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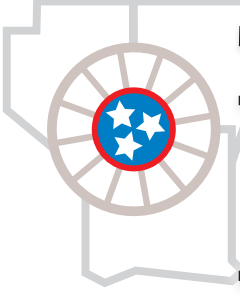
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— Margaret Mead

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Unemployment Increases in Tri-County Area

Many Tennessee counties experienced changes in their unemployment rates during October 2020, according to newly released data from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD).

Unemployment in 93 of Tennessee's 95 counties increased in October. Davidson and Sevier counties saw their rates decrease during the month.

During October, two counties in the state had unemployment rates below 5%, 90 counties had rates of 5% or greater, and three counties recorded rates of 10% or higher.

Tennessee's unemployment rate was 7.4 percent in October, up from 6.5 percent one month earlier and 3.3 percent one year earlier.

Carroll County had a rate of 7.6 in October, 2020, 5.3 in September, 2020, and 4.4 percent in October 2019. Of 12,134 in the labor force, 11,207 were employed.

Henry County had a rate of 7.5 percent unemployment in October, 2020, 5.3 in September 2020, and 3.8 in October 2019. Of a labor force of 14,035, 12,980 were employed.

Weakley County experienced a rate of 6.6 in October 2020, up from 4.7 in September, 2020, and 3.8 one year earlier.

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Decorating for the Season



McKENZIE — Johnny Mercer and Robert Jones hang the mistletoe in the downtown Veterans Park in preparation for the Christmas season. City associates worked much of last week decorating the downtown area. One of the new decorations are the holiday lights added to the Park Theatre.

COVID-19 Cases Increase In State, Area

NASHVILLE (December 6) — COVID-19 is the new leading cause of death in the United States, surpassing heart disease. It is a pandemic that is peaking the capacities in the nation's hospitals. Carroll County recorded 2 new deaths from COVID in the past seven days, Henry County added four, and Weakley remained unchanged. Carroll has the most active cases at 212, followed by Weakley at 179 and Henry at 138.

In Tennessee, the highest number of cases of any age group is in the 21-30 year-old group. The highest percentage of death is in the older population: ages 71-80 with 30 percent mortality or 1,489 deaths, and the 81 years-plus with a 37 percent mortality, or 1,816 deaths.

The good news is at least three vaccines may be available in the coming weeks. The bad news is it will take months to have enough to distribute throughout the United States. Great Britain began distributing one vaccine this week.

The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) released the following numbers on Sunday regarding COVID-19 in Carroll, Henry and Weakley counties. The message from state officials: Take precautions, get tested, avoid large gatherings, please keep your distance and wear your mask.

Carroll County has 1,938 total cases in 2020 (1,764 last week), 36 deaths (34 last week), 55 hospitalized (54 last week).

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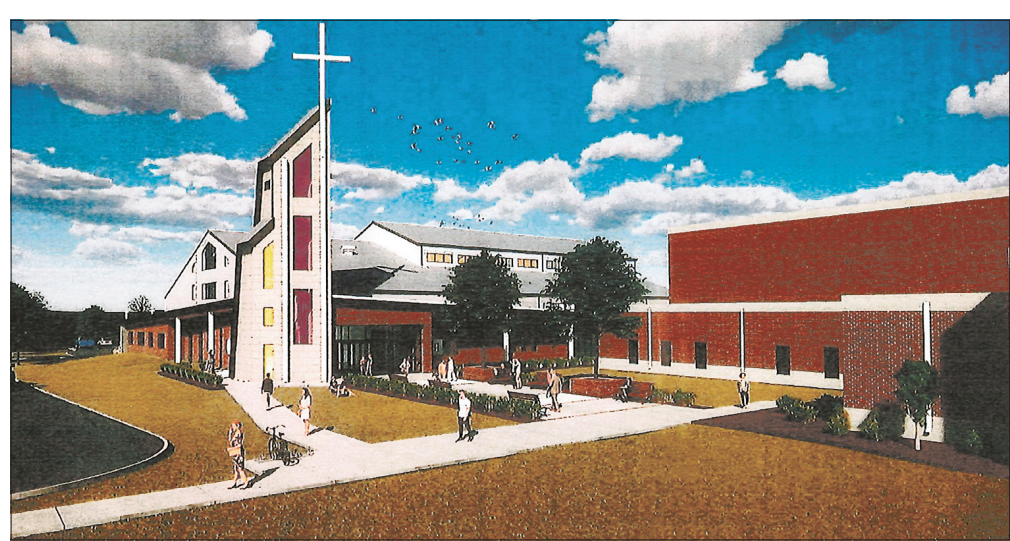
New 1200-seat Chapel to Grace Bethel Campus

McKENZIE — A new chapel is under construction on the McKenzie campus of Bethel University. Thanks to an undisclosed contributor, the multi-million dollar chapel will be a centerpiece of the four-year Christian university.

Walter Butler, president of Bethel University, said dirt work for construction is underway adjacent to the Vera Low Center. It will seat approximately 1,200 persons and have some removable seating to accommodate many uses for the facility. It is the lone on-campus facility with capacity for the entire on-campus student body. Construction time is anticipated at one year, said Butler.

Speaking to the McKenzie Rotary Club, Butler also said the first semester at Bethel ended Thanksgiving week. Students returned January 11, 2021. The Fall Semester of 2020 was challenging with the COVID-19 pandemic. Bethel chose to continue with on-campus classes while some other universities chose only virtual classes. The president said the students appreciated the opportunity to return to campus, even though it required constant vigilance to control the spread of the virus.

Bethel followed the Centers for Disease Control's standards for on-campus classes and living. Butler said the standards often changed and each day, the faculty, staff, and students dealt with some unanticipated changes. At the peak, there were 317 students in quarantine at one time, said Butler, who noted those students were segregated from other students and were provided meals and other necessities by staff members. Students did remarkably well.



Architectural rendering of the new chapel under construction on the campus of Bethel University.

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Ridgeway Assumes Henry County Mayor Position

BY JASON R. MARTIN
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PARIS (November 30) — On the steps of the Henry County Courthouse, newly elected county mayor John Penn Ridgeway, was administered the oath of office from retiring Henry County Mayor Brent Greer. Amidst near-freezing temperatures and snow flurries, family, friends and loyal supporters watched as the mayors transitioned into their new roles.

Mayor Ridgeway thanked those in attendance and said, "It is an honor and a privilege to serve our community and county. I am going to give my all making this the greatest little county in Tennessee."

Greer's term of office was to expire in 2022, but during the July commission meeting, he announced his planned retirement. He had



John Penn Ridgeway was joined by his family as he was sworn into office as Henry County Mayor (L to R): Jackson, John Penn, Walker and Melissa.

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Bethel Graduate is New Nashville Police Chief

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (from WKRN) — John Drake is the new chief of the Metro Nashville Police Department, beating out more than fifty other candidates vying for the position.

The nationwide search for Nashville's police chief began immediately after the retirement of Chief Steve Anderson was announced in mid-June at the city's coronavirus news briefing.

Drake, a 32-year veteran of the Metro Nashville Police Department was later named interim chief, starting the role in early August. He applied for the permanent position and was named one of five finalists, ultimately securing the job as chief.

The Nashville native was previously assigned to the Patrol Division, the Vice Narcotics Division, the Police Athletic League and the Office of Professional Accountability. He was promoted to the department's Community Services Bureau, which includes more than 900 officers and detectives who are assigned to the department's eight precincts across Nashville.

Promoted to the rank of Captain in 2014, Drake worked as an overnight Field Captain, until being assigned as Captain of the



Chief John Drake

Domestic Violence Division where he helped develop the Lethality Assessment Protocol and a new domestic violence supplement that has garnered great reviews around the country.

Drake graduated Summa Cum Laude from Bethel University with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Service. In 2011, he also completed courses in The Southeastern Command and Leadership Academy hosted by the University of Tennessee.

Evans Receives EAA Scholarship for Flight Training

MCKENZIE (December 5) — Chester Evans, 15, is the recipient of a \$10,000 scholarship from the Experimental Aviation Association to continue his flight training.

Evans, of Hollow Rock, is a freshman at the USJ in Jackson. Carl Blevins of the EAA, Chapter 734, of Paris, presented the oversized check from the Ray Foundation during the event at the Carroll County Airport.

Chester, the youngest of three sons of Dr. Paul and Dr. Pam Evans, is already training in glider flight in Eagleville, Tenn. Dr. Paul Evans said Chester will travel to Florida in 2021 to continue his glider training to receive his license in non-powered flight.

Blevins said Chester participated in the Young Eagles program of the local EAA. He took his first flight with a license pilot and then became an active member, helping other youth to also fly as a passenger with a license pilot.

When Chester is age 17, he can obtain his single engine land license after clocking the necessary flight hours, training and tests.



Carl Blevins of the EAA, Dr. Paul Evans, Chester Evans, and Dr. Pam Evans display the \$10,000 check Chester received to continue his flight training.

Chester and his father are involved in building their own aircraft in a hangar at the Carroll County Airport. Dr. Paul said the assembly of the Zenith 750 Super Duty stated at the

tail section and will continue forward with anticipated completion in 2022.

Dr. Paul is also a private pilot. The photo was taken in front of Paul's recent acquired

Cessna 182.

Anyone interested in learning more about the local EAA chapter, please visit www.734.eaachapter.org.

Carl's Cookie Kit Drive-Thru Christmas Event

You and your child can drive-thru this Christmas Event on Saturday, December 19 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at our Carroll County Office located at 50 Stoneridge Cove in Huntingdon.

There will be decorations and inflatables to see and even a wave from Santa himself... all while your family is safely nestled inside your vehicle at all times. Goodie bags will be delivered in a socially distanced way and include fresh baked sugar cookies with decorations, coloring book, candy, Christmas ornament craft kit, and many other special surprises that are sure to delight! A visit from some Disney characters can also be expected so don't delay

and reserve your Carl's Cookie Kit today!

Don't forget your letter to Santa because we will have a special delivery box headed to the North Pole!

