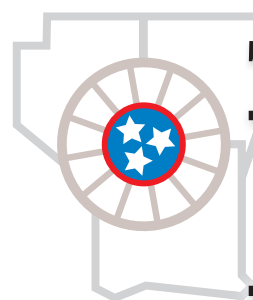




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Presidential, Local Elections Are Tuesday

Tennessee voters as well as voters throughout the nation can vote in national elections on Tuesday, November 3.

In Carroll County, voters can vote in-person on election day between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. at their local voting precinct. Voters should have their photo identification and voter registration card with them. No campaign signage or clothing is allowed within 100 feet of the polling places by candidates, campaign workers or voters.

Look inside The McKenzie Banner for a detailed advertisement featuring the sample ballot and locations of polling precincts. The Banner will also

release the results of polling on Tuesday evening as the Carroll County Election Commission releases the totals.

Early voting for the November 3 local, state and national elections began Wednesday, October 14 and ends Thursday, October 29, 2020 throughout Tennessee. Any registered voter may participate in early voting held exclusively at the Carroll County Election Commission in the Carroll County Office Complex.

Early voting totals are significantly more than four years ago. In Carroll, a total of 6,114 have voted early or by absentee (mail-in). That compares to 3,882 in the 2016 for the 10-day

period through Saturday, October 24.

In Henry County, early voting and absentee totals are 8,201 in 2020 compared to 6,281 in 2016.

In Weakley County, early and absentee voting totals are 7,961 compared to 5,519 in 2016.

In Tennessee, early and absentee totals for the year 2020 for 10 days are 1,653,612 compared to 1,182,515 in the year 2016.

The local ballot in Carroll County for November 3 for national, state, and local elections is as follows. The official

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WEST CARROLL HOMECOMING

Virginia Knott Crowned Queen



West Carroll High School Homecoming Queen Virginia Knott. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

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MONSTER MASH

Movie Night at MHS Thursday

The City of McKenzie is hosting Monster Mash Movie Night on October 29 on the McKenzie High School rear parking lot. The drive-in style movie features the movie Hotel Transylvania at 6:45 p.m. at \$10 per car - limit six persons per vehicle. The grass area is available for those who want to sit in lawn chairs or on blankets.

At 6-6:30 p.m., a costume contest, is held. Prizes are \$100 for Best Family Theme, \$50 for 1st Prize Individual, and \$25 for 2nd Prize Individual.

Food trucks will be on-site including Maria's, Hawg County BBQ and Sweet Jordan's. Purchase tickets at McKenzie City Hall. Last day to purchase is October 27, 4:30 p.m.

This is a socially distanced event.

COVID-19 Cases, Deaths Rise in Tri-Counties

NASHVILLE (October 25) — Tennessee had 3,500 new positive cases and 31 new fatalities due COVID-19 on Sunday, October 25. That brings the total number of positive cases in the year 2020 to 247,587 and the total number of deaths to 3,131.

In Carroll County, there are 1,148 total cases for the year 2020, 82 still active, 26 deaths, and 1,040 recovered. A total of 12,762 tests returned as negative.

In Henry County, there are 796 total positive cases for the year, 92 still active, 11 deaths and 693 recovered. A total of 11,138 tests returned as negative.

In Weakley County, there are 1,561 total positive cases for the year, 135 still active, 26 deaths, and 1,400 recovered.

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DISTRICT, REGION SOCCER CHAMPS



The District 13A and Region 7A champion McKenzie Lady Rebels. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Lady Rebels Begin State Tournament Play Friday, Face Defending Champs

BY BRAD SAM

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MCKENZIE (October 20) — The McKenzie High School Lady Rebel soccer team returns to the TSSAA Class A State Girls' Soccer Tournament for the fourth straight year after claiming the District 13A and Region 7A championships Tuesday with a 4-0 home

win over Westview.

The Class A tournament begins Friday, October 30 at the Richard Siegel Soccer Complex in Murfreesboro, rescheduled from Wednesday due to inclement weather. McKenzie plays at 1:30 p.m. against defending state champion Signal Mountain.

With a win, the Lady Rebels would advance to face either Valor College Prep of

Alcoa Saturday at 1:30 p.m. The other side of the bracket features Adamsville/Westview and Cumberland Gap/Merrol Hyde. The championship game is Monday, November 2 at 11 a.m.

The road to state was much shorter this year for the Lady Rebels. After sweeping

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Suspicious Fire Nets Trespassing Charge

MCKENZIE (October 19) — Two people are charged with criminal trespassing after a garage in which they were sleeping was destroyed by fire. McKenzie Police Officer Trey Boucher charged Paul H. Moore, 54, Main Street, McKenzie and Gina L. Alas, 37, Magnolia Avenue, McKenzie in the incident that occurred on October 19 at 5:25 a.m.

According to Officer Boucher's report, McKenzie Police Department was dispatched to 164 Linden Street to a garage fire. On arrival, the garage and four automobiles were engulfed in fire.

McKenzie Fire Department received the call at 05:21. Responding units: Engine 917, Ladder 919, Rescue 925, Chief 100 Brian Tucker, Chief 103 Roger Christian

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A garage and four automobiles were destroyed in a Monday, October 19 fire on Linden Street. McKenzie Fire Department photo



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McKenzie FFA Students Provide Landscaping to Community



McKENZIE (October 22) — McKenzie High School FFA members in Kim Lowe’s Landscaping class provided their services to Sharon Perry of Como Street Thursday. Lowe, also the school’s FFA sponsor, said the students were taking time during his class on some days to provide landscaping to members of the community while honing their skills. The students earn FFA service hours for their efforts. Pictured are (L to R): Natalie Stephens, Bailee Christman, Wesley Bynum, Chris Barnett, Zach Chandler, Logan Lyles and Daniel Ross. Not pictured is James Carter. *Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner*

Henry County Medical Center Adds Two Patient-Oriented Initiatives to Improve Care

PARIS — Continuously working to improve quality and outcome measures at Henry County Medical Center (HCMC), in September, nursing implemented two new initiatives to help the hospital grow forward in efforts to provide the best healthcare experience possible for patients.

Introduced to the HCMC Board of Trustees at its September meeting, Chief Nursing Officer Neely Ashby discussed these two new programs to improve patient experience: Ask Me 3 and the Discharge Preparation Checklist.

HCMC has maintained its Three-Star Rating despite the difficulties brought on by Covid-19 but Ashby pointed out to board members that the hospital has identified a couple of areas that can be improved with these new initiatives.

“With no visitation during this time period, it was hard to receive high scores on discharge planning and care transitions,” said Ashby.

“So beginning September 1, we started two new programs to help with these issues: Ask Me 3 and the Discharge Preparation Checklist.”

Ask Me 3 is basically three questions that staff are encouraging patients to ask every time someone caring for them comes in the room. The questions are:

- What is my main problem?
- What do I need to do?
- Why is it important for me to do this?

These questions are hanging on the walls of patient rooms as reminders for the patients and their families to ask when staff and providers come in to care for them.

Also, case management is making phone calls to patients after discharge to ensure they have everything they need at home to continue to heal. To assist with these phone calls and preparation before being discharged, HCMC is providing a discharge preparation checklist for patients to review and complete before they are discharged from the hospital.

The Patient and Family Advisory Council began working on the discharge process, implementing discharge folders for the patients and families, and the checklist helps to add an additional tool to the discharge process along with the Ask Me 3 program.

The HCMC Women’s Center will also be implementing a special discharge folder soon as well.



McKenzie Rotary to Host Monster Dash 5K

The McKenzie Rotary is hosting a Monster Dash 5K run and one-mile fun run on Halloween to benefit the McKenzie/Carroll County United Neighbors.

The 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. from McKenzie Recreation Park. The Fun Run starts at 9 a.m. The entry fee is four canned/non-perishable food items or a monetary donation to help replenish the food pantry at United Neighbors.

Participants are encouraged to

wear their Halloween costumes. Entry forms are available at Block City Pizza or The McKenzie Banner. All participants will receive a shirt.

Sponsors of the event are The Dillon family, Perkins Corp, Spivey Eye Clinic, McKenzie Industrial Board, Carroll Bank and Trust, Block City Pizza, Cachengo and The McKenzie Banner.

The McKenzie Rotary Club has numerous projects in which it participates, one is joining

Rotary International is working to eradicate polio. For more than 35 years, Rotary has led the charge working to rid the world of polio.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary International has helped to reduced polio cases by more than 99.9 percent. Currently, there are two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, where the wild-polio virus remains endemic.



Construction Continues at The Lodge at Paris Landing

Construction is underway for a brand new hotel and restaurant at Paris Landing State Park. Pictured is the current construction stage. The previous hotel was razed to make room for the new facility in Henry County.

The new 90-room Lodge at Paris Landing State Park will

provide hotel resort-style vacation rentals on Kentucky Lake near Land Between the Lakes. Features include modern room design, conference space, a full-service restaurant, bar, and lounge overlooking scenic lakes and natural beauty.

Paris Landing State Park, located on the western shore

of the Tennessee River which is dammed to form Kentucky Lake, is the perfect location for all water sports such as boating, swimming, fishing, and skiing. There is plenty of activity on land as well including hiking, golfing, or just relaxing and enjoying natural beauty and wildlife.

McKenzie Accident Injures Driver

McKENZIE (October 23) — A single-car accident on State

Route 423 outside of McKenzie injured the driver.

According to a report by the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Linda Lewis, 77, of McKenzie was traveling east when she exited the left side of the roadway, struck a culvert and a mailbox

and then came to rest on the north side of the roadway. The accident occurred around 1:45 p.m.

McKenzie Fire/Rescue, Baptist EMS, McKenzie Police Department, Carroll County Sheriff’s Department, and Tennessee Highway Patrol responded to the scene. The THP filed the report.

Single-Car Accident Injures Driver

HOLLOW ROCK (October 23) — A Holladay woman was injured in a single-vehicle accident on State Route 114 near Hollow Rock on October 23.

According to a report by the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Elizabeth Owens, 29 of Holladay was traveling south in a

2007 Ford Ranger when her vehicle exited the right side of the roadway and entered the ditch. It overturned. Carroll County Rescue Squad, Carroll County Sheriff’s Department and Baptist Ambulance responded to the scene. The report only indicates Owens was injured.

Vale Fire Department to Host Chili Dinner

The Vale Community Fire Department is hosting its annual chili dinner on Saturday, November 7, 3 to 7 p.m. The meal includes chili, cornbread, dessert and drink. Adults is \$5

and aged 10 and under is \$. Eat at the Vale Community Center, 26165 Highway 114, north of Hollow Rock, or to-go orders are available. For more information, phone 731-415-3935.

NOTICE GENERAL AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 3, 2020

TO THE VOTERS OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

You are hereby notified that the Federal/State General and Municipal Elections: Atwood, Bruceton, Hollow Rock, Huntingdon, McKenzie and Trezevant will be held in all voting precincts in Carroll County, Tennessee.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 FROM 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

THE POLLING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT: LAVINIA (1) (Old Lavinia School) National Guard Training Center
245 Springcreek Rd., Lavinia, TN 38358

PRECINCT: TREZEVANT (2)
Trezevant Senior Citizens Center
135 Front St., Trezevant, TN 38258

PRECINCT: MCLEMORESVILLE (4)
McLemoresville Community Center
5637 Main St., McLemoresville, TN 38235

PRECINCT: CEDAR GROVE (5)
Cedar Grove Fire Department
4215 Hwy 70, Cedar Grove, TN 38321

PRECINCT: CLARKSBURG (6)
Clarksburg City Hall
65 Clarksburg Rd., Clarksburg, TN 38324

PRECINCT: MACEDONIA (7)
Carroll County Recycling Center
21650 Hwy 77, Huntingdon, TN 38344

PRECINCT: CIVIC CENTER (8)
Carroll County Civic Center
201 Mustang Rd., Huntingdon, TN 38344

PRECINCT: POLICE STATION-HUNT (9)
Huntingdon Police Station
12740 Lexington St., Huntingdon, TN 38344

PRECINCT: BUENA VISTA (11)
Bruceton Fire Station
30794 Broad St., Bruceton, TN 38317

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PRECINCT: HOLLOW ROCK (13)
Hollow Rock City Fire Department
21280 Seminary Rd., Hollow Rock, TN 38342

PRECINCT: VALE (14)
Bruceton Fire Station
30794 Broad St., Bruceton, TN 38317

PRECINCT: ATWOOD (16)
Atwood City Hall
45 First St., Atwood, TN 38220

PRECINCT: SENIOR CITIZENS (17)
McKenzie Senior Citizens Center
172 South Main St., McKenzie, TN 38201

PRECINCT: CANNON (18)
Carroll County Recycling Center
21650 Hwy 77, Huntingdon, TN 38344

PRECINCTS: CONCORD (19)
Westport Fire Department
7301 Westport Rd., Westport, TN 38387

PRECINCTS: WESTPORT (20)
Westport Fire Department
7301 Westport Rd., Westport, TN 38387

PRECINCT: CHURCH OF CHRIST (21)
Church of Christ
16300 Highland Dr., McKenzie, TN 38201

PRECINCT: CITY HALL – MCKENZIE (22)
McKenzie City Hall
2470 Cedar St., McKenzie, TN 38201

PRECINCT: EARLY VOTING (Oct. 14-29 – M-F 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.)
Carroll County Election Office
625 High St., Ste 113, Huntingdon, TN 38344

ABSENTEE COUNTING BOARD — Carroll County Election Commission Office
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You can visit the Tennessee Division of Elections Website at <https://tnmap.tn.gov/voterlookup/> to check on your voter registration status and the location of your polling place.

ATTENTION VOTERS:

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ATTENTION CANDIDATES

Display of campaign posters, signs or other campaign materials, distribution of campaign materials and solicitation of votes is strictly prohibited within 100 feet of any polling place. (TCA 2-7-111) During the hours the polls are open, candidates are not to enter a polling place unless they are there to cast their vote. (TCA 2-7-103)

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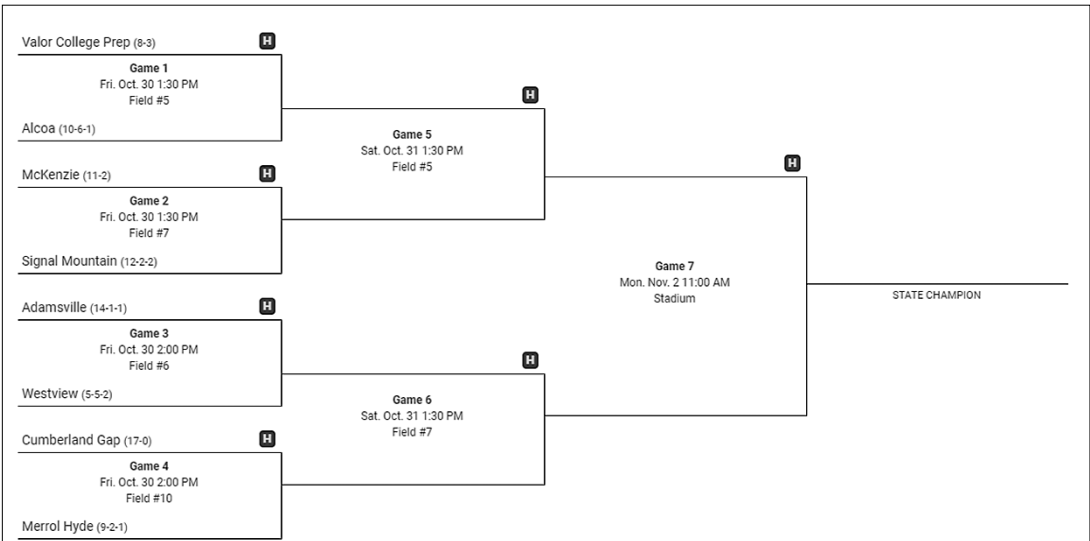
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Above, McKenzie district and tournament award winners (L to R): Front Row — Haley Brasfield, Savannah Nesbitt, Gracie Dillingham, Allie Chappell and Maggie Aird; Back Row — Head Coach Karlene Brown, Isabelle Wright, Wynter Baucum, Anna Grace Spivey, Anna Claire Patel, Hannah Dillingham, Sydney Fornera, Savanah Hill and Assistant Coach Jeremy Bilger. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner Below, The TSSAA Class A State Girls' Soccer Tournament begins Friday.



