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HILLCOURT APARTMENTS



Huntingdon Police officers were at the scene of a shooting at the Hillcourt Apartments. *Photo by Jason Martin/The Banner*

Active Shooter Causes Lockdowns in County

HUNTINGDON (February 26) — A Monday afternoon shooting at Hillcourt Apartments in Huntingdon caused lockdowns at multiple locations in Carroll County. According to the Huntingdon Police Department, Kentrel Siner, age 25 of Savannah, Tennessee, along with another individual, presumably a female, were in the apartment of the victim. At some point, the conversation turned heated leading to the shooter firing a round into the foot of the victim.

Siner fled the scene, ultimately abandoning his vehicle. It was not clear press time as to where the vehicle was located but McKenzie Schools were placed on a soft lockdown. McKenzie's soft lockdown was lifted before 2 p.m. Huntingdon Schools were not placed on lockdown as some speculated.

At approximately 3 p.m. the manhunt led Huntingdon Police, along with the Carroll County Sheriff's

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Election is Tuesday

Voters in Carroll County and the remainder of Tennessee vote on Super Tuesday, March 5 in the Presidential Preference Primary.

Voters will report to their respective local precincts for the March 5 primary. For the first time in Carroll County voters will use paper ballots when casting their votes. Election day hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Precincts in Carroll County include: Lavinia Trezevant, McLemoresville, Cedar Grove, Clarksburg Recycling Center (Mixie), Civic Center, Huntingdon Police Station, Hollow Rock Fire Department, Atwood McKenzie Senior Citizens

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CARROLL COUNTY

Taxes Due on Leap Day

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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HUNTINGDON — The deadline to pay Carroll County property taxes is Thursday, February 29 - Leap Day.

Paula Bolen, trustee, said property owners can pay their taxes in person or online through February 29. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Carroll County Office Complex, High Street, Huntingdon. Acceptable payment is through cash, check, or debit or credit card. Use of a card adds a 2.5 percent fee. Mailed payments with a postmark of February 29 or sooner is acceptable without incurring a late fee.

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A photograph showing two women in an office setting. In the foreground, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a light purple long-sleeved shirt, is smiling and holding a large, multi-page document titled 'PROPERTY TAXES' and 'PROPERTY TAXES - SUPPLEMENT'. In the background, another woman with short grey hair, wearing a pink shirt, is smiling and looking towards the camera. They are standing behind a dark wooden counter. The office has large windows with white blinds and some office equipment visible in the background.

Brittany Gowan pays her taxes to Lisa Wheat, a clerk in the office of Trustee. *Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner*

Traffic Stop in Gleason Leads To McKenzie Man's Arrest

A McKenzie man with an extensive criminal history is facing multiple drug charges after a traffic stop in Gleason leads to the discovery of multiple prescription drugs inside of the car he was traveling in.

According to a report from the Gleason Police Department, on Feb. 18 at around 1:40 a.m., Officer Alex Sherwood conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for failing to maintain lane of travel near the intersection of Hwy. 22 and Hwy. 190 in Gleason.

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Huntingdon High to Change Block Scheduling for '24-'25

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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HUNTINGDON (February 21) — Huntingdon High School students will change their academic schedule next year as a new five-class school day goes into effect. The Huntingdon Board of Education unanimously approved the new five-block day after HHS Principal Porsche McClerking and Guidance Counselor Tracy Connell explained the benefits of more class times and offerings. Director of Schools Dr. Jonathan Kee endorsed the new schedule, saying it adds more opportunities for students in elective courses and academic courses that the state will fund. Presently the school has four classes each semester, including home-room at 7:55 to 8:05; Block 1, 8:10



Porsche McClerking, HHS Principal, and Tracy Connell, HHS Guidance Counselor, discuss the new five-block schedule for the 2024-25 school year. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

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Future Interstate 69 in Union City Opens

UNION CITY (February 20) — The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) opened the mainline of SR 690 (future I-69) in Obion County on Wednesday, February 21. Crews were there Wednesday morning to make the transition from the current roadway to the new roadway direction.

The section from west of SR 21 to south of SR 5 in Obion County has taken multiple projects over a decade and an investment of over \$220 million.

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A vibrant banner for Peppers Toyota. The background is purple with a pattern of colorful starbursts. The text is arranged in several sections. At the top, a repeating border of 'clickpeppers.com' is visible. The main title 'PEPPERS TOYOTA' is in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. To the left of the title, 'HUGE INVENTORY' is written in orange and white. To the right, 'OVER 145 PRE-OWNED TO CHOOSE FROM!' is in pink and white. Below the main title, 'OF PARIS IN WEST TENNESSEE' is in yellow. Further down, '2400 E. WOOD ST., PARIS, TN 38242' is in white. The phone number '1-800-325-3229' is in large white letters with a red outline. The website 'CLICKPEPPERS.COM' is in red with a white outline. To the left of the phone number, 'WE WON'T BE UNDERSOLD!' is in yellow and white. To the right, 'BEST TRADE-IN VALUES!' is in blue and white. A red chili pepper is on the right side. A repeating border of 'clickpeppers.com' is at the bottom.

Leap Day Birthday Has Its Challenges

BY SANDY ADAMS

Growing up, I had a love/hate relationship with my birthday, of all things. From the minute I was born, 12:40 a.m. to be exact. I was robbed of something every other person takes for granted: their birth date.

You see, I was born on February 29, officially referred to as "leap day."

Growing up in McKenzie, my birthday was an oddity. Kids preferred to blend in, and I was no exception, but my birth date always sparked discussions. As a young child, it confused me. My brother and sister were both born in December, yet I was born on a non-existent date. I didn't understand why I had to have the "missing" birthday. Thankfully, an older lady in town shared my same predicament and called me every year without fail to wish me a happy birthday.

As I grew up, my birthday would cause moments of bewilderment from people who somehow never noticed February 29 only appears on the calendar every four years. And their ignorance confused me. Then there were the questions. Without fail, I would be asked, "So when do you celebrate your birthday?" Everyone wanted to "designate" a proper day for me and still does. Honestly, this has always been annoying.



Sandy Adams

As an adult, I understand the "why," but my thinking as a child was: I did not assign people different names; why did I have to pick another birth date? Yes, I get it; people want to know when to say happy birthday. I always felt I had to conform to what others wanted to "play nice."

As I grew into adulthood, I took the opportunities to educate people on the subject; for example, when I would write a check (back when checks existed) at the grocery store, the young clerks would be confused as to why my driver's license birth date and expiration date did not match. I chose to use that as a teachable moment, to the chagrin of the people waiting in line.

Throughout my life until 2016 when she passed,

my mom was like my rock. She always made sure everything was okay, especially when it came to my birthday. Every calendar in our house had February 29 marked on it, without fail, even after I moved out. It was her way of showing me that even though my birthday only came once every four years, it was remembered and celebrated.

These days, I use the subject of my birthday as a marketing tool to help people remember me. Yes, I still get those questions, but now I handle them a bit more tactfully.

Sandy Adams is a speaker, personal brand and career strategist, podcast host, and award-winning photographer. A two-time graduate of the Univ. of Memphis, Sandy lived in Houston for 16 years before moving back to Tennessee in 2020. She currently serves as the official photographer for the American Heart Association's Memphis Women of Impact and has been a volunteer for 24 years. Sandy's also the host of the 5th Quarter Podcast, where she shares stories of retired athletes' career transitions. Additionally, she's the current VP for the Memphis Rebounders, the official booster of the Univ. of Memphis Men's Basketball. Learn more about Sandy at sandy-adams.com.



The Hillcourt apartment where an individual was shot in the foot leading to an active shooter search in Carroll County. Photo by Jason Martin/The Banner

Shooter

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Office and the Tennessee Highway Patrol to evacuate the Walmart Supercenter located at 180 Veterans Drive in Huntingdon.

It was believed Siner had been seen at the Walmart location. Following the search, the facility was reopened within half an hour of its initial evacuation.

The suspect was later apprehended by law enforcement in Hardin County. At press time, there was still much speculation on the actual events leading up to the altercation as Huntingdon Police Department was working on the official report. This is considered an active investigation.



A resident of Hillcourt Apartments speaks with an officer in the Huntingdon Police Department. Photo by Jason Martin/The Banner

I-69

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The US 51 interchange with US 45 in Tennessee, stretching into Kentucky, is identified for funding in TDOT's 10-Year Project Plan, with construction scheduled in Fiscal Year 2028. Once completed, future I-69 in Tennessee will be connected to future I-69 in Kentucky.

From your desktop or mobile device, get the latest construction activity and live streaming SmartWay traffic cameras at www.TNSmartWay.com/Traffic. Travelers can also dial 511 for travel information, or follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/myTDOT> for statewide travel or West Tennessee follow <https://twitter.com/NicLawrenceTDOT>.

As always, drivers are reminded to use all motorist information tools wisely

and Know Before You Go! by checking travel conditions before leaving for your destination. Drivers should never tweet, text, or talk on a cell phone while behind the wheel.

I-69 is an integral part of High Priority Corridor 18 across mid-America. Corridor 18 originated with the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), where the U.S. Congress designated certain highway corridors of national significance to be included in the National Highway System. I-69 currently exists from the Michigan/Canada border to the northeast side of Indianapolis, Indiana. Congress passed legislation to extend the corridor from Indianapolis to the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

The proposed route has been divided into multiple segments, three of which impact the state of Tennessee.

- Segment 7 (Fulton, KY to Dyersburg, TN).
- Segment 8 (Dyersburg, TN to Millington, TN).
- Segment 9 (Millington, TN to Hernando, MS).

BETHEL BASEBALL

Coach Rusty Thompson Reaches 400th Career Win

MCKENZIE (February 24) — The Bethel Wildcats returned to action Saturday and continued their winning ways with a doubleheader sweep of visiting University of Michigan-Dearborn. The Cats won 16-3 and 7-1.

Game one was career win No. 400 for Coach Rusty Thompson.

Big innings defined the day in both victories. An eight run first inning in game one and a seven run fifth in game two were keys for the Cats.

Along with nine hits for

Bethel, Dearborn committed five errors to aid the Wildcat cause.

Hot bats in the game driving in runs included: Jared Hall, Juan Diego Ramos, Ivan Vega, Noah Foster (2), Zack Griffith (3), Adriel Vega (3), Cade Pilkinton

Pilkinton's RBI was a result of a homer.

Tyler Proctor picked up the win.

Game Two:

Ramos, Griffith (2), Noah Hawkins, Rivers Moffatt (3) drove in runs in game two. The Wildcats drew 11

walks in the game, giving them 19 in the two games.

Luke Boswell went the distance allowing just five hits in the victory.

The squads play a doubleheader on Sunday beginning at noon.

The Wildcats moved to 12-2 on the season and 12-1 at home.

The Wolverines are 1-4 on the year.

Sharing the 400th win with Coach Thompson was his brother Nick, who had been alongside as an assistant coach.



LaShonda Williams



Nina Smothers



Ryan Griffin

Three Countians Participate In WestStar Leadership

MARTIN (February 6) — Ryan Griffin, Nina Smothers and LaShonda Williams, all of Carroll County, are participating in the University of Tennessee at Martin WestStar Leadership Program Class of 2024.

RYAN GRIFFIN

Griffin is the mayor of the City of McKenzie. He is the data specialist for the executive vice president of Bethel University and is on the ACT II Committee for the City of McKenzie. He also serves as a Bethel University Student Government Association advisor.

NINA SMOTHERS

Smothers is the mayor for the city of Huntingdon. She has served on the UT Alumni Association of Carroll County, the Huntingdon Business and Professional Women's Club, Tennessee Board of Pharmacy and

was an officer in the Tennessee Society of Health System Pharmacists. She is a Leadership Carroll County graduate. She received the 2002 Distinguished Service Award given by Baptist Carroll County, 1981 Woman of the Year by Huntingdon Business and Professional Women, 2016 Pharmacist of the Year by Tennessee Pharmacists Association and 1996 Innovative Pharmacy Practice by Tennessee Society of Health System Pharmacists.

LaSHONDA WILLIAMS

Williams is the owner of Lakeway Nutrition. She serves as board chairman of the McKenzie Special School District, is a Henry County Chamber Board member, West Tennessee PBS Board member and Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant Board member and judges chair-

person. She has served as Northwest Tennessee Head Start vice chair and chairperson, McKenzie Middle School Parent Advisory president and Community Pre-K Advisory Council member. She is a Leadership Henry County graduate. She has been the recipient of Small Business of the Year, recognized in the media for Black History Month.

Participants attend sessions held throughout June focusing on economic development, public policy, education, and technology. The program equips regional leaders with new skills and knowledge designed to impact the educational, economic and social development of West Tennessee. For more information about the WestStar Leadership Program, contact Virginia Grimes, assistant director, at 731-881-7787.

Milan, McKenzie Football to Participate in 'Sight Bowl', Friday

The Milan Lions Club is hosting the annual 'Sight Bowl' this Friday night between the Bulldogs of MHS and the defending Class 1A state runners-up, the McKenzie Rebels. The scrimmage game is at Johnnie Hale Stadium, Milan at 5 p.m.

This year marks the 11th

anniversary for the game, that has raised over \$10,000 to purchase prescription eye glasses for the less fortunate in the 38358 area code.

Following the game, the Lions Club will serve meals to each member of both teams.

Admission is \$5 per individual or \$10 for a family

unit. Donations to the Vision Care program will also be accepted.

Concessions will also be available for fans attending the game, which conclude spring workouts for the Bulldogs.

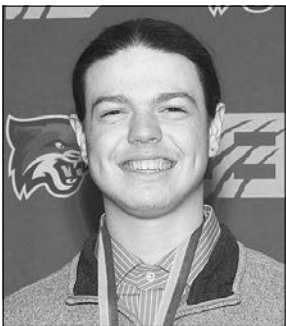
TSSAA allows each school 10 practice sessions and one scrimmage each spring.

Winners Announced for the 2024 Hendrix Scholarship Competition at Bethel University

MCKENZIE (February 26) — Bethel University announces the winners of the Hendrix Scholarship Competition. After a rigorous selection process, Jayden Hendricks from Cottontown, Tenn., and Lauryn Russell from Paris, Tenn. have emerged as the recipients of this esteemed scholarship.

The Hendrix Scholarship Competition, an annual two-day event held during the spring semester, attracts high-achieving high school seniors from across the region. Participants undergo a series of assessments, including an essay, academic exam, and interview. The competition is designed to recognize and reward exceptional academic and extracurricular achievements, as well as leadership potential.

Jayden Hendricks, son of Derek and Catherine Hendricks, and a student at White House High School, emerged victorious as the winner of the competition. Jayden plans to major in Music Education and will participate in Renaissance Theatre. He is an active member of Temple Baptist Church and has demonstrated



Jayden Hendricks



Lauryn Russell

ed outstanding academic excellence and commitment to his community.

The runner-up position was awarded to Lauryn Russell, daughter of Ralph and Patsy Russell, from Henry Co. High School in Paris. Lauryn, who will major in Mathematics and participate in Renaissance Vocal, has shown exemplary dedication to her studies and extracurricular activities. She is an active Tennessee Valley Community Church member and looks forward to joining the Bethel community.

"We congratulate Jayden Hendricks and Lauryn Russell on their outstanding achievements and selection

as recipients of the Hendrix Scholarship," said Dr. Bob Watkins, president of Bethel University. "We are thrilled to welcome them to our community and look forward to supporting their academic journeys."

Both Jayden and Lauryn have been awarded significant scholarship packages, with Jayden receiving full tuition, room, and board, and Lauryn receiving full tuition. To maintain their scholarships, they must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.6. Additionally, all participants in the competition will be considered for other academic scholarships offered by Bethel University.

CITY OF MCKENZIE

SEEKING BIDS

The City of McKenzie is seeking bids to repair/replace roofing on flat roof of McKenzie Water Plant office building, 237 Bruce Street, McKenzie, TN 38201. Contact Water Superintendent Earnest Umstead at 731-415-4860.

The work involved with the project shall include, but may not be limited to, the furnishing of all labor, materials, tools, equipment, machinery, superintendence and services necessary to complete in place construction of the project. Certificate of Insurance required.

Sealed bids are due by 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2024, to the City of McKenzie Water Dept. – 2470 Cedar St., McKenzie, TN 38201.

No person seeking to do business with the City of McKenzie shall on the grounds of race, color or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

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Peg Hamlett, administrator of elections, demonstrates the new Hart voting equipment. All voters will cast their choice on paper ballots. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Election

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Concord/Westport Fire Department, McKenzie Church of Christ, McKenzie Farmers Market (previously City Hall), and Bruceton Fire Department.

Voters must be registered and have a government-issued ID.

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

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

Democratic Primary Ballot: Joseph R. Biden.

Larry R. Overman is running for Carroll County School Board District 2 as a Republican. The other 21 candidates for school board qualified as independent and will appear on the August general election ballot.

Carroll County Election Commission has three elections this year in March,

August and November with new voting equipment and paper ballots. The first election is March 5, 2024 with the presidential preference primary and county primary election. Currently, 22 candidates have qualified for 18 school board seats throughout the county, but only one school board candidate will appear on the March partisan primary ballot.

The new Hart Intercivic voting equipment is designed to verify the voter's identity by scanning the barcode on the back of the driver's license or by manual input. A second process prints an on-demand ballot for the voter's precinct. Once the voter has the paper ballot, he or she marks it for the candidate of their choice by filling in the squares beside the candidate's name. That is similar to the standardized tests in school. Once the paper ballot is marked, it is placed in a scanner, the vote is recorded, and the paper ballot is closed inside a locked holding compartment under the scanner.