The cost for the goodie bag is \$25 for the first kit and \$15 for each additional kit. You must pre-order by December 14. Follow this link to order: <https://tinyurl.com/CarlPerkinsCookiesCarroll> Or you can call the center at 731.986.5920 or order and drop off a check at the center to reserve.

A big thank you to the Culinary Arts Program through Carroll County Technical Center for donating the cookies.

Profile Metal to be Annexed by City

On Wednesday, December 16, the first stages of the annexation of the property associated with Profile Metal will begin. The McKenzie Regional Planning Commission will meet via the Internet application Zoom. Approval of the annexation of Profile Inc., located at 370 Republic Drive, in McKenzie and approval of the plan of services are on the agenda.

The reasoning behind the annexation comes from a 1974 annexation of property along Republic Drive. The issue comes from the Tennessee Comptroller's Office after it informed the city, according to their tax maps/records, Profile Metal owed approximately ten years of property taxes to the city. Profile Metal claimed it was not in the city limits while several reviews of boundary maps and tax parcel maps could not provide a clear

picture of the actual boundary. The council requested the city attorney, Laura Keeton, work towards a resolution to prevent further litigation with Profile Metal and the company's possible unpaid back taxes. In order to forgive the taxes, the City of McKenzie and Profile Metal had to convince the Tennessee Attorney General's office the property in question was not within the boundaries of the city limits. Once completed it was possible for Profile Metal to petition the City of McKenzie for annexation.

Following the likely approval from the McKenzie Regional Planning Commission, the final approval will go before the City of McKenzie Board of Mayor and Council through two readings. Anyone interested in attending the meetings must contact McKenzie City Hall at 731-352-2292.



Kate Carter-Matlock, Baptist Hospital; Ashley Edwards, Carroll Bank & Trust; Bailey Hinson, SERVPRO of Weakley, Gibson, and Carroll County; Mandy Bryant, Centennial Bank; Sheryl Todd, Town of Bruceton; Randy Crossett, Town of Huntingdon; Brad Chappell, Bethel University; and Daniel Hollowell, Maddox Insurance.

Eight Graduated from the Carroll County Adult Leadership Program

Eight local business, civic and government leaders graduated from the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce 2020 Adult Leadership Class on November 12, 2020. 407 people have graduated from the Adult Leadership program since its inception in 1990.

"The two month program provides the opportunity to learn about the life and work of Carroll County and to identify the issues, challenges and opportu-

nities that face our communities in coming years," said Natalie McCullough Porter, Chair of the Leadership Carroll County program. The sessions include information on Health Care, Government Operations, Education, County Demographics, Economic Development, Agriculture, Professional Development and much more.

Due to Covid-19, several changed were implemented this year. The maximum class size

was reduced to 8. The number of sessions were reduced from 9 to 7, and the class met weekly. Also, there no traveling as group was allowed.

The Chamber has been operating Leadership programs since 1990. More than 875 individuals have gone through both the Adult and Youth Leadership programs. The Leadership sessions are an excellent opportunity to network with class members and presenters.

The Leadership Carroll County Class of 2020 graduates are: Kate Carter-Matlock, Baptist Hospital; Ashley Edwards, Carroll Bank & Trust; Bailey Hinson, SERVPRO of Weakley, Gibson, & Carroll County; Mandy Bryant, Centennial Bank; Sheryl Todd, Town of Bruceton; Randy Crossett, Town of Huntingdon; Brad Chappell, Bethel University; Daniel Hollowell, Maddox Insurance.

War Eagles Rout Scotts Hill, Lady Lions Rally for Win

BY BRAD SAM

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REAGAN (December 4) — West Carroll traveled to Scotts Hill High School Friday for a pair of basketball contests. The Lady War Eagles took an early lead, but the Lady Lions clawed their way back to take the lead in the fourth and claim a 71-65 lead. The War Eagles rode a second-quarter burst to an easy 83-57 victory.

Scotts Hill Lady Lions 71, West Carroll Lady War Eagles 65

West Carroll doubled up Scotts Hill 20-10 in the opening frame, led by Tatym Keymon with nine points, including a three-pointer. Mia Jones scored four, Alyssa Butler and Amaya Thompson each had three points, and Kaylee Butler hit a free throw. Lady Lions Blaize Deere and Jaden Scates each hit a three. Bradie Ivey had a pair, and Journey

Knowles and Ashlyn Buffalo each hit a free throw.

The second quarter was a 20-20 wash. K. Butler led the Lady War Eagles with seven points. Jones scored five, and Keymon had four. A. Butler hit a three, and Thompson hit a free throw. Deere led Scotts Hill with eight points, including a pair of threes. Harley Bowman scored six on a pair of threes, and Knowles, Ivey and Brooklyn Wilkerson each had a pair. At the half, West Carroll led 40-30.

The Lady Lions began their comeback with a 16-11 rally in the third, led by Deere with nine points. Bowman scored five with a three-pointer, and Ivey added a pair. Jones led the Lady War Eagles with five, including a three. Keymon scored four, and A. Butler added a pair. Entering the final frame, West Carroll led 51-46.

Scotts Hill took the lead with a 25-14 advantage in the fourth, led by Bowman with seven points, including a three. Deere and Ivey each scored six. Buffalo had four points, and Heather Bartholomew had a pair. Jones led West Carroll with nine points. K. Butler hit a three, and A. Butler added a pair.

Lady Lion Blaize Deere led all scorers with 26 points, including a trio of three-pointers. Harley Bowman scored 18 with four threes, and Bradie Ivey had a dozen points.

Mia Jones led the Lady War Eagles with 23 points, including a three. Tatym Keymon scored 17 with a three. Kaylee Butler scored eleven with a three-pointer, and Alyssa Butler had ten points with a three.

War Eagles 83, Lions 57
The first frame was a 10-10 wash. Luke Moore led West Car-

roll with six points, including a three-pointer. Josh Clark and JaQuan Adkins each had a pair. Riley McClain led Scotts Hill with five points, including a three. Colton Bailey and Bryce Allard each had a pair, and Luke Ledbetter hit a free throw.

The War Eagles pulled ahead with a 33-18 advantage in the second quarter, led by Jalen Anglin with 15 points. Adkins and Jed Robinson each scored five, both with a three. Colton Hart hit a three-pointer, and Moore also scored three. Clark added a pair. McClain led the Lions with ten, including a three. Ledbetter and Allard each scored three points, and Zach Anglin had a pair. At the half, the War Eagles led 43-28.

West Carroll continued to dominate in a 27-13 third, led by Moore with eight points. J. Anglin scored seven with a three, and Tyler Johnson had six on a pair of threes. Adkins scored four, and Clark added a pair. Ledbetter led Scotts Hill with five points. McClain, Bailey, Allard and Lane Martin each had a pair. Heading into the final frame, the War Eagles led 70-41.

The Lions had a 16-13 edge in the fourth, led by Riley Jowers with seven, including a three. Z. Anglin, Carson Liles, Clint Powers and Ethan Hayes each had a pair, and Alex Chandler hit a free throw. Xander Moon led West Carroll with six on a pair of threes. Riley Duncan scored four, and Jaden Taylor hit a three.

War Eagle Jalen Anglin led all scorers with 22 points, including a three. Luke Moore scored 17, also with a three-pointer. JaQuan Adkins scored eleven with a three.

Riley McClain led Scotts Hill with 17 points, including a pair of threes.

McKenzie City Council Meets Thursday

The City of McKenzie Board of Mayor and Council will meet Thursday, December 10, 6:30 p.m. at the McKenzie Park Theatre on Cedar Street.

At press time, the agenda contained the following items: Resolution for Councilperson Debbie Riley; Presentation of

Retirement Plaques: Brenda Berryman, Sandra Bradberry, Johnny Harris, Councilperson Brian Winston; Presentation of Proclamations: James Choate, McKenzie Rebels Girl's Golf Team, McKenzie Rebels Boy's Golf Team, McKenzie Rebels Girl's Soccer Team.

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West Carroll PTO Auction is Online

West Carroll Primary is holding its annual Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) fund-raising auction as an online event this year. Ridgely Auction Company is assisting through its website. The web address

is [HTTPS://BIT.LY/WCPAUTION](https://bit.ly/wcpaution). The address is case sensitive and must be all uppercase letters.

The auction began December 2 and continues through December 16.



Weapons and drugs seized from Kennon residence.

Two Charged with Weapons, Drug Possession

BY SHANNON MCFARLIN,
WENK/WTFR

PARIS (December 7) — A Paris couple are being held in the Henry County Jail on weapons and drug charges after a search warrant was executed at their home on Friday by the Henry County Sheriff's Office.

Brian Kennon, age 45, is being held on \$500,000 bond and Cindy Lawton, age 33 is being held on \$150,000 bond. The search warrant was executed at their residence at 1725 Hwy. 77.

The sheriff's office was investigating a report that a felon was in possession of firearms at that address. Agencies involved in executing the search warrant included the TBI, Metro Crime Unit, Puryear Police, Paris Police and the Tennessee Highway Patrol bomb unit.

According to the press release issued by the sheriff's office, items found during the search included 22 modern firearms, rifles, shotguns, handguns, multiple boxes of ammunition and firearm parts; five homemade suppressors; several loaded

AR15 magazines; one pound of marijuana, some 83 grams of meth, and \$247 in cash.

Kennon was charged with possession of Schedule 2 and Schedule VI controlled substances, two counts unlawful possession of firearms, possession of prohibited weapons, and possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia.

Lawton was charged with possession of Schedule II and Schedule VI controlled substances, possession of firearms during commission of a felony.

Henry County Medical Center Welcomes Pharmacy Residents

PARIS — Henry County Medical Center welcomes Caitlin Jackson and Wesley Clark to their PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program. Both have been at HCMC since July and are involved in many projects throughout the organization.

