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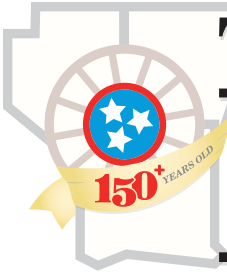
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— Thomas Aquinas

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Former Huntingdon Man Charged in Murder





William McNeal

Krista Davis

GREENFIELD (January 21) — On Saturday, January 20, the Greenfield Police Department and Weakley County Sheriff's Office responded to an address in the city limits regarding a deceased female located inside a residence. The deceased, Krista Davis, was found lying on the kitchen floor with severe trauma wounds to her face and chest.

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34 Dead from Winter Storm

BY BRITTANY MARTIN

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McKENZIE (January 22) — It has been nine days of winter weather and there is a lot to unpack. From using six school snow days, to house fires, traffic accidents and 34 lives lost in the state, it has been a rough week.

Winter Storm Heather blew into the area on Sunday evening, January 14 and by Tuesday, roughly 5.5 inches of snow had fallen in Carroll

County; Tennessee looked like a winter wonderland. The storm disrupted travel, school, businesses, the postal service, supply chains and more.

On Wednesday, a rare anomaly occurred, all 95 county and 42 city school districts in Tennessee were closed because of weather; and on Friday, it happened again.

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HOSPITAL WING LOOKING AT CARROLL COUNTY



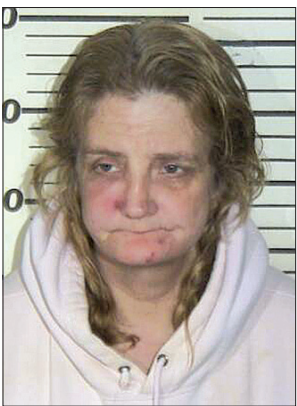
New Emergency Service Possible at County Airport

McKENZIE (January 9) — The Carroll County Airport Board Tuesday at the Carroll County Airport. The meeting served as a follow-up to several agenda items that were initially discussed on December 4 but needed action ahead of upcoming deadlines and needs. Chairman Steve Russell and Mayor Joseph Butler provided an update on ongoing discussions and work

with Keeton Law Offices on drafting a letter to be sent to all hangar tenants. A growing concern is that several tenants are not keeping their airplanes airworthy, which is a contractual requirement, and are using hangars as more of a storage space for unused airplanes. The purpose of the letter is to inform tenants of a contractual window they have to get their airplanes airworthy and

in use or Airport management will take action on tenants as a breach of contract and termination of said contract. The Board expressed the importance of these hangars being occupied by active planes and pilots, as there is currently a waiting list of local pilots or potential pilots who

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Stacy Myers

Fentanyl Seized in Local Arrest

McKENZIE (January 17) — On Wednesday, Stacy Myers of 101 Springdale Lane in the Henry County portion of McKenzie was arrested and charged with two counts of possession of schedule II controlled substance with intent, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a firearm during the commission of a dangerous felony.

During the search, officers found several grams of meth and fentanyl along with four

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A Kia Sorento was destroyed by fire on Monday, January 22. Photo by McKenzie Fire Department

Car Destroyed in Fire

McKENZIE (January 22) — A 2011 Kia Sorento was completely destroyed by fire on Monday, January 22 at 7:57 a.m.

According to a report

by the McKenzie Fire Department, the driver said she was traveling State

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Personal aircraft crash lands near Henry County Airport.

Small Plane Crashes in Paris

PARIS (January 21) — On Sunday at approximately 6:17 p.m. The Henry County Sheriff's Office received a call of an aircraft accident on Highway 69 north. Upon arrival, deputies located a small aircraft flipped upside down in the grassy area between the highway and the end of the runway at The Henry County Airport.

Both the pilot and passenger were able to get out of the plane both unharmed. According to the pilot, the aircraft lost

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McKenzie Selects Homecoming Candidates

McKenzie High School released the names of the five candidates for Homecoming queen and the court.

The game is Friday, January 26 with Homecoming held during pre-game activities. The Lady Rebels and Rebels will play McEwen with the girls' contest beginning at 6 p.m.

Contestants include: Savannah Davis, Ava Mae

Warman, Matalia Alonso Barrero, Abbie Young and Mikaela Reynolds.

Upcoming Basketball Contests:

Tuesday, January 23 — Bruceton at home

Friday, January 26 — McEwen at home (homecoming)

Monday, January 29 — at Riverside

Tuesday, January 30 — at

Huntingdon (makeup)

Friday, February 2 — at Houston County

Monday, February 5 — Big Sandy at home (Senior Night)

Tuesday, February 6 — at Milan

Thursday, February 8 — Houston County at home (makeup)

Friday, February 9 — at Big Sandy (makeup)

Thank You

The Banner salutes everyone who braved the cold, icy, and dangerous conditions to assist and serve.

The list can be endless, but some that come to mind are all first responders, plumbers, wrecker operators, friends and neighbors who bring food or provide a place to sleep or warm, the delivery drivers for food, the grocery store personnel who reported to work, medical personnel who drove to work and assisted their patients. There were also those who offered rides to those who otherwise would be homebound. The Banner thanks the United States Postal Service for delivering the weekly newspaper in these conditions and the pressmen at Union City Messenger who printed the newspaper for us. Of course, the management of The Banner thanks its associates who either worked remotely or in-person to produce your



community newspaper.

“Shout out to the Carroll County 911 Dispatchers who answered the calls for help during the week-long snow and ice. They get all the calls for help. They dispatch help, such as deputies, police, fire, EMS, rescue, utility workers, wreckers, choppers, and the road department. When a dispatcher is not able to report to work, the on-duty dispatcher must remain at

work until they get relief.

Unlike the deputies, officers, EMS crew, etc., they can operate with 1 less truck or vehicle, dispatch cannot leave their position until they are relieved. The real hero is 911 dispatch. Tired and frayed, they kept going even with the large amount of stress put on them.” — LT. Jamie Summers, CMCP, Dispatch Supervisor, Carroll County Sheriff’s Office

Storm

...From Front Page

Carroll County students have been out of school since Friday, January 12. The following Monday was a holiday, but schools were closed Tuesday, January 16 through Tuesday, January 23 because of icy road conditions and seven days of freezing temperatures that prevented any snow/ice melt.

Then a second round of winter weather, mostly freezing rain, blew in on Thursday, adding a thin layer of ice (between 0.01 and 0.10 inches) over an already hazardous driving situation.

By noon on Thursday, local authorities were busy with requests for assistance. According to Carroll County Rescue Squad there were, “Reports of several vehicles off the roadway and many are stranded between hills due to the icy conditions.”

The Tennessee Department of Health has confirmed 34 weather-related fatalities. 11 in Shelby County, one in Hickman County, two in Madison County, two in Washington County, one in Carroll County, seven in Knox County, one in Van Buren County, one in Lauderdale County, one in Henry County, two in Marshall County, one in Coffee County, one in Marion County, two in Roane County, and one in Anderson County.

According to Sheriff Josh Frey, “On Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at approx. 8:12 a.m. the Henry County Sheriff’s Office responded to a call for service at 25 Palestine Road involving a subject laying on the ground and not breathing. Upon arrival Deputies found Aaron Hoover laying on the ground beside his vehicle and he was deceased. Criminal Investigation Division responded to begin the investigation. The investigation is ongoing but it appears that Mr. Hoover had exited his vehicle, while it was still running and slipped and fell in the snow and could not get back up. It is believed that Mr. Hoover died from exposure and no foul play is suspected at this time. Mr. Hoover was sent for an autopsy. If anyone has any information about Mr. Hoover on the night of January 16, 2024, whether you spoke with him or saw him, please contact the Henry County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigation Division to speak with an investigator.”

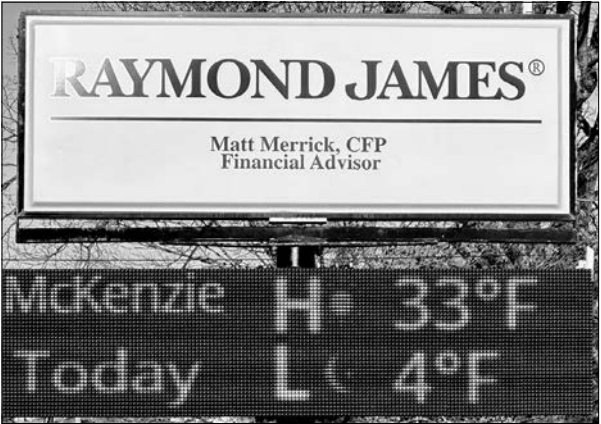
The Banner reached out to Carroll County Sheriff’s Office regarding the weather-related Carroll County death; no response was received by press time.

