4th, 5th through 8th, and 9th through 12th. Educators in each school vote and ultimately select the winners for each school. The 2024-25 winners per grade group and school are:

- Pre-K-4th Grade**
Ashley Bradberry, Dresden Elementary School; Sherri Brawner, Gleason School; Kimberly Laws, Greenfield School; Allie Crews, Martin Elementary School; Taylor Zantop, Martin Primary School; Shawna Sampson, Sharon School.
- 5th-8th Grade**
Sheena Scott, Dresden Middle School; Amy Orr, Gleason School; Mikaela Roberts, Greenfield School; Carrie Stringer, Martin Elementary School; Kristy Shumake, Martin Middle School; and Betty Eddings, Sharon School.
- 9th-12th Grade**
Amber Hazelwood, Dresden High School; Rebecca Covington, Gleason School; Ameer Hayes, Greenfield School; Seth Frields, Westview High School.

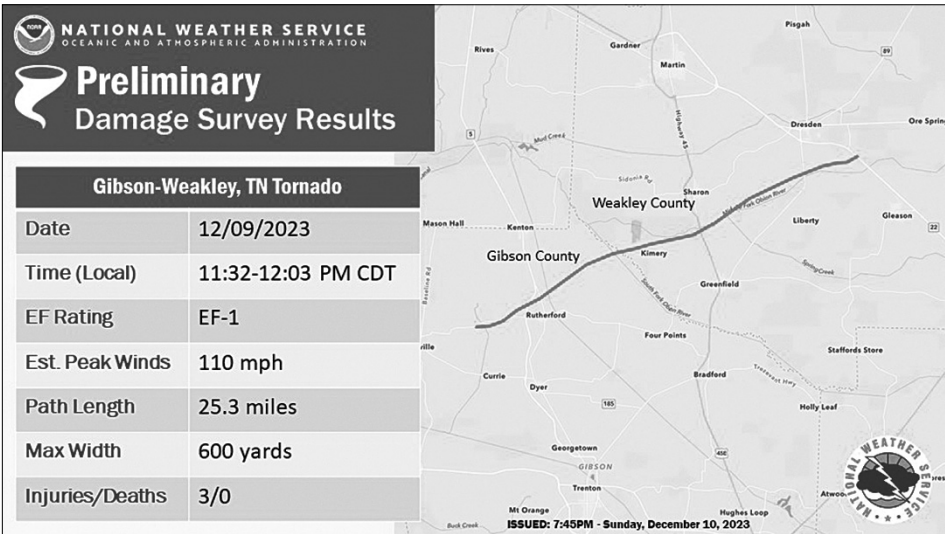
After the winners were selected per building by grade group, a district selection committee met to review contender entries and chose district level winners that are comprised of one individual per grade group. The committee met in November, and the representatives selected will next advance to the regional level. The district level winners are: Sherri Brawner, Gleason School — Pre-K through 4th grade; Kristy Shumake, Martin Middle School — 5th through 8th grade; Seth Frields, Westview High School — 9th through 12th grade. District winners were surprised with a special visit marking the announcement from supervisors and school leadership. Eligibility and selection criteria as set by the state require that the candi-

date be a full-time, certified teacher who spends the majority of the school day in direct instruction to students. Candidates must have a minimum of three years of experience as a teacher in Tennessee schools and a track record of exceptional gains in student learning. Teachers of the Year must be effective, creative, poised, articulate, exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled. They are leaders in the community and in the school, active in extracurricular activities, and inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn. “It is an honor to be selected Teacher of the Year at any level,” mentioned Donald Ray High, Supervisor of Instruction for Grades 6-12 who oversees the program locally. “Our district’s teachers never fail to inspire us every day with all the great things they do in their classrooms. We see the hard work they put in, and it’s wonderful to get this peer recognition.” Supervisor of Elementary Instruction Terri Stephenson added, “We had excellent candidates, and it was a very tough selection of the committee. We know that those who were selected will do well at the next level. They will absolutely represent the district and their fellow teachers very well.” “What an achievement,” noted Assistant Director of Schools Betsi Foster. “We are so proud of each one of these educators. We are thrilled that they are getting recognition for the positive impact they make every day in the lives of students in Weakley County Schools.” Director of Schools Jeff Cupples added, “We have the best educators in the state. It’s always a pleasure to have the opportunity to celebrate the great work they do. Congratulations to those who were selected and thank you for all that you do each day to support students.” The Tennessee Department of Education oversees the Teacher of the Year program to recognize and honor outstanding teachers in the state. Regional teachers of the year are included in education policy making through the Teacher Advisory Council.

McKenzie City Council to Approve Four Industrial Board Appointments

The City of McKenzie Board of Mayor and Council meets Thursday, December 14, to approve four appointments to the McKenzie Industrial Board. Those include the reappointment of Ricky Price (2 year term) and the appointment of six year terms to Mark Anderson II, Chuck Sisson and John Wright. Also up for discussion and approval is the recommendation of Earnest Umstead to the position of Water/Sewer Department Supervisor. If approved, Umstead’s promotion will take effect January 1, 2024 with the retirement of Billy Wood. The Council will hear the second reading of Ordinance 562 to amend the City’s schedule of building permit fees. The new rates are laddered with fees in-

creasing according to the estimated cost of the construction or rehabilitation project. Fees begin at \$50 with no inspection necessary for a project \$18,000 or less. A \$100 fee is added for each required inspection. The highest fee is \$1,697 on construction projects of \$650,000 or greater. Prior to the regular meeting, at 5 p.m. the Council have a workshop to discuss liquor and other alcohol relate laws within the State of Tennessee and the City of McKenzie. Then at 5:45 p.m. the Council serving at the Alcohol Board will be in session for the second reading for liquor license to Brahmananda Reddy Munagala dba as Bram’s Place, 531 Magnolia Ave., McKenzie, TN 38201.



Above, The NWS-Memphis released preliminary survey results on Sunday for the EF-1 tornado that tracked through Gibson and Weakley counties. Below, This map courtesy of NWS-Memphis shows a barrage of tornado watches (light gray) and warnings (dark gray) on Saturday.

Tornado

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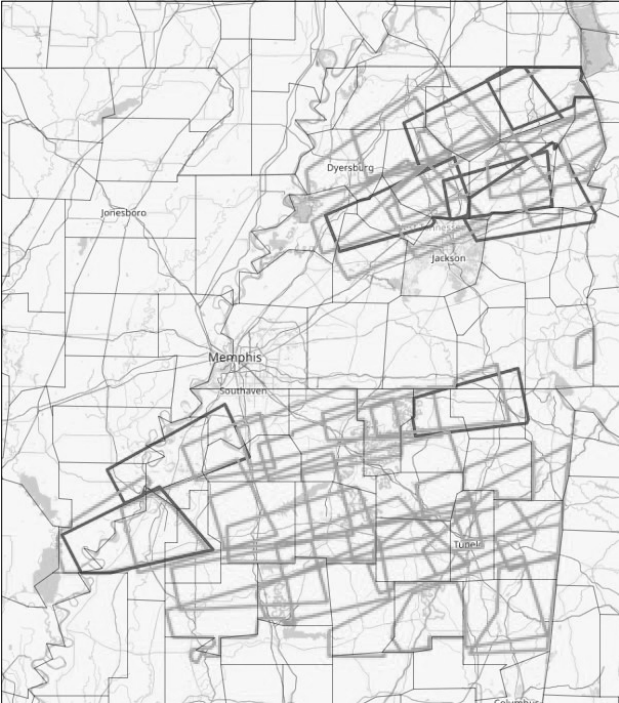
Eyewitness reports quickly flooded in with photos of damage in Rutherford and Dresden, Tennessee. It was a tense afternoon for many as a barrage of Tornado Warnings, Tornado Watches and Severe Weather covered Northwest Tennessee. Pea to quarter-sized hail pelted the area with larger hail reported in Atwood and Milan.

Weakley County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) reported that two homes had major damage on Summers Road in Dresden and two people were injured and transported to the hospital. Champion Homes and the National Guard Armory both sustained damage. According to Weakley County EMA, the main path of damage was an area approximately 2.3 miles long located near the southeastern edge of Dresden.

The National Weather Service Memphis (NWS) said in its preliminary summary of the damage, “The first evidence of tornado damage was near Bells Chapel Road near Jim Dedmon Road in Gibson County where numerous hardwood trees were snapped. The tornado generally moved east to northeast at times. A home on Bells Chapel Road sustained roof damage and a carport was destroyed. A small barn lost most of its roofing and snapped hardwood trees were also noted nearby.

“The tornado crossed Highway 105 and produced roof and wall damage to homes on Joe Lumpkin Road. The tornado continued to move to the northeast and crossed Highway 45 hitting the Gibson County Rescue 9 station. A semi-truck and van were overturned as the tornado crossed Highway 45. Significant roof damage and collapsed walls occurred at this location along with numerous snapped hardwood trees. Additional damage was noted on Walnut Grove Road to hardwood trees with some structural damage to a barn and carport.

“The tornado moved to the northeast and crossed into Weakley County where more hardwood tree damage was observed along with snapped wooden power poles. The tornado continued to the northeast south of Sharon passing to the north of the Middle Fork Obion River. A con-



centrated area of damage was noted south of Dresden on Summers Road. A double-wide trailer rolled off its foundation resulting in two injuries.

“Champion Homes and CSS Auctions on Evergreen Street sustained minor roof damage. Minor roof damage was also observed at the National Guard Armory on Highway 22. The tornado dissipated just east of Highway 22 near Shobe and Chicken roads. The findings here are preliminary and are subject to revision pending new information.”

Severe weather continued its deadly march across the state on Saturday and Middle Tennessee did not fare as well as West Tennessee. The Tennessee Department of Health has confirmed six weather-related fatalities, three in Montgomery County and three in Davidson County.

In Clarksville, 62 were injured after an EF-3 tornado tracked for 43 miles across Montgomery County and into Kentucky’s Todd and Logan counties. An EF-2 with winds of 125 mph left damage in Madison, Hendersonville and Gallatin, Tennessee (preliminary). An EF-2 with max winds of 120 mph, a 3.23 mile length and 400 yard width hit Springfield in Robertson County. Cumberland Furnace in Dickson County suffered an EF-2 with max winds of 125 mph, a path length of 5.13 miles and width 300 yards.

The NWS-Nashville said it will take days to survey all the potential tornado paths in Middle Tennessee.

TEMA (Tennessee Emergency Management Agen-

cy) said Sunday, “The Storm Prediction Center has 13 preliminary tornado reports from yesterday’s storm.”

Affected counties include Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Gibson, Montgomery, Robertson, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Weakley, and Wilson counties.

As of 10 a.m. Sunday, there were 30,960 reports of power outages statewide. Sumner County currently has two water utilities running on generator power.

There have been several shelters, both American Red Cross managed and independently operated, that have been opened in Middle Tennessee to assist affected residents.

Emergency Service Coordinators from TDOT, THP, TN Department of Human Services, and more are monitoring the situation and standing by to provide assistance to local jurisdictions. THP continues to provide assistance with traffic control and other law enforcement responsibilities. TDOT is continuing to monitor road conditions across the state. Current road closures include: SR 6 and SR 258 in Sumner County and SR 45 EB and SR 45 WB in Davidson County.

The NWS-Memphis encourages you to file a report if your property sustained damage on Saturday, by calling 901-544-0399 or visiting www.weather.gov/meg/submitstormreport.

Visit the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance website for more information about filing claims and what to do/avoid after a disaster, <https://www.tn.gov/commerce/disasters>.

spin into the median of the divided four-lane. Woodall’s vehicle came to rest on the roadway.

First responders from McKenzie Fire/Rescue, Carroll County Fire Department, Sheriff’s Depart-

ment and McKenzie Police Department responded to the scene. Baptist EMS responded to attend to the patient. Burcham was extricated from the vehicle and airlifted from a waiting helicopter.