Federal law required states and individual election commissions to convert

to paper ballots by 2024.

Peg Hamlett, election administrator, said the equipment cost \$250,000. An additional \$50,000 was spent to purchase electronic poll books to eliminate the former paper voter registration records. The funds to purchase the equipment were provided through the Help America Vote Act and the State of Tennessee.

Which states vote on Super Tuesday:
Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and American Samoa.

Leap Day is Thursday, February 29

Leap Day is Thursday, February 29, adding a day to February to correct the calendar in a four-year cycle.

Most people know that a single day is about 24 hours long, and that there are 365 days in a year.

But it actually takes Earth 365.242190 days to orbit the sun.

Pope Gregory XIII sought to address that issue in the 16th century with the Gregorian Calendar, which adds leap days in years divisible by four, unless the year is also divisible by 100. To make matters even more confusing, a leap day is still added in years divisible by 400.

Why add the extra day in February? Boxer, the data scientist, says the Romans considered it an unlucky month. On top of that, they were deeply suspicious of odd numbers. Because February only had 28 days to begin with, they just shoved it into February.
Source: NPR.

HHS

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to 9:25; Block 2, 9:30 a.m. to 10:45; Mustang Prep, 10:50-11:30 a.m.; Block 3/Lunch 11:35 a.m. to 1:25 p.m.; and Block 4, 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. The new schedule for 2024-25 starts five minutes early in the morning with home-room 7:50 to 8 a.m.; Block 1, 8:04 a.m. to 9:14; Block 2, 9:18 to 10:28 a.m.; Block 3, 10:32 a.m. to 11:42; Block 4/Lunch, 11:46 a.m. to 1:31 p.m.; and Block 5, 1:35 p.m. to 2:45. The five classes average 70 minutes each. The new scheduling allows students to earn up to 40 credits instead of the current maximum of 32. Additional work-based opportunities are available in the curriculum. The new schedule allows for more flexibility in scheduling for students, especially those in band and athletics. Additional state funding is possible because of the addition of additional career/

technical education and work-based courses. Dr. Kee said the school system could financially assist teachers in pursuing additional endorsements in other curricula. Connell said more seniors can graduate at mid-year because they can earn more credits each year of their high school career. In the school year 2022-23, 17 graduated early, and in 2023-24, 12 graduated at mid-year. Students enrolled in Tennessee College of Applied Technology courses will have more time to fulfill the time requirements for a certificate in those new courses. Another planned offering is the addition of the Jobs for American Graduates Program (JAGTN) to better prepare students for interviews and the workplace. Other possible classes included: Agriculture Fabrication, Veterinary Services, Rehabilitation Careers, Nutrition/Dietetics, Bio-Stem, Coding,

Principles of Engineering, Audio/Visual Production, Business Economics, ACT Prep, and American Business Legal Systems.

In other business, Dr. Kee updated board members concerning the construction at the three campuses.

New construction of the Huntingdon Primary School's new cafeteria and classrooms is progressing, and outdoor pavilions and a concrete outdoor area for the high school will soon be constructed at Huntingdon Primary and Middle School. The former concession area at Paul Ward Stadium was razed to make way for a new storage area for athletic equipment. In addition to football, the stadium is used for many athletic events, including football, soccer, and track and field. Those sports require specialized equipment that needs a storage area.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, Roberta Holt executed a Deed of Trust to Robert M. Wilson, Jr., Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., on October 17, 2005 and recorded on October 24, 2005 in Book R1885, Page 718, Instrument No. 05016366, and modified by Loan Modification and Partial Release recorded on February 26, 2007, in Book R1969, Page 856, Instrument No. 07003091 in the Office of the Register of Maury County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust Nationstar Mortgage LLC (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, McMichael Taylor Gray LLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on March 20, 2024, at 11:00 AM at 1 Public Square, Columbia, TN 38401 at the Maury County Courthouse, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Maury County, TN:

Located in the Seventh (7th) Civil District of Maury County, Tennessee on Gibson Hollow Road 1.3 miles from the intersection of Gibson Hollow Road with State Route 166. Also Northeast of the City of Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee and in the watershed of Gibson Hollow as shown on the TVA topographical map Mt. Pleasant, Tenn. (TVA 57-SW) and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe set on the East side of Gibson Hollow Road between a fence and driveway to a residence at 1568 Gibson Hollow Road, Mt. Pleasant, TN; thence South 83 degrees, 37 minutes West for a distance of 30.80 feet with the remaining lands of Thomas Loyd Craft and Mary Gray Craft, Deed Book 575, page 375, Register's Office of Maury County, Tennessee, Tax Map 128, Parcel 9, to a point in the centerline of Gibson Hollow Road and the Southwest corner of the lands being described; thence with the centerline of Gibson Hollow Road the following calls and distances, North 27 degrees, 21 minutes East for a distance of 103.69 feet, North 21 degrees, 41 minutes East for a distance of 75.94 feet, North 15 degrees, 35 minutes East for a distance of 55.51 feet, North 3 degrees, 42 minutes East for a distance of 68.48 feet, North 3 degrees, 55 minutes West for a distance of 50.57 feet, North 12 degrees, 4 minutes West for a distance of 107.98 feet, North 20 degrees, 4 minutes West for a distance of 95.62 feet to the Northwest corner of the lands being described; thence leaving the centerline of Gibson Hollow Road and with the remaining lands of Craft South 76 degrees, 57 minutes East passing iron pipes at 35.93 feet and at 218.88 feet, in all a distance of 352.04 feet to an iron pipe, North 77 degrees, 42 minutes, 50 seconds East for a distance of 189.07 feet to an iron pipe set above a spring, South 45 degrees, 40 minutes, 40 seconds East for a distance of 64.55 feet to an iron pipe, South 32 degrees, 13 minutes, 30 seconds West passing a spring branch, for a distance of 83.69 feet to an iron pipe, South 26 degrees, 31 minutes, 20 seconds West passing an iron pipe at 166.81 feet, in all a distance of 551.92 feet to an 18" Oak tree; thence North 59 degrees, 23 minutes, 40 seconds West passing an iron pipe at 1.97 feet, in all a distance of 254.95 feet to an iron pipe near a fence corner, South 83 degrees, 37 minutes West a distance of 69.36 feet to the point of beginning and containing 5.1 acres, as shown on survey dated September 29, 2005, by Adkins Engineering, 606 South James Campbell Blvd., Columbia, TN 38401. Easements exist for one-half of Gibson Hollow Road, local service power and telephone lines and a 4" water line belonging to the Maury County Water System as shown on survey drawing C-6-188 by Adkins Engineering, 606 South James Campbell Boulevard, Columbia, TN 38401.

Being part of the same property and legal description conveyed to Thomas Loyd Craft and wife, Mary Gray Craft by deed of record in Book 575, Page 375, Register's Office of Maury County, Tennessee.

Street Address: 1568 Gibson Hollow Rd, Mount Pleasant, Tenn. 38474
Parcel Number: 128-009.01-000
Current Owner: Connie Ray Stanton
Other Interested Party(ies): Connie Ray Stanton and Mariner Finance, LLC

If the United States or the State of Tennessee have any liens or claimed lien(s) on the Property, and are named herein as interested parties, timely notice has been given to the applicable governmental entity, and the sale will be subject to any applicable rights of redemption held by the entity as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7425 and/or Tennessee Code § 67-1-1433.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; any deed of trust; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust. The undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

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

McMichael Taylor Gray LLC, Substitute Trustee
3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092
Office: 404-474-7149 Fax: 404-745-8121
MTG File No.: TN2023-01540

Traffic

...From Front Page

Sherwood said that he observed the vehicle "drift over the lane divider stripes straddling the lines two different times before correcting back into the original lane of travel, which was the left lane."

After initiating at traffic stop, Sherwood made contact with the driver, Kevin Goodrum, of McKenzie. The vehicle was also occupied by Kevin's son, identified as Andrew Goodrum, who was the front passenger. The report says that when Sherwood approached the vehicle, he "immediately detected an odor of marijuana emitting from the interior of the vehicle."

Sherwood said that Andrew admitted to having some marijuana cigarettes inside a plastic baggy located on the front passenger floorboard. Officers searched the vehicle and found a small, clear plastic baggy containing four marijuana cigarettes weighing approximately 4 grams total.

Sherwood said in the report that upon searching the driver, officers located inside of Kevin's front right pants pocket a small, clear plastic baggy containing 21 different pills. "These were later identified as being (3 1/2) Suboxone (Buprenorphine/Naloxone) SCH 3 controlled substance, (13) Hydrocodone tablets SCH 2 controlled substance, and (5) Gabapentin which are a legend drug," the report

stated. "Kevin was placed under arrest for the possession of the pills and transported to Weakley County Jail. Andrew was issued a citation into General Sessions Court for Simple Possession with a court date of March 4 at 2 p.m. The vehicle was released to Andrew per Kevin's request.

When officers arrived to the jail, Kevin advised that he had more contraband on his person that wasn't found. A plastic baggy containing approximately four grams of marijuana was concealed on his person.

"After Kevin exited the right rear seat of the patrol unit, I observed numerous pieces of clear, rock-like substance on the seat where he was sitting during transport," Sherwood said in the report. "I also observed a small, plastic baggy on the floorboard, where he was sitting, that had obviously been tampered with. I field tested the substance and it showed positive for Methamphetamine.

"I collected what I could for evidence. Kevin advised that he had started to eat it, but the taste was so bad he couldn't go through with it. I asked him if he had consumed any and he advised no."

Sherwood said Kevin was additionally charged with the Tampering of Evidence and Possession of Schedule VI as well as the pill-related charges. The pills, marijuana, and suspected meth will be sent to the TBI Lab for testing.

The suspect, Kevin Goodlum's extensive criminal history dates back over 20 years, starting in 2002.

monthly payment through their checking account. The payments start in March each year. Approximately 500 taxpayers use that service.

There are approximately 22,000 registered land parcels in the county and approximately 70 percent of the taxpayers have already submitted their payments.

INVITATION TO BID

MCKENZIE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT — February 16, 2024

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

One (1) Hip Style outdoor canopy and picnic tables as specified:

1 – 20x32x8 Hip Style shade Canopy with quick release to be installed over an existing concrete pad at MES

4 – 6 foot heavy-duty picnic tables, steel with powder coat

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

Sealed bids will be received by the McKenzie Special School District at 114 Bell Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201 by Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 10 a.m., at which time the bidding will close and the bids opened.

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

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 14, 2024** at 3 p.m. at the Front Steps of the Carroll County Courthouse, Huntingdon, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Carroll County, Tennessee, to wit:

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

Parcel ID: 073E-L-007.00

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

CURRENT OWNER(S): GENNEA WEATHERS

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

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

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

Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
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rlselaw.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (470) 508-9401

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Taxes

...From Front Page

Taxes become payable on October 1 until the final day of February. The county adds a late fee for past due accounts.

Bolen said taxpayers can also register for a systematic,

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Editor's Viewpoint

BY BRITTANY WASHBURN MARTIN
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Am I Your Type?

Recently, The Banner has received feedback that the point size of the text in the newspaper is too small and too hard to read.
So, how's this?

I increased the point size and changed the typeface to one seemingly more readable, but that may be up for debate.

Truthfully, it has been on my list of things to do this year, to update the look of the newspaper and upsize the text at least one point for those struggling to read it at its former size.

The Banner's newspaper typeface and size have been the same for... maybe 20-30 years?

It has been the same since before 2009, when I started working here full-time after college.

But a lot has changed in 15 years. I didn't need reading glasses then, I do now.

I'm not entirely sure when it changed to the typeface we have used for so long. I'd have to look through the archives with my type gauge and play "spot the difference."

Newspaper type used to be hot lead and hands on; functional, not fancy.

Now, we have 1,000s of fonts to choose from on a computer that processes more data in a day than the first computers processed in a lifetime.

A lot has changed. I've dabbled with the idea of changing typefaces a few times during my tenure, but nothing has ever been quite as good as "Nimrod," the typeface we've been using for so long.

According to the newspaper guru, Kevin Slimp, it has a good x-height and repeatedly ranks high for "best newspaper font" when compared to its peers.

(I just googled best newspaper fonts and there was Nimrod, still in the top 10).

You know the old adage, "if it ain't broke... don't fix it." So I left it.

It has been a good font that has relayed a lot of good stories to readers.

Reader, please understand that while the frustration you feel trying to read the newspaper every week may feel like we are maliciously printing it smaller, it's been the same size for a while.

You and I are the ones changing.

But still, maybe it is time for the newspaper to change?

Being a font nerd, I could drag you all down a rabbit hole that will have you screaming and clawing at the sides of it to get out; but I won't do that to you.

And I won't try to take you on a font experiment that will have you buying different readers every week for the fore-SEE-able future.

No, instead here is a font that may finally be worthy to go head-to-head with Nimrod; and here is the introduction of a redesign years in the making.

Utopia Std. in 9.3 point type has replaced Nimrod 8 point, and Barlow has replaced Helvetica and Gotham this week.

Fun fact: Barlow is the last name of the family that owned the newspaper before the Washburns/Martins. J. Frank Barlow, and later, his son Karl. My grandfather, James, was Karl's business partner.

I love the symmetry of it. ***This editorial is meant to be a type sample.***

Other than the pain of enduring my ramblings, how was the readability of this column?

I hope it was better. This is an open invitation to any reader that wants to weigh in on the new look of the newspaper.

I need you to contact us during business hours after you see this (M-F, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.). Call 731-352-3323, email TYPE@mckenziebanner.com, or mail to 3 Banner Row, McKenzie, TN 38201.

Thank you for reading.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

Letters to the editor bear the opinion of the letter writer, and not necessarily that of the newspaper management or staff. Letters of opinion are not verified for accuracy of fact and truly stand only as the writer's opinion.

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The McKenzie Banner reserves the right to refuse any item deemed libelous, not of public interest, or commercial in nature. The editorial staff reserves the right to edit the material while preserving the intent of the letter. Upon receipt in the offices of Tri-County Publishing, Inc., the letter becomes the property of the newspaper and will be retained in the files. Tri-County Publishing may solicit contrary opinion concerning the content of the letter.

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Who Says You Can't Go Home Again

People have been so kind to me about these little stories over the years. And I certainly appreciate that. I have said from the beginning that I am not a writer. You think about Edgar Allan Poe, Ambrose Bierce, Will Rogers, Jon Meacham... those guys could turn a blank page into a moving picture show...

Please don't confuse me with them.

Listen, I really worried back when I first started doing this that it might give Miss Barbara Clark (my high school English teacher) a heart attack. The shock of my attempting to put a sentence together on a piece of paper would be too much for her!

She knew I didn't know a transitive verb from a dangling participle the first day we met. And I suspect she came to realize I didn't care. It wouldn't help me throw a baseball or get a date with Ruth Ann Wiley. But, bless her heart, Miss Barbara loved me in spite of my shortcomings...

I have never thought of it as writing. I mostly think of something Paul David Campbell or Diane Stoner said or did 57 years ago, and I jot it down right quick before I forget it! I have never let syntax, prepositional phrases, compound words, or the improper use of ain't get in the way of a good story.

I get up to speak to the Rotary Club or the Daughters of the American Revolution in Port St. Joe, Florida, and the first question I get asked is, "Did you really have an older brother named Leon?"

People in Carroll County don't have to bother with that one. The second question follows like day after night, "Did he do all the things you say he has done?" There are folks still around in McKenzie who have better Leon stories than I do!

It is always easier to talk to the hometown folks.

And this is definitely not a one-way street. I hope and pray I've said a few things over the years that might have awakened a memory or two in you. Maybe recalled a trip you made to the county fair, a homecoming float you worked on, or a date that turned out to be more "blind" than you could ever have imagined!

But I have received way more than I have given in this endeavor. Think with me on this for a moment. I write down for you that we "used to goof around in the locker room" af-

ter basketball practice. And I launch into some long-winded tale about swimming in the shower...

To do that adequately, I've about got to "get myself back there" in some shape, form, or fashion. I can't "kinda" remember. I've got to call up brain cells that have been buried for years and years. I dig deep, for every detail.

All of a sudden, I can smell the unmistakable odor of that old locker room. The bottoms of my feet are hurting from a thousand sprints up and down the court. I can see Bobby King's sweat-stained face sitting across the room. I hear David Paschall fussing about missing a free throw in the just-completed scrimmage game. It's as if 60 years had melted away.

I am there! Again!

I don't know who put the towels over the drain holes. But I wouldn't bet against Wesley Beal, Martin Paschall, or Billy Bradley. Gosh, there were at least eight showers, all wide open. It didn't take long for six or seven inches of water to collect. We'd line up on one end of the small room, run three quick steps, do a belly flop, and glide across the shower floor.

Some days we "swam" longer than we practiced. You never heard such laughter. And it still rings to this very day...

It's not about living in the past. It's about the past being a major springboard to your living. And maybe the bedrock of who you are today.

I don't quite agree with the guy who wrote, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." He was close. But he left out basketball practice and boxing in Brenda Ellis's backyard.

And I'm not sure this feller ever hauled hay for Dwyane Melton. Mr. Melton would teach you words and things that I guarantee you were not talked about in any kindergarten class in the world!

As I said at the top of this blurb, I'm not a real writer. But the thoughts, stories, tales, and escapades I pass on to you have certainly kept me, as ABC Sports used to tell us, "Up Close and Personal" with a city that did a heck of a lot more than just pat me on the back and send me out into life.

I thank you for your help with my memories.

And anything that keeps me connected to McKenzie, Tennessee, is a blessing of the first order...