Originally from Cunningham, Tennessee, Jackson received a BS in nutrition in 2015 from East Tennessee State University. She began her pharmacy journey at Sullivan University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2017 and graduated in June 2020. Soon after, she joined HCMC as a PGY-1 Pharmacy Resident.

"This residency at Henry County Medical Center has given me ample opportunities to expand my clinical knowledge and improve my patient care skills," said Jackson. "I have found the pharmacy partners to be dedicated to their profession and always willing to assist me with anything. It has been an excellent experience thus far."

HCMC's other pharmacy resident, Clark, is originally from Gleason, Tennessee. He graduated from Greenfield High School in Greenfield, Tennessee in 2011. He attend the University of Tennessee at Martin where he graduated with a degree in Biology. In 2016, Clark began his pharmacy training at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in Memphis, Tennessee. After his clinical rotation experiences, he decided he wanted to pursue additional clinical training and was accepted into the PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency program at HCMC.

Clark shared, "At Henry County Medical Center, I have the opportunity to expand my clinical skillset and medication knowledge and play a direct role in patient care in a number of areas within the hospital including the critical care unit, emergency department, Lake Haven psychiatry unit, and general medicine floors."

"We are very excited to have



Pictured are the new residents in HCMC's PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program. Caitlin Jackson, PGY-1 Pharmacy Resident, and Wesley Clark, PGY-1 Pharmacy Resident.

Caitlin and Wes with us this year at Henry County Medical Center," said Paula Bell, PharmD, BCPS, Director of Pharmacy, PGY1 Residency Program Director. "They are from this area, which typically provides extra motivation when it comes to caring for patients. Being from small towns, they appreciate the privilege to care for our local community, and at times, people we have known our entire life. We are excited for what the future holds for Caitlin and Wes here at HCMC and for all of their future endeavors."

Henry County Medical Center's PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program prepares residents with the skills, knowledge, and attitudes required to become a well-rounded pharmacy practitioner and an adjunct pharmacy school faculty member serving a community hospital.

A pharmacy resident is a licensed pharmacist that pursues additional training to gain a better understanding of how to apply the knowledge and skills learned in school to real patients, situations, and settings. Residency training is crucial to new pharmacists, who are going into a healthcare environment

that involves ever-changing roles and responsibility.

During a residency, the resident will get the chance to work with patients as part of an interdisciplinary team, sharpening their critical thinking skills, and learning the subtleties of leadership. They also will have the opportunity to be exposed to different facets of practice and learn about the many and varied career paths available to pharmacists today. The 12-month program provides the necessary opportunities for highly motivated pharmacists to achieve their professional goals.

"The Pharmacy Residency Program here at Henry County is such an asset for our community, like the future Medical Residency will be," said Bell. "These two programs provide a feeder system for our community to have residency trained pharmacists in our hospital, as well as recruiting physicians to remain in the community after residency completion. Our facility is Growing Forward with post-graduate training opportunities, which is a tremendous service to provide to our great community."

Major General Tommy Baker is Interim Commissioner of Veterans Affairs

NASHVILLE (December 7) — Today, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee announced Major General Tommy H. Baker of Huntingdon as the interim commissioner for the Department of Veterans Services. Former commissioner Courtney Rogers will return to the private sector.

"Gen. Baker is a committed public servant and I thank him for his willingness to lead the Department of Veterans Services during this critical time for our state," said Gov. Lee.

Gen. Baker previously served as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Tennessee National Guard (TNG) with the responsibility to assist the adjutant general in the oversight and administration of over 13,000 Soldiers and Airmen in the TNG.

Baker has had a long career serving the State of Tennessee. He enlisted in the Tennessee National Guard on December 17, 1980, as a Cavalry Scout at Troop B, 230th Cavalry in Huntingdon, where he served



Major General Tommy Baker

as an enlisted soldier until June 1984. Upon receiving his commission from the Tennessee Military Academy in 1985, Baker served as a cavalry and armor platoon leader and commander, a maintenance and logistics officer, and in various other commands and staff

assignments within the Tennessee Army National Guard. Before becoming the Assistant Adjutant General-Army, Baker served as the J-4, Director of Logistics, responsible for the logistics and maintenance operations of the entire Tennessee Army National Guard.

Baker is also a 1995 graduate of the University of Tennessee-Martin with a bachelor's degree in Public Administration. He received his master's degree in Business Administration specializing in Military Management from Touro University, and is a 2011 graduate of the United States Army War College with a master's degree in Strategic Studies.

Baker deployed to Kuwait in 2004 as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom III with the 230th Area Support Group, serving as the Theater Combat Service Support Automation Management Officer, and again in 2008 as the Commander of the 30th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion at Q-West, Iraq.

Mayor

...From Front Page

served as the mayor/county executive since 1998. Ridgeway said he planned to run in the 2022 mayoral race but with Greer's midterm announcement "I felt it was my time and I shouldn't not wait. So, I contacted some supporters and they gave me the thumbs-up. My lifelong love for Henry county is the other reason I ran."

The Henry County Mayor's race was a contested race amongst three candidates. Paris Mayor Carlton Gerrell, former state representative Tim Wirgau, and Ridgeway. Gerrell was the only candidate running with a party's nomination. Ridgeway was elected with 6,057 votes (42%), Gerrell finished second with 5,209 votes (36%) and Wirgau trailed with 3,253 votes (22%).

When asked why he ran as an independent candidate, Ridgeway commented, "We are a small county. We really don't have room for party politics. So I chose to run as an Independent, I am about people and not politics. We should be able to work as one team in all our endeavors, not as two teams vying for the prize. Currently, I am going to help steady the ship during this pandemic that is affecting us all."

In response to the resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the mayor said, "We have a great group of professionals on our COVID task force in Henry County. I will continue to listen to them and take their advice on precautions and solutions to help decrease our active cases. I would just like to ask our residents to be vigilant in their precautions against COVID-19. It takes everyone following the CDC's recommendations for us to see our numbers decrease."

Two major projects are on Mayor Ridgeway's top priority list; the widening of Highway



Retiring Henry County Mayor Brent Greer administers the oath of office to John Penn Ridgeway as Ridgeway's son, Jackson, holds a family bible for his father.

641 between Paris and Murray and high-speed Internet for all of Henry County.

Ridgeway thanked many who helped in the election among them he wanted to especially thank, "my wife, Melissa, my family, my treasurer Michael Murphey and his family, Stacy Hayes and her family, Sam and Hannah Hutson with Crove Media. They have been with me from the beginning. I want to especially recognize the people who have put up signs, come up to me on the street, and offered their support and those who donated to my campaign. You have kept my spirits up from the beginning. There are so many individuals that I can't name them all."

"I also want to thank Mayor Brent Greer for making the transition a smooth and easy one. He has really helped me a

lot. A special thank you to Dr. Brad White and the faculty and staff at TCAT McKenzie for all their hard work."

A special message from Mayor Ridgeway to the people of Henry County:

Look around our community. What are you proud of? We have so many things to brag about. We have great schools, ball teams, choral programs, small businesses, churches and lots to be proud of. Let's work as a team to make this a community with a tremendous VOLUNTEER spirit. I grew up here, went to school here, and came back after college to work here. My vision is to help our community move forward so we can have good schools, good jobs, and a great quality of life for our families. I value your opinions as we venture into this new Henry County adventure.



Bethel President Walter Butler was the guest speaker at McKenzie Rotary Club. He is pictured with Sandi Roditis, Rotary president-elect, and Matt Lane, Rotary president.

Chapel

...From Front Page

well complying with the mask mandates, said Butler.

The pandemic also caused many of the fall sports to be canceled or moved to the spring and Renaissance music groups were unable to host events in

churches. The much-anticipated Christmas musical by Renaissance is virtual this year.

Butler said the university won its lawsuit against the Tennessee Department of Education. The government entity closed down the university's education department for technicalities, although the school had excellent scores for training teachers. Most of the

technicalities could have been resolved with some interaction between the university and the DOE. Butler said the education department is back and fully functional. It has a good working relationship with the DOE, said Butler. The shutdown cost the university an estimated \$7.9 million in lost revenues. The State of Tennessee reimbursed the university \$5 million.

COVID-19

...From Front Page

week), 212 active cases (232 last week) and 1,690 recovered (1,498 last week).

Henry County has 1,681 total cases (1,543 last week), 23 deaths (19 last week), 46 hospitalized (44 last week), 138 active cases (216 last week) and 1,520 recovered (1,308 last week).

Weakley County currently has 2,315 total cases (2,178 last week), 37 deaths (37 last week), 43 currently hospitalized (42 last week), 179 active cases (184 last week), and 2,099 recovered (1,957 last week).

Tennessee reported 400,594 total cases in 2020 (366,518 last week and 340,476 two weeks earlier).

Jobless

...From Front Page

Williamson County had the state's lowest unemployment in October with a rate of 4.6%, which is up 0.8 of a percentage point from its revised September rate of 3.8%

Shelby County recorded October's highest jobless rate in Tennessee. At 11%, the county's unemployment increased by 0.7 of a percentage point when compared to the previous month's revised rate of 10.3%.

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TALBOT

Talbot cartoon courtesy of Washington News

Jason Martin is a life-long resident of McKenzie. He graduated from McKenzie High School in 2000; earned a Bachelor of Science in History from Bethel College in 2004; a Masters in Education from Bethel University in 2009 and a Masters in History and Humanities from Fort Hays State University in 2011.

We are buying Mrs. Meyers

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Obituaries

ROGER PIERCE, SR.
1947 — 2020

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Roger Lee Pierce, Sr., 73, were 11 a.m. Thursday, December 3, 2020 at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

The family received friends on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 5 p.m.-8 p.m. and Thursday, 10 a.m. until service time. Interment is at the Tennessee Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Pierce died November 29, 2020 at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital. He was a retired truck driver and a Vietnam Army veteran. He was born in Omaha, Nebraska on November 25, 1947 to Henry F. and Lucille Mildred Anderson Pierce.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry Pierce of McKenzie, two daughters, Jamie (Jimmy) McKennie of McKenzie and Tonya Peterson of Texas, three sons, Joshua Pierce of McKenzie, Roger (Monica) Pierce, Jr. of Howell, Mich. and Rodney (Kim) Pierce of Deerborne Heights, Mich., one brother, Larry (Theresa) Pierce of McKenzie, twelve grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, Jean Hernandez, Janet Martin and Joyce Pierce, and three brothers, Jerry Pierce, Raymond Pierce and Gilbert Pierce and one great-grandchild.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. If you need assistance please call 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com. +

JAMES HAYWOOD
1934 — 2020

McKENZIE — James Marshall Haywood, 86, of McKenzie died Sunday, November 29, 2020.