Accident

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Woodall’s vehicle struck Burcham’s in the driver’s side, causing the vehicle to

Parade

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delay the event. Huntingdon native and

Bethel University President Walter Butler is the grand marshal.

Other events in Huntingdon include:

2-4 p.m. — ISTEA Express train rides — starting at the First Baptist Church

area.

5 p.m. — Tree Lighting at City Hall.

There are shops and various events throughout the downtown area in the afternoon. Food trucks are available 2 to 6 p.m.

p.m. on December 9, Officer Beck stopped the vehicle driven by Shaw who stated he did not have any drugs or anything illegal in the car. Because of that statement, the canine was requested to come to the scene and search for illicit materials. K-9 Toby made a positive indication of the presence of drugs and officers searched the vehicle. Shaw admitted he had a marijuana bud and cough syrup in his pocket. Officers also found a crystal-like residue, a glass pipe with residue behind the

passenger seat in a bag, a digital scale, a large sum of money in various denominations. Dodd told officers she had a needle concealed in her bra. Once the suspects were transported to the jail, officers found bags of cocaine, meth, and marijuana in the rear seat where Shaw was sitting. Shaw was additionally charged with introduction of contraband in a penal facility after a video from the jail revealed Shaw hid a needle in some laundry in the booking area of the jail.

Baptist Carroll County Recognized for Excellence in Patient Outcomes, Quality Care

HUNTINGDON (December 6) — Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County has received a 2023 Performance Leadership Award for excellence in outcomes and quality.

“To be named among the top rural hospitals in the nation for outcomes and quality is a tremendous honor for our staff,” said Susan Breeden, CEO and administrator of Baptist Carroll County. “I applaud our medical team for their dedication to our patients and the exceptional care they provide every day.”

The Performance Leadership Awards are based on the results of the Charis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX, the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital perfor-

mance. INDEX data is relied upon by rural hospitals, health systems with rural footprints, hospital associations and state offices of rural health around the country to measure and monitor performance across several areas affecting hospital operations and finance.

“Wherever we go in rural America, we witness firsthand the commitment, determination and compassion with which rural hospitals serve their communities,” said Michael Topchik, national leader, The Charis Center for Rural Health. “Rural health care truly is mission-driven.”

Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient medical care to West Tennessee in

a variety of specialized areas, including cardiac care, pediatrics, general surgery, physical therapy and palliative care, among others. The 70-bed facility is located in Huntingdon, Tennessee, and offers advanced medical technology, such as 3D mammography and the Baptist TeleHealth Center, which uses TeleGuardian. Baptist Carroll County is the recipient of many awards and accolades, including the Tennessee Quality Award, Premier Inc.’s QUEST Award for High-Value Healthcare, the Quest Hero Award, Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval in 2015 and an ‘A’ Hospital Safety Grade from the Leapfrog Group in 2023. For more information, visit baptistonline.org/carroll-county.

Medical

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high numbers of student absences. West Carroll Elementary School recently reported 15 percent of the students were absent. The clinic helped provide medical services to the students.

In other business at the monthly Board of Education meeting, the Board approved policies concerning the use of credit cards, electronic payments and authorized school support organizations.

Caldwell recommended each school site have a credit card to pay for approved incidental expenses, plus booking trips and hotels for school trips. The Board also authorized each school site to have a Walmart and Amazon card to purchase needed school items.

The Board approved using a centralized electronic payment system, such as Venmo, at each school. This help facilitate digital payments for various students to pay for fees. Each school’s use will be through a single Venmo account at each school site.

Mrs. Mandy Drewry of McKenzie was announced as the new food service director. Drewry served 15 years as the countywide director of Coordinated Health for the five school systems. She has a master’s degree and has experience writing grants.

Lisa Kapeller was honored for 24 years of service as a school nurse. She was presented a gift of appreciation as she retires in December. She told the board



Preston Caldwell, director of schools, presents Lisa Kapeller with a token of appreciation for her service as a school nurse for 24 years. Kapeller is retiring.

she has worked and served so many good people and loved the kids.

Director Caldwell announced the school’s ‘New Teacher Academy’ is going great. It “teaches new teachers to teach.”

The director said Governor Bill Lee’s proposed Education Savings Account would provide \$7,000 vouchers to each Tennessee student to attend the school system of their choice. The 2024-25 school year would provide up to 20,000 vouchers of \$7,000 each.

Public schools throughout Tennessee have concerns about the voucher program and its possible effects on

local schools’ enrollment and finances since the state education dollars are based on student enrollment.

West Carroll is also seeking competitive bids to replace lighting outside the West Carroll Junior/Senior High and to replace two heating and cooling units at the school.

Lashlee-Rich of Humboldt is developing a facilities improvement plan to upgrade each of the three facilities. Caldwell said the construction management firm is awaiting information from architects and the fire marshal before giving school officials a price estimate for the work.

Tenure

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School; Karlene Ellis-Brown (MMS special education), and Audra Atkins (7th grade English Language Arts) at McKenzie Middle School; and Trey Cantrell (U.S. History) at McKenzie High School.

Each has a minimum of five years teaching experience and scored a four or five on their proficiency grade out of a maximum of five.

Dr. Justin Barden recommended the teachers for tenure.

Leighann Horne was honored by her peers when she was named West Region Special Education Director of the Year during a recent Tennessee Association of Administrators in Special Education conference. She received the TAASE Cup for the year 2023. Mrs. Horne works in the central office of MSSD.

The Board voted to hire a bookkeeper at McKenzie Middle School. Both McKenzie Elementary and McKenzie High schools have bookkeepers, but not MMS.

The board also approved school board policies to allow high school students to take challenge tests, similar to college Clep tests to opt out of a course of study upon attaining a successful score on the test. Dr. Barden said he will work with other directors of schools in Carroll County to set the standards for the tests.

A policy for using credit cards by authorized users was approved. It allows MSSD representatives to pay authorized charges with a MSSD-owned credit card.

The board also approved a policy to charge tuition to students who reside outside the school district. The funds must be used for the district’s general education uses. This is a new state law that designates the use of the funds. MSSD does not charge tuition to out-of-district students.

Competitive bids to purchase one new F-250 pickup truck for the Maintenance Department was approved. Dr. Barden said the current two trucks have over 200,000 miles and making expensive repairs on the two trucks is ‘throwing good money after bad.’

The board approved a policy to prohibit the use of online payment systems to collect funds. The school had a choice whether or not to accept electronic payment.

Substitute Teacher Pay Discussed

The Board reached no resolution in pay for substitute teachers. Presently, the school pays \$75 daily regardless of the substitute’s level of education or licensure.

On the roster is 35 total substitutes, with one with an active teacher’s license, four with expired teacher licenses, and two with masters in education degrees but no teacher license. Administrators agree there is often a struggle to get the ade-

quate number of substitutes to fill the vacancies left by absent teachers. Board members are considering some level of pay increase to help stem the problem. They are uncertain on how to proceed.

Misty Aird recommended paying \$100 daily for those with a license - expired or active or hold an education degree.

Finance Director Brad Davis provided a survey of pay for area schools. Weakley County pays \$100 for certified teachers and \$75 otherwise. Huntingdon pays \$80 with active license and \$70 otherwise. West Carroll pays \$85 for active license and \$75 otherwise. The highest pay was Alamo with \$125 for certified teacher, \$100 with college degree and \$80 otherwise. Paris Special School District pays \$90 for a licensed or retired teacher, \$75 for college grad, and \$60 for high school diploma.

Based on last year’s number of substitute days, a \$10 across-the-board increase would cost the system \$12,380 more each year. If the increase only affects substitutes who are certified, a \$10 increase would add \$2,595, \$20 increase would add \$5,190, and \$100 would add \$6,486 to the annual budget.

There was also discussion on paying substitutes more for additional years of service.

While the board did not decide, they opted to discuss the matter via e-mail messages with the possibility of additional discussion in a later meeting.

Drug

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of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Prescription-Unlawful, Possession of Schedule 5, and Tampering with Evidence. His bond was set at \$41,500.

Dodd was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with \$1,500 bond.

Both were transported to Carroll County Jail.

At approximately 7:52

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IperionX representatives spoke to members of the Rotary Club of McKenzie. (L to R): Stephanie Harclerod of IperionX, Jason Martin and Christy Williams of Rotary, and Scott Sparks, Michelle Smith, and Steve Pettijohn of IperionX. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

McKenzie Rotary Hears About IperionX

McKENZIE (December 5) — Carroll, Henry, and Benton counties are home to subterranean titanium, according to officials with IperionX. The publicly listed company is betting on the future of titanium mining in the northwest Tennessee communities to provide a lightweight, but strong metal for uses as aircraft, military vehicles, and even metal shields for EV batteries on automobiles.

Scott Sparks, Stephanie Harclerod, Steve Petti-

john, and Michelle Smith spoke to members of the Rotary Club of McKenzie on Tuesday, December 5 about the plans of IperionX in this region.

Sparks, chief operating officer, said IperionX has determined there are deposits of titanium along the McNairy Sand Foundation, which is located in this geographic area. The company has conducted test drilling to locate the deposits, obtained state regulatory permits, and is in the process of work-

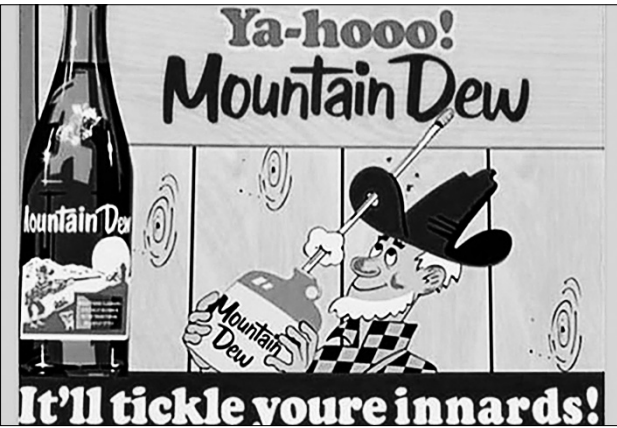
ing with landowners to extract the precious metal from the ground. IperionX expects to hire engineers, mechanics, technicians, and equipment operators in this area. The startup operation is based in Camden. Sparks said the company wants to be transparent about their operations and also be good corporate neighbors.

Much of America's titanium comes from foreign countries, said Sparks. The local operation should allow the reshoring of the

production of titanium to the United States.

Sparks said he has spoken to an Intelligence Committee of Congress, representatives of SpaceX, NASA, and Tesla. One major use of titanium could be in 3D printing to manufacture parts - including on the International Space Station. Custom parts could be designed and manufactured with 3-D printing.

IperionX is listed on NASDAQ under the ticker symbol IPX.



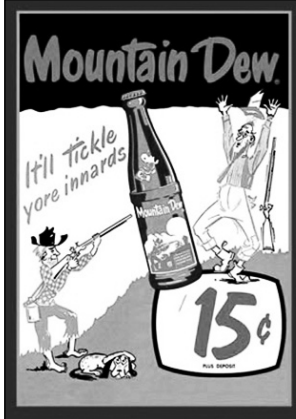
Mountain Dew's Willy the Hillbilly was part of the brand's marketing drawing its inspiration from moonshiners in the Appalachian Mountains.



Mountain Dew

It Came from the Mountains

Mountain Dew, the citrus-flavored soda that has become a staple in the world of soft drinks, has a rich and intriguing history. From its humble beginnings in the 1940s to its global popularity today, Mountain Dew has undergone numerous transformations, both in terms of its flavor profile and marketing strategies.



The story of Mountain Dew began in the 1940s with Barney and Ally Hartman, two beverage bottlers from Tennessee. Seeking to create a mixer for whiskey, they concocted a lemon-lime flavored soda, which they initially called "Personal Setup." Soft drinks were sold regionally in the 1930s, and the Hartmans had difficulty in Knoxville obtaining their preferred soda to mix with liquor, preferably whiskey, so the two developed their own.