Temperatures remained below freezing from the evening of January 14 until Monday, January 22. Wind chill temperatures hovered around 0 to -5. Some areas, like Jackson, experienced -10 wind chill! The National Weather Service’s Wind Chill Advisory didn’t expire until Sunday at 9 a.m.

Wind chill, or the “feels like” temperature, is a measure of how cold the air feels



Above, Carroll County Commissioner Randy Long stands next to his 6 ft snowman. Submitted photo. Below, Raymond James’ sign in McKenzie displays the high and low temperature for Sunday, January 21. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner



on your skin. Wind plays a role because it carries away the layer of warmer air that typically surrounds human skin.

That means the windier it is, the colder our bodies feel. For example, minus 5 degrees air temperature plus 20 mph winds results in a wind chill near minus 30 degrees, according to The National Weather Service. That means your body will react the same way it would if it was actually 30 degrees below zero outside.

Hypothermia, the biggest killer in winter weather, can happen even in temperatures between 30 and 50 degrees.

Because of the extremely cold temperatures, on Wednesday, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) set an all-time peak power demand record of 34,526 megawatts with an average system temperature of 4 degrees. At 9 a.m. on Sunday, TVA set another record for highest weekend peak power demand and the second highest all-time peak in TVA history with 34,284 megawatts and an average temperature of 12 degrees.

Per TVA, while the demand was unprecedented the grid remained stable.

According to Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA)’s Monday update, the emergency operations center’s current status is Level 4 - Elevated (state of emergency) to support local jurisdictions’ requests for assistance.

The State of Emergency declarations TEMA issued, that waives commercial hours of service restrictions

for vehicles transporting fuel, livestock, poultry, and feed for the livestock and poultry, remains in effect until 3:59 p.m. January 27.

The arctic cold of this last week is coming to an end with this week’s forecast including warmer temperatures and rain in all parts of Tennessee starting Monday and extending through Friday.

As of 3 p.m. CST on January 22, there are less than 200 power outage reports statewide; and as of 4 p.m., 19 counties have reported water utilities with operational issues and 29 water systems have issued boil water advisories.

TEMA and TDEC expect that additional systems will experience problems or detect damages as temperatures thaw this coming week.

As of Monday, Carroll, Henry and Weakley counties’ water departments were not listed in TEMA’s boil advisory. Meaning, the tri-county’s water systems remained stable.

Space heaters and overloaded wiring were the cause of some structure fires in the area. One house in McKenzie was being heated with propane heaters as it was being remodeled, the fire did an estimated \$100,000 in damage to the structure.

The forecast for this week, as the National Weather Service-Memphis put it, “We’re trading our ice and snow for rain and warmth. Of course there is a catch though; Significant rainfall could cause flooding issues by midweek.”



Firefighters battle a house fire on Cherrywood Road on Friday, January 19. Photo by McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Fire Heavily Damages McKenzie Home

MCKENZIE — McKenzie Fire/Rescue Department responded to the residence of Edward Arnold, 995 Cherrywood on Friday, January 19 at 10:14 a.m.

Responding Units: Engine 2, Tanker 1, Rescue 2 and Car 100. Received

mutual aid from Carroll County Districts 1 and 10.

According to a report from McKenzie Fire Department, flames were showing from the rear of the residence when firefighters arrived. The fire originated in the rear bed-

room. The structure was being heated with propane heaters as it was being remodeled. One of the heaters was in the area of the fire’s origin.

Damaged is estimated at \$100,000.

Court of Appeals: Tennesseans Can Sue Over State’s Voucher Program

A three-judge panel on the Tennessee Court of Appeals reversed a lower court’s ruling and allowed residents of Memphis and Nashville to sue the Tennessee Department of Education over the new Education Savings Account.

The appeal concerned a lawsuit challenging the Tennessee Education Savings Account Pilot Program, Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-2601, et seq. (“the ESA Act”). A group of parents and taxpayers from Davidson and Shelby Counties (“Plaintiffs”) sued state officials (“State Defendants”) in the Chancery Court for Davidson County (“the Trial Court”). In their operative amended complaint, plaintiffs alleged that the ESA Act violates the Tennessee Constitution

and state law by diverting taxpayer funds appropriated for public schools in Davidson and Shelby Counties to private schools, resulting in unique harm to these localities. A group of parents with children eligible for the ESA Act (“Bah Defendants”) and another group (“Greater Praise Defendants”) (all defendants collectively, “Defendants”) intervened in defense of the ESA Act.

The three-judge Court of Appeals reversed the lower court’s finding and determined that, in this case, the lawsuit can move forward against the Department of Education.

Governor Bill Lee plans to expand the scholarship offerings, which many term as vouchers.

McKenzie Special School

District Board of Education recently voted to oppose the expansion of the ESA.

Many public school systems envision it as a method to reduce funding to public schools, many of which are already underfunded. The ESA would allow students to attend private schools by providing \$7,000 toward the private school’s tuition. Local schools also believe the “follow the student” funding would create many small private schools, reducing the number of students in public schools. Tennessee, as well as the nation, has a problem with an inadequate number of teachers. Public school officials believe the ESA would entice teachers to leave public schools for private schools.

Huntingdon Schools Extends Dr. Kee’s Contract

HUNTINGDON (January 17) — The contract of Dr. Jonathan Kee, director of schools, was extended by unanimous vote by the Huntingdon Special School District Board of Education on January 17. Dr. Kee’s contract now extends to June 30, 2026, after the one-year extension.

Kee started his career in 2005 by teaching eighth-grade math and moved to the high school in 2007 as a math teacher. In 2009, he became middle school principal, and in 2014, the high school principal. He also was the middle school and high school men’s basketball coach.

He graduated Huntingdon High School in the Class of 2000; attained his Bachelor of Science, Union University, Physical Education and Health, 2004; and Master of Arts in Education from Trevecca Nazarene University in Educational Leadership, 2006; he earned the degree of Education Specialist, Union University in Curriculum and Supervision, 2009; and his terminal degree, a Doctor of Education, Union University in Educational Leadership P-12 School Administration, 2011.

He was unanimously selected as director of schools in 2021 upon the retirement of Pat Dillahunt.

In other business, the



Dr. Jonathan Kee

Board heard a report from Dr. Kee concerning the construction of outdoor pavilions/classrooms/picnic areas. The Primary School pavilion and concrete pad is estimated at a cost of \$6,500 for a 20’ x 30’ area. The Middle School’s cost is estimated at \$8,000 for a 24’ x 32’ area; the High School’s area will not include an overhead pavilion, but improvements include new sidewalks near the gymnasium to allow pedestrians a walking path instead of walking across the parking lot.

The unused former concession area at Paul Ward Stadium will be razed to allow the construction of a new storage building to house sporting equipment. Dr. Kee said the turf field

is utilized for many activities beyond football. Those sports will now have a storage area for equipment, such as soccer goals. The estimated cost is \$20,000.

On February 5, Huntingdon Special School District parents and students are invited to a family-night-style event at the Carroll County Civic Center. The event features speaker David Thomas, LMSW, the director of Family Counseling at Daystar Counseling in Nashville. He is the co-author of eight books, including the best-selling Wild Things: The Art of Nurturing Boys (Tyndale House Publishers). He is a frequent guest on national television and radio, the co-host of the Raisingboysandgirls podcast, and speaks across the country. His website is raisingboysandgirls.com.

Childcare will be provided. A meal of Chick-fil-A is also available at the event. HSSD plans to offer a family-style event each semester, said the director.

Dr. Kee said he has invited parents and students from other school systems to attend.

Wit and Wisdom, a state-approved reading curriculum, was unanimously adopted for grades Kindergarten to second-grade beginning with the 2024-25 school year. It will be used for at the next four years.

McKenzie Industrial Board Welcomes New Members

MCKENZIE (January 11) — McKenzie Industrial Development Board of Directors welcomed three new members and elected its executive officers during the January 11 meeting at The RailYard.

Chuck Sisson, John Wright, and Mark Anderson, Jr. were welcomed to the board. The McKenzie City Council appointed them after being nominated by Mayor Ryan Griffin. Each has a term of four years. The Council reappointed Ricky Price to serve a two-year term. They join Leitha Bassford, Randy Webb, Dennis R. Coleman, Joel Washburn and Daniel Hollowell on the board.

Leaving the board were Gary Simmons, the longest-serving member and chairman; Keith Priestley,

who served as secretary/treasurer; and Matt Merrick.

New leadership was elected. Vice-Chairman Joel Washburn was elected as chairman, Ricky Price was elected vice-chairman, and Dennis R. Coleman was elected secretary/treasurer.

Monica Heath, the executive director, updated the board on the available former Dana building and the pad-ready industrial site, both at the McKenzie Industrial Park-South (airport area). Both sites are ready to be occupied by industries.

Heath said the state’s Department of Transportation will upgrade the intersection of State Route 22 and Rochelle Store Road to better facilitate the heavier truck traffic expected on the road between the Carroll

County Airport.

