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"In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Drug Roundup Nets 36 Arrests, More Expected

HUNTINGDON (January 4, 2024) — A year-long undercover joint operation targeting illicit drug sales throughout Carroll County has resulted in dozens of indictments and arrests. Today, during an extensive roundup involving numerous local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, various drugs and vehicles were seized.

Operation Broken Windows, led by the Drug Investigation Division of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Huntingdon Police Department, McKenzie Police Department, Carroll County Sheriff's Office, and 24th Judicial Drug Task Force, began in January 2023 as a continuation of Operation Dark Crystal, which resulted in the indictment of 61 individuals. During Operation Broken Windows, agents and investigators conducted multiple controlled purchases, surveillance, and research. As a result of their

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MLK March On Monday

The local NAACP and Webb Alumni Association, Inc. are hosting a march/parade on January 15, 2024, in Observation of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday at 11 a.m.

The event starts at Webb School and ends in downtown McKenzie.

Community members, clergy, and community leaders are encouraged to participate.

If you are unable to march, please decorate your car for the parade.

For more information, contact Bertha Taylor 731-499-3224 or Kim Webb 731-697-5468.

McKENZIE GETS NEW EQUIPMENT



Pictured are McKenzie Fire Chief Brian Tucker (left) and Battalion Chief Jason Arnold with the new equipment. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Fire Department Receives New Breathing Apparatus

McKENZIE (January 3) — McKenzie Fire Department received new equipment for breathing apparatus for firefighters to wear as they enter burning structures.

Brian Tucker, MFD Chief, said the equipment costs \$109,052, of which \$103,859 was paid through a firefighters' grant with a local cost match of \$5,340.

The equipment consists of 12 MSA SCBA harness with air-flow regulators and voice amplifier box; 24 MSA carbon fiber air cylinders; and 16 MSA facemasks. The three component pieces makeup

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ELECTION 2024

Candidates Qualify for March Primary

BY BRITTANY MARTIN

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HUNTINGDON (January 8) — The Carroll County Election Commission is preparing for three elections this year in March, August and November with new voting equipment and paper ballots. The first election will be on March 5, 2024 with the presidential preference primary and county primary election. Currently, 22 candidates have qualified for 18 school board seats throughout the county, but only one school board candidate will appear on the March partisan primary ballot.

Larry R. Overman is running for Carroll County

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First Leg of U.S. 79 Widening Project Ahead of Schedule

McKenzie Section is not In TDOT's 10-year Plan

BY VICTOR PARKINS

(Milan) Mirror-Exchange

The first leg of the U.S. Hwy 79 (S.R. 76) road widening project is slightly ahead of schedule, said Nichole Lawrence, Tennessee Department of Transportation Community Relations Officer.

Ms. Lawrence said the 4.8-mile stretch of the roadway that starts at Cades-Atwood Road in Gibson County and runs to the east of State Route 77 in Carroll County is scheduled to be completed the first part of 2025.

The construction of U.S. 79/State Route 76 bypassing Atwood is ahead of schedule.

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West Carroll School Board Discusses Building Projects

BY DIRK FONTAINE

(Milan) Mirror-Exchange

The West Carroll Special School District Board of Education held its monthly meeting last Thursday night with all board members present.

An update on renovation projects and plans in regards to safety and security were presented to allow the Board to budget for the bidding scope. The plan calls for security vestibules at the three school sites - Primary, Elementary, and Jr./Sr. High schools to create a secure front entrance by each main office. The updates also plan

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One Dead in Tavern Shooting in Martin

The Martin Police Department has made two arrests in a fatal shooting that occurred at Cadillac's bar in Martin on December 31, 2023. Quardarius Davis, 22, of Union City, was taken into custody and held in the Dyer County Jail according to Martin Police Chief Don Teal.

Davis was issued charges of first degree murder, multiple counts of reckless endangerment and unlawful carrying or possession of a weapon.

He will be arraigned in Weakley County General Sessions Court on the pending charges.

The arrest and charges stem from the early morning shooting death of 19-year-old Cameron Houston, of Union City, at Cadillac's Bar in Martin.

Shykeedra M. Love, 23, of Dyersburg was arrested in Haywood County on Saturday. The suspect was transferred to the Weakley County Detention Center. Charges include First Degree Murder, Reckless Endangerment (Serious Injury or Use of a Deadly Weapon), and Unlawful Carrying or Possession of a Weapon.

Martin Police Department responded to a shooting at



Shykeedra M. Love is charged in the murder of Cameron Houston at a Martin Tennessee tavern.

the Cadillac's bar, in Martin, around 1 a.m. that left one dead.

"I was standing there by the pool tables and we were about to go check out the dance floor area and as we started walking to the double doors to get in all you hear is five or so gunshots pop off," Angel Navarrete, witness of the incident, says.

Navarrete said he believes the shooting happened near the dance floor area of the bar.

After the gunshots, he says the bar went into a panic.

"Next thing you see is the whole bar freaking out, yelling, running out of every door. Really didn't know what to do most of the people just laid down, hid

behind some pool tables," Navarrete stated.

As people attempted to escape the bar, Navarrete said the exits became chaotic. "People that were just hiding got trampled on. It was a good pileup of at least fifty people I'd say that were just getting stampeded on, crying. Everyone was freaking out," Navarrete says.

Navarrete said his initial reaction to the gunshots inside the bar was the thought of a mass shooting.

"At first I thought it was kind of a mass shooting area with all the crazy things you see nowadays. I didn't think it was just a one on one thing," he says.

After people ran out of the bar, they met with police outside and informed them someone had been shot.

"Next thing you know there's about 10 or 12 cops running out with all their pistols out surrounding the bar area," he adds.

According to a news release from the Martin Police Department, 19-year-old Cameron Houston from Union City was found suffering multiple gunshot wounds and was transferred to the Volunteer Community Hospital.

Later, he died of his injuries.



Map of proposed Amtrak route through west Tennessee including Carroll County.

Carroll County Included in Amtrak Passenger Rail Study

NASHVILLE (December 2023) — A long-range study authorized by the State of Tennessee indicates Amtrak could have a new route through West Tennessee including Carroll County and eventually connect Memphis, Nashville and Chattanooga in Tennessee and Atlanta, Georgia. A \$500,000 federal grant funded the study by Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR).

With Ford's BlueOval in the Stanton community in west Tennessee and Tennessee's explosive growth in population and created a need for transportation beyond automobiles and airplanes.

The proposed route uses the existing CSX rail lines through west Tennessee and would come through Atwood, Trezevant, McKenzie, Huntingdon, and exit the county through Hollow Rock and Bruceton. McKenzie is the northernmost point in west Tennessee, according to the proposal.

The lone Amtrak service in the area connects the Dyersburg area to Mem-

phis along the Mississippi River corridor.

The freight railway that connects Memphis and Nashville is approximately 234 miles long. CSX owns the entire length, although it shares track rights with the Canadian National Railway and Union Pacific on some segments in Memphis.

While the Memphis to Nashville route would serve a smaller population than the Nashville to Atlanta route, it would still connect Tennessee's two largest cities, with a combined population of 1.3 million, and a combined MSA population of 3.4 million (2022 estimates). Twenty-nine cities in between add another 171,360 people, with Dickson (16,343) being the largest city outside of Nashville and Shelby County (2022 estimates). The 13 counties connected by the railway have a population of two million.

Memphis to Nashville route was included in the Southeast Rail Plan but was not given the same priority as a Nashville

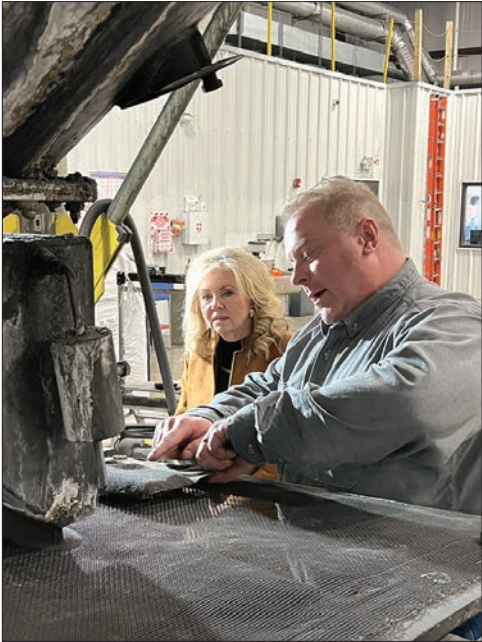
to Atlanta route. But the route would connect Tennessee's two largest cities, and connecting areas with large populations is often a key to success for passenger rail projects, although neither of these cities has as many people as Atlanta.

Additionally, this route would provide Nashville and other communities with stops along the route with a rail connection to Chicago and New Orleans via the existing Amtrak service that runs through Memphis. In a 2022 study, the Memphis Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, in partnership with TDOT, found that the freight rail corridor between Memphis and Nashville currently has a lower freight volume than other major rail routes in the state, suggesting infrastructure improvements needed to prevent disruptions to freight rail may be less than for other corridors.

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tacir/2023publications/2023_PassengerRail.pdf



Above, Pictured (L to R): Matt Mayo, Bill Raim, Carroll County Chamber Director Brad Hurley, John Sanders, State Representative Brock Martin, Senator Marsha Blackburn, Dynamix Casting Flux COO Daniel Willman, State Senator John Stevens and Andrew Maddox. Below Left, Daniel Willman (right) shows Senator Marsha Blackburn (left) the flux granules produced at the Huntingdon plant. Below Right, Senator Marsha Blackburn (center) along with State Senator John Stevens (left) and Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Director Brad Hurley (right) tour the Dynamix Casting Flux plant.



Senator Marsha Blackburn Makes Stop in Carroll County

BY JASON R. MARTIN
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HUNTINGDON (January 4) — United States Senator Marsha Blackburn made a stop Thursday afternoon in Huntingdon as part of her 95 counties tour. Senator Blackburn's stop in Carroll County was at the manufacturing plant of Dynamix Casting Fluxes. Local government officials with employees of the plant met with the senator.

Dynamix COO Daniel Willman who is also a Carroll County Commissioner spoke about the progress his operation has made in its three years of existence in Huntingdon. The company manufactures granular fluxes used to optimize lubrication and heat transfer in the continuous casting of steel. Through data science and analytics, they create precise formulas for the customer's process.

As part of the tour, he explained what the company does and how it is a crucial part of the steel industry. The United States' demand for steel is greater than it produces domestically, showing a great opportunity for growth in the near future. Willman expressed his gratitude towards all those who helped in making Dynamix a success story.

During the tour, Senator

Blackburn asked questions on the future growth of Dynamix Casting along with future employment opportunities. Willman stated that he sees his business growing at a considerable rate as the demand for steel increases but employment did raise some concerns. He expressed the difficulty in hiring qualified employees due to certain standards and guidelines set by his customers.

Following the tour, Senator Blackburn sat down with members of the press to field questions related to the federal government and the surrounding area. The senator started by stating that she was honored to represent the area (Carroll County) and how she was so proud to see economic growth in west Tennessee.

Senator Blackburn added businesses like Dynamix are providing growth opportunities not only in the county but for all of the western portion of the state. She was asked about her view on BlueOval City and the future growth of Carroll County. As most others have stated, she concurred that Carroll County, due to its access to highways and distance to other plants, would make the area ideal for suppliers.

She added the possibility of economic growth would

help retain the youth from the surrounding area. That would give graduating seniors a great opportunity to stay in the area without having to leave to find work. Students graduating from college could return home to Carroll County for good jobs.

Concerns were brought to Senator Blackburn about the decline in hospitals and emergency care in West Tennessee, especially the loss of the hospital in McKenzie and the downsizing taking place in Henry County. She responded by stating she has a rural healthcare agenda, which she defined as a bipartisan measure working toward strengthening the healthcare system.

In the details, she mentioned three portions of the plan involving improved reimbursement rates, incentives and technology. The question was rephrased asking for an answer more directed at providing 24-hour emergency care for places lacking hospitals, like McKenzie. The senator said that she hoped the innovations in technology and incentive packages for education reimbursement could help clinics provide emergency care while keeping the costs down. She did not allude to any specific technology but seemed optimistic about improved healthcare.

Grand Jury Returns Indictments 61 Charged in Drug Roundup

HUNTINGDON (January 2) — The Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court were busy on the first business day of the new year. Among the indictments were 46 who were charged by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in Operation Broken Windows that involved the law enforcement departments of Huntingdon, McKenzie, Sheriff's Department and the Drug Task Force. (See separate story in the January 9 issue of The McKenzie Banner).

The special drug operation began in January 2023 as a continuation of Operation Dark Crystal, which resulted in the indictment of 61 individuals. During Operation Broken Windows, agents and investigators conducted multiple controlled purchases, surveillance, and research. As a result of their diligent work, on January 2, a Carroll County Grand Jury returned indictments charging 46 individuals with more than 100 charges involving the trafficking of methamphetamine and cocaine, aggravated child endangerment, and gun-related charges.