**Respectfully,
Kes**



Editor's Sidelines

BY JASON R. MARTIN
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Fighting the Good Fight

New Roles Create Different Perspective

William Shakespeare's line from King Henry IV, "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown," sums up the first five months as co-owner of Tri-County Publishing. Now, I'm not calling myself the king or stating we have an empire, that is far from the truth. But when you own a business, you have to beware of a constant barrage of possible threats and shortfalls.

There are many nights Brittany and I talk about possible ways to beef up revenue or at least secure what's already in place. Folks like to tell us newspapers are dying. I will be the first to tell you that newspapers are not dying but the business is being forced to evolve and defend itself.

Just this week, I along with other newspaper owners were at the state capitol. While it was the newspaper industry's "Day on the Hill" about 18,000 folks were roaming the grounds claiming the same. While the newspaper media is regularly pitted against one another fighting for advertising, we were there in solidarity requesting our legislators to vote no on House Bill-2430/Senate Bill-2899.

To keep the legal jargon to a minimum, the bill would reduce a foreclosure notice from three weeks to a single publication run. Plus, it would add the notice to be placed on the Secretary of State's website for an additional \$100 fee. This cuts the general public's awareness of the foreclosure sale and hurts the newspaper's revenue.

Another point of contention, banker's lobbyists claim the newspaper postings are too high. Yet, according to state statute (08-21-1301), the cost for a foreclosure notice is no more than our published classified rate, so there is no price gouging. The banks/lawyers/people placing the notices are in control of how much content they put in the notice.

I sincerely thank State Representatives Tandy Darby and Brock Martin along with State Senator John Stevens for taking the time to meet with me. Each legislator took the time to meet with me along with others in the industry to discuss why the proposed legislation was bad for our business. These gentlemen listened to our plight and agreed that pulling or altering foreclosure notice publications benefited no one.

We discovered this so-called "Banker's Bill" did not come from a bank

headquartered in the State of Tennessee but rather from a heavy hitter with huge pockets and numerous lobbyists. The local community banks were not in favor of the change; so where's the benefit?

With that being said, I want to make another point about our legislators. I gained a new perspective on the inner workings of the state capital. While I have seen them in action at the actual capital building, this was my first time at the Cordell Hull building meeting them at their government office.

What caught my attention was the number of non-governmental folks jockeying around from meeting to meeting. There are times, I get flustered due to the amount of phone calls, texts, emails, and face-to-face meetings I take in a day. It is hard to fathom that every 15 minutes or so someone is in your office wanting to talk about something that they deem is the most important piece of legislation in the world. It is an endless carousel and while that is going on you still have standing committee meetings, votes on the floor, and you have to find time to eat.

So while my politics or views may not always align with what is taking place on the hill, I still applaud them for serving.

My last point is pretty simple. Your voice should be heard. The fight may feel like a David versus Goliath battle, but remember David won. In all honesty, there are days I feel that I am in over my head and fighting battles that can never be won. Yet I have to fight the good fight.

In second Timothy 4:7-8, NIV, Paul writes, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing." Simply put Paul says we must keep the faith in order to receive our reward.

The more Davids there are in the world fighting the good fight, the more the world works for the betterment of humanity. Let your representatives in Nashville and Washington, D.C. know your stance. For that matter let your county and city representatives know your stance. Fight the good fight for your children and grandchildren.

Have An Opinion?

Tell us about it.

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Severe Weather Possible Throughout the Week

NASHVILLE (February 22) — The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) and National Weather Service (NWS) are partnering to encourage Tennesseans to prepare ahead of spring severe weather threats.

"Severe weather — including thunderstorms, tornadoes, and flash floods — is a hazard in Tennessee, and we can take precautions to be ready," said TEMA Director Patrick Sheehan. "Severe Weather Awareness Week is a reminder to all Tennesseans to act now to

be better prepared before the next disaster."

Tennessee's Severe Weather Awareness Week (SWAW) will take place February 25-March 2, 2024. Each day will highlight a severe weather topic and provide important safety and preparedness information.

"Severe Weather Awareness Week is our opportunity to prepare before disaster strikes. This week, held annually by the National Weather Service and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, serves to provide important

reminders ahead of the impending severe weather season," said Ryan Husted, NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist. "Knowing what to do during severe weather while at work, school, and home is the key to survival and safety."

A highlight of the week will be the statewide tornado drill at 9:30 a.m., CST, on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. The drill will also include a statewide test of NOAA weather radios. Schools, businesses, and local communities are encouraged to participate.

Tennesseans can prepare for severe weather by reviewing their severe weather plan and assessing their risk. At a minimum, emergency preparedness kits should include one gallon of water per-day, per-person for three to five days. Additional supplies include non-perishable food, flashlight, battery-powered radio, extra batteries, first aid kit, personal hygiene items, cell phone charger, copies of important family documents, and pet supplies.

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Obituaries

NOBEL NOEL WIGGINS 1927 – 2024

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Noble Noel “Pop” Wiggins, Jr. were Saturday, February 24, 2024, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Carroll Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Wiggins, 96, died Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at the Tenn. State Veterans Home Humboldt. He was a member of McKenzie First Baptist Church, a retired maintenance man for Atlantic Homes, and a World War II Army veteran. He was born in Henry Co., Tenn., on July 28, 1927, to Nobel Noel, Sr. and Gladys Mae Irby Wiggins.

He is survived by his children, Kathie (Steven) Crider of McKenzie, Jeffrey (Sherry) Wiggins of Ramer, and Reggie (Janice) Wiggins of McKenzie, four grandchildren, Jamie (Stephen) Brown, Kyle Wiggins, Amy Reed and Gail (Stacey) Williams and seven great-grandchildren, Jack, Kase, Kynlee, Hunter, Hannah, Christopher and Elizabeth.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, Marie Brewer Wiggins and brothers, James Wiggins, William Coleman Wiggins and Charles Norman Wiggins.

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

BETTY ANN BURROW 1954 – 2024

McKENZIE — A Celebration of Life for Betty Ann Burrow is Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends on Saturday at 11 a.m. until service time. Interment will follow at Mt. Ararat Cemetery, Trezevant, Tenn.

Mrs. Burrow, 70, died Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at Tennova Healthcare Clarksville. She was a Mt. Ararat Baptist Church member and a Methodist Hospital McKenzie dietician. She was born in Trezevant on February 13, 1954, to James Robert Phillips and Margie Vernetta Hunt Cunningham.

She is survived by her husband, George Burrow of McKenzie, daughters, Tiffany Borum of Clarksville and Kendra (Moses) Harris of McKenzie, sons, Travis Lemont (Collette) Beasley of Oak Grove, Kentucky, Willie Gilbert, Jr. of McKenzie, George Burrow, Jr. of Corpus Christi, Texas, Tony Burrow of McKenzie and Tristan Burrow of Minneapolis, Minn., five sisters, Priscilla Brown of McKenzie, Mary Crawley of McKenzie, Eunice Capps of McKenzie.

Strawberry Salad
1 small pkg strawberry jello
1/2 cup boiling water
1 small can crushed pineapple
1 (10 oz.) pkg frozen strawberries
2 small bananas, crushed
1/2 pint sour cream
Dissolve gelatin in boiling water; add strawberries, pineapple and bananas. Stir all together. Pour 1/2 mixture in bowl and let congeal. Keep other 1/2 at room temperature. Spread sour cream over the congealed mixture. Spoon remaining gelatin over sour cream.

Sausage Muffins
3 cups Bisquick
1 can cheddar cheese soup
1 lb sausage, cooked and drained
1/2 cup water
Combine ingredients. Spray muffin tins with vegetable spray. Fill 2/3 full. Bake 20-25 minutes at 350 degrees.

zие, Julie (Obie) Tharpe of Camden and Linda Phillips, 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, son Daniel Willis and brother Ernest Phillips.

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LARRY DAVID BURKE 1974 – 2024

McKENZIE — A funeral service for Larry David Burke was Friday, February 23, 2024, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Hopewell Cemetery, Gleason.

Mr. Burke, 49, died on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at his residence.

He was a member of Union Grove Baptist Church and a member of McKenzie High School Class of 1992. He was born on March 19, 1974, in Jackson, Tenn.

He is survived by his parents, Larry and Marilyn Burke; sisters, Teresa (Allen) Walls and Cory Burke; brothers, Adam (Raeleen) Burke and Cameron Burke, all of McKenzie and Chance (Stacey) Burke of Jackson; three nephews and one niece.

EVITA TOTTY 1980 – 2024

MARTIN — Funeral services for Evita Totty were Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family received friends on Wednesday, 11 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. Interment followed at Sandy Branch Cemetery.

Mrs. Totty, 43, died at her residence on Sunday, February 18, 2024. She worked at the Department of Human Service in Dresden, assisting with the food stamps program, she was an office manager for New Generations, and she was a substitute teacher for Dresden High School. She was born in Chicago, Ill., on November 13, 1980.

She is survived by her husband, Jason Totty, two daughters, Hannah Totty and Megan Totty, all of Martin, her mother, Linda Hernandez of Martin, three sisters, Carla (Tom-

my) Summers of McKenzie, Gracie (Andrew) Clements of Gadson, Ala., and Lupe Hernandez of Martin, and two brothers, Paul Hernandez and Rudy (Stephanie) Fuentes all of Chicago.

She is preceded in death by her father, Guadalupe Hernandez and brother, Rocky Hernandez.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home, 731-352-4848.

LOTTIE ADKISSON 1919 – 2024

TREZEVANT — Funeral services for Lottie Hestella Adkisson were Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at Wingo Missionary Baptist Church. The family received friends at the church on Tuesday, 11 a.m. until service time. Interment was at Wingo Cemetery.

Mrs. Adkisson, 104, died on February 19, 2024, at her residence. She was born in Henry Co., Tenn., on June 3, 1919, to Oscar Hilliard and Mary Jane Atkins Williams. She was a member of Wingo Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by her children, Mabel Irene Kelly (Billy) of Greenfield, Mary Hestella Brown of Hopkinsville, Ky., Angelene Moore (Robert) of Lexington, Ky., Lula Bell Williamson of Detroit and Earl Ethridge Adkisson (Lurlene) of Atwood, 20 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, 21 great-great grandchildren and five great-great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, siblings, her husband, Ethridge Henry Adkisson, and two children, Mattie Eugene Taylor and Oscar Priest Adkisson.

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CAILEY BONAR 1997 – 2024

McKENZIE — A funeral service for Cailey Ashlin Garner Bonar was Monday, February 26, 2024, at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Carroll Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Cailey, 26, died on Sunday, February 18, 2024, at Baptist Memorial Hospital. She was born on March 30, 1997, in Huntingdon to Tommy Garner and Lori Ann Burlison Garner.

She is survived by her husband, Ryan Bonar of McKenzie;

her parents, Tommy and Lori; brother, Shawn (Leah) Garner of Medina; sister, April Garner or McKenzie; grandparents, Jack Burlison of Huntingdon and Linda Andrews of South Carolina, and her fur babies, Little Bit and Buddy.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, James and Raymelle Garner and Patricia Burlison.

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ANNELL PARKER FELTS 1936 – 2014

McKENZIE — Funeral services for Annell Parker Felts were Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Liberty Cemetery.

Mrs. Felts, 87, died Friday, February 23, 2024, at her residence. She was born in Hickory Grove, South Carolina to Lester and Martha Martin Parker.

Surviving family members include her children, Gwin Taylor of Ashland City, Margaret Felts of McKenzie, Linda (Dennis) Sellers of McKenzie, Rachel (Mike) Foster of McKenzie and Marvin C. (Tina) Felts of Greenfield, sisters Bonnie Roberts of Hickory Grove, South Carolina, Ruth (Larry) Hudson of Sharon, South Carolina, Nancy (Billy) Hudson of York, South Carolina, Edna Ramsey of Sharon, South Carolina, and Amy (Jerry) Harris of Sharon, South Carolina, brothers, Johnny (Judy) Hickory Grove, South Carolina, Billy Parker of Rock Hill, South Carolina, and Sam Parker of Sharon South Carolina, six grandchildren, Billy Sanders, Tiffany (Dusty) Frazier, Hunter Felts, Brandon (Ashley) Sellers, Kelsey (Kyle) Seavers, and Matt (Morgan) Foster and eight great-grandchildren, Bryanna Felts, Beckett Frazier, Briggs Frazier, Sophie Sellers,

Baylor Sellers, Kase Seavers, Nora Foster and Hallie Foster. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 55 years Marvin C. Felts, grandchildren, Jimmy Sanders and Seth Foster, sisters, Mildred Pardue and Mary Ann Cobb and brothers, Amos Parker, Joe Parker, Denver Parker, and Andrew Parker.

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AGNIS CHRISTIAN GREEN 1932 – 2024

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Agnis Christian Green, 92, of Huntingdon, Tenn., died Saturday, February 24, 2024, at her home.

Funeral services are 2 p.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2024, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Humbles Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home on Tuesday noon until service time.

She was born January 23, 1932, to the late Clifford Franklin Jones and Jesse Dee Mayo Jones. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey Christian; daughter, Betty Agnis Christian.

She is survived by one daughter, Lucy Christian Huntingdon, Tenn., one grandson, one great-grandson, two sisters and one brother.

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

SANDRA CAROLYN STOKES 1945 – 2024

McKENZIE — Sandra Carolyn Stokes, 79, died February 24, 2024, at Centennial Hospital in Nashville. Funeral services are at Williams Funeral Home, Gleason, February 29, at 1 p.m. Visitation

is Thursday from 11 a.m. until time of service.

She was born January 2, 1945, in Henderson, Tenn., to Eunice Franklin Snider and Mamie Ruth Snider.

Survivors include sons, Dan (Donna) Ellis of Dresden, Dwayne (Karen) Ellis of Gleason; daughter, Denise Ellis of McKenzie, sisters, Cathy (Terry) Bunnell of Gleason, Kay Sterling of Gleason, 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Bobby Stokes, Jr., sister, Dorothy Jordan, and brother, James Snider.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Mayfield, Ky.

BRENDA LEE FUZZELL 1968 – 2024

McKENZIE — Mrs. Brenda Lee Fuzzell, 55, of McKenzie, Tenn., died Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at Jackson Madison General Hospital.

Funeral services were Sunday, February 25, 2024, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment was in Everett's Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Fuzzell was born August 24, 1968, to the late Charles Fuller and Shirley Anderson Kemp. She was preceded in death by one son, James Gallimore, and two sisters, Jennifer Kemp and Carolyn Simmons. She is survived by her husband, Gerald Fuzzell; four daughters, Stacy Eubanks of Lexington, Tenn., Tonya Love of Dickson, Tenn., Megan (Cornelius) Harris of McKenzie, Tenn., and Misty (Richard) Moon of McKenzie, Tenn.; two sons, Jonathan Goodrum of McKenzie, Tenn., and Drew; two sisters, Tammie (Scott) Heavener and Misty (Mike) Hays of Huntingdon, Tenn.; two brothers, Timbo Fuller of Trenton, Tenn., and Buddy (Chrissy) Fuller of Lexington, Tenn.; several grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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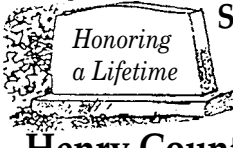
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Winner of the 16-20 division required to participate in UTM Rodeo Week activities and is eligible to compete in Territorial Queens Review/Strawberry Festival. Junior, Teen and Miss Division Queens will be recognized at UTM Rodeo Performances April 11, 12, and 13. For more information, contact Beth Weldon at (731) 225-1227.

RELAY FOR LIFE BAKE AUCTION

The annual Carroll County Relay for Life Bake Auction is March 25-29. It is broadcast each year on WHDM radio. More details will be available later. For more information, call Sherry Washburn, 731-415-3282.

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 in-

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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 February and July.

COUNTY REPUBLICANS TO MEET

Carroll County Republican Party monthly meetings restart February 27 at 7 p.m. in the Huntingdon Public Safety Building, 12740 Lexington St. The website is www.carrollcotngop.com.

MCKENZIE TOPS TO MEET

The McKenzie TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter meets on Mondays at 3 p.m. at the McKenzie Church of Christ gym. Anyone interested in losing weight can join. For more information, contact Linda Lawrence at 731-352-7309. If no answer, leave a message.

PARIS ROTARY HAM BREAKFAST

The annual Paris Rotary Club Ham Breakfast is Saturday, March 9, 6 to 11 a.m. Tickets are available at the door at Paris Elementary School cafeteria on Volunteer Drive in Paris.

NORTHWEST TENNESSEE EDC TO MEET

The Board of Directors of Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council meets Friday, March 15, 2024, 10 a.m. at the McKenzie Central Office, 938 C Walnut Ave. West, McKenzie in the Conference Room. This meeting will also be provided virtually via Zoom.

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FSA is accepting written comments on the potential effects of the proposed project on protected resources and the human environment through March 21, 2024. Information regarding this project can be reviewed in person at the Weakley County FSA Office, Attn: Farm Loan Programs, located at 196 S Hunt Street, Dresden, TN 38225. Comments should be submitted in writing to Codi Dilday, FLO at the above address of by email to codi.dilday@usda.gov.

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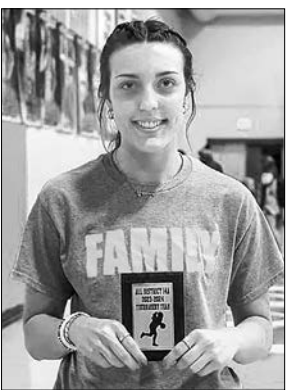
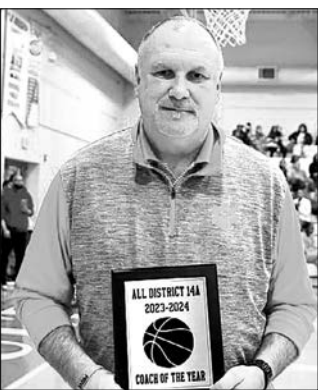


The Gleason Bulldogs finished second in District 14 Class 1A. Photo by Gary Owens

Gleason Bulldogs Advance To Region Semifinals

After a strong showing the Gleason Lady Bulldogs basketball season has drawn to a close. The #4 seed Lady Bulldogs faced off against the #1 seed Humboldt on Friday dropping a nail-biter, 45-42.