McKenzie Industrial Board is installing new roadside signage at State Route 22 and Airport Lane and Rochelle Store Road.

The board also voted to hire a video service to create marketing videos for the two industrial properties plus the residential/business parcels across State Route 22 from McKenzie High School.

Washburn reminded board members that McKenzie Industrial Board does not receive local government funding from the City of McKenzie or the County of Carroll. The McKenzie IDB created the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and pays the administrative expenses. Its members fund the Chamber’s activities.

High Speed Chase Nets Arrest in Gleason

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GLEASON (January 16) — Gleason Police Chief Marcus Hopper confirmed two people were arrested Tuesday night, after leading police on a high-speed chase through the town of Gleason.

According to a report from the Gleason Police Department, on January 16, just before 8 p.m. Patrolman Alex Sherwood attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle for observing the driver, Gary Henson, operating the vehicle with a suspended Tennessee driver license for “Accumulation of Points from 12/29/23 to Indefinite.”

The location of the attempted traffic stop wash at the intersection of College at Church Streets in Gleason.

According to the report, just prior to the attempted stop, Sherwood observed Henson pull into Little General, located at 202 North Cedar. He then exited the vehicle and entered the store, made a purchase then returned to the vehicle and drove away. This is also captured on Little General's CCTV.

Upon activating the emergency lights to conduct a traffic stop, the vehicle failed to stop and accelerated at a “high rate of speed on icy, unsafe roadways.” The vehicle did not stop or slow down at the intersection of Hwy. 190 and Spinks Rd.

The vehicle lost control and left the roadway multiple times on Parks Well

Road before going through the intersection of Liberty Road and Parks Well, up the driveway of 1825 Liberty Road, striking a parked vehicle and the corner of an outbuilding.

Henson then fled on foot but was later apprehended at 575 Moran Road nearby when banging on the residence door at approximately 4:40 a.m. by Officer Sherwood.

A passenger, later identified as Desiree Warren, fled from the scene as well. She had an active arrest warrant out of Weakley County.

Warren's phone and metal billfold containing her Tennessee identification card was located on the ground near the vehicle. Warren was placed in extreme danger to her safety due to Henson's conduct, reckless driving and collision with another vehicle and property.

The reports states that while Henson was evading in a motor vehicle, Warren never attempted to call 911 or make any attempt to advise authorities that she was an unwilling participant in the act of evading.

The reports says that upon the vehicle coming to a stop and Henson fleeing on foot, Warren fled on foot in another direction.

She knocked on the door at 1825 Liberty Road and asked the resident to use the phone but then fled the area while law enforcement personnel were canvassing the area.

According to the report, Warren was located a short while later after knocking on the door at 660 Wards Chapel Road asking again to use the phone. That resident notified 911, and Chief Hopper went to that location, taking Warren into custody, transporting her to the Gleason Police Department to be interviewed.

During the interview, Warren advised that she knew she had an active warrant for her arrest and acknowledged not making any attempt to make contact with Law Enforcement at any time during the incident. Warren also confirmed Henson as the driver of the vehicle that feloniously evaded law enforcement.

Based on the interview and totality of circumstances, Warren was placed under arrest for Misdemeanor Evading Arrest and for the active warrant and transported to Weakley County Detention Center without incident.

Tennessee Highway Patrol responded to 1825 Liberty Road and completed a crash report regarding the parked vehicle, corner of shed, and violator's vehicle. A syringe, methamphetamine pipe and baggy with residue was observed inside the vehicle.

Due to the inclement weather and ground conditions, a complete inventory and impounding of the vehicle will be done when available to. The vehicle is believed to also not have valid insurance.

County Chamber Hosts Capitol Talk

HUNTINGDON — Two state representatives and a state senator are the featured speakers at the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce's annual Capitol Talk.

The events features each government official speaking about legislation in the Tennessee General As-

sembly.

On February 9, State Representative Brock Martin (R-Huntingdon) is the featured speaker.

On March 8, State Representative Tandy Darby (R-Greenfield) is the speaker.

On April 12, State Senator John Stevens is the speaker.

Each presentation begins at 8 a.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center with comments from the speaker and then a question and answer session to follow.

For more information, contact the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce at 731-352-4664.

McKenzie Police Reports

Stolen Tractor-Trailer — William Alexander Raspa, 28, Tumbling Creek Road, McKenzie was charged with Theft, Burglary, Aggravated Criminal Trespass and Vandalism after he stole a tractor-trailer from Shomaker Lumber Company in McKenzie on Sunday, January 21.

Officer Sean Beck was dispatched to Shomaker Lumber Company, located on State Route 22 N, McKenzie about a stolen truck.

Ronnie Shomaker and son, R.C. said video surveillance footage indicated Raspa entered the cabs of two semi-trucks at the sawmill, started one and then the second one, in which he departed with a flatbed trailer in tow. The 2000 model white Peterbilt sideswiped another tractor-trailer on the lumber company's lot and caused significant damage to the other truck before leaving the premises and turning south on State Route 22.

A THP officer in Dickson County arrested Raspa and recovered the stolen equipment, valued at \$100,000. Raspa was unable to deactivate the trailer's brakes and destroyed the tires on the trailer.

Possession of Drugs, Resisting Arrest — Mark Douglas Vinson, 63, McKenzie, was charged with Resisting Arrest, Window Tint Violation and Possession of Schedule 2 Meth and Schedule 6 Marijuana on January 20.

Officer Sean Beck witnessed Vinson's vehicle with window tinting that was unlawfully too dark. When he stopped the vehicle, Vinson reportedly was aggressive in his behavior and was asked to exit the vehicle so officers could search. Vinson was found to have a small amount of marijuana in the vehicle, plus a met-like substance in his pocket.

The vehicle was towed from the scene and Vinson was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on Suspended License — Second Offense — Joshua Lynn Haynes, 33, Park Cove, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License-Second Offense and Violation of Financial Responsibility after a traffic stop on January 19.

Officer Sean Beck observed Haynes driving a pickup truck and was aware of the status of

Haynes' license. Officer Beck initiated the traffic stop and cited Haynes on the two charges.

Driving on Suspended License — Second Offense — Kelly R. Turnbow, 47, Seminary Road, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License — Second Offense on January 19.

Officer Sean Beck observed Turnbow turn his vehicle into the parking lot of a convenience store. Aware of Turnbow's license status, Beck arrested him on the charge.

Driving on a Suspended License — Robert D. Robinson, 57, Sullivan Street, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License and Violation of Financial Responsibility on January 20.

Officer Sean Beck stopped a small pickup truck because of an inoperable taillight and learned the driver's license was suspended. He was unable to provide proof of insurance. Robinson was cited into Carroll County General Sessions plus issued a warning about the non-functioning taillight.



An array of firearms and drugs were confiscated from the arrest at 101 Springdale Lane in McKenzie.

Fentanyl

...From Front Page

firearms. Myers was booked in the Henry County Jail with a \$50,000 bond.

The Henry County Sheriff's office in conjunction with the McKenzie Police Department and through the 24th Judicial Drug Task Force made the arrest.

Murder

...From Front Page

According to Weakley County Sheriff Terry Mc-

Dade, William McNeal, age 32, formally of Huntingdon, was a person of interest. McNeal later confessed to homicide. McNeal has been charged with first-degree murder and abuse of a corpse. He is being held at

the Weakley County Detention Center. McNeal was the boyfriend of the victim.

At press time, no further information was made available by the Weakley County Sheriff's Office.

Fire

...From Front Page

Route 22 near the intersection of University Drive

when the car suddenly lost power. She pulled into the emergency lane and discovered flames coming from the engine compartment.

Firefighters extin-

guished the flame with a single handline from the pumper. The Kia's engine compartment and front passenger area was completely destroyed.

Plane

...From Front Page

engine power as they were approaching for the land-

ing. During the attempt, the fence surrounding the airport was struck causing the aircraft to flip.

The FAA has been contacted and will continue to

investigate the accident. Other agencies responding to the scene were Cottage Grove/Whitlock Fire Department and Henry County EMS.

Airport

...From Front Page

would like to lease space but are currently unable to due to all hangars being full.

As discussed was the possibility of Hospital Wing locating their base on the Airport campus. Billy Casey of Hospital Wing was present to provide an update on their plans and to share their needs for a base. While the goal was to set up what Casey termed a “Base in a Box” he stated that this could take some time and that there was urgency to find a short-term solution to get them to the Airport as soon as possible. Chairman Russell expressed how important it was to help Hospital Wing get their base there to serve Carroll County and surrounding counties, as well as how important it was to have them located at the Airport.

Board member, Dr. Paul Evans, stated he was willing to clear a plane out of a hanger his family rents for Hospital Wing to begin renting, as a temporary solution. Pending TDOT Aeronautics approval, Hospital Wing would bring in temporary living quarters and hook up to the City of McKenzie water and sewer. This action was approved by the Board with hopes that this would get Hospital Wing on the Airport campus in a matter of weeks.