With the significant number of drug arrests added to the number of other defendants who move through the Grand Jury placed an extra number of work on the clerical staff, who were still compiling the records on Friday, January 5. The Court does not release the names of those indicted until the defendant is arrested, which is still ongoing.

The following is the indictments released last Friday.

Jason Todd Perry was indicted on charges of Attempted First Degree Murder, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, and Reckless Endangerment. He is accused of firing a weapon at Deputy Jason Walker, Deputy Kenny Tucker, Deputy Michael Seavans, Deputy Eric Sawyers as they attempted to arrest him. He had a .308 caliber semi-automatic rifle and a .22 caliber pistol in committing the crime.

Tony Gale Dedmon is charged with Aggravated Assault and is charged with burning down a tree that fell on Carl Barry Raidt as he was driving his vehicle and causing Raidt serious bodily injury.

Jonathan Ray Sullivan was indicted on a charge of

Aggravated Criminal Trespass, The indictment indicates he entered the property of a female in Atwood on August 26, 2023 causing her fear for her safety.

Ronada Lee Lafond was indicted on a charge of Theft, from Huck's Convenience Store in Huntingdon on November 4-7, 2023. The charge indicates the theft was between \$10,000 and \$60,000.

Anthony Dale Stanford was indicted on a charge of Theft of Property. The indictment indicates he stole a 2003 Chevy pickup truck without the owner's permission.

Colton Blake Kyle was charged with Aggravated Assault. He is accused of assaulting a female and displaying a deadly weapon in perpetration of the offense.

Rickey Phoncello Warlick was indicted on a charge of Aggravated Burglary and Violation of Order of Protection. The indictment reads that on February 14, 2023, Warlick entered property in Huntingdon with the intent to commit felony theft and/or assault. The victim, her child and mother was inside the residence at the time. The victim had an order of protection against Warlick.

Adrian Markell Nesbitt was indicted on Introduction of Drugs in a Penal Institution, Criminal Responsibility for the Conduct of Another, Possession of a Controlled Substances with Intent to Deliver. The indictment reads that on June 9, 2023, Nesbitt introduced marijuana into the Carroll County Jail. He is responsible for knowingly aiding Jaley Ashay Craig in the commission of the offense of Criminal Responsibility for the Conduct of Another.

Brian Scott Phifer was indicted on Aggravated Assault in relation to a November 22 incident in which Phifer caused the victim fear for his life when a deadly weapon, a CVA Wolf .50 caliber muzzleloader was displayed.

Matthew Parker was indicted on charges of Violation of Sexual Offender Registry and Violation of Community Supervision. The indictment indicates Parker failed to register or report as a sexual offender in the month of June 2023.

Kasper Edwin Northern was indicted on charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance after being charged on September 17, 2023 with a green-leafy material identified as marijuana.

Nicole Joy Todd was indicted on a charge of Domestic Assault after be-

ing charged on October 10, 2023. The victim was in fear of imminent bodily injury.

Dale Maurice Teague was indicted on charges of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia and Unlawful Possession of a Prohibited Weapon. Teague, who was previously convicted of a felony, had possession of a 9mm handgun, had possession of marijuana, and unlawful drug paraphernalia along with a weapon known as knuckles.

Christavon Rashawn Horton was indicted on charges of Aggravated Burglary, Theft of Property and Vandalism. The indictment indicates Horton entered a residence in McKenzie, stole \$800, and damaged the air conditioner and rear door.

Ramsey W. Carter was indicted on Domestic Assault. On October 31, 2023, Carter reportedly caused a female friend fear of bodily injury.

Kaelin Dwayne Willis was indicted on the Sale of Methamphetamine. On March 20, 2023, he is charged with selling 20.8 grams of Meth.

Anthen Lee Parker was indicted on charges of Aggravated Assault, Domestic Assault. Parker is accused of placing a family member in fear by the use or display of a deadly weapon resulting in the charges.

Rosa Victoria Diane Hampton was indicted on charges of Allowing Underage Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages, Contributing to or Encouraging the Delinquency of a Minor. On October 19, 2023, Hampton was charged with allowing four minors consume alcohol.

Erich C. Kussman was indicted on two counts of Aggravated Assault. The indictment indicates Kussman used a knife to cause injury to the victim and caused serious bodily harm.

Eric Williams, Jr. was indicted on charges of Evading Arrest and Reckless Endangerment. The indictment indicates Williams knowingly fled from Sergeant Ethan Parham in a vehicle. Williams is accused of driving recklessly at a high speed and creating a danger to others.

William Audrine Hollowell was indicted on charge of Aggravated Criminal Trespass. On August 24, 2023, Hollowell entered or remained on the property of a Huntingdon residence and knowing that his presence would cause fear for the safety of the owner.



Members of the WCSSD Board met for this first time this year last Tuesday night. Board members discussed a long list of improvements that will be made to school buildings this year. Pictured (L to R): Betty Wallace, Kelly Weaver, Misty Mitchell, Chairman William Robinson, Director Preston Caldwell (standing), Jeremy Jackson and Keith Murray. Photo by Dirk Fontaine

Safety

...From Front Page

to add security film on exterior windows, which will provide some visual buffering and be bullet resistant in accordance with recent updated building codes.

The main focus is at the Primary School as it is currently the least updated of the three schools.

Greer Lashlee of Lashlee-Rich Inc. reported that for the Primary School, “We are looking at 40 exterior doors with new frames and new door and new hardware and repainted. About

42 interior doors would get new frames, new doors, new hardware and paint. Fifty-two windows in the school would be replaced with new frames and the glass and glazing that helps hold the glass in; security film to go on the windows, which is one of the new code requirements, and then a secure vestibule at the entrance,” Lashlee said.

After discussing safety and security on the interior of the buildings, the Board moved on to concerns about the area outside the schools, specifically after the sun sets. This project bid is for replacing nonfunctional exterior lights, such as the ones in the parking lot

and the ones surrounding the outside of the building. Only one bid was received from Jones Electric and Automation of McKenzie for \$22,450, including labor, materials, and equipment. The repairs will be paid through a grant to cover safety deficiencies.

The next bid submitted for approval was for HVAC units at Jr/Sr High School. The Board received three separate bids for the replacement and installation of new units before deciding on the least expensive bid from Newbill Heating and Air at \$23,900 for two new 7.5-ton American Standard HVAC units. The Board deliberated on the bids based

on the available warranties for parts and labor. Newbill was also accepted due to his reputation of prior work he's done for the school.

With the recent influx of freezing temperatures, Director Preston Caldwell requested approval to expedite the replacement of the nonfunctional HVAC unit in the high school band room. The expedited process would waive the advertising period and allow Caldwell to accept a bid for replacement without having to present it to the Board. All members were in favor of Caldwell's request.

The Board approved publishing public notice advertisements for bids on

the high school asphalt repair and resurfacing for upcoming spring or summer availability. In May of 2023, an estimate was given to the school stating that the repairs would cost around \$324,000. The Board approved the start of advertising with concern of the possible costs.

In his Director of Schools Report, Mr. Caldwell acknowledged the recently distributed State Student Letter grades.

“Regardless of whether anyone agrees or disagrees with the grades, they’re here and we need to improve. And I know our principals are focusing on them and we need to do our best to im-

prove our grades,” he said.

The Jr/Sr High School received a D letter grade and the elementary school received a C.

The State Letter grades are based on criteria of student growth, student achievement on the subgroup growth, and on college and career readiness at the high school, Caldwell explained.

The next School Board meeting is February 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Meetings are open to the public. Public Comment requires prior approval; visit wcssd.org for more information.

Drug

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diligent work, on January 2nd, a Carroll County Grand Jury returned indictments charging 46 individuals with more than 100 charges involving the trafficking of methamphetamine and cocaine, aggravated child endangerment, and gun-related charges.

Today, law enforcement officers from TBI, Huntingdon Police Department, McKenzie Police Department, Carroll County Sheriff's Office, 24th Judicial Drug Task Force, Henderson County Sheriff's Office, Homeland Security Investigations, Drug Enforcement Agency, U.S. Marshals Service, Bruceton Police Department and Tennessee Highway Patrol canvased Carroll County and the surrounding area in search of the indicted individuals.

At the time of this release, 36 individuals had been taken into custody:

- *William Timothy Vestal (DOB 02/09/1965), Trezevant. Two counts Sale of Schedule II (Methamphetamine), one count Possession of Schedule VI (Marijuana), one count Possession of Schedule II (Meth) with Intent, one count Resisting Arrest. Bond: \$400,000.
- *Tammy R. Brown (DOB 03/27/1969), Huntingdon: One count each Possession of Schedule II (Methamphetamine) with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Schedule VI (Marijuana), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Drug Schedule VI (Marijuana) with Intent, Possession of Schedule IV Drugs, Possession of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony. Bond: \$25,000
- *Lisa Lynn Cowens (DOB 05/28/1967), Huntingdon. One count Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$250,000.
- *Brandon Huotari (DOB 08/26/1982), McKenzie. Three counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$250,000.00
- *Jerry Ellis (DOB 09/28/1955), Hollow Rock. Three counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$250,000.
- *Christopher Heavener (DOB 03/24/1996), Cedar Grove. One count Sale and Delivery of Schedule II

(Methamphetamine). Bond: \$50,000.

- *Sherry Robertson (DOB 05/31/1959), Hollow Rock. Three counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$100,000.
- *Antonio Ford (DOB 08/24/1973), Bruceton. One count Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$100,000.
- *Michael Welch (DOB 09/29/1979), Huntingdon. One count Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond \$250,000.
- *Jordan Haynes (DOB 07/21/1997), McKenzie: One count Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$250,000.
- *Wendy Huddleston (DOB 10/03/1975), McKenzie. Two counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$100,000.
- *Eddie Lee Shaw, Jr. (DOB 09/24/1983), McKenzie. Two counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$100,000.
- *Michael James Gukeisen (DOB 08/14/1987), Dresden. Two counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$100,000.
- *Joseph Edward Floyd (DOB 02/21/1977), McKenzie. Two counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond \$250,000.
- *Lisa Lynn Cowens (DOB 05/28/1967), Huntingdon. One count Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond \$250,000.
- *Brooke Alexandria Chandler (DOB 05/22/1990), McKenzie. Two counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$25,000.
- *Melissa Dawn Wireman (DOB 03/04/1981), Cedar Grove. Two counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$100,000.
- *Austin Dane Taylor (DOB 04/11/1992), McKenzie. Three counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$50,000.
- *Douglas Patterson, Jr. (DOB 06/10/1989), Milan. One count Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond \$25,000.
- *Earnest Gene Moudy, Jr. (DOB 08/03/1976), Bruceton. Two counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond amount \$250,000.
- *Amy Lynn Guentz (DOB: 06/07/1986), McKenzie. One count Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond \$50,000.

- *Dakota Staggs (DOB 06/14/1997), McKenzie. Four counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond \$50,000.
- *Dustin Anthony Brown (DOB: 03/07/1987), Bruceton. One count Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond \$10,000.
- *James Warmath (DOB 12/02/1962), Trezzvant. One count Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$10,000.
- *Shane Spencer Ridley (DOB 03/22/1973), Bruceton. One count Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$10,000.
- *Jennifer Mayo (DOB 09/02/1982), Camden. One count Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond \$10,000.
- *Jeff Koelsch (DOB 03/06/1982), Jackson. One count Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$25,000.
- *Ricky Orlando Butler (DOB 05/13/1976), Huntingdon. One count Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond \$100,000.
- *Zachary Edward English (DOB 01/30/1991), Huntingdon. Two counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$25,000.
- *Tosha Marie Stubblefield (DOB 10/09/1977), Paris. Two counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$10,000.
- *Ginger Ann Garrison (DOB 01/04/1981), Lavinia. Three counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond \$100,000.
- *Melissa Dawn Wireman (DOB 03/04/1981), Cedar Grove. Two counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond \$100,000.
- *Terri Marshall (DOB 09/08/1963), Gleason. One count Violation of bad check warrant (Weakley County).
- *Serena Emily McWilliams (DOB 04/23/1997), Lexington. Two counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond \$50,000.
- *Patricia Leeann Hunley (DOB 12/28/1999), McKenzie. Two counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$25,000.
- *Sean David Robertson (DOB 10/13/1990), Bruceton. Two counts Sale and Delivery of Schedule II (Methamphetamine). Bond: \$100,000. Additional arrests are anticipated.

McKenzie to Discuss Solid Waste Contract

The McKenzie City Council meets January 11 at 6 p.m. with a light agenda. One items is on the agenda, discussion and approve a

solid waste bid. Prior to the meeting at 5 p.m., the Council will meet in an open workshop to discuss solid waste. Two companies are

supposed to be present to answer any questions. Currently, Republic Services holds the City's solid waste contract.