"Voltage", and "Baja Blast" flavor variants would be given redesigned packaging, including new logos to correspond with the "Mtn Dew" style. The returning flavors "Pitch Black", "Supernova", "Typhoon", and "Game Fuel" were given redesigned packaging and logos for their 2011 re-release.

Charles Gordon, who had partnered with William Swartz to bottle and promote Dr. Enuf, was introduced to Mountain Dew when he met the Hartman brothers on a train and they offered him a sample. Gordon and the Hartman brothers subsequently made a deal to bottle Mountain Dew by the Tri-Cities Beverage Corporation in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Mountain Dew's cultural impact extends beyond its refreshing taste. The brand has become synonymous with extreme sports, sponsoring events and athletes in activities such as skateboarding, snowboarding, and motocross. The high-energy and adventurous spirit associated with Mountain Dew has made it a favorite among thrill-seekers and adrenaline junkies.

The soda failed to resonate with consumers, prompting the Hartmans to sell their creation to Tip Corporation in 1958. Tip Corporation, a regional brand, decided to rebrand the drink. The rebranding marked the soda's identity, drawing inspiration from the local culture that surrounded the beverage's creation. William H. "Bill" Jones of the Tip Corporation further refined the formula, launching a newer version of Mountain Dew in 1961.

Furthermore, Mountain Dew has capitalized on successful collaborations with pop culture phenomena. The brand has partnered with video games, most notably creating limited-edition flavors tied to popular franchises like Call of Duty and Halo. These collaborations have not only boosted sales but also reinforced Mountain Dew's relevance among younger consumers.

The Pepsi-Cola Company acquired the Mountain Dew brand in 1964, and shortly thereafter in 1969 the logo was modified as the company sought to shift its focus to a "younger, outdoorsy" generation. This direction continued as the logo remained the same through the 1970s and 1980s. In 1996, PepsiCo began using a strategy it was already using with its flagship cola Pepsi, changing Mountain Dew's logo every few years. New logos were introduced in 1996, 1998, and 2005.

While Mountain Dew originated as a regional beverage, it has since grown into a global phenomenon. The brand's expansion into international markets has been marked by cultural sensitivity, with localized marketing campaigns that resonate with diverse audiences. The distinct flavor profiles of various Mountain Dew variants cater to the unique tastes of consumers worldwide, contributing to its success on a global scale.

In October 2008, the Mountain Dew logo was redesigned to "Mtn Dew" within the U.S. market, as a result of PepsiCo announcing that it would rebrand its core carbonated soft-drink products by early 2009. However, the variant flavors continued to use the previous design until May 2011, when it was announced that the "Code Red", "LiveWire",

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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

I Almost Won The Ice Skating Contest

The very best thing about December is it comes around every year. Like clockwork! And you don't have to "Deck the halls with boughs of holly" to enjoy it. You don't have to find a pony under the tree every year; or, as you get older, wake up to a brand new red Mercedes Benz sitting in your driveway.

We had been trapped in a classroom since August. Now, we both liked Miss Carolyn, but she was holding us against our will! There was too much reading, arithmetic, and spelling words....and not enough recess, lunch, and clay modeling.

And that big old radiator was about to suffocate us to death with the heat hissing off of that thing. The air sure looked crisp and light outside the windows. We were praying for snow, which was quite a stretch in our neck of the woods in early December.

But that's where the anticipation part comes in....

The cold didn't bother us. That north wind roaring down from Paducah

could be a nuisance, but we just turned our backs to it. The worst part was the sun went down about 38 minutes after we got out of school. You had to plan your afternoon carefully.

Bobby and I would quit "schooling" and go to thinking on all of the possibilities that awaited us outside the classroom. We were looking right at Miss Carolyn and nodding our heads in agreement as she read how Dick and Jane were frantically looking for their little dog, Spot.

But we were there in body only. We didn't know about mental telepathy in elementary school, but I guarantee you, we were on the same wavelength. The whole world was ours in December....if that Christmas break would just get here!

There was no end of things we could do....

We made a game out of the roads icing over. We'd get a running start across the yard and leap on the ice and see if we could slide from the telephone pole all the way to Mr. Brooks' driveway without falling down, which of course, was near about impossible.

Today, I would break every bone in my body with one fall. Back then, it was the funniest thing in the world, especially if it was Bobby, or Ruth Ann, or older brother Leon taking the tumble.

I remember the year I had on those hard soled brogans. I slid past everybody. It was like I had sprouted wings; I was flying across the ice! I turned to see how far in front I was and veered sideways, lost control, and crashed into Mrs. Boaz's mailbox.

My forehead knocked off that red flag thing as I crashed into the metal box. I literally saw stars right before everything went dark. You ever notice how sometimes real-

ity is not half as good as the anticipation....

Bobby and me would hunker down in that big ditch behind George Sexton's house and talk about what we wanted for Christmas. It didn't matter the year. In the early days, it was always a Red Ryder BB gun, a pair of boxing gloves, or Western Flyer bikes.... I'm telling you, we could anticipate with the best of them!

The very best thing about Christmas is how happy it makes you feel. Miss Carolyn would even slack off a bit on those reading classes. She'd let us sing "Jingle Bells" and "Away in a Manger" right in the classroom. She didn't make us do a thing on Friday afternoon before Christmas break.

We would spend our first "free day" window shopping downtown. The grownups would tussle our hair and wish us a Merry Christmas. Leon let me carry the ax when we'd go looking for the perfect Christmas tree. Dad would not be so demanding about those household chores.

December put a smile on everybody's face.

By the second day of the break, Brewer and I were hiding behind a big Buick parked up in front of Bailey Moore Wrinkles' hardware. We had a handful of BB's and we'd judiciously fling them down Broadway Street and watch the people react as "something" bounced off the road; or pinged against a fender; or lightly flipped by a leg as if a winged messenger of Christmas was magically sending them a greeting.

We would remount and reload over by the World War I cannon in the park and repeat the session down Main Street....

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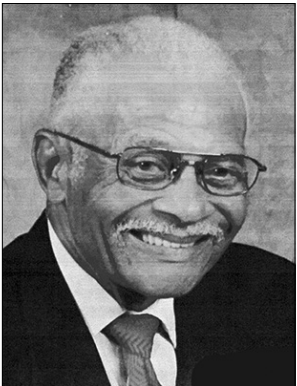
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Obituaries



JAMES
ODELL PATE
1925 — 2023
WWII VETERAN

MCKENZIE — James Odell Pate, 98, died December 3, 2023, at his residence — Lakeside Senior Living Community on Sunday, December 3. Visitation is Saturday, December 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. with funeral to follow at Obion River Baptist Association Bldg in McKenzie. There will be rites by the Masons during visitation time. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery-McKenzie. Trinity Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

James ‘Odell’ Pate was born August 25, 1925, in McKenzie, Tennessee, to the union of Robert ‘Scrap’ and Kathleen Pate. He was the first born of four children from this union.

In addition to his parents, Robert and Kathleen Pate, Odell was also preceded in death by his siblings, Thomas, Bobby, Gladys (Gia) and his daughter, Nina Kay Pate.

Known to everyone as ‘Odell,’ his early life accomplishments included graduating from Webb High School in McKenzie in 1943, where he was an outstanding athlete. He joined the U.S. Army in August 1944, reaching the rank of first sergeant and platoon leader. Odell proudly reminded everyone that he served two years, one month and 29 days. While in the Army he received decorations and citations. Those included: Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and Army of Occupation Medal (Japan). Odell received an honorable discharge in 1946.

Odell accepted Christ at an early age. Having later joined Greater Enon Baptist Church, Odell served in many capacities. Those included chairman of deacons, Sunday School teacher, financial secretary and any other needed positions over the 70-plus years.

He was a proud member of The Mason Golden Eagle Lodge #110, Huntingdon, Tenn. He served as Worshipful Master. After serving this capacity for one year, he was forever known as Past Master Odell.

By his own description, Mr. Odell was ‘A jack of all

trades, but a farmer by occupation. He was also employed at the Wilker Brothers, a ‘pajama’ factory as a night watchman. Later, during his golden years, he was the ‘70ish’ Head Start bus driver, bringing fond memories to many age groups.

Upon returning from the military, Odell married Earlie Mae (Strayhorn) Pate on November 3, 1946. They shared life together for 55 years until her death in 2001. This union was blessed with three children, Nina Kay Pate (deceased), James E. Pate and Russell E. Pate.

At the age of 81, Odell married Arieta (Bobb) Pate, whom he affectionately referred to as “number two”. Arieta had four children from her previous marriage, Patricia Allen, Celestine Williams, Renee’ Bobb, and Cedric Bobb. She died following 13 years of marriage.

Left to mourn his death and celebrate his memories are his sons – Dr. James E. (Yvonne) Pate, Russell E. (Donna) Pate, four grandchildren – Brandon, Chentel, Cameron and Janel, sisters-in-law, Transquilla (Thomas) Pate and Joyce (Bobby) Pate, nephews, Rodney Pate (Livia), Paris Patton (Alice), a host of in-laws (including the Strayhorn family tree), lifelong friend, Mr. Ozell Jones, Lakeside Friend Mr. Carl Applegate, Enon Church family, Golden Eagle Lodge #110 brothers, Lakeside Senior Living Community, and remarkable friends, relatives and a comforting friend during life who has aided the family tirelessly, during this trying time, Mrs. Daisy Dudley. +

WILMA SMITH
1925 — 2023

HUNTINGDON — Wilma Crider Smith, 98, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died peacefully surrounded by her family on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

The funeral services were 11 a.m., Friday, December 8, 2023, at Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Carroll Memorial Gardens. Brother Kenneth Massey and Brother Lynn Stapleton officiated.

The family received friends at Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church, 11110 Lexington Street, Huntingdon, Tennessee, on Thursday, 4-7 p.m. and on Friday, 9 a.m. until the time of service.

She was born April 27, 1925, to Howard and Erin Scott Crider in Carroll County. Wilma was a graduate of Clarksburg High School and Draughton’s

Business College. On March 23, 1946, she married Ray Smith. She worked for South Central Bell before starting her own business, The Hen House, a ladies’ apparel shop. She loved flowers and especially enjoyed growing her own roses. She actively participated in the Huntingdon Garden Club, Helping Hands, and all events involving Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church. Wilma and Ray were instrumental in the planning, construction, and operation of the Second Harvest Food Bank and the livestock sale facility on the Ag Campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin. Wilma truly had a servant’s heart.

Wilma is survived by her devoted husband of 77 years, Ray, and their children, Jan Smith Kizer (Jim) and Brent Smith (Wanda). She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Amy Harris, Jody Kizer (Tracey), Jason Kizer (Kelly), Tim Smith (Melissa), Ginger Welp (Brian) and Christy Smith (granddaughter-in-law). Great-grandchildren include Kizer Harris, Wilson Harris, Emily Kizer, Pierce Kizer, Grant Kizer, Meg Kizer, Molly Kizer, Zach Smith, Beau Smith, Maggie Ray Smith, Allie Welp, and Ansley Welp. Wilma is also survived by her siblings, Randy Crider, Faye Stockdale, and Kaye Pace.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jeff Smith, and grandson-in-law, James Harris, as well as her sisters, Nell Cary, Dorothy Green, Jane Kehring, and brothers, Justin Crider and Milton Crider.

Memorial donations may be made to: Second Harvest Food Bank, 69 Benton Industrial Road Camden, TN 38320 or Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church, 11110 Lexington St., Huntingdon, TN 38344. Dilday-Carter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements, 731-986-8281. +

MARJORIE NOLES
1947 — 2023

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Marjorie Noles, 75, of Huntingdon, Tenn., died Sunday December 10, 2023, at her home.

Graveside services were Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at New Hope Cemetery. Brother Doug Sellers officiating.

There was no public visitation.

Mrs. Noles was born December 14, 1947, to the late Rosser Moody and Effie Rainey Moody. She was a retired teller for First Bank; preceded in death by her husband Milbern Noles; two

brothers, L.A. Moody and Richard Moody; sister, Diane Gay.