The group, including Jason Dittrich of A2H, who serves as the engineer and consultant for Airport projects at the Carroll County Airport, discussed possible funding avenues to accomplish the “Base in a Box” setup, which would include a modular home for living

quarters, a hangar for their helicopter, and a helipad. There is an anticipated cost of \$1.2 to \$1.5M for this project. The county has a space great enough to locate the base. Hospital Wing would agree to a long-term contract to pay the costs of the project over time. Casey noted they could seek private investment, as they had done in some other projects, but that this would take some time. Board member John Austin and Mayor Butler expressed that there might be avenues for grant funding that could expedite the project and help the County fund the project and that there would be financial advantages to the County owning this and leasing it to Hospital Wing. Mayor Butler was asked to look into possible funding, with Dittrich referencing USDA Rural Development as a partner that has taken on projects like this at other airports.

The Board, along with Dittrich, also set priorities for the Airport Improvement Plan, which had January deadlines for submission. TDOT Aeronautics, as noted by Dittrich, would require the Airport to do T Hangar pavement rehabilitation first, before considering other projects that the Airport Board had an interest in pursuing. The Airport needs additional apron space as well, which has been a project of interest, to allow corporate stakeholders to build additional hangars. Fortunately, the Airport has managed projects well over the last several years, to where they have banked roughly \$493,000 in Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) grant funding and \$448,000 in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding. The Board acted to move

forward with first submitting for and funding the T Hangar pavement rehabilitation project through NPE funding, which Dittrich and Mayor Butler would have to submit ahead of the January deadline, and then to follow up in submitting corporate hangar apron expansion through BIL funding.

Mayor Butler noted, “This feels like one of the more important and productive meetings I have been a part of in my time as Mayor.” He shared the importance of the Airport and the projects being discussed, and the impact that the Hospital Wing project would have on the area. With the Tennessee Highway Patrol now operating again out of the Carroll County Airport, Butler noted that it was very unique to have a small, rural Airport that would soon house both THP and Hospital Wing helicopters and services. “With these partners and services in place, we are one of the most important airports in all of Tennessee, serving not just Carroll County, but the region and State with critical law enforcement and life-saving services.”

In attendance were the five board members, Steve Russell, John Austin, Willie Huffman, Dr. Paul Evans and Luis Salazar along with Mayor Butler, current Airport Manager Tommy Swor and incoming manager Rich Dominas (effective February 1, 2024), Jonathan Tosh with Tosh Farms, Billy Casey of Hospital Wing, Jason Dittrich of A2H (Airport Engineer and Consultant) and a few other guests.

Marriage Licenses

Heather Michele Bush, 40, of Huntingdon to Ter-

rance Maurice Marshall, 36, of Jackson.

Tellie W and James H. Muzzall to Gold Start Investments. No District Listed.

Robert W. Jr. and Addie L. Chase to Chase Funeral Home. District 11

Larry and Rebecca Kirby to Larry Francis Kirby.

Phil Joseph Gentile, Jr. 62, of Illinois to Connie Faye Arnold Smith, 60, of McKenzie.

District 12

Larry and Rebecca Kirby to Larry Francis Kirby. District 12

Richard C. and Lisa Ann Ballinger to Brittany M. Sackaris. District 2.

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Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Meth, Stolen Cards — Marshall McPeak, 26, was arrested at 5190 Purdy Road, Huntingdon, on Jan. 11 on a Violation of Probation warrant from Henderson County and Carroll County warrants for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Schedule II drug, Tampering with or Fabricating Evidence and Identity Theft.

Carroll County deputies Bradley R. Hardin, Angel Furr and Parker Graham went to the Purdy Road address looking for McPeak.

While Hardin and Furr were inside, they encountered seven different individuals. They discovered McPeak and another individual sitting on a bed. They left the room and then reentered the bedroom where they found McPeak missing, but discovered him in a closet. When Hardin attempted to place handcuffs on McPeak he reached in his right front pants pocket and pulled his hand out with a closed fist and would not open it. Hardin could see that it was a crystal rock that appeared to be methamphetamine. When McPeak failed to open his hand, Hardin forced him onto the bed in order to get him in cuffs. Hardin did find a small baggie containing crystal meth beside the bed.

McPeak handed his wallet to the man in the room with him and told him to guard it with his life.

During a consensual search of the room, the wallet was found to contain debit/credit cards that belonged to the elderly homeowner.

McPeak was transported to the Carroll County Jail without further incident.

Drugs Lead to High Bond — A \$100,750 bond was set for a Ripley man on three different charges on January 12 after Carroll County deputies found drugs, drug paraphernalia and Chad Ryan Depriest, 26, resisted arrest while being taken into custody.

The charges included: Possession of Schedule II drug, Resisting Arrest and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Carroll County Deputy Angel Furr received an anonymous call about a male who had outstanding warrants. The caller informed the deputy that Depriest was at an address in Atwood. It was known that Depriest had active warrants from circuit court for violation of a sentence with a hold without bond and a contempt of court from juvenile court with a \$1,000 bond.

Investigator Eric Sawyers, Sgt. Kenny Tucker and Furr found Depriest standing outside at 535 Main St. West in Atwood by a vehicle that appeared to be broken down.

Depriest was advised to put his hands up as deputies handcuffed him. After he was handcuffed, Sgt. Tucker did an arrest search at which time he discovered a bag of white crystal like substance and a glass pipe with brown residue inside Depriest's front right pocket of his jacket.

Furr tested the 13.6 grams of crystal like substance which tested positive for methamphetamine.

He was transported to the Carroll County jail.

Violation of Order of Protection — Stephen Brent Moffler, 24, of Huntingdon was arrested for Violation of an Order of Protection with a bond of \$10,000.

On January 16, around 12:20 a.m. Deputy Chance Townes responded to a call from Theresa Ann Moffler concerning a violation of an order of protection. She advised that her ex-husband, Stephen Moffler, from whom she is in the process of obtaining a divorce, had been calling her and texting her all day making harsh comments about her. She advised that she had an order of protection and wanted him charged for violating the order.

After Townes received a written statement from Theresa Moffler about the incident, he went to the husband's residence at 312 Mebanewood Drive and placed him under an arrest.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

TO: TERRY HOWARD FRANKS
PENDING IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
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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P. O. Box 687, Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-5551

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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Yogi Was Smarter Than He Looked

Daddy didn't cook. Ever! He farmed a mite and drove a truck for a living. He was always working. Maybe he didn't have time to take up the culinary arts. But more probably, he left it up to Mother because it was easier for him and she was way much better at it than he was.

I grew up in a home where Mom did all the cooking. And this was way back when every family would sit down and eat together at breakfast, dinner and supper. And don't fuss with me about dinner being the evening meal and lunch is the correct nomenclature for eating at noon.

We'd be out back cutting okra, staking tomatoes, or pulling up peanuts, depending on the season, when Mom would call us in for dinner. The sun would be straight up in the sky. When we begged for the afternoon off to go play baseball over at Ricky Hale's house, she would consider it for a moment and nod her consent with, "You just be home in time for supper!"

Lunch being dinner and dinner being supper must have been a West Tennessee thing in the 1950's. 'Course, I still, to this day, eat supper in the evenings. Old habits die hard....

And this is not a story about mothers being barefoot, pregnant, and in the kitchen. Heaven forbid! Mom ran our household. She was the rock, and the center, of the family. Dad would tell you that in a heartbeat.

The point here is Daddy didn't cook. So I grew up viewing a role model that couldn't boil water. I didn't think nothing about it because Mom fed us so well.

I go off to college and eat every meal in the dining hall. It was included in the tuition so I felt obliged to "get" my money's worth!

Mr. Walter Wilder called and offered me a job teaching and coaching football in Port St. Joe, Florida. I rented a room on the beach and spent my first day yelling for young men to "run faster." I got home late in the evening, tired and hungry, and wondering if I had made the right decision about moving to Florida.

And then I asked myself who was going to cook supper?

Ye gads! Why didn't I pay more attention to how those pork chops got on our table? Gosh, if Daddy had only cooked a little.... I had to get up and drive down to the store for groceries.

I was smearing peanut butter on top of an Oreo

Cookie when I got to pondering on the influence your parents have on you when YOU don't even know you are looking and listening. You realize that full well when you are far from home, lonely, hungry...and eating a cookie instead of pork chops, green beans, and mashed potatoes!

That parental influence came in many shapes, forms, and fashions. Daddy left school after the third grade. His father needed him at home to help with the work. Mom finished the eighth grade and had no way to get to the high school that was more than 14 miles away, with no bus service.

Daddy didn't go to funerals unless he knew the deceased very well. He never went to weddings. Period! But he never missed a graduation. That spoke volumes to his three sons about the importance he placed on education.