State

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the district in the regular season and having their first-round opponent forfeit, the team automatically qualified for the state tournament because no teams in District 14, 15 or 16 played this year.

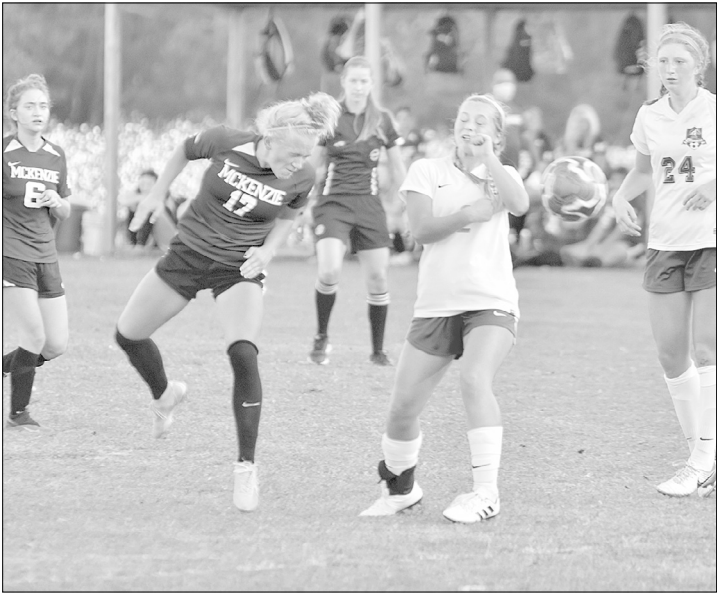
Westview won their first-round game to also secure their state bid. The Lady Rebels hosted the Lady Chargers for a single game Tuesday to determine the district and region titles.

In the 4-0 victory, Maggie Aird scored a pair of goals (both on headers), Allie Chappell scored a goal and had three assists, and Savannah Nesbitt had a goal and an assist.

Goalkeeper Gracie Dillingham earned the shutout without making a save.

Following the win, district awards were presented.

The All-Tournament team includes Lady Rebels Maggie Aird, Allie Chappell, Isabelle Wright, Kassidy Brown, Savanah Hill,



Lady Rebel Maggie Aird scores on a header in the district/region championship game. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Wynter Baucum, Anna Claire Patel and Anna Grace Spivey.

The All-District team includes Lady Rebels Maggie Aird (Co-MVP), Allie Chappell (Offensive Player of the Year), Gracie Dil-

lingham (Co-Defensive Player of the Year), Hannah Dillingham, Savannah Nesbitt, Sydney Fornera, Haley Brasfield and Coaches of the Year Karlene Brown and Jeremy Bilger.

Elections

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printed ballot will not include the names of three write-in candidates — two from McKenzie and one from Trezevant.

Charles Pruneau is a write-in candidate for McKenzie Councilman of Ward 6 and Jessie L. Townes is a write-in candidate for Ward 1-McKenzie. Both are incumbents and both failed to get on the official ballot.

Bobby McAlexander is a write-in candidate for Mayor of Trezevant. He is challenging incumbent Bobby Blaylock.

The citizens of Huntingdon have a referendum to consider whether or not to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages on premises at approved locations. A petition with at least 10 percent of the number of registered voters who cast ballots in the last gubernatorial election called for the referendum.

The following persons are seeking seats in respective municipal elections within the county.

In Atwood aldermen's race, two of three of the candidates will be elected. The candidates are Taylor Coulter, Ricky Long (incumbent), and Mike Tolley.

In Huntingdon's aldermen's race, all incumbents Carl Byars, Charles Hodges, Nina Smothers, and Tim Tucker and Mayor Dale Kelley qualified. Also on the ballot is liquor by the drink. The voters approved package liquor two years ago.

In Hollow Rock, two candidates Curt Lumley and Morris Rogers qualified for three available aldermen positions.

In Bruceton, three candidates qualified for the three available alderman positions. Chris Cole, Cliff Sturdivant and Robert Scott Higdon qualified.

In McKenzie, Councilwoman Debbie Riley qualified for Ward IV. Incumbents Charles Pruneau and Jessie Townes are running for their respective seats as write-in candidates.

In Trezevant, three incumbent aldermen and the mayor are seeking reelection. Mayor Bobby Blaylock and Aldermen Robert Argo, Christy Creysse and new-

ly appointed member Leon Lyell are on the ballot.

In the state race, John Stevens (R) and Yahweh Yahweh (I) qualified for Tennessee State Senate District 24.

In Tennessee House of Representatives, Tandy Darby (R) and Jeff Washburn (I) are seeking the District 76 seat; Curtis Halford (R) is seeking the District 79 seat.

United States House of Representatives District 8 candidates include David Kustoff (R) and Erka Stotts Pearson (D).

United States Senate candidates include Bill Hagerty (R), Marquita Bradshaw (D), Yomi Paparusi, Sr., Jeffrey Alan Grunau, Ronnie Henley, G. Dean Hill, Steven Hooper, Aaron James, Elizabeth McLeod, Kacey Morgan, Eric Stansberry.

Candidates for U.S. President include: Donald J. Trump (R), Joseph Biden (D), Don Blankenship, Howie Hawkins, Jo Jorgensen, Alyson Kennedy, Gloria La Riva, Kanye West.

In Henry County, voters will select a mayor and sheriff after both submitted their resignations. Sheriff Monte Belew accepted a position as head of security at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Damon Lowe is interim sheriff. County Mayor Brent Greer's resignation will be official after the election. He is retiring.

Candidates for county mayor include: Carlton Gerrill, the Republican nominee and independent candidates John Penn Ridgeway and Tim Wirgau.

Candidates for Henry County Sheriff are Josh Mann Frey, the Republican nominee, and Damon Lowe.

In Cottage Grove, Gary McCaig is the lone candidate for mayor. Only two candidates, David Jackson and John Weiher, III are seeking two of the four available seats.

In the City of Henry, Dane W. Allen and Dustin Odom are seeking the office of mayor. Four people are seeking two seats as aldermen. They are Charles Barnes, Faye Lowery, Keith Qualls and Cindy Rainey. An unexpired seat is being sought by a lone candidate, Charollette Barnes.

In the City of McKenzie, Debbie Riley is the lone candidate

seeking the Ward IV seat for councilman. The district extends into Carroll County as well.

In Paris, four persons are seeking two seats on the Paris City Commission. They are John Etheridge, Jackie Jones., Herbert Earl Kendall and James Matthew Wyatt.

In Puryear, David Varner is the lone candidate for mayor and Verla Smith is the lone candidate for city recorder. Two candidate are seeking two seats as aldermen. They are Rebecca Haynes and Bill Robinson.

In Weakley County, in addition to the state and national elections, local elections are held in Dresden, Gleason, Greenfield, Martin and Sharon.

In Dresden, four persons are seeking three seats on the Dresden City Council. Those are Ralph W. Cobb, Jr., Joyce Hurt, Kenneth W. Moore, and Willie Jay Parker.

In Gleason, two are seeking the office of mayor. Those are Charles E. Anderson and Diana Poole. Eight persons are seeking four seats on the Gleason City Council. Those are Charles Bookout, Danny Browning, Wade Cook, James Mayor Hines, Tommy Hodges, Teresa Johnson, Cruz Legens and Keith Ray Radford.

In Greenfield, Mayor Cindy McAdams is running unopposed. Four persons are seeking four at-large seats on the Greenfield City Council. They are Donald Ray High, Kelly Keylon, James Roy Pope and Chris Turbyville. One is seeking the lone unexpired seat, Don Allen.

In Martin, There are three candidates for city council, who are each running unopposed. They are Danny Mac Nanney in Ward 1; Marvin Flatt is Ward 2; and Randy Edwards in Ward 3.

In McKenzie, in the Council Ward 1 seat, no candidates qualified to appear on the ballot. However, incumbent Jessie Townes is seeking write-in votes as a certified candidate. The district extends into Carroll County as well.

In Sharon, Ali Stalter is the lone candidate for mayor. Four persons are seeking two seats on the Board of Aldermen. They are Austin Bond, Stewart Boussard., Jesse Lee Doster and Wanda Hamlin.



Rhea County (Tenn.) seventh graders Turner Tharpe and Blake James caught 8 pounds, 2 ounces on Championship Tuesday to claim the Mossy Oak Fishing Junior Bassmaster National Championship on the Carroll County 1000 Acre Recreational Lake with a two-day total of 13-15. Photo Courtesy Bassmasters

Bassmaster National Junior Championship Held in County

Fifty-four teams from twenty-eight different states came to Carroll County for a four-day experience of a lifetime. The Bassmaster National Junior Championship was held at the Carroll County Thousand Acre Recreational Lake on Oct 19 and 20. It was the seventh time a Bassmaster National Championship was held on the Carroll County Thousand Acre Recreational Lake.

The event was sponsored locally by Bethel University and the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. This event brings hundreds of people to Carroll County. According to one family member of a fisherman, Carroll County should feel the positive impact of the tournament. He went on to say he had spent \$2,000 locally during his stay.

According to Bassmaster.com, Rhea County (Tenn.) seventh graders Turner Tharpe and Blake James caught 8 pounds, 2 ounces on Championship Tuesday to claim the Mossy Oak Fishing Junior Bassmaster National Championship on the Carroll County 1000 Acre Recreational Lake with a two-day total of 13-15.

They earned a \$2,500 scholarship.

"It feels amazing," Turner said. "I'm not sure if we will be able to do this ever again, but I hope we will."

Turner and James threw a wacky rig around shallow, offshore brush in a pocket most of Day 1, boat captain Brent Tharpe said. On Day 2, Turner and James started on the same structure but bright skies and calm conditions slowed the bite.

"I just told them to keep their head in the game and don't get distracted and worry about other boats," Brent Tharpe said.

James and Turner had just one fish by midday, but conditions started to change as wind and some clouds entered the area.

"The sun went behind the clouds and it started to get a little windy," James said. "Yesterday, that seemed to be when we caught them, because it was cloudy, so that helped after lunch."

Along with the weather change, Turner and James moved away from their shallow cover to a ditch in the middle of the pocket that had trees stacked in it. They filled their limit there with a drop shot.

"We figured out that they weren't up shallow, so we moved out and started catching some fish," Turner said.

Logan Lopossa and Koby Sollars from the Southside Anglers in Indiana finished second with a two-day total of 12-8 after catching four fish for 4-13 on Day 2. They earned a \$1,000

scholarship.

Sollars said he and Lopossa caught all of their fish in the morning and, while they had bites during the afternoon, they couldn't find another keeper.

The duo landed one fish in the afternoon that fell just shy of the 12-inch size limit. Lopossa and Sollars previously qualified for the 2019 National Championship, and they used their experience from that tournament to help them during this event.

"We were catching them on a shaky head and a paddletail worm," Lopossa said. "We were here last year and we caught them on that (plum) color. So, we threw it on a shaky head and they just kept destroying it."

Lopossa and Sollars moved back and forth from deep to shallow, but one particular dropoff with stumps and gravel produced all their bites on Day 2.

Kasen Pemberton and Hunter Prough from the Chipley High fishing team finished third with 12-3 and won an \$800 scholarship, while Kyle and Nicholas Herrman from the Topeka Jr. Haws program held onto the Big Bass award with a 5-4 largemouth they caught on Day 1, earning them a \$200 scholarship.



Volunteers at the West Carroll Special School District's Farmers to Families Food Box Distribution. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

West Carroll Hosts Farmers to Families Food Distribution

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ATWOOD (October 23) — The West Carroll Special School District and USDA sponsored a Farmers to Families Food Box Distribution Friday at West Carroll Junior-Senior High.

The Farmers to Families program is part of the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act. The USDA partners with national, regional and local distributors who have been impacted by the economic shutdown to purchase billions of dollars worth of fresh produce, dairy and meat products and distribute them to those in need through food banks, community and faith-based organizations and other non-profits.

West Carroll Child Nutrition Director Janet Winchester told

The Banner she was contacted by state officials about hosting a distribution and, after receiving approval from the board of education, agreed.

Winchester initially planned to distribute half of a truckload in the West Carroll community and offered the other half to Henry County Schools through their child nutrition director Karen Wilson. (That half-truck was distributed in Henry the same day.) After researching some other similar distributions in the area, Winchester realized she could expect a larger turnout and procured a second truck.

West Carroll's one and a half trucks amounted to 1,944 cases of food. After beginning the distribution at noon, over three-quarters of the cases were gone after two hours with cars still arriving at a steady rate.

Among the volunteers were members of the National Guard, including Carroll County recruiter Sgt. Shannon Biggs, members of Team Uniform Recruitment West Region and members of the 890th of Huntingdon. Among the guardsmen working was Private Edward Humphries, a West Carroll senior.

Others volunteering at the event were West Carroll football players and other students, child nutrition staff, maintenance and custodial workers and Director of Schools Dexter Williams.

Winchester said, "It's a blessing to get to do this." She thanked all of the volunteers, Director Williams and the school board, GNC for providing a forklift and Prairie Farms for providing a refrigerated truck.

Fire

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and Officer in Charge Battalion Chief Jason Arnold.

MPD Officer Cody Coleman determined two persons were sleeping in the garage at the

time of the fire. Both had escaped after Moore carried Alas from the burning structure. Her power wheelchair was destroyed in the fire.

Moore indicated he had permission from Elizabeth Heath, the renter, to stay in the garage. Heath and property owner Jose Becerra both denied giving

Moore permission to stay in the garage.

Also partially damaged from fire were the two adjacent houses, both owned by Becerra.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Mr. Moore was arrested on October 22 and transported to Carroll County Jail.

COVID-19

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In Tennessee, the age group with the most positive cases is aged 21-30 with 49,654 in the year 2020; the age group of 31-40 is next with 39,909. The 11-20 year old group has a total of

32,803 in the year 2020. School-aged children, age 5-18 have the following statistics.

In Carroll, a total of 161 cases with eight in the last 14 days.

In Henry, a total of 100 cases with 14 in the last 14 days.

In Weakley, a total of 190 with 17 in the last 14 days.