She is survived by two sons, Jeff (Michele) Noles of Huntingdon, Tennessee, and Nick (Kelli) Noles of Huntingdon, Tennessee; one brother, Larry (Mary) Moody of Huntingdon, Tennessee; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude.

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



KENNETH HAROLD
RUSSELL
1939 — 2023

TREZEVANT — Kenneth Harold Russell was born April 17, 1939, in Trezevant, Tennessee. He went home to be with Christ his Savior on December 4, 2023, at Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Ken married Geraldine (Jerri) Rowland on February 9, 1963. He gave his heart to Jesus as a young man while farming on his tractor, where he could be found much of the time for years to come. He was a faithful member of Leawood Baptist Church and Leawood East Baptist Church for over 55 years, serving in many roles, including deacon, Sunday School director, and LEBC’s Director of Education.

His early career included work at Corondolet Department Store, where he became a manager. Ken then started his own business, Russell Wood Products, which was an overflow of his passion for woodworking. He graduated from Memphis State University with a BA of Science and Education. Later, he worked at Briar-

crest Christian School for 22 years, initially as a business teacher and coach, and then as director of Finance and Project Manager.

Ken was a faithful follower of Christ, he enjoyed serving his church and its members with generous hospitality, and he fervently loved his family. He was interested and invested in the lives of his children and grandchildren, always making sure that everyone was provided for and willing to brag on them to whoever would listen.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Eula Conley and John Thomas Russell, and his mentor, LeRoy Montgomery. He is survived by Jerri, his wife of 60 years; son, John (Judy) of Knoxville, Tenn.; daughter, Rhonda (Lance) of Arlington, Tenn.; and grandchildren, Carri Russell of Knoxville, Tenn.; Katie Russell of Knoxville; Mitchell Davis (Reagan) of New Albany, Miss.; Russell Davis of Cincinnati, Ohio; Anna Davis of Lexington, Kentucky; and longtime friend and adopted nurse, Nancy Paysinger of Memphis, Tenn.

Memorials may be sent to Leawood East Baptist Church, 1620 N. Houston Levee Road, Cordova, Tenn.

Funeral services were 5 p.m., Thursday, December 7 at Leawood East Baptist Church in Cordova, Tenn., with Dr. Stacy Stilgenbauer, Dr. Jeff Hardy and Dr. Kenny Bruce officiating. Burial was 10 a.m., Friday at Cave Springs Cemetery in Chester County.

The family received friends at Leawood East Baptist Church, 3-5 p.m. on Thursday.

The family expresses our heartfelt thanks for the many prayers and support you have provided us over the course of Ken’s illness and especially over the last few weeks. You have been the hands and feet of Christ for us.

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LUCIAN KEE, JR.
1969 — 2023

BUENA VISTA — Mr. Lucian Milbern “Luke” Kee, Jr., 54, of Buena Vista, Tenn., died Sunday, December 3, 2023, at the Baptist

Hospital in Huntingdon.

Funeral services were Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Larry Joe Ivy officiating. Burial was in Spellings Cemetery.

Mr. Kee was born July 22, 1969, in Buena Vista, the son of the late Lucian Kee Sr. and Edith (Brown) Kee.

He is survived by his wife, Lorlie Kee and his children. Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon, Tenn. +

WILLODEAN
CARTER
1926 — 2023

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Willodean Coleman Carter, 97, of Huntingdon, Tenn., died Sunday, December 10, 2023.

The funeral services are 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at the Dilday-Carter Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 65 Bethel Church Road in Huntingdon.

The family will receive friends at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 5-8 p.m. and on Wednesday, 9 a.m. until time of service.

Willodean was born on July 21, 1926, to the late Jamie and Mattie Coleman. She was a 1944 graduate of McMoresville High School. Willodean is survived by her three children, Susan Lawrence, Jeffrey (Amy) Carter, and Jennifer (Bill) Rogers, all of Huntingdon. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Benjamin (Nichole) Lawrence, Jonathan (Jeanine) Lawrence, Isaac (Alicia) Carter, and Meredith Todd. Her great-grandchildren include Morgan (Corden) Hight, Jack Lawrence, Magnolia Lawrence, Owen Lawrence, Corrie Lawrence, Ethan Coad, and Maci Coad, and her great-great-grandchildren include Colden and Collins Hight.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Wright Carter, son-in-law Reggie Ray Lawrence, grandson Adam Coleman Carter, two sisters Elizabeth Kelly and Iris Traywick, and four brothers Horace Ray Coleman, Jerry Coleman, Billy Coleman and Gordan Coleman.



Salmon Croquettes

1 potato peeled and diced
1 can salmon, drained with bones and skin removed
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon flour
1 egg
Cook potato until tender. Mix salmon, potato, seasoning and flour; mash with potato masher. Add egg. Flour hands, roll mixture into croquettes. Deep fry.

Squash Dressing

3 cups cornbread crumbs
2 cups cooked squash
2 sticks oleo
2 eggs
1 large onion, chopped
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can cream of mushroom soup
Mix all ingredients and bake in greased pan or corn- ing ware for 45 minutes at 350 degrees.

Breakfast Casserole

1 can biscuits
1 lb sausage
4 eggs
1 cup cottage cheese
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
Salt and pepper to taste
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LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE
The Northwest Tenn. Economic Development Agency is accepting applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. This program assists low-income households through direct energy payments to their energy provider. Proof of gross household income is required to determine eligibility. Applicants must also submit a government id, social security number verification for all household members and a current utility company print-out showing the last 12 months of usage at their current location. Individuals inter-

ested in applying for the LIHEAP Program should make an appointment at the Northwest Tenn. Economic Development Agency office in their county of residence.
Go to our website for county site contact information: <http://nwcommunityaction.org>.
Funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is provided through the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA).
E911 BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET
The Carroll County E911 Board of Directors will meet in a called meeting on Friday, December 22, 2023 at 11 a.m. The meeting is at 200 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon, in the training room.
The item on the agenda for discussion is "Consider a proposed contract presented by A2H Engineers, Architects, Planners".

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CARROLL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS
The Carroll County Republican Party meets January 23, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the court room of the Public Safety building, 12740 Lexington Street, Huntingdon.

McKenzie High School All-Region Players

The following McKenzie High School football players were honored as Region 6-A All Region.
MVP — Tate Surber, 132 of 199 passing, 2029 yards, 26 TDs, one interception, 63 tackles and 3 defensive interceptions.
Co-Defensive MVP — Drew Chappell with 92 tackles, 9 tackles for a loss.
Special Teams — Co-MVP Stafford Roditis, 17 punts for 35 yards average, 52 of 54 PATs, 3 field goals of 27, 28, and 31 yards.
All Region — Ace Fisher, Cameron Flippin, KD Cunningham, Colt Norden, Brady Brewer, Jake Cassidy and Dalton Hatley.

Gleason Grad Honored for Supporting Open Government

BY JACK MCELROY
Editor, Knoxville News-Sentinel (retired)

NASHVILLE — It was a celebration of service of Frank Gibson, a Gleason native, who graduated from his hometown high school in 1965, went to Nashville, and a highly successful career at The Tennessean newspaper and as an advocate for open records.
Gibson fulfilled a hitch in the U.S. Army and continued his career in journalism.
The retired Gibson and wife, Kathy, now reside in Florida near his daughter and grandchildren. He made the trip back to Tennessee to be honored as the founder of the Tennessee Coalition of Open Government.
The story of Gibson and TCOG began in rural West Tennessee, where a good — but not great — football player on the Gleason High School team was writing about high-school happenings for the local newspapers in McKenzie and Dresden and phoning in game scores to The Commercial Appeal in Memphis for \$2 a game.
One night, a sportswriter from Nashville's Tennessean showed up for a game, and after he was done interviewing the stars, Frank Gibson trotted over. "How can I land a journalism scholarship?" he asked. "Come see me when you're in town," the writer said.
Frank did and, instead of landing a scholarship, he landed a job as a copyboy. On his first day of work in 1965, he got some sage advice: "If you show 'em you will hustle, you will do OK."
So, Frank hustled at his new job. Soon he was the weekend police reporter.
He wasn't hustling as much on his night-school studies at the University of Tennessee at Nashville, however. His student deferment lapsed, and Frank was drafted in 1966. But he continued to build a journalism career by serving with the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service.
After his hitch, he returned to The Tennessean and to school. John Seigenthaler, the legendary editor and publisher of the Tennessean, noticed Frank again wasn't focusing on his studies, though. He booted him off the paper and told him to come back with a college degree.
So, Frank started hustling at the University of Tennessee, supported by The Tennessean and the GI Bill. By 1970, he was editor of The Daily Beacon, the campus newspaper.
After graduation, Frank continued at The Tennessean, earning a reputation as a shrewd and dogged reporter. Seigenthaler would later say that Frank was "better than anybody else I had ever known in tracking a paper trail" — including himself.
It was Frank's understanding of the importance of public records that ignited his passion for government transparency.
Twenty years before TCOG was founded, he began his fight for open government.
At a national conference, Frank was elected regional director of the Society of Professional Journalists. During the victory party, delegates from Tennessee were grousing about how terrible the public records laws were back in their state. In those days, public officials could refuse to turn over a record, and if a journalist or citizen objected, it would take six months just to get a hearing.
Frank decided to attack the problem. He rounded up some interested folks from Knoxville and Memphis, and they drafted a bill to force quicker court hearings whenever records were denied. Frank then gave the bill to Sam Kennedy, chair of the Tennessee Press Association's Government Affairs Committee, who got it passed.
Frank's first open-govern-



ment coalition was a success.
In 1987, an opportunity arose to broaden the coalition. Tennessee's police chiefs were pushing legislation to close vital records to the public. Frank assembled representatives of the Commercial Appeal and the Tennessean and a couple of well-known broadcasters to come up with a plan to fight back.
They had an inside track. The governor at the time was Ned McWherter, a friend of Frank's family. The group went to the Capitol and was granted a meeting with the governor almost immediately. McWherter listened as the journalists explained the situation.
The secrecy bill was quashed.
Frank then chaired Project Watchdog, SPJ's \$1 million campaign to educate the American people on the importance of a free press. He ascended to SPJ's national presidency and launched Project Sunshine, a nationwide grassroots effort aimed at maintaining open records and open meetings laws.
Frank's day job was evolving, too. Seigenthaler had made him metro editor in 1982. Ten years later, he became The Tennessean's political editor, which put him in charge of the reporters covering the state Capitol and giving him a close-up view of the legislature.
In 1994, SPJ brought its national convention to Nashville, and Frank served as convention chair. He also started going to national Freedom of Information conferences. That gave him insight into the problems other states were having with government secrecy and the solutions they were finding.
Soon he also was chairing the Tennessee Press Association's Freedom of Information Committee, and, eventually, joint meetings of the organization's FOI and Government Affairs committees.
He found himself fielding more and more calls from citizens across the state struggling with access issues.
A fresh challenge emerged with the start of the 21st century. A Chattanooga TV station sued to get photographs of police officers who had been suspended after the death of a prisoner they were transporting. A well-financed out-of-state police union stepped in and had the case moved into federal court, arguing that the officers' privacy rights were threatened.
That terrified Frank, who feared a federal judge might declare Tennessee's public records law unconstitutional. So, he assembled a new coalition, this one of top First Amendment lawyers across the state: Alan Johnson, Doug Pierce, Rick Hollow, and Bud Jackson. They stepped into the case, had it removed from federal court, and ultimately won access to the photos.
It was the birth of what Frank began to call Tennessee's open-government "brain trust."
The case also showed the state's need for a permanent body to fight for open government.
So, Frank set out to create TCOG.
In February of 2003, former Tennessee Press Association President Ron Fryar agreed to chair a steering committee and Frank as-

