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West Carroll Approves Trips, Hires Attorney

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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ATWOOD (February 9) — West Carroll Board of Education met Tuesday, February 9 at the West Carroll Junior/Senior High School for its regular February meeting. On the agenda were two student trips and the hiring of a new attorney.

In years past, the school system utilized the services of different attorneys as needed. After some discussion, the board chose to utilize the services of Purcell, Sellers and Craig (PSC) of Jackson, which the system has used periodically. During a pre-meeting workshop, the board learned WCSSD spent \$16,000 last year for various legal services through Purcell and other law firms. The board chose to limit the legal representation to PSC with a \$500 monthly retainer fee. That fee will apply toward the cost of any legal services needed and an attorney will attend the monthly meetings. Dexter Williams, director of schools, said the contact attorney will be Christopher Hayden, who will attend the meetings and opine as requested during the meetings. Purcell is a McKenzie native.

In other business, the board approved a grant application to secure E-Rate funding for eligible computer services. Sheila Brawnner, technology director, requested she, Roger Murley, and Director Williams to choose the needed items to apply for the bid. The board approved the application for the services and the members of the committee. The board approved student trips for the FFA to travel to Gatlinburg for the June 27 convention, and the Beta Club members, who qualify in the state convention, to travel to the National Convention in Florida.

Both trips were approved on the first of two readings. Williams said the school received approximately \$39,000 in extra state funds, which will be used for bonuses to teachers in the amount of approximately \$400 each.

The board decided to review the director's contract in the May meeting.

During the workshop, Board Member Patrick Lindsey said the programs, such as band, cheerleading, and sports should receive adequate school funding to eliminate students from selling tickets, strawberries, and other items to raise funds. "I don't mind paying higher taxes to keep students from knocking on the door," said Lindsey.

Lindsey said the seniors' Great Pretenders should be allowed to use the school's gymnasium for its performance instead of traveling to Huntingdon for the event. Williams said he was meeting with the Project Graduation Committee that very week.

Lindsey also said he is concerned about the roadside signage in front of the Elementary School in Trezevant. He said it is hard to read.

Tracy Foster, principal at WCES, said the sign is located in a ditch and a portion of the sign is broken. A few years ago, one quote for new signage was \$17,000. Mr. Williams said he can get quotes on a new sign.

Lindsey said he would like to see more emphasis on pursuing vocational education.

Kelly Todd, principal at WCHS said the students have the opportunity to attend the county high school vocational school in Huntingdon or the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in McKenzie.

The board was told students tour both facilities to pique any interest in attending.



Students Graduate from Youth Leadership Carroll County

Youth Leadership Carroll County is divided into four sessions covering an enormous amount of information. Topics included personal finance, team building, demographics, recycling, personal correspondence, personal safety,

mental health, agriculture and more. Students visited Associated Publishers, Carroll County 1,000 Acre Recreational Lake, CSI, Dynamix Casting and Fluxes, Webb School, Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, Carroll County Government, and

many other places. The members of the class of 2020-2021 are Allie Chapell, Andrew Murphy, Ashlyn Drewry, Bethany Miller, Briley Lankford, Brooke Butler, Carson Warman, Carter Cary, Clark Bradley, Emily Reeves, Hope

Coleman, Jaycan Martin, Kailyn Tucker, Kaleb Coleman, Lauren Mansfield, Lyndsey Summers, Maria McMackins, Myles Rogers, Noah Hampton, Perfect Lor, Sarah Derryberry, Sydney Page, Thomas Crews, Tyler Johnson, and Wade Smith.

Fire Department Extinguishes Two Outbuilding Fires

McKENZIE (February 3) — McKenzie Fire Department responded to a February 3, 6:18 a.m. fire of an outbuilding behind a residence on Tennessee Street.

When the department arrived, firefighters discovered it was two outbuildings on fire. The department utilized two attack lines to extinguish the fires. One belonged to Chris Kemp and the other to Betty Johnson.

The department stayed on the scene approximately one hour.



Charter Communications to Expand Broadband into Area Rural Counties

NASHVILLE — State Senator John Stevens (R-Huntingdon) made the following statement in regards to the announcement by Charter Communications planned expansion of broadband to unserved communities through the Rural Digital Development Fund (RDOF). The initiative includes a \$17.49 million investment to expand broadband to 13,573 households in

District 24 which Stevens represents in the Tennessee Senate.

"I am delighted that so many homes in our rural communities will be connected through this initiative," said Sen. Stevens. "Broadband is becoming increasingly important to the way students are educated, medical services are provided, government services are delivered, and business is conducted. In addition, broadband is essential as we work to create high quality jobs for our citizens."

"Government partnering with the private sector to fill the gaps is paramount to ensuring broadband services are deployed effectively," he added. "I applaud Charter's efforts and look forward to continue seeing many more of our homes connected in the near future."

Following is the county breakdown of households and investment: Benton - 4,118 households, \$5.19 million; Carroll, 3,045 households, \$5.76 million; Gibson, 506 households, \$284,000; Henry, 1,120 households, \$654,000, Weakley, 3,721 households, \$2.86 million; Obion, 1,063 households, \$2.7 million.

Charter Communications Received \$92.9 Million in reverse auction to expand broadband to over 79,000 Locations in Tennessee

Charter Communications announced the launch of a multiyear, multibillion-dollar broadband buildout initiative to deliver gigabit high-speed broadband access to more than 1 million unserved customer locations, as estimated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and awarded to Charter in the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) Phase I auction. Charter expects to invest approximately \$5 billion to support its buildout initiative - offset by \$1.2 billion in support won from the RDOF auction - expanding Charter's network to lower-density, mostly rural communities that do not have access to broadband service of at least 25/3 Mbps. In

Tennessee, that includes \$92 Million in RDOF funds to expand service to over 79,000 locations across Tennessee.

The new initiative is in addition to Charter's existing network expansion plans, including numerous state broadband grant projects, as well as the Company's previously planned privately funded expansions. The network Charter will build in these rural areas will offer 1 Gbps high-speed broadband access to all newly served customer locations with starting speeds of 200 Mbps, enabling consumers to engage in remote learning, work, telemedicine and other applications that require high-bandwidth, low-latency connectivity. These new customer locations also will benefit from Charter's high-value Spectrum pricing and packaging structure, including its Spectrum Mobile™, Spectrum TV and Spectrum Voice offerings. The Company will continue to apply its customer-friendly policies in newly served regions, including no data caps, modem fees or annual contracts, combined with high-quality service provided by U.S.-based, insourced employees.