Judge: Intern Harassment Expenses Exempt from Public Records Law

From the Tennessee Coalition of Open Government

A Nashville judge ruled Tuesday that the expenses related to harassment of a 19-year-old legislative intern by then-state lawmaker Scotty Campbell

are exempt from the public records law based on a House rule and a policy on workplace harassment. Journalists have found that at least \$8,800 was spent to house and move the intern, but it's unclear if additional payments

were made.

While Chancellor Russell Perkins said the records at issue are confidential, he refused to buy the state's broad argument that the General Assembly is exempt from the public records law.

Fire

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the breathing apparatus. The packs are worn on the

backs of the firefighters and the mask covers the entire face of the firefighter. Spare air cylinders are exchanged at the fire scene as firefighters deplete the air supply in the tanks. Tanks are refilled with

normal atmospheric air compressed in the cylinder.

Tucker said the equipment complements the existing breathing apparatus, which are older and cannot be repaired in case of breakage.

Election

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School Board District 2 as a Republican. The other 21 candidates for school board qualified as independent and will appear on the August general election ballot.

The Thursday, August 1 election will determine who serves on their respective school boards. The March primary election's main purpose is to vote for a presidential candidate to represent the Republican party in the November election.

The following presidential candidates will be on Tennessee's March 5, 2024 ballot:

Republican Primary Ballot: Ryan Binkley, Chris Christie, Ron DeSantis, Nikki Haley, Asa Hutchinson, Vivek Ramaswamy, David Stuckenberg, and Donald J. Trump.

Democratic Primary Ballot: Joseph R. Biden. All qualifying deadlines for candidates to be on the March 5 ballot have passed.

Early voting starts Wednesday, February 14 and ends on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

If you are not a registered voter but want to vote in the March primary, you must submit your application to your local election commission by Monday, February 5, 2024. Go to <https://ovr.govote.tn.gov/> for more information about registering to vote.

The August 1 ballot is shaping up with a few contested races for school board.

The deadline to qualify for the August election is Thursday, April 4, 2024 at noon. The deadline to withdraw is April 11. For

new voters, the voter registration deadline for the August election is Tuesday, July 2, 2024.

The candidates for August are as follows:
Carroll County School Board: District 1 (Vote for 1): Harold McLain Jr.; District 2 (Vote for 1): Hal Eason and Larry R. Overman; District 3 (Vote for 1): Kenna Bailey and James Randy Kelley.

Hollow Rock-Bruceton Special School District School Board: Town of Bruceton (Vote for 1): Brad Hurley; Town of Hollow Rock (Vote for 1): Tim Runions; Vale (Vote for 1): Jim Holder; Westport/Spanish Grove (Vote for 1): Nick Maness.

Huntingdon Special School District School Board (Vote for 2): Lee M. Carter and Brittany Cobb Foster.

McKenzie Special School District School Board (Vote for 3): Misty Aird, Chad Brown, Karen T. Fowler, and Patrick Ross.

South Carroll Special School District School Board (Vote for 3): Corey P. Bartholomew, Nick Cobb, Donna McDaniel-Cox and Colton Lynn Moore.

West Carroll Special School District School Board: Old Atwood District (Vote for 1): William R. Robinson; Old County District (Vote for 1): Jeremy Jackson; Old Trezevant District (Vote for 1): Misty Mitchell.

Key election dates for the November 5 state and federal general election are as follows:

All candidates (including independents) for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Tennessee Senate (even-numbered districts), and Tennessee House of Representatives must follow the qualifying dates for the August election. Independent presidential candidates and candidates for municipal elections held with the

November election use the qualifying dates.

For Independent Presidential Candidates

First Day to Pick Up Petitions Friday, May 17, 2024

Qualifying Deadline Thursday, August 15, 2024 at Noon

Withdrawal Deadline Thursday, August 22, 2024 at Noon

For Municipal Candidates

First Day to Pick Up Petitions Monday, June 17, 2024

Qualifying Deadline Thursday, August 15, 2024 at Noon

Withdrawal Deadline Thursday, August 22, 2024 at Noon

Voter Registration Deadline Monday, October 7, 2024

Early Voting Wednesday, October 16 – Thursday, October 31, 2024

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline Tuesday, October 29, 2024

In order to vote in Tennessee you must meet the following requirements:

You must have a photo ID: Tennessee driver's license or Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security ID; you must be a U.S. Citizen; you must be a resident of Tennessee; and you must be at least 18 years old on/or before the next election.

You must mail or hand deliver your voter registration form to your county election commission at least 30 days before an election. The Carroll County Election Commission is located at 625 High Street

Carroll County Office Complex, Suite 113, Huntingdon, TN 38344-1731. Phone 731-986-1968.

For additional voter registration information, call 877-850-4959.

Check your voter registration status here, <https://tnmap.tn.gov/voterlookup/>

U.S. 79

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“Crews are running ahead of schedule, but not far ahead of schedule,” she said.

Mrs. Lawrence said although the first part of the mix asphalt is complete, the new road is closed to through traffic.

“The contractor will continue with the remaining layers of asphalt as soon as paving season begins,” Lawrence added. “The bypass project is closed to through traffic with all side roads or cross roads open to traffic as normal, i.e Jax/Oasis, SR 220, Norris Robinson, etc.”

A contract was awarded to Delta Contractors at a cost of \$29,734,482.55 to perform grading, drainage, construction of a concrete box bridge and noise wall along the new highway.

Ms. Lawrence said Church Street (SR 220) in Atwood is closed temporarily for construction and Barker Road was closed for construction on October 27, 2022. The Barker Road closure will be permanent north of the proposed highway, however, South Barker Road will be able to access the new highway after completion.

Delta Contracting has completed four stream relocations and has installed 9 of 10 box culverts across the project.

Due to the size of the project, the project was divided into three smaller sections.

The second section will be from east of State Route 77 to West of Cutlip Lane and will bypass Trezevant. That section was scheduled for letting this month, but Ms. Lawrence said that schedule has been delayed for later this year.

The third phase of the roadway that will four-lane the bottom land did not make it into the TDOT's 10-year plan, Lawrence said.

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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Nothing Artificial About Albert Or Mr. P

Over Christmas dinner, my eldest granddaughter seemingly intrigued about the possibilities, asked what I thought of the rapidly growing popularity of A.I. I was caught off guard, with a fork full of sweet potato casserole suspended half-way to my mouth. It took me a second—

She rushed to fill the silence, “You know, KK, artificial intelligence!”

“Aw, none of that stuff is so new.”

My gentle, caring son turned to look at me in disbelief. But I was already back in 1961, steaming full speed into the A.I. question....

I waved the fork in a rolling motion as I described Roger’s attempt at a forward somersault from a pike position with a half gainer from the high diving board at the old swimming pool. He missed the landing and slammed the side of his face into the water. I thought for a minute, he wasn’t coming up.

Jimmy Joe was right behind him with the same dive. He stalled out somewhere between the full layout and the body twist in midair to achieve the half gainer... He landed mostly on his back. It sounded like the upside-down hood of a 1956 Chevrolet hitting the water at Mach 1 speed.

From my lifeguard stand 125 feet away, I heard bones cracking as Jimmy Joe’s back walloped against the water! Roger, his face flush from his last landing, helped him out of the pool. They both headed back up the ladder to the top diving board.

For their next dive, they chose a double backflip from a tuck position with a head-first dive into the water. Now you’ve got to understand here, coming out of that last flip your head is not going to be under you as in a forward dive. Your chin is going to be toward the sky and you’ve got to pull your whole body up and over to affect a halfway decent head-looking-away-from-the-diving-board entry.

The degree of difficulty is greater than you think. Roger came close. But he plastered his back against the water as he landed a bit short. Jimmy Joe didn’t even attempt the head-first landing. He just rolled over twice and went in feet first. And he jumped way too early. He landed right on top of Roger!

It was one of the clearest cases of “artificial intelligence” ever witnessed at Twin Pools.

Leon racing the big horse through the middle of our

garden displayed about as much “fake, false, unnatural” intelligence as you will ever see. And he doubled down when Daddy, holding a few broken tomato sticks in his hand, asked, “How could this happen?”

“Dad, it musta been,” Leon frowned right at me to secure my silence, “that roving gang of rustlers from down at Atwood!”

Mr. Paschall, our biology teacher, would shake his head in despair when Rollin Trull or one of the Doyle brothers wouldn’t get the answer just right. He’d stop everything, letting the pregnant pause radiate across the room, before honing in, “Son, are you trying to learn something this morning, or did you just come to be entertained?”

More often than not, the whole classroom would get Mr. Paschall’s famous, “We are in the real world here; there is nothing artificial about it. You’d better start thinking for yourself. ‘Cause brother, if you don’t, one day they will replace you with a machine.” speech!

And listen, I was not immune to this artificial thought process myself. I spent my whole 9th-grade year trying to get Jane Hill to go out with me. Jane was better looking than Doris Day, Elizabeth Taylor, and Annette Funicello put together. I looked like a young Babe Ruth.

My nearsightedness led to the dark-rim glasses. I was perhaps a smidgen overweight. And a mite shorter than Jane. She was a great athlete. I was a klutz. I said I looked like the Babe; I didn’t say I could hit like him!

And I could have possibly had a pimple or two. OK, maybe a few more than that. Buddy Wiggleton leaned in real close, studied my face for a second, and invented that line, “Heber, it looks like your face caught on fire, and you tried to stab it out with an ice pick!”

Jane was as nice to me as anyone I’ve ever known. She truly liked me. She just wasn’t ever interested in going on a date with me. But I kept hoping, and thinking and studying on how to change her mind.... maybe if I had grown six inches, lost forty pounds, and put on an Elvis Presley mask....

I believe it was Albert Einstein who said “artificial intelligence” was all relative. And it doesn’t matter if you were thinking it up on your own in 1962, or hiring a machine to do it for you in 2024!

Respectfully,
Heber Kesley



Above, Owen Bradley was the architect of the what was known as the Nashville Sound. Below, The Quonset Hut and Studio on 16th Avenue in Nashville. The photo was taken in 1962 prior to demolition of the house.





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Owen Bradley
The Nashville Sound’s Architect

Few figures have left as profound an impact as Owen Bradley on music. He was a visionary producer and a key architect of the Nashville Sound, Bradley played a pivotal role in transforming country music from its rustic roots to a polished, sophisticated sound that resonated with a broader audience.

William Owen Bradley was born on October 21, 1915, in Westmoreland, Tennessee, hailed from a musical family. His early exposure to music laid the foundation for his lifelong passion and eventual groundbreaking career in the industry. Having learned piano at an early age, it wasn’t long before he was playing in local nightclubs and roadhouses when he was a teenager.

At 20, he got a job at WSM-AM radio, where he worked as an arranger and musician. In 1942, he became the station’s musical director and was also the leader of a sought-after dance band, joined later by vocalists Bob Johnstone and Dottie Dillard, who played well-heeled society parties all over the city. That same year he co-wrote Roy Acuff’s hit “Night Train to Memphis.”

By 1947, Bradley was working as a music arranger and songwriter at Decca Records. He was mentored by Paul Cohen on Castle Studio recording sessions with some of the biggest names of the day, including Ernest Tubb, Burl Ives, Red Foley and Kitty Wells. Learning from Cohen, he was able to begin producing records on his own.

“Decca’s country producer Paul Cohen was my teacher. The first person he asked me to record was Ernest Tubb. He’d given me some instructions, but it was a bit like learning to fly a plane at first. I’d always said to Paul, ‘When you move up I’d like to have your job.’ Anyway, after about 10 years of me producing, Paul was promoted and I took the job. Making records was a big mystery to me at first. Making a record and turning it into a disc that could be played seemed to be a secret process in the late 1940s and early 1950s.” When Cohen left in 1958, Bradley became vice president of Decca’s Nashville division.

In a 1996 interview with Alan Cackett, Bradley explained how he developed

his ear for music. Bradley said, “I was raised in my early years on rural country music. Then I got into popular music and then back into country music, and then I even started to appreciate classical music and jazz. Wouldn’t it be terrible if you were to listen to the same kind of music all the time? I think people who do that miss out on a lot.”

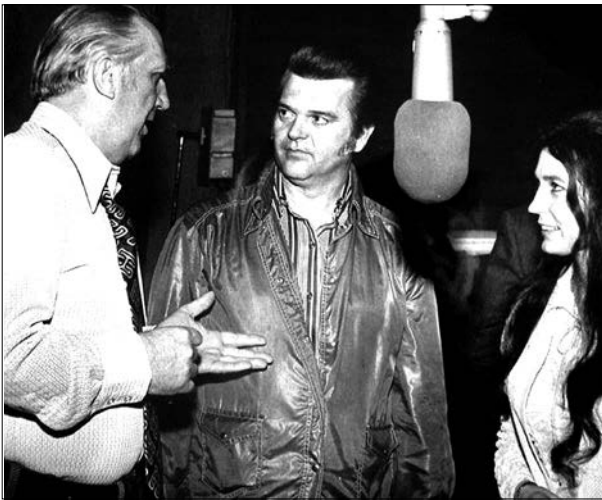
One of the defining chapters in Owen Bradley’s career unfolded within the confines of the Quonset Hut attached to a house Bradley owned with his brother Harold on 16th Avenue South in Nashville. This unassuming building became the epicenter of the Nashville Sound movement. Bradley, along with his brother Harold, converted the Quonset Hut into a recording studio that would witness the creation of some of country music’s most enduring classics.