On Saturday, the boys ranked as a #2 seed faced off against #4 seed Halls. The Bulldogs came away with a 82-65 score. Gleason advances to the semifinal round of the region tournament on Tuesday, February 27. They will face the Humboldt a #1 seed. Tipoff is 7:45 p.m. at the UT Martin.



Left, Gleason Head Coach Riggs was awarded District 14 Class 1A Coach of the Year. Right, Autumn Mingle was awarded All-District Tournament and All-District Team. Photos by Gary Owens



Bethel University Sports Management Students Shine at Super Bowl LVIII

BY DR. JOSH GREER
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Amidst the vibrant lights and pulsating energy of Las Vegas, a select group of driven and passionate Bethel University sports management students seized the spotlight at one of the world's most highly anticipated and celebrated sporting spectacles: Super Bowl LVIII. Set against the dazzling backdrop of the renowned entertainment capital, these dedicated students embarked on a journey to showcase their talents and expertise in the dynamic field of sports management amidst the grandeur of this iconic event. Led by Associate Professor and Sports Management Program Coordinator Dr. Josh Greer, four standout sports management majors, Makenya Gaskin, Mike Rowser, Adeline Edwards, and Eric Arnold, were chosen to represent Bethel University at this prestigious event.

Throughout the week leading up to the Super Bowl, Bethel University had the prestigious honor of working at the exclusive NFL House, a highly coveted invite-only event frequented by celebrities and athletes. Despite the allure of rubbing elbows with renowned personalities or snagging autographs from beloved actors and sports icons, the Bethel team remained steadfastly focused on their primary objective, working diligently to ensure the seamless execution of

event operations.

On the monumental day of Super Bowl Sunday itself, the Bethel crew was entrusted with critical responsibilities, stationed at the 100-level entries to provide invaluable assistance to the attendees. This unparalleled opportunity granted them a firsthand glimpse into the intricate workings of gameday operations and tasked them with managing a designated section within the stadium. Greer remarked on their impactful contributions, "We were the first face they saw when they entered the stadium." The Bethel Sports Management program set the tone for attendees' Super Bowl experience, underscoring their dedication and professionalism in ensuring a memorable and seamless event.

The selection process for the sports management students was strategic. Each member of this esteemed group was chosen to serve as an ambassador for the program, embodying the core values of excellence and professionalism while delivering exceptional service to the NFL. Despite hailing from diverse backgrounds and geographical locations, these individuals consciously joined the Bethel community, recognizing the unparalleled opportunities for hands-on experiences and industry immersion. Their presence not only represented the culmination of their aspirations but also underscored their commitment to upholding

Bethel University's esteemed reputation in sports management.

Hailing from Atwood, Tennessee, Makenya Gaskin is a dedicated student-athlete. She participates in track and field at Bethel University. Gaskin's exceptional journey to the Super Bowl marked her second consecutive appearance, a testament to her unparalleled dedication and passion for sports management.

Gaskin brought invaluable experience and insight to the Super Bowl stage, participating in other high-profile sporting events such as the NFL Draft and the Men's Final Four. She has years of hands-on involvement in various sports management events and activities, which has proved invaluable by enriching the team's collective efforts. Greer stated, "Gaskin's unwavering dedication and impressive track record in these events underscored her status as a standout Bethel University sports management program member. She elevated the team's presence and left an indelible mark on the Super Bowl experience."

Greer stressed the significance of not taking these opportunities for granted. Despite Bethel's fortunate streak of participating in five consecutive NFL Super Bowls, there's no guarantee they will be selected for a sixth. Therefore, students are urged to seize the moment and make the most of these valuable opportunities by demonstrating their utmost dedication and commitment. Each occasion presents a chance for students to showcase their skills, network with industry professionals, and leave a lasting impression.

It's imperative that students capitalize on these experiences and strive to deliver their very best efforts, maximizing their potential for personal and professional growth.

Bethel University commends these exceptional students for their commitment to excellence in the sports management program.

Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame Accepting Nominations

The Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame is now accepting nominations for inductions to its 2024 class on May 4, 2024, at the Carroll County Civic Center. Nominations will be accepted through March 17. To be eligible, an athlete must have been out of school for ten years and played for a Carroll County School.

Nomination forms can be picked up at the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce or from any active board member. This year's board is Randy Thomas and Brad Camp (McKenzie), Darrel Tucker and Angie Bartholomew (Clarksburg), Brittany Foster and Lex Suite (West Carroll), Keith McGee and Josh Edwards (Hollow Rock-Bructon), Roy Gene Dill and Jason Fields (Huntingdon). Russell Bush is the Chairman.

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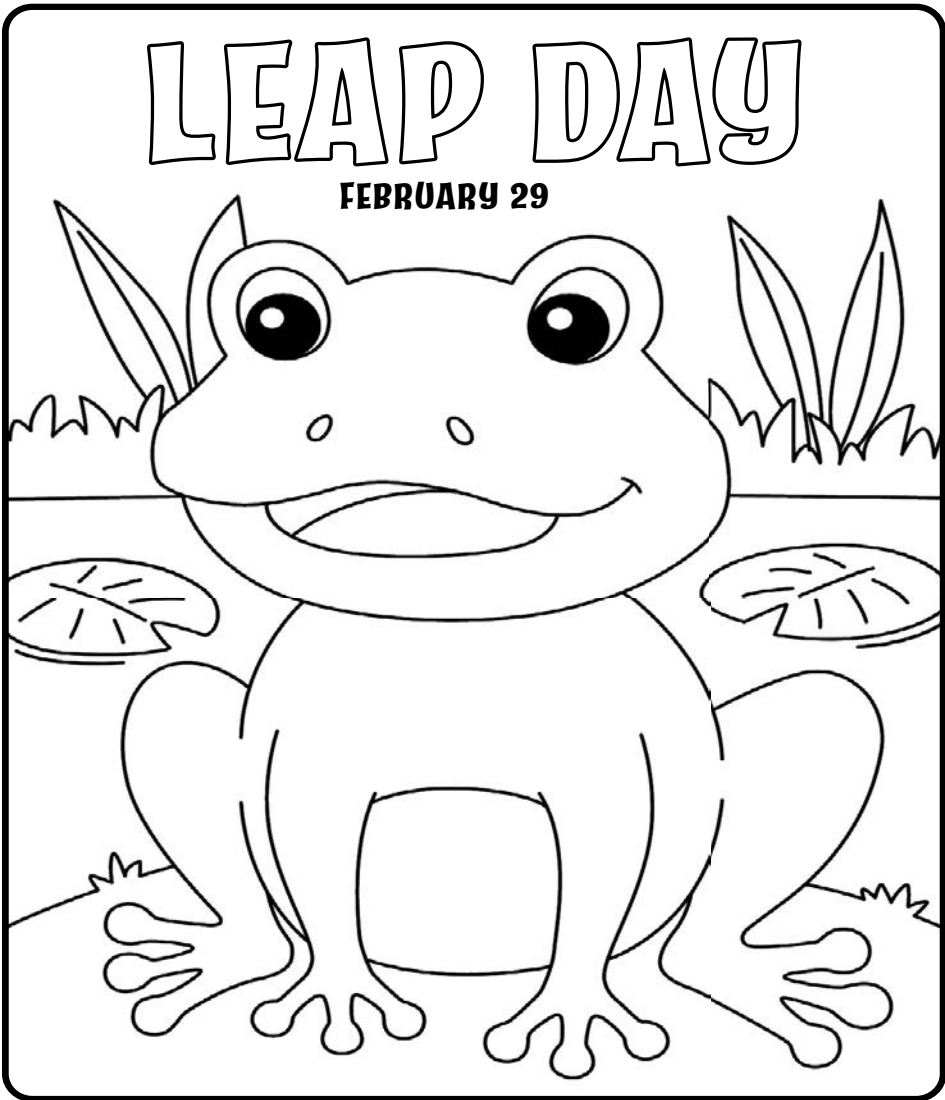
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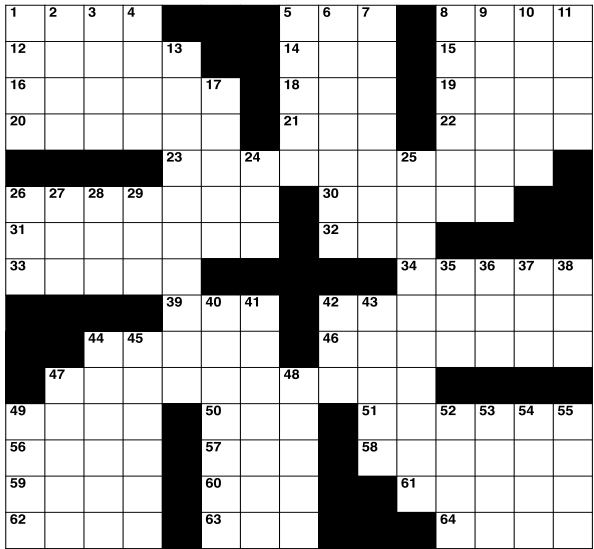
Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Home of Iowa State University
- 5. ...fi (slang)
- 8. Mottled green and yellow fruit
- 12. Capable of thinking and expressing oneself clearly
- 14. Sports broadcaster Eagle
- 15. Middy
- 16. Kinsmen
- 18. Cable network
- 19. Simpleton
- 20. Brunch beverage
- 21. Fed
- 22. European capital
- 23. Native inhabitants
- 26. Mechanical device
- 30. Rare geese native to Hawaii
- 31. Bedroom furnishing
- 32. The products of human creativity
- 33. Mass transit option
- 34. Made a mistake
- 39. Sacred sound symbol
- 42. Large N. American reindeer
- 44. Dull and flat
- 46. Partner to huffing
- 47. Written works
- 49. Monetary unit of Serbia
- 50. Midway between east and southeast
- 51. Peninsula of southwestern Asia
- 56. Widely used multiuser OS
- 57. Aggressive dog
- 58. Varnished
- 59. Hindu queen
- 60. Time units, abbr.
- 61. Farm animals
- 62. Capital of Latvia
- 63. Where golfers begin
- 64. Takes to civil court

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One who graduated
- 2. An inspired holy person
- 3. Electronic counter-



countermeasures

- 4. A place to store things
- 5. Indian instrument
- 6. Spanish saloon
- 7. Whole number
- 8. Not fastened
- 9. Gives a boost
- 10. Lounges about
- 11. Interested in
- 13. Remove salt
- 17. Type of sword
- 24. Naturally occurring solid material
- 25. Gets involved without being invited
- 26. Feline
- 27. Bobby ..., NHL champ
- 28. "Kill Bill" actress Thurman
- 29. Hawaiian dish

- 35. Moroccan coastal region
- 36. Baseball statistic
- 37. Long period of time
- 38. Moved earth
- 40. Central Netherlands city
- 41. Take stock of
- 42. Central processing unit
- 43. Distinctive qualities one generates
- 44. Getting stuck
- 45. Loss of bodily movements
- 47. Veranda
- 48. Abrupt
- 49. What cats do
- 52. Expresses pleasure
- 53. Type of cheese
- 54. Professional STEM organization
- 55. Automatic data processing systems

Week 9

See solution in next week's edition.

Black History Word Search

Alice Coachman
Ann Lowe
Barbara Jordan
Bessie Coleman
Black History
Charles Drew
Dorothy Height
Ethel Waters
Gwendolyn Brooks
Harriet Tubman
Ida B. Wells
Jackie Robinson
Jane Bolin
John Lewis
Katherine Johnson
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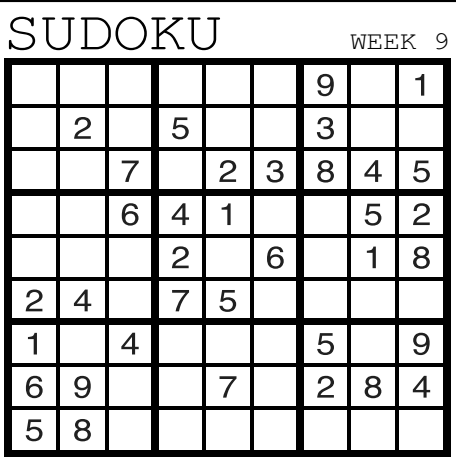
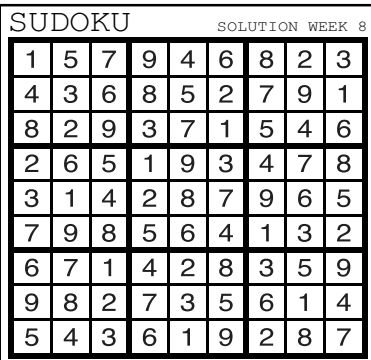
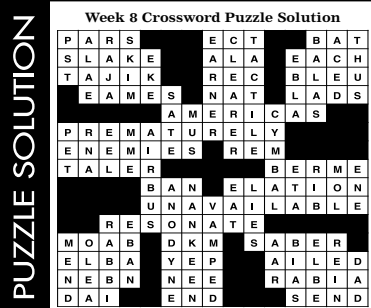
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McKenzie Police Reports

Shoplifting — Wendy Love Calderon, 49, Highway 124, McKenzie was charged with Theft-Shoplifting after an incident on February 24. Officer Kyle Beauchamp tool a report from the manager of Liquorland, who stated Calderon hid a bottle under her jacket and did not pay for it.

Driving Under the Influence - Second Offense — Eva M. Hooshmand, 60, Reese Road, Eva, was charged with DUI-Second Offense on February 22. Officer Sean Beck and other MPD officers responded to a wreck near the Regions Bank, where a car crashed into the curb. The officers determined Hooshmand was under the influence after conducting a field sobriety check. She was transported to Carroll County Jail and held without bond.

Failure to Appear — Brandon P. Westphal, 38, Magnolia Avenue, McKenzie, was arrested on a charge of Failure to Appear on February 22. Officers Austin Jones, Timothy Dillon, and Sean Beck served the warrant on Westphal at his house. He was arrested without incident.

Driving Unregistered Vehicle, Simple Possession — Janeya Jackson, 21, Jackson, Tenn., and Sequia Polk, Tuscumbia, Alabama, were charged following a traffic stop on February 22. Officer Dalton Raspberry stopped Polk's vehicle because the vehicle did not have a license plate. Polk said she had just bought the car, and the registration was in the mail. A computer check indicated it was registered to the previous owner. Officer Raspberry smelled marijuana, and Polk admitted to possession. The passenger, Jackson, was also charged with possession after a green leafy material was found in a backpack.

Driving on Revoked, Seatbelt — Robert Donald Lovell, 42, Hollow Rock, was charged with Driving on a Revoked License - Due to DUI and Seatbelt Violation on February 20. Officer Sean Beck stopped Lovell's vehicle after observing Lovell without the seatbelt in use. A check of his license revealed the revoked status. He was transported to Carroll County Jail and the vehicle was impounded.

Driving on Revoked — John L. Johnson, Jr., 47, Oaklawn, McKenzie, was charged with Driving on a Revoked License for DUI- Second Offense. Officer Sean Beck observed Johnson drive past the officer as he was finishing another traffic stop. Beck was aware of Johnson's license status. When Officer Beck's patrol car approached, Johnson and his wife changed seats. Officer Beck walked up to the passenger side and ordered Mr. Johnson from the vehicle and arrested. The vehicle was impounded.

Criminal Trespass — Clinton Hoard, Randle Street, McKenzie, was charged with Criminal Trespass on February 25. Officer Darren Davis filed a report stating Hoard entered AHC-McKenzie nursing home after beating on the door for entry, and told staff members he was there to visit a family member. He was escorted from the building and refused to leave, again banging on the front door. He was transported to Carroll County Jail and placed under a \$500 bond.

Carroll County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (February 21) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on February 21.

Ronda Dotts, Clearview Avenue, Trezevant, bound over to the Grand Jury of the Circuit Court on a charge of Schedule II Drugs, Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess; Meth - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess; Drug Paraphernalia possession.

Amanda Farlow, Atwood Street, Trezevant, bound over on charges of Aggravated Child Abuse/Neglect/Endangerment; Schedule II Drugs- Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess; Meth - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess; Drug Paraphernalia possession.

Matthew Parker, Smyrna Road, Huntingdon, bound over on Violation of Sexual Offender Registry; Violation of Community Supervision for Criminal Offense.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Alice Allen, Bradford Highway, Rutherford, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$1000 fine, probation, forfeit Ruger .380 pistol; dismissed, Unlawful Possession of Weapon; dismissed, Schedule II Drugs - Manufacture, Deliver, Sell or Possess.

Nathan Boone, Connell Drive, South Fulton, guilty, Driving While Suspended, \$50 fine, probation; dismissed, Display of Registration Plates Violation.

Mary Shantel Christman College Street, Bruceton, guilty, Disorderly Conduct, time served, surrender dog to Humane Society; dismissed, Livestock Running at Large.

Joseph Cozart, McCadams Road, McKenzie, guilty, Probation Violation, 60 days jail, supervised probation.

Amanda Farlow, Atwood Street, Trezevant, guilty, Probation Violation.

Amanda Fuller, Fairview Street, Paris, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$250 fine, supervised probation, time served.