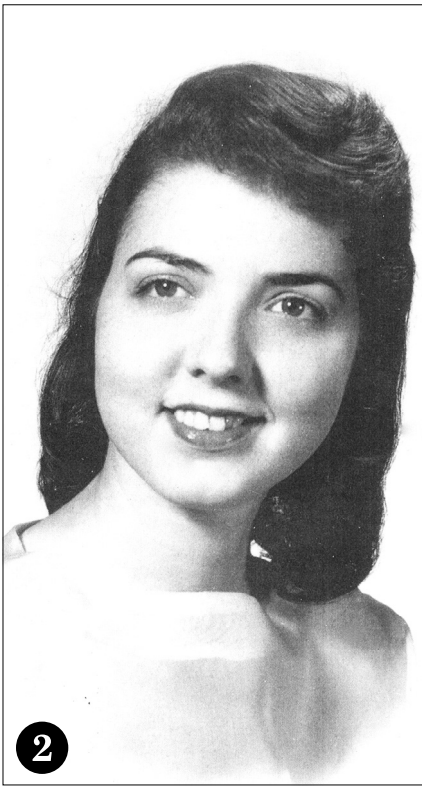
According to the World Health Organization, in the United States in the year 2020,

there are 8,485,747 cases and 223,328 because of the Coronavirus. On October 24, there were 1,000 deaths in the U.S. related to COVID-19. That is much less as compared to the highest level of 6,409 deaths on April 17 during the height of the pandemic.

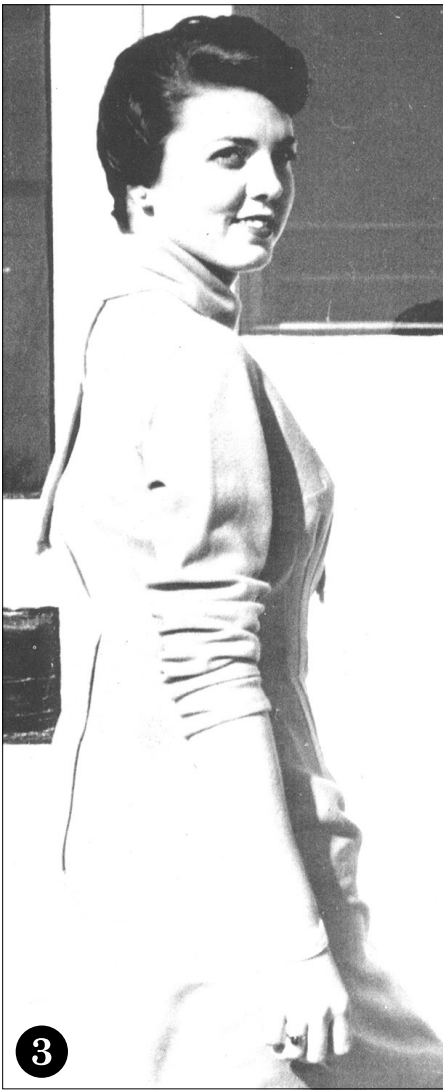
In the world, there are 42,966,344 cases and 1,152,604 deaths during the year 2020.



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1. Demetra (Scott) Perkins was a leader in teaching reading and English in the McKenzie Special School District. As a pioneer in education, she took a personal interest in every student. 2. At three-years-old, Demetra Scott contracted the poliovirus. Initially paralyzed from the neck down, she was forced to live in a Memphis hospital for a year. 3. In her senior year at Bethel College, Demetra was elected student council secretary and voted by her peers as “Miss Bethel”, “Best Personality” and “Who’s Who” among Bethel Students. 4. In 1961, Ed and Demetra Perkins were married. Dedicated to one another, the couple were married over 50 years before her death in 2019. After graduating from Bethel College, the couple continued their education at Murray State. They became an important fixture in McKenzie.

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Demetra Perkins (Part I)

More Than a Classroom Teacher

Demetra Perkins was not an ordinary human. She was the shiniest gem in the crown of McKenzie; to know Demetra was to love Demetra. At first glance, you wouldn't think of her as a warrior, but she was the epitome of someone with the warrior spirit. Looking at her life, she had the essence of a warrior; in determination, in spirit, in love and Christ.

When Demetra passed in March 2019, Brittany and I were asked to write a short biographical sketch of her life. Through an interview with her husband, Ed, and comments posted on our social media pages, we learned just how loved she was by those who came in contact with her. Brittany and I, like so many others, felt the loss of Mrs. Perkins because we knew she had impacted our lives.

She always made you feel important and that you were someone special. In 2014, she attended

our (Brittany's) wedding shower; at the end of the event, she came up to me and told me how proud she was of Brittany and me. As she was pulling out of the parking lot, she waved me over and said she was going to attend the US Open at Pinehurst in North Carolina and she would bring me a souvenir. A few weeks after the tournament, sure enough, I had some memorabilia from the tournament. How many teachers take the time and effort into thinking about a former student?

Born in Gibson County as the youngest of three children (having two older brothers), Demetra Scott was the self-proclaimed “spoiled baby.” While following her father one day, a young Demetra fell from a fence breaking her arm. The normal childhood accident was on the mend when suddenly she was stricken with polio.

That evening was the beginning of a year-long stay in a Memphis Hospital with other

children suffering from various stages of the debilitating virus. Demetra was one of the first cases in Gibson County; she was placed in quarantine before her transfer to Memphis.

“I remember certain things about it,” she recollected in an interview, “I remember the night this team of doctors in white coats took me out of my mother's arms and laid me on a table.” Little Demetra was paralyzed from the neck down and was given the news that she would never live a normal life. But her sheer determination proved the medical community wrong.

Demetra noted her illness as a “dark moment that I realized I could not face life alone. I knew that God would have to walk with me every step, guide me, assure me, and give me the strength to face life unafraid.”

She placed her faith in the Lord and made Philippians 4:13 (KJV) “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” her personal mantra. The determined little warrior left the hospital with the ability to walk but a paralyzed left arm, Betsy, was her battle wound against polio.

“I was so lucky the way I came out of it. I only ended up with a paralyzed arm. So many boys, who would have loved to play football, ended up on crutches or in wheelchairs, so I have always considered myself extremely lucky.”

Throughout the year in the Memphis ward, Demetra's moth-

er would stay a few days at a time, or the whole family might visit for a weekend.

“She had a husband and two little boys at home,” she remarked empathizing with a mother's dilemma during separation. In later years as a mother, Demetra realized “how hard that must have been, seeing me paralyzed and all. That had to be hard.”

After returning home, Demetra and her mother made several trips back to Memphis for treatment. Over time having one full-functional arm became second nature. As life presented its challenges to Demetra, she never accepted her paralysis as an excuse for failure. She faced the challenges head-on and battled her way to success.

“With the undergirding faith, God provided, I then faced life as it presented itself. I eventually played basketball, tennis and golf, and led an active life...I do remember doing one thing with two hands. I remember going out and snapping my fingers with both hands at the same time and saying, ‘Look Mom, what I can do.’”

Demetra came into her own in the farm community where she began school and attended the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, both nurturing her dream to become a teacher.

Never stepping aside due to her paralysis, she played basketball through junior high.

“I thought I broke my other arm and decided I'd better be the manager instead.”

At the age of twelve, Demetra's love for Bethel University bloomed. Her older brother, Harold Scott, served as the starting center for the Wildcat basketball team for four years. When it came time for her to select her college of choice, she chose Bethel.

In 1956, Demetra was on the Bethel campus and quickly blended into the academic and social culture of the small college. During her time at Bethel, the young lady flourished. She served as the secretary of the student council.

In 1960, Demetra was voted by her classmates as “Miss Bethel”, “Best Personality” and among the “Who's Who” of Bethel students. The titles reflected both her inner and outer beauty.

One thing was undeniable, she caught the eye of a fellow student, Ed Perkins from Austin, Texas. Ed was the student body president and soon fell head over heels in love with the council secretary.

“At Bethel, we were like a big family, meeting each other was no big deal, it was easy to do,” she says of their early days as friends. The couple married in 1961, a year after her graduation.

With her degree in hand, Demetra took her first teaching position at Cannon School located on the Gordon Browning Highway in Huntingdon. There she taught third and fourth grades along with coaching basketball, recalling the school as “a real modern, nice little school with eight grades and

four teachers.”

After their marriage, Ed and Demetra moved to Paris where she began teaching at the Atkins Porter School while he worked at WHDM radio in McKenzie. While living in Paris, the couple enrolled at Murray State University earning their masters degrees; his in psychology and hers in education.

From Paris, the couple returned to McKenzie where she began teaching third grade at McKenzie Elementary School.

Next week, we will continue with Demetra's story of dedication and determination as she sets the standard for reading and English teachers in McKenzie.

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A Pictorial History of McKenzie, Tennessee



Willie Bell (Bradley) Stubblefield, Mary Francis (Oliver) David, and Elaine Mitchell, about 1944. Gleason girls pose on the cannon in the downtown park. The Park Theatre (in background) was showing “What's Buzzin' Cousin?” starring Ann Miller & Rochester. *File photo originally published in “A Pictorial History of McKenzie, Tennessee,” by The McKenzie Banner in October 2004.*

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES Ghouls, Goblins and Scary Politics

Talk about being prepared for Halloween! We've been wearing our masks for the past six months!

You can't tell Nancy Pelosi from Freddy Krueger if they're wearing one of those full face coverings. You just kinda nod and smile and pretend you know exactly who you are talking to.

It can be a little intimidating. You're not sure if it's an old flame, your sister-in-law from Paducah or the guy that loaned you fifty bucks back in February. The worst part is you can't tell a Republican from a Democrat.....until the conversation gets around to President Trump, government stimulus checks or social distancing.

It wasn't that way when I put on my very first mask to go trick or treating. Leon wrapped tin foil around his whole body and went as a visitor from another planet. Mom cut eyes and mouth holes in a pillow case turning David Mark into Casper the Friendly Ghost. I wore my Lone Ranger outfit complete with the black mask and white hat pulled down low on my forehead.

We were going to enjoy Halloween, incognito.

The first stop was Aunt Jessie's. We didn't fool her for a second. “The Colbert boys in all their splendor.” was the way she greeted us. She had the popcorn balls Leon liked. Dave got his favorite brownies. And she saved a special chocolate chip cookie for me.

We walked down the road a ways to the Brooks' house and yelled “Trick or Treat” in unison. Mrs. Brooks looked down and said, “Well, hello Leon, Kes-

ley and David, it's good to see you boys.....”

You can't do no tricking if they know who you are! It's a Republican thing.

Mrs. Brooks dropped a couple of Tootsie Rolls in our sacks while we wondered which costume gave us away so quickly!

We decided to get further down the street where we might not be recognized so easily. We knocked on Pete Joiner's door. Mrs. Joiner took one look at the tin foil space suit and immediately said, “Leon, you always come up with the best costumes.”

I couldn't even tell it was Leon under all that Reynolds wrap—and I helped put him in it!

We walked all the way to town. We picked a house on Main Street, next to the service station behind the movie theatre. A tall lady I didn't recognize opened the door. Before we could get a word out she smiled and said, “I was wondering when the three Colbert musketeers were going to get to my house.”

She had Snicker Bars. So the trip wasn't wasted! But we were a bit baffled that our “incognito-ing” hadn't panned out.

We sat down on the circular wall of the fishpond in the center of the town square. Our plan to fool the whole world hadn't gotten off the ground. Maybe Mom cut those eyes holes too large.....

We drowned our befuddlement with a Snickers chased down by a Tootsie Roll and pondered our current affairs. We were being seen and heard, doing the same thing over and over.....but expecting a different result each time. Gosh, you'd a'thought we were Democrats.

Leon broke the silence. He was almost eleven, the oldest, wisest, and, as he often reminded us, the best looking, “We live in the wrong town.”

This Halloween night just kept getting stranger by the minute. It was the only place we had ever lived. I thought “here” was exactly where we were supposed to be!

“Everybody knows everybody. Everybody takes everybody for granted. We can't find a door that doesn't have a friend, an acquaintance, someone who knows our parents on the other side.” Leon was just getting warmed up!

“This familiarity has warped our thinking. We fuss at each other over things that don't matter; who makes the best cakes and pies in town, whether Dixie Lilly or Martha White is the better flour, some swear by Chevrolet, for others it's a Ford, or walk..... Talking about nothing but hog prices and the weather can drive anybody nuts! But, when you boil it down to the bare basics, we're all still in the same—”

Dave mercifully interrupted, “Just as long as they drop candy in our sack, I don't care if they know who we are.”

Leon didn't hear him, “We are all very much alike. The whole town is. Maybe that's why we work so hard at being different.....”

He had gone off the deep end! Me and David started back home. There was candy to be had at every house along the way. We took our masks off and went to knocking on doors.....

Respectfully,
Kes

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Obituaries



SYLVIA FILBECK
1938 — 2020

MCKENZIE — Mrs. Sylvia Esch Filbeck, 82, of McKenzie, Tennessee, died Thursday, October 22, 2020 at the Lakeside Assisted Living.

Funeral services were Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 3 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Jimmy Furr officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mrs. Filbeck was born January 3, 1938 in McKenzie, Tennessee, to the late Lois and Vivian (Currin) Esch. She worked as a secretary for Kenwood Terrace and a member of First Baptist Church in Huntingdon. She was also preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Esch.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Kenneth Dean Filbeck, one daughter, Olivia Pottebaum (Don) of Prosper, Texas, one sister, Charlotte Esch Ingmire (Bruce) of McKenzie, and one sister-in-law, Joyce Esch of West Chester, Ohio. She also leaves two grandchildren, Bailey Pottebaum and Brett Pottebaum. +

ACIE KIRBY
1938 — 2020

LAVINIA — Mr. Gordon Browning "Acie" Kirby, 82, of Lavinia, Tennessee, died Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Graveside funeral services were Saturday October 24, 2020 at Little Grove Cemetery.

He was born May 2, 1938 to the late Jessie and Edna Barksdale Kirby. He was a member of Little Grove Baptist Church, where he was a faithful member until his health failed.

Gordon worked several jobs, including as a deputy sheriff for the Carroll County Sheriff's Department. He retired from All Steel Company. Gordon was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Iniece Carter, a son, Eric Kirby, three sisters and four brothers.

He leaves to cherish his mem-

ory his wife, Faye Kirby, two sons, Cornelius Carter and Michael Strayhorn, one sister, Evelyn McCollum and a host of grandchildren.

KELLY MITCHELL
1979 — 2020

VALE — Miss Kelly Lynn Mitchell, 41, of Vale, Tennessee, died Thursday, October 22, 2020, at her home.

Funeral services were Sunday, October 25, 2020 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Miss Mitchell was born January 8, 1979 in Huntingdon, Tennessee. She was preceded in death by her father, James Wilbern Mitchell and one brother-in-law, Dwight Bullington.

She is survived by her mother, Yvonne (Fowler) Mitchell of Vale, two sisters, Anita Bullington (Anthony Williams) of Vale, Lisa McGee (Chuck) of Burlison, one brother, Jeff Mitchell of Vale.

GLENDA MAUPIN
1949 — 2020

TREZEVANT — Glenda Darlene Griffin Maupin, 71, of Trezevant, died October 20, 2020 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon after a brief illness.