The Quonset Hut, with its distinctive arched roof and utilitarian structure, became an iconic symbol of the Nashville Sound’s birth. The building’s acoustics, though not designed for recording studios, unintentionally contributed to the warm and resonant sound that characterized many Nashville Sound recordings. Bradley’s decision to transform this space into a recording studio was a testament to his resourcefulness and commitment to creating a unique sonic environment.

With Owen Bradley’s crew of hand-picked musicians, including Harold, Grady Martin, Bob Moore, Hank Garland and Buddy Harman, known collectively as Nashville’s “A-Team” the Nashville Sound grew and began to spur on imitations. RCA Victor to build its RCA Studio B followed by a handful of other labels setting up shop on what would eventually become known as Music Row.

Bradley, with his background in classical and pop music, sought to bring a more polished and orchestrated approach to the genre. At the Quonset Hut, he introduced lush string arrangements, background vocals, and innovative production techniques that marked a significant departure from the raw simplicity of traditional country music.

Bradley’s meticulous attention to detail and commitment to sonic excellence helped define this new era of country music, setting the stage for the genre’s crossover success.



Above, Owen Bradley with Kitty Wells, 1962. Photo by Elmer Williams. Below, The recording of El Paso at the Quonset Hut in 1959. (L to R): Marty Robbins, Jim Glaser, Chuck Glaser, Millie Kirkham and Tompall Glaser.



The Quonset Hut, despite its unassuming appearance, became a creative laboratory where the Nashville Sound’s signature style was crafted.

In 1961, Bradley sold The Quonset Hut Studio to Columbia Records and bought a farm in Mt. Juliet just outside of Nashville. He converted a barn into a recording studio. Within a few years, the new “Bradley’s Barn” became a popular recording venue in country music circles. The studio burned to the ground in 1980, but Bradley rebuilt it within a few years in the same location.

Owen Bradley’s influence on the Nashville Sound was magnified through his collaborations with a diverse array of artists. One of the standout figures he worked with was Brenda Lee, whose dynamic vocal range and youthful energy added a new dimension to the Nashville Sound. Lee’s hits, including “I’m Sorry”, “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree” and “Heart in Hand” showcased Bradley’s ability to adapt the sound to different styles within the broader umbrella of country music.

Another notable artist in Bradley’s roster was Loretta Lynn, whose partnership with the producer resulted in a string of hits that highlighted both her storytelling prowess and Bradley’s innovative production techniques. Songs like “Coal Miner’s Daughter” and “You Ain’t Woman Enough” are enduring examples of the Nashville Sound’s ability to convey emotion and authenticity in a polished package.

As Bradley’s reputation grew, so did the list of artists seeking his expertise. Country legends like Conway Twitty, Kitty Wells, Marty Robbins and Ernest Tubb all benefited from Bradley’s production magic, contributing to the genre’s expansion and evolution. Others he produced included Patsy

Cline, Lenny Dee, Buddy Holly, Gene Vincent, Bill Monroe, Web Pierce, Bill Anderson, Red Foley and k.d. lang.

Bradley’s impact on country music extended well beyond the confines of the Quonset Hut and the Bradley Barn. His ability to adapt and innovate during a critical juncture in the genre’s history cemented his legacy as a pioneer of the Nashville Sound.

He was inducted in 1974 to the Country Music Hall of Fame. Produced records six Hall of Fame members more than anyone else except Paul Cohen who produced nine. In 1997, the Metro Parks Authority in Nashville dedicated a small public park between 16th Avenue South and Division Street to Owen Bradley, where his bronze likeness sits at a bronze piano. Owen Bradley Park is at the northern end of Music Row. Bradley also has a section of roadway named after him where Bradley’s Barn once stood in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, on Benders Ferry Road.

On January 7, 1998, Bradley died at age 82. He was buried at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Nashville.

Next week’s story picks up with Chet Atkins and his progression from the Nashville Sound to Countypolitan.



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Obituaries



VIRGINIA CHRISTINE ARGO 1923 — 2023

MCKENZIE — Virginia Christine Robinson Argo, 100, died peacefully on Sunday, December 31, 2023, at Harmony Hill Assisted Living in Huntingdon. A memorial service was at the Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, January 8, at 2 p.m. with visitation beginning at 1 p.m. until service time.

Officiating was Licentiate Gwen Warren. Since choosing to be part of a scientific study through Genesis of Memphis, a graveside service will be held at a later date at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie.

Christine was born on November 12, 1923, on the family farm in Cedar Grove, Tenn. She attended Trezevant and Atwood schools and upon graduation, attended Bethel College. In 1945, she married the love of her life, David Argo, and remained so for 52 years until his death.

During her long and fulfilling lifetime, Christine taught at Hilltop School, worked at the Milan Arsenal during World War II and for the majority of her life, was a dental technician for Dr. Norvelle Headden and Dr. James Padgett until her retirement at age 70.

Christine was an active member of Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and volunteered at Bethel University, First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the VFW and American Legion.

She enjoyed family, friends, gospel and big band music, reading her Bible and novels, solving puzzles, cooking, basketball, exercising and traveling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, loving Aunt Vada and Uncle Cecil Robinson, parents, a sister, Nelly Brinkley, nephew, Dwain Argo, nieces, Barbara Jean Travis Brawner, Dorothy Travis Sanford and Jane Hill Fortner.

She is survived by nieces, Joyce Hill Al-Kishaly, Joan Argo Brown, Brenda Argo Lewis, Nancye Jo Travis Moore, nephews, Bobby Argo, Charles Argo, Lew Brinkley, her caregivers, great-niece and nephew, MaryAnn Edwards Baker and Steve Baker, along with many other great, great-great, and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home, McKenzie, Tenn., 731-352-3323. +



JOHN M. CLEMENS, JR. 1960 — 2024

GLEASON — John M. Clemens, Jr., 63, died Monday, January 1, 2024, at The Waters of McKenzie. He was a clay miner for Gleason Clay Company.

He was born in Gary, Indiana, to John Martin Clemens, Sr. and Shirley Antoinette Jahn on October 27, 1960.

A memorial will be held in Indiana at a later date.

He is survived by his daughters, Beth (Chris) Wood of Paris and Molly (Jason) McAlpin of Trezevant, sister, Cindy (Michael) Fliris of LaDuFlambeau, Wisconsin, two brothers Dennis Clemens of Wanatah, Indiana and Norman (Barb) Clemens of Kounts, Indiana and six grandchildren.

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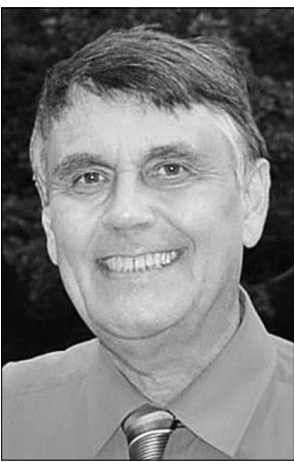
MELODY ANN WATKINS 1965 — 2023

DRESDEN — Ms. Melody Ann Watkins, 58, died Friday, December 29, 2023, at her residence. She was a homemaker and a member of Blooming Grove United Methodist Church. There are no services scheduled. Ms. Watkins requested cremation.

She is survived by her husband, Paul “Mark” Watkins of Dresden, her children, Mandy W. (Wesley) Davidson of Union City, Matthew Watkins of Clarksville, Johnathan Watkins of Jackson and Cody (Krystal) Watkins, a bonus child, Nicole (Josh) Ferguson of McKenzie, six grandchildren, Maggie Mae Watkins, Gracelynn Marie Watkins, James Carl (JC) Davidson, Claire Watkins, MaryAnn Davidson and Jasmine Davidson and five bonus grandchildren, Payton Mingle, Logan Mingle, Autumn Mingle, Annie Ferguson and Emily Ferguson.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Brenda Joy Hughey.

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BENJAMIN DEMPSEY 1949 — 2023

HUNTINGDON — Benjamin S. Dempsey, 74, of Huntingdon, was born May 7, 1949, in Sandusky, Ohio, and died December 30, 2023, in Nashville, Tennessee.

A memorial service was Friday, January 5, 2023, in the Huntingdon First United Methodist Church sanctuary with Dr. Tim Atkins officiating.

Ben was born to the late William Wells Dempsey and Margaret Shaw Dempsey, the second of four boys. His older brother, Billy, predeceased him in childhood, and Ben grew up in the Sandusky area and later Martin, Tennessee, with his brothers Peter and Tim.

After high school, Ben was drafted and served in the Vietnam War. When he came home, he earned an engineering degree before enrolling in Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in Memphis. He began a legal career that changed many lives, spanning over 40 years and helping countless people.

After earning his law degree, Ben worked as in-

house counsel at Carroll County Bank in Huntingdon, where he met his wife, Heather McKinley Dempsey. They married in 1981 and made their life together for 42 years. Together, they have three children, Matthew Dempsey (wife, Reese), Benjamin Andrew Dempsey, and Cayce Dempsey Maddox (husband, Braden).

One year ago, Ben received a diagnosis of Stage 4 Glioblastoma Multiforme, one of the most aggressive forms of cancer. He kept a positive outlook despite the difficult circumstances and wanted to encourage others to keep their faith. The best and last title Ben earned was that of “B” to his beloved grandgirls, Cameron Elizabeth Maddox and Nora Hawkins Maddox. B was a loving, affectionate, fun, and silly playmate to them. He supported all of their interests with his gifts and his presence. He will be dearly missed and remembered for his humor, love, and extravagant generosity.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude or Huntingdon First United Methodist Church or the charity of your choice.



DOROTHY DIANE SANDERS 1956 — 2023

MCKENZIE — Services for Miss Dorothy Diane Sanders, 67, were Friday, January 5, 2024, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home with Pastor Mitchell Milholen officiating. Interment was at Carroll Memorial Gardens.

The family received friends on Friday, January 5, 2024, 10 a.m. until service time. Ms. Sanders, who was disabled, died Saturday, December 30, 2023, at Baptist Hospital Carroll County in Huntingdon.

She was born on May 2, 1956, in Detroit, Michigan, to Johnny McKnight and Cora Clabon Hardy Sanders. She loved to read her Bible and sing, with Elvis being her favorite artist. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her Easter Seals family of over 15 years of involvement, her roommates, Shelia Campbell and Bessie Smith and her boyfriend, David Nash of Martin, Tenn.

Pallbearers who served were Wayne Hopkins, Jim Hanson, Bobby Kemp, Jasper Burcham, Adam Taylor, and Austin Taylor.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. For more information please call (731) 352-4848 or visit www.brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com. +



SYLVIA HICKMAN 1934 — 2023

MCKENZIE — Sylvia Hickman, 89, of McKenzie, Tenn., died on Saturday, December 30, 2023. She was born February 28, 1934. She leaves behind a lifetime of love, service, connection, and creativity. May we find comfort, knowing she is reunited with her beloved husband Gordon, finally able to resume their dance so unexpectedly interrupted in January of 2001.

Sylvia’s incredible life was celebrated at McKen-

zie First United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 6. Visitation was followed by a service led by Pastor LaTricia Trull at 1 p.m. The church, a very special place to Sylvia, is located at 16 N McTyeire Street, McKenzie, Tenn. All who knew her were most welcome. Guests were asked to dress comfortably and bring their favorite stories to share as they honored a life well lived.

In Sylvia’s memory, donations may be made to McKenzie First United Methodist Church or in support of the critical, holistic environmental work of The Nature Conservancy. A cause very close to her heart.

Her vibrant spirit lives on through her daughter, Holly (Michele); brother, Larry (Jeanie); nieces: Gaye (Dale), Kim (Tim), Christy (Mike), and Ashley (Chris); nephews: David (Lynda) and Jeff (Jennifer); and a dearly-loved extended family of relations and friends from every walk of life. She now joins her parents, Reed and Hazel Wilson, and her cherished husband, Gordon, in eternal rest.

During her 89 years, Sylvia gifted us with invaluable lessons. Chief among them: anything worth doing is worth doing well. Her unwavering faith in a God of boundless love and care served as her guiding light, nurturing not just her own soul but also enriching the lives of everyone fortunate enough to know her. Sylvia’s heart brimmed with an extraordinary love, respect, and compassion for every living being, recognizing the intricate connections among plants, animals, and our shared environment — a wisdom that colored her life with profound understanding and kindness.