He was born September 19, 1934 in McKenzie.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, of McKenzie, son, James Michael and (Ann) Haywood of Homer Glen, Illinois, son, David Haywood of Houston Texas, three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, a private family service was Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Shiloh Cemetery, McKenzie.

BELINDA LEE MEDLIN
1975 — 2020

PARIS, Tenn. — Graveside funeral services for Belinda Lee Medlin were Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Olivet Cemetery-McKenzie.

Ms. Medlin, 45, died November 29, 2020 at her residence. She was born in McKenzie on April 26, 1975 to Thomas Medlin, III and Mary Lee Medlin.

She is survived by three daughters, Allison Hill of Paris, Beth Hill of Jupiter, Florida and Tiffani Hill of Paris, one son, Brandon Hill of Jupiter, Florida, one granddaughter, her father, Thomas Medlin, III and brother-in-law, Carl Campbell.

She is preceded in death by

her mother, Mary Medlin, and sister, Melissa Campbell.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. If you need assistance, please call 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com.

JAN COOPER
1939 — 2020

McKENZIE — Services for Jan Cooper, 81, were Friday, December 4, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home with Brother Fred Morris and Brother Windol Walker officiating. Interment followed at Liberty Cemetery near Mr. Charlie's old home place. The family received friends on Friday, December 4, 1 p.m. until service time. Mrs. Cooper, a homemaker, died Monday, November 30, 2020 at her residence. She was born on September 18, 1939 in Dyersburg, Tennessee to Ernest Ted and Alice Tilda Mitchell Swader. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in McKenzie. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Ted Swader, Jr.

Survivors include her husband, Charlie Cooper of McKenzie, a daughter Lisa (Paul) Webster of Pensacola Florida, a son, Randall Ross (Lynn) Cooper of San Antonio, Texas, two sisters, Louise Glazier of Dyersburg, Tenn. and Paulette Jargin of Daytona, Florida, a brother-in-law, Wayne Cooper of McKenzie, and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers who will be serving are Gary Cooper, Mark Cooper, Matt King, Norman Burnham, Randy Cooper and Paul Webster.

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DONALD LEE TRULL
1954 — 2020

McKENZIE — Graveside services for Donald Lee Trull, 66, were Friday, November 20, 2020 at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in McKenzie. Brother Alan Trull officiated the service.

Mr. Trull was born February 27, 1954 in McKenzie to the late James and Martha Trull. He was a foreman at the age of 20 at Kentucky-Tennessee Clay (KT Clay) in Gleason. At the age of 25, he was the plant superintendent of KT Clay for 14 years. He took early voluntary retirement at age 39 to pursue is other businesses.

Mr. Trull owned and operated D&S (Donald and Sue) Laundromat in four locations - McKenzie, Gleason, Dresden and Trezevant. He owned and operated D&S Storage Buildings with two locations in McKenzie. He owned nine apartments and built and sold 15 "spec" houses in McKenzie. He was also involved in the stock market. He was a successful businessman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Martha Trull.

He is survived by one child, his daughter Tammy Trull, two grandchildren, Craig Ross and Alealee Arnold of Greenfield, Tenn. He is also survived by one brother, Ray Trull of McKenzie, one niece, Angie Trull Hopper and her husband, Marty, of McKenzie, one great niece, Kayla (Hopper) Gateley and husband,

Joel Gateley of Cedar Grove, a great nephew, Kyle Hopper of Nashville, a nephew, Stan Trull (Janet Trull) of Greenfield, and a nephew, Nicholas Trull of Nashville.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, visit the funeral home's website at www.brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com. +

FRANK CLAYTOR
1932 — 2020

McKENZIE, Tenn. — Private graveside services for Frank Ray Claytor, 88, were Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Pilgrims Rest Cemetery with Reverend Kevin Wood officiating. Due to COVID virus and the safety of others, the family selected a private service.

Mr. Claytor, an industrial engineer, died Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at Lakeside Senior Living in McKenzie. He was born on March 28, 1932 in Pillowville, Tennessee to Ford and Faye Elinor Claytor. He was a member of McKenzie First Presbyterian Church and was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Leona Beatrice Claytor, who died January 11, 2015.

Survivors include his daughters, Elizabeth Claytor Powell of Orlando, Florida and Rebecca Claytor of Houston, Texas, two sisters, Lita Swindle and Joyce Kalemeris, both of Tampa, Florida, two granddaughters, Virginia Sinclair Powell and Rebecca Kathleen Powell.

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SYLVIA DABBS
1948 — 2020

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Sylvia Pace Dabbs were Monday, December 7, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family received friends on Monday at the funeral home, 11 a.m. until service time. Interment was at Seminary Cemetery in the Pillowville Community.

Mrs. Dabbs, 72, died Friday, December 4, 2020 at AHC of McKenzie. She was a retired cook and her last place of employment was Life Care Center of Bruceton. She was also a member of Gleason Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She was born in Martin on January 23, 1948.

She is survived by her daughters, Cynthia (Roger) Creysells of McKenzie and Christy (Neddie) Pineda of Gleason, a son, Paul Edwin (Nicki) Pace of Gleason, nine grandchildren, Max Pace, Brandy Creysells, Meagan Rea, Blake Michael, Drake Michael, Jess Pace, Kaylor Pineda, Claudia Pineda and Alexandra Pineda, seven great-grandchildren, Gracie Nobles, Johnathan Nobles, Ryan Eaton, Noah Eaton, Olivia Rea, Ella Rea and Kingston Pace.

She is preceded in death by her mother Ruby Carlton Spencer and her husbands, Paul E. Pace and Billy Dabbs.

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al Home was in charge of the arrangements. If you need assistance please call 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com.

JOE JORDAN
1961 — 2020

CAMDEN — Mr. Billy Joe Jordan, Jr., 59 of Camden, Tennessee, died Saturday, December 5, 2020, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon, Tennessee.

Private graveside services were Monday, December 7, 2020, at 10 a.m. at Prospect Cemetery with Bro. Blake Arnold officiating.

Mr. Jordan was born March 21, 1961 in Camden, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Joe Jordan, Sr. and step-father, Dwayne "Buddy" Howe.

He is survived by his wife, Laurie Jordan, his mother, Sandra Howe of Bruceton, two daughters, April Cole (Chris) of Bruceton, Allison Jordan of Clarksburg, sister, Angela Cantrell (Bradley) of Memphis, stepchildren, Josh Beasley (Casie), Elizabeth Beasley (Ted Zarek). He also leaves two granddaughters and one grandson. Chase Funeral Home.

ELZIE STANFORD
1926 — 2020

TROY — Mrs. Elzie Mae Stanford, 94, of Troy, Tennessee, formerly of Huntingdon, died Saturday, December 5, 2020 at her home.

Graveside funeral services were Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 3 p.m. at Hickory Flat Cemetery with Bro. Darren Martin officiating.

Mrs. Stanford was born February 7, 1926 in Cedar Grove, Tennessee to the late Charlie Woodard and Lela (Blankenship) Woodard.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Jewell Stanford, one son, Gary Stanford, one sister, Elsie Winchester Hale, and one brother, Charles Woodard, Jr.

She is survived by one son, Robert Stanford of Troy, Tennessee. She also leaves three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and eight great great-grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

RONALD PRUETT
1938 — 2020

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Ronald Joe Pruett, 82, of Huntingdon died Thursday, December 3, 2020 at Baptist East Hospital in Memphis.

Graveside funeral services were on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Union Academy Cemetery.

Mr. Pruett was born September 6, 1938 in Trezevant, Tennessee to the late Ronald I. and Callie (Pratt) Pruett.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Jane Casey Pruett, three brothers, James Pruett, Don Pruett and Maurice Pruett.

He is survived by two daughters, Shenia Hardy of Madisonville, Kentucky and Ronnie Deniker of Huntingdon, two

sisters, Patsy McDaniel (Ray) of Huntingdon and Virginia Sutter (Doug) of Horn Lake, Mississippi, a brother, Howard Pruett (Marilyn) of Huntingdon, four grandchildren and a great-grandson. Chase Funeral Home

WANDA KAY WELLS
1944 — 2020

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Wanda Kay Wells, 76, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at the Huntingdon Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services were Saturday, December 5, 2020 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment followed in the Shiloh Cemetery.

Mrs. Wells was born April 6, 1944 in Cedar Grove, Tennessee, to the late Marvin Courtney Jones and Maurine (House) Jones. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Gathiel Wells, three brothers, Marvin Jones, Jr., Tommy Jones, Jerry Jones, and two sisters, Shirley Wheeler and Shelby Dunn.

She is survived by one daughter, Wendy Erickson of Jackson, two sons, Douglas Wells of Nashville, Steven Wells (Hope) of Traverse City, Michigan, two sisters, Barbara Covelli of Lombard, Illinois, and Beverly Morini of Cicero, Illinois. She also leaves ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

MARCUS HOLIFIELD
1992 — 2020

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Marcus Holifield, 28, of Huntingdon died Thursday December 3, 2020.

Mr. Holifield was born June 19, 1992 in Paris, Tennessee.

He is survived by his wife, Jasmine Reed Holifield of Huntingdon, Tennessee, two daughters, Caydena Holifield and Bristol Holifield, both of Huntingdon, mother, Lona Holifield of Paris, one sister, Nicole Holifield of Bruceton, father- and mother-in-law Michael and Cindy Sanford of Huntingdon.