sembled a group of journalists and attorneys — and Dr. Dorothy Bowles of the University of Tennessee School of Journalism, representing the East Tennessee SPJ — to make plans.
In May, the National Freedom of Information Coalition held its annual conference in Nashville. Sixteen Tennesseans attended and came away excited, providing a core group for a Tennessee initiative.
Frank borrowed the non-profit structure that a buddy had used to set up a similar group in Virginia, and soon TCOG's articles of incorporation had been filed with the state and a non-profit 501c3 application submitted to the IRS.
He opened a bank account, and Dorothy applied for a grant from UT. The \$1,020 she landed became the first deposit. When the steering committee met in Knoxville in November 2003, TCOG was underway.
In early 2004, a website — tcog.info — was launched. A board of directors replaced the steering committee. In addition to media representatives, seats were designated for Common Cause and the League of Women Voters.
Most importantly, Frank was hired to be TCOG's executive director. He had struck a deal with the Tennessean. The paper would pay Frank 80 percent of his salary but require him to work just three days a week. The rest of his time would be dedicated to open government, with TCOG making up the remainder of his salary.
The new group's first order of business would be a statewide audit to test how effective — or ineffective — the state's Public Records Act really was.
Over the next several months Frank and the new TCOG board recruited students, journalists and ordinary citizens across the state. Frank took a week of vacation to train the volunteers on the audit process.
In early November, 112 auditors descended on government offices in all 95 Tennessee counties. They made the same simple requests: Let us see the sheriff and police crime logs for the past 24 hours, the most recent minutes of the local zoning board, and the "zero tolerance" report that all school districts were required to keep available to the public.
The results were shocking. Although the records clearly were open under state law, government officials refused the auditors' requests a third of the time. As one sheriff deputy ignorantly put it: "John Q. Citizen" can't just walk in and see a public record.
Dorothy Bowles assembled and analyzed the data, and reporters from the state's four largest newspapers turned the information into news stories that were published in every daily newspaper in the state that Thanksgiving week. Many newspapers followed up with vigorous editorials.
TCOG had made its presence known. Frank began fielding dozens of calls for advice, conducting training sessions, and lobbying against the secrecy bills that were always popping up in the legislature.
In 2005, he retired from the Tennessean, dedicating himself full-time to TCOG (even though he still was being paid as a part-time employee).
That same year, an unexpected opportunity arose. FBI and Tennessee Bureau of Investigation agents arrested several state legislators in a bribery sting dubbed Operation Tennessee Waltz. During the wave of reform that followed, Frank rushed in a plan to improve the state's open-government laws. The proposal hit resistance during a special session, but lawmakers agreed to appoint an interim study committee. Frank made sure the committee was loaded with open-government advocates.
The study took two years. Local politicians wanted to make changes to the Sunshine Law, which governed public meetings, to allow more secrecy. So, Frank worked with Sen. Randy McNally to address only the Public Records Act. The resulting bill, which Frank maneuvered through the legislature in 2008, forced local governments to be much more responsive when citizens asked to see records.
Then Gov. Phil Bredesen took the reforms a step further. Prompted by Adam Yeomans of the Associated Press, he created the Office of the Open Records Counsel, an ombudsman who could provide training and help enforce the new, tougher transparency law. Elisha Hodge was named the state's first open-records counsel. For the first time, an umpire was calling balls and strikes when Tennesseans wanted to find out what their government was doing.
In the years that followed, Frank continued to lead TCOG as its reputation grew. He fielded more than 200 inquiries a year from journalists and citizens needing help, fought countless battles before the legislature, wrote dozens of columns and op-eds, and conducted formal and informal training sessions across the state.
In 2011, the Tennessee Press Association recruited Frank to be its public policy director, and Deborah Fisher was hired as TCOG's executive director. The two made a powerful team. Frank authored, and Deborah edited, "Keys to Open Government," a citizen's guide to the records and open meetings laws. It was published in 2015 with a grant from the Tennessee Press Association Foundation.
TCOG's impact on the public's consciousness was apparent by September 2015, when hearings were held across the state on a proposal to let local governments start charging citizens just to look at public records. Scores of Tennesseans spoke up at the meetings and hundreds commented online or in writing. Their loud-and-clear objections forced the legislature to abandon the proposal.
Frank's credibility among public officials was evident, as well, when, in 2016 scandal again rocked the legislature, this time involving sexual harassment. Speaker of the House Beth Harwell recruited him to serve on a task force to revamp the General Assembly's sexual harassment policy.
Frank retired as TPA's public policy director in 2017. The following year he was inducted into the Tennessee Journalism Hall of Fame and named the University of Tennessee journalism alumnus of the year. He also has been awarded the Wells Memorial Key, the highest honor bestowed by the Society of Professional Journalists.
He now lives with lifelong partner Kathy Ann Gibson in Land o Lakes, Florida, where they are close to their daughter Amy Sullivan, her husband David, and two grandchildren — Alexander Gibson and Keely Caroline.
Of course, Frank continues to serve actively on the TCOG board, too, still providing invaluable advice whenever asked — which is often.

Gleason 1999 Championship Team to be Honored

GLEASON — The 25th anniversary of the 1999 Class 1A Ladies State Basketball Champions will be honored during a special event at Gleason School on Friday, December 15.

The basketball program is hosting a reunion and celebration of the 1999 High School Girls State Championship Team as part of the home game vs. Bradford. There will

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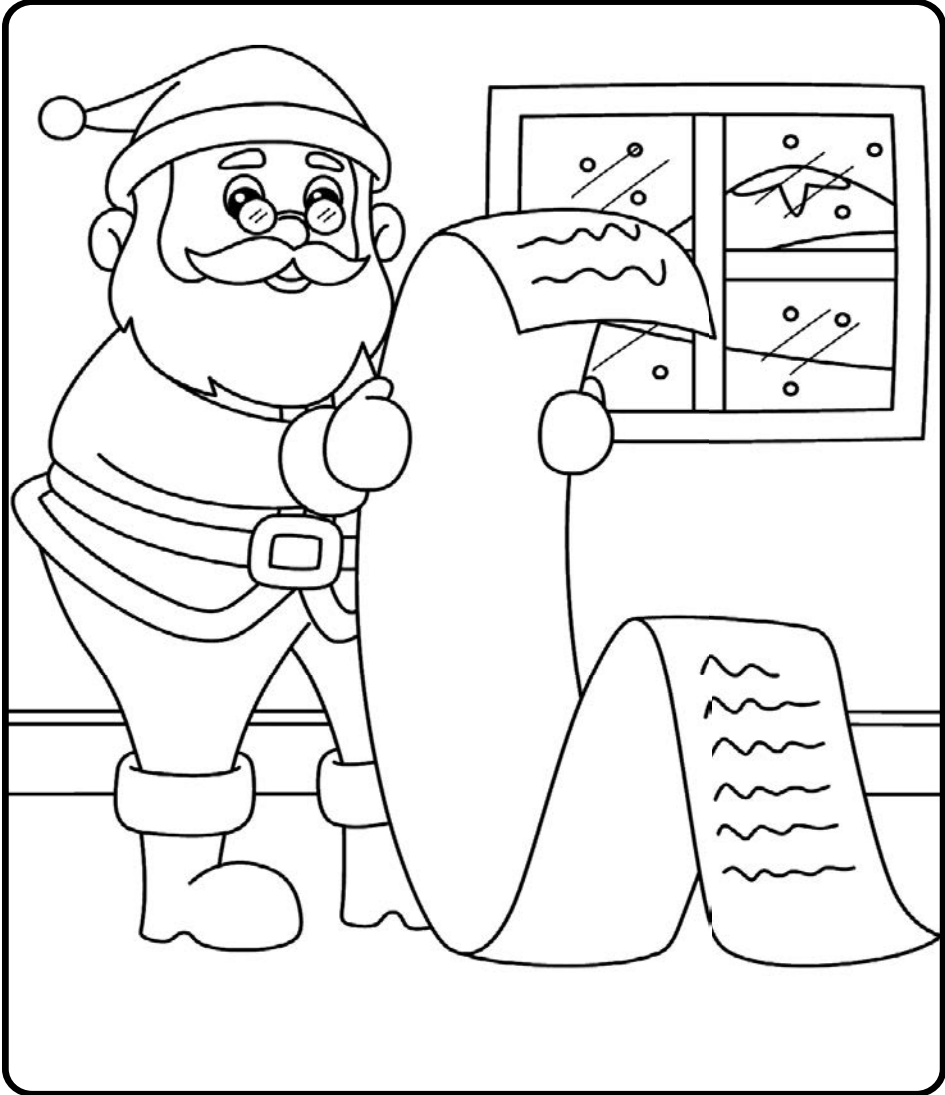
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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Mimic
- 4. Payroll firm
- 7. Perform in a play
- 10. Opine: __ philosophical
- 11. Crony
- 12. Political action committee
- 13. 1991 Wimbledon winner
- 15. Affirmative
- 16. Exclamation of disgust
- 19. Action of connecting
- 21. A way to calm
- 23. Especially fine or decorative clothing
- 24. Walked proudly
- 25. Group of people related through male heir
- 26. Supplemented with difficulty
- 27. Soft touch
- 30. Erases
- 34. Spanish river
- 35. A princess can detect it
- 36. Clouds of gas
- 41. A way to get through
- 45. Part of a book
- 46. Southwestern US state
- 47. Fields where rice is grown
- 50. Area in Ghana
- 54. Sayings
- 55. Involve deeply
- 56. Compels to act
- 57. "Ignore all rules"
- 59. Indoor entertainment space
- 60. Born of
- 61. Back muscle
- 62. Sea dweller
- 63. Tools that resemble an axe
- 64. Prefix denoting class or kind
- 65. Tooth caregiver

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Inspiring

Week 50

2. Put into a box

3. Breathes out

4. Pacify

5. Patriotic society for women

6. Fell down

7. Clothing

8. Dishwasher detergent brand

9. Former French republic

13. Single lens reflex

14. Men's fashion accessory

17. Consumed

18. Marry

20. __ up: intensifies

22. Body of water

27. People of southern Benin

28. Decorate a cake with frosting

29. Snag

31. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)

32. Records brain activity (abbr.)

33. Car mechanics group

37. Brought up to snuff

38. __ faire: Economic approach

39. Phil __, former CIA

40. Affixed

41. Period of adolescence

42. Substance

43. Danced

44. Baked without its shell

47. Parts per billion (abbr.)

48. Satisfaction

49. Balkans river

51. Christmas carols

52. Partner to tonic

53. "The Godfather" character

58. Swiss river

See solution in next week's edition.

Christmas Wish List Word Search

Q	R	Y	X	N	C	L	O	T	H	E	S	B	U	T	M	E	B
W	A	R	M	T	H	W	U	H	E	A	L	T	H	L	H	L	E
F	K	G	M	C	S	F	R	I	E	N	D	S	A	S	O	O	L
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Clothes

Comfort

Faith

Family

Food

Friends

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Health

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Hope

Jesus

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Music

No Wars

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Safety

Sanctuary

Shelter

Snow

Toys

Warmth

Wonder

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- **1642:** ABEL TASMAN IS THE FIRST RECORDED EUROPEAN TO SIGHT NEW ZEALAND.
- **1769:** DARTMOUTH COLLEGE IS FOUNDED BY REVEREND ELEAZAR WHEELLOCK ON LAND DONATED BY ROYAL GOVERNOR JOHN WENTWORTH.
- **1962:** NASA LAUNCHES RELAY 1, THE FIRST ACTIVE REPEATER COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE IN ORBIT.

Week 49 Crossword Puzzle Solution

R	A	B	B	I	S	S	A	L	I	N	E		
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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 49

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SUDOKU WEEK 50

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See solution in next week's edition.

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Carroll County General Sessions Report

HUNTINGDON (December 6) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on December 6.

Resulting in a guilty plea or finding were these cases.

Jamie Barker, Highway

22, McKenzie, guilty, Child Abuse/Neglect or Endangerment, jail 11/29 suspended to four days, must comply with all Department of Children's Services requirements.