She was born on February 22, 1949 to Johnny L. J. Griffin and Glora Dell Connell Griffin in Milan, Tenn.

Glenda is survived by two children, Angela Neal (Chris) of Humboldt and Anna Williams (Steven) of Buena Vista, her mother, Glora Dell Griffin of Bradford, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was Saturday, October 24, 2020 at the Howse Cemetery near Atwood. There will be no visitation prior to the graveside service.

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WILLIAM EUGENE
FOSTER
1943 — 2020

MCKENZIE — Graveside funeral services for Mr. William Eugene "Gene" Foster were Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Carroll Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Foster, 77, died Friday, October 23, 2020 at Christian Care Center McKenzie. He was born on April 2, 1943 in McKenzie to the late Everett Tom and Ruby Rozelle Claytor Foster. He is a member of Concord Baptist Church.

He is survived by a sister, Sandra (Gene) Gearin and brother, Ted (Patty) Foster, all of McKenzie, and several nieces and nephews.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home was in charge of the

arrangements. If you need assistance please call 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummitt-mckenziefuneralhome.com. +

INEZ ORR
1923 — 2020

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Inez Orr, 96, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Life Care Center.

Funeral services were Tuesday, October 27, 2020 in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was in Jamison Cemetery. Brother Billy Ringold officiating.

Mrs. Orr was born November 26, 1923 to the late Guy Dill and Erin Hood Dill. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kermit Orr, two sisters, Carolyn June Dill and Raymelle Springer, two brothers, Homer Dill and Dwayne Dill.

She is survived by three sons, Donald (Becky) Orr, Russell Orr and Harold Orr, all of Huntingdon, Tennessee; one sister, Opal Laws of Nashville, Tennessee; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Dilday-Carter Funeral Home 650 High Street Huntingdon, Tennessee in charge of arrangements 731-986-8281.

CAROLYN WILKES
1932 — 2020

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Carolyn Sue Wilkes, 87, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Sunday, October 25, 2020 at the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon.

Given the family's concern for the health and wellbeing of others, visitors are required to please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Funeral services were Wednesday, October 28 at 1 p.m. at Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church with Bro. Lynn Stapleton officiating the service. Interment will follow in the Palmer Shelter Cemetery.

Mrs. Wilkes was born October 26, 1932 in Huntingdon, Tennessee to the late Charlie and Cola Mae (Dickerson) Wilson.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Robert Gene Wilkes, who died June 4, 2010, and one brother, R. C. Wilson.

She is survived by two daughters, Barbara Wilkes Knuutila (husband Joe) of Camden, Tina Renfro (husband Larry) of Huntingdon, sister, Freeda Mauro (Tony) of Nashville, and sister-in-law, Marjorie Gillespie (Allen) of McMinnville. She also leaves two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Col. Joe Parker (left) and Jennifer Waldrup donated their great-grandfather's Army uniform from the Spanish-American War to the Gordon Browning Museum. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Spanish-American War Uniform
Donated to Browning Museum

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (October 15) — The Gordon Browning Museum and Genealogical Library accepted a donation of various military memorabilia Thursday, including an Army uniform worn during the Spanish-American War.

The uniform, beautifully preserved and in impeccable condition, belonged to McKenzie resident Corporal Stewart Staten Huffman, who served in the war from 1898-1900 in the First Regiment of Calvary, the only Tennessee regiment to see combat during the conflict.

The donation was made by Huffman's great-grandson Col. Joe Parker on behalf of all of his great-grandchildren, Jennifer B. Waldrup (who was present for the donation), Kenneth Miller, Barbara M. Brew-

er, Billy Barksdale and Mark Barksdale.

Col. Parker, from Alexandria, Virginia, donated the uniform along with a plethora of other military items he found as he was clearing out the home of his late parents, Robert W. and Charlene M. Parker, at 58 Poplar Avenue in McKenzie.

The home was built by Huffman in 1926, and Charlene, his granddaughter, was born there.

Other items donated include: a Navy uniform and "Ike jacket" belonging to Col. Parker's father; a 1957 annual from the Tennessee National Guard 30th Armored Division; Huffman's enlistment, promotion, discharge and pension documents; a program from Col. Parker's 2017 induction into the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Hall of Fame; and

a multitude of photos, including one of Huffman from early in his military service.

Thank You

Words cannot express our deepest appreciation for every act of kindness shown during the loss of our brother. Thank you for all the visits, calls, texts, flowers, gifts, food and most of all your prayers. Thank you to Christian Care Center for the care you gave our brother during his stay. Thank you to Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home for the nice service and kindness shown. A special thanks to Bro. Ronnie McClure for the kind words spoken. May God Bless each and every one of you.

The family of Gene Foster
Sandra Gearin & Family
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McKenzie Class of 2021 Hosts
Haunted House This Weekend

The McKenzie High School Class of 2021 is hosting a haunted house to raise funds for Project Graduation.

The event is at the Farmers'

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

CARROLL COUNTY PURCHASING COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Carroll County Purchasing Committee meets Friday, November 6 at 9 a.m. in the conference room at the Carroll County Office Complex at 625 High Street, Huntingdon. The public is invited to attend.

CARROLL COUNTY CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 22nd annual Carroll County Chamber Golf Tournament is Thursday, November 19 at Carroll Lake Golf Course. The event is limited to 18 teams. A four-person scramble and grab-and-go lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.

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CARROLL COUNTY RESOLUTION COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Carroll County Resolution Committee meets Monday, November 2 at 9 a.m. in the conference room at the Carroll County Office Complex at 625 High Street, Huntingdon. The public is invited to attend.

CARROLL COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY TO MEET

The Carroll County Legislative Body meets November 9 at 7 p.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center at 201 Mustang Drive, Huntingdon. The public is invited to attend.

MHS VETERANS DAY PROGRAM CANCELED

McKenzie High School announced it has regretfully canceled its 2020 Veterans Day program.

NO MCKENZIE BOO BASH THIS YEAR

Bethel University and the City of McKenzie canceled the 2020 Boo Bash because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The very popular event is held each October in downtown McKenzie to provide fun for the area's children. Next year's event is planned for October 21, 2021.

MONSTER MASH MOVIE NIGHT AT MHS PARKING LOT

The City of McKenzie is hosting Monster Mash Movie Night on October 29 on the McKenzie High School rear parking lot. The old drive-in style movie features the movie Hotel Tran-

sylvania at 6:45 p.m. at \$10 per car -limit six persons per vehicle. The grass area is available for those who want to sit in lawn-chairs or on blankets.

At 6-6:30 p.m., a costume contest, is held. Prizes are \$100 for Best Family Theme, \$50 for 1st Prize Individual, and \$25 for 2nd Prize Individual.

Food trucks will be on-site including Maria's, Hawg County BBQ and Sweet Jordan's. Purchase tickets at McKenzie City Hall. Last day to purchase is October 27, 4:30 p.m.

This is a socially distanced event.

MHS SENIOR HAUNTED HOUSE

The Haunted House brought to you by the McKenzie High School Class of 2021 seniors is at McKenzie's Downtown Farmer's Market October 29-31 from 7-11 p.m. each night. Line forms at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m., and you must be in line by 10 p.m. Admission is \$5.

COUNTY BUDGET, RURAL FIRE COMMITTEES TO MEET

The Carroll County Budget Committee meets Friday, October 30 at 10 a.m. at the Conference Room.

The Carroll County Rural Fire Committee meets Friday, October 30 at 9 a.m. at the Conference Room located inside the Carroll County Office Complex, located at 625 High St Huntingdon, Tenn. The public is invited to attend.

CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO MEET

The Carroll County Board of Public Utilities meets Thursday, October 29 at 2:30 p.m. at the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce in Huntingdon. This allows for an in-person meeting conducted with adequate space for social distancing.

MONSTER DASH 5K, FUN RUN ON HALLOWEEN

McKenzie Rotary Club is hosting a Monster Dash 5K run and a one-mile fun run on Halloween to benefit the McKenzie/Carroll County United Neighbors. The 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. from

McKenzie Recreation Park. The Fun Run starts at 9 a.m. Entry fee is four canned food items or monetary donation to help replenish the food pantry at United Neighbors. Entry forms are available at Block City Pizza or The McKenzie Banner.

BETHEL HOMECOMING IS FEBRUARY 19-20

Bethel University is hosting its annual Homecoming on February 19 and 20, 2021. With the football season moved to the spring semester, the event will feature a football game on Friday evening and basketball on Saturday. The Bethel community hopes everyone will join the university in celebrating.

CCHS CAT SPAY, NEUTER VOUCHERS

The Carroll County Humane Society provides low-cost cat spay/neuter vouchers for \$40. Come by the shelter 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturdays. Call Paris Vet Clinic and set up your appointment. Take your cats in one morning and they come home the same day. That's all there is to it.

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SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

A support group for survivors of suicide loss meets the first Saturday of each month from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Baptist Memorial Hospital, 631 R. B. Wilson Drive, Huntingdon. The loss of a loved one is shocking and painful. The grief one experiences is complex and no one person experiences the same grief. Survivors often struggle with the reasons of "why" the suicide occurred and what they could have done to pre-

vent the suicide. It is never too early to start healing. Contact Christy Blount at cblount2@utm.edu with questions.

MCKENZIE ROTARY CHARITY AUCTION

McKenzie Rotary Club is hosting its annual auction on Saturday, November 14 at the McKenzie Farmers Market. The event starts at 6 p.m. with music and hopefully food trucks. This is the major fund-raising event held each year by the Rotary Club of McKenzie.

WEBB ALUMNI MUSEUM

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

JOY CLUB MEETS TWICE MONTHLY

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

MCKENZIE FARMERS MARKET

The McKenzie Farmers Market is open Saturdays from 8 a.m.-Noon through October, featuring turnip greens, fried pies, breads, jams, pickles, Mexican cornbread, fresh vegetables, mums, apples and more.

LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Northwest Tenn. Economic Development Agency is accepting applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. This program helps 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

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CARROLL COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Huntingdon location: Adult Education Building, 191 Mebanewood Drive on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, also Tuesdays, 5-7 p.m. McKenzie Location: McKenzie Church of Christ, 16300 Highland Drive on Thursdays, 4-7 p.m.

New Student Orientation on the third Thursday of each month in the Huntingdon location. For more information please call the Carroll County office at 731-986-4841.

JOHNSON TEMPLE C.M.E. PRAYER VIGIL

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

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MCKENZIE HISTORIC ZONING MEETS MONTHLY

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

MCKENZIE CONDEMNATION MEETINGS MONTHLY

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

MCKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Left, Lady Rebel Sarah Luci drains a three-pointer. Right, Rebel Carter Kee hits an open three-pointer. Kee scored five points in McKenzie's win. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



McKenzie Splits with Dresden

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (October 20) — McKenzie Middle School hosted Dresden Tuesday for a pair of basketball contests. The Lady Lions controlled the first half, but the Lady Rebels improved in the second half before falling 36-16. The Rebels were dominant from the opening tip-off and coasted to a 53-13 victory.

Lady Lions 36, Lady Rebels 16

The Lady Lions shut out the Lady Rebels 11-0 in the opening frame, led by Mollie Oliver with seven points, including a three-pointer. Kaylee Jarred and Haylee Jarred each had a pair.

Dresden had a 14-5 advantage in the second quarter, led by H. Jarred with six points. K. Jarred scored four, and Oliver and Allie Spaulding each had a pair. Morgan Little scored all five McKenzie points, includ-

ing a three. At the half, the Lady Lions led 25-5.

The Lady Rebels rallied 11-4 in the third, led by Ally Gibson with four points. Sarah Luci hit a three-pointer, and Sophie Pate and Carli Beeler each had a pair. H. Jarred scored all four points for Dresden. Entering the final frame, the Lady Lions led 29-16.

Dresden sealed the win with a 7-0 fourth. Oliver had four points, and Ellie Poole scored three.

Lady Lion Mollie Oliver led all scorers with 13 points, including a three. Haylee Jarred scored a dozen.

Morgan Little led McKenzie with five points, including a three-pointer. Ally Gibson had four points.

Rebels 53, Lions 13

McKenzie stormed out to a 25-1 lead after the first frame, led by Tate Surber with ten points. Landon Brown scored six, and Carter Kee hit a three-pointer. Cordell Orgain, Carson Hill and Martez Teague

each had a pair. Lion Cooper Allman hit a free throw.

The Rebels enjoyed an 18-8 advantage in the second quarter, led by Surber with six. Luke Toombs and Brown each scored four, Toombs with a three-pointer. Kee and Ayden Smith each had a pair. Lions Landon Carter and Ty Bizzle each hit a three, and Allman added a pair. At the half, the Rebels led 43-9.

McKenzie had a 3-2 edge in the third. Fletcher Holt had a pair, and Teague hit a free throw. Tanner Oliver had Dresden's two points. Heading into the final frame, McKenzie led 46-11.

The Rebels capped the win with a 7-2 tilt in the fourth, led by Nolan Fawcett with a three. Eli Vinson and Jacobi Melton each had a pair. Allman had the Lions' two points.

Rebel Tate Surber led all scorers with 16 points. Landon Brown scored ten.

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See solution in next week's edition.

Halloween Candy Word Search

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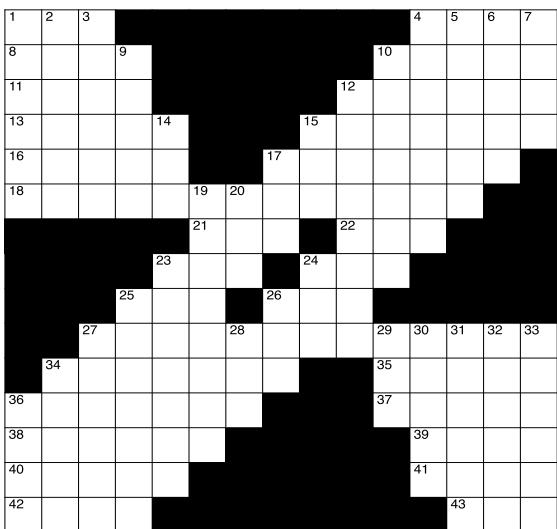
CLUES ACROSS

- Engine additive
- Understanding
- "... your enthusiasm"
- Well-known island
- Not saintly
- Habitual
- Central parts of church buildings
- Trust
- Intestinal
- Deep-bodied fish
- Live up to expectations
- Snag
- Partner to haw
- General's assistant (abbr.)
- Sheep disease
- Male term of endearment
- United
- Popular TV host
- Overnighters
- Beloved British princess
- Obtains from
- Third Mughal Emperor
- Shares the opinion of
- Central European river
- Feudal estates
- KU hoops coach Bill
- Spreads out for drying
- "The Partridge Family" actress Susan

CLUES DOWN

- Picturesque

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- South Pacific island country
- Shrub of the olive family
- Establish the truth of
- Unfettered
- Famed English park
- Sheep's cry
- Danced
- More upstanding
- Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
- Type of lettuce
- Place to call a pint
- Backs
- Partner to cheese
- Makes it there
- Value
- One's convictions
- Former CIA
- Clashed
- Affirmative
- Journalist Tarbell
- Athletic shoes
- Roof style
- Make possible
- Make less dense
- Healthy food
- Silly

See solution in next week's edition.