He never said much about it. He didn't rant and rave, "Get that education son, they can't take it away from you." He didn't check our report cards every six weeks. He just somehow looked proud that we were in school and working at it.

Mom went back to the ninth grade when David Mark, the youngest, started to the first grade. There were no special classes or test you could take in 1955 to get a high school diploma. She had to be in the classroom.

She could not, and we did not have the money, for her to attend Bethel College full time. It took her years, between running the household and raising three kids, to graduate.

The only time I ever saw my Father cry was the moment she walked across that stage to get her college diploma.

When Mom was explaining that I could not go to the expensive university across the state because we couldn't afford it. Daddy interrupted her for one of the first times I ever witnessed. "Kesley can go to school anywhere he wants to. I will get the money."

All three Colbert boys graduated from college. Mom led by example. We understood Dad's lifelong burning desire for us to have what he missed.

Yogi Berra once said, "You can observe a lot by just watching." A whole raft of folks thought that was funny.

I thought it was life-changing.

Respectfully,
Kes

Governor Lee to Deliver Sixth State Of the State Address on February 5

NASHVILLE — Tennessee Governor Bill Lee will deliver his sixth State of the State address to the General Assembly and fellow Tennesseans on Monday, February 5 at 6 p.m. CST. The joint session is in the House Chamber of the Tennessee State Capitol.

"Tennessee is continuing to lead the nation as a beacon of opportunity, security and freedom," said Gov. Lee.

"Every Tennessean has an important role to play as we strengthen and secure our state's future, and in the coming year, I look forward to working with the General Assembly to accomplish our legislative priorities and make life better for all."

The address can be found on Lee's Facebook and YouTube channels and will be aired statewide.

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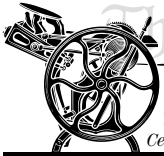
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Left, The photo is a view of the court square after the big snowstorm of 1951. Right, A photo taken on February 2, 1951, shows a man intent on rescuing his stalled pie truck. Sitting on the driver's fender, the man called on his horse, Maude to trudge along North Highland near Summer Avenue. Rudolph Vetter/The Commercial Appeal





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The Storm of '51

One of the Worst Winters on Record

The recent clash of winter is some of the worst in my memory. With arctic blasts and subzero windchills, these temperatures aren't for everyone. The snow and ice only compounded the headache. Then you have to add the fact that almost every school in the state hasn't had school in over a week.

I can remember the snow in 1985 and the ice in 1992. Then there were plenty of winter storms before, in between, and after that has slowed us down. I like a good deal of other Tennesseans expect winter weather storms but curiosity got the best of me and I visited the rabbit hole to learn about other winter weather in history.

The winter of 1951 stands as a pivotal season in the history of Tennessee, marked by an unprecedented snowstorm that left an enduring impact on the state, particularly in the western and middle divisions. As the frigid temperatures descended upon the central United States, Tennessee found itself in the grip of a historic blizzard that would reshape communities and test the resilience of its people.

Nashville became a focal point as the snowstorm unfolded. On January 29, 1951, a collision of a massive cold front and moist air produced extraordinary snowfall. The city like most of the state was accustomed to milder winters and was not prepared for the ferocity unleashed by Mother Nature. Records show that Nashville received a staggering 16 inches of snow, a remarkable accumulation that surpassed the expectations of even the most seasoned meteorologists.

The western part of Tennessee, encompassing cities like Memphis, Jackson and eastward into Clarksville experienced record snowfalls. Reports indicate that some areas received up to 24 inches of snow, transforming the picturesque landscape into a winter wonderland. However, beneath the enchanting facade lay the harsh reality of communities grappling with the challenges posed by Mother Nature.

According to an article in the Pontotoc Progress in Mississippi, "This ice storm swept through north Mississippi, northwest Alabama, west and middle Tennessee, most of Kentucky, and parts of southern Ohio. Record cold temperatures across the South in the days that followed prevented the snow and ice from melting, with more snow and sleet falling in the coming days. On the morning of February 2, Bowling Green, Kentucky recorded a temperature of minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit. Roads across the South were difficult or almost impossible to travel. The National Weather Service refers to this winter storm as the Great

Ice Storm of 1951 and estimated the damage at \$100 million. An estimated 25 people lost their lives."

Transportation emerged as a major issue as roads were buried under layers of snow and ice. Highways connecting cities and towns in the state became impassable leaving many areas isolated. The unprecedented nature of the snowfall led to widespread closures of businesses, schools and public services, bringing daily life to a grinding halt.

Farmers in the region faced severe challenges as the weight of the snow endangered structures and made it difficult to tend to livestock. The agricultural landscape, unaccustomed to such extreme winter conditions, suffered significant damage. Power outages were widespread as the weight of the snow caused tree branches to snap, bringing down power lines and plunging communities into darkness.

The resilience of the communities in the face of this historic snowstorm was nothing short of remarkable. Neighbors came together to assist one another, embodying the spirit of community that defines Tennessee. Emergency shelters were set up to provide warmth and support for those in need, showcasing the strength found in unity during times of adversity.

As the snowstorm gradually subsided, the true extent of the damage became apparent. The recovery process was prolonged, requiring concerted efforts to clear roads, restore power, and rebuild affected areas. The blizzard of 1951 became a defining moment in the history of Tennessee, shaping the state's approach to winter preparedness and serving as a reference point for subsequent generations facing extreme weather events.

The Tennessee State Archives says of the storm, "The storm began on January 28, 1951, with rain in the Nashville area. Temperatures began to drop during the afternoon and evening as a strong cold front moved into the region, and the rain turned into a mixture of freezing rain, sleet, and snow. Technically, it was not a blizzard but an ice storm, and the worst one Nashville had ever seen. Real problems began on January 31, when the storm dumped additional snow and rain in the greatest one-day total of precipitation for January in the city's recorded history. Thousands of homes and three hospitals in the city lost electricity and telephones. The roofs of many homes and businesses collapsed from the weight of the snow and ice, exacerbating the troubles facing the multitudes of Nashvillians without heat or any means to keep warm. Icy runways and streets further paralyzed the city: flights were grounded and numerous car crashes effectively shut



Above, National Guard volunteers came to the aid of refugee families stranded in a downtown building on February 2, 1951. Unloading mattresses are T/Sgt. M.L. Coursey, left, 105th Fighter Squadron, and S/Sgt. E.R. Perryman, 105th Ordnance Company. Below, Plows road graders operated by State Highway Department crews attempt to clear the snow and ice off Hillsboro Road at Woodmont Blvd. Eldred Reaney/The Tennessean Bottom, Nashville, Tenn., Snow-Laden Automobiles, Nashville, Tenn., 1951. Ralph Morrissey Collection



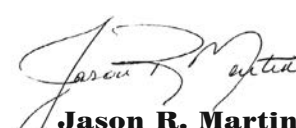
down Nashville's transportation system for three days. Utility crews, the Red Cross, churches, and hospital volunteers worked diligently in the frigid weather to assist the many people in need. By February 5 the city began to thaw, and its residents slowly emerged and began the slow process of recovery."

In the aftermath of the snowstorm, Tennessee underwent a period of reflection and adaptation. The unprecedented nature of the 1951 blizzard prompted a reevaluation of infrastructure and emergency response strategies. The state invested in improved snow removal equipment, bolstered communication networks and established better contingency plans to mitigate the impact of future winter storms.

Having borne the brunt of the snowstorm, the agricultural sector implemented measures to protect against extreme weather events. Farmers adopted practices to safeguard livestock and crops during harsh winters, ensuring the resilience of Tennessee's vital agricultural industry. The lessons

learned from the blizzard of 1951 became integral to the state's agricultural policies, influencing practices that endure today.

Beyond the practical implications, the snowstorm of 1951 left an indelible mark on the cultural fabric of Tennessee. Stories of resilience and community solidarity were passed down through generations, becoming a part of the collective memory of the state. The winter of 1951 became a reference point for subsequent discussions on Tennessee's ability to weather storms, both literal and metaphorical.



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Obituaries

TAMMY
SCOTT LEE
1969 — 2024

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Tammy Scott Lee were Friday, January 19, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery, Henry, Tenn.

Ms. Lee, 54, died Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at The Waters of McKenzie. She was a nurse for Milan General Hospital and a member of First Baptist Church.

She was born in Paris, Tenn., on August 11, 1969, to the late Johnny and Betty Knight Scott.

She is survived by her sons, David (Jessica) Hochreiter and Cody Lee, a brother, Danny (Lori) Scott of Camden and five grandchildren.

If you need further assistance please call Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com.

SHANNON
HENSLEY WATSON
1952 — 2024

MCKENZIE — Ms. Shannon Hensley Watson, 71, died January 10, 2024, at Baptist Hospital Carroll County. A Celebration of Life will be set for a later date.