Jerry Devon Hilliard, Hillcourt, Huntingdon, guilty, Leave Scene of Accident, sentence to run concurrent with Circuit Court sentence; dismissed, Theft of Property; dismissed, Driving While Suspended-Second or Subsequent Offense; dismissed, Driver Failed to Exercise Due Care; dismissed, Violation of Financial Responsibility.

Timothy Alen Hough, College Street, Bruceton, guilty, Livestock Running at Large, agrees to surrender the dog to Humane Society, probation.

Robert Dale Hunter, Red Williams Road, Huntingdon, guilty, Sexual Offender Registration Violation; 30 days jail; probation.

Eric Inman, Rowland Avenue, Bruceton, guilty, Public Intoxication, 30 days jail - suspended, \$25 fine, probation.

Christopher Johnson, Roy Fields Road, Bruceton, pre-trial diversion, Criminal Littering, \$100 fine, probation.

Matthew Rigney, Wash-

ington Avenue, Camden, guilty, Probation Violation.

Charles Robbins, McKelvy Road, Camden, guilty, Evading Arrest, 180 days jail concurrent with Benton County sentence.

Summer Nicole Simmons, guilty, Driving While Canceled, \$100 fine, probation, must obtain a driver's license; dismissed, Speeding.

Marquez Tharpe, Highway 219, Huntingdon, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 48 hours jail, probation, DUI School required, not to drive for one year.

Devin Charles Wagner, Hamilton Street, McKenzie, guilty, Violation of Sexual Offender Registry, \$1,000 fine, 10 days jail, probation.

Gabriel Zandus Williams, Holmes Mill Road, Huntingdon, pre-trial diversion, Simple Possession, \$250 fine, probation.

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Johnnie Ingram to Johnnie Ingram. No District Listed.

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Michael T. Nordengren to Ronda and Aaron Fitzgerald as Trustees. District 6.

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Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Drug Violations — Ronnie Glenn Smith, 56, who is from Hollow Rock, but is homeless, was charged with Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine, Possession of Schedule VI (Marijuana) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia on Feb. 16 following a traffic stop by Deputy Chance Townes.

Townes did a traffic stop at 480 Ephesus Church Rd. on a green Dodge Ram truck for headlight damage and the tag being expired.

When the deputy searched the truck he found three syringes, a small bag of marijuana and a small baggy with methamphetamine.

Burglary — On Feb. 16 a burglary was reported by Jay Lynn Hawks of 13076 Highway 77, Huntingdon at his residence.

Deputy Bradley R. Hardin reported Hawks and his wife had returned from Memphis after an overnight stay and found their house had been broken into with numerous items taken.

The back door glass had

been broken and the door was unlocked. Hawks said a 1950 Model Winchester 30/30 rifle was missing as well as old currency, coins and gold jewelry. The total value of missing items were estimated at \$4,000. The damage to the rear door was estimated at \$1,200.

An office and bedroom had been ransacked, but no other rooms in the house had been bothered.

Assault — Tyshawn Marquez Roberson, 21, of Atwood, was charged with Domestic Assault and Assault Against a First Responder on Feb. 19 following an incident in Atwood.

Deputies Jeremy Smith and Dillon Crowe answered a domestic assault call to 290 Brooks Rd. where they found the victim sitting on the front steps crying. She said Roberson shoved her around the house and threw her out the front door.

Roberson came out the door, yelling at the victim and told the deputies to get off his property. The report said he became aggressive

and uncooperative. He retreated into the house and towards his bedroom where he had a handgun on top of the bed. He threw his elbow backwards, striking Officer Crowe in the mouth, causing an injury to his tongue.

Aggravated Criminal Trespassing — Kaitlynn Webb, 23, of Union City was charged with Aggravated Criminal Trespassing, Vandalism and Simple Assault after threats and coming onto the victim's property in Atwood.

Deputy Ryan W. Hamilton investigated an assault at that residence on Feb. 19. The victim told the deputy that four females parked at the Up-Front storage buildings across the road, trying to provoke a fight. Then the females came onto her property to fight.

Webb did assault the victim and committed vandalism by breaking the bottom glass on the screen door. There have been numerous texts on social media between the two parties and verbal arguments.

Property Transfers

W. Kent Jones as Trustee to KLP Investments LLC and CPHTN, LLC. District 11.

Mary Elizabeth Davis to Mary Elizabeth Davis. District 10.

Susie Crook to Rebecca Bouchard. No District Listed.

Brock and Scott as Substitute Trustee to Ameris Bank. District 4.

Bonnie Orr Brotherton (Now Bonnie Orr Brotherton Bass) to Michael Ray Bass. District 11.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee to American Muscle Holdings, LLC. No District Listed.

David Michael Crocker to David Michael Crocker. District 5.

Alice McKee to Alice McKee. District 6.

Alice McKee to Gene Williams. District 6.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **March 20, 2024 on or about 11 a.m. local time**, at the East door, Carroll County Courthouse, Huntingdon, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by MIKE WINBUSH AND RACHELLE WINBUSH, to Wesley D. Turner, Trustee, on January 18, 2004, at Record Book 516, Page 84-99 as Instrument No. 99864 in the real property records of Carroll County Register's Office, Tennessee.

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Less and except the parcel of land conveyed to Joe Barker, Sr by deed dated September 3, 1999 and of record in Deed Book 300, page 435 in the Register's Office for Carroll County, Tennessee.

Being part of the same property conveyed to Rachelle Coleman Collier by Deed dated April 15, 1998 and of record in Deed Book 292, page 71 in the Register's Office for Carroll County, Tennessee for further reference see quit claim deed recorded simultaneously herein. Deed Book 319, page 980 R.O.C.C.T.

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If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. §67-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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Huntingdon Police Reports

Revoked License — Jeffrey Dean Goble, 61, of Huntingdon was charged with Driving on Revoked Driver's License by Officer Brad Allen on Feb. 13. According to a report filed by Allen, he stopped a vehicle on Buena Vista Road for speeding 55 in a 35 mile zone. While on the traffic stop, the officer ran a computer check on Goble's driver's license and confirmed the license was suspended. Goble was issued a citation in General Sessions Court first offense of driving on a suspended license and speeding.

Disorderly Conduct,

Public Intoxication — Jennifer Hopper, 38, of Memphis was charged with Disorderly Conduct and Public Intoxication on Feb. 19 due to an incident at Baptist Memorial Hospital - Carroll County.

At 2:18 p.m. Investigator Joey Hedge and Lt. Brad Allen were dispatched to the hospital where the staff advised they had asked Hopper to leave multiple times and she refused. Hopper then went to the parking lot and laid on the ground, screaming and refusing to listen to the staff. She eventually admitted she was coming down from methadone.

Marriage Licenses

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Leann McLean Wilson, 36, of Jackson.

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WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Tennessee Housing Development Agency who is now the owner of said debt; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **April 9, 2024** at 3:00 PM at the Front Steps of the Carroll County Courthouse, Huntingdon, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Carroll County, Tennessee, to wit:

ALL THAT PROPERTY SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF CARROLL AND STATE OF TENNESSEE DESCRIBED AS:

BEGINNING AT A STAKE IN THE WEST MARGIN OF AN UNNAMED COUNTY BLACKTOP ROAD (SAID MARGIN BEING 17.5 FEET FROM THE CENTER), SAID STAKE BEING 807.5 FEET NORTHWEST OF THE CENTER OF THE STEWART BLACKTOP ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 73 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST 187 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 42 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 6 SECONDS EAST 190 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE NORTH 41 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 170 FEET TO A POINT IN THE WEST MARGIN OF SAID BLACKTOP ROAD; THENCE NORTH 44 DEGREES WEST 90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO FRANK W. MCCORD AND WIFE, ELIZABETH A. MCCORD BY DEED OF LARRY WOOD AND BARBARA WOOD TOLLEY AND OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 387, PAGE 524, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 100-038.02

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **110 GLOVER ST, ATWOOD, TN 38220**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): FRANK W MCCORD, ELIZABETH A. MCCORD

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("THDA")

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

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McKENZIE HIGH SCHOOL



Left, All-Region Awards (L to R): Brady Brewer, Cameron Flippin, Jake Cassidy, Tate Surber, Drew Chappell, Stafford Roditis, KD Cunningham, Colt Norden and Ace Fisher. Center, Region MVP Tate Surber. Right, Defense MVP Drew Chappell. Photos by Gracie Aird/The Banner

Banquet Honors 2023 Football

BY GRACIE AIRD
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McKENZIE (February 25) — On Sunday, the state finalist Rebel football team was recognized for their phenomenal season. Mayor Ryan Griffin made a proclamation dedication February 25 McKenzie Rebel Football Day. This team's seniors broke the record of most wins by a class with 50 wins. There were multiple people recognized for awards presented for a variety of different traits and attributes.

The All Region team was also recognized which consisted of Brady Brewer, Jake Cassidy, KD Cunningham, Ace Fisher, Cameron Flippin, Dalton Hatley, and Colt Norden. All Region kicker was given to Stafford Roditis. All

Region defenses MVP went to Drew Chappell. Tate Surber received the All Region MVP. Honorable Mention: Skyler Fornera, Jacob Smith, Barry Swalley, Craegen Travis. Prep Zone All State KD Cunningham, Jacob Smith, Tate Surber. TN Sports Writers Association State Team Colt Norden. Jackson Sun All West TN first team Colt Norden, second team Ace Fisher, third team Skyler Fornera.

The following awards were presented at the banquet Most Valuable Offensive back - Brady Brewer. Most Valuable receiver - Colt Norden. Most Valuable Defensive back - Skyler Fornera. Most Valuable Linebacker - Drew Chappell. Best Offensive Linemen - Cameron Flippin. Best Defensive Linemen - KD Cunningham and Dalton Hat-

ley. Most improved - Martez Teague. Leadership Award - Drew Chappell and Ace Fisher. Special Teams Award - Stafford Roditis. Mr. Rebel Award - Tate Surber. David Long Academic Award - Stafford Roditis. Gibbins Sportsmanship Award - Stafford Roditis. Philip Carter Most Inspired Award - Brady Brewer. Howard Nolan Team First Award- Ace Fisher. Kermit Holland Three D Award - Tate Surber and Jake Cassidy.

The McKenzie football cheerleaders were recognized. Most Spirit was given to Ava Warman. Most Improved was Madeline Pewitt. Best All Around Cheerleader was - Ava Warman. Stunt MVP- Brett Toombs and Ava Jones. Sideline MVP - Abbi Young. Highest GPA - Ava Warman.



Cheer Awards (L to R): Ava Jones, Ava Warman, Brett Toombs, Abbie Young and Madeline Pewitt. Photos by Gracie Aird/The Banner



Left, Savannah Davis hit her 2,000-point mark in her high school career. Center, Mikaela Reynolds hit her 1,500-point mark in her high school career. Right, Sophie Pate knocked down one of her many threes in the third quarter.

Lady Rebels Advance in Region

Davis, Reynold Add Career High Marks

BY GRACIE AIRD
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McKENZIE (February 23) — Perry County came out hot scoring the first five points of the quarter. McKenzie quickly retaliated with a basket from Madeline Gottshall and a three from Molly French. Another two points from French and a basket from Savannah Davis gave the Lady Rebels their first lead of the night. Perry County held Davis to four points until the third quarter, which put her over her 2,000-point mark in her

high school career. McKenzie ended the first quarter up 18-16.

Sophie Pate started the second quarter with a three-pointer, which put The Lady Rebels up by five. McKenzie went into a slump and only scored one free throw from Gottshall. With less than a minute left, Charli Weatherford hit a three to end the half up 25-22.

Perry County started the third quarter with a two-pointer, which cut the The Lady Rebel's lead to one. Pate hit her second three of the night, stretching their lead. Davis broke free from her defense in the second half and alternated scoring baskets with Pate for the rest of the third quarter. Perry County was not ready

to go home yet and went on a run and closed McKenzie's lead to 45-41.

The Lady Rebels kept their energy going into the fourth quarter. Davis had 11 points halfway through the fourth quarter while being triple-teamed at times. Mikaela Reynolds had some crucial free throws along with Gottshall and a few baskets from Pate. McKenzie ended the game up 67-57. This win sent them to Houston County, where they will play Wayne County in the semifinals on Monday, February 26 at 7:45.

Leading Scorer Savannah Davis had 28 points. Sophie Pate had 14 points. Mikaela Reynolds had 9. Madeline Gottshall had 8 points. Molly French had 9 points



Left, Tate Surber going up for a breakaway lay-up. Right, Stafford Roditis hitting one of his multiple three-pointers of the night. Photos by Gracie Aird/The Banner

Rebels Roll in Region

BY GRACIE AIRD
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McKENZIE (February 24) — The Rebels came out ready; they started the game with a 13-0 run. McKenzie was just as fierce on the defensive end, holding Collinwood to only four points in the first quarter. With a few big plays from Stafford Roditis and some threes from Hayden Garrett, the Rebels ended the first quarter up 24-4.

Tate Surber came alive during the second quarter

scoring his first points of the night. Martez Teague added some points to the board with a few big plays. McKenzie got into some foul trouble late into the second quarter. The Rebels led 46-11.

Garrett started the third quarter with another three-pointer. Collinwood hit two baskets. Surber and Roditis got an and-one and alternated scoring buckets the rest of the third quarter. McKenzie ended the third quarter up 68-25

Cordell Orgain hit the

first five points of the fourth quarter. Landon Brown put a few more of his own on the board. Avery Brown ended the quarter with a three-pointer and another bucket to end the game up 89-33. This win sends the Rebels to Houston County to play in the semi-finals.

Leading the scoring was Roditis with 18 points followed by Surber with 16. Cordell Orgain had 12 points. Hayden Garrett had 9 points. Martez Teague had 8 points.



Left, Huntingdon's Delaney Byars shoots over the Hickman County defender. Right, Mustang Caleb Ezell jumps past Harpeth Hills for another basket. Photos by Kathy Bush/The Banner

Fillies, Mustangs Advance To Regional Semifinals

Over the weekend both the Huntingdon Fillies and the Mustangs advanced in region play. Although familiar territory for the Fillies, the Mustangs moved forward for the first time in three years. Friday evening, the Fillies defeated Hickman County with a score of 62-33. The victory allows them to prepare for the Region 6-AA semifinal matchup with East Hickman on Monday, February 26. The Mustangs, now 11-19 for the season, are also preparing for their Tuesday night, February 27, semifinal game against East Hickman after narrowly defeating

Harpeth Hills, 68-62.

In their victory over Hickman County, the Fillies improved to 25-5 for the season. They opened the game against Hickman with an 11-0 lead and led 35-21 at the half. With the start of the second half, the Fillies went on an 18-0 run and never looked back in their 62-33 victory. Huntingdon's scoring was led by Lilly Kee with 23 points, including 13 of 14 at the foul line. Quinn Kelley followed with 12. Delaney Byars 9, Josey Stokes 6, Sara Beth Smith 6, Singleton 3, and Anna Beth Crews 3.

By comparison, the Mus-

tangs stood at the foul line 41 times, including 20 times in the fourth quarter, as the Harpeth Hills Indians struggled to pull the game even. The Mustangs led 16-10 in the first and 37-27 at halftime. Although the Indians pushed the score to 44-41 in the third, Huntingdon outscored them 24-21 in the fourth quarter. Kenton Smith led the Mustangs with 24 points and 7 rebounds, followed by Caleb Ezell 14, Graham Bartholomew 9, Tycen Willis 7, Bryson Whiteside 7, Kaleb Pearson 5, Rayshaun and Braylin Dearmon 1.

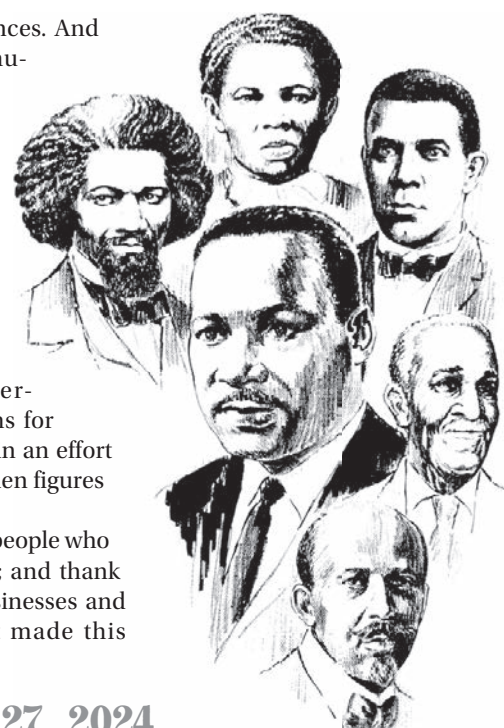
Celebrating BLACK HISTORY

February is a time to recognize and pay tribute to all the contributions people of color have made to society. It's Black History Month, but history isn't black or white and it

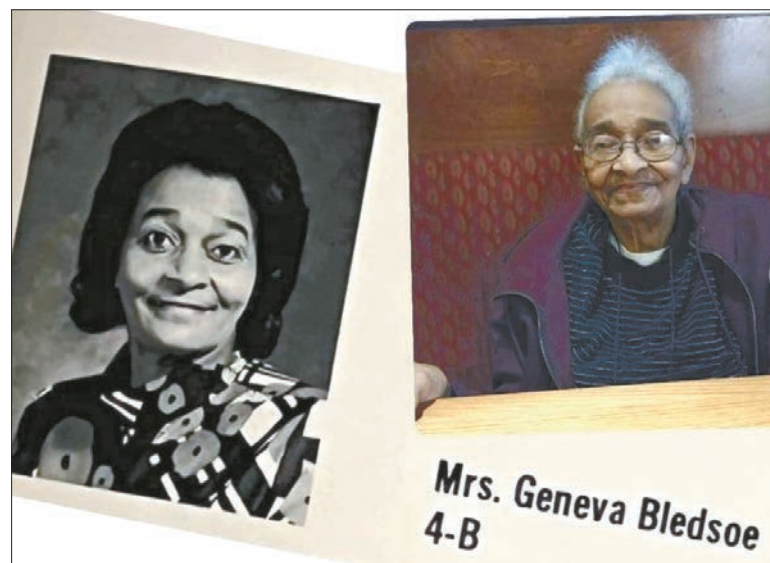
isn't just confined to one month out of the year. History is constant, it's being made every moment of every day; and we are all a part of it. Black history is American history. Without Black inventors from our past, we wouldn't have many

of the conveniences we enjoy today like blood banks, gas masks, pacemakers, three light traffic lights, refrigerated trucks, golf tees, clothes dryers, potato chips, peanut butter and more. Great minds and people come in all colors, shapes and sizes. The pursuit of equality, allowed these great minds access to the critical tools needed to advance America in technology, in the space race and into modern day. There are several movies and documentaries available that convey the stories of "hidden figures" from history. However, Black history is more than a list of achievements. It's a reminder of our past and hope for the future. It's understanding that in our shared humanity we find more similarities than differences. And in our small communities, we rely on each other. Our friends, neighbors, classmates and people that smile at the grocery store are all daily reminders that life is better in full color. The Banner interviewed local citizens for this special edition in an effort to highlight the hidden figures in our area. Thank you to the people who shared their stories; and thank you to the local businesses and organizations that made this edition possible.