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

DOROTHY CLARK
1935 — 2020

McKENZIE — Mrs. Dorothy Clark, 85, of McKenzie, Tennessee passed away Saturday December 5, 2020 at Christian Care Center.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 8, 2020 in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was in Mt Comfort Cemetery.

Mrs. Clark was born March 14, 1935 to the late Edd Eulon

Clark and Eva Gooch Clark. She attended Bethel Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Clark, children, Jeff Clark, Kenneth Clark and Baby Boy Clark, brothers Gilbert Eubank, Houston Eubank, Clifford Eubank, Cletus Eubank, Helon Eubank, Loy Eubank and Edward Eubank Jr.; sisters Lilly Berryman, Berlene Wood and Lera Thompson.

She is survived by her daughter, Debbie Clark of McKenzie, sister, Ruth Wallace of Elkton, Maryland, six grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

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

APRIL SYKES
1987 — 2020

CAMDEN — April Nichole Sykes, 33, of Camden, formerly of Paris and McKenzie, died Tuesday, December 1, 2020. She had moved to Camden to start a better life for herself and her five-year-old son, Jonah Page. She was encouraged and supported by her family to make a new life for herself. She was born April 1, 1987. As a youth, she suffered severe burns and underwent many surgeries.

April is survived by her son, Jonah, parents, Jackie Sykes of Camden, and Donna (Alan) Knowles of Henry, sisters, Heather (Michael) Canady of Henry, Isabella Gibson of Shady Valley, Tenn., Brandy White of Savannah, Georgia, Faylynn (Danny) Page of Paris, and Amanda Gafford of Paris, brother, Ethan Knowles of Henry, grandmother, Nellie Evans.

Her funeral service were Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the April Sykes/Jonah Page College Fund c/o: Security Bank & Trust Co., P.O. Box 1209, Paris, TN 38242

Card of Thanks

The family of James Choate would like to thank every one for the calls, food, memorials, flowers, prayers, and love at this difficult time.

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MCKENZIE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED

The McKenzie Special School District Board of Education meeting has been rescheduled from December 1 to Tuesday, December 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the McKenzie Middle School library.

WEST CARROLL BASKETBALL TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

West Carroll High School is converting ticket purchasing for home basketball games to online-only through gofan.com. All fans are required to have their temperature checked and wear a mask upon entry. If you have questions, email Shane DePriest at shane.depriest@wcassd.org.

CATCH ME UNDER THE MISTLETOE 5K, FUN RUN

Catch Me Under the Mistletoe 5K and Fun Run is Saturday, December 12, 9 a.m., Farmers Market, McKenzie. Applications available at McKenzie City Hall, McKenzie Facebook, and area businesses. Call 731-352-2292 for information.

NWTN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, HRA ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

The Northwest Tennessee Development District and Northwest Tennessee Human Resource Agency hold their annual board meeting Friday, December 18 at 10 a.m. This is a virtual meeting. Anyone who is interested in attending virtually should call 731-587-4213 ext. 222 for more details. The recording of the meeting will be posted at www.nwtd.org.

CARROLL COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD TO MEET

The Carroll County Emergency Communications District Board of Directors meets Tuesday, December 15 at 2 p.m. Due to the ongoing spread of COVID-19, the board will meet virtually via Webex pursuant to Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order No. 16. For information to attend the meeting as a guest via Webex,

contact the district office at 731-986-8911 or email a request to kristymeggs@carroll911.com. For members of the public that cannot attend via Webex, the meeting will be recorded and available at the district office.

JOHNSON TEMPLE CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

The third annual Christmas Day Dinner at Johnson Temple CME Church, 915 W. Walnut Ave., McKenzie, is Friday, December 25 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. All plates are carryout. For delivery, call 865-406-9889.

CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TOYS FOR TOTS

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MHS YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

McKenzie High School is selling 2020-21 yearbooks. This year's theme is "The Show Must Go On." Supply is limited, so purchase before February 12. Yearbooks are \$50. After February 12, the price increases to \$60. If you are interested in buying an ad to place in the yearbook to promote your business, contact the office at MHS at 731-352-2133. Senior parents can also purchase Senior Parent Ads for various prices depending on size. To purchase a yearbook, make checks payable to McKenzie High School.

CCHS CAT SPAY, NEUTER VOUCHERS

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

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these vouchers. You can buy as many as you need. All vouchers must be used at Paris Vet Clinic. Vouchers expire one month from purchase.

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This is an ongoing program. Cats just need to weigh two pounds, which is usually at around eight weeks of age.

PROFILE METALS IS ON PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

The McKenzie Regional Planning Commission meets Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 3 p.m. by Zoom. Approval of the annexation of Profile Inc., 370 Republic Drive, McKenzie 38201 and approval of the plan of services is on the agenda. Anyone who plans to attend should call McKenzie City Hall 731-352-2292 in order to receive an invite to the meeting.

MCLEMORESVILLE CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST

The City of McMoresville invites all residents to participate in its Christmas Decoration Contest. Join the fun and make your community shine a little brighter this season. Judging is the evening of Saturday, December 12 by out-of-town judges. First place is \$100; second place is \$75; and third place is \$50. Elected officials and city employees may participate, but are not eligible to win.

BETHEL HOMECOMING IS FEBRUARY 19-20

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

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

A support group for survivors of suicide loss meets the first Saturday of each month from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Baptist Memorial Hospital, 631 R. B. Wilson Drive, Huntingdon. The loss of a loved one is shocking and painful. The grief one experiences is complex and no one person experiences the same grief. Survivors often struggle with the reasons of "why" the suicide occurred and what they could have done to prevent the suicide. It is never too early to start healing. Contact Christy Blount at cbblount2@utm.edu with questions.

JOHNSON TEMPLE C.M.E. PRAYER VIGIL

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

We come together to pray for one another, our community and

country, then study the Word of God. Johnson Temple C.M.E. Church convenes each Sunday with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m.

JOY CLUB MEETS TWICE MONTHLY

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

LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Northwest Tenn. Economic Development Agency is accepting applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. This program helps low-income households through direct energy payments to their energy provider. Proof of gross household income is required to determine eligibility. Applicants must also submit a government ID, social security number verification for all household members and a current utility company print-out showing the last 12 months of usage at their current location. Individuals interested in applying for the LIHEAP Program should make an appointment at the Northwest Tenn. Economic Development Agency office in their county of residence.

Go to our website for county site contact information: <http://nwcommunityaction.org>

CARROLL COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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

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

MCKENZIE HISTORIC ZONING MEETS MONTHLY

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

MCKENZIE CONDEMNATION MEETINGS MONTHLY

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

MCKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

CALENDAR • GENERAL

Kirsten Sass, PA, Joins Christian Family Medicine in McKenzie



Kirsten Sass

Physician Assistant Kirsten Sass is now treating patients at Christian Family Medicine & Pediatrics in McKenzie.

Sass graduated from the Bethel University Physician Assistant program in 2005 and is certified through the National Commission on the Certification of Physician Assistants. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Western Ontario in Canada in 2000 and graduated from the Utah College of Massage Therapy in 2002.

"Kirsten is an excellent addition to our team in McKenzie," said Ruste Via, CEO of Christian Family Medicine & Pediatrics. "She is an asset in the community, and we're excited to have her on board."

The McKenzie native is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants and the Tennessee Academy of Physician Assistants. She previously practiced for 15 years at the McKenzie Medical Center.

Christian Family Medicine & Pediatrics in McKenzie is

open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Also practicing at the McKenzie location are Drew Brown, PA, and Donna Waddell, AANP. For more information or to request an appointment with Sass, call the clinic at 731-393-8111 or visit christianfamilymed.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

Taco Bell Coming to Huntingdon

HUNTINGDON — Taco Bell, a fast-food restaurant specializing in Mexican-style food, is locating in Huntingdon. It is to locate adjacent to Walmart on

Veterans Drive.

The company has not announced a date of construction or opening. It will construct a 2,000 square-foot building.

Jennifer Woodson Named Student of Year at TCAT



Jennifer Woodson

TCAT McKenzie congratulates Jennifer Woodson for being nominated for the State-wide Outstanding Achievement Recognition (SOAR) Award. Every year the Tennessee Board of Regents, College System of Tennessee, awards one student out of the 26 Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology campuses with a Student SOAR Award. This year, Jennifer Woodson, an Industrial Maintenance Integrated Automation student from Dresden, Tenn., was nominated to represent Tennessee College of Applied Technology-McKenzie. Jennifer maintained an overall 3.3 cumulative GPA during her enrollment of at least 450 clock hours. She has exhibited exemplary academic accomplishments by being involved in SkillsUSA, Leadership 101 and inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

Jennifer is working in manufacturing at MTD in Martin. She is seeking a job related to Continuous Improvement/Optimization in the renewable energy manufacturing sector. Jennifer plans to accomplish this goal by following her educational plan. She is gaining the technical knowledge she needs to supplement her bachelor of science degree in business that she plans to complete next year. She is gaining an un-

derstanding of how machines and robotics work to be more productive in optimization in a manufacturing environment. She chose Industrial Maintenance at TCAT McKenzie to achieve the knowledge and hands-on training she needs to be successful in the job she is seeking.

TCAT McKenzie congratulates Jennifer on this nomination and looks forward to seeing her accomplish future endeavors after she graduates.