Garian Denson, Cherry

Avenue, McKenzie, pre-trial diversion, Theft of Merchandise — Shoplifting, \$50 fine, no contact with Walmart for one year, 20 hours of community service, supervised probation, can be expunged in one

year.

Tracy Carol Dunlap, College Street, Bruceton, guilty, Failure to Appear, 45 days jail, may attend in-patient treatment to receive jail credit.

Colby Blake Ford, Chick-

adee Dr., Milan, guilty, Probation Violation, 10 days jail, probation extended.

Kevon Marcellus Keaton, Ward Drive, Millington, guilty, Reckless Driving, credit for time served, 10 hours of community service and complete driver safety school, probation.

guilty, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, \$750 fine, 11/29 unsupervised probation, alcohol and drug evaluation and counseling; dismissed, Light Law Violation; dismissed, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange.

Fernando Suarez, Church Street, Atwood, guilty, Driving While License Suspended, \$150 fine, six months jail suspended to 10 days, supervised probation; dismissed, DUI-First Offense.

Dustin Eugene Whitson, Garrett, Gleason, Probation Violation, 10 days jail, probation extended.

Isiah G. Willis, Cheatham Street, Bruceton, guilty, Probation Violation, 11/29 jail concurrent with Circuit Court sentence.

The following defendant's cases were dismissed.

Jessica Cozart, New Zion Road, McKenzie, dismissed, Driving While Revoked; dismissed, Financial Responsibility; dismissed, Driving Unregistered Vehicle.

Lindsey Damesworth, Reynolds Street, McKenzie, dismissed, Burglary; dismissed, Theft of Property.

Tramaine King, Tammy Lane, Memphis, dismissed, Disorderly Conduct.

Micah Lovings, Cotton Grower, Jackson, dismissed, Disorderly Conduct.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, CARROLL COUNTY

WHEREAS, Rebecca June Widau executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Ameris Bank, Lender and Tennessee Title Services, LLC, Trustee(s), which was dated March 18, 2019, and recorded on March 25, 2019, in Book 677, at Page 969, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded September 19, 2019 in Book 683, Page 307 in the amount of One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Four and 00/100 (\$141,874.00) in Carroll County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Ameris Bank, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **February 1, 2024, at 2 p.m.** at the usual and customary location at the Carroll County Courthouse, Huntingdon, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Carroll County, Tennessee, to wit:

Lying and being in the Fourth Civil District of Carroll County, Tennessee, and being Lot No. 38 of Long Subdivision No. 2, as shown in Plat Book 1, page 13, Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee, and the Eastern 40 feet of Lot No. 37, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake in the Southern margin of David Street, at the common corner of Lot No. 38 and No. 39; runs thence with the margin of David Street in a Westerly direction, 138.5 feet to a stake that is located 40 feet West of the original corner of Lot No. 37; runs thence South 32 degrees West 225.5 feet to a stake that is located 40 feet from the original Southeastern corner of Lot No. 37; runs thence South 56 degrees East 140 feet to a stake at Lot No. 39; thence North 32 degrees East 227 feet to the point of beginning.

BEING the same property conveyed to Rebecca June Widau, an unmarried woman by deed from Brandon Sims and wife, Julie Sims of record in Book/Record Book/Deed Book/Volume _____, Page _____, or Instrument # _____, Register's Office for Carroll County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: **0020 C 025**
Address/Description: **276 David St, McKenzie, TN 38201**
Current Owner(s): **Rebecca Jane Widau**
Other Interested Party(ies):

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Suite 310, Atlanta, GA 30341
PH: 404-789-2661 FX: 404-294-0919
File No.: 21-02772 FC01

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated December 17, 2012, executed by GENNEA WEATHERS conveying certain real property therein described to BOBBY M. GOODE, STATE DIRECTOR, USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee recorded December 18, 2012, in Deed Book 620, Page 482; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE who is now the owner of said debt; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rublin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rublin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **January 18, 2024** at 3 p.m. at the Front Steps of the Carroll County Courthouse, Huntingdon, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Carroll County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE 11TH CIVIL DISTRICT, CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A FOUND IRON PIN AT THE BACK OF SIDEWALK ON NORTH MARGIN OF BENTON STREET AND CHARLES ARNOLD'S SOUTHEAST CORNER; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST 190.3 FEET ALONG BACK OF SIDEWALK TO AN IRON PIN AT THE BACK OF SIDEWALK ON WEST SIDE MARGIN OF SPRING STREET; THENCE NORTH 8 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST 131 FEET ALONG BACK OF SIDEWALK TO AN IRON PIN AT JOHNNY W. CLIFTON'S SOUTHEAST CORNER, THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST 193.5 FEET ALONG JOHNNY CLIFTON'S SOUTH LINE TO AN IRON PIN ON CHARLES ARNOLD'S EAST LINE; THENCE SOUTH 6 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST 133.07 FEET ALONG ARNOLD'S PROPERTY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 25,304 SQUARE FEET. FOR TITLE SEE DEED BOOK 359, PAGE 618, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 073E-L-007.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **365 BENTON ST, HUNTINGDON, TN 38344**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): GENNEA WEATHERS

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
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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 ANNOTATED, SECTION 40-12-104

THE FOREMAN IN THIS COUNTY IS PRESENTLY:
MR. DANIEL WILLIAMS

THE GRAND JURY WILL MEET NEXT ON:
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 AT THE CARROLL COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

YOU MAY BE PROSECUTED FOR PERJURY FOR ANY ORAL OR WRITTEN STATEMENT WHICH YOU MAKE UNDER OATH TO THE GRAND JURY, WHEN YOU KNOW THE STATEMENT TO BE FALSE, AND WHEN THE STATEMENT TOUCHES ON A MATTER MATERIAL TO THE POINT IN QUESTION.

SARAH BRADBERRY
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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CARROLL COUNTY DELINQUENT TAXES NOTICE

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Owner	Property Address	Parcel	Deed Book/Page	Total Tax Due For Parcel	Owner	Property Address	Parcel	Deed Book/Page	Total Tax Due For Parcel
Hernandez Jose R Becerra	57 Paris St	04-012 E -E -012 E -005.00- -000	00374/00794	\$580.23	Serrano				
Hosford Farrah Et Al Andy	24195 Hwy 22	04-002 O -A -002 P -043.01- -000	00349/00793	\$913.42	Carroll Tracey Lajean	High St 580	16-066 A -C -066 A -025.00- -000	345/386	\$148.37
Radford Salmon					Cookson Mark	High St	16-066 A -A -047 P -026.00- -000	393/290	\$72.58
Jackson Ross Louis	34 Linden Hts	22-012 M -H -012 M -018.01- -00	00374/00873	\$638.86	Cookson Mark	Seminary St/E	16-066 A -A -047 P -026.01- -000	393/631	\$69.72
Johnson Roy Trencce	345 Oak Manor Rd	22-016 - -016 -037.00- -000	00374/00960	\$1,199.42	Cookson Mark	Mill St	16-066 A -A -047 P -028.01- -000	393/294	\$72.58
Langley Bobby Et Ux Patricia	569 Walnut Ave	22-012 L -A -012 M -004.00- -000	00311/00337	\$242.75	Jacobs Lisa Marie	North St 3091	16-048 - -048 -027.01- -000	400/107	\$85.45
Owen Teresa	390 Clear Lake Rd	04-011 - -011 -031.01- -000	00304/00525	\$352.86	Jacobs Lisa Marie	North St 3103	16-048 - -048 -027.02- -000	400/107	\$118.34
Petering Johnnie D C/O	Florida Court	04-012 F -F -012 F -004.00- -000	00352/00899	\$1,735.67	Koebel Sharon	North St	16-048 - -048 -034.01- -000	354/587	\$88.31
Jose Becerra					Tharpe Ray Ranzia Etux Lisa	High St 885	16-066 A -A -066 A -006.01- -000	234/278	\$179.83
Sam's Enterprises Corp	Highland Dr	04-011 P -E -012 L -017.00- -000	00382/00109	\$1,675.61	Phillips John Adam	Main St 105	16-065 D -B -065 E -003.01- -000	385/689	\$132.64
Steele James Gladstone III	West End Ave	04-012 L -N -012 E -007.00- -000	00388/00398	\$101.18	Massey Ave		16-065 L -A -065 L -001.00- -000	259/597	\$105.47
Stewart Eddie Et Ux Nancy	14090 Hwy 79	22-016 - -016 -061.02- -000	00305/00221	\$1,115.05	Smith Nicholas Anthony	Main St 378	16-065 D -B -065 D -004.03- -000	375/243	\$144.08
Taylor Linda K	58 McClure St	22-012 N -D -012 N -028.00- -000	00388/00464	\$374.31	Tharpe Camell C/O Linda Jones	High St 1000	16-047 P -C -066 A -001.00- -000	194/138	\$364.30
Tegethoff Alva Life Estate	145 Carroll St	04-011 H -A -011 H -018.01- -000	00381/00489	\$475.84	Utley N P Hrs % Margaret Farris	Roundhouse Rd / S	16-047 - -047 -089.00- -000	58/182	\$76.87
Townes U L	Stonewall St	22-012 N -C -012 N -028.02- -000	00290/00165	\$82.59	Utley N P Hrs % Margaret Farris	Roundhouse Rd	16-047 - -047 -092.00- -000	58/436	\$102.61
Waldrup Gary C/O Heather	Pine Ct	04-012 M -K -012 L -012.00- -000	00276/00573	\$69.72	Abbott Johnny D Et Ux Lacye L	Sunset Dr	11-063 O -A -063 O -007.00- -000	399/449	\$92.60
Anderson					Adams Manuel O Et Ux	Paris St 14230	11-062 - -062 -104.00- -000	129/152	\$354.29
Holland Mae Jean	245 Miller Rd	12-118 - -118 -043.00- -000	00354/00903	\$330.98	Laura Mae				
Orr Michael Craig Et Al	745 Concord Rd	24-117 - -117 -004.02- -000	00363/00022	\$284.22	Allen Chad F	Mebanewood Dr 341	11-073 E -C -073 E -004.00- -000	377/764	\$247.04
Cameron Mitchell Orr					Avery Properties	Main St 22650	11-072 - -072 -041.00-P-003	398/85	\$72.58
Bryant William	Park St	02-058 - -058 -082.00- -000	00327/00233	\$135.50	Baptist Memorial Regional	R B Wilson Dr 631	11-063 - -063 -049.02-P-004	221/011	\$72.58
Bryant William	Park St	02-058 - -058 -082.00- -001	00327/00233	\$344.28	Home Health Care				
Byrd Tiffany Marie	527 Bryant Rd	21-079 - -079 -077.02- -000	00365/00632	\$397.19	Big Max Bbq	Main St 19062	11-073 - -073 -041.00-P-003	353/882	\$109.76
Cox Charles O	146 Bigysmal Ln	06-154 - -154 -009.39- -000	00350/00391	\$135.50	Bridges Charlie C/O Patricia	Thirnd Ave	11-073 K -E -073 K -013.00- -000	WB E/207	\$66.86
Harrison Jeff	Hwy 105	02-058 - -058 -074.00- -001	00365/00812	\$119.77	Bridges-Green				
Melton Scott Suite 103a	Deere Ln	01-176 - -176 -031.03- -000	00361/00330	\$871.95	Caring Hands Of Tennessee	Mcdonald Dr 340	11-073 D -B -073 E -020.00-P-001	323/503	\$65.43
Miller Kenneth R Et Ux Lynda Y	Main St	02-077 F -A -077 F -023.00- -000	00345/00435	\$1,481.13	Carroll Hardwood Company	Industrial Dr	11-061 - -061 -012.02-P-001	379/805	\$1,175.11
Moore Jarrett	3820 Spring Creek Rd	01-175 - -175 -022.01- -000	00365/00420	\$148.37	Carter Barbara Ann	Knox St 379	11-073 E -F -073 E -016.00- -000	345/812	\$614.55
Patterson Brandon David	2770 Terry Rd	05-105 - -105 -009.00- -000	00342/00856	\$804.74	Clem William Etal Brian Hilliard	Browning Ave	11-073 E -G -073 E -007.01- -000	326/841	\$68.29
Et Ux Tanya					Expert Tech Center	E Main St 20322	11-073 K -G -073 L -004.01-P-015	245/574	\$65.43
Patterson Brandon David	2800 Terry Rd	05-105 - -105 -009.05- -000	00342/00856	\$148.37	Heron Aerial Photography &	Woodlawn Ave 325	11-073 D -B -073 D -011.00-P-00	364/626	\$69.72
Et Ux Tanya B					Holder George Russell Et	Cotton Ln 489	11-072 - -072 -038.04- -000	354/611	\$565.93
Peevyhouse Brandon	Johnson St	02-077 D -D -058 N -039.01- -000	00398/00259	\$74.01	Ux Mildred Jane				
Sullivan Betty Jo	1275 Rimmer Rd	02-057 - -057 -023.01- -000	00366/00919	\$551.63	J & M Auto Care	Carter Dr 615	11-062 - -062 -060.00-P-002	329/869	\$185.55
Barmore Natalie	144 Carroll St	16-066 F -K -066 F -006.00- -000	00356/00158	\$518.74	Mcarthur Kevin C Et Ux	Jamison Dr 366	11-062 M -D -062 M -003.00- -00	340/279	\$348.57
Decker Timothy D Et Al	449 Pine St	16-047 N -B -047 N -026.00- -000	00364/00350	\$728.95	Amanda M				
Ralph Reichard					Mcclure's Lawn & Landscapi	Forney Rd 139	11-072 A -A -072 A -004.00-P-00	371/589	\$74.01
Johnson Tyrone D	136 Cedar St	16-047 N -A -047 N -020.00- -000	00351/00623	\$96.89	Powers Debra	Main St 18420	11-084 B -A -084 G -012.00- -000	354/331	\$126.92
Lockhart Reba Diane	117 Lexington St	16-066 C -C -066 C -001.00- -000	00364/00076	\$259.91	Roberts John Farrell	Hawkins Ln 227	11-073 C -D -073 C -010.00- -000	323/16	\$437.23
Lockhart Reba Diane Et Al	134 Carroll St	16-047 N -B -047 N -006.00- -000	00361/ 00891	\$215.58	Spectrum Of Treasures	E Main St 20290	11-073 L -D -072 H -005.05-P-007	313/847	\$65.43
Treena Deanne Jenkins					Taylor Desmond 116 Jordan Ave	Paris St 13340	11-073 F -B -073 F -005.01- -000	289/007	\$285.65
Moore Jeffery M	Taylor St	16-066 K -B -066 K -007.01- -000	00390/00435	\$84.02	Tucker Karen J	Hawkins Ln 167	11-073 C -B -073 C -013.00- -000	267/220	\$125.49
Oatsval Brent A Et Ux Lenita P	295 General Forrest Dr	16-066 K -C -066 K -012.04- -000	00385/00859	\$789.01	Fowler Ima	5235 MAIN ST	02-058 -A -058 N -034.01- -000		\$158.41
Sunshine Child Care	30316 Broad St	16-066 C -J -066 C -013.00-P-003	00368/00122	\$72.58	Hansbro John E	150 MELTON ST	02-058 -B -058 N -022.00- -000		\$184.67
Towater Charlie Levi	30635 Broad St	16-066 C -F -066 C -008.00- -000	00390/00884	\$295.66	Harrison Jeff	hwy 105	02-058 - -058 -074.00- -000		\$77.77
White Robert Et Ux Misty	313 Gov Browning St	16-066 K -A -066 K -020.00- -000	00383/00621	\$634.57	Hays Lisa Dawn	Hwy 105	02-058 - -058 -074.01- -000		\$72.13
Wild Sparrow Photography	124 Carroll St	16-047 N -B -047 N -010.00-P-00	00397/00700	\$69.72	Miller Kenneth R Etux Lynda	120 Crooked St	02-058 -A -058 N -006.00- -000		\$88.65
Willis Orey	Spruce St	16-066 C -C -066 C -006.00- -000	00385/00046	\$84.02	Miller Kenneth R Etux Lynda	Main St	02-077 - -077 -029.02- -000		\$125.39
Willis Orey	108 Spruce St	16-066 C -C -066 C -006.01- -000	00385/00046	\$853.36	Nelson Raymond L Jr Etal Kelsie	Hurt St	02-077 -A -077 F -023.00- -000		\$413.93
Angulo Yessica Et Al Natalie	Mill St 641	16-048 M -A -048 M -015.00- -00	396/152	\$252.76			02-077 - -077 -017.00- -000		\$189.32