"The pandemic has further highlighted the need for broadband availability and adoption and Charter is committed to furthering its efforts as part of the comprehensive solution needed to address these challenges," said Tom Rutledge, Chairman and CEO of Charter Communications. "As Americans across the country increasingly rely on broadband to work, learn, access healthcare and stay in touch with family and loved ones, bringing broadband access to more unserved areas should be a priority for all stakeholders. Charter's new multibillion-dollar buildout initiative further highlights the importance of the sophisticated broadband networks that the U.S. cable industry has built over several decades, and the industry's commitment to the local communities it serves. As we continue to help pro-

vide more Americans with reliable access to the internet ecosystem, our hope is that federal, state and local authorities, other private companies, pole owners and broadband providers will work together and play a pivotal role in expanding networks to unserved areas."

Preparation for the RDOF Phase I broadband buildout has already begun and will include Charter expanding its existing construction organization in order to focus on deployment of this new fiber optic network. Charter expects to hire more than 2,000 employees and contractors to support the RDOF and future rural buildout initiatives. In addition to Charter's ongoing network expansion, the RDOF program alone will drive a 15% increase in the Company's network mileage coverage while expanding service to more than 1 million previously unserved homes and businesses across 24 states as estimated by the FCC.

The successful and timely execution of today's announced initiative is dependent on a variety of external factors, including the utility pole permitting and "make-ready" processes. With fewer homes and businesses in these areas, broadband providers need to access multiple poles for every new home served, as opposed to multiple homes per pole in higher-density settings. As a result, pole applications, pole replacement rules and their affiliated issue resolution processes are all factors that can have a significant impact on the length of time it takes to build into these rural areas.

Rutledge added, "The more cooperation we have with the pole owners and utility companies, the faster we can connect these communities with high-speed internet services. We look forward to working with local municipalities, electric cooperatives, and investor-owned utilities to ensure that permits are obtained in a timely, fair and cost-effective fashion."

Trezevant Approves Contract to Apply for Sewer Grant

TREZEVANT (February 9) — The Board of Aldermen for the Town of Trezevant approved the contract for professional services as part of an application for a sewer rehabilitation grant application.

A2H was approved to complete the engineering study and Community Development Partners was approved as the administrator of the project should the

city receive the grant.

In other business, the board authorized the city's building inspector to review eight parcels of property which appear to be in violation of city ordinances and are unsightly. Ricky Watkins of Bolivar will inspect the property and correspond with the owners concerning any infractions of city code.

The board approved to seek bids to upgrade the city park's restrooms and install a new roof on the two-story structure at the park. The request is to make the restrooms handicap accessible. Sealed bids must be submitted by March 5 and will be opened on March 9.

Leon Lyle said the city is still seeking a van for the fire department.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- Paris – TCAT, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. & 12 p.m.-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- Paris – Henry County Medical Center, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 12:30 p.m.-4 p.m.
- Milan – First United Methodist Church, 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

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Left, Brinley Dodd and her baby sister Sophie Dodd enjoying the snow on Valentine's Day. Photo courtesy of their mother, Angela Dodd of McKenzie. Right, Hazardous road conditions between Trezevant and McKenzie on Monday. Photo courtesy of Lisa Carrell Ellis of McKenzie.

Snow

...From Front Page

National Weather Service in Memphis, indicated Monday, February 15 to have snow, possibly mixed with sleet, becoming all snow after 11 a.m. The snow could be heavy at times. High near 18. Wind chill values as low as 2. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Total daytime snow and sleet accumulation of 4 to 8 inches possible. Monday night predicted temperatures around 3 degrees with wind chills of -8 and additional snow accumulation.

Tuesday was predicted with a temperature as high as 18 with wind chills of -8. Tuesday night, temps are expected as low as 9 degrees

with wind chills of 2 degrees. Snow returns Wednesday, mainly after 1 p.m. with a high of near 31 degrees. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent with new accumulation of less than one inch. Wednesday night indicates more snow mixed with freezing rain, low around 26 degrees; new snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches possible.

Thursday indicates a possible mix of snow and freezing rain. The temperature high is around 30 degrees. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. Thursday night, a 40 percent chance of snow is possible before 7 p.m. The low temperature is around 10 degrees.

Friday indicates a high of near 27 degrees with a low of 11 on Friday night.

Saturday indicates a high of 38 degrees with a low of 28.

Sunday indicates a high

of 45 degrees with a chance of rain.

Tennessee Department of Transportation is treating by blading and applying salt to state highways and interstates. Side roads will not be treated, most likely. Motorists are asked not to travel, but one must, to drive slow and have a supply of emergency supplies.

To remain safe at home, be sure to open cabinet doors to allow heat to plumbing, especially those fixtures that are near exterior walls. If pipes are subject to freeze, plumbers advice to leave a small stream of water running on a faucet farthest away from the water input line.

High school basketball tournament play will probably be suspended through the week. Check www.mckenziebanner.com for updates of closures.

Address

...From Front Page

Construction began on the 2015 and 2016 Safe Routes to School grants for the continuation of sidewalks in the Middle School area along Clark Street.

Planning and design for water system improvements including automated meter reading, replacement of East Main Street waterline, and extension of water service along Highway 77.

The award of 2020 CDBG grant in the amount of \$526,435 for sewer system improvements.

VP Racing Fuels, Inc. received \$200,000 FastTrack Economic Development Grant.

Completion of the Dynamix Casting Fluxes, LLC facility in Industrial Park South.

Dynamix Casting Fluxes, LLC received \$125,000 FastTrack Economic Development Grant.

The Police Department purchased an SUV from the Drug Fund to be used as a K9 vehicle.

Projects on the horizon

for 2021 include:

The completion of the renovation of the Huntingdon Historical Museum.

The continuation and completion of the 2015 and 2016 Safe Routes to School grants.

The continuation of water system improvements design and beginning the construction phase.

Working with West Tenn. River Basin Authority (WTRBA) to repair culverts to assist with flooding issues. WTRBA has approved \$100,000 for this project.

The Local Sales Tax Collection in 2020 shows a 5.5% growth in collections over 2019. The increase can be contributed to an increase in shopping local. It is important to note that 50% of all Local Option Sales Tax collected in Carroll County goes to our local schools in the county.

Although The Dixie was unable to complete its season in 2020, The Dixie staff is continuing to work on building upon established relationships and developing a network of artists for main events and school-time performances for when the center is able to open the doors once again.

The Huntingdon Special School District continues to excel and experience academic growth for the school system which in turn benefits our Town and community as a whole.

The Industrial Board continues to pursue a tenant for the Spec Building and work with local industries and individuals providing for their needs as exist today and any potential expansions for the future. We strive to continue to make Huntingdon a business-friendly community.