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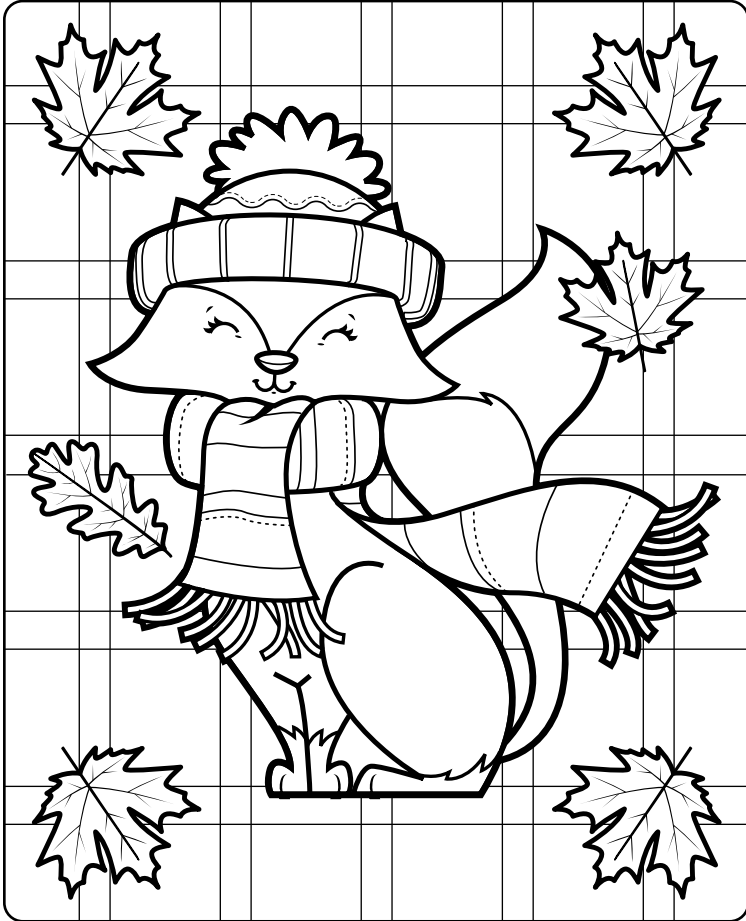
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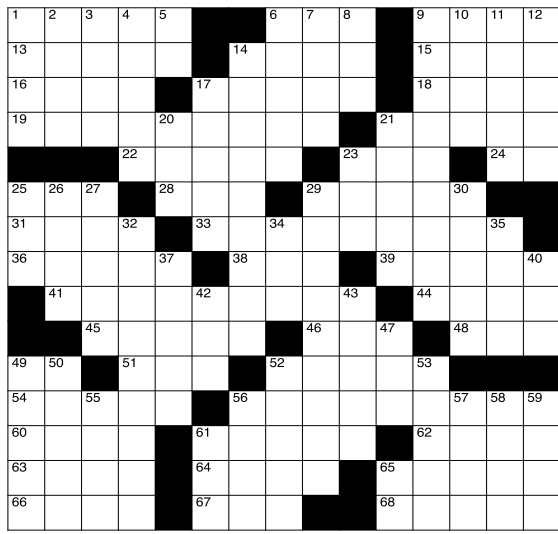
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- Skateboarders love them
- Popular sports podcast (abbr.)
- Former Ohio State great Michael
- Not dirty
- Earth goddess (Greek myth.)
- A Spanish river
- Pig meat (French)
- Famed astronomer
- Floating ice
- Broadcast
- Aquatic mammals
- Some are bath
- Hip hop trio
- NY Giants' #56
- Small European viper
- Neither
- Multiple Tony-winner Rivera
- Loud noise
- Second year high schooler
- ... in comparison?
- Golf score
- Raise
- Pastas
- Easily manageable
- Fathered
- Pouch
- Institute legal proceedings against
- News organization
- Unruly group of people
- Fasten or secure
- Sheets of glass
- Doubled
- Foolish person
- Rooney and Kate are two
- Small, rich sponge cake
- Advice or counsel
- Large wading bird
- Famed British physicist
- Narrow ridges (Swedish)
- Field force unit
- Lying face downward

CLUES DOWN

- Proof of purchase (abbr.)
- Soap ingredient
- Blackbird

Week 50



- Single steps
- Tin
- Books have lots of them
- Made of fermented honey and water
- You can get it in a bed
- Room for communal meals
- Early Syrian kingdom
- Provokes dry amusement
- Use with "thou"
- Mollusk
- Grain storage units
- Not a car, not a truck
- Ooze
- N. Vietnamese ethnic group
- Tennis pros group
- Something that's not what it's purported to be
- E. Indian trees
- Beloved December holiday

- Regions
- Metric unit of length
- Peter's last name
- Beige
- 18-year period in astronomy
- Where golfers begin
- Basketball stat (abbr.)
- Frocks
- Soda comes in it
- On approval
- Trims by cutting
- Small finch
- Language Bura-...
- Nothing
- Imbecile (British)
- Tropical Asian plant
- Abba ..., Israeli politician
- Small freshwater fish
- Indicates position
- Data processing

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- Linda F. Williams to Jeremy W. Reeves in District 4.
- Mariana Williams to Laura A. Keeton in District 17.
- Anita Baker and Patrick Smith to Phillip and Sandra G. Barnett in District 12.
- Brian and Allison Owen Winston to Harry A. Walch in Dis-

McKenzie Police Reports

Arson — McKenzie Fire Department responded to 15 Reynolds Street on December 2 where they found a previously-burned duplex again on fire. The department responded weeks ago to a significant fire at the duplex, which is now under rehabilitation.

McKenzie Police Officer Trey Boucher filed a report indicating some unknown person set fire to a tarp hanging from the roof and along side the house. A neighbor saw and reported the fire. The amount of new damage is unknown.

Theft — Thomas Taylor reported the theft of his father's 2014 Buick LaCrosse vehicle taken from 168 Booker Street on December 4. Officers investigated and found the vehicle on Walnut Circle, not far from it was taken. It was towed by D&D Wrecker Service because the key was missing. The report indicates a slender black man showed up at 168 Booker later in the day. He returned the key and items taken during the earlier incident. The report did not indicate any

arrests in the matter.

Manufacturing Meth, Public Intoxication — Bobby Gene Smithey, 62, Forrest Avenue, McKenzie, was charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver/resale, possession of marijuana, felony drug paraphernalia and public intoxication on December 5.

According to a report by Officer Dalton Raspberry, he saw Smithey sitting on a bench at the Splash Pad on South Stonewall around 5:33 p.m. and noticed he was smoking from a glass pipe. When asked, Smithey reportedly admitted to smoking meth. A search of his clothes and backpack revealed digital scales, a crystal-like substance, baggies of green-leafy material, a bottle of butane fuel, multiple needles and spoons, a mirror, foil, and cut straws. He also had possession of a 2009 class ring with the name "Caitlyn on it, a debit card, a room key to McKenzie Inn, and keys to a padlock of a storage area on the former Sonic Drive-In property. He was advised the owner of the property did not

- District 11.
- Jerry Neal Woods and others to David Roger Barksdale in District 4.
- Sherry Fushan Hicks to Donna M. Robinson and others in District 16.
- William Martin Lord to William Martin Lord in District 11.
- Tammie Perritt Duke to Kelli E. Ballard and others in District 4.
- Charles Terrell Johnson Jr. to CTJ Investments LLC in District 22.
- Cara Elizabeth Chadwick to Cara Elizabeth Chadwick and others in District 11.
- Austin Ryan and Courtney Satterfield to Rodney D. Williams in District 4.

want him on it. Smithey was using an electrical plug at the Splash Pad to charge his phone, which was taken as evidence.

Public Intoxication — Dossie Lynn Wright, 40, McKenzie Inn, Highland Drive, McKenzie, was charged with public intoxication on December 5.

Officer Jeff Winberry observed Wright underneath the wooden bridge near the Splash Pad and then witnessed him get on the bridge, walk toward the Splash Pad while flailing his arms, and then turn on the lights to make them flash at the Splash Pad, which is closed for the season. According to the report, Wright admitted he had drunk an intoxicant and smoked meth in the last hour. He was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Criminal Trespassing — April D. Shell, 39, of Gleason was charged with criminal trespassing on December 5.

Officer Jeremiah Brooks responded to Dollar General after a store employee reported Shell was banned from the property. MPD dispatch center confirmed the order to ban Shell. She was cited into General Sessions Court.

Carroll County General Sessions Report

The following are cases heard in the Carroll County General Sessions Court on December 2 and 3.

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

Bobby J. Cantrell, Herrell Street, McLeomerville, bound over on charge of domestic assault.

Billy Joe Cruse, Highway 641, Sugar Tree, bound over on theft, burglary, driving while revoked. An additional charge of theft was dismissed.

Jannie Diana Leone, Kay Avenue, McKenzie, bound over on charge of allowing dogs to run at large-bodily harm.

Jesse Ray Matamoros, Holland Drive, Clarksville, bound over on charge of aggravated assault.

Jerrod Williams, Cedar Street, McKenzie, bound over on charges of failure to appear, sexual battery, aggravated assault, domestic assault, violation of order of protection.

The following cases resulted in a guilty finding or plea.

Brock Henry Daggett, Paris Street, McKenzie, guilty, simple possession, \$250 fine.

Will Fleming, Laurel Drive, Lawrenceburg, guilty, reckless driving by intoxicant, \$350 fine, six days jail, supervised probation for five months, 24 days; dismissed, implied consent, driving on roadways laned for traffic.

Joseph Forrest, Sylvis Road, Dickson, guilty, theft, \$50 fine, \$43.75 restitution, no contact with Walmart-Huntingdon.

Joshua Lynn Hearn, Winchester Road, McKenzie, guilty, unlawful drug paraphernalia,

\$100 fine, unsupervised probation for 11/29, guilty, theft, restitution of \$14.99 to Eagle Food Mart, no contact order issued; dismissed, tampering with evidence.

Ty Landon Hendrix, Old Gordon Road, Wildersville, guilty, spotlighting deer, \$50 fine, not to hunt for one year, forfeit weapon, unsupervised probation for six months; guilty, hunting from aircraft, watercraft, motor vehicle prohibited, \$50 fine; dismissed, violation of deer, bear, wildlife boar, turkey hunting regulations.

Bobby Lynn Malugen, Moore Creek Road, Buena Vista, guilty, plea of lesser offense to drivers license must be carried, 10 days in jail; dismissed, speeding.