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Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Domestic Assault — Bobby James Cantrell, 35, of 70 Herrell Street, McMoresville, was charged with domestic assault following an Oct. 16 incident at his residence.

Deputy Frank McGee reported that he went to Cantrell’s residence to do a welfare check on Maria Johnson. Upon arrival, McGee found Johnson in the house with her two children, and Cantrell was also present in the house. McGee observed that Johnson appeared to be upset and frightened, and she told McGee that she and Cantrell had been arguing all night and that Cantrell had threatened to kill her. She also said that Cantrell had parked his truck directly behind her car to prevent her from leaving. McGee reported Cantrell came outside and became angry because deputies were there and then started yelling and causing a disturbance. Cantrell was taken into custody and transported to the Carroll County Jail.

Warrant — A warrant for violating an order of protection was issued against Blake Edward Speer, 30, of Buena Vista following an Oct. 16 incident in the Buena Vista area.

According to the report by

Deputy Cody Walker, he responded to a call about Speer being at 1935 McKee Levee Road in violation of an active order of protection. Speer had already left the residence before Walker arrived, but Jaca Speer submitted a statement that Blake Speer had been there and that they had gotten into a physical altercation.

DUI — Will Shaffer Fleming, 28, of Lawrenceburg was charged with DUI, violation of implied consent, and failure to maintain lane during an Oct. 16 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Deputy Tony King, he pulled over a vehicle driven by Fleming after observing the vehicle leave its lane of travel while turning onto Mustang Drive from Highway 70. While speaking with Fleming, King detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage, and Fleming performed poorly on field sobriety tests. Fleming refused to submit to a blood or breath test.

Drunkenness — Bruce Edward Bensen, 64, of 1040 Pardue Road, Hollow Rock, was charged following an Oct. 21 incident in Hollow Rock.

According to the report by Deputy Tony King, he responded to a call about an altercation out-

side at 1165 Pardue Road. Upon arrival, King observed Bensen sitting in the mud with his shirt off. Bensen’s nephew was also outside. King noted that Bensen was visibly shaken and verbally abusive. Bensen had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person, and Bensen admitted that he had been drinking that day. Bensen’s truck was parked in the driveway with the driver’s door open and the keys in the ignition.

Theft of Services — Casey L. Shepard, 32, of 7510 Highway 104 West, Cedar Grove, was charged on Oct. 21 for allegedly stealing utility services at her residence.

According to the report by Deputy Frank McGee, he went to Shepard’s residence and spoke with an employee with the Milan Public Utilities Company, who said that his department had previously been out to this address to disconnect electrical services due to non-payment. Shepard said that she had found a meter base lying in the yard and had installed it by herself in order to obtain power to the residence. The utility worker said that \$459.20 was owed for the theft of services.

McKenzie Police Reports

Suspicious Fire Nets Trespassing Charge Criminal Trespassing — Two people are charged with criminal trespassing after a garage in which they were sleeping was destroyed by fire. McKenzie Police Officer Trey Boucher charged Paul H. Moore, 54, Main Street, McKenzie and Gina L. Alas, 37, Magnolia Avenue, McKenzie in the incident that occurred on October 19 at 5:25 a.m.

According to Officer Boucher’s report, McKenzie Police Department was dispatched to 164 Linden Street to a garage fire. On arrival, the garage and four automobiles were engulfed in fire.

MPD Officer Cody Coleman determined two persons were sleeping in the garage at the time of the fire. Both had es-

caped after Moore carried Alas from the burning structure. Her power wheelchair was destroyed in the fire.

Moore indicated he had permission from Elizabeth Heath, the renter, to stay in the garage. Heath and property owner Jose Becerra both denied giving Moore permission to stay in the garage.

Also partially damaged from fire were the two adjacent houses, both owned by Becerra.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Mr. Moore was arrested on October 22 and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Criminal Trespassing — Austin D. Taylor, 28, McClure Street, McKenzie, was charged with criminal trespassing after he was reportedly sleeping in a

vacant home on Caldwell Street.

According to Officer Dalton Raspberry, the owner, Bobby Sneed, said no one was allowed in the home. No trespassing signs were around the house. On October 25, Officer Raspberry found a propane-style heater, mattress, various food items, battery-operated light, a candle and backpack. The officer detected the smell of marijuana and Taylor revealed a small amount of the illegal drug.

He was charged with criminal trespassing and transported to jail.

Failure to Appear — Charles D. Dunning, 36, Elm Street, McKenzie was charged with failure to appear on October 23 on Forrest Avenue.

Officer Kyle Beauchamp made the arrest after an off-duty officer observed Dunning at the residence and alerted the on-duty officers.

Carroll County General Sessions Court

The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court o October 21 and 22.

Cases bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court.

Bruce Athey, Paducah, Kentucky, bound over on theft of property and burglary.

Danny Ray Gant, Pate Road, Huntingdon, bound over on theft and burglary.

William A. Hollowell, Hawkins Lane, Huntingdon, bound over on charge of DUI - second offense and open container; dismissed charges of driving unregistered vehicle, driving while revoked, driving on right; guilty, violation of implied consent.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or conviction.

Scottie Dale Campbell, Cherry Street, Milan, guilty, driving while revoked, dismissed, driving unregistered vehicle, financial responsibility.

Neal Sylvester Capps, Jr., Wren Avenue, Camden, guilty, reckless driving by intoxicant, \$350 fine, 48 hours jail, dismissed, speeding and implied consent.

David Guffey, Beech Lake Campground Road, Lexington, guilty, failure to appear, restitution of \$225.57 to retail store, supervised probation 11/29; dismissed, theft of merchandise.

Jonathan P. Hill, Highway 70, Cedar Grove, guilty, probation violation, 90 days in jail, supervised probation for 8/29; dismissed, unlawful drug paraphernalia, meth-manufacturing, deliver, sale, or possession, failure to appear.

Daniel S. Johnsonius, Tennessee Street, McKenzie, guilty, probation violation, 90 days in jail, probation extended six months; dismissed, failure to appear, driving while revoked, violation of financial responsibility, failure to obey traffic control device.

Travis B. Nunn, Highway 79 Lane, Atwood, guilty, violation of protective order, probation violation, 4 months in jail, no contact with victim, \$140 restitution to victim; dismissed, domestic assault.

Nicholas Simmons, High Street, Huntingdon, guilty, probation violation, probation revoked; dismissed, disorderly conduct, burglary, theft.

Jerry C. Smith, Rolling Meadows, Milan, guilty, DUI-first offense, \$600 fine, 10 days in jail, not to drive for one year, must attend substance abuse program for at least 90 days; dismissed, violation of implied consent.

Kristopher Stenberg, Holmes Street, Trezevant, guilty, assault, no contact with victim, supervised probation for 23 months, 28 days; dismissed, aggravated burglary.

Jarrid Wayne Sterling, Adell Street, Hollow Rock, guilty, meth-possession or exchange, \$750 fine, two months in jail, unsupervised probation for 9 months, 29 days; dismissed, driving while revoked.

Dion Teague, Elm Street, McKenzie, guilty resist stop, arrest or search, guilty, assault, four months jail, supervised probation 13 months, 29 days; dismissed, prohibited weapon, criminal trespass.

The following cases were dismissed.

Kathleen Bradley, Williamson Street, Milan, dismissed, theft.

Charles Lee Coffman, Wahl Street, Milan, dismissed, theft.

Jacob Steven Cronkhite-Synder, Mann Road, Hollow Rock, dismissed, failure to appear, public intoxication disorderly conduct.

Christopher Gregory, Hopewell Street, Gleason, dismissed, driving while suspended.

Jason Haskins, Woodlawn Shores Road, Sugar Tree, dismissed, failure to appear.

Kendall Renae Hicks, Highway 220, Lavinia, dismissed, possession of schedule 1 drugs, drug-free zone; possession of schedule VI, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of weapon by convicted felon, possession of firearm with intent to go armed, speeding.

Stephanie Nicole Smith, Northwood Drive, Huntingdon, dismissed, probation violation.

Jimmy Ray Smothers, West Paris Street, Huntingdon, dismissed, probation violation.

The following cases were adjudicated through pre-trial diversion.

Lester Butler, Cotham Drive, Huntingdon, pre-trial diversion, assault-bodily injury, unsupervised probation 11/29.

Haley Ashay Craig, Highway 70, Huntingdon, pre-trial diversion, possession/casual exchange, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, \$150 fine, 11/29 supervised probation.

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•Judith Ann Dobson to Tyan-na Lynne Ragsdale.

•Pearl R. Rink to Samantha June Evans in District 13.

•Carolyn Chandler to Mark and Trish Ulrich in District 2.

•Carol Ann Boyd to Michael Ray Cunningham in District 22.

•Al and Scott L. Spivey to Al and Scott L. Spivey in District 4.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Theft, Drugs — Chelsie L. Bazzell, 26, of McKenzie was charged with theft of property under \$1,000, possession of methamphetamine with intent, simple possession of schedule VI, and simple possession of schedule IV, and Morgan E. Perritt, 18, of Paris was charged with theft of property under \$1,000 on Oct. 7 at Walmart in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Officer Christopher Cole, he responded to a call about a couple of shoplifters at Walmart. A Walmart employee told Cole that she witnessed Bazzell and Perritt conceal items and attempt to leave the store without paying for them. A search of Bazzell’s purse revealed stolen items, as well as approximately 14.7 grams of a substance that field-tested positive for meth, approximately 2.6 grams of marijuana, and seven Alprozolam tablets. Perritt was found to have an outstanding warrant out of Henry County for aggravated burglary.

License Violation — Curtis Nilwon Tate, 61, of Clarksville was cited for driving on a suspended license and speeding during an Oct. 13 traffic stop on Highway 22 South.

Officer Brad Allen reported that he pulled over a vehicle driven by Tate after clocking the vehicle at 75 mph in a 55 mph zone. When asked for his license, Tate told Allen that it was suspended, and a computer check confirmed this. The vehicle was turned over to the owner, who had a valid driver’s license.

Theft, License Violation — Taylor Arroyo, 27, of Knoxville was charged with theft of merchandise under \$1,000, and James Pryor (age and address not provided) was charged with driving on a suspended license on Oct. 11 in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Officer Richard Crossno, he respond-

ed to a call from Walmart security personnel, who said that a female shoplifter was leaving the store as they were attempting to speak to her. Security personnel advised Crossno that the woman got into a white pickup truck, and the vehicle then left the Walmart parking lot and pulled behind Huck’s Convenience Store across the street. Crossno intercepted the truck and

told the driver to park it. Crossno noted several items taken from Walmart were in plain view inside the vehicle, and, according to the officer, Arroyo later admitted to taking the items and returning previously stolen items. Officers with the Tennessee Highway Patrol arrived on the scene for assistance and charged Pryor after determining that his license was suspended. The stolen items were valued together at \$410.64.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Left, Rebel Landon Brown scores on a fast break. Brown had 13 points in McKenzie’s win. Right, Lady Rebel Morgan Little drains a three. Little led McKenzie with five points in the loss. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie Splits with Stewart County in Season Opener

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (October 19) — The McKenzie Middle School basketball teams opened the season Monday against Stewart County. The McKenzie girls fell behind early and took a 34-10 loss, but the boys jumped out to a big lead and cruised to a 47-20 win.

Stewart County Lady Rebels 34, McKenzie Lady Rebels 10

The visiting Lady Rebels blanked McKenzie in the opening frame, led by Namine Bridges with eight points. Angie Nelson and Karleigh Bisogno each had a pair.

The host Lady Rebels got on the board in the second but were outscored 9-3. Bisogno led with four points, Jaelyn Newman scored three and Nelson added a pair. Morgan Little had a pair for McKenzie, and Carli Beeler hit a free throw. At the half, Stewart County led 21-3.

The visitors had an 8-7 edge in the third, led by Bisogno with four points. Nelson and Newman each had a pair. Little hit a three-pointer for McKenzie, and Beeler and Ally Gibson each had a pair. Entering the final frame, Stewart County led 29-10.

Stewart County capped the win with a 5-0 advantage in the fourth, led by Newman and Jaclyn Rose with two points each. Bridges hit a freebie.

Karleigh Bisogno of Stewart County led all scorers with ten points. Namine Bridges had nine.

Morgan Little led McKenzie with five points, including a three.

McKenzie Rebels 47, Stewart County Rebels 20

The host Rebels set the tone in the first frame, 15-2, led by Landon Brown and Tate Surber with six points each. Ayden Smith had a pair, and Colt Norden hit a free throw. Landon Wallace had a pair for Stewart County.

McKenzie’s dominance continued in a 17-2 second quarter. Brown and Surber again scored six each. Carter Kee hit a three-pointer, and Carson Hill had a pair. Brigham Page had Stewart County’s two points. At the half, McKenzie led 32-4.

McKenzie had an 11-6 advantage in the third, led by Surber with four points. Norden, Cordell Orgain and Martez Teague each had a pair, and Brown hit a freebie. Stewart County’s Luke Elkins, DJ Touring and Bradyn Morgan each had a

pair. Heading into the final frame, McKenzie led 43-10.

The visitors cut the final deficit with a 12-4 advantage in the fourth, led by Morgan with five points, including a three. Page scored three points, and Anthony Bisogno had a pair. McKenzie’s Fletcher Holt and Jacobi Melton each had a pair.

Tate Surber of McKenzie led all scorers with 16 points. Landon Brown scored 13.

Bradyn Morgan led Stewart County with seven points, including a three.

Marriage Licenses

•Carson Lee Richardson, 24, of Trezevant to Mariah Michael Purcell, 24, of Trezevant.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Carroll County Government, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 49-2-201 and Tennessee Code Annotated 5-5-111, hereby gives notice to the citizens of Carroll County that a vacancy for the office of District 2 School Board member will be filled by election of the County Legislative Body at the general meeting of the Carroll County Legislative Body at the Carroll County Civic Center on November 9, 2020, at 7 p.m. CST.

The person elected to represent District 2 as School Board member shall be a qualified resident of Carroll County School Board District 2, Carroll County.

As to this office, the public will be allowed to present nominations for consideration by the Legislative Body, who will elect the person to fill said vacancy.

Joseph G. Butler
Carroll County Mayor

NOTICE OF BID OPENING

The County of Carroll will be opening bids on one (1) pre-owned 15 passenger van for Carroll Academy. The 15 passenger van should be a 2018 model or newer, have less than 40,000 miles and new tires. The van should be equipped with A/C, automatic, power windows, power door locks, rear view camera and should be white. To inspect trade-in, 2010 Ford 5.4 L E350 white 15 passenger van with approximately 104,635 miles, call Carroll County Mayor’s Office at 731-986-1936. Van must be delivered no later than November 20, 2020.

Bids need to be turned into Carroll County Mayor’s Office at 625 High Street Suite 101 in a sealed envelope. Bids will be opened on Friday November 6, 2020 at 9 a.m. in the conference room at the Carroll County Office Complex at 625 High St., Huntingdon, TN 38344.

Specifications of these vehicles are available in the Carroll County Mayor’s Office located at 625 High Street Suite 101 Huntingdon, TN 38344. Carroll County reserves the right to reject any/or all bids.