Obtaining grant funds make many things possible for our community that we would not be able to do otherwise.

The Town of Huntingdon is fortunate to have personnel that provide excellent services for our citizens. We appreciate the service and hard work of all our employees and look forward to another productive year.

In closing, I commend the citizens, councilmembers and employees for their impact and investments in the future of Huntingdon and Carroll County.

Unemployment Increases in Area, State

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NASHVILLE — Unemployment in all 95 counties in Tennessee increased during December 2020 compared to one month and one year earlier.

According to statistics from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Tennessee had an overall unemployment rate of 6.4 percent compared to the higher U.S. rate of 6.7 percent.

Carroll County recorded 11,656 employed from a labor force of 12,520, leaving 864 unemployed. The December rate was 6.9 percent, compared to 5.5 one month earlier and 4.7 one year earlier.

Henry County had 13,367 employed from a labor force of 14,374, leaving 630 unemployed. The December rate was 7.0 percent compared to 5.3 one month earlier and 4.2 one year earlier.

Weakley County had 15,234 employed from a labor force of 16,172, leaving 938 unem-

ployed. The December rate was 5.8 percent, compared to 4.6 one month earlier and 3.4 one year earlier.

Williamson County recorded the lowest unemployment rate at 4.2 percent. Lake County had the highest at 10.6 percent. Three West Tennessee counties were in the 10 counties with the highest unemployment. Those were Lake, McNairy and Shelby.

The counties with the lowest unemployment are generally clustered around Nashville.

Town of Huntingdon Approves 2019-20 Audit, Seeks Grant for Fire Pumper

HUNTINGDON (February 9) — The Town of Huntingdon Board of Mayor and Council approved the 2019-20 fiscal year audit during its February 9 meeting.

Mayor Dale Kelley said of the audit:

The Fiscal Year 2020 Audit had no current year or prior year findings.

Summary of the Net Change in Fund Balance for each account:

General Fund – increase of \$95,341

The Dixie PAC – increase of \$7,320

Drug Fund – decrease of \$25,508 (purchase of general and transportation equipment from prior year reserves)

Utility Fund – increase of

\$1,311,771 (includes Depreciation Total of \$443,946)

Industrial Board – increase of \$202,995 (includes Depreciation Total of \$38,932)

The board approved the Fire Department's request to submit an application for a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purchase of a Fire Engine Pumper in the amount of \$350,000 with a 5% local match.

Kelley commented on the recent death of Hal Holbrook.

The passing of Hal Holbrook is certainly a loss for the Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Academic Enrichment Center and people in West Tennessee. He was an inspiration and a legend whose memory we will keep alive through the programs

and opportunities that we make available to all ages at the Dixie PAC. Hal took an active role in the design of the theatre and served as an invaluable consultant to the architect. We will certainly miss him and his friendship. We are pleased to continue to share the arts, and his legacy for future generations.

A water bill was adjusted for Palma Adams.

The property located at 379 Cotham Drive had a busted pipe. The bill was \$1,636.69, and under the normal adjustment policy the bill was adjusted to \$393.95. Precedence has been set in prior situations where the council adjusted the bills to \$250.00.

HCMC Announces Department Director Of the Quarter for Last Quarter of 2020

PARIS — Henry County Medical Center proudly announced Steve Delaney, Director of Accounting, as Director of the Quarter at the December's Department Directors' meeting.

Delaney was recognized by Administration for the extra workload that the COVID-19 pandemic placed on him and the Accounting department in regards to workforce and for organization fiscally. Delaney spent countless hours researching funding and then the many changing rules and regulations with how to recognize the funding. To date, the organization has applied for and received \$15.1 million in stimulus and grant

funds. We also received another \$11 million in Medicare Advanced Payments. This funding pays for crisis pay, hazard pay, and retention pay.

"We cannot say thank you enough for finding and securing these funds," said Lisa Casteel, CEO. "Steve has also spent the past eight months serving behind the scenes truly as the interim CFO, even though he did not want to be recognized that way in title. We all recognize the spirit of support you give to this organization. Thank you again!"

Delaney has served as Director of Accounting at HCMC since 2006 and has worked in healthcare finance

for over 28 years. He and his wife, Danette, enjoy time spent with their family which includes their five grandchildren. Delaney is actively involved serving in various roles at East Wood church of Christ.

"I am so glad to be a part of HCMC and involved in the organization's mission," said Delaney. "This community is blessed to have the services offered by HCMC."

HCMC recognizes department leaders every quarter as well as selecting a department leader of the year at the annual Service Awards Banquet.

McKenzie

...From Front Page

amends the official zoning map of McKenzie by zoning tax parcels 10.05 and 10.07, Henry County Tax Map 162 as M-2 or Heavy Industrial.

Mayor Jill Holland read a proclamation honoring the late Jere Cox, who served as curator of the Governor Gordon Weaver Browning Genealogical Library and Museum. Cox died in January.

Department supervisors provided their reports. The fire department received

23 calls with one vehicle fire. The fire department received a total of 1391 calls and is continuing to work on filing its remaining openings.

The street department made note its leaf collection service will continue through March 31. After that date, the department will require leaves to be bagged. With spring sports beginning, the parks department is preparing fields and readying bleachers and benches. Mulberry Park received fresh mulch. The sewer rehabilitation project is near completion with work taking place on Bailey, Magnolia and McTyeire. The council was

informed of the clean-up process taking place at the former Gaines Manufacturing business.

Mayor Holland told the council of the sale of the former McKenzie Inn / Avery Properties. The facility was sold to the Patels who own similar properties including the Milan Inn & Suites. The owner informed city officials he planned to follow city ordinances and zoning regulations. Currently, the staff is removing mattresses and other bedding along with updating the flooring and additional remodeling.

The next meeting of the council is March 11, at 6 p.m.

Homicide

...From Front Page

Old Bruceton Road. Deputy Kenny Tucker recognized the driver as McConahie and gave pursuit. Tucker was aware there were warrants for McConahie in Carroll County Circuit Court for failure to appear.

The pursuit was toward Camden, then the bypass. Bunn said the pickup was traveling at over 100 miles

per hour and passing vehicles on double yellow lines. Humphreys County authorities took over the pursuit as McConahie crossed the Tennessee River. Carroll County Deputy was three cars back in the pursuit.

Waverly Police Department deployed spike strips and was able to deflate one tire as McConahie hit the spikes. McConahie disregarded a red signal light and struck a vehicle, killing both Larry Wayne and Patricia Ann Dotson Franklin, both age 67, of

Waverly, Tenn.