Ms. Watson, a steelworker at Republic Doors, was born in Lansing, Mich., on January 27, 1952, to Hubert and Ruth Holt Hensley.

She is survived by her son, Scott Arrand, two sisters, Bettie Severt and Mary Nelson, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, her fur babies and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a son, Richard Allen Arrand, and two brothers, Hubert Hensley Jr. "Butch" and David Hensley.

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BILLY DILLAHUNTY
1933 — 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Billy Dillahunt, 90, of Huntingdon, Tenn., died Sunday, January 14, 2024, at Harmony Hill Assisted Living.

Graveside service for family and close friends was Monday, January 22, 2024, at Long Rock Cemetery.

Mr. Dillahunt was born December 19, 1933, to the late Isaac Dillahunt and Vera Perritt Dillahunt. He was preceded in death by his wife, Naomi Dillahunt, two brothers, Bruce Dillahunt and Larry Dillahunt. He was a farmer, entrepreneur, and an Army Veteran.

Billy graduated from Huntingdon High School and Bethel College. He was a member of the National Guard and was also a business owner of several businesses including a service station and the former Dillahunt Ford in Huntingdon.

He is survived by one daughter, Linda (Mike) Bennett of Huntingdon, Tenn.; one son Mark (Pat) Dillahunt of Huntingdon, Tenn.; five grandchildren, Brent (Lori) Dillahunt, Kyle (Ashley) Dillahunt, Kris (Dawn) Bennett, Cliff (Kristen) Dillahunt and Kacy Bennett; 14 great-grandchildren Johannah Dillahunt, Kaki Dillahunt, Haven Dillahunt, June Dillahunt, Charlie Dillahunt, Lorlei Dillahunt, Ivy Dillahunt, Violet Dillahunt, Ike Dillahunt, Axel Dillahunt, Hawk Dillahunt, Kaley Bennett, Allie Ray Bennett and Brody Bennett; three nephews, Clay Dillahunt,

Rick Dillahunt and Terry Dillahunt; one niece, Jolynn Vickers.

Instead of flowers, donations may be made to Long Rock Cemetery.

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

REGINA
HALLIBURTON
1948 — 2024

ATWOOD — Ms. Regina Halliburton, 75, of Atwood, Tenn., died Monday, January 8, 2024, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Funeral Services were Friday, January 12, at 1 p.m. at Mount Ararat Missionary Baptist Church with Bishop C.E. Pipkin officiating the service. Interment was at Mount Ararat Cemetery.

Ms. Halliburton was born February 2, 1948, to O.D. Howard and Flossie Mae Roberson.

She is preceded in death by her three brothers, Sherman Howard, Bobby D. Howard, and Leo Howard.

She is survived by two daughters, Shelia Dieringer of Trezevant and Pam Douglas of Cordova, one son, Tim Halliburton of Amarillo, Texas, three sisters, Stella Slates of Louisville, Kentucky, Jessie Carol Moore of Atwood and Norma Taylor of St. Louis, Missouri, and one brother, John Lee Howard of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon.

MITZIE DEAN
STANFORD
1970 — 2024

Ms. Mitzie Stanford, 53, of Bradford, Tenn., died Friday, January 12, 2024, at Select Specialty Hospital in Nashville.

Funeral services were Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Burial will be private.

Ms. Stanford was born August 24, 1970, in Bradford, Tenn., to Larry Dean Stanford and the late Mary Deborah (Keymon) Stanford. She is survived by her father, Larry Stanford; a daughter, Mary Grace Stanford; a son, Larry Lynn Dill; a sister, Bobbie Stanford; two brothers, Phillip Stanford and Anthony Stanford, all of Bradford.

Chase Funeral Home.

CHARLIE KING
1935 — 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Charlie King, 88, of Huntingdon, Tenn., died Friday, January 12, 2024, at AHC McKenzie.

Funeral services were Saturday, January 20, 2024, at noon in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment was in Carroll Memorial Gardens, McKenzie.

Mr. King was born August 11, 1935, in Smyrna, Tenn., to the late Charlie and Christine (Willis) King. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Retha Mae King.

He is survived by a daughter, Melissa Johnson (Phillip) and two granddaughters, all of Jackson.

Chase Funeral Home.

REBECCA ANN
SIMPSON
1939 — 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Rebecca Ann Simpson, 84, of Huntingdon, Tenn., died Monday, January 15, 2024, at her home.

Funeral services were Sunday, January 21, 2024, at Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church. Interment was in Carroll Memorial Gardens. Brother James Keen is officiating.

Mrs. Simpson was born March 15, 1939, to the late Samuel C. Allen and Essie

Pauline Wilson Allen. She was preceded in death by her husband, Audie Simpson.

She is survived by one daughter, Greta (Darrell) Hensley of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; two sons, Allen Simpson and Todd (Michelle) Simpson, both of Huntingdon, Tenn.; one sister, Paulette (Tommy) Crews of Huntingdon, Tenn.; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 572, Huntingdon, TN 38344.

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

MEREDITH
MANESS
1955 — 2024

ATWOOD — Mrs. Meredith Maness, 68, of Atwood, Tenn., died Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at her home.

Memorial services were Friday, January 19, 2024, at Fairview Church of Christ.

Mrs. Maness was born June 23, 1955, to the late Charles Robert Heilman and Elsie Irene Mazalin Heilman. She was preceded in death by her husband, James William Maness.

She is survived by one daughter, Brandie Maness of Jackson, Tenn.; two sons, Charles (Alexandra Hardin) Maness of Atwood, Tenn., and Harrison (Haley) Maness of McKenzie, Tenn.; one sister, Susan Sample of Annapolis, Md.; and 10 grandchildren.

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

JESSIE GAIL
RICKETTS
1948 — 2024

MCKENZIE — Services for Jessie Gail Ricketts, 75, of McKenzie, Tenn., were Wednesday, January 17, at 2 p.m. at Williams Funeral Home in Greenfield. The burial was in Morris Cemetery in Greenfield.

He was born on October 16, 1948, and died on January 13, 2024.

Jessie was survived by his wife, Joyce Ricketts of McKenzie, daughter, April Ricketts of McKenzie; along with grandchildren Cameron Rawls and wife, Amber, and Alex Parham. He also leaves behind sister, Wanda Ricketts McGary and husband, David of Murray, Ky.

Jessie was preceded in death by his parents, Lawson Ricketts and Jeanette Miller Ricketts, and siblings Norma Ricketts Owen, Coy Ricketts, and Charles Don Ricketts.

Williams Funeral Home, Gleason, Tenn.

TERRY G.
WISEMAN
1961 — 2024

GLEASON — Terry G. Wiseman, 62, of Gleason, Tenn., died at his home on January 13, 2024. His wishes were to be cremated. A private family memorial service is at a later date and time.

He was born on February 21, 1961, and died on January 13, 2024.

Mr. Wiseman is survived by his wife, Kim Wiseman of Gleason.

Two children also survive him, Eric Wiseman of Gleason, Tenn., and Amber (Deonta) Williams of Martin, Tenn. He leaves behind four siblings; Gail Muzzall of Gleason, Cindy Lampkins of Springville, Tenn., Dale Wiseman of Sharon, Tenn., and Jeff Wiseman of Big Sandy, Tenn. He also leaves behind five grandchildren.

Mr. Wiseman was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Rozelle Wiseman.

Williams Funeral Home, Gleason, Tenn.

CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

CARROLL ARTS
TRIVIA BOWL

Carroll Arts is hosting a Trivia Bowl on Saturday, January 27 at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, McKenzie. Groups or individuals are urged to form teams, with 3-5 members, to show their knowledge of history, pop culture, and other information. The entry fee is \$25. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/CarrollArtsInc>.

MCKENZIE CITY
COUNCIL MEETS
MONTHLY

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

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.

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.

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Beech Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Brawners Levee Road, Gleason, is hosting a conference and a catered dinner on February 10, 4 p.m. David and Joy Parkman will conduct the seminar. The price is \$30 for couples and \$15 for individuals.

VFW SUPER BOWL
PARTY

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

NWTF 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
HUMANE SOCIETY
BINGO

The Carroll County Humane Society is hosting Bingo on Saturday, January 27, 5-8

p.m. in the Carroll Bank & Trust Community Room in Huntingdon. This is a family event for all ages. Concessions will be available and a grand prize game will be played. For more information, message CCHS facebook page or text 731-358-1019.