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Joseph G. Butler
Carroll County Mayor

NOTICE

MARK ULRICH MAKES APPLICATION FOR BEER PERMIT. THE TOWN OF TREZEVANT BEER COMMISSION HAS RECEIVED AN APPLICATION FOR A BEER PERMIT FOR MARK ULRICH. APPLICATION IS FOR ON/OFF PREMISES CONSUMPTION. MARK ULRICH’S BUSINESS IS LOCATED AT 53 PARK ST., TREZEVANT, TN. THE BUSINESS WILL BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY MARK ULRICH.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL.

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD MAY BE PRESENT AT THIS TIME

TREZEVANT BEER BOARD: BOBBY BLAYLOCK, PAM JOYNER, CHRISTY CREYSSELS, EDDIE GRANGER, MARK ARGO, LEON LYLELL

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Above, West Carroll High School Homecoming Court (L to R): sophomore representative Sydney Bosley, escorted by Jesse Mounts; senior representative Annalee McPherson, escorted by Kaleb Brittain; Queen Virginia Knott, escorted by Nick Blankenship; junior representative Macy Springer, escorted by Jack Barrow; and freshman representative Olivia Arnold, escorted by Dakota Saunders. Below Left, War Eagle Jacob Blankenship makes a 39-yard catch to set up West Carroll's final touchdown. Below Right, War Eagle quarterback Xander Moon scores on a 13-yard keeper to get West Carroll on the board and tie the game. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner



War Eagles Win Big on Homecoming

BY BRAD SAM
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ATWOOD (October 22) — West Carroll High School celebrated Homecoming Thursday with a big region win over South Fulton. The Red Devils struck first on their opening drive, but the War Eagles responded with 36 unanswered points en route to a 43-12 victory.

Prior to the game, senior Virginia Knott was crowned Homecoming Queen. Knott, daughter of Rebecca Chandler, was escorted by senior Nick Blankenship, son of Brad and Beth Blankenship.

Other members of the Homecoming court included: senior Annalee McPherson, daughter of Pennie Keul, escorted by senior Kaleb Brittain, son of Jeff and Gina Brittain; junior Macy Springer, daughter of John and Michelle Springer, escorted by senior Jack Barrow, son of Reece and Susan Barrow; sophomore Sydney Bosley, daughter of Rodney and Michelle Bosley, escorted by senior Jesse Mounts, son of Lorrie Crowe; and freshman Olivia Arnold, daughter of Mark and Sally Arnold, escorted by senior Dakota Saunders, son of Bethany Fowler and the late Joseph Fowler.

The War Eagles won the coin toss and deferred possession to the second half.

The Red Devils started their first drive on their own 37 and quickly faced fourth-and-three near midfield. Quarterback Bryce McFarland threw to Rider Whitehead for 30 yards and a fresh set of downs. Three plays later, it was fourth down again, and again McFarland found Whitehead to move the chains. Drew Barclay ran twice for short gains, then Dalton Morris had two carries for two yards and a one-yard touchdown. War Eagles Wyatt Hays and Cody Wildridge stopped Barclay on the two-point try, and South Fulton led 6-0 halfway through the opening frame.

McFarland's kickoff went out of bounds to start West Carroll at the 35. Quarterback Xander Moon kept for five yards, then

Malik Lee had a good gain negated by a penalty. Two plays later, Moon threw an interception to Barclay, and the Red Devils took over at their 37.

The War Eagle defense forced a three-and-out, and Brock Brown's punt went out of bounds at the West Carroll 29.

Lee and Moon took turns running the ball until Moon threw to Dylan Cox on the final play of the first quarter. Lee opened the second with a first-down run to the 13, then Moon took it in for six. Cox was stopped short on the two-point attempt, and the score was knotted at 6-6.

West Carroll again denied South Fulton a first down, and Brown's punt was downed at the War Eagle 25.

Lee and Moon kept it mostly on the ground again, earning five first downs before Moon scored on a two-yard keeper. He kept again for two points, and West Carroll led 14-6 with just over four minutes left before intermission.

The Red Devils started deep at their own 13 and couldn't gain a single yard before punting.

The War Eagles took over at the South Fulton 41. After an incomplete pass by Moon, Cox ran for 31 down to the 10. He lost a yard on the next carry, but Moon followed with an eleven-yard touchdown run. The QB threw to Jack Barrow for two points, and the lead was 22-6 with 2:16 to play in the first half.

The West Carroll defense forced a quick punt to get the ball back with over a minute remaining but stalled after a penalty and turned the ball over on downs.

The Red Devils managed just one play before time expired.

McFarland started the second half with an inside kick attempt that didn't travel ten yards, so the War Eagles started just inside South Fulton territory. Lee ran for five, then Moon dragged a defender for a first down at the 34. Lee gained seven, then Moon threw to Cox for a dozen. Lee made a short gain, then Moon threw incomplete. On third-and-seven, Lee went 12 yards, dragging a defender the last few yards

for the touchdown. Jose Martinez kicked the PAT, and West Carroll led 29-6 with nine minutes to play in the third.

The War Eagle defense forced another three-and-out, and Brown's punt was downed at the West Carroll 47.

A penalty doomed the War Eagle drive, and Dakota Saunders punted into the end zone for a touchback.

The Red Devils went three-and-out yet again, and West Carroll took over at the far 40.

Lee and Moon combined for a first down, then Lee gained three. Devan Rader ran for 24 and another first, then Moon threw to Cox for 17. Moon scrambled for a short gain as the quarter ended, then Lee ran 15 for the score on the first play of the final frame. Martinez hit the point-after to make the lead 36-6.

South Fulton used up a lot of clock on a 13-play, 60-yard drive ending in a half-yard touchdown by Morris. War Eagle Hunter Lindsey stopped Barclay's two-point attempt, and the West Carroll lead was 36-12 halfway through the fourth.

Barrow fell on the Red Devils' inside kick attempt at the War Eagle 47. On first down, Moon threw deep to Jacob Blankenship for 39 yards down to the 14. Two plays later, Moon had a touchdown run negated by a penalty. On third-and-17, Hunter Walters evaded several tackles for a 14-yard gain. On fourth-and-three, Lee gained five to move the chains. Moon threw incomplete, then kept for a two-yard touchdown. Martinez split the uprights, and West Carroll led 43-12 with three minutes to play in the contest.

South Fulton started near midfield and earned a pair of first downs before time expired.

The War Eagles (5-3, 3-2) host Greenfield (8-0, 5-0) in a region contest Friday to close the regular season. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

West Carroll has clinched a playoff appearance. Regardless of Friday's result, all Region 7-1A teams have a bye to begin postseason play because Region 8 did not play football this year.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Left, Rebel Caleb Gill drags a defender for extra yards. Right, Rebel quarterback Jackson Cassidy evades an Obion County defender for good yardage. Photos courtesy Tammy Graves

McKenzie Wins Another Thriller in Obion County

BY BRAD SAM
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TROY (October 23) — A week after edging out a region win at Union City, the McKenzie High School Rebels returned to Obion County to face the OCCHS Rebels. This non-region contest played out much the same as McKenzie started out behind but gradually gained momentum and overtook Obion County. McKenzie took a two-score lead in the third and held off an Obion County rally for a 34-28 victory.

Obion County won the coin toss and elected to take the first possession.

The host Rebels received the opening kickoff and started deep at their own 16. A holding penalty and a run for a loss made it second-and-12, but Nick Chappell took it 86 yards for a touchdown. Obion County kicked the point-after and led 7-0 less than two minutes into the contest.

McKenzie started at the 45 after a short kick. Quarterback Jackson Cassidy threw incomplete, then Marquez Taylor ran for six. Cassidy kept for a first down, then he threw to Will Latimer, who made a diving catch in the end zone for a 40-yard touchdown. Zach Aird kicked the PAT, and the score was tied at 7-7 with 9:23 to play in the opening frame.

The Obion County Rebels started deep again but regained the lead with a six-play, 83-yard drive capped by a 67 yard run by Chappell. The PAT was good, and the home team had a 14-7 lead with six minutes to go in the first quarter.

McKenzie started at the far 30 with Caleb Gill running twice to move the chains. After an offensive penalty, Taylor was stopped for no gain. On second-and-29, Cassidy threw to Latimer for 34 yards. Then the

QB connected with Zay Webber for a 45-yard touchdown. Aird's PAT tied the game at 14-14 with 3:41 remaining in the first.

The McKenzie defense forced a quick fourth down, and Obion County failed to convert.

The visiting Rebels took over at the Obion County 28. Taylor ran for 16, then Rashad McCreary gained a yard. Gill followed with an eight-yard carry to end the quarter. He started the second with a three-yard touchdown. Aird hit the kick to give McKenzie a 21-14 lead.

Obion County responded with a 12-play, 76-yard scoring drive. On a third-and-long, quarterback Preston Correa threw to Ben Sharp for a 24-yard touchdown. A good kick knotted the score again at 21-21 with five minutes to play in the first half.

McKenzie earned one first down on the ensuing possession but were then forced to punt. Aird's punt from the McKenzie 32 was downed at the Obion County 32.

The host Rebels went three-and-out, and the punt was downed at the 20.

McKenzie advanced the ball into Obion County territory but couldn't score before time expired.

The visiting Rebels received the second-half kickoff, and Kaden Allen returned it to midfield. Taylor took the first snap 50 yards to paydirt. Aird kicked to give McKenzie a 28-21 advantage 20 seconds into the third quarter.

The McKenzie defense forced a three-and-out, and Obion County's punt from the 7 went out of bounds at the 25.

Cassidy tossed to Taylor on first down for a touchdown. Aird's kick was blocked, but McKenzie's lead was up to 34-21 with 9:29 to play in the third.

Obion County went three-and-out, and the punt was downed at the McKenzie 44.

McKenzie's drive was doomed by a first-down holding penalty, and Aird punted to the Obion County 49.

The host Rebels earned one first down but were forced to punt again.

The visitors took over at their 19 and earned two first downs before the quarter ended. Three plays into the final frame, McKenzie went for it on fourth-and-four at the Obion County 29, but Cassidy's pass fell incomplete.

Obion County took over but quickly faced fourth-and-inches. A sneak by Correa earned a first down, then Chappell ran 58 yards for a touchdown. The PAT was good, and the deficit was cut to 34-28 with 8:27 to play in the contest.

McKenzie kept the ball on the ground and ran down the clock to under two minutes before turning the ball over on downs at the Obion County 12.

Correa threw incomplete, then threw an interception to Cassidy.

Cassidy took a knee twice, and time expired.

McKenzie outgained Obion County 376 yards to 351. The visiting Rebels had 211 yards on the ground and 184 in the air. The hosts had 308 yards rushing and 43 passing.

The McKenzie Rebels (7-2, 3-1) wrap the regular season Friday at region foe Adamsville. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

McKenzie is locked in at second in Region 7-2A behind Peabody. Adamsville and Union City (both 5-4, 2-2) will finish third and fourth depending on Friday's results. Union City owns the tiebreaker.

All four Region 7-2A playoff teams will begin with a bye week as Region 8 did not play this year. In the second round, McKenzie will host a rematch with either Union City or Adamsville.



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Huntingdon Claims 70-0 Victory Over Middleton

HUNTINGDON (October 23) — Huntingdon Mustangs dominated Region 6 opponent Middleton with a 70-0 victory at Paul Ward Stadium on October 23. The Mustangs racked up a 50-0 first quarter and led by 64-0 at the half. The second quarter began with a time-shortened quarter and a running clock for the remainder of the contest.

The game wrapped the regular season with 8 wins and two losses. One of the wins was a forfeiture by McEwen due to COVID. The Mustangs were perfect in Region 6, Class 1A competition. They have a bye week before entering post-season play.

Younger players received significant playing time in the contest. Following a 23-minute

lightning delay, the Mustangs went to work quickly by shutting down Middleton's offense, who went three-and-out. Grant Bartholomew made the first and second scores on the team's first two possessions. Blake Bradley and Tyler Reliford added the respective two-point conversions.

Aiden Hutcherson added the next score on an interception and also added the two-point conversion for a score of 24-0 with 8 minutes remaining in the first quarter.

Reliford added another six and Hutcherson added two points at the 5:09 mark in the first quarter for a score of 32-0.

A safety was forced by the Mustangs' Rivers.

The Mustangs' scoring con-

tinued in the first quarter by Tayshawn Rivers and Aston Hutcherson to make the score 50 to zero after the first quarter.

Kaleb Pearson rolled in as quarterback with Ashton Hutcherson added six on a 19-yard run. Pearson added the two points. Jaxx Bennett was soon in the end zone to make the score 64-0, the score at halftime.

In the second half, Eddie Woods added the final score to finish the contest with a score of 70-0.

The team finishes with eight wins and two losses, Milan and McKenzie. Wins include Waverly, Hollow Rock-Bruceton, Camden, McEwen, Collinwood, Wayne County, Perry County and Middleton.

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October is National Women in Business Month

The McKenzie Banner is proud to honor women who have made a difference in local businesses. This year has tested the resolve of working mothers everywhere as they faced the challenge of how to juggle being a full-time earner, teacher, nurse, infectious disease expert, and stay-at-home mom. However, business women in all stages of their lives, displayed extraordinary survival skills in the midst of a pandemic. They confronted issues like working from home and re-imagined business strategy when the phone stopped ringing and customers stayed home. Women have proved that navigating uncertain times is pretty much what they've been preparing for their whole lives. This special edition is a salute to the female professionals who get it done. Keep pushing forward and please stay healthy.

Strategies to Advance Your Career

Career goals take center stage at the dawn of a new year. Thanks in part to New Year's resolutions, many professionals use January as a time to reflect on their careers and how to advance them in the year ahead. In a 2015 survey of 10,000 people who recently left their jobs, the professional networking social media platform LinkedIn found that career advancement was the number one reason people took new jobs. Various strategies can help people who have resolved to take the next step in their careers over the next 12 months.

- **Continue to further your education.** Advancements in technology and the often break-neck pace of modern business has made it necessary for ambitious professionals to continue learning if they hope to advance their careers, a fact that savvy professionals already recognize. A 2016 survey from the Pew Research Center found that 54 percent of adults in the labor force say it will be essential from them to get new training and develop new skills throughout their professional life in order to keep up with changes in the workplace. Some professionals may benefit by pursuing a graduate degree or earning their doctorate, while others may need to update or earn certifications from professional organizations.
- **Give yourself your own review.** Employers conduct reviews to evaluate employees and potentially reward them with higher salaries. Advancement-minded professionals can conduct their own reviews to determine which areas they need to improve. When taking this approach, it's vital that professionals be honest with themselves. Assess interactions with colleagues to determine if you can be a more effective communicator or team player. If those are your strengths, consider ways you can fine tune other skills.
- **Focus on networking.** The value of networking is undeniable, but even ardent networkers may be surprised to learn just how much networking can help advance their careers. LinkedIn estimates that as many as 85 percent of job openings are filled through some form of networking, so professionals who hone their networking skills are doing themselves a significant service in regard to advancing their careers. As a new year begins, professionals can embrace various strategies to advance their careers.

Regardless of their individual situation, education is a great way for professionals to advance their careers.