McConahie was treated and released at the Waverly hospital. He is held in Humphreys County Jail on over \$1million in bail. He has charges pending in Benton and Carroll counties.

The deceased are survived by a grown daughter and son, seven grandchildren, a parent, brothers and sisters. Burial was in Sanders Cemetery in McEwen, Tenn. Luff-Bowen Funeral Home of Waverly had charge of arrangements.

COVID-19 Vaccine Available at Phipps Pharmacy Huntingdon

HUNTINGDON (February 11) — Phipps Pharmacy, Huntingdon began giving COVID-19 vaccines on Thursday, February 11 by appointment. Appointments can be scheduled at www.phippspharmacy.com. All of the documentation required for the COVID-19 can be completed online to streamline the process. Those without Internet services can call Phipps Pharmacy Huntingdon at 731-535-3522.

The Tennessee COVID-19 Vaccination Plan laid out by the Tennessee Department of Health will be followed for residents in eligible phases. Currently, the State has allo-

cated vaccines for residents aged 70 and older as well as teachers, school staff and child care workers. Residents who were identified in previous phases are also eligible at this time. The Tennessee Department of Health is expanding access to COVID-19 vaccinations with a particular focus on rural areas.

Dr. Jay Phipps stated, "Phipps Pharmacy is excited to support the valiant efforts of our local health department as the first pharmacy in Carroll County to provide COVID-19 vaccines. We feel very privileged to have been chosen by the Tennessee Department of Health to help

with getting these essential vaccines to our community."

All vaccinations will be given at no charge to the recipient regardless of their insurance coverage. Patients with prescription or medical insurance will bring copies of ALL insurance cards to their appointment. The supply provided by the Tennessee Department of Health is very limited and all the vaccines are expected to go quickly. When the appointments are full, patients are encouraged to sign up on phippspharmacy.com to receive a notification when more COVID-19 Vaccine is available.

Leak

...From Front Page

Fire units remained on scene until the utility workers decided that the building was safe to enter. Total time on scene was approximately 3 hours.

Area businesses were allowed to reopen while the Mall remained closed, subject to needed internal gas line repairs.

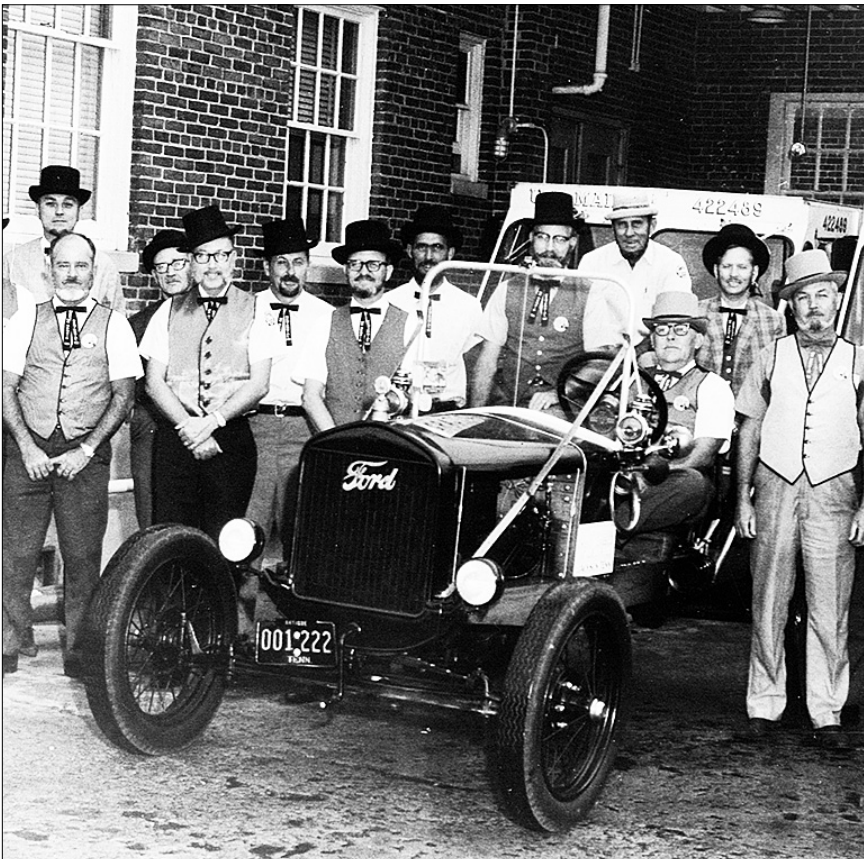
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Top Left, Bobo's Store, 1922 (L to R); Mrs. Erma Heath, Walton James, Graden Featherstone, Fred Ragland, Gordon Finley, J. D. Featherstone, Emma Marshall. Bottom Left, Graden Featherstone, former McKenzie Postmaster, drives his T-Model Ford in a 1979 parade. Right, McKenzie Post Office Brothers of the Brush; from McKenzie's 1969 Centennial Celebration. Graden Featherstone is center sitting in his T-Model Ford.

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Celebrating McKenzie's oldest business and historical record

Graden Featherstone Postmaster, Historian

Graden Ambus Featherstone was born on April 20, 1908, near the Como community in Weakley County to J.D. and Lena Stoker Featherstone. He was one of four children, Murrell Penick, Lozette Burrow and Ann Harris. The family farmed for many years. The Featherstones moved to McKenzie in 1920. In November of the following year, Graden lost his mother. His father remarried in 1926 to Otis Lemoine Taylor. In the spring of 1927, Graden graduated from McKenzie High School and enrolled at

Bethel College. Four years later, he graduated with a degree in science and accepted a job at Eva High School near Camden. In 1936, he began working for U-Tote 'Em at the Union City Store. Later that year he received his first civil service appointment. He was assigned to Nashville to work with the Postal Transportation Service. He worked the assignment until 1943 when he was drafted into the United States Navy during World War II. For a portion of his wartime service, he served as a mail clerk with the Fleet Post Offices stateside and was stationed in the Pacific