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Left, In 1919, retired teacher Geneva Bledsoe with former students who were then MMS staff and faculty members. Pictured are (L to R) Front Row: Principal Dorethea Royle, teacher Paul Carroll, Bledsoe and teacher Mistee Cooper. Back Row: School nurse Vera Shipp, teacher Bess Toombs, school secretary Karen Moore, teacher Gretchen Boucher, guidance counselor Lori Robertson and teacher Rebecca Jones. Above, Geneva Bledsoe's photo when she was a teacher at McKenzie Elementary School along with a recent photo.

Geneva Bledsoe Celebrates 100th Birthday

McKENZIE — Geneva Bledsoe had the best career and many precious memories of the many students she taught.

She now moves slower but still enjoys a car ride with her daughter, Jennifer, who moved back home to live with her mom and is helping her celebrate 100 years of life. The official birthday was Tuesday, February 20, but the celebration continued as cards, e-mails, and flowers continued to arrive in celebration of Mrs. Bledsoe. The goal was 100 cards for her 100th birthday. Jennifer said the cards, letters, texts, and flowers keep coming.

Geneva Bledsoe grew up in Haywood County as one of 13 children. Each child worked around the house or in the fields of the farm, where they worked as a sharecropping family; the young children went to a one-room school with

grades 1-8 near Brownsville. The five girls had room and board near the school, but the eight boys had to walk five miles to and from the school. The boys had chores around the farm. While the walk was long, the boys were timely for their school arrival.

Jennifer Bledsoe was thrilled to tell her mother's story of challenges and triumph and the influence her mother had on so many children.

Jennifer enjoys driving her mom around and meeting people. When she is out driving, people ask her about her mother. She enjoys telling them, "Ask her; she is sitting right here."

Geneva graduated high school and then attended Lane College in Jackson. After just one year of college, Geneva started teaching and returned to Lane to finish her college education. She taught at a little school known as Prospect, beginning in 1946.

It was Lane where she

met her future husband, L.C. Bledsoe, who was also pursuing a career in education.

He graduated Lane in 1950, and she graduated in 1951.

Webb School, a Rosenwald school for African Americans located in McKenzie, was the alma mater of L.C. After the two married, Geneva taught Special Education at Webb School until 1966, when Webb closed and the African American students all transferred to other public schools in McKenzie, Huntingdon, Trezevant, Atwood, Clarksburg and Hollow Rock-Bruceton.

He later became the principal at Trezevant High School. The couple had two children, Jennifer and her older sister, Melba Tucker. L.C. died in 1985.

Mrs. Bledsoe transitioned to McKenzie Elementary School, where she taught fourth grade English. In the summers, she taught at Head Start in McKen-

zie and art throughout the county. Her first class of fourth graders was the 1975 graduating class.

She taught at McKenzie until 1992 when she retired. Her work continued at her local CME church and around her house.

Jennifer said her mother loved teaching and certainly loved her students. Each time a student gave her a gift, she kept a written record of the student and the gift. And, through the years, she has enjoyed seeing her students and chatting with them.

She was honored by her fellow retired teachers in 2019 and again at McKenzie Middle School in 2020, close to her 96th birthday. On that day at MMS, the students showed their appreciation to Mrs. Bledsoe and to Odell Pate, the oldest living black WWII veteran, who also attended the event.

One of Bledsoe's elementary students at MES was Dorethea Royle, principal



Geneva Bledsoe celebrated her 100th birthday on Tuesday, February 20. She is sporting a hoodie bearing the name of her college alma mater, Lane.

at McKenzie Middle School. During the 2019 event at MMS, Bledsoe was joined by her students, who were teachers or staffers at MMS at that time. Those were (as pictured above) Principal Dorethea Royle, teachers Paul Carroll, Bledsoe and Mistee Cooper, school nurse Vera Shipp, teacher Bess Toombs, school secre-

tary Karen Moore, teacher Gretchen Boucher, guidance counselor Lori Robertson and teacher Rebecca Jones. The group presented a bouquet of roses to Mrs. Bledsoe.

A celebration of her birthday and her accomplishments was held at her church on Sunday, February 25.

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Cheryl Oglesby-Townes

On February 21, 2024, Cheryl Oglesby-Townes walked up the sidewalk to McKenzie High School, not as a student as she did some 30 years ago, but as an honorary speaker for a program held at the school to commemorate Black History Month.

"It's not just black history. It's our history," said Oglesby-Townes. History in Carroll County for the Oglesby family runs deep. During the program, Oglesby-Townes said it was an honor to recognize names of notable local citizens who lived during the early history of the civil rights movement in Carroll County.

"I realized that a lot of the names were members of my family," she said.

For just over a year now, Cheryl Oglesby-Townes has served as the first black female director of the Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council. It is to her family's legacy in the church that she attributes the foundation that led to her career and life successes.

"My grandfather, Willie Eugene Oglesby was a minister, my great uncle James Stewart and aunt Sharon Oglesby were both ministers," Oglesby-Townes said. "I didn't get here on my own; it is His grace."

Oglesby-Townes graduated from McKenzie High School as

an honor student. At the time, she said she didn't know what she wanted to do, but knew she didn't want to go to a four-year university. She wanted to go to business school, and she did, earning an administrative assistant degree from West Tennessee Business College.

Despite her previous reservations, she followed up her two year degree with a bachelor's in management and organizational development from Bethel University.

"A quiet woman with a beautiful spirit," said Oglesby-Townes, "introduced me to the Head Start program." That quiet woman was Lorice Hillsman, and that program would become her life-long career.

Oglesby-Townes has served for nearly 32 years in the Head Start program, occupying positions as human resources coordinator, executive secretary, and Title VI program coordinator.

On being named the agency's executive director, Oglesby-Townes said, "I never thought it would happen for me, it never occurred to me." The agency had a vacancy for that job though, and she had already been asked to fill in temporarily as the interim director of Head Start by the outgoing council director, Don Ridgeway.

"If he felt confident in my ability to lead Head Start, I thought, why not apply for it," Oglesby-Townes said.

Cheryl's first supervisor at Head Start was a man named Eric Dupree, who would go on to be-



come the first African American to serve as the council's executive director.

"He was always supportive, encouraging, and he led me on the path to understanding the agency and how to get into it," Oglesby-Townes said.

Oglesby-Townes is proud of the work they do under the council. "We serve the disadvantaged population, supporting kids and encouraging with a positive in-

fluence," she said. "Be good to people and treat them like you want to be treated."

Oglesby-Townes said she is grateful for her career opportunities, and most of all for her family. Cheryl Oglesby was a single mother of one daughter before she became Cheryl Oglesby-Townes in 2008. She married Jessie Townes, also a hometown resident of McKenzie, currently serving as vice mayor for the City

of McKenzie. Together, Cheryl and Jessie formed a family, with children Breonna, Jessie, Jr. and Samantha, along with six grandchildren.

Cheryl's mother, Dorothy was also a strong influence for her, as she too raised three children as a single parent, including Cheryl, her brother, Julius, and her sister, Shawna. "I don't recall ever going without," Oglesby-Townes said.

Cheryl recalls working since high school in summer programs where she worked for places like the Park Theatre, in a daycare and at Walmart. "I worked a part-time job with a full-time job," she said.

This February, Oglesby-Townes not only celebrates Black History Month, she celebrates the 51st anniversary of the founding of Head Start and of the Community Action Network. These programs fall under the umbrella of the Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council over which she presides.

Oglesby-Townes said that the connection of that organization's anniversary and returning to McKenzie High School to speak at a presentation is symbolic of what Black History Month means to her.

"It was an honor for me to return to my alma mater," she said.

Looking forward, Oglesby-Townes has no plans to leave the community nor the council which she has dedicated much of her life's work to.

Oglesby-Townes said, "I love what I do, and I look forward to retirement."

FIRST BLACK FEMALE CONGRESSIONAL MEMBER

Shirley Chisholm

(November 30, 1924 - January 1, 2005)

Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm was born in Brooklyn, New York to immigrant parents who came to the United States from Barbados. Chisholm graduated from Brooklyn College and the Teachers College at Columbia University. In 1968, she became the first Black woman elected to the United States Congress and represented New York's 12th congressional district for seven

terms from 1969 to 1983. Early on in her Congressional term, Chisholm was first assigned to the House Agriculture Committee. She soon found more relevant committee assignments that would better serve her constituents, where she worked to expand the food stamp program and help to create the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Legislation she introduced also focused on gender and racial equality,

and ending the Vietnam War. In 1971, she became a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC).

In the 1972 United States presidential election, she became the first Black candidate to seek a major party's nomination for President of the United States, and the first woman to run for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination. After the unsuccessful bid for President, Chisholm continued serving in the House of Representatives. In 1977, she was elected as Secretary of the House Democratic Caucus. Chisholm retired from Congress in 1983, where she was succeeded by Major Owens. In 2015, Chisholm was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Source: The National Archives

History is not just black or white, it is in full color, vibrant and being made every day. The people featured in this edition are proof that anything is possible with determination and hard work. We salute you.

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Allegion celebrates Black History Month and recognizes the hard work and dedication of all African Americans past and present.

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Ricky Price

50 Years with Pepsi

In 1974, Ricky Price was a senior at McKenzie High School. While many of his fellow graduates visited area colleges on their ‘career day,’ Price chose instead to visit Pepsi, based in Martin at the time. In 2024, Price celebrates 50 years at the family-owned Pepsi MidAmerica and as a graduate of McKenzie High School.

Price is slowing his workload with Pepsi, reaching the pinnacle of the company as vice president and Division General Manager of Western Kentucky and Tennessee. Price is a well-respected team member, who started as a route driver and advanced through the ranks. But today, Price will still perform any job necessary to accomplish the goal of excellent customer service.

Price is such an honored associate, the Marion Illinois-based company named the Pepsi distribution center in Paris in honor of Price. The dedication ceremony of the naming of the building was accompanied with a proclamation of Henry County Mayor Brent Greer naming the 2016 event as Ricky Price Day in Henry County.

Price is very humble in his approach to job titles. He says its all about customer service. That’s what he instills in the approximately 165 employees, serving in

27 counties, who work with him. And Price thanks Harry Crisp, Jr., age 88, for providing a great opportunity and career for Price.

While in high school, Price said he worked at City Market, a small grocery on Waldran Street owned by H.B. “Swat” Scarbrough, who was also the mayor of McKenzie. He worked with co-workers Dan Bradfield, Harry Anderson, Ed Williams, Jerry Stafford, and Tommy Gwaltney at the little store.

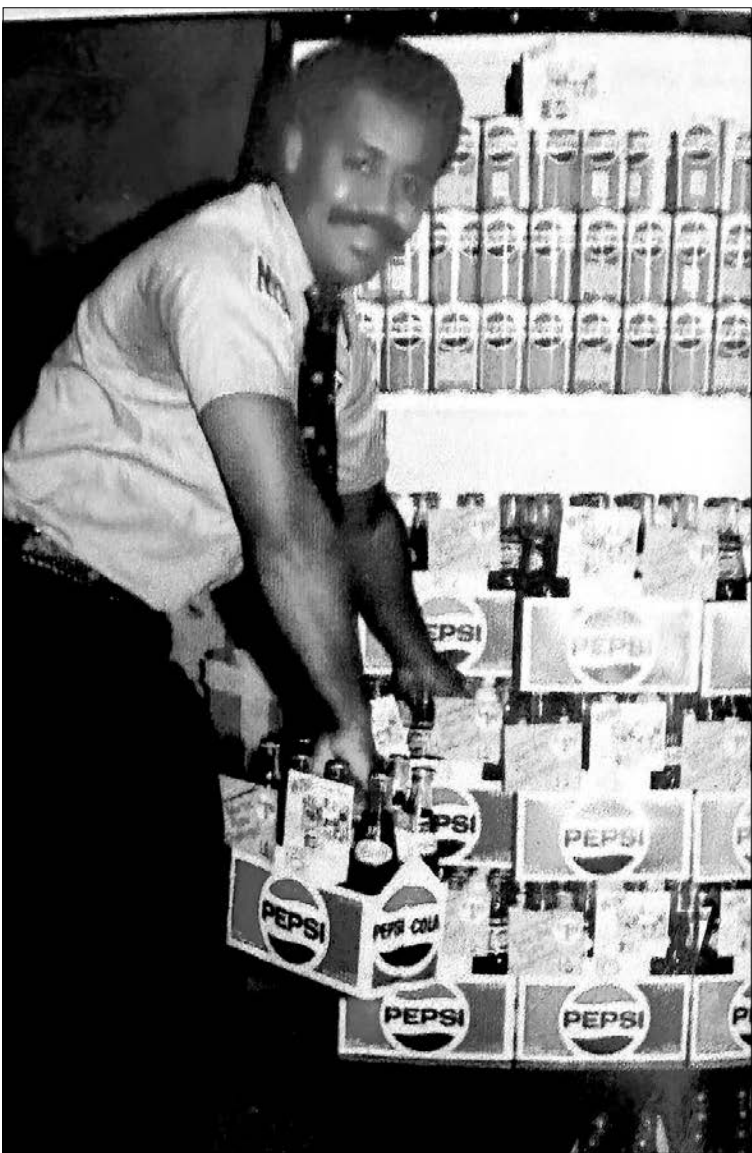
“Swat taught us to treat everyone the same and appreciate their business,” said Price.

He also worked part-time as a helper on a local Pepsi delivery route when he was 16 years old.

His work with Pepsi was based at the Martin, Tennessee Pepsi location. He drove the truck and served customers, mainly in Huntingdon in the years 1974-1989. Many of the products were still in glass bottles in the early days and required Price to deliver new product and gather the empty glass bottles for return to the bottling company.

Price is featured in the company’s history book, that tells of the story of the Crisp family and their Pepsi bottling and distribution centers.

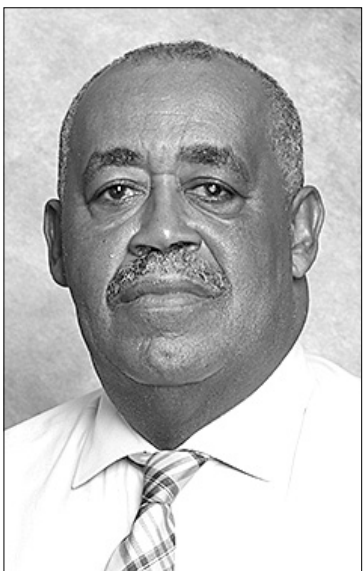
In the Pepsi MidAmerica history book, it relates that Price was a respected employee and was one of the first African-American route salesman in a mostly white



customers.

Nonreturnable packaging became a bigger part of the portfolio of Marion Pepsi in the 1970s. Customers liked the convenience of cans and 32-ounce and 64-ounce Pepsi bottles.

Regardless of his title and his hierarchy in the company, Price often is developing new customers, providing vinyl banners for non-profits or schools to advertise their events, or giving free product to a fund-raiser.



Left, a photo from the Pepsi MidAmerica history book with the caption, “Route salesman Ricky Price.” Above, present day.

“I enjoy people,” said Price. He now calls his job “a hobby.”

Price serves as vice-chairman of the McKenzie Industrial Board, and serves on the McKenzie Housing Authority Board, and was one of the founder of the new McKenzie High School Alumni Association, and serves in the Rotary Club of McKenzie.

His wife, Donna plans to retire soon from her healthcare job in Union City, said Price. He has one son, Ricky Price, Jr., who served in the military and now works in state corrections. He has one granddaughter, Autumn Price, who teaches school at Henry.

Price has three sisters and one (late) brother.

Willie Huffman

Hard Work is the Key to Success

Burlap bags may not be at the top of most children’s Christmas list for shiny new toys, but these “grass sacks” provided fun play for young Willie Huffman, who rode along as his mother dragged him across a field on the bag she filled with cotton, picked by hand. As Huffman grew a little older, he would also find himself picking cotton from the fields, in addition to mowing lawns and hauling hay at only 12 years old.

“Young people need to work,” Huffman said. “It will help them decide what they want to do, or don’t want to do.”

Huffman worked outside of school through most of his early education. He began the first grade in an all-black school before integration at Henry Elementary School, and was a graduate of Henry County High School.