How Small Businesses Can Support, Help Each Other Grow

Small businesses play a vital role in economies across the globe. The Small Business Administration says small businesses - which are defined as firms that have fewer than 500 employees - comprise 99.9 percent of all businesses in the United States. Small businesses may be defined differently elsewhere in the world (in the European Union, small businesses are defined as firms with 50 or fewer employees), but they are no less valuable to their economies. Because of the key role small businesses play, including employing millions of people throughout the world, it is essential that small businesses thrive and prosper. There is much the public can do to help small businesses be successful, but there also are steps small business owners can take to assist one another.

- **Pass along opportunities.** As a business owner, if you come across a resource or an opportunity that may not be the ideal fit for your own company, consider sharing the information with another small business owner or recommending another firm that might make for a more suitable partner.
- **Promote one another.** Make sure there is a prominent and visible collection of business cards or promotional materials available in your facility. For example, if you are a local real estate agent, you can promote and recommend mortgage brokers, home inspectors, interior designers, and moving companies. If you own a store, enable other businesses to advertise their own stores and services.
- **Organize networking and meeting opportunities.** Networking and meeting with others in the industry is a great way to share ideas to see what may be working for others and what is not. Networking meetings also provide great opportunities to work on potential collaborations.
- **Consider sharing resources.** Certain businesses may benefit from sharing facilities, equipment or even supplies and other resources as cost-saving measures. This also may open up opportunities to collaborate.
- **Use one another's services.** One of the simplest ways to help another small business is to be their customer. This is the ultimate show of support and can help validate your recommendation.
- **Explore co-branding or co-marketing.** Some businesses support each other by working together. Finding ways to work together can be effective, especially in similar industries. For example, pet store owners can work exclusively with a nearby dog trainer, and both can market their services together.
- **Start a social media group.** A small business with social media savvy can be the administrator/moderator of a local group that encourages other businesses in the area to frequently post and advertise their businesses. Small businesses can work together to support one another so these vital cogs in the economy can flourish.



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Andrea Browning

Meet Centennial Bank's President and CEO, Andrea Browning. Andrea is a fourth generation family banker, following in the footsteps of her Great Grandfather, Mr. Arthur Argo, who first opened the doors of this community bank in Trezevant, TN, over 100 years ago.

Since her first job at the bank as Popcorn Popper, Andrea has been invested in the success of the bank. She had a thirst for knowledge and determination for success that led her to immerse herself in learning the intricacies of the banking world. She worked in many different departments within the bank, including teller, operations, and in 2002 accepted the position of Internal Auditor. Andrea loved working behind the scenes to ensure that the bank was functioning beyond expectations. After years of hard work and learning most job functions within the bank, Andrea was promoted to CEO in 2016. Andrea stated, "My job is easy because Centennial Bank has the best employees! My top priority as CEO is to take good care of our employees and they in turn can take good care of our customers."

Andrea is a native of Trezevant where she still resides with her husband and two children. She is a graduate of West Carroll High School and Union University where she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.

Andrea has a true servant's heart and all who meet her quickly identify that admirable quality. She has a heart for feeding the hungry, especially children. Every year when bank employees pool their money together to provide a Christmas gift for her, she selflessly requests that no gift be purchased for her. Instead, she takes those monetary donations and gives them to the Second Harvest Backpack program, a program that feeds hungry children in the West Carroll Community.

In addition to supporting Second Harvest, Andrea gives back to her community through her ministry. She currently serves as a Youth Ladies Sunday School teacher and is on the Stewardship Team at First Baptist Church of Milan.

Andrea firmly stands by the six core values of Centennial Bank, but the one that stands out the most to her is "Do the right thing." She explained, "I strive to do the right thing as a CEO, a wife, a mother, and friend."

Centennial Bank employees agree that Andrea is a treasure to work for. She is always willing to do more than is expected, assisting wherever and whenever she is needed. From working alongside frontline staff to performing her duties as CEO, bank employees can always count on Andrea to be there.



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Shopping Locally is Now More Crucial Than Ever

The importance of shopping locally has been emphasized with increasing urgency in recent years. Events like Small Business Saturday and Plaid Friday have brought some much-needed attention to the importance of shopping local, which is even more crucial now as so many small businesses try to survive the pandemic.

A poll from the trade group the National Federation of Independent Business reported that about half of all the businesses in the survey reported a 25 percent drop in sales since the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, and roughly one in five businesses have seen sales decline by more than 50 percent. If the economic climate does not radically improve, 20 percent of small businesses won't survive.

According to NBC News, small businesses employ 60 million people in the United States, almost half of the nation's private-sector employees. In addition, small businesses generate tax revenues that help communities by funding schools, maintaining parks and contributing

to public safety programs. However, based on research from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, even before COVID-19 spread across the world, only 20 percent of healthy small businesses had sufficient cash reserves to continue to operate if they experienced a revenue loss for two months. Some have been shuttered for much longer.

Individuals looking for everything from clothing to home improvement services to office supplies can look to small businesses to fill those needs.

- **Look for small businesses for any and all of your shopping needs.** Chances are items sold by big box retailers also are sold by small businesses. When the options are the same or similar, purchase from a small business instead of its big box competitor.
- **Readily provide recommendations of small businesses with which you have done business.** Too often people are quick to complain about places that have failed them, but those same people don't think to say kind words about

companies that went above and beyond. Share great experiences on social media or through word of mouth.

- **Talk to small business owners first if you have an issue.** It's tempting to go directly to social media to complain about something, but such complaints can have a dire impact. Always take issues to the manager or business owner first to see if a resolution can be reached. A manager may not be aware of an issue at all. Give small businesses a chance to make it right before taking things public.
- **If you own a small business, rely on other small businesses to fulfill your needs.** Order supplies from fellow small business owners, seek the help of local financial advisors and tax professionals and use local suppliers and delivery personnel.

Small businesses have experienced unprecedented setbacks due to COVID-19. By supporting small businesses, communities can help them regain stable footing.



Cybersecurity For All Aspects of Daily Life

The internet is a big part of life in the 21st century. Going online was a mere novelty around 25 years ago, but now it has become a vital component of daily life.

According to the Digital 2019 report by HootSuite and We are Social, the average internet user spends more than a quarter of his or her life online. The same report states that consumers are on the internet an average of 6 hours and 42 minutes each day. The internet is used for work, school and recreation. In addition, as a consequence of the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 in 2019-2020, social distancing measures have required people spend even more time online rather than in person.

While the internet has changed lives in many positive ways, the connectivity of the technology also opens individuals up to various dangers. These tips can help people be safe when spending time online.

- **Think before you click.** Malicious links can pop up everywhere, but particularly in phishing emails. Links may look like they come from reputable sources so it can be difficult to tell dangerous links

from reputable ones. Hover the cursor over a link without clicking it to see where the link will lead. Do not click links from unrecognized sources or senders.

- **Choose strong passwords.** Passwords help protect personal information and data. Select strong passwords and do not share them. Do not use the same password for all accounts. Change your passwords frequently, especially if you believe your accounts have been hacked.
- **Friend or foe?** Some cyber criminals can create fake profiles to befriend you on social media. They may try to trick you into sharing confidential data with them.
- **Maintain security updates.** Software patches are issued when security flaws are discovered. Be sure to update software as indicated, which can help you stay safer.
- **Use private networks.** Only connect to private networks when handling sensitive information. Security does not end with laptop, desktop or notebook computers. Securing mobile devices also is essential. Turn off Bluetooth and don't automatically connect to public Wi-Fi whenever possible.

- **Lock up devices.** Never leave your computer, phone or other tech device unlocked while you are away from it. That can make it easier for people to get into your system and steal information.
- **Use two-factor authentication.** Also known as a two-step verification, two-factor authentication is widely used to add extra security to online accounts. It's preferable on accounts that secure sensitive information, such as banking sites. This authentication uses different methods to trust devices, such as requiring users to type in a unique code that is emailed or texted in addition to entering their passwords.
- **Be aware of ransomware.** Heimdal Security, a cybersecurity company, says ransomware is a significant cyber threat. It encrypts all data and locks you out. It asks for a payment before a decryption key will be given. Frequent backups of computers and keeping data in multiple locations can help. Also, never access attachments from unknown senders.

It is important to learn about cybersecurity as the world spends more and more time online.

Professions That May Be Thriving in 2030

New Year's resolutions can serve as valuable motivational tools as people look to make positive changes in their lives. Health-related goals like quitting smoking and losing weight annually appear at or near the top of lists documenting the most popular resolutions. But many people also see New Year's resolutions as a great vehicle to kick-start positive changes in their professional lives.

According to Statista, finding a new job was the eighth most popular New Year's resolution in 2019. And finding a new job figures to be an even more common resolution for 2021, as the global COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 has sparked a recession

that saw millions of people across the globe lose their jobs.

Professionals who want to switch careers in the near future may want to consider professions that are expected to experience significant growth in the years ahead. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, demand for the following professionals is expected to grow considerably between now and 2029.

- **Wind turbine service technicians** — Expected growth (between 2019 and 2029): 60.7 percent
- **Nurse practitioners** — Expected growth: 52.4 percent
- **Solar photovoltaic installers** — Expected growth: 50.5

percent

- **Occupational therapy assistants** — Expected growth: 34.6 percent
- **Statisticians** — Expected growth: 34.6 percent
- **Home health and personal care aides** — Expected growth: 33.7 percent
- **Physical therapist assistants** — Expected growth: 32.6 percent
- **Medical and health services managers** — Expected growth: 31.5 percent
- **Physician assistants** — Expected growth: 31.3 percent
- **Information security analysts** — Expected growth: 31.2 percent

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Update Your Résumé for Job Hunting During COVID-19

The economy has struggled during the COVID-19 pandemic, and many people are concerned by what the future may bring, particularly regarding their careers. Some fields may continue to scale back while others may increase operations. There is much uncertainty for those looking for new work or considering changing jobs.

Even though the coronavirus may slow down the process of hiring and make it even more competitive, job seekers must avoid the notion that they should throw in the towel and try to wait out the lull. Many people have found new jobs during the pandemic, and these strategies can help men and women do just that.

Update your résumé — Many people may think that résumé writing is a "one and done" process, but that's not the case. The Balance: Careers says a résumé should be updated and tweaked each time a person applies for a position. Keep a generalized outline for your résumé, but be sure to modify your skills and accomplishments as they pertain to

the specific job for which you're applying.

In many instances, a functional résumé format, which emphasizes skills over linear job experience, is a good choice because it can gloss over gaps in the résumé or frequent job changes. Remember to fill the résumé with the same verbiage used in the job posting. If scanning software is used to cull résumés for key words, yours will have the right words and phrases.

Update social media — If you use a social media application like LinkedIn, Plaxo or Jobster to network, be sure to keep your profile current. It also may be helpful to join industry networking groups and organizations at this time, as they may have an ongoing aggregator of job openings in particular fields.

Research the industry — While travel, hospitality and event planning have been hit hard due to COVID-19, other industries like online shopping, delivery, healthcare, grocery stores, cleaning services, and more, have experienced

growth. Many industries also have revamped operations and may need a consultant or expert to help them change over their business formats. Do not assume that the pandemic has stalled all job prospects.

Prepare for remote interviews — Even after businesses have reopened, remote interviews will likely be the norm. Set up an interview spot in your home with good lighting, a neutral background, limited distractions, and a desirable camera angle. Practice being interviewed digitally. Master various meeting applications by downloading necessary software in advance so that technical difficulties will not derail the process. The interviewer sees only your background, so utilize a paper or whiteboard in front of you with notes or talking points.

A job search may be complicated by the coronavirus, but there are steps to make it easier to find a job. With patience and positivity, the odds can be in job-seekers' favor.



Coping with Stress During Uncertain Times

Stress can affect people's lives at any moment. Some say that a certain measure of stress can be a good thing that pushes individuals to try their best to overcome obstacles. However, chronic stress is potentially dangerous for the mind and body.

2020 has been a stressful year for many people. A global pandemic that emerged in late 2019 and continued into the new year brought with it many changes - some of which are unprecedented. Concerns about the COVID-19 virus, unemployment, reduced wages, and uncertainty about the future has left many people feeling adrift.

According to the American Psychological Association's Stress in America survey, the average reported stress level for adults in the United States related to the coronavirus pandemic is 5.9. When asked to rate their stress level in general, the average reported stress for American adults is 5.4. This is higher than the average stress level reported in 2019, which was 4.9, and marks the first significant increase in average

reported stress since the survey began in 2007.

Pandemic stress mixed with existing stress may require additional coping techniques.

- **Turn negative thinking into positive thinking.** The occasional pep talk can help people manage their stress. Rather than saying "Everything is going wrong," tell yourself "I can handle this, I have done it before." Find the silver lining in situations and they may not feel so stressful.
- **Take things one step at a time.** Getting ahead of yourself by looking too far into the future can compound stress. Focus on the here and now. Make to-do lists and take situations as they come day by day or hour by hour. Situations are often fluid, so worrying about something that is weeks away is often fruitless.
- **Exercise regularly.** Find opportunities to exercise. The Mayo Clinic says exercise in almost any form can act as a stress reliever. Physical activity can release your feel-good endorphins and distract you from daily worries. Exercise

also can mimic the effects of stress, helping to condition the body to its effects and buffer the cardiovascular, digestive and immune systems from negative effects.

- **Seek out social support.** Chances are someone you know also is experiencing increased stress loads. Find the time for conversation, video chats or safe, socially distanced meet-ups with friends. Each person can share their unique frustrations and collectively you can work through the stress.
- **Don't drown in perfectionism.** Trying to be mistake-free can trigger anxiety and stress. Being perfect is impossible and everyone makes mistakes. According to Psych Central, mistake-making can lead to growth and experience, while perfectionism may stanch growth because a person is too afraid to take chances. Not every decision you make will be ideal, but each is a learning experience.

Stress is something most people come up against in their daily lives, perhaps more so than ever this year. But stress can be wrangled and minimized.

Did You Know?

The employment outlook for women over the next several years is very good. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, women predominate in many fields that projections suggest will have considerable openings through 2026. In its job openings projections that es-

timated openings between 2016 and 2026, the BLS found that 13 of the 20 occupations with the best employment outlook employed more women than men in 2016. Childcare workers, registered nurses, nursing assistants, and home health aides were all professions that were dominated by women, and the BLS anticipated that each profession would have considerable openings through 2026.

The field of nursing figures to be especially good to women in the coming years, as the BLS estimated, in its recent "Occupational Outlook Handbook," that employment of registered nurses was projected to grow by 12 percent between 2018 and 2028. Registered nurses, 90 percent of whom are women according to the BLS, figure to benefit greatly from this rosy employment outlook.



How Small Businesses Can Prepare For a Unique Holiday Season

When the famous ball dropped in Times Square on New Year's Eve and 2020 officially began, few people might have anticipated what awaited the world in the months ahead. By the end of March, a global pandemic had changed the way people across the globe lived their lives as governments scrambled to prevent a potentially deadly virus from spreading.

No aspect of life has been left untouched by the COVID-19 outbreak, including how people shop. Stay-at-home measures and government-mandated closures proved a formidable challenge for small business owners. Another challenge awaits such businesses this holiday season, when consumers are expected to do much of their shopping online.