Theatre ending up at Guadalcanal, one of the largest postal fleet offices. He was discharged from the Navy in December 1945. He returned to Nashville and resumed his position with the Postal Transportation Service. Graden road the rail for many years perfecting the transportation and delivery of mail. The system he used was the precursor of the ZIP code currently used. The Zoning Improvement Plan (ZIP), started during World War II when the first two numbers were introduced. The initial zoning address system took effect in 1943 when thousands of postal employees left to serve the military during World War II, leaving the system understaffed and in need of simplification. To start, 124 of the largest US cities were classified with two numbers — the first identifying the city and the second the state. The numbers were intended to make sorting easier for less experienced employees. The postal system implemented the three other numbers 20

years later in 1963, as mail volume grew. In 1947, he returned to McKenzie to serve as an auxiliary mail carrier. He purchased a used T-Model Ford and restored it to proper working order for his rural delivery routes. In March 1954, he was appointed Acting Postmaster for McKenzie with the retirement of John Marshall. A few months later, he received the full appointment from President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Graden remained Postmaster until his retirement in 1969. In November 1964, the postal sorting and delivery method he used at Guadalcanal proved invaluable to Graden when McKenzie was selected as one of nine "sectional centers" in Tennessee. Each of Tennessee's grand divisions would have three sections. For West Tennessee, it was Memphis, Jackson and McKenzie. The western section received the prefix of 3. McKenzie and the surrounding area picked up 382. Graden reminded those under

his direction of the significance of the numerology of 382. The numbers matched the locomotive driven by Casey Jones on the night of his fatal crash on April 30, 1900. Jones collided with the caboose of a stalled freight train that had failed to completely clear the right-of-way near Vaughan, Mississippi. Graden was a noted lay-historian who penned numerous historical articles about the local area. One series focused on the railroad's participation in the nation's mail system. He also wrote about the life of Davy Crockett, who moved to Carroll County in 1822 before the creation of Gibson County. Governor Buford Ellington asked him to serve on the Historical Commission of the Civil War Centennial. Early in the creation of the Carroll County Historical Society, Graden served as president. Much of his work was placed in the Gordon Browning Museum. Outside the postal service and historical research, Graden was active in the

American Legion, the Rotary Club and the Baptist Church. He was known as a man of strong beliefs and had the character and steadfastness to stand up for those beliefs. In his later years, Graden took up residence at McKenzie Health Care Center. After a series of strokes and in failing health, he died at age 92 in February 2001. Graden was buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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From the pages of A Pictorial History of McKenzie, Tennessee Published in October 2004



Ice Storm, 1994. File photo originally published in "A Pictorial History of McKenzie, Tennessee," by The McKenzie Banner in October 2004.

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Information Needed

McKenzie and the surrounding communities are rich with history and stories waiting to

be told, but the information or resources are not always available. We need your help. Have a person or topic you want to see featured in the Weekly 150? Please send

information and photos to jmartin@mckenziebanner.com. To do the story right, it is important to provide as much detail as possible and/or photos.

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Miss Ethel Was The Real Valentine

Valentine's Day came and went. I didn't get nothing. Again. The Hallmark Card folks have excommunicated me! I think that small, chubby guy with the wings and a bow and arrow is mad at me for my Valentine actions years ago in elementary school. And that wasn't my fault. Miss Carolyn wouldn't let us cut out the first president's head until we had "hand delivered" to every person in class a Valentine Card. Ye gads! I'm six years old. There were people in that room that I didn't want them to "Be Mine" forever! I didn't like girls and it was embarrassing to lay a card on Bob Edwards' desk that declared "Love You Always." For both of us! Plus, a package of fifty cards cost twenty-five cents at the Ben Franklin Store. Do you have any idea what an enterprising young boy could do with a whole quarter back in those days? That was a Coca-Cola WITH peanuts, two packs of baseball cards and twin Hostess Cupcakes, with the chocolate icing and white swivel across the top. Talk about throwing money down the drain. And we had to do it all over again the next year! It undoubtedly was in the teacher's union playbook. Miss Booth gave us a whole hour after the Blue Bird reading class to exchange cards. I can still feel the embarrassment to this day..... Yogi, of course, finally figured it out. By the third grade he was making his own cards. He cut out a bunch of small hearts from some of the red construction paper we had on hand for the presidents, wrote some enduring

terms like "Eat Dirt", "Party Pooper", "Your Train Has Derailed", etc. and passed them out like he was Cupid on steroids. That cost us a week of recess. My older brother, Leon, didn't see this thing like I did. He gave a card, or two, to every girl in the whole school. He called it "covering all the bases." It made no sense to me. Valentine's and baseball didn't have nothing in common. Fortunately, mandatory Valentine card giving went the way of reading classes, laying our heads down after lunch and clay modeling as our grammar school days wound down. It so silently drifted out of the curriculum that I didn't think to wish it good riddance! Besides, by now I was looking forward to junior high. We could go out for football. We were going to have real lockers and change classes. I was begging Mom to get the word to Dad that I was growing too old for that GI haircut he insisted on.... I was perusing an article in the Weekly Reader about the building of the Aswan Dam in Mrs. Paschall's history class (you could write this story yourself) when Ruth Ann Wiley strolled by. I'd known her all my life. We went to church together. Her father was our Sunday School teacher. My position immediately shifted a bit on this Valentine deal. You know, Leon was a lot smarter than he looked. I shoulda, mighta, could have laid some serious groundwork over the years. But I had no idea that Ruth Ann was going to change! I couldn't think of anything to say to her; nothing

that seemed half-way intelligent anyway. As February 14th approached I thought a nice Valentine card might be the ticket. I now desperately wanted to give her one.....but my embarrassment worked in the opposite direction. What if she laughed? Or wouldn't take it? What if she gave me a Yogi-type card in return? I'm telling you, that chubby guy with the arrows has an impeccable memory. And junior high is not for the faint of heart. The girl from Huntingdon was altogether different. She told me in no uncertain terms to "get her a good card." We'd only been dating for a month or so. I was lost in the card section at John Motheral's Drug Store, realizing Valentine cards had come a long way since "Be Mine" and "Love You." "Kes, do you need some help?" It was Mrs. Ethel Mitchum, one of my all-time favorite ladies from church. She picked out and paid for my first real card. Billie Jean hugged me so I finally got one over on bow and arrow boy. I quit giving Valentine cards to Cathy when the price topped two dollars. I'd didn't have any red presidential construction paper so I just told her I loved her. I did sign six cards for six grandchildren last week. Cathy took Mrs. Mitchum's place. And I took note that the average cost of a card these days is \$5.99. That might buy half a Coke and one Hostess Cupcake. Sometimes grownup life is not for the faint of heart..... Respectfully, Kes

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Obituaries

BYRON ARNOLD PATE, JR. 1942 — 2021

McKENZIE — Family-only graveside services for Byron Arnold Pate, Jr., 79, were Sunday, February 14, 2021 at Mt. Olivet Cemetery with Reverend Kevin Wood officiating.

Mr. Pate, a retired postmaster for the United States Postal Service, died Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at his residence.