She enjoyed many, many things. Among those were traveling the world in planes, trains, and Air-Streams, zipping around in her blackberry pearl Honda Fit, painting with the Paris Academy for the Arts, milk, reading everything by Jane Austin, Mark Twain, James Herriot, and Morgan Llywelyn, singing with the FUMC chancel choir, listening to music, ushering at the Orpheum in Memphis, making and sharing good food, decorating and crafting, gardening, managing the Pet Milk regional office, turtle pecan cluster blizzards, reading every single placard in the museum, lifting others up through her work with the FUMC Care Group, all birds and animals (but especially horny toads, piglets, sheep, dogs, cats, and wrens), substitute teaching, recreational shopping, Goo-Goo Clusters, interior design shows, the St. Louis Cardinals, tomato and mayo sandwiches, most anything about the British Isles, westerns, the United Methodist Church, maple black-raspberry Vermont creamers, and air conditioning. Yet, above all, her heart belonged to her family.

A renowned distributor of deliciousness, friends and family often requested her apple pie, cherry pie, broccoli cornbread, French toast, and deviled eggs. She was always more than happy to oblige.

Heartfelt gratitude extends to the remarkable nurses and healthcare heroes at Gentiva Hospice. Their exceptional care, compassion, and unwavering support created a serene and comforting space during Sylvia’s transition to her next adventure.

Ridgeway Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Love all the Earth, Every ray of God’s light, Every grain of sand or blade of grass, Every living thing.

— Leo Tolstoy +

After graduating from Camden High School and cosmetology school, Carolyn enjoyed 26 years of marriage to Stanley Cook. Together, they blended a beautiful family. She treasured the beauty of the ocean and many family beach trips. One of her favorite sayings to the grandchildren when they leave her home was, “See ya at the beach.”

Those left to cherish her memory are her devoted husband, Stanley Cook; children, Paula French Brewer

Lee Thompson Arnold and Florence Nichols Arnold. She was preceded in death by her husband, Eldon Laman; son, Van Laman; two grandsons, Kris Laman and Jonathan Laman; and two brothers, Wayne Arnold and Melvyn Arnold.

She is survived by two daughters, Linda Ivey of Huntingdon, Tenn., and Barbara Newsome of Mayfield, Ky.; two sons, Lynn (Dani-ta) Laman of Huntingdon, Tenn., and Cary (Angel) Laman of Huntingdon, Tenn.; one sister, Sara Margaret Spitzer of Huntingdon, Tenn.; one brother, Barry (Donia) Arnold of Seymour, Tenn.; twelve grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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

LINDA FAYE BARBER 1950 — 2023

TREZEVANT — After 73 years of life, 55 years of marriage, three children, 15 grandchildren, and 34 great-grandchildren, Mrs. Linda Faye Barber, of Trezevant, Tenn., died Sunday, December 24, 2023, at home with family by her side. A memorial service was January 6, 2024, at Light-house Ministries in Puryear, Tenn., noon to 2 p.m.

She leaves behind her husband, Jerry Barber, Sr., two sons, Jerry (Mandy) Barber Jr. and Daniel (Dawn) Barber, and her only daughter Deva Barber. As mentioned, she had 15 grandkids and 34 great-grandkids. She helped raise three of her grandkids Billy Toler, Tiffney Toler, and Samantha Franks. And a special part in her great-grandkids Jadein Toler, Iseiah Stensrud, Jessi-ana Toler, Lexi Toler, and Jaeliana Toler lives. Brothers Robbie (Debbie) Moore, Wayne (Betty) Moore, Eddie (Beverly) Moore, and Terry Moore; and sisters, Connie Saylor, Tammy (David) Mayberry, and Cindy (James) Stewart.

She is preceded in death by her father, Clarence Moore, Sr.; mother and stepfather, Louise and Gordon Scott; sisters, Brenda Starnes, Vicky Gwen, and Louanne Potts; brother, Carey Moore and Clarence Moore Jr. and granddaughter, Sparrow Barber.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home, McKenzie, Tennessee, 731-352-4848 +

CAROLYN COOK 1947 — 2023

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Carolyn Cook, 76, of Huntingdon, Tenn., died Friday, December 29, 2023, at her home.

Funeral services were 2 p.m., Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was in Carroll Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Cook was born May 26, 1947, in Camden, Tenn. She was the second child to the late Edward Lowry and Jewell Wheatley Lowry. She is preceded in death by her sister, Martha Ann Cooper.

After graduating from Camden High School and cosmetology school, Carolyn enjoyed 26 years of marriage to Stanley Cook. Together, they blended a beautiful family. She treasured the beauty of the ocean and many family beach trips. One of her favorite sayings to the grandchildren when they leave her home was, “See ya at the beach.”

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(Tracy) of Jackson, Tenn., Brian French of Huntingdon, Tenn., and Jill French Brigrance (Jason) of Martin, Tenn.; step-sons, Greg Cook (Sonja) of Wilmington, N.C., and Brian Cook (Julie) of McKenzie, Tenn.; grandchildren, Austin Brewer Reviere (Grant), Anna Trace Brewer, Carson Brigrance, Jillian Brigrance, Owen French, Dorie Cook, West Cook, Trey Cook, Aubrey Cook, Tia Cook, Abby Ballard and Cole Ballard; one great-grandchild.

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

JAMES MASTERSON 1943 — 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mr. James Masterson, 80, of Huntingdon, Tenn., died Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at Lifecare Center of Bruceton.

Funeral services will be private for the family at a later date.

Mr. Masterson was born September 25, 1943, to the late Andrew Leon and Opal Velma (Dyer) Masterson.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Masterson, a sister, Evelyn Faye Elliott, two brothers, Floyd Leon Masterson and Charles Roy Masterson.

He is survived by his sister, Louise Burlison of Jackson, a step daughter, Patricia “Sis” Parks (Charles) of Covington, Kentucky and numerous nieces and nephews. Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon.

GREGORY JOHNSON 1974 — 2024

HUNTINGDON — Gregory Kareem Johnson, 49, Huntingdon, died January 3, 2024, at The Waters Rehabilitation Center, McKenzie.

Funeral services were Sunday, January 7, 2024, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was in Humbles Cemetery.

Greg was born in Huntingdon on February 25, 1974, to Sandra N. Johnson and Anthony L. Thomas.

He is preceded in death by his beloved mother, Sandra N. Johnson, Grandparents, J. B. and Lillie Mai Thomas and Lester and Bettye Johnson.

Greg leaves to cherish a beautiful daughter, Carson Hatch Bailey (Jordan) and a beautiful granddaughter, brothers, sister, aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of relatives and friends.

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

EDWARD ALLEN HUGUELEY 1958 — 2024

GLEASON — Services for Edward Allen Hugueley, 65, of Gleason, Tenn., were Monday, January 8, 2024, at Williams Funeral Home of Gleason. Burial was in New Valley Cemetery in Gleason.

Mr. Hugueley is survived by his wife, Lisa Hugueley of Gleason; four children, Greg Hugueley, Misty Hugueley, Albany Jones, and Autumn Turnbo, all of Gleason.

Eddie leaves behind two step-children, Sabrina and Diana Turnbo, sister, Crystal Hugueley, brother, Donald Hugueley, eighteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

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McKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

911 BOARD TO MEET

Carroll County Emergency Communications District Board meets in regular session on January 11, 6 p.m. at the Colonial Tea Room, 125 Court Square, Huntingdon.

HUNTINGDON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS JANUARY 17

Huntingdon Special School District Board of Education meets Wednesday, January 17, 5 p.m. at the Central Office, 585 High Street, Huntingdon

CARROLL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

The Carroll County Democratic Party meets the third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at 12740 Lexington Street, Huntingdon.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Huntingdon Location - Adult Education Building, 14155 Paris Street. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m. Classes are offered for one-on-one instruction on Mondays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to NOON. For more information, phone 731-364-5481.

NWTN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETS JANUARY 26

The Board of Directors of the Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council meets Friday, January 26, 10 a.m. at the McKenzie office, 938 C. Walnut Avenue, McKenzie. The meeting is also available through Zoom.

CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

Carroll County Commission meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Carroll County Office Complex, High Street, Huntingdon. There are no meetings in December, February, and July.

McKENZIE INDUSTRIAL BOARD TO MEET

McKenzie Industrial Board meets 6 p.m., Thursday, January 11, 2024, at The RailYard Workspace, 9 Broadway Street, McKenzie.

CARROLL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CANCELS EVENTS

The Carroll County Republican Party canceled its January 23, 2024 meeting due to illness. The planned Pasta and Politics, scheduled for January 27, is also canceled.

VFW SUPERBOWL PARTY

McKenzie Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4939 is hosting a 2024 SuperBowl Party, February 11. Included is a chili cookoff and a raffle. For more information, phone 731-207-1027.

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HCMC's Healthcare Center is likely to be purchased by a private firm from Brooklyn, New York. File Photo

Henry County Medical To Sell Nursing Home

After months of discussion and debate, the Henry County Commission and the Henry County Medical Center's board of trustees have given their blessing to move forward with the sale of the Henry County Healthcare Center. Since the property is held by the hospital, the county's private act of 1953, which created the hospital, has to be amended and accepted by both houses of the Tennessee Legislature and the governor.

In a December 2023 meeting, the County Commission agreed to send the amendments to Nashville. Once the legislative body is back in session (February) and the amendments are approved, then the resolution goes back before the commission for adoption to allow the sale, which would likely be sometime in April. The discussion about a possible sale has been an ongoing topic since early bring but finally made headway in late October.

The likely buyer is Ahava Healthcare. Sources state a committee in charge of seeking potential buyers recommended a bid from Ahava for \$8.84 million.

According to the company's website, the group is a skilled nursing facility management company based out of Brooklyn, New York. They currently own 12 facilities throughout the United States including 10 in Tennessee. The group claims to "focus on implementing continuous quality improvement measures across the entire spectrum of the healthcare services we provide."

Currently, Henry County Medical is undergoing restructuring. In September, the hospital closed its obstetrical services. Questions were raised as to why something that is losing money like the nursing home would be an asset to some other group. HCMC CEO John Tucker provided a simple answer, private firms are better at making money with the nursing homes than hospitals.

Henry County Healthcare Center located at 239 Hospital Circle is listed as a 136-bed facility providing skilled and intermediate care with an emphasis on rehabilitation services through the Plumley Rehabilitation Center.

*Contributor Shannon McFarlin, WENK/WTFR

Gasoline Prices Fall During Week

Average gasoline prices in Tennessee fell 6.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.65/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 15.2 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 31.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 5.6 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.90 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.32/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.79/g, a difference of \$1.47/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.32/g while the highest was \$3.79/g, a difference of \$1.47/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 3.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.03/g today. The national average is down 12.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 22.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Tennessee and the national average going back ten years:

- January 8, 2023: \$2.97/g (U.S. Average: \$3.25/g).
- January 8, 2022: \$3.00/g (U.S. Average: \$3.30/g).
- January 8, 2021: \$2.09/g (U.S. Average: \$2.32/g).
- January 8, 2020: \$2.34/g (U.S. Average: \$2.61/g).
- January 8, 2019: \$1.95/g (U.S. Average: \$2.23/g).
- January 8, 2018: \$2.26/g (U.S. Average: \$2.49/g).
- January 8, 2017: \$2.14/g (U.S. Average: \$2.37/g).
- January 8, 2016: \$1.74/g (U.S. Average: \$1.98/g).

January 8, 2015: \$2.00/g (U.S. Average: \$2.17/g).

January 8, 2014: \$3.12/g (U.S. Average: \$3.30/g).

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Chattanooga — \$2.55/g, down 5.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.60/g.

Nashville — \$2.65/g, down 10.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.75/g.

Huntsville — \$2.75/g, down 2.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.77/g.

"Sluggish gasoline demand has led to the national average easing again, and brings back the potential for the national average to drift under \$3 per gallon for the first time since 2021," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "With a record rise in gasoline inventories last week as demand was anemic during the holidays, motorists have provided the catalyst for falling prices. If demand remains weak, gasoline prices could fall further. In addition, refinery issues in California have also eased, which will soon cause prices to decline in California, Nevada and Arizona, providing momentum for a possible run at a \$2.99 national average. However, the better it gets now, the more bumpy and sharp the rise could be ahead of the spring, as prices could start their rise of 35-85 cents per gallon around mid-February."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

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State to Give \$1.86M in Grants To Carroll, Weakley Counties

NASHVILLE — State Rep. Tandy Darby, R-Greenfield, announced \$1,865,647 for community development projects in Carroll and Weakley counties from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TNECD).

The funding is part of TNECD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Hollow Rock received a \$630,000 CDBG for local park improvements.

Martin received a \$630,000 CDBG for a recreation improvement project.

Sharon received a \$373,532 CDBG for park improvements.

Trezevant received a \$232,115 CDBG for a sewer system project.

"This significant investment will improve our community's parks and essential services like sewer," Darby said. "The funds will go toward making Northwest Tennessee an even better place to live. The proposed park and recreation area improvements will make them even more enjoyable for families, and Trezevant's proposed sewer project will increase its wastewater system's reliability and longevity."