Larry B. Martin, Bobbitt Road, Bruceton, guilty, driving while revoked, 48 hours in jail, unsupervised probation; dismissed, improper lane change.

Tiffany Marie McCord, Holmes Street, Trezevant, guilty, worthless check, \$212.66 restitution to Little General-Trezevant, supervised probation for 11/29, guilty, failure to appear, \$10 fine, 10 days in jail.

Michelle Ridgeway, Highway 114, Hollow Rock, guilty, forgery, \$1,679.79 restitution to victim, supervised probation for 23 months, 28 days; dismissed, probation violation.

Don Eugene Rogers, Rogers Lane, Bruceton, guilty, public intoxication, \$25 fine.

Joshua L. Snead, Tank Range Road, Huntingdon, guilty, probation violation, domestic assault, 90 days in

jail, \$350 fine.

Nicholas Warren, Linden Street, McKenzie, guilty, meth-possession or casual exchange, \$750 fine, 30 days in jail, supervised probation for 10/29. (This is not the pharmacist).

Geneice Diane Wharton, West End, McKenzie, guilty, allowing dog to run at large, \$25 fine, \$391.40 restitution to victim, 11/29 unsupervised probation.

Devin T. Wildridge, Lakeshore Drive, Lexington, guilty, spotlighting deer, \$50 fine, not to hunt for one year in Tennessee, forfeit weapon, unsupervised probation; guilty, hunting from aircraft, watercraft, motor vehicle.

The following cases were dismissed.

Derrick Roshawn Brooks, Tower Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, probation violation.

Dana Milton, Buck Ditch Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, probation violation.

Stephen Nicole Smith, Spring Street, Huntingdon, dismissed, driving while suspended-second offense.

Tabatha Swatzell, Reynolds Street, McKenzie, dismissed, child abuse, neglected endangerment.

Dennis Leon West, II, Liberty Road, Greenfield, dismissed, disorderly conduct.

There was one phase adjudicated through pre-trial diversion.

Sarah Jane Briley, Smyrna Road, Huntingdon, pre-trial diversion on shoplifting charge, \$27.69 restitution, no contact with Walmart-Huntingdon.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

McKenzie Splits Wins with Lexington

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (December 4) — McKenzie High School hosted Lexington Friday night for a pair of basketball contests. The Lady Rebels dominated the opener from the early minutes for a 66-27 victory. The Rebels fell behind quickly, and the Tigers claimed a 63-47 win.

McKenzie Lady Rebels 66, Lexington Lady Tigers 27

The Lady Rebels stormed out to an 18-1 lead after the opening frame, led by Savannah Davis with seven points, including a three-pointer. Lilly Bennett scored four, and Briley Auvenshine had three points. Dani Dyer and Anna Callahan each had a pair. Diamond Holland hit the free throw for Lexington's only point.

McKenzie added to the lead with a 19-13 advantage in the second quarter, led again by Davis with eight points and another three-pointer. Kylie Reynolds also hit a three. Dyer, Bennett, Savannah Nesbitt and Katie Chesser each had a pair. Holland and Jenna Odle led the Lady Tigers with five points each, both with a three. Jadyn Yarbrough scored three points. At the half, McKenzie led 37-14.

The Lady Rebels had a 12-10 edge in the third, led by Dyer and Bennett with four points each. Davis and Callahan each added a pair. Lady Tiger Sarah Simmons hit a three. MaKayla Herndon, Kylie Waldrup and Callie McDonald each had a pair, and Candace Butler hit a free throw. Entering the final frame, the Lady Rebels led 49-24.

McKenzie capped the win with a 17-3 tilt in the fourth, led by Chesser with nine points on a trio of threes. Mikaela Reynolds also hit a three. Callahan and Kyeana Sneed each had a pair, and Dyer hit a free throw. Waldrup added a pair for Lexington, and Odle hit a freebie.

Lady Rebel Savannah Davis led all scorers with 17 points, including a pair of three-pointers and a perfect five-for-five at the line. Katie Chesser scored eleven with a trio of threes, and Lilly



Left, Rebel Zayden McCaslin splits two Lexington defenders to get to the basket. Right, Lady Rebel Savannah Davis pulls up for a midrange jumper over a Lady Tiger defender. Photos courtesy Tammy Graves



Bennett had ten points.

Diamond Holland and Jenna Odle led the Lady Tigers with six points each, both with a three-pointer.

Tigers 63, Rebels 47

Lexington jumped out to a 20-7 lead after the first frame, led by Rodarius Transor with six points. Wyatt Davis and Michael Leslie each scored five, both with a three-pointer. Caleb Gordon and Rocky Hurley each had a pair. Bryson Steele led McKenzie with four points, and Caleb Gill hit a three.

The Rebels cut the deficit with a 14-11 advantage in the second quarter, led by Johnathan Moore with eight points, including a pair of threes. Steele scored six. Clay Shannon led the Tigers with six points on a pair of threes. Transor scored four, and Gordon hit a free throw. At the half, Lexington led 31-21.

The Tigers had a 12-11 edge in the third, led by Tristan Roberts with six points. Transor scored four, and Gordon added a pair. Zayden McCaslin led McKenzie with five points. Steele, Marquez Taylor and Eli Surber each had

a pair. Heading into the final frame, the Tigers led 43-32.

Lexington sealed the win with a 20-15 tilt in the fourth, led by Leslie with nine points, including a three-pointer. Roberts scored four, and Shannon hit another three. Davis and Gordon each added a pair. Moore led the Rebels with six on a pair of threes. Taylor scored five, and Steele had four points.

Rebel Bryson Steele led all scorers with 16 points. Johnathan Moore scored 14 with four three-pointers.

Michael Leslie and Rodarius Transor led the Tigers with 14 points each, Leslie with a pair of threes. Tristan Roberts scored ten points.

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CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Carroll County Sheriff's Office and Civil Service Commission are announcing the procedure for applicants who seek the position of Deputy Sheriff (road officer), Communications Officer (dispatcher) and Clerical Personnel (secretary) as they become available.

Application forms and job descriptions may be requested at the Sheriff's Office, 200 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344.

On January 19, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. promptly, there will be no late admittance. A written test will be administered to all applicants. The test will be given at the Carroll County Sheriff's Office conference room, 200 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344. The test will cover the areas of reading, math and basic writing skills. The written test will conclude at 9:30 a.m. Immediately following the written test, interviews (oral examinations) will be conducted by a member of the Sheriff's Office and a member of the Civil Service Commission.

All applications need to be turned into the Sheriff's Office no later than January 14, 2021. Only the top seven applicants in each category will be notified.

Carroll County Civil Service Commission

Marriage Licenses

•Edward Daniel Sanford, Sr., 68, of Jackson to Jessie Nell Alexander, 88, of Pur-year.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Burglary — Deputies are investigating the recent burglary of a McKenzie residence.

Isabelle O'Neal told deputies on Nov. 30 that someone broke into her trailer at 107 Hilltop Drive sometime between Nov. 26 and Nov. 29 and took several items. Reported as stolen were a pair of gold hoop earrings with diamonds valued at \$100, a gold ring with a pink ice heart stone valued at \$75, a leather jacket valued at \$30, cowgirl boots valued at \$200, and various beauty products valued at \$100.

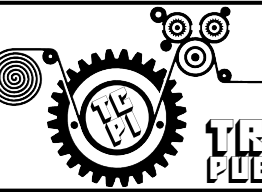
Burglary — The Sheriff's Department is investigating the recent burglary of a business in Atwood.

Alaa Qaadan contacted the Sheriff's Department on Dec. 1 and reported that someone broke into the Atwood Express convenience store at around 3:00 that morning and stole numerous items. Qaadan said that the burglary was captured on video surveillance. Reported as stolen were \$5,800 in cigarettes, \$2,600 in vaping products, and \$20 in cigars.

Assault — Josh Snead, 32, of 475 Tank Range Road, Huntingdon, was charged with simple assault following a Nov. 29 incident at his residence.

According to the report by Deputy Christopher Ad-

ams, he was contacted by the McKenzie Police Department about a case of domestic assault that occurred in the county, and upon arrival at the MPD, Adams spoke with Ashley Snead. She told officers that she was assaulted by her husband (Josh Snead) at their residence. She said that her husband head-butted her above her right eye, grabbed her by the throat, picked her up, slammed her to the floor, and then slapped her on the face when she stood back up. Mrs. Snead said she recently had back surgery and that her back was causing her a lot of pain.



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NOTICE OF MEETING

The McKenzie Regional Planning Commission will meet Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 3 p.m. by Zoom. Approval of the annexation of Profile Inc., 370 Republic Drive, McKenzie, TN 38201, and approval of the plan of services will be on the agenda. Anyone who plans to attend should call McKenzie City Hall 731-352-2292 in order to receive an invite to the meeting.

WARD 3 AND WARD 4 MCKENZIE COUNCIL SEATS AVAILABLE

The City of McKenzie is accepting resumes from interested applicants for the Ward 3 and Ward 4 Council seats. Councilperson Brian Winston is moving out of Ward 3 which he represents, and Councilperson Debbie Riley who represented Ward 4 died in October. Interested persons should submit a resume and a letter to the City Council which explains their interest in the position and how their service can benefit the City of McKenzie.

Requirements for the position include: reside in the district, attend the regularly scheduled council meetings, workshops, and called meetings, complete the newly elected officials' academy during the 1st year, complete 12 hours of the Water Commission Training (TN state mandate) during the 1st year, and participate in continuing education training each year.

The applicants will be voted on at the January 14, 2021, City Council Meeting, and will be sworn in at the February 11, 2021 Council Meeting.

All resumes and accompanying letters are due at city hall by Friday, January 8, 2021 at 4 p.m., 2470 Cedar Street.

If you have any questions, please call city hall – 731-352-2292.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL



McKenzie Middle School eighth grade players and cheerleaders were honored on the court between games. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

McKenzie Sweeps West Carroll on Eighth Grade Night

BY BRAD SAM

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McKENZIE (November 17) — McKenzie Middle School basketball celebrated Eighth Grade Night Tuesday with a sweep of visiting West Carroll. The girls played an exciting defensive contest ending in a 20-16 Lady Rebel win. The Rebels pulled ahead early and cruised to a 55-15 victory.