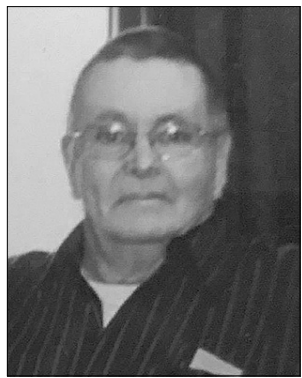
He was born on January 17, 1942 in Gleason, Tennessee to Arnold and Rebecca Castleman Pate.

He was a member of McKenzie Cumberland Presbyterian Church, a graduate of Bethel College, a volunteer for McKenzie United Neighbors, and was on the Carroll County 911 Board.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 55 years, Sandra Kay Rigsby Pate, who died January 28, 2019, a sister Jane Pate and a brother, Jerry Michael Pate.

Survivors include his son, Douglas (Valerie) Pate of Dresden, his daughter, Debbie Pate of McKenzie and a granddaughter, Lauren Troutt.

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



TED FOSTER 1937 — 2021

McKENZIE — Services for Ted Everett Foster, 83, were Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 3 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home with Brother Bob Wood officiating. Interment will follow at Concord Cemetery.

Mr. Foster, a retired aluminum plant worker from Consolidated Aluminum and retired State of Tennessee Department of Transportation employee, died Saturday, February 13, 2021 at his residence.

He was born on July 1, 1937 in McKenzie, Tennessee to Everett and Rozelle Claytor Foster.

He was a member of Concord Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for 57 years, a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving from 1956 to 1960, served seven years with the Tennessee National Guard, and was a Mason.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Gene Foster, and grandparents, Ben and Lena Claytor and Otis and Ruth Foster.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Patty McKennie Foster of McKenzie, three daughters, Kathy (Bobby) Birdwell, Lori (Mike) Ferguson, and Amy (Darrell)

Jones, a son, Ricky (Lana) Foster, all of the McKenzie area, eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and a sister, Sandra (Gene) Foster of McKenzie.

Pallbearers were Will Jones, Bobby Dale Birdwell, Jr., Michael Byrd, Mitch Foster, Austin Byrd, and Nick Ghyers.

Honorary pallbearers were David Ferguson, Mike Ferguson, Bobby Birdwell, Darrell Jones and Matt Foster. Memorials the family requests to please consider making in Mr. Ted's memory to the Concord Cemetery Shady Grove Road, McKenzie, TN, 38201.

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

DEBBARA 'DEBBIE' SIMMONS 1948 — 2021

McKENZIE — Private family graveside services for Debbara "Debbie" Simmons were Saturday, February 13, 2021 at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in McKenzie, Tenn. Interment followed.

Mrs. Simmons, 72, died Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at Henry County Medical Center. She was born June 29, 1948 in Evansville, Indiana to Albert and Phyllis Head Gerhardt.

She was a register nurse and worked for Regional Home Health. She is survived by her husband, Gary Simmons of McKenzie, two daughters, Ashley (Tim) Beeler of McKenzie, Allison (John) Evans of Arlington, Virginia, a brother, and four grandchildren, Drew Beeler, Carli Beeler, Miles Beeler and Gus Evans.

She is preceded in death by her parents, son, Jason Simmons, brother and granddaughter, Cate Beeler.

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

GLEND A HODGES 1940 — 2021

GLEASON — Graveside service for Glenda W. Hodges, 80, of Gleason, Tenn. were Tuesday February 9, 2021 at Hopewell Cemetery in Gleason.

She was born June 15, 1940 and died February 06, 2021. Glenda was survived by two sons, Tommy Hodges and wife, Tina, and Doug Hodges and wife, Karen, and one daughter, Darla Boone and fiancé, Randy Hendrix.

She also leaves behind four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Roy Lee Hodges, and parents Thomas and Katherine Bogle. Williams Funeral Home of Gleason.

DANA SAXON 1972 — 2021

HUNTINGDON — Ms. Dana Ann Saxon, 49 of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Thursday, February 11, 2021 at Jackson Madison

County General Hospital. Funeral services were Saturday, February 13, 2021 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Alex Gallion officiating. Interment was in Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery in Henry, Tennessee. Ms. Saxon was born January 28, 1972 in Atlanta, Georgia.

She was self-employed as a beautician. She was preceded in death by her father, Daniel Saxon, one sister, Dawny Gurley, and one brother, Aric "Bubba" Dotson. She is survived by two sons, Danny Ray English (Brittney) of North Port, Florida, Joshua Thurston of Jackson, Georgia, her mother, Carolyn Saxon of Huntingdon, two sisters, Sharon Helms (Jeff) of Griffin, Georgia, and Tammy Dotson of Henry. She also leaves two grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

LOIS BEATRICE COLVETT 1931 — 2021

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Lois Beatrice Colvett, 89, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Sunday, February 7, 2021 at Baptist Memorial Hospital -Carroll County.

Funeral services were Tuesday, February 9, 2021 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Doug Sellers officiating. Interment was in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Colvett was born April 24, 1931 in Huntingdon, Tennessee, to the late Lois Kelly and Bertie (Thomas) Kelly. She was the owner of C & S Outdoor Power Equipment.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Onnie Lee Colvett, one sister, Betty Lou Pendergrass and one brother, Budley Kelly.

She is survived by four children, Patricia Rosenberg (Joey) of Memphis, Sherry Shults (Rob) of Dallas, Texas, Kelly Colvett (Paula) of Huntingdon, and Andrea Biggart (Doug) of Westport.

She also leaves ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

KENNETH EDWARDS 1945 — 2021

DRESDEN — Mr. Kenneth Edwards, 75, of Dresden, Tennessee died Friday, February 5, 2021 at Weakley County Rehab & Nursing Home.

Graveside services were Monday, February 8, 2021 at Palestine Cemetery in Paris, Tennessee.

Mr. Edwards was born October 28, 1945 to the late James B Edwards and Ruth Mae Owen Edwards. He was preceded in death by a sister, Katherine Edwards.

He is survived by one daughter, Belinda Carol Edwards of Martin, Tennessee; three sons John Clinton Edwards of Camden, Tennessee, Vernon Jones Edwards of Nashville, Tennessee and J T Edwards of Long View, Texas; two sisters, Molly Morris of McKenzie, Tennessee and Judy Ann Hilliard of Dresden, Tennessee; one brother, J W Edwards of Huntingdon, Tennessee.

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



The 2021 Lakeside Valentine King and Queen, Mr. Noel Wiggins and Ms. Carolyn Hamilton.