NOTICE: IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED that the above named Defendants enter their appearance before the Clerk & Master, Kenneth Todd, at his Office in the Carroll County Courthouse, Room 105, in Huntingdon, Tennessee, and to file an Answer to the Plaintiffs' Original Bill, or a **Default Judgment will be taken against them on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024 AT 9 a.m.**

This the 20th day of November, 2023.

ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFFS: LAURAA KEETON, BEAU PEMBERTON

KENNETH TODD – CLERK & MASTER

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Above Left, Huntingdon's Annabelle Singleton looks to drive to the basket against South Gibson. Above Right, Sara Beth Smith dominates the Obion County defense. Below Left, Mustang Kenton Smith controls the ball against the South Gibson Hornets. Below Right, Mustang Caleb Ezell lays the ball into the hoop against the Rebels. *Photos by Kathy Bush/The Banner*



Above Left, Martez Teague, 5, moves in for a basket. Above Right, Mikaela Reynolds had 23 points against Riverside. Below Left, Tate Surber led the Rebels with 15 points. Below Right, Sophie Pate takes aim at the basket.



The Huntingdon Fillies basketball team moved to 7-2 on the season with wins over South Gibson and Obion County. The Tuesday night 54-47 win against South Gibson was their second of the season over the Lady Hornets. Leading scorer for the match-up was Lilly Kee with 19 points, followed by Delaney Byars with 16, Josey Stokes and Annabelle Singleton with 7, Quinn Kelley 3, and Kelly Crossno 2. Hallie Allen and Karson Dunn led South Gibson with 13 and 12 respectively.

The Fillies followed with a 62-50 win over Obion County Saturday night. Kee led the Fillies once again with 28 points and 14 rebounds, followed by Byars who added 11, Kelley 8, Stokes 6, Sara Beth Smith 4, Crossno 3, and Singleton 2. The Lady Rebels were led by Alayna Fussell who contributed 21 points for the night.

The Huntingdon Mustangs basketball team, now 1-7 for the season, posted a pair of losses for the week against South Gibson and

Obion County. For their 64-55 match-up with South Gibson, Kenton Smith led Mustang scoring with 13, E.J. Lewis 12, Graham Bartholomew 10, Rayshawn Bailey 6, Bryson Whiteside 5, Caleb Ezell 3, Landon Bryant 3, Kaleb Pearson 3, and Tycen Willis 2. South Gibson was led by Cade Allen with 14 and Kale Marcum 11.

In their 72-56 loss to Obion County, Ezell scored 11, Lewis 10, T. Willis 9, Bailey 8, Pearson 8, Bartholomew 6, Bryant 4, and Whiteside 2.

McKENZIE (December 5) —McKenzie Lady Rebels and Rebels took victories over the Greenfield Lady Yellow-jackets and Yellowjackets on December 5.

McKenzie Lady Rebels claimed a 58-52 victory in a close contest. The Lady Rebels scored 21, 12, 13 and 12 in the respective quarters for a total score of 58. The Lady Yellowjackets scored 16, 9, 13, 13 for a total of 52.

Savannah Davis led all scorers with 25, including 6 three-pointers, 2 two-pointers, and 3 free throws. Mikaela Reynolds scored 12 including 2 two-pointers, 1 three-pointer and 5 free throws. Sophie Pate had 9 points from 3 three-pointers. Charli Weatherford had 5 points, including

victory over the Yellowjackets.

McKenzie scored 25, 22, 11, and 18 in the respective quarters. Greenfield scored 7, 12, 11, and 13.

Martez Teague led all scorers with 20, including 8 two-pointers and 4 free throws. Tate Surber scored

ers, 2 three-pointers, and 1 free throw. Nick Brown had 9 points, including 3 three-pointers; Carson Willis had 7, including 2 two-pointers, 1 three-pointer. Easton Sullivan had 5, Anthony Green had 4, Jackson Dunlap 3, Elijah St. Roman 2, and Brady Archie with 2.

ing 1 three-pointer, Madeline Gottshall had 4 points, and Molly French had 3 points from a 3-pointer.

The Lady 'Jackets were headed by Rayanna Fisher with 17, Anna Grace Abertnathy with 13, Brenley Little with 11, and Anastyn Vujicic with 11.

The Rebels in its first game with a full roster of players following an extended football season, claimed a 76-43 victory over the Yellowjackets.

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The 'Jackets were led by Cruse Porter with 11, including 2 two-pointers, 2 three-pointers, and 1 free throw. Nick Brown had 9 points, including 3 three-pointers; Carson Wills had 7, including 2 two-pointers, 1 three-pointer. Easton Sullivan had 5, Anthony Green had 4, Jackson Dunlap 3, Elijah St. Roman 2, and Brady Archie with 2.

Johnathan and Jeana Curtis to Ben Thomas Jr. and Meredith K. Surber in District 22.	Ryan James. Emanuel and Cherice Dupree to Casey and Jamie Obrien in District 16.
Keith Michael Ellis to Christopher Smith. Lucian M. Jr. Kee to Patsy Grooms in District 10.	Hershel B. Jr. and Ouida Gail Wilkes to Nicholas A. and Lindsey E. Vaughn in District 11.
Megan Youmans to Jacob	Robert C. and Janice

Jane Peterson, 19, of
Huntingdon.

April Sunshine Grooms,
41, of Hollow Rock, to
Godwin Owoicho Odini,
35, of Hollow Rock.

Wolfe to Vanessa Virginia
Mendez in District 11.

John Edwin and Jo Ann
Motheral to Paul Thomas
Motheral in District 4

Calvin L. and Sondra Dionne Beard to Brandon Wesley and Ryan Edward Beard

Jane B. Campbell to Penny Drinkard in District 7

Gary E. and Patty L. Davis to Penny Drinkard in District 7.

Domestic Assault, Drunkenness — Ethan Daniel Joyner, 33, of Yuma, was arrested on December 2 for Domestic Assault and Public Intoxication. Joyner was throwing and breaking items inside of his and the victim's home putting her in fear for her safety. He then went through the victim's vehicle throwing items out of the vehicle into the yard. Joyner was found outside lying in a neighbor's yard.

Aggravated Assault — Adam Scott Alsbrook, 38, of Hunting-

don, was arrested on December 2 for Aggravated Assault. A victim called from her home on Buena Vista Rd and stated Alsbrook was threatening to

burn her and her kids' belongings and was also coming after her with a shovel. The victim stated that he tried to hit her with the shovel and made her fear for her life and safety. A second witness also saw Adam with the shovel.

The Carroll County Sheriff's Office and Civil Service Commission are announcing the procedure for applicants who seek the position of Deputy Sheriff and Communications Officer, as they become available. Application forms may be picked up Monday through Thursday 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sheriff's Office, 200 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344. Job descriptions may be requested from the Sheriff's Office. On January 3, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. promptly, there will be no late admittance. A written test will be administered to all applicants who have not previously been tested or failed a previous test. The test will be given at the Carroll County Sheriff's Office training room 200 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344. The test will cover the areas of reading, math, and basic writing skills. The written test will conclude at 9:30 a.m. Immediately following the written test, interviews (oral examinations) will be conducted by a member of the Sheriff's Office and a member of the Civil Service Commission. All applications need to be turned into the Sheriff's Office no later than Wednesday December 27, 2023 at 4 p.m. Only the top 7 applicants in each category will be notified.