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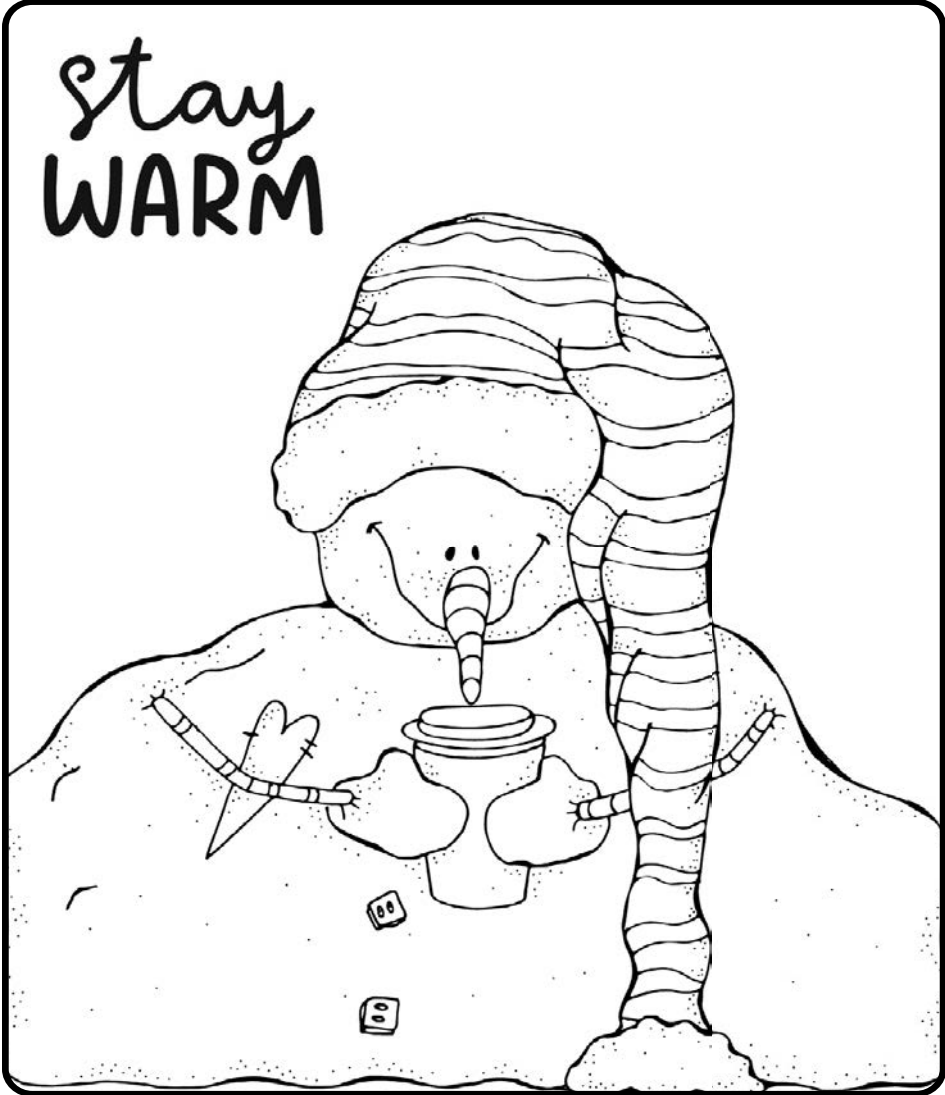
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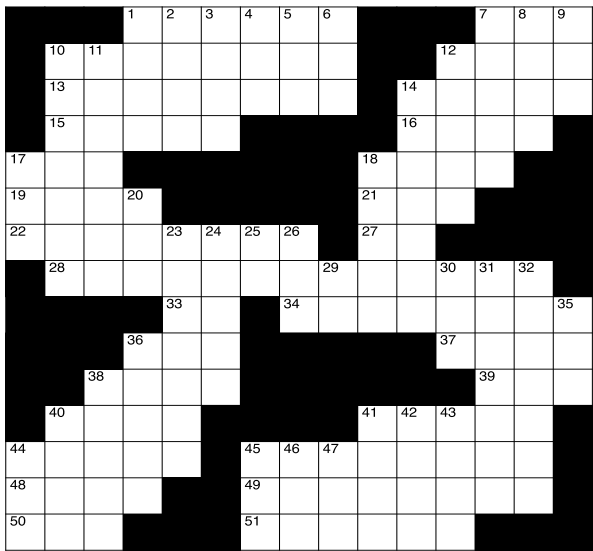
Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Winged nut
- 7. ___ Humbug!
- 10. One who sets apart
- 12. Circle above a saint's head
- 13. Unpleasantly loud and harsh
- 14. Expressed pleasure
- 15. Feminine given name
- 16. Company of badgers
- 17. Popular Dodge pickup truck
- 18. Witty sayings
- 19. Leader
- 21. Autonomic nervous system
- 22. Premolar
- 27. Atomic #28
- 28. Holiday decorative item
- 33. Exclamation of surprise
- 34. Rusk or cracker
- 36. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 37. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
- 38. Eat
- 39. Marxist economics theory (abbr.)
- 40. Ceases to exist
- 41. Male Arabic name
- 44. Series of ridges on an organ wall
- 45. Places where bees are kept
- 48. One-time Yankees sensation Kevin
- 49. Church office
- 50. Single lens reflex
- 51. Pieces of fibrous tissue

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Classify
- 2. Dismounted
- 3. Produced
- 4. Consumed



- 5. Director Howard
- 6. The products of human creativity
- 7. Thai monetary units
- 8. Away from wind
- 9. Builder's trough
- 10. Relating to Islam
- 11. It can sometimes ache
- 12. Small quantities (Scot.)
- 14. Poisonous plant
- 17. Laugh at
- 18. Vogul
- 20. C. European river
- 23. Type of cat
- 24. Exclamation of disgust
- 25. Stephen King novel
- 26. Without armies

- 29. Expression of sympathy
- 30. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 31. Previously
- 32. Illegal drug
- 35. Kiloelectronvolt
- 36. Large, flightless birds
- 38. For smoking
- 40. Binary
- 41. Competition
- 42. Mark resembling an arrow
- 43. Containers
- 44. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 45. Commercials
- 46. I.M., architect
- 47. 007's creator

Week 4

See solution in next week's edition.

Homecoming Word Search

Block
Celebration
Cheerleaders
Coach
Court
Dribble
Foul
Halftime
Homecoming
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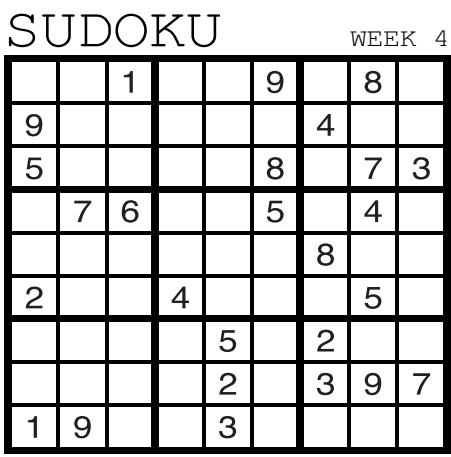
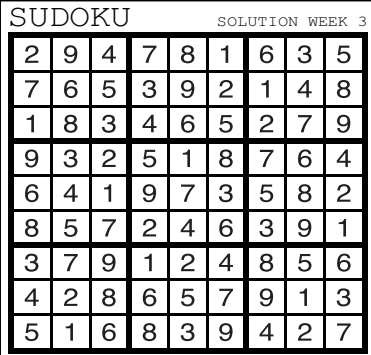
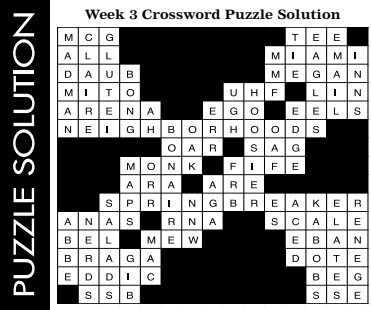


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The Pharmacy Podcast Network (PPN) announced the winners of the 2023, 50 Most Influential Leaders in Pharmacy. Dr. Jay Phipps claimed the #2 spot. According to PPN, one of the reasons Dr. Phipps was selected was his role as the immediate past president of the Tennessee Pharmacist Association's major Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) reform.

Dr. Phipps, a Pharmacy Gladiator, is the founder, President and CEO of Phipps Pharmacy, an independent community pharmacy, with five pharmacies located in Tennessee and Mississippi. Currently, he serves as the Immediate Past President of the Tennessee Pharmacist Association and Chair of the Tennessee Pharmacy Research and Education Foundation, as well as Carroll County Commissioner for District 8, and the Vice-Chair of the Carroll County Drug Prevention Coalition. Dr. Phipps serves as a keynote speaker inspiring audiences to Conquer the Coliseum in their Communities by passionately pursuing their purpose and remaining relentless.