Lakeside Senior Living Community Crowns Valentine King, Queen

McKENZIE (February 12) — On Friday, February 12, 2021, residents of Lakeside Senior Living, 390 Dr. Smith Lane, McKenzie met in the living room area to announce the crowning of the 2021 Lakeside Senior Living Valentine King and Queen Contest.

This year's Lakeside Val-

entine King and Queen are Mr. Noel Wiggins and Ms. Carolyn Hamilton.

Mr. Noel has been a resident of Lakeside since October 2014 and Ms. Carolyn has been a resident at Lakeside since August 2019. The two were honored by a special lunch recognition, where they laughed and

announced they were establishing a new toasting tradition: milk and water.

Last year's outgoing King Mr. Billie Cooper announced King Wiggins and Queen Hamilton have some big shoes to fill as he reminded them he and Ms. Beula Maddox Hardin were last year's winners.



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McKenzie Middle School is Vocabulary Bowl Winner

BY BRAD SAM

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MCKENZIE — McKenzie Middle School is the Middle School Champion for November in the Vocabulary Bowl, topping thousands of North American middle schools.

Vocabulary.com sponsors the annual online Vocabulary Bowl with the mission of closing the word gap so students can achieve at higher levels.

In November, the second month of the 2020-21 season, MMS students

mastered 43,272 words for the Middle School Division win. It's McKenzie's first monthly win. In 2018-19, the school earned the season title for Tennessee middle schools.

Vocabulary.com also awarded medals to the five MMS students who mastered the most words during the school's winning month: Tobey Brooks (1,452 words), Alessandra Ruiz (835), Ally Gibson (621), Rachel Essary (514) and La'Nyiah Newbill (490).

For the 2020-21 season, MMS currently sits in first

place among all middle and elementary schools and first place among all Division III schools (less than 500 students). Among all schools, MMS is in fifth place.

In December, MMS topped Division III and was third among all middle and elementary schools.

In January so far, the school sits in second place in Division III and fourth among middle and elementary schools.

Principal Dorethea Royle told The Banner, "When students acquire solid vocabulary skills, it unlocks so many opportunities for their academic and future success as they become adults. Possessing a strong vocabulary for students greatly improves reading comprehension and helps build confidence, as students become better communicators through spoken words and written expression.

It is exciting to see our students compete with other schools across the nation that have a much larger enrollment than ours, yet McKenzie Middle School has surpassed all middle schools. I am extremely proud of our students for their success with vocabulary.com"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



COVID-19 DISCLAIMER

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

HUNTINGDON SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET

The Huntingdon Board of Education meets Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is at the Huntingdon Central Office located at 585 High Street, Huntingdon, Tennessee.

ROTARY CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Gleason Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, February 20 from 6:30 until 9:30 a.m. at Simply Southern Café, 553 E Union St in Gleason. There will be all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, biscuits, gravy and drink for \$6. To go orders will be available. Gleason Parks & Rec will be signing up for the summer park program at this time. You may purchase a ticket from any Gleason Rotarian, at the Bank of Gleason or at the door. Please come out and support the Gleason Park Program and the Gleason Rotary Club. All proceeds fund community events.

CARROLL COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY STRAWBERRY SALE

The Carroll County Humane Society is taking orders for strawberries. The berries are \$25 per flat. All orders and payments are due by Friday, February 19. The berries will arrive at the shelter for pick-up the first week of March. The berries will come from Plant City, Florida. Call 731-352-9950 or see a CCHS volunteer to place your order.

CCHS CAT SPAY, NEUTER VOUCHERS

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

Here's all the information you need about these vouchers: Your city of res-

idence or income doesn't matter, anybody can buy these vouchers. You can buy as many as you need. All vouchers must be used at Paris Vet Clinic. Vouchers expire one month from purchase.

You can use these for your cat or the neighborhood stray. You can buy the vouchers for others to use for their cats.

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

CARROLL COUNTY 911 BOARD TO MEET

The Carroll County Emergency Communications District Board of Director meets 2 p.m., February 16 via Webex virtual meeting. One can virtually attend by contacting kristymeggs@carroll911.com to receive an invitation to join. The public can request a recording pursuant to the board's open record policy.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Carroll County Highway Committee of the Carroll County Legislative Body meets Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Carroll County Highway Department. The public is invited to attend.

BETHEL HOMEcoming IS FEBRUARY 19-20

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

HHS ST. PADDY'S 1K, 5K, 10K RUN, WALK

Huntingdon High School's cross country and track and field teams host a St. Paddy's 1K, 5K, 10K Run/Walk Saturday, March 13 at 8 a.m. at Huntingdon Middle School. Entry fee is \$25. Make all checks and money orders payable to HHS Cross Country/Track and Field. More than one entry may be mailed together with the appropriate fees. Mail payment to Clint Ezell, HHS, 475 Mustang Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344. Age group awards will be given at the completion of the race. T-shirt sizes are small through 4X. To be guaranteed a long sleeve t-shirt, please register by February 23.

LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

LIHEAP Program should make an appointment at the Northwest Tenn. Economic Development Agency office in their county of residence.

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

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

A support group for survivors of suicide loss meets the first Saturday of each month from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Baptist Memorial Hospital, 631 R. B. Wilson Drive, Huntingdon. The loss of a loved one is shocking and painful. The grief one experiences is complex and no one person experiences the same grief. Survivors often struggle with the reasons of "why" the suicide occurred and what they could have done to prevent the suicide. It is never too early to start healing. Contact Christy Blount at cblount2@utm.edu with questions.

JOHNSON TEMPLE C.M.E. PRAYER VIGIL

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

We come together to pray for one another, our community and country, then study the Word of God. Johnson Temple C.M.E. Church convenes each Sunday with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m.

JOY CLUB MEETS TWICE MONTHLY

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

CARROLL COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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

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

MCKENZIE HISTORIC ZONING MEETS MONTHLY

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

MCKENZIE CONDEMNATION MEETINGS MONTHLY

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

MCKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Big tech firm

4. Picked

10. Type of whale

11. A woman of refinement

12. New England state

14. Common gibbon

15. Tall coniferous tree

16. State capital

18. Making a liquid muddy

22. Vinegary

23. Peninsula

24. Thee

26. Atomic #55

27. Used in units of measurement

28. Welsh female name

30. Arab ruler title

31. One's mother

34. Trap

36. Soviet Socialist Republic

37. Assn. of oil-producing countries

39. Holy fire

40. Emit coherent radiation

41. Atomic #81

42. Orthodox Jewish college

48. Herbs

50. Ran after

51. Begin again

52. Named

53. Barbary sheep

54. Unwell

55. Postscript

56. Drivers

58. One point east (clockwise) of due north

59. Prim

60. A facility equipped for sports or physical training

CLUES DOWN

1. Small islands

2. Skullcap

3. Unexplained events

4. One hundredth of a meter

5. Beloved baseball announcer

6. Repulsive

7. Northern European languages

8. Match or surpass

9. Northeast

12. Chew the fat

13. Innovative industry

17. Land to put down to grass

19. Products

20. Nostril

21. Surprise Icelandic politician

25. Conclusive acts

29. Inform on

31. Grinding tooth

32. Keep up

33. Tablelands

35. Raising

38. Mythical creature

41. Hums

43. Mountain in Antarctica

44. Neighborhood in Manhattan

45. Distinctive practice

46. Vice president

47. Contributes to

49. Small bones

56. Oil company

57. Empire State

Week 7

See solution in next week's edition.