Many small businesses thrive on welcoming customers into their facilities. While no one can predict how long social distancing measures will remain in place, it's reasonable to assume that consumers may be hesitant to visit stores en masse this holiday season. But the spirit of the holiday season will return, and that spirit will still compel consumers to look for gifts for their loved ones. Small business owners looking to capitalize on the holiday

shopping season can try these strategies as they prepare for what promises to be a unique final month of 2020.

- **Start early.** Holiday promotions typically feature discounted items, and small business owners can hit the ground running by announcing sales well in advance of the holiday season. Consumers have adapted to lengthy delivery times during the outbreak, and retail analysts predict many will begin shopping earlier than ever before to account for potential delivery problems. By discounting items early, small business owners can put themselves in position to capitalize on early bird shoppers.
- **Keep sales going.** The Bureau of Economic Analysis noted that economic growth in the United States declined by 5 percent in the first quarter of 2020, and in June the Congressional Budget Office predicted that growth would ultimately decline by 38 percent. Such figures suggest that money will be tight this holiday season, and small business owners can expect to compete for every dollar. By starting sales early and keeping those sales going throughout the holiday season, small business owners can put themselves in the best posi-

tion possible to capitalize on consumer spending, however limited that spending may be.

- **Apply past experiences.** Small businesses have had more than a few litmus tests to gauge consumer behavior during the outbreak. Easter marked the first major holiday to occur while stay-at-home restrictions were in place, and since then retail holidays like Mother's Day and Father's Day have come and gone. Small business owners can examine consumer behavior during past retail holidays to inform their approaches to the coming holiday season. If consumers expressed a desire for gift packages that reduced their need to make multiple shopping trips, small business owners can design and promote gift baskets filled with an assortment of products available in their stores. Creativity figures to be a necessity to attract customers this holiday season, and past retail holidays can inspire a new approach.

Small businesses can confront the challenge of the coming holiday season by embracing a handful of strategies to attract consumers during what promises to be a season unlike any other in recent memory.



More Women Becoming Primary Financial Providers

Women are increasingly becoming the primary breadwinners in their homes.

In 2018, Prudential surveyed more than 3,000 Americans between the ages of 25 and 70 for its "Financial Wellness Census." The survey indicated that 54 percent of women are the primary breadwinners in their family, while 30 percent are married breadwinners who are producing more than half of their household income. This marks an increase from 2015, when the Center for American Progress found 42 percent of women were sole or primary breadwinners - bringing in at least half of their families' earnings. This represents a long-running trend that indicates women's earnings and economic contributions to their families are of growing importance.

Studies show how much more

likely it is for today's mothers and working females to provide essential financial support to their families compared to earlier generations. It can be empowering to be a sole or primary earner. However, this role also may place extra pressure on women who also want to be ideal mothers. While gender roles have become much more egalitarian, the traditional household dynamic, in which women take on more responsibilities around the house, remains predominant in many families. That can contribute to stress for women who work.

A 2015 University of Chicago study found that opposite-sex couples in which women were the top earners reported greater relationship strife and were more likely not to endure as couples. The study also found that some women who earned more did a greater amount of

housework in order to make their husbands feel better about the situation.

There are several ways to address and cope with feelings that arise from an increase in female breadwinners.

- **Stay open-minded.** Couples need not fall into dated ways of thinking regarding gender roles. If they adjust their roles accordingly and continue to adapt, things can work out just fine.
- **Divide tasks evenly.** Evenly divvy up tasks around the house so that neither partner feels as if they are doing more than the other.
- **Share financial goals.** Even if one person is bringing in more money, the overall household should be the main priority. That means that all adults have an equal say in financial goals, regardless of who earns the most money.

Did You Know?

Small business owners no doubt recognize the value of repeat customers, but few may recognize just how valuable such customers can be to their bottom lines. A study from researchers at Harvard Business

School found that a customer's eighth purchase was an average of 80 percent higher than his or her first purchase. In addition, a survey from the strategic planning, marketing and sales consultants Altfeld, Inc. found that the probability of selling to an existing customer is between 60 and 70 percent,

while that probability shrinks to as low as 5 percent for new customers. Customer retention strategies like offering superior customer service and seeking input from customers can help small businesses generate more repeat customers, which can greatly improve their chances for long-term success.



Three Ways Women Can Build, Maintain Professional Networks

Established professionals often tout the importance of building strong networks. In fact, a 2017 global survey from LinkedIn found that nearly 80 percent of professionals consider professional networking to be important to their career success.

Professionals may see networking as a great way to land their next job, but establishing strong networks can pay dividends even for those people who have no immediate plans to leave their current companies. Small Business BC, a resource that caters to entrepreneurs in British Columbia, notes that successful networking can lead to referrals and new partnerships and raise the profiles of professionals and the companies they work for. The LinkedIn survey supports that notion, noting that one-quarter of professionals across the globe have established new business partnerships through Linke-

dIn Messaging. Of course, networking often helps people find new jobs as well, as the LinkedIn survey also found that 70 percent of people hired in 2016 found work at companies where they had existing connections.

Women can employ various strategies to build strong networks and maintain those networks once connections are established.

1. **Join professional organizations.** Professional organizations provide great networking opportunities, serving as avenues to begin new business relationships. Many such organizations host annual conferences, and attending these conferences can help women maintain the relationships they develop through their participation in these groups. That's an important benefit, as the LinkedIn survey found that 38 percent of professionals admitted they find it hard to stay in touch with their network.

2. **Offer help as much as you seek it.** The LinkedIn survey found that only 48 percent of professionals keep in touch with their networks when things are going well in their career. By reaching out to a network when things are going well, women are showing a willingness to offer help as much as seek it. That can lead to stronger, more easily maintained networks.
3. **Schedule networking each week.** Build networking into your weekly schedule. Even the busiest professionals can find time each week to email someone in their network to see how things are going or share updates on previous collaborations. That's a quick and easy way to maintain connections.

The value of networking is undeniable. Women can take various steps to build strong networks and maintain those relationships for years to come.



Strategies To Recession-Proof Your Finances

"Financial planning" is an umbrella term that can be applied to various aspects of money management. Many people associate financial planning with retirement. However, effective financial planning can help people confront today's challenges just as much as it can help them prepare for their golden years.

The pandemic that spread across the globe throughout 2020 posed numerous challenges, including a recession sparked by widespread job loss and declines in economic activity. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics noted that the unemployment rate in the United States exceeded 10 percent in July 2020, while Statistics Canada reported the Canadian unemployment rate was just under 11 percent in that same month. While each country has since witnessed declines in their respective unemployment rates, tens of millions of workers in both nations remain out of work.

The sudden rise in unemployment and decline in global economic activity underscores the need to plan for recessions, even during those times when economies are thriving. Taking steps to recession-proof your finances is an important component of financial planning that can help people

overcome the stress of living during a downturn.

- **Build up your savings.** A recent poll from the Kaiser Family Foundation found that 45 percent of adults said their mental health had been negatively affected due to stress related to the virus. That poll was conducted in March, shortly after lockdown measures were instituted and the term "social distancing" entered the North American lexicon. As the pandemic wore on through the summer, fall and into the winter, stress remained a big concern for many people. Much of that stress stemmed from the economy, but one way to ease that stress is to have a substantial amount of money in savings. Each person's financial needs are different, but many planners recommend clients have at least six months' worth of expenses in their savings as a cushion to help them get through job loss.
- **Pay down debt.** Debt, particularly high-interest debt, can compromise your ability to save. A 2019 survey from Bankrate.com found that 13 percent of Americans admitted that debt was preventing them from saving more money. Pay down debt like credit cards and only make credit card purchases if you have the

money to pay the bill in full when it's due.

- **Avoid overspending.** Many financial planners recommend a 50-30-20 approach to money management. Such an approach advises people to devote 50 percent of their earnings to needs, 30 percent to their wants and 20 percent to savings. Spending more than 30 percent on wants can make it difficult to build up a savings account to levels that can protect you in the event of a recession.
- **Expect the unexpected.** The American economy was doing historically well as recently as January, only to have the bottom fall out during the pandemic. If you want to recession-proof your finances, do not take your foot off the gas in regard to insulating yourself from the next recession. No matter how strongly the economy is performing, continue to expect the unexpected and prioritize saving so you have a soft landing awaiting you should the economy again take a sudden turn for the worse.

The timing of recessions is unpredictable, but they are inevitable. Effective financial planning can help anyone overcome the challenges posed by economic downturns.

We proudly salute the women in this section whose dedication to their careers has made a difference in their communities.



Small Business By the Numbers

Small businesses are the lifeblood of local economies and serve various important functions, including employing hundreds of millions of people across the globe. A rundown of small business statistics can show just how vital these companies are to the economy.

- The U.S. Chamber of Commerce says that, between 2009 and 2016, roughly 400,000 new small businesses were opened each year.
- According to the Small Business Administration, since the COVID-19 outbreak was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020, small businesses employment dropped by more than 17 percent.
- The Bureau of Labor Statistics notes that about two-thirds of businesses survive two years, half of all businesses will survive five years and

- one-third will survive 10 years.
- According to Wagepoint, 99.8 percent of all Canadian businesses are small- to medium-sized firms with fewer than 500 employees.
- Twenty percent of small businesses will go under within a year of opening, advises the Chamber of Commerce. Almost half of businesses that did not survive into a second year indicated that a lack of funds resulted in the closure of their companies.
- According to FDIC data obtained by the Small Business Administration, in 2017 small banks devoted larger shares of their assets to small business loans, while large banks issued a higher total volume of small business loans.
- The Business Development Bank of Canada says 41 percent of Canada's gross domestic product is a byproduct of small and medium-sized businesses.

- Various small business experts state that people between the ages of 25 and 44 have the greatest tendency to form new businesses.
- According to the National Association of Small Business' 2015 Economic Report, the majority of small businesses surveyed were S-corporations (42 percent) followed by LLCs (23 percent). S-corporations are attractive because they're not double-taxed, meaning the business owner does not pay taxes on the earnings of the business itself.
- Even though the restaurant business is billed as the most difficult industry to break into, the Chamber of Commerce says only 17 percent of restaurants actually close within a year of opening. In reality, the construction, warehouse and transportation industries are much more challenging, with a 75 percent failure rate in the first year.

Promotional Ideas For Small Businesses This Holiday Season

When the holiday shopping season hits full swing this year, small, locally owned businesses may find themselves in a unique position. The outbreak of the novel coronavirus in late 2019 and early 2020 forced many small businesses to close their facilities to customers in March. While that was devastating to many small businesses, such closures led many consumers to recognize just how vital a role these companies play in making their communities great places to live.

With that recognition in mind, many communities have rallied around their local business owners and encouraged residents to patronize them. Local business owners can further increase their chances to recover lost revenue by considering an assortment of promotional ideas this holiday season.

- **Turn dollars into donations.** Local charitable organizations also suffered during the COVID-19 outbreak, when unemployment claims rose and families cut back on spending in response to or in anticipation of layoffs, furloughs and reduced salaries. Small business owners can pay it forward this holiday season by running community-based promotions that promise a percentage of each sale will be donated to a local charity. This is a win-win



situation that can entice more customers into your store and benefit a local charity at the same time.

- **Offer discounts to repeat customers.** Small businesses thrive on repeat customers. A 2018 survey from InMoment, a firm devoted to helping businesses compete in the experience economy, found that 77 percent of consumers acknowledge having had relationships with specific brands for at least a decade. Such figures indicate the importance of sustaining long-term relationships with consumers, and business

owners can reward customer loyalty by implementing a discount club. A coffee shop may reward customers one free coffee for every 10 cups purchased, while restaurants can reward takeout customers with free desserts or appetizers for every five meals purchased. Such rewards can attract more customers this holiday season and let loyal customers know just how much they're valued.

- **Encourage social media engagement.** Even if it's not possible to welcome as many customers into your store as it was last holiday season, the avenues to connect with customers are seemingly endless. Social media provides a great opportunity for small business owners to promote their products and reward customers who share their experiences via platforms like Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Encourage customers to engage via social media by offering exclusive sales and discounts. Customers can then be encouraged to share their experiences with their followers, which is a simple and effective way for business owners to generate interest in their products and services.

Small business owners affected by the COVID-19 outbreak can employ various strategies to connect with customers and regain lost revenue this holiday season.

Three Customer Service Practices That Can Make Consumers Happy

In 2009, a handful of protest songs posted to YouTube created quite a stir. After their guitars were mishandled and damaged while traveling on United Airlines, the Canadian folk duo Sons of Maxwell attempted to negotiate with the airline in an effort to be reimbursed for the damage. Those negotiations ultimately proved fruitless, so the rockers took to YouTube, posting a series of comical songs and videos.

While the songs became viral and drew many a laugh, the people at United Airlines, and their shareholders, were not laughing. The bad publicity sparked by the videos caused United stock to plummet, costing shareholders as much as \$180 million.

Incidents like that highlight the importance of exceptional customer service, especially in regard to small businesses. Industry giants like United Airlines can no doubt afford some bad publicity, but small, locally owned businesses operate on much thinner margins.

In recognition of the effects bad customer experiences can have on their businesses, business owners can emphasize the following three strategies to keep customers happy.

- 1. Encourage customer input.** Business owners may not have their boots on the ground every day, so encouraging customer input may be the only way for business owners to get a handle on what it's like to be their customer. That input can be used as a springboard to making positive changes that make customers happy, and it also can be used to help business owners recognize which staff members are going above and beyond to make sure customers have positive experiences.
- 2. Respond to reviews.** A 2018 survey from Review Trackers found that 63 percent of reviewers never received a response to their reviews. Engaging with customers is vital for



small businesses. Consumers appreciate it when business owners respond to their reviews. Customers who leave negative reviews are more likely to put such experiences behind them if business owners reach out and seek their input while assuring that they'll work to provide better experiences in the future. Responding to customers who share positive experiences takes little or no time at all and it's a thoughtful gesture to thank customers who take the time to leave positive reviews.

- 3. Get personal with customers.** A personal experience drives many consumers to support local businesses. Taking time to be cordial with custom-

ers also is a great way to learn about their needs and wants so you can better serve them, potentially turning them into highly valuable repeat customers. Repeat business is vital to the survival of small businesses. In fact, a 2018 survey from InMoment found that 77 percent of consumers acknowledge having had relationships with specific brands for 10 years or more. Getting personal can lay the foundation for customer-business relationships that can last for years to come.

Customer service is vital for small businesses, which can employ various practices to keep customers happy and coming back.

Did You Know?

Consumers who want to support local businesses should know that positive product reviews can be a great and effective way to do just that. According to Business2Community.com, 88 percent of consumers trust online reviews as much as

personal recommendations. In addition, customers are likely to spend 31 percent more on a business with "excellent" reviews, while 72 percent of consumers say that positive reviews make them trust local businesses more. The 2018 ReviewTrackers Online Reviews Stats report found that star ratings affect consumer behavior, as 80 percent of consumers

say they trust 4-, 4.5- and 5-star ratings the most. The good news for consumers is that product reviews need not be long to be effective. ReviewTrackers notes that the average review is now roughly the size of a tweet and has gotten 65 percent shorter since 2010. That means it's simple, quick and effective to support local businesses via online reviews of their products.



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