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Dr. Jay Phipps

various categories within the pharmacy profession. These categories include Independent Pharmacy, Specialty Pharmacy, Long-term Care Pharmacy, Advocacy, Academia, and nine others, showcasing the diverse and impactful roles within the industry. The Pharmacy 50 Awards ceremony was broadcast live for a global audience on multiple platforms, including YouTube, LinkedIn, and Instagram, on January 17. "This year's Pharmacy 50 Awards event was an inspiring and unforgettable celebration of the outstanding individuals who have contributed immensely to the pharmacy profession," said Todd Eury, CEO at PPN. "We are thrilled to bring together these influential pharmacy leaders, both in person

and virtually, to honor their remarkable achievements." In addition to the live awards presentation, the event featured insightful discussions, engaging interviews, and valuable networking opportunities, making it a must-attend occasion for anyone passionate about the pharmacy industry.

Phipps Pharmacy is an independent community pharmacy whose mission is to passionately and relentlessly pursue excellence in the provision of both patient care and an exceptional guest shopping experience. Phipps Pharmacy provides traditional pharmacy services, Pharmacy Doctor provided patient care such as Medication Therapy Management, immunizations and B-12 injections. In addition, Phipps Pharmacy is a leader and innovator in the practice of prescription compounding providing premier and unique solutions to unique patients by making Personalized Compounded Prescriptions that are tailor-made to fit each need. Phipps Pharmacy also provides Phipps Pack, its signature compliance packaging, to patients in their homes, assisted living facilities, and group homes. Phipps Pharmacy has locations in Huntingdon, Jackson, McKenzie, Southaven and Waverly.

Harriet Wilson Honored on 90th Birthday

GLEASON — Harriet Wilson celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday, January 21. She was presented with a proclamation by Gleason Mayor Charles Anderson during the celebration at the Gleason First United Methodist Church.

She and her husband, Clay, owned Gleason Lumber for many years. Their children and grandchildren continued their legacy with expansion into McKenzie and Dresden.

Mayor Anderson's proclamation states that she was born on January 18, 1934, and graduated high school in Bells, Tennessee. In 1962, the Wilsons moved to Gleason and opened the Gleason Lumber Company. She and her husband raised three sons and one daughter in a Christian home, all while being great citizens of Gleason and loyal to their hometown.

Since arriving in Gleason, Harriet has been a strong supporter of all civic activities and has been a positive influence and inspiration to everyone she came in contact with within the Gleason community and the Gleason Lumber Company. She is an avid supporter of all activities of Gleason School and the Gleason Methodist Church. Harriet Wilson has been an



Harriet Wilson (right) celebrated her 90th birthday. She was presented with a mayoral proclamation from Gleason Mayor Charles Anderson (left).

all-around good citizen and has demonstrated good leadership to others.

Mayor Anderson added, "On behalf of the City of Gleason and the entire community, I hereby extend to

Mrs. Harriet Wilson, a heartfelt congratulations on reaching the milestone of 90 years of life. The City of Gleason proclaims January 18, 2024, as Mrs. Harriet Wilson Day."

Gleason to Honor 1969 Basketball Teams

GLEASON — The 1969 Lady Bulldog and Bulldog Basketball teams and cheerleaders are holding a reunion on Friday, January 26.

A recognition ceremony is during the intermission between girls and boys basketball games against

in-county and district opponent, Greenfield.

A reception in the cafeteria is at 5 p.m. and the recognition ceremony starts at approximately 7:15 p.m. in the gymnasium.

In 1969, both teams made the state tournament in an era before school size

classifications. 1969 is the only year in school history when both teams went to state at the same time and only appearance for the boys.

Everyone is encouraged to welcome the team members and cheerleaders during this ceremony.

Carroll County Fairest of Fair Earns Fourth Maid in State

MURFREESBORO (January 20) — Chloe Mitchell, 16, daughter of Janet Mitchell of Huntingdon, earned fourth maid in the Tennessee Fairest of the Fair contest on Saturday, January 20 in Murfreesboro. She is a student at Huntingdon High School, where she

runs Cross County and is a member of HOSA

Ryan Green of Coffee County was crowned queen during the event.

Pictured Right, Chloe Mitchell after she earned the title of queen at the Carroll County Fair. *File photo.*



Businessman, Public Servant Billy Dillahunt, 90, Dies

HUNTINGDON — Billy Dillahunt, 90, a former automobile dealer and Huntingdon councilman died Sunday, January 14 at Harmony Hill Assisted Living.

He was the former owner of Dillahunt Ford in Huntingdon, a land developer, farmer, member of the Huntingdon Town Council, and community supporter.

For his legacy of service, Huntingdon Mayor Nina Smothers presented the Pioneer Family Award to the Billy Dillahunt family during the Huntingdon Heritage Festival on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

Graveside service for family and close friends was Monday, January 22, 2024, at Long Rock Cemetery.

Mr. Dillahunt was born December 19, 1933 to the late Isaac Dillahunt and Vera Perritt Dillahunt. He was preceded in death by his wife, Naomi Dillahunt, two brothers, Bruce Dillahunt and Larry Dillahunt.

Billy graduated from Huntingdon High School and Bethel College. He was a member of the National Guard and was also a business owner of several businesses including a service station and the former Dillahunt Ford in Huntingdon. Besides being a business owner, he was a farmer, large machine operator, contractor, and developer.

Billy also served his com-



Huntingdon Mayor Nina Smothers Presents the Pioneer Family Award to Mr. Billy Dillahunt on September 23, 2023.

munity. He was a City Council member, where he was a part of the first discussion of the 1,000-acre lake. Billy also assisted in developing the swimming pool and baseball park.

Billy has many hobbies and interests that include sports (especially baseball and football), fishing and hunting, traveling, farming, gardening, and eating/visiting with friends and family. Since retirement, Billy has planted a large garden with the sole intent of giving

away produce to his friends and neighbors.

He is survived by one daughter, Linda (Mike) Bennett of Huntingdon, Tennessee; one son Mark (Pat) Dillahunt of Huntingdon, Tennessee; five grandchildren, Brent (Lori) Dillahunt, Kyle (Ashley) Dillahunt, Kris (Dawn) Bennett, Cliff (Kristen) Dillahunt and Kacy Bennett; and 14 great-grandchildren. Dillard-Carter Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.



The late actress, Dixie Carter-Holbrook, holds an architectural rendering of the then proposed Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center. Behind her are the buildings that once stood where the beautiful performing arts center now stands in downtown Huntingdon. It opened in 2005. *Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner*

A Dixie Carter Remembrance

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Dixie Carter, a native of McMoresville and a 1957 graduate of Huntingdon High School is the namesake for the Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center in Huntingdon.

Dixie, who added grace to her given name, was the daughter of a variety store owner, Hal Carter.

The late actress was best known for her role as Julia Sugarbaker on the TV series, Designing Women. She was a star of Broadway, the silver screen and the small screen.

The late Huntingdon Mayor Dale Kelley contacted his high school classmate, Dixie, and said he and the Town Council planned to construct a performing arts center in

downtown Huntingdon. The humbled Dixie considered it. Her husband, Hall Holbrook told her to agree to it, that it would never be built. She did agree and it was built.

It included a performing arts theater named in honor of Hal Holbrook, who provided technical advice during its construction. It is a 470-seat theatre. Both Dixie and Hal performed in the theater during its early years. Today, it the venue for many great acts - both local and national talent. It offers training in the arts and showcases the visual arts of many local talent artists.

But all things did not go as planned. Prior to its 2005 debut performances, which included a Huntingdon Hayride, followed by Dixie Carter

and the Nashville Symphony, the construction of the building had some setbacks.

The original plan was to gut a row of 25-year-old buildings in downtown Huntingdon. Once the demolition began, a portion of the building collapsed - mostly the southern wall. The entire structure was razed. 70,000 of the bricks were reused as part of the new construction. Some of the aged wood was repurposed for doorframes and exposed beams. Buster Barger and Barger Construction were instrumental in bringing the structure to fruition.

The facility opened in 2005 to great fanfare. It is now in its 17th season of programming. For more information, visit dixiepac.net.

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McKenzie High School Basketball Calendar

Tuesday, January 23 — Bruceton at home
Friday, January 26 — McEwen at home (homecoming)
Monday, January 29 — at Riverside
Tuesday, January 30 — at Huntingdon (makeup)
Friday, February 2 — at Houston County
Monday, February 5 — Big Sandy at home (Senior Night)
Tuesday, February 6 — at Milan
Thursday, February 8 — Houston County at home (makeup)
Friday, February 9 — at Big Sandy (makeup)

Huntingdon Middle School Boys to Play in State Tourney

Huntingdon Middle School Boys basketball Team is headed to Murfreesboro on Thursday, January 25 to play in the Haile State Tournament at Middle Tennessee Christian School. Game time is 4:30 p.m. Games have previously been postponed because of the wintry weather. Huntingdon plays Rickman in the first contest for Huntingdon.

The teams participating are Huntingdon, Thurman Francis, Livingston, Rickman, Smith County, Jackson County, Decatur County, Trenton Rosewald, and Carroll-Oakland.