“I loved it. I don’t know if it was because it was a small school, but I had no issues, in terms of race in the transition,” said Huffman, who lived with his parents, right across the street from the school. Huffman’s parents

were born during the Great Depression, when there was little choice in the type of work they would be able to do, and they encouraged him to excel.

As the only person in his immediate family to go to college, Huffman attended Bethel College in McKenzie, now Bethel University, graduating with a B.S. in Business Administration, and eventually earning a masters degree at Austin Peay State University, never underestimating the value of the work he had to put in to get there.

Decades later, Huffman is getting ready to retire as the President for the McKenzie and Paris campuses of Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT).

While hard work is his first mantra for success, Huffman does not underestimate the value of the people who helped him succeed in his career.

“You are in an interview every day of your life, and you never know who is watching or who they might be connected with,” Huffman said, fondly remembering a businessman by the nickname of “Scooter” who took notice of Huffman early on, encouraging him to go to college and even

giving him some books to prepare and a job while he worked his way through school.

There weren’t any available jobs right after graduation from Bethel, so Huffman took a factory production job working for Atlantic Homes in his hometown of Henry, Tennessee, where he worked for the next 5 years. Again, it was a connection he made while attending Bethel College as a student that got him his first career position as a recruiter for Bethel.

“You can’t do it on your own, no matter how smart or talented you are. It takes a lot of people’s help,” said Huffman.

After a little over two years as a student recruiter for Bethel College, Huffman went to work at TCAT, working in several positions between the Paris and McKenzie campuses, from Financial Aid to Student Services Coordinator, and later Vice President of the Paris campus.

Working in education was never a goal for Huffman, but he enjoyed working with the students and found opportunities to make a difference there. Huffman explained that when he was growing up, the four year

university path was the only one presented to him that would allow him to excel in a career.

“In the black community, the push was to go to a traditional college,” he said. “The mindset back then was, technical schools, or vocational schools, were only considered if you weren’t capable of attending a four year university.” Today, Huffman explained, there has been a transition in that perspective based on a shortage of skilled trade employees in the workforce.

“I wish more minority kids would get interested and be more informed about the opportunities available with a technical education,” Huffman said. “Plumbers, electricians, and welders are all needed, and are good paying careers. There are more options [for students] than ever.”

Looking back on his career, Huffman acknowledges that he was the first in many categories. He was the first one in his family to graduate from college, the first black president at TCAT, and the first black county commissioner in Carroll County. Additionally, he has served on the board of directors for both the Carroll County and



Henry County Chambers of Commerce. Huffman is also a graduate of WestStar Leadership and a former McKenzie City Councilman. However, he said he really doesn’t want recognition for his firsts or his career accolades.

Huffman said he wants future generations to understand, “He is proof that it is possible, if you work hard.”

Regarding his career accomplishments, Huffman said, “I like to think that I obtained these career posi-

tions based on my values, the way I carried myself and what I represent that people relate to.”

His best advice to students today is, “Don’t be on the defense. Present yourself positively and hopefully people will be willing to judge your character rather than your looks,” and that “Nothing is given, you must earn it.”

Huffman is married to Gloria. They have two grown children, Bryan and Heather, and two grandchildren.

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Far left, Wilma Rudolph was the first female to win three Olympic gold medals. Photo Courtesy Associate Press Left, Tennessee State University track coach, Ed Temple, center, had six Tigerbelles, Wilma Rudolph, left, Isabelle Daniels, Willie B. White, Lucinda Williams, Mae Faggs, and Margaret Matthews, compete in the 1956 Olympic Games. Photo Courtesy Jack Corn/The Tennessean. Below, Wilma Rudolph (right) winning her semifinal of the women's 200-metre race at the Summer Olympic Games in Rome, September 5, 1960. Photo Courtesy Associate Press

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Wilma Rudolph

The Black Gazelle

Wilma Glo-dean Rudolph was one of the most im-pressive athletes to call Tennessee home. She was born to Eddie Boyd Rudolph (1887-1961) and Blanche Pettus Rudolph (1909-1994) on June 23, 1940, in the Saint Bethlehem community just outside of Clarksville. Wilma was the twentieth of 22 children from her father Ed Rudolph's two marriages. Her father, Ed, worked as a railway porter and did odd jobs in Clarksville until his death, and her mother, Blanche, worked as a maid in Clarksville homes.

Born premature, Wilma's weight was 4.5 pounds. She was a sickly child, spending much of her early years in bed. Some of her ailments included double pneumonia, scarlet fever and polio. At five years old, she contracted infantile paralysis through the poliovirus. She recovered from polio but lost strength in her left leg and foot.

The repercussions of the virus forced Wilma to

wear a leg brace until she was twelve years old. With little medical care available to African Americans in Clarksville in the 1940s, Rudolph's parents sought treatment for her at the historically black Meharry Medical College in Nashville. For two years, Wilma and Blanche made weekly trips to Nashville for treatments to regain the use of her weakened leg.

As part of her therapy, she received at-home massages four times a day from her brothers and sisters. She wore an orthopedic shoe for support of her foot for another two years. Despite further attacks of whooping cough, measles and chick-enpox, Wilma was out of her leg braces by age 9.

Initially homeschooled, she began attending second grade at Cobb Elementary School in Clarksville in 1947, when she was seven years old. She attended Clarksville's all-black Burt High School, where she excelled in basketball and track. In her sophomore year, Rudolph scored 803 points, setting a record for high school girls' basketball.

Rudolph had already gained some track experience on Burt High School's track team. She was spotted by Ed Temple, Tennessee State's track and field coach, who invited the fourteen-year-old Rudolph to join his summer training program at Tennessee State University (TSU). After attending the track camp, Rudolph won all nine events she entered at an Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) track meet in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Under Temple's guidance, she continued to train regularly at TSU while still a high school student. Wilma raced at amateur athletic events with TSU's women's track team for two more years before enrolling at TSU as a student in 1958.

When Rudolph was sixteen and a junior in high school, she attended the 1956 U.S. Olympic track and field team trials in Seattle, Washington, and qualified to compete in the 200-meter individual event at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia. She was the youngest member of the U.S. Olympic team and was one of five TSU runners to qualify for the 1956 Olympics.

Rudolph was defeated in a preliminary heat of the 200-meter race but ran the third leg of the 4 x 100 m relay. The American team consisted of Wilma Rudolph, Isabelle Daniels, Mae Faggs and Margaret Matthews, all of whom were from TSU. They won the bronze medal, matching the world-record time of 44.9 seconds.



During her senior year of high school, Rudolph became pregnant with her first child, Yolanda, who was born in 1958, a few weeks before her enrollment at Tennessee State University. In 1959, at the Pan American Games in Chicago, Illinois, Rudolph won a silver medal in the 100-meter individual event, as well as a gold medal in the 4 x 100-meter relay. She also won the AAU 200-meter title in 1959 and defended it for four consecutive years.

In 1960, Wilma qualified for the summer Olympics and set her mind to winning gold medals. She won three gold medals and broke three world records. After tying a world record with her time of 11.3 seconds in the 100-meter semifinals, she won the event with her wind-aided mark of 11.0 seconds in the final. Similarly, Rudolph broke the Olympic record in the 200-meter dash (23.2 seconds) in the heats before claiming another gold medal with her time of 24.0 seconds. She was also part of the U.S. team that established the world record in the 400-meter relay (44.4 seconds) before going on to win gold with a time of 44.5 seconds.

She became the first American woman to win three gold medals in track and field at the same Olympic game. Her performance also earned her the title of "the fastest woman in the world." Her performance in Rome cemented her as one of the greatest athletes of the 20th century.

Wilma returned home to Clarksville after completing a post-games European tour. Returning home an Olympic champion Rudolph refused to attend her homecoming parade if it was not integrated. She

won the Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year award in 1961. The following year, Rudolph retired from track and field.

As Wilma explained it, she retired at the peak of her athletic career because she wanted to leave the sport while still at her best. She went on to finish her degree at Tennessee State University and began working in education. In 1961 Rudolph married William War; they divorced two years later in 1963. Later that year, she married Robert Eldridge, the father of Yolanda. Wilma and Eldridge had four children together; Yolanda (1958), Djuanna (1964), Robert Jr., (1965) and Xurry (1971). They divorced after seventeen years of marriage.

Along with teaching, she continued her involvement in sports, working at several community centers throughout the United States. She was inducted into the US Olympic Hall of Fame and started an organization to help amateur track and field stars. In 1990, Rudolph became the first woman to receive the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Silver Anniversary Award.

In 1981, she established and led the Wilma Rudolph Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Indianapolis, Indiana, that trains youth athletes. In 1987, she was named director of the women's track program at DePauw University and served as a consultant on minority affairs to the university's president. In 1992, Wilma became a vice president at Nashville's Baptist Hospital.

In July 1994, Rudolph was diagnosed with brain and throat cancer. Her health rapidly declined. On November 12, 1994, she died at the age of fifty-four, at

her home in Brentwood, Tennessee.

Following her death, her life and legacy continued to be honored. In 1994, a portion of U.S. Route 79 was named Wilma Rudolph Boulevard. A year later, the Wilma Rudolph Memorial Commission placed a black marble marker at her grave site in Edgefield Missionary Baptist Church. In April 1996, a life-size bronze statue of Rudolph was erected "at the southern end of the Cumberland River Walk at the base of the Pedestrian Overpass" at College Street and Riverside Drive in Clarksville.

On August 11, 1995, Tennessee State University dedicated a new, six-story dormitory as the Wilma G. Rudolph Residence Center. The building houses upper-class and graduate women. In 1997, Governor Don Sundquist proclaimed that June 23 be known as "Wilma Rudolph Day" in Tennessee. The December 29, 1999, issue of Sports Illustrated ranked Rudolph first on its list of the top fifty greatest sports figures of the twentieth century from Tennessee.

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MICHAEL JASPER

Champions Representation in Leadership Roles in Football, Beyond

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In an exclusive interview with Coach Michael Jasper, Bethel University's head football coach, I gained invaluable insight into his journey and the profound significance of representation in leadership roles within the football industry. Coach Jasper shared his experiences, challenges, and vision for a more inclusive future.

Jasper started playing football at four years old, laying the foundation for a remarkable journey that surpassed the typical trajectory. His tenure in the sport extended far beyond the norm, culminating in a groundbreaking moment when he was drafted into the prestigious National Football League (NFL) by the Buffalo Bills in the spring of 2011. This pivotal juncture marked a personal triumph as Jasper also made history as the first-ever Bethel Wildcat drafted by the NFL.

Following the conclusion of his playing career, Jasper's enduring love for the sport naturally steered him toward coaching. As an assistant coach for Bethel from 2016 to 2018, Jasper honed his coaching acumen, eagerly awaiting the chance to serve as head coach. In an unexpected turn of events, the opportunity came in 2019.

Reflecting on his journey, Coach Jasper acknowledged his challenges as an African American in football coaching. He emphasized the crucial role of representation in leadership, highlighting its pivotal contribution to societal progress.

I asked Coach Jasper if he could share his journey and experiences as a head football coach and how it has shaped his perspective on the importance of representation in leadership roles.

"My journey has been an incredibly blessed one. Not many get the opportunity that I have, and I am grateful; that being said, it is difficult



in this field, especially for an African American. I think representation in leadership is extremely important to push us all, as a society".

Jasper firmly believes that his presence as a black leader in football is a source of inspiration for aspiring African American athletes, instilling a sense of visibility and belief in achieving success. As a mentor, he aims to be an accessible example for aspiring coaches, regardless of race, emphasizing the importance of authenticity and mentorship in shaping future leaders.

Emphasizing the importance of diversity in coaching staffs, Coach Jasper

underlined its role in team success. He stressed the significance of recruiting and retaining individuals from various backgrounds to foster a culture of trust and unity within the team, ultimately contributing to individual and collective growth.

Beyond the football field, Coach Jasper highlighted the broader significance of representation in leadership roles across industries. He advocated for African Americans to have a voice and influence in diverse sectors, challenging stereotypes, and prejudices through positive representation.

Jasper's coaching philosophy is rooted in creating

an environment conducive to success, prioritizing his players' and coaches' growth and development. His initiatives, such as "Manhood Mondays" and "High Five Fridays," transcend the football field, instilling values that empower his players in life beyond the game. He prepares his players to be leaders on the field and in the community.

Coach Jasper's unwavering commitment to fostering diversity, inclusion, mentorship, and holistic development has earned him prestigious accolades, including the 2023 Mid-South Conference Male Coach for Significance award. This esteemed recognition cele-

brates coaches who exemplify outstanding teaching, serve as exemplary role models, and exhibit dynamic leadership qualities.

Jasper's enduring legacy was solidified with his induction into the 2023 Class of the Bethel Athletics Hall of Fame, a testament to his lasting influence and impact on the Bethel community. Despite his numerous achievements, Coach Jasper remains dedicated to personal and professional growth, exemplifying an unwavering commitment to excellence and inclusivity that continues to inspire and uplift both within the football industry and beyond.

GET TO KNOW

7 Influential Black Americans

The number of Black Americans who have made contributions to the country and the world are innumerable. Here is just a brief cross-section of some of the trailblazing individuals worthy of recognition.

RICHARD ALLEN

Allen was a minister, educator and writer based in Philadelphia. Allen founded the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which was the first independent Black denomination in the U.S. Allen was born into slavery, but bought his freedom in the 1780s. Because of restrictions dictating where Blacks could sit at church, Allen left to form his own.

BAYARD RUSTIN

Although Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is often credited with the 1963 March on Washington, it actually was Rustin who organized and strategized the event. Rustin had controversial ties to Communism and was a gay man, so he wasn't always publicly on the front lines of the Civil Rights movement. Nonetheless, his brilliant mind and innovative ideas helped serve his community.

MEDGAR EVERS

Many people tirelessly contributed to the Civil Rights movement, and Evers is one of them. Evers was a World War II veteran and later a civil rights leader in Mississippi. He became the NAACP's first field officer in that state and helped lead protests against segregation at schools, public parks and more.

DOROTHY HEIGHT

Height is known as the "godmother of the women's movement." She used her experience in social work and education to advance women's rights, becoming a strong leader in the Young Women's Christian Association and the president of the National Council of Negro Women.

ARTHUR ASHE

Ashe was the first Black player selected to the United States Davis Cup tennis team and the only Black man ever to win the singles title at Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the Australian Open. Ashe suffered a heart attack during a tennis clinic, so he became a spokesperson for hereditary heart

disease. Later, when he contracted HIV from a blood transfusion used during a heart surgery, he founded the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS. Ashe was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton.

KOBE BRYANT

The basketball world mourned in 2020 when Bryant and his daughter, Gigi, tragically perished in a helicopter crash. An NBA star who won five championships and a member of the gold-winning U.S. men's Olympic basketball teams in 2008 and 2012, Bryant also was an advocate for the homeless. His Kobe and Vanessa Bryant Family Foundation sought to reduce the homeless population in Los Angeles.

MAE JEMISON

Jemison holds the honor of being the first Black woman to orbit space. She was on the shuttle Endeavour, and also is a physician and teacher. After leaving NASA, Jemison founded the Jemison Group, which develops technological advancements.

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His Legacy Still Lives On

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, GA on January 15th, 1929. He was one of the most important and influential Civil Rights leaders in the 1950s and 1960s. The cornerstones of his activism were based on non-violence and civil disobedience, both of which were inspired by his Christian faith and the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi.

He rose to prominence as a leader in 1955 during the Montgomery bus boycott when he was selected to take charge to desegregate the bus services. Afterwards he was elected the president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). From this position, he helped organize many Civil Rights movement actions. The most famous being the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. It was then, on the stairs of the Lincoln Memorial, that Dr. King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. He also won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, and in 1965 helped organize the Selma to Montgomery marches to advocate for Black voting rights.

His influence and importance came with a heavy price. The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Counter Intel-

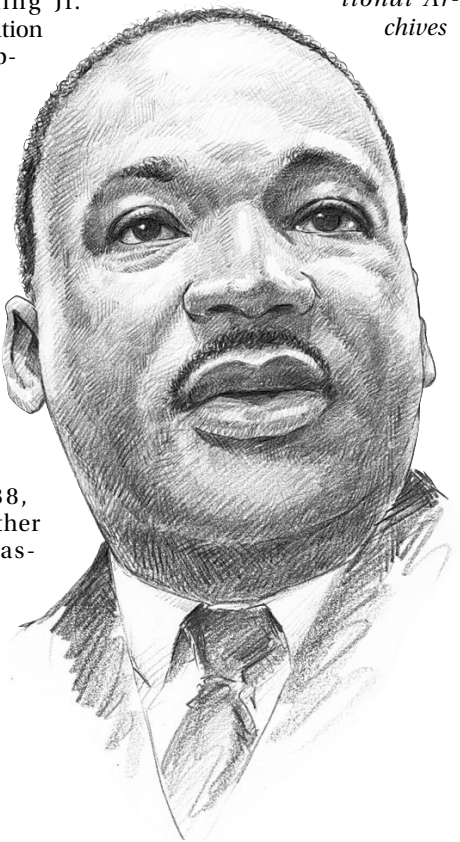
ligence Program (COINTELPRO) began surveillance of Dr. King as FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover believed him to be a threat to the nation. Part of the investigation was trying to tie Dr. King to communism. The FBI even went so far as to write him a threatening letter, anonymous at the time. Dr. King believed the letter had implied for him to commit suicide.