Between games, eighth grade players, managers and cheerleaders were recognized on the court. As their named called, parents and other family members stood in the stands.

Eighth grade Rebels are: Carson Hill, Ayden Smith, Colt Norden, Cordell Orgain, Tate Surber, Carter Kee, Landon Brown and Martez Teague and managers Caleb Burke and Landyn Smith.

Eighth grade Lady Rebels are: Ally Gibson, Sophie Pate and manager Jacey Pinson.

Eighth grade cheerleaders are: Lydia Pate, Kristen Rimmer, Leslie Sullivan, Reese Galimore, Reese Carroll, Emily McMullin, Taylor Rawls, Janai Tabada, Kortnee Brown, Abbi Sumrok and Laila Scott.

McKenzie Lady Rebels 20, West Carroll Lady War Eagles 16

The Lady Rebels jumped out to a 9-3 lead after the first frame, led by Morgan Little with seven points, including a three-pointer. Ally Gibson had a pair. Ainsley Worrell hit a three for West Carroll.

The Lady War Eagles cut into the deficit with a 3-2 edge in the second quarter. Dakota Thomas had a pair, and Worrell hit a free throw. Little added a pair for McKenzie. At the half, the Lady Rebels led 11-6.

The third was a 6-6 wash. Gibson led McKenzie with three points, Little added a pair, and Sophie Pate hit a free throw.

Lady War Eagle Piper DePriest hit a three, Worrell added a pair, and Anna Brooks hit a free throw. Entering the final frame, the Lady Rebels led 17-12.

West Carroll had a 4-3 tilt in the fourth for a closer final score. Worrell and Taylor Robinson each had a pair. Little scored all three McKenzie points.

Lady Rebel Morgan Little led all scorers with 14 points, including a three-pointer.

Ainsley Worrell led the Lady War Eagles with eight points, including a three.

Rebels 55, War Eagles 15

McKenzie opened up a 14-4 lead after the first frame, led by Tate Surber with eleven points, including a three-pointer. Landon Brown had a pair, and Colt Norden hit a free throw. Preston Bosley scored all four West Carroll points.

The Rebels pulled away with an 18-2 advantage in the second

quarter, led by Surber with eight points. Brown scored four, Norden and Cordell Orgain each had a pair, and Ayden Smith and Carson Hill each hit a free throw. War Eagle Evan Norman had a pair. At the half, the Rebels led 32-6.

McKenzie shut out West Carroll 15-0 in the third. Brown and Surber each scored four, Orgain hit a three, and Norden and Martez Teague each had a pair. Heading into the final frame, the Rebels led 47-6.

The War Eagles cut the final deficit with a 9-8 edge in the fourth. Norman scored six points, and Ben Pruitt hit a three-pointer. Rebels Nolan Fawcett and Lelan Gordon each hit a three, and Cole Brown had a pair.

Rebel Tate Surber led all scorers with 23 points, including a three. Landon Brown scored ten points.

Evan Norman led West Carroll with eight points.



Above Left, Rebel Carson Hill goes strong to the basket and draws contact. Above Right, Lady Rebel Morgan Little gets open for a midrange jumper. Below Left, War Eagle Preston Bosley hits an off-balance, midrange shot. Below Right, Lady War Eagle Dakota Thomas puts up a hook shot in the paint. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Booters Soccer Hosts Match, Provides Gifts for Needy

The first-ever Booters Soccer/Paris Soccer Club Christmas Round Robin was held at Huntingdon High School on Sunday, December 6. These

teams collected over 50 gifts for children and more than \$1,000 to donate to families in Carroll and Henry counties this holiday season. These players had

a wonderful time on the field at Paul Ward Stadium. Many thanks to everyone that helped make this a success.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

McKenzie Wraps Regular Season with Sweep of Harrelson

BY BRAD SAM

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McKENZIE (December 1) — McKenzie Middle School hosted Harrelson Tuesday to close the regular season. The home teams dominated both contests for a sweep. The Lady Rebels rode a big second frame to a 36-13 victory, and the Rebels pulled away in the early minutes for

a 53-19 win.

McKenzie Lady Rebels 36, Harrelson Lady Hawks 13

The Lady Rebels had a 6-2 lead after the opening frame, led by Ally Gibson with five points, including a three-pointer. Sophie Pate hit a free throw. Olivia Scott scored two points for Harrelson.

McKenzie dominated the second quarter 24-6, led by Gibson

with eleven, including a pair of threes. Sarah Luci scored seven with a three. Morgan Little, Molly French and Sanaah Dennie each had a pair. Lady Hawks Scott, Rhianna Woods and Oniko White each scored a pair. At the half, McKenzie led 30-8.

The Lady Rebels had a 6-3 edge in the third on two points each by Little, Pate and Dennie. White scored all three for Harrelson. Entering the final frame, McKenzie led 36-11.

Lady Hawk Brailey Smith scored the only points in a 2-0 fourth.

Lady Rebel Ally Gibson led all scorers with 16 points, including a trio of three-pointers.

Oniko White led Harrelson with five points.

Rebels 53, Hawks 19 McKenzie stormed out to a 17-2 lead after the first frame, led by Landon Brown with nine points, including a three-pointer. Tate Surber scored five, and Carter Kee hit a three. Rush Cox scored two for Harrelson.

The Rebels outscored the Hawks 17-6 in the second quarter, led by Surber with six points. Brown scored five with a three. Carson Hill, Colt Norden and Martez Teague each had a pair. Chase Cameron led Harrelson with four points, and Colby Stallings had a pair. At the half, the Rebels led 34-8.

McKenzie had a 17-8 advantage in the third, led by Surber with eight points. Cordell Orgain scored five with a three-pointer. Kee and Brown each added a pair. Stallings led the Hawks with three points. Jeremiah Townsend and Caden Delaney each had a pair, and Cameron hit a free throw. Heading into the final frame, McKenzie led 51-16.

Harrelson had a 3-2 edge in a quick fourth. Shane Barrick had a pair, and Austin Gasper hit a free throw. Rebel Luke Toombs had a pair.

Rebel Tate Surber led all scorers with 19 points. Landon Brown scored 16 with a pair of threes.

Colby Stallings and Chase Cameron led the Hawks with five points each.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Rebels Grind Out Win Over Camden, 68-54

BY BRAD SAM

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McKENZIE (December 1) — McKenzie High School hosted Camden Tuesday for a boys basketball contest. Scoring was high for both teams early on, but the Rebels took control of the pace and built a lead over the middle of the game for a 68-54 victory.

The score was tied 22-22 after the opening frame. Rebel Eli Surber led the scoring with ten points, including a trio of three-pointers. Bryson Steele scored seven points, and Johnathan Moore hit a three. Two McKenzie points were inadvertently scored by Camden. Dayton Porter led the Lions with eight points, including a pair of threes. Trenton Moore scored five points, and Garrett Vick and Kolbi Jordan each hit a three. Gabe Fosnot had a pair, and Caden Hill hit a free throw.

The Rebels took the lead with an 18-14 edge in the second quarter, led by Steele with seven points. J. Moore hit another three-pointer, and Surber, Elijah Seivers, Marquez Taylor and Zayden McCaslin each had a pair. Vick led Camden with six points, including a three. Allen Zyla hit a three, and T. Moore also scored three points. Fosnot added a pair. At the half, the Rebels led 40-36.

McKenzie pulled away with a 17-7 advantage in the third, led by J. Moore and Taylor with six points each, Moore on a pair of threes. Surber also hit a three, and Steele added a pair. Lion Kaden Story hit a three-pointer, and Vick and Wisdom Laws each had a pair. Heading into the final frame, the Rebels led 57-43.

The fourth was an 11-11 wash. Taylor led McKenzie with six points, and Steele scored five. Vick and Zyla each scored four for Camden, each with a three. Jordan also hit a three.

Rebel Bryson Steele led all scorers with 21 points. Eli Surber scored 15 with four three-pointers, and Marquez Taylor had 14 points.

Garrett Vick led the Lions with 15 points, including a trio of threes.



Rebel Bryson Steele scores on a fast break. Steele led all scorers with 21 points. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner



Left, Libby Autry of Clarksburg moves the ball as Ally Gibson guards. Right, Tate Surber scored 27 points against West Carroll. He is guarded by Darion Taylor. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



McKenzie Splits Wins in County Tourney

BY JOEL WASHBURN

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CLARKSBURG (December 5) — McKenzie Middle School Lady Rebels ended their season in a 25-30 loss to Clarksburg's Lady Rocket on Saturday in the post-season county tournament at Clarksburg.

The evenly-matched teams had a two-point difference going in the final minute, however, Clarksburg managed the win to continue in the tournament.

McKenzie scored 2, 2, 9, and 12 in the respective quarters.

Ally Gibson led all scorers with 18 points, with three 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and two free throws. Sophie Pate had 4 points and Morgan Little had 3.

Clarksburg played all six of its players. The team scored 3, 10, 9, and 8 in the respective quarters. Sam Segraves led the team with 10 points, eight of which were free throws. Libby Autry scored 7, including a three-pointer, Addison Milam scored 6, Maleigha Abdallah, 4, and Alyssa Belew, 2.

McKenzie, West Carroll McKenzie Middle School Reb-

els took a decisive 53-23 win over West Carroll. The Rebels advanced in the county tournament.

McKenzie scored 19, 12, 17, and 5 in the respective quarters. Tate Surber led all scorers with 27 points, including two 3-pointers. Landon Brown and Carter Kee each ad 9, Martez Teague, and Cardell Orgain each had 2.

West Carroll scored 10, 0, 11 and 2 in the respective quarters. Preston Bosley had 8, Darian Taylor and Evan Norman each had 5, and Dawson White had 3, and Jayden Milton had 2.

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