Evading Arrest, Simple Possession — Randy Lynn Anderson, 52, Morris Street, McKenzie was charged with Evading Arrest and Simple Possession on December 9.

Officer Sean Beck reported he attempted to make a traffic stop on Walnut Avenue, however, he was unable to get the vehicle to stop. He pursued the vehicle but lost sight and then located it in the driveway of a residence on Highland Road around midnight. He was the lone occupant of the vehicle and the residents indicated the car had just pulled into the driveway while Anderson claimed otherwise. He was arrested after 2.2 grams of suspected marijuana was found in his pocket. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Counterfeit Money — City Wine and Liquor reported receiving a counterfeit \$20 bill on December 7.

A male subject attempted to pay for merchandise with a credit card, but it was declined. So, the subject then presented a counterfeit \$20 to pay for the \$5 purchase. The store's security cameras captured images of the male subject, described as 6-foot, 300-350 pounds, brown/black hair. He arrived at the store on a motorcycle.

Failure to Appear — John O. Hightower, 38, Cole Street, McKenzie, was arrested on outstanding warrants for Failure to Appear in Weakley County.

dence on December 4, concerning a report that someone was attempting to break into the residence. Officers searched but found no one around the home. Hightower admitted he had warrants against him out of Weakley and Henry counties. He was transported to near the Henry/Weakley line on State Route 22 N where Weakley County officers took custody of Hightower.

Driving on Suspended License — Tommy Brown, 43, Blackburn Road, McKenzie, was charged with Expired Registration and Driving on a Suspended License on December 10.

Officer Sean Beck stopped the vehicle on State Route 436 for an inoperable tag light. A check of the driver's license revealed the sus-

pended status. The license registration was also expired. Brown was cited into court.

Domestic Assault — Jalisa E. Brown, 36, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, was charged with Domestic Assault on December 10.

Officer Jason Artymovich responded to a Walnut Circle residence, where the female victim stated Brown assaulted her. Brown was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Violation of Probation
— Brittany Belk, 32, Barksdale Street, McKenzie, was arrested for Violation of Community Service after a traffic stop on December 7.

INVITATION TO BID

MCKENZIE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT — December 13, 2023

The McKenzie Special School District is receiving bids for the following:

One (1) 2022, 2023, or 2024 Ford 250 4x4 Supercab XL Chassis Cab SRW as specified:

- Engine — 6.2 L V8 gas engine w/ 6 speed automatic transmission and 3.73 rear
- Power equipment group (power windows and locks)
- 245/75/17 all season tires with full size spare
- Heat and air
- Power steering and brakes
- Tilt Wheel
- Driver side lumbar
- Manual telescopic mirrors
- Front tow hooks
- Running boards
- Large capacity fuel tank
- 110/400 watt AC outlet

Knaphaide model 696 service body w/ telescopic sliding roof, LED lights, standard shelving package, overhead ladder rack, and frame mounted receiver hitch w/ 7 & 4 pin plug

This purchase is exempt from all state, federal, and local taxes.

Sealed bids will be received by the McKenzie Special School District at 114 Bell Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201 by Friday, January 12, 2024, at 10 a.m., at which time the bidding will close and the bids opened.

The McKenzie Special School District Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bid quotations.

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Retired University of Tennessee at Martin Dean Lynn Alexander began her love of travel with stories from her father back in her home state of Oklahoma. While her tally of countries visited now totals 15, she is ready to add more. Fortunately, her role as a Global Citizen Adventure Corps board member is helping add to her mix as evidenced by her October exploratory visit to Cuba with staff and other board members. The team included (L to R): Joel Washburn, Julie Hill, Robert “Scooter” Miller, Stacie Freeman, Teresa Washburn, Martha Edinger, Sandy Edinger, Cuban hosts Maria Elena Miqueli and Maybellis Bacallao, and Alexander. www.globalcitizenadventurecorps.org

Retired UTM Professor Enjoys Global Travel, Service

BY KAREN CAMPBELL

MARTIN — When Dr. Lynn Alexander retired from the University of Tennessee at Martin in June, 2023, “slowing down” was not on the itinerary. Instead, she’s filled her days with international travel and is committed to making that possible for students in her adopted home of Martin and the surrounding area.

As a child in her native Oklahoma, she listened to stories of faraway lands told by her father, a retired Naval officer. In college, she finally had the chance to travel internationally in a study abroad program. Since then, she has traveled to over 15 countries on 5 continents.

“The opportunity to study abroad and to travel lit a fire in me,” the former dean of UTM’s College of Humanities observed. “Visiting other countries, meeting people from other cultures — opens your heart and mind. You are more accepting of others and more appreciative of your own life.”

During her 34 years at the university, she worked to support students who wished to travel. She helped lead a travel study trip to Ireland, and under her leadership, the College of Humanities and Fine Arts established a student travel grant to assist students who are participating in travel study or study abroad.

“Traveling abroad gave me confidence and helped me mature in ways I didn’t recognize until much later,” Lynn explained. “I developed problem-solving and communication skills. The time spent abroad helped me develop the talents I needed to become a leader.”

She continued to pave the way for others to experience life beyond the borders as she accepted the invitation to become a board member of Global Citizen Adventure Corps

(GCAC), a local nonprofit established in 2022 to help scholarship students from rural and economically disadvantaged communities for travel service learning.

“Asking Lynn to join the GCAC leadership team was a no-brainer for my co-founder Stacie Freeman and me,” explained Dr. Julie Hill who led 6 international travel studies in her 17 years at UTM, all with Lynn’s support. “Her track record for assisting students who wish to be well-informed and engaged citizens of the world has long been evident. Since GCAC also includes the opportunity to gain college credit, I knew that Lynn’s educator’s heart would be thrilled to help us help students participate. I am so grateful to all she has already done in our first year and look forward to what’s next.”

Though Alexander’s extensive travels included Iceland, Ecuador, Australia, and more, she had always considered Cuba “out of reach.” However, in October, as part of an exploratory GCAC staff and board experience, she was finally able to reach the island.

While in Cuba, the group delivered hundreds of dollars of requested medical supplies and laid the foundation for service-learning experiences—including sharing more than \$10,000 in donated education resources for a music program in Viñales and visiting a tobacco farm and learning about farm production in the area.

“I have never ridden in an ox cart before,” Alexander commented about her farm visit. “It is fascinating to learn about the differences in varieties of crops, the variety of methods of farming, and the different growing seasons.”

Another highlight was a visit to Havana’s Buena Vista Social Club, a supper club whose Grammy-winning entertainers have been the subject of both

a documentary and a PBS special. Celebrating Cuba’s musical heritage, the performers shared tidbits about the country’s history and culture.

A few days later, in Viñales, the group visited the studio of a local artist, Ramon Vázquez, and later helped prepare dinner one evening in the home of their host and in-country partner to GCAC Yaniel Lewis.

“Visiting people’s homes and sharing a meal is a special experience that you don’t get when you travel on your own. Experiences such as this are what makes the travel study experience unlike any other,” Alexander reflected.

“According to the SYTA Student Travel Digest, 74% of school teachers surveyed believe travel has a very positive impact on a student’s personal development and positively impacts students’ performance at school,” she added. “By providing access to international education, Global Citizen Adventure Corps provides the next generation of leaders and innovators the tools to solve the world’s most pressing challenges, at home and abroad.”

Robert “Scooter” Miller of Union City, Sandy and Martha Edinger of Lakewood Ranch, FL, and Joel and Teresa Washburn of McKenzie, also accompanied Alexander, Hill, and Freeman on the inaugural trip to Cuba.

Global Citizen Adventure Corps is a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to cultivating global citizens through education, service, and travel. By offering transferable college credit and donor-funded scholarships, GCAC actively builds pathways between rural high schools, universities, and a robust network of global nonprofit partners to provide travel program opportunities to underserved students. For more information visit www.globalcitizenadventurecorps.org.



Thank You

A sincere “Thank You” to ALL the friends and family who attended my 100th birthday party and for the cards, gifts, phone calls and

FaceTime visits I received. I was truly honored by the Proclamation read and presented by Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler and

congratulations from McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin. Additional thanks to Brittany Webb for surprising me with a visit from ‘Jessi’ the goat, my favorite animal. My 100th birthday celebration was truly wonderful!

Christine Argo



Above, QB Club banquet award recipients (L to R) — Front Row: Austin Byrd, Kaleb Pearson, Ashton Hutcherson, C.J. Pelonero and Tirrell Willis. Back Row: Tayshawn Rivers, Jax Bennett, Gray Eubanks, Brady Warbritton and Easton Byars. Below, HHS cheerleaders recognized at banquet (L to R) — Back Row: Kenzie Drinkard, Sunny Carter, Claudia Cooper, Aubrie Harris, Madisyn Barton and Korra-Beth Doyle. Middle Row: Kylie Tippitt, Chloe Irvin, Emily Tippitt, Grace Smothers and Kansas Barnhill. Front Row: Kennady Tharpe, Ava Williams, Makayla Douglas, Lincoln Dodd, Kayla Price and Adalyn Allen. Photos by Kathy Bush/The Banner



Huntingdon Honors Players, Cheerleaders at Football Banquet

HUNTINGDON (December 7) — Thursday night, Huntingdon High School held its celebratory football banquet at the Huntingdon Church of Christ. The Quarterback Club named seniors Ashton Hutcherson and C.J. Pelonero as co-MVPs for the 11-2 football season. Hutcherson scored 108 points for the season with 1,401 yards rushing and 17 touchdowns while Pelonero posted 122 tackles with nine sacks and two interceptions.

Defensive coordinator Robbie Miller presented the defense awards.

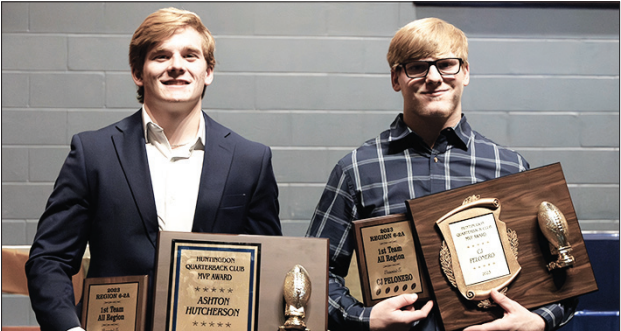
Lineman: Easton Byars, Defensive back: Brady Warbritton. Linebacker: C.J. Pelonero.

Head Coach Eric Swenson presented the offensive awards.

Lineman: Austin Byrd. Offensive back: Ashton Hutcherson.

Assistant coach Nathan Wallace presented the Special Teams award to Gray Eubanks who served as punter and handler of kickoff duties for the Mustangs.

The Paul Ward Senior Hus-



Huntingdon QB Club Co-MVPs (L to R): Ashton Hutcherson and C.J. Pelonero. Photo by Kathy Bush/The Banner

tle Award was presented to Kaleb Pearson by assistant coach Jacob Warbritton. This annual award is presented to the player who best represents Mustang football effort and commitment.

Assistant coach Alan Eubanks presented the Most Improved Player Award to Jax Bennett, and the Top Weightlifter Award was presented to Austin Byrd who lifted 370 on the bench, 270 power clean, and 540 squat.

The players of the Huntingdon High School football team voted C.J. Pelonero as 2023 Captain and Austin

Byrd as Co-Captain.

All-Region Players for 6-2A included Offensive MVP Gray Eubanks who posted 896 yards rushing with 26 touchdowns and 614 yards passing with 6 touchdown completions. First team players: Brady Warbritton, C.J. Pelonero, Ashton Hutcherson, Austin Byrd, and Easton Byars. Second team: Tirrell Willis, Tayshawn Rivers, Jax Bennett, and Kaleb Pearson.

The 2023 cheerleaders were recognized by Ashton Pierce for their participation and support of the football team throughout the season.

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