In the later 1960s, Martin Luther King Jr. turned his attention to poverty, capitalism, and the war in Vietnam. Dr. King wanted to occupy Washington, D.C. for his Poor People's Campaign but he unfortunately never got the chance. On April 4th, 1968, at the age of 38, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

He was posthumously awarded the Presidential

Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal. In 1986 President Ronald Reagan signed legislation enacting Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which created a national holiday on the third Monday in January to remember Dr. King on his birthday. His legacy for nonviolent action and civil disobedience still lives on.

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Portia ZELLARS

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Portia Morgan Zellars is a dedicated family member, educator, and church and community volunteer who has spent her entire adult life pouring into generations of students in the public schools in Charleston, Missouri. She was a 16 year-old high school valedictorian in 1965 when she entered then-Bethel College, one of two African American female students to enroll. Portia was an education major and dedicated student. While in college she made a number of lifelong friends, including her future husband, Clarence "Sam" Zellars. She was nearing graduation and had received a Peace Corps assignment to work in Africa when she attended a career fair on campus and met a Bethel alum/school superintendent who was recruiting teachers. The 20 year old changed her career plans, and in the summer of 1969 she moved to Charleston, Missouri, as a new wife and High School Math Teacher.

Portia initially taught both math and English at Charleston High School, but she later was appointed Chairperson of the Math Department. She ultimately taught 44 years before retiring in 2005. She returned to the district in part-time roles for several more years to serve as a mentor for other teachers and as a Middle School Math Teacher. In her off time, she also worked as a Math Instructor at Shawnee (Illinois) Community College. Portia is as much a community servant as she is an educator. She joined Perry Chapel A.M.E. Church soon after her arrival in Charleston. She has been

Church Secretary for more than 40 years, and also serves on the Steward and Stewardess boards, sings in the choir, participates in the Lay Organization, and teaches the adult Sunday School class. Over the years, she has participated in the NAACP, volunteered with Meals on Wheels food delivery, and worked as a Summer Enrichment Leader and Afterschool Tutor to help students gain and maintain academic skills. She is currently completing her second term as a member of the Charleston Board of Education. Portia and Sam have two daughters, Tamara (Patrick) Buck and Clarissa (Brian) Stith. Both followed their mom into careers in education. They also have two grandsons, Jerry (Genevive) Buck and Patrick Buck Jr., and two great-granddaughters, Charlie and Morgan Buck.

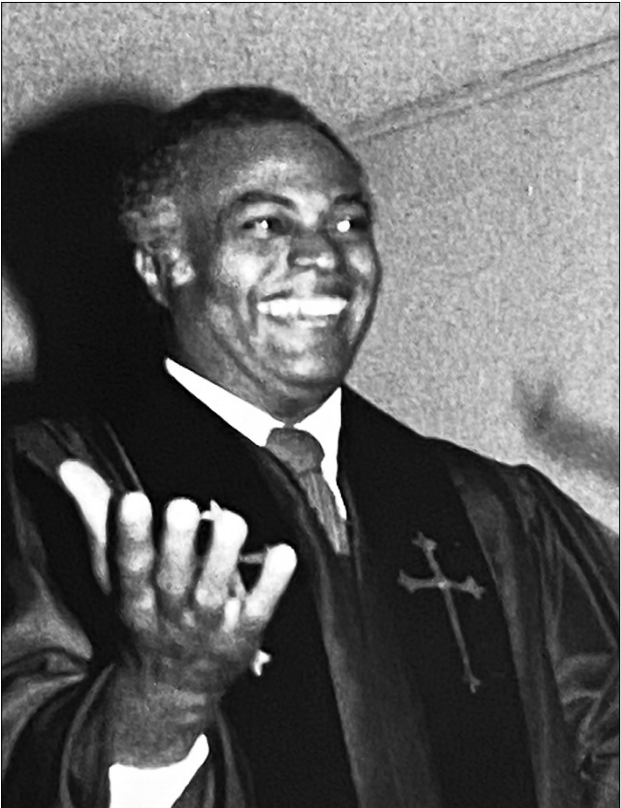
"We will all, at some point, encounter hurdles to gaining access and entry, moving up and conquering self-doubt; but on the other side is the capacity to own opportunity and tell our own story." — Stacey Abrams

REVEREND JOEL RICE

BETHEL UNIVERSITY 2023 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

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Today, Bethel University is a strong, vibrant, and diversified campus because of Reverend Joel Rice's decision to break barriers and attend Bethel College. In the fall of 1961, Rice entered Bethel College as its first African American student. While his admission was not without controversy, Joel Rice arrived in McKenzie, Tennessee from Muskogee, Oklahoma without the fanfare that usually accompanied the integration process in the 1960s. He quickly led morning devotionals during "Spiritual Awareness Week," and in 1962 was joined on campus by the second and third African American students. In 1964, the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly asked Bethel College to broaden the scope of "its ministry by becoming open to all qualified people, and that the Seminary be opened to persons of all races and denominations." Integration of the institutions was at that point both possible and legal within the policy of the denomination. On June 10th, 1965, Rice graduated from Bethel College with a Bachelor of the Arts in English and enrolled in the Memphis Theological Seminary. He received an Honorary Doctorate of Ministry in 2022. Rice worked his entire life in service to others. He pastored his first church at



the age of 18 and served churches in Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas-all Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (C.P.C.A.). He served as Executive Secretary of the General Assembly, Vice Moderator of the General Assembly, and Moderator of the General Assembly for the C.P.C.A. denomination. He gave counsel and advice, showed kindness, was a strong leader, and thoroughly knew his Bible and how to open its passages to those he served. He always taught self-respect, inclusion, unity, and racial harmony. "In 1961, Reverend Joel Rice joined our family and became the first African American to attend Bethel. Thankfully, he opened doors in 1961 that changed Bethel's legacy to one we can all be proud of. We are forever grateful for his role in making Bethel University the University it is today. He touched so many lives in his life and left us an example of a life we should all strive to model after." -quote from Dr. Walter Butler, President Emeritus of Bethel University

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Lula Mae Hall Bounds

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Lula Mae Hall, the eldest of ten children, was born on November 10, 1928, to the late David and Luella (Bell) Hall, in the small, mighty town of McMoresville, Tennessee. She stems from a large family of ten: Joe David, Ruby Nell, L. C., Mary Virginia, Thomas Jefferson, Madeline, Richard Lynn, Linda Ann, and Pamela D. Later, Lula's siblings increased with the addition of four girls – one of whom was her niece, Evangeline, and three first cousins, Deatrice, Charlotte, and Lisa. Jesus Christ blessed their parents to raise them as their children, too. Their family count included fourteen, but one brother died at birth.

As Pamela voiced, “Our parents loved, nurtured, and raised all of us in the ‘discipline, admonition, and instruction of God’ King James Version of the Holy Bible (Ephesians 6:4); and they emphasized the extreme importance of education to us all.”

Lula joined the Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McMoresville as a young child, and she remained a faithful member until after graduating from college, teaching for several years, marrying, and moving to Kansas. She joined Saint Paul Presbyterian Church and provided dedicated service to Christ there for over fifty years. Subsequently, she served as an ordained deacon and an ordained elder for many of those years, and president of the Presbyterian Women's Organization, and a member of the Presby-Ads, a group of young adults.

Later, she worked in many church service areas.

Lula completed her elementary education at Dunbar Elementary School (grades 1-8) in McMoresville. She walked to school daily, and many of her parents' white neighbors often stopped and welcomed Lula to come inside their homes and warm her hands and feet before continuing her stride to school. Too, she exhibited extraordinary educational knowledge and skills during her elementary years, Lula accomplished two grades - second and third - in one year.

Pamela, a retired teacher herself who resides in Trezevant, said, “As a family, we greatly admired this accomplishment, and had we known the term ‘child prodigy’ as it is spoken today, that would have been our characterization of our Lula. We admired then and now how she always voices her strong opinions, stands firmly on those convictions,

and refuses to be shaken by anyone – especially on political matters. “Lula commands respect”

Next, she graduated in 1946 from Webb High School of McKenzie and she acquired her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from A & I State University – now called Tennessee State University of Nashville. In 1970, she earned a master's degree of Health and Physical Education from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas.

As Lula reminisces about her favorite teachers, she names Mrs. Mabel E. Nesbitt, Miss Ethel Seets, and Miss Selita Hyder at Webb. Further, recalling her post-secondary years, she acknowledges and thanks Mrs. Mattie and Mr. Walter Flowers, who were instructors at the then-A & I State University in Nashville. They assisted her financially by providing work in their home for her to do to aid in the payment of her tuition and expenses through college.

Pamela said, “I even recollect viewing and reading her problem paper, which was bound in a red hardback book and was required before she could take the thesis exam, pass, and graduate from Kansas State University with a master's degree. Moreover, I first noticed it at my parents' home after I had graduated from college, and perhaps, only then, because Lula had given it to our parents for their safekeeping and as a thank you for their love and many sacrifices of making it possible for her to achieve this great triumph.”

At the onset, Lula's employment in Kansas City transpired with the Kaw View Detention Center as a supervisor. In 1951, she began her teaching career as a physical education teacher and a girls' basketball coach at Phelix High School in Marion, Arkansas. Later, she taught grades 9-12 Physical Education and served as a girls' basketball coach at Lincoln High School in Forrest City, Arkansas. Next, she taught 5th & 6th grades for two years at her high school alma mater, Webb School.

In 1955, she married Herman Bounds, Sr., and they moved to Kansas City, Kansas; her husband was a good family provider, working first at Swift Meat Manufacturing Company and later as a security guard at Southeast Middle School in Kansas City, Missouri, and as a security guard during the summer months at the swimming pool at Kansas City, Kansas, Board of Public Utilities. They have one son, Herman Bounds, Jr. (Robin), who has retired from the United States Army, has



earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Oklahoma State University and Southeastern Oklahoma University, respectively; and has achieved his Ed. S degree from Walden University of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He has taught on the college level as an Adjunct Professor at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in aviation and as Deputy Director at Metro Technology Center – Oklahoma Aviation Campus of Technology. He currently works for the United States Department of Education in Washington, D.C., as the director of the Accreditation Group, where he has worked for twelve years. Lula's husband, Herman Sr., transitioned in 1980. Lula has five beautiful grandchildren: Kimberly, Desiree (Aaron), Danielle, Damon (Jacki), and Gregory; and she has five precious great-grandchildren.

In 1960, she taught Physical Education in grades 7-9 for eight years at Central Junior High School in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1968, Lula was asked to fill a position

at Southeast High School (grades 9-12) to assist with integrating the school. There, she coached high school volleyball, basketball, and track; and she sponsored the Pep Club. Her track team always placed in the local and state competitions. With a big smile, she recalled the clippings and pictures from the newspaper in Kansas City, Missouri, and her home newspaper – The McKenzie Banner – with an article about a hometown girl, Lula Hall Bounds of McMoresville, and her girls' track team being Interscholastic League Champions. Lula was the first woman ever to win that award. For the 1974-75 school year, Lula was named Track Coach of the Year.

She retired in 1994 from the Kansas City, Missouri, School System, rendering thirty-four years of teaching service. Additionally, she worked as a substitute teacher for the USD 500 Kansas City, Kansas School System from 1994 – 2011 (seventeen years). Her son stated, “Mom's philosophy has been that every child can learn if



Left, Lula Mae Hall Bounds in the year 2024. Above, Lula Mae Hall when she was in high school.

he/she works.”

Her family esteemed Lula for her ability to travel the world – particularly at a time when it was deemed a rarity for African Americans. Her family could hardly wait for Lula to arrive home at McMoresville, during July, August, or Labor Day weekend to share with them her family travels. Pamela vocalized, “She not only told stories, but this teacher always made her adventures come to life with pictures and special media equipment for us to view and imagine ourselves traveling alongside her.”

Lula has vacationed in all the states in the United States except Maine, Delaware, New Hampshire, and Vermont. She has traversed to Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Italy, Egypt, Prague, Germany, London, Paris, France, Puerto Rico, Haiti, Dominican Republic, England, Switzerland, Jamaica, Belgium, the Virgin Islands, and the Holy Land. What places our family were able to travel while merely sitting in our living room!”

On March 3, 1962, Lula joined the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., where she is a charter member of Gamma Beta Chapter, a Fifty- Year Member, and a Life Member.

Lula was a beautiful sister in her young years, and she is still beautiful at this seasoned year of ninety-five. Ronnie, a brother-in-law, seeing a picture of Lula in her younger days, said that she looked like a movie star. No one can believe that she is ninety-five years young!

Pamela communicated, “When Lula came home in the summer, she always modeled her latest exercises and dances from her years of teaching physical education. Of course, our family had to be active participants! I can still remember all of us doing that Hawaiian dance with our hips, arms, and hands swaying from left to right! She made exercising so much fun. Moreover, she still exercises at the Kansas City Kansas (KCK) Community College Wellness Center She did stop driving to Tennessee when she reached the age of 89.

Lastly, Education continues to be vitally important to Lula, and she wants all her family to treasure and embrace the learning. She has always brought the youngsters in her family things relevant to teaching – educational posters, books, handouts, pencils, pens, erasers, student achievement certificates, grade books, lesson plan books, teacher sweatshirts, etc., and to this day, she continues that tradition. A writer has said, “Wisdom is knowing what to do next; skill is knowing how to do it; and virtue is doing it.” Her family postulates that Lula holds mastery of all three.

Pamela concludes, “Congratulations on being ninety-five years young and now our family's matriarch. We salute and applaud you during Black History Month!

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Paul Robeson

ATHLETE, LAWYER, SINGER, ACTOR, POLITICAL ACTIVIST

(April 9, 1898 - January 29, 1976)

Paul Leroy Robeson was born in Princeton, NJ, on April 9, 1898. His mother was a schoolteacher, and his father was a runaway slave who became a Presbyterian minister. Robeson graduated from Rutgers University, where he excelled in athletics and held a Phi Beta Kappa key. Afterwards, he played professional football and graduated from Columbia University School of Law.

Although he worked briefly as a lawyer, Robeson turned his back on a legal career due to issues of racism. Instead, he turned his attention toward acting and singing. During the Harlem Renaissance, he starred in the Broadway productions of The Emperor Jones and All God's Chillun Got Wings. He performed renditions of African American folk songs and spirituals alongside musician Lawrence Brown at Provincetown Playhouse in Manhattan. Later, his popularity rose when he starred in a production of Show Boat at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane in London. He became increasingly well-known for his rendition of the song "Ol' Man River." His most notable film roles were in Body and Soul (1925) and Show Boat (1936).

Robeson was also involved in politics, receiving the 1953 Stalin Peace Prize for openly supporting the Soviet Union. He gained a reputation as an outspoken Black Nationalist who criticized the U.S.



government's perpetuation of racism and imperialist activities. This stance earned him scrutiny from Senator Joseph McCarthy in the days of the Red Scare. In 1950, his passport was revoked as

a result of being deemed a threat to national security, but his travel ban ended in 1958. He continued to perform concerts in Europe until he became ill and returned to the U.S. In 1976, he died of ce-

rebral vascular disorder at the age of 77 in Philadelphia. To this day, he remains a symbol of pride and consciousness to many African Americans.

Source: The National Archives

Muhammad Ali

FIGHTING AGAINST RACIAL ADVERSITY

(January 17, 1942-June 6, 2016)

Born Cassius Clay in Louisville, Kentucky, Muhammad Ali is consistently ranked as one of the greatest boxers of all time. At the age of 18, Ali traveled to Rome, Italy to participate in the 1960 Olympics. He won the gold medal in light heavyweight boxing and returned to the United States to pursue his professional boxing career shortly thereafter. It was also around this time that Clay became a member of the Nation of Islam, announcing his name as Cassius X, then Muhammad Ali in 1964.

In 1967, Ali had been reigning world heavyweight champion for three years when he publicly refused to be inducted into the American military during the Vietnam War. As a result of his actions, boxing officials decided to punish Ali by stripping him of his titles and suspending him from the game of boxing. During his suspension from 1967-1970, Ali became an activist and toured around the world speaking to civil rights organizations and anti-war groups.

After 1970, Ali regained the title of heavyweight champion after defeating George Foreman in a match known as "The Rumble in the Jungle." He continued fighting until 1981, ending his career with a 56-5 professional record.

Source: The National Archives

Lifting As We Climb

Mary Church Terrell

(September 23, 1863 - July 24, 1954)

Mary Church Terrell was a civil rights and women's rights activist. She was born on September 23, 1863 in Memphis, Tennessee. She was one of the first African American women to attend Oberlin College in Ohio, earning an undergraduate degree in Classics in 1884, and a graduate degree in Education in 1888. Terrell taught at Wilberforce College in Xenia, Ohio, and then relocated to Washington, DC in 1887 to teach at the M Street High

School. Terrell was heavily involved in the Black Women's Club Movement. She served as the first president of the National Association of Colored Women (NACW), an organization that fought for voting rights and equal rights with the motto "lifting as we climb." Terrell was also instrumental in the founding and advancement of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), National Association of College Women and Delta Sigma Theta

Sorority, Incorporated. Throughout her club involvement, Terrell continued educating pupils at the now renamed Dunbar High School, and was appointed superintendent of the school in 1895.

Terrell was a notable Black leader in the suffragettes movement, as well as the civil rights movement during the first part of the twentieth century. She advocated and wrote many articles and poems in major publications and newspapers on the topics of race, gender, and promoting the Club Movement, often using the pen name Euphemia Kirk. Her

most influential works include A Colored Woman in a White World and "What it means to be Colored in the Capital of the United States." In 1950, Mary Church Terrell was involved in a successful lawsuit that led to the desegregation of DC area restaurants. She also succeeded in pushing her local chapter of American Association of University Women (AAUW) to allow African Americans to join its association.

Mary Church Terrell died in 1954 at the age of 90, in Highland Beach, Maryland.

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