Hollow Rock's funds will go toward installing a playground, a half basketball court, and a new pavilion in the city park. The grant comes from available funding from the CDBG Corona-

virus Response Supplement (CDBG-CV).

Martin's CDBG will be used to resurface the Martin Recreation Complex walking trail, construct a pickleball court, replace a playground, and make ADA improvements. This grant comes from the CDBG-CV.

Sharon's funding will go toward a multi-use sports court area, lighting, ADA parking, and walkway improvements. This grant comes from the CDBG-CV.

Trezevant's CDBG will be matched with local funds to replace an effluent pump station and install flow monitoring equipment to improve the town's wastewater system.

TNECD approved \$36.6 million in grants to 78 communities across the state for projects in categories including public health and safety, community infrastructure, community revitalization, water system improvements, and sewer system improvements.

The allocation of CDBG funds is based on priorities set through the public meeting process at the local community level. The CDBG program is funded through HUD and administered in Tennessee by the Department of Economic and Community Development.

State Rep. Tandy Darby represents House District 76, which includes Weakley County and part of Carroll and Henry counties.

Northwest Tennessee Tourism Gears Up for 2024 with New, Fresh Website

As 2023 draws to a close, the Northwest Tennessee Tourism Association (NWTTA) proudly reflects on a year marked by significant achievements and renewed momentum. From impactful advocacy efforts to a revitalized digital presence, the organization solidified its commitment to promoting the region as a premier tourist destination.

Year of Progress:

NWTTA was able to execute the first-ever Northwest Tennessee Legislative Breakfast with resounding success. State legislators, tourism stakeholders, and community leaders gathered at Discovery Park of America to discuss the critical role tourism plays in Northwest Tennessee's economy. The breakfast solidified NWTTA's role as a champion for the industry, paving the way for future advocacy efforts. Save the date for this year's event as they cap off National Travel and Tourism Week, on Friday, May 24, 2024!

Committed to operating with efficiency and transparency, the organization undertook a comprehensive overhaul of its bylaws. The updated bylaws streamline governance, promote member participation and influence, and set the stage for continued organizational growth.

In a testament to the organization's growing influence and impact, NWTTA reached its full board capacity for the first time ever. This diverse group of leaders from across the region brings a wealth of expertise and perspectives to the table, ensuring well-rounded decision making and a commitment to representing the entire area.

A Digital Refresh:

Buckle up and get ready to navigate Northwest Tennessee like a pro with our completely revamped website (www.nwtntourism.com)! Thanks to a partnership with Tencom Services of Dyersburg, Tennessee, the site launches in January 2024, and will be your one-stop shop for planning

your authentic getaway to our corner. Viewers can explore hidden gems, discover local flavors, and delve into captivating stories of our people and places. Our intuitive interface and user-friendly features will make planning any trip a breeze, whether you're a seasoned traveler, a first-time visitor, or even a local.

New Year, New Goals:

Looking ahead, Northwest Tennessee Tourism is setting ambitious goals for 2024. These include the launch of a comprehensive marketing campaign, hosting several exciting events throughout the year, and building membership by strengthening partnerships with stakeholders across the region.

Northwest Tennessee Tourism Executive Director, Kasey Muench, states, "We are incredibly grateful for the support of our members, partners, and the entire NWTN community for making 2023 a year of tremendous progress. Our board and I have laid a strong foundation, and we're excited to continue building upon it in 2024. I'm anxious to keep connecting the dots across the region by continuing to be a resource for our members and telling our story through cohesive marketing initiatives. Every business, organization, and individual with a stake in our region's success has a place at our table."

In addition to the AL-MS-TN Rural Tourism conference held in Obion County in October, NWTTA will host several events of its own. The details of those upcoming opportunities will be exclusively released through their monthly newsletter. Stay up-to-date on all the exciting happenings in Northwest Tennessee by following @NWTNTourism on social media and subscribing to their newsletter through their new website: www.nwtntourism.com. We can't wait to welcome you to our corner of the world in 2024.

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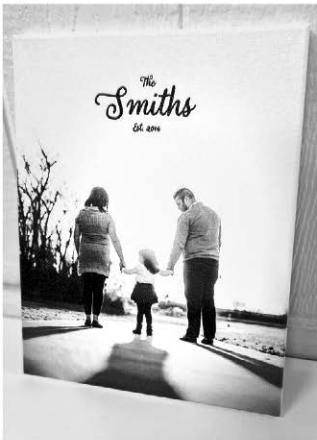
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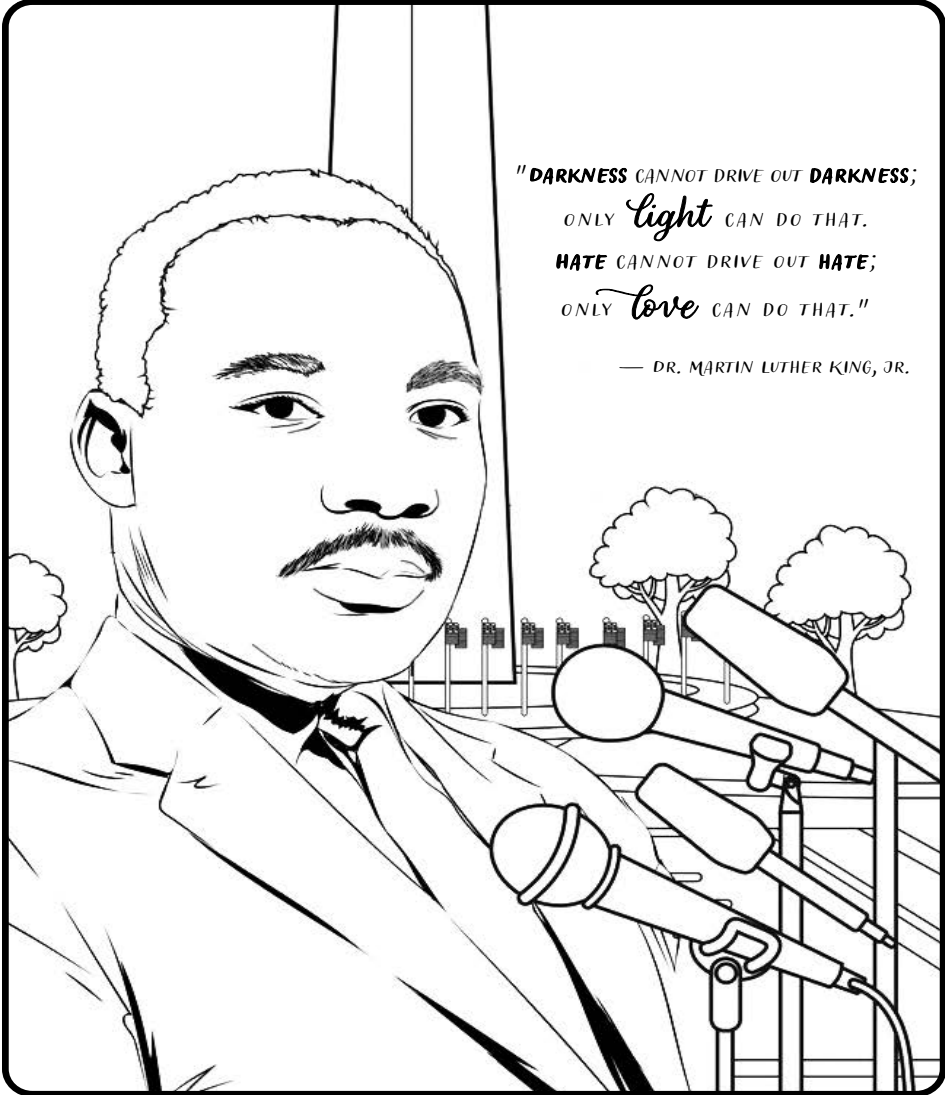
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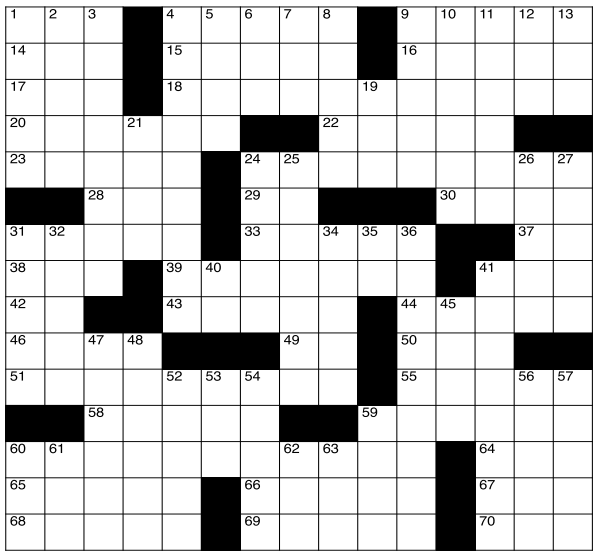
Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 4. Moved back and forth
- 9. One-time coach of the Cowboys
- 14. Last letter
- 15. Cause to become less intense
- 16. Genus of tree bugs
- 17. Body art
- 18. Romance novelist
- 20. Be filled with love for
- 22. City
- 23. Make vivid
- 24. Horses
- 28. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 29. Atomic #18
- 30. Shortly
- 31. A type of prejudice
- 33. Whirls
- 37. Six
- 38. Old world, new
- 39. __ Hess, oil company
- 41. Talk
- 42. Not off
- 43. Begets
- 44. Cars need them
- 46. Computing architecture (abbr.)
- 49. Of I
- 50. Journalist, activist Wells
- 51. Takes apart
- 55. Lists
- 58. Positively charged electrode
- 59. Hard, colorless compound
- 60. Inflammation of the peritoneum
- 64. Trent Reznor's band
- 65. Simply dry fruit
- 66. "Ivanhoe" author
- 67. Google certification
- 68. French commune
- 69. Medieval circuit courts
- 70. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Indigenous people of Mexico
- 2. Dietary supplement
- 3. Having a particular sheen or luster



- 4. Views
- 5. Academic Bill of Rights
- 6. Automobile
- 7. When you anticipate arriving
- 8. Beef or chicken intestine
- 9. Conspiracy
- 10. Blood disorder
- 11. Long-time NBAer Shawn
- 12. Time zone
- 13. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
- 19. Upton Sinclair novel
- 21. What a cow does
- 24. Cavalry-sword
- 25. Ancient Greek war galley
- 26. Stars
- 27. Rebukes
- 31. Billion year periods
- 32. Some are in a bottle
- 34. Tears down
- 35. Lethal dose
- 36. Humorists
- 40. Midwestern US state (abbr.)
- 41. Frameworks
- 45. Rocker Billy
- 47. More thin
- 48. Dog
- 52. Habitual repetitions
- 53. State of fuss
- 54. Uneasy
- 56. Chemical compounds
- 57. More cognizant of reality
- 59. A place to build
- 60. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 61. Supplement with difficulty
- 62. Very slick
- 63. Hill or rocky peak

Week 2

See solution in next week's edition.

MLK Jr. Day Word Search

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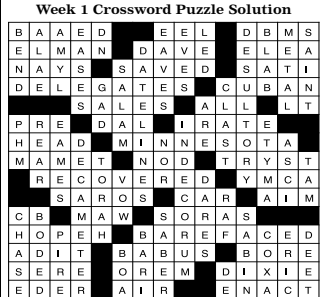
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9	7	1	6	5	8	3	2	4
2	3	8	9	1	4	5	7	6
3	9	4	7	6	5	2	1	8
8	6	2	4	9	1	7	3	5
5	1	7	8	3	2	6	4	9
1	8	6	2	4	3	9	5	7
7	5	3	1	8	9	4	6	2
4	2	9	5	7	6	1	8	3

SUDOKU

WEEK 2

1			3	9				
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Above, Hayden Garrett moves in for the basket. Right, Mikaela Reynolds moves past Hayden Beasley for the goal. Below Left, Gleason's Kyzer Crochet moves toward the goal as Tate Surber guards. Below Right, Gleason's Autumn Mingle slips the defenses of Sophie Pate and Savannah Davis.



McKenzie Wins Two Over Gleason

MCKENZIE (January 2) — McKenzie Lady Rebels and Rebels claimed victories over Gleason in the first basketball contest following Christmas break.

The Lady Rebels claimed a 71-34 victory over the visiting Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Rebels scored 31, 15, 20 and 5 in the respective quarters. Scoring for the Lady Bulldogs was 4, 9, 13, and 8.

Savannah Davis led the scoring with 31 points, including five 3-pointers, six 2-pointers, and four free throws. Mikaela Reynolds had 21 points, including four 3-pointers, four 2-pointers, and one free throw. Sophie Pate had 9 points from three 3-pointers. Charli Weatherford had 6 points, from two 3-pointers; and Madeline Gottshall and Cheyenne Long each had two points.

Gleason was led by Autumn Mingle with 8 points, include one 3-pointer, one 2-pointer, and three free throws. Hylan Leach had 7 points, including one 3-pointer, one two-pointer and two free throws; Brinley Lehmkuhl had 5 points, including one two-pointer and 3 free throws; Jaeda Perry had four points, Syklar Arnold had four, Hollie Whitworth had two, A. Allen had two; and Hayden Beasley had two.

McKenzie Rebels claimed a 73-38 victory over the Bulldogs. McKenzie scored 27, 18, 17, and 11 in the respective quarters. The Bulldogs scored 6, 17, 8 and 6.

Hayden Garrett led the Rebels with 23 points, including five 3-pointers and four 2-pointers.

Tate Surber scored 20 including one 3-pointer, sev-

en 2-pointers and three foul shots.

Carter Kee scored eight, including two 3-pointers and one two-pointer, Avery Brown scored seven including three 2-pointers, and one foul shot, Landon Brown scored six including one of each - two-pointer, three-pointer and foul shot., Cordell Orgain scored 4 in two 2-pointers, Stafford Roditis scored three in a single 3-pointer, and Drew Chappell scored two.

Gleason was led by Drake Lehmkuhl with 12, including five 2-pointers and two foul shots, Garrett Pinkston had eight including three 2-pointers and two free throws, Gage Byington had five including two 2-pointers and a free throw, Owen Taylor had four, Ashton Morgan had four, Kyzer Crochet had two, and A. Legens had two.

Sheriff's Reports

DUI — Douglas Eugene Marshall, 55, of Huntingdon, was arrested for DUI on January 1. Deputy Daniel Thomas observed a blue Jeep that he suspected had a driver impaired behind the wheel. The driver, Douglas

Marshall, smelled of alcohol and refused to do any field sobriety tests. He was then placed under arrest for DUI.

Animals at Large — On December 27, Rebecca Rose from McKenzie called the

Sheriff's office to report that the neighbor's goats were in her yard. When the deputies arrived, there were several goats in the yard. The goats belonged to Richard Heflin from McKenzie. Mr. Helfin was issued a citation for allowing animals to run at large since this has been an ongoing issue.

McKenzie Police Reports

DUI, Possession of Handgun — Pavel A. Smyshlyaev, 46, Maperville, Illinois, was charged with DUI, Possession of a Handgun While Under the Influence on December 26.

Officer Kyle Beauchamp responded to a report about a vehicle that swerving. Beauchamp attempted to stop the vehicle with the assistance of Patrolman Batchelder. The two officers boxed in the vehicle of Smyshlyaev and was able to stop the vehicle. The driver did poorly on field sobriety tests and had a handgun laying on his front seat.

Smyshlyaev was transported to Baptist Hospital for a blood test and charged with DUI-Second Offense. He was then transported to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on Revoked License — Porter Cunningham, Jr., 58, Thompson Avenue, McKenzie was charged with Driving on a Revoked License for DUI 4th Offense on January 1.

Officer Sean Beck observed Cunningham driving and had knowledge that his license was revoked. A check of the car's license plates revealed expired tags. Cunningham had borrowed the vehicle. The owner of the car was called to the scene to sign seizure docu-

ments since the owner was aware Cunningham was not to drive.

Driving While Revoked, Drug Violations — Three subjects were charged following a traffic stop on January 6.

Officer Sean Beck stopped a black Nissa on State Route 22 after the vehicle swerved several times. Officer Beck was aware of some of the occupants' history. When a bong and methamphetamine were found in the vehicle, none of the occupants claimed ownership, so all three were arrested and charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Manufacturing Methamphetamine.

Jacob A. Hinson, 24, Spruce Street, McKenzie, was driving and charged with Driving on a Suspended License plus the above listed drug charges.

Steven D. Edwards, 38, Broad Street, Dresden, was charged with the drug offenses.

Dustin Wright, 24, College Street, Jackson was charged with the drug offenses.

The vehicle was seized by MPD.

Driving on Suspended License — Ricky King, 64, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License on

January 6.

Officer Sean Beck stopped the vehicle King was driving. A check of King's license verified the suspended status. King also did not have proof of insurance for the vehicle.

King was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Driving on Suspended License — Nathan Russell Boone, 40, Connell Drive, South Fulton, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License and Display of Registration Plates.

Sergeant Cody Coleman stopped Boone's vehicle for a violation of display of license plate. The officer determined Boone's license was suspended during the stop. Boone was advised to report to Carroll County Jail for booking procedures.

Speeding, Driving on Suspended License — Ruby Garza, 22, Randle Street, McKenzie was charged with Speeding and Driving on a Suspended License on January 4.

Officer Matthew Cunningham made the traffic stop for speeding and learned of the suspended license status. Garza was advised to report to Carroll County Jail for booking within 10 days.

Marriage Licenses

Garrett Thomas Graves, 23, of Buena Vista, to Heather Grace Whitworth, 27, of

McKenzie.
Ashley Megan Rimmer, 33, of Cedar Grove, to Jessie

Lee Townes Jr., 33, of Cedar Grove.
Heather Michele Bush, 40, of Huntingdon, to Terrance Maurice Marshall, 36, of Jackson.

Carroll County General Sessions Court Report

HUNTINGDON (January 3) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on January 3.

Two defendants were bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court.

Darrin Todd Ring, Woodlawn Drive, New Johnsonville, bound over on charges of Reckless Endangerment-Vehicle, Evading Arrest-Vehicle, Speeding, Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Poppy Scarbrough, Hinkledale Road, McKenzie, bound over on charges of Assault on First Responder and DUI-First Offense.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Tracy Bruff, Main Street, McKenzie, guilty, Violation of Probation; 10 days jail, probation extended six months.

Ricky Epley, Venetian Circle, Lexington, guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, \$500 fine, 16 days jail, supervised probation; dismissed, Meth-Manufac-

ture, Deliver, Sell, Possess with Intent.

Kevin Lee Hobbs, Highway 641, Camden, guilty, Driving While Canceled, \$50 fine, probation; dismissed, Speeding.

Yamou Saheed Jordan, Abe Street, Joliet, Illinois, guilty, Probation Violation, jail to run concurrent with Circuit Court sentence.

Reno R. Reyna, Highway 104, Lavinia, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$250 fine, 19 days jail, supervised probation; dismissed, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange; dismissed, Driving While Suspended.

Billy Smith, Purdy Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia; \$150 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to time

served; dismissed, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange.

The following cases were dismissed.

Daniel Castelan, Willow Springs Dr., Medina, dismissed, Driving While Suspended.

Edward Christy, Purdy Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange; dismissed, Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

Becky Hampton, Union Cross Road, Wildersville, Theft of Merchandise.

Felicia Kay Layhew, Cotham Drive, Huntingdon, dismissed, Probation Violation; dismissed, Child Abuse/Neglect/Endangerment; dismissed, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.

JANUARY 9-16

Area Sports Calendar

High School Basketball
January 9
McKenzie at Bruceton
West Carroll vs Bradford
Bruceton at McKenzie
Gleason at Greefield

January 11
Bruceton vs Carroll Academy
January 12
McKenzie vs Creek Wood
Huntingdon at Camden
West Carroll at Halls

Bruceton at Big Sandy
Gleason at South Fulton
January 16
McKenzie at Big Sandy
Huntingdon at Humberoldt
West Carroll at Wabboldt
Bruceton vs Houston County
Gleason vs Union City
Ladies games regularly start at 6 p.m. followed by the men's.

Property Transfers

Paula J. Solis to Dennis and Gina Bush in District 8.
Jessie D. Parker III to Randy G. and Rebecca J. Green in District 14.
Dallas Clayton Reynolds to Boden and Montana McGee in District 9.
Bobbie Joan Estate Little to Linda Black in District 20.
Phylis Porter to Linda Black in District 20.
Jerry Wayne Autry to Samantha Star Autry in District 13.
Robert C. Wolfe to Janice S. Wolfe in District 11.
Ruth Anne Arnold to John Carl Arnold.
Michael E. Plouse to Jason Phillip Lynch in District 6.
John A. Goode to Joshua

David and Alexandria Marie Meeks.
Susan N. Yarbrough to Tina Marie Yarbrough Massey.
Susan N. Yarbrough to Cletus Leon Yarbrough.
Mary Sanderson to Andrew and Jessica Winnett in District 14.
Michael L. Umstead to Angela and Willie Shields in District 13.
Danny Wallace to Judy Wallace in District 11.
Karen French to Michael B. French and District 16.
Bruce Melvin King to Juanita King in District 16.
Sam Rainwaters to Justin Lance Mathis.
Marilyn Pruett to Sharon

Tracy Steadman in District 11.
Mike and Tammy Host to Jon and Margaret Jousma in District 22.
Tammy M. Host to Michael A. Host in District 4.

ACCEPTING BIDS

The West Carroll Special School District CTE Department will be accepting bids until January 16, for the purchase of two Minivans and a 4-wheel drive ½ ton Crew Cab Truck. For specifications, contact Linda Black at 731-571-0507. West Special School District reserves the right to accept the lowest and best bid and reserves the right to reject all and any bids. Mail or deliver sealed bids to Linda Black, West Carroll Jr./Sr. High, 760 Hwy 77 W, Atwood, TN 38220 or email Linda.Black@wcssd.org. "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

TO: TERRY HOWARD FRANKS
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DIANNE JUANITA FRANKS
Plaintiff,
VS. DOCKET NO. 24-DR-1
TERRY HOWARD FRANKS
Defendant.

In this cause, it appearing from the Plaintiff's pleading, which is sworn to, that the residence of Terry Howard Franks is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry or he is a nonresident of Tennessee.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that publication be made for four (4) consecutive weeks as required by law in the McKenzie Banner, a newspaper of general circulation published in Carroll County, Tennessee, notifying Terry Howard Franks to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, Steven L. West, WEST & WEST ATTORNEYS, P.O. Box 687, Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344, and the Clerk of this Court, an Answer to the Complaint for Divorce filed against him in this action within thirty (30) days from the date of last publication which will be January 31, 2024, or a judgment by default will be entered on March 7, 2024, and the action set for hearing ex parte as to him.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 2024.

Kenneth Todd, Clerk and Master, Carroll County Chancery Court
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NOTICE

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McKENZIE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

The McKenzie City Council will hold a workshop to discuss solid waste bids Thursday, January 11 at 5 p.m., prior to the council meeting at 6 p.m.

Both companies will be there to answer questions.

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McKENZIE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INVITATION TO BID

McKENZIE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT — JANUARY 3, 2024

Sealed proposals should be submitted for the following scope of work: Mowing, weed-eating, and general landscaping (to include mulching, tree and shrubbery trimming) as necessary, all the school property currently owned by the McKenzie Special School District. All sealed proposals must be received at the McKenzie Special School District central office — 114 West Bell Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201 — by Friday, February 2, 2024, at 10 a.m., at which time the bidding will close and the proposals opened.

The property consists of approximately 15 acres at McKenzie High School, approximately 14 acres at McKenzie Middle School, and approximately 9 acres at the McKenzie Elementary School, including the McKenzie Board of Education Central Office Building and adjacent properties. All bids must include the number and type of equipment that will be used. All bidders must include evidence of a minimum of \$250,000 liability insurance within three (3) days of confirmation of bid award. WITH INITIAL AGREEMENT AND SATISFACTION, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT.

To determine the actual scope of work, all bidders should visit McKenzie High School — 23292 Hwy. 22, McKenzie Middle School — 80 Woodrow Ave, and McKenzie Elementary School — 165 Brooks Avenue. Please contact Justin Barden, Director of Schools, at 731-352-2246 to arrange your visit. Bidders are required to quote their charge per mowing / weed-eating, including general landscaping consisting of maintenance of school-owned shrubbery and mulching as specified.

The terms of the contract will include monthly payments based on 28 mowings / weed-eating per year, and semi-annual landscaping obligations. The successful bidder will be required to visit each site on a weekly basis to determine the work needs that will be required to maintain each campus.

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

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Above Left, Fillies Delaney Byars drives against the Lady Charger defense. Above Right, Huntingdon's Sara Beth Smith scores against Stewart County's Lady Rebels. Below Left, Mustang Graham Bartholomew pushes past the Charger defender on his way to the basket. Below Right, Mustang Rayshawn Bailey outmaneuvers the Stewart County defender. Photos by Kathy Bush/The Banner



Huntingdon Fillies Dominate the Court Mustangs Split Contests

HUNTINGDON (January 2, 5) — Tuesday evening the Huntingdon Mustangs and Fillies welcomed Martin-Westview for a non-district match-up. As defending state champions, the Lady Chargers arrived with a 12-1 record and led 35-27 at halftime. The Fillies battled back in the second half to win by four, 61-57. Leading scorer Lilly Kee surpassed 1,500 points in her high school career by posting 24 points, plus four blocked shots. Quinn Kelley followed by

12, Delaney Byars 10, Annabelle Singleton 8, Sara Beth Smith 4, and Josey Stokes 3. Ashlee Brent led the Lady Chargers with 14, while McCall Sims and Alexis Evans each posted 12.

By comparison, the Chargers defeated the Mustangs 58-41. Kenton Smith led Huntingdon with 15 points, while Pearson, Bartholomew, and Bailey each added 5. Ezell followed with 4, Braylin Dearmon 3, and Bryant and T. Willis, 2.

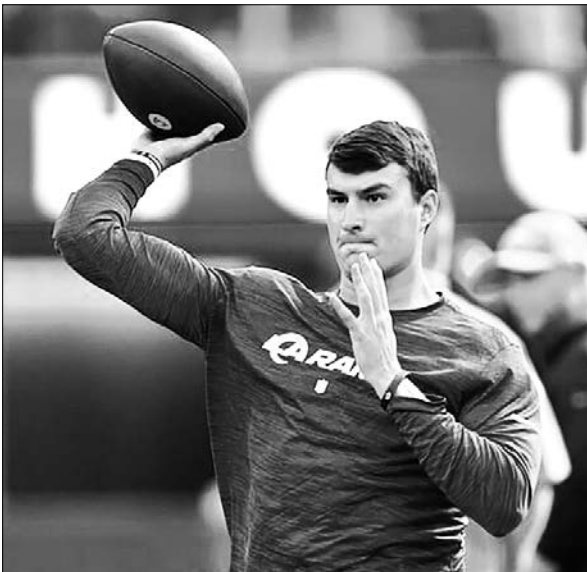
Friday night, both the

Fillies and Mustangs initiated their 12-AA district schedule with wins against Stewart County at home. The Fillies moved to 15-4 with their 75-31 victory while the Mustangs are 6-13 with their 58-41 win.

The Huntingdon Fillies won handily against the Lady Rebels after posting a 38-11 halftime lead over Stewart County, making a total of ten three-pointers throughout the game, and posting 11-13 from the foul line. Fillies' scoring was led by Delaney Byars with 16 points, followed by Quinn Kelley 15, Annabelle Singleton 11, Lilly Kee 11,

Sara Beth Smith 8, Josey Stokes 6, Juli Harris and Anna Beth Crews 3, and Kelby Crossno 2.

The Huntingdon Mustangs made 14 foul shots and led the entire game for their first district victory. Landon Bryant led Mustang scoring with 17. Caleb Ezell 13, Kenton Smith 11, Kaleb Pearson 11, Tyacen Willis 4, E.J. Lewis 3, Rayshawn Bailey 3, Graham Bartholomew 3. Jacob Morgan scored 16 for the Rebels and Kyrick Wallace and Hayden Wallace scored 15.



Local high school standout, Dresden Winn of Dresden, is back in the NFL for a third stint. Photo Courtesy Jayne Kamin-Oncea-USA TODAY Sports

Dresden's Dresser Winn Back in the NFL

Dresden High School and UT Martin football standout, Dresden Winn, has signed a contract to return to the Los Angeles Rams for a third time. The 2017 Dresden High School graduate originally signed with the Rams as an undrafted free agent on May 1, 2023.

The 6'3" former Mr. Football and state championship quarterback was then released by LA in August, before bringing him back for one week in November. In between his first two runs with the Rams, he played for the Edmonton Elks in the Canadian Football League.

On November 1, 2023, Winn was signed to the Los Angeles Rams practice squad. He was released on November 7. While starting Rams QB Matthew Stafford was injured, Winn saw some playing time. On January 2, 2024 he was re-signed to the practice squad.

Winn has an impressive resume at UTM and Dresden High School. He was a 2022 All-OVC second-team recipient. A 2022 Walter Payton Award Watch List honoree, he played an integral role in UTM's back-to-back OVC regular season championships in 2021 and 2022.

His career stats at UT Martin have him ranked in the career top-10 for passing yards (5,800, fifth), total offense (5,964, fifth), passing touchdowns (37,

fifth), completions (492, fourth) and attempts (814, fourth). He also finished second in school history with seven 300-yard passing performances.

During the 2022 campaign, Winn completed 232-of-379 pass attempts for 2,928 yards while tossing 18 touchdowns. He posted a 135.98 passer efficiency while eclipsing 300 passing yards in five contests against Western Illinois, Missouri State, Tennessee Tech, Murray State and No. 3 Tennessee. He threw for a career-high 463 yards against Murray State while tossing multiple touchdowns in six contests.

At Dresden High School, he guided the Lions to a perfect 16-0 record and the program's first Class 1A state championship in 2016. Winn completed 145-of-196 passes for 2,928 yards with 38 touchdowns and just two interceptions as a senior. He also rushed 90 times for 893 yards and 13 touchdowns and was tabbed Offensive MVP in the state championship. He won the Region 7A Best Offensive Player Award. He was named 2015 Tennessee Titans Mr. Football 1A Offensive Back Award and was named All-West Tennessee Football Offensive Player of the Year, All-West Tennessee first-team offense and was ranked as a three-star recruit playing in the 2016 Toyota East vs. West All-Star Game.



Bethel's Swim Challenge For ALS was a Huge Success

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MCKENZIE (January 6) — The Bethel University Swim team conducted their NAIA Champions of Character event Saturday at the Gaines Pool on the Bethel campus. It was a 100x100 swim challenge for ALS.

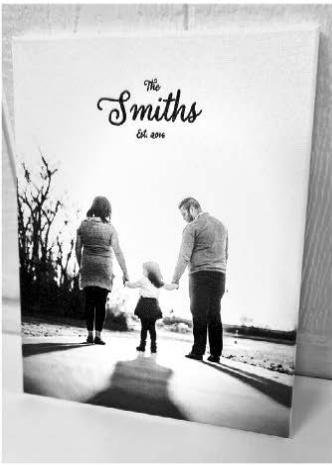
Coach Kirsten Sass commented on the event. "Our Champions of Character event was a huge success. Through donations from those who came to swim and

"Keeping up with the Joneses" over \$1000 was raised for the Tennessee Chapter of the ALS Association. Several completed the full 100x100 challenge, which is 10,000 yards (almost 6 miles). This swim was dedicated in loving memory to Ron Turney and Danny Arnold, and in honor of our local Matthew Jones who is currently battling ALS. Jones and his family came out today to support the event as well."

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(L to R) Lauren Hickman, Cheryl Oglesby-Townes, Sevelte Gilbert, Andrea Davis and Kim McKinnie Moss. Gilbert was honored during an Alumni Spotlight at McKenzie High School on January 2, 2024.

Gilbert Honored by MHS Alumni Association

MCKENZIE (January 2) — In its continued efforts to spotlight alumni of McKenzie High School, the newly formed MHS Alumni Association honored Sevelte Gilbert during the intermission between the McKenzie Lady Rebels and Rebels in the contest against Gleason Bulldogs.

Sevelte Gilbert is a member of the McKenzie High School Class of 1993.

Welcoming Sevelte back to McKenzie were Alumni Association Executive Board Member Cheryl Oglesby-Townes of the McKenzie High Class of 1988, Alumni Association Treasurer Lauren Hick-

man, and Alumni Association Members Kim McKinnie Moss and Andrea Boyd Davis, who are Sevelte's classmates from the Class of 1993. Sevelte became the first Lady Rebel basketball player in school history to be named to the Associated Press Class 1A First Team All-State in 1993. She was also chosen for the All-West Tennessee team that year, and during her career, was a three-time All-District and two-time All-Region selection.

She finished her career at McKenzie High with 1,735 points and 1,007 rebounds and continued her athletic career in basket-

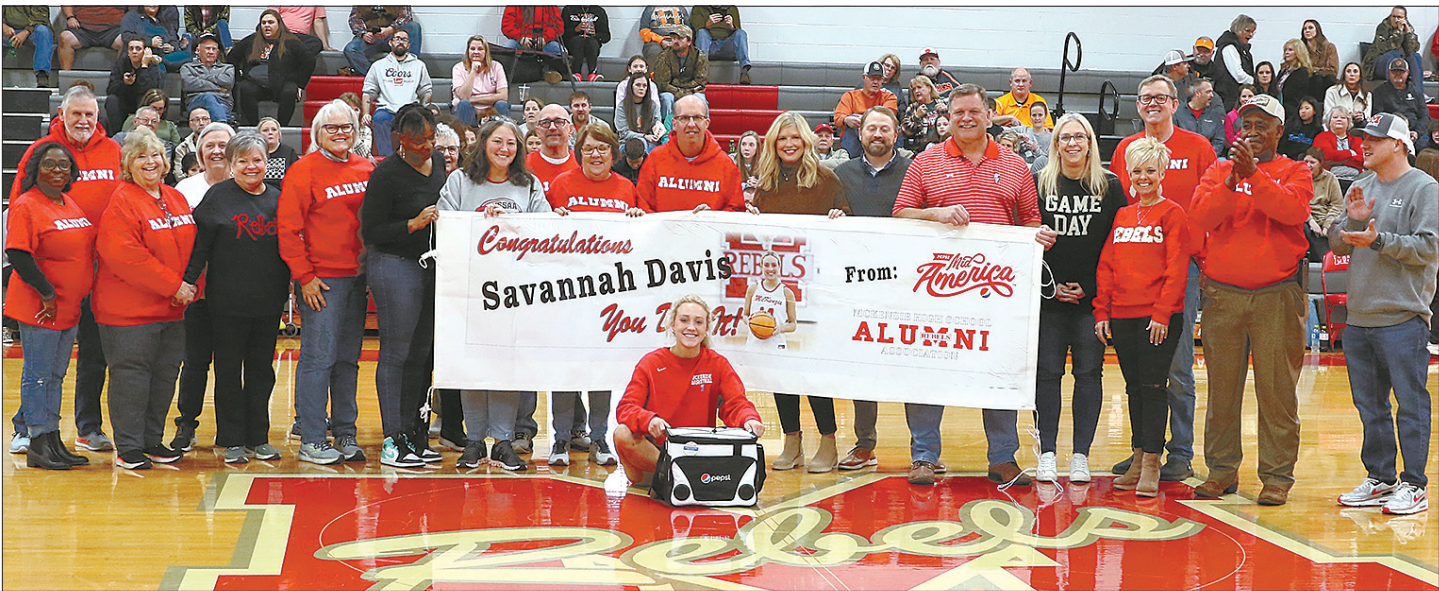
ball at UT-Martin.

Sevelte was also a key McKenzie Lady Rebel softball team member who made state tournament appearances in 1991 and 1993.

She was also crowned as the 1993 basketball homecoming queen.

Sevelte now serves as the school counselor at Whitney Elementary School in Memphis, and also gives her time as a residential technician for the adult transitional living program at CMI Healthcare, also in Memphis, where she currently resides. She is also the proud mother of Sasha, Mya, and Serena.

Davis Honored for Setting New TSSAA Record



Savannah Davis sits in front of a vinyl banner honoring her for breaking a TSSAA record. She was honored by MHS Alumni Association and Pepsi Mid-America. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

McKENZIE (January 2) — Savannah Davis, a senior at McKenzie High School, was honored by the McKenzie Alumni Association and Pepsi Mid-America for setting a new state three-point record in a single game.

Representing both organizations is Ricky Price, Vice President of Pepsi Mid-America and a 1974 graduate of McKenzie High. Pepsi Mid-America and MHS Alumni Association congratulates Lady Rebel Savannah Davis on her record-breaking performance on December 19 in a game against Milan High School.

Savannah set a new TSSAA record for three-point baskets made in a single game, with 17 goals from three-point range. She finished the game with 60 points, which tied the Lady Rebel single game scoring record.

She recently signed to continue her basketball career next season at Middle Tennessee State University.

At mid-court of the McKenzie-Gleason game, were Savannah and her parents with a special banner are executive board members, officers and members of the MHS Alumni Association. In celebration of this remarkable achievement, Pepsi also has provided prizes for the Savannah and people in the audience.



In Loving Memory

On Sunday, November 12, 2023, Christine Argo celebrated her 100th birthday at Harmony Hill Assisted Living. The following is a thank you note that published in the December 12 edition of the Banner.

“A sincere ‘Thank You’ to ALL the friends and fami-

ly who attended my 100th birthday party and for the cards, gifts, phone calls and FaceTime visits I received. I was truly honored by the Proclamation read and presented by Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler and congratulations from McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin.

Additional thanks to Brittan Webb for surprising me with a visit from ‘Jessi’ the goat, my favorite animal. My 100th birthday celebration was truly wonderful!”

Christine Argo

The Banner offers its condolences to the family.

Kee Name HHS Basketball Homecoming Queen



HUNTINGDON (January 5) — On Friday, Lilly Kee, a senior, was named Huntingdon’s 2024 Basketball Homecoming Queen. Pictured (L to R) is the 2024 Huntingdon Basketball Homecoming Court: Lilah McBride, Carlotta Falgueras, Delaney Byars, Lilly Kee (queen), Madison Mann, Alayla Johnson, Kylie Tippitt and Abigail Sykes. Photo by Kathy Bush/The Banner

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