February Holidays & Observances

Word Search

D	F	R	E	E	D	O	M	A	M	I	R	U	P	V	B
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Week 6 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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SUDOKU

SOLUTION WEEK 6

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

WEEK 7

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See solution in next week's edition.

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Huntingdon Police Reports

Multiple Charges — Mark J. Rougeou, 24, of McKenzie was arrested during a Jan. 22 traffic stop in Huntingdon and has since been bound over to the Carroll County Grand Jury on charges of four counts of assault, resisting arrest, possession of a schedule VI drug, drug paraphernalia, violation of registration law, and violation of financial responsibility.

According to the report by Officer Joseph Hedge, the HPD received a call that a man was driving a red Ford Fiesta with no tag on the vehicle. Hedge observed a vehicle fitting the description traveling on East Main Street and conducted a traffic stop at Hill Court. Hedge asked the driver (later identified as Rougeou) to provide his driver's license, and Rougeou said that he didn't have to show his license and that the officer didn't have a reason to pull him over. Hedge reported that Rougeou then reached for the ignition, and when Hedge tried to grab his arm, Rougeou struck the officer across the chest and shoulder. Other officers arrived at the scene to assist, but Rougeou refused to exit the vehicle and started swinging at the officers, who then tazed Rougeou twice before finally getting him out of the vehicle and restraining him. During that struggle, Rougeou allegedly struck Officer Labe Ezell in the jaw, kicked Public Safety Director Walter Smothers in the chest, and kicked Lt. Angie Barker in the knee. During a search of Rougeou's vehicle, officers found a grinder containing a small amount of marijuana and rolling papers. Rougeou did not have vehicle registration or proof of insurance.

Drug Possession — Chasity Ann Wyatt of Lexington was charged with possession of schedule I, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia on Jan. 10 at Walmart in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Officer Michael Verner, we went to Walmart after receiving a call about a woman hiding from a man in the restroom. Upon arrival, Verner found Officer Carlton Cupples speaking with Wyatt outside the store. Verner noted that he detected an odor he believed to be marijuana coming from Wyatt, so officers transported her to the HPD and questioned her further. A search of Wyatt's purse revealed two meth pipes, three pink pills, one white square pill believed to be ecstasy, a white powder believed to be meth, and some marijuana residue at the bottom of the purse.

Felony Drug Possession — Mark William Pearson, 33, of Huntingdon was charged with felony possession of marijuana, speeding, and violation of insurance law during a Jan. 24 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Officer Michael Verner, he pulled over a vehicle driven by Pearson after clocking the vehicle at 48 mph in a 35 mph zone on East Main Street. While speaking with Pearson, Verner detected the odor of marijuana coming from inside the car. When asked if he had any illegal drugs in the car, Pearson initially said no, but then admitted to having marijuana in the floorboard under the seat. Verner found two bags filled with marijuana while searching the vehicle. Verner was unable to show proof of insurance.

Shoplifting — Lucinda Ann Fendley, 45, of McKenzie was charged with theft of merchandise under \$1,000 on Jan. 23 at Walmart.

According to the report by Officer Labe Ezell, he responded to a report about a female shoplifter at Walmart, and upon arrival, Ezell found that Fendley was being detained in the store security office. Fend-

ley allegedly admitted that she had placed three items in her purse with the intention of leaving the store without paying for them. The items, valued together at \$33.66, were recovered, and no restitution is due to Walmart. Ezell noted that Fendley has had six prior theft incidents at Walmart.

Drugs, Public Intoxication — Carla Lawton, 45, of Huntingdon was charged with possession of a schedule II drug, drug paraphernalia, and public intoxication on Jan. 19 outside her residence.

According to the report by Officer Labe Ezell, he went to Lawton's residence after receiving a call requesting a welfare check. Upon arrival, Ezell found Lawton passed out behind the wheel of her vehicle, which was still running. Ezell woke Lawton by tapping on the driver's side window, and when Lawton exited the vehicle, Ezell noted that she was unsteady on her feet, her speech was slurred, and she could barely keep her eyes open. After getting Lawton's consent to search the vehicle, Ezell found two meth pipes (one in her jacket pocket and one in her purse), two small baggies (one containing meth residue), two metal pipes with marijuana in them, and eight Percocet pills in her purse with no prescription.

License Violation — Arius Rommaine Simpson, 25, was cited for driving on a revoked license (first offense) and speeding during a Jan. 12 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Officer Brad Allen, he pulled over a car driven by Simpson after clocking the vehicle at 53 mph in a 35 mph zone on Lexington Street. When asked for his license, Simpson told Allen that all he had was an ID card. A computer check showed that Simpson's license was revoked.

Gleason Man Shot

DRESDEN — A Weakley County man is hospitalized after he was shot February 10 while in a garage working on a car.

Weakley County Sheriff's Captain Randall McGowan said the shooting injured

55-year-old Damron Lee Dildine of Gleason. The shooting occurred in the 3600 block of Hwy. 54 between Dresden and Como.

The shooting occurred about 7 p.m. and authorities are still seeking the

suspect.

McGowan said Dildine was transported to a local hospital by the Weakley County Ambulance Service. He underwent surgery and is expected to live, he said.

Anyone with details about the incident is asked to call the sheriff's office at 731 364 5454.



Pictured (L to R): Ruber Medina, Baseball (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic); Jayne-Shaye Bailey, Cheer (Gleason, Tenn.); K.J. Hicks, Football (Benton, AR); and Brad Chappell, Senior Associate AD.

Bethel University Student-Athletes, Athletic Director Speak to Area High School Students

HUNTINGDON — Wednesday Bethel Senior Associate Athletic Director Brad Chappell was accompanied by three student-athletes to speak to high school seniors in Huntingdon, Tennessee at the Carroll County Civic Center.

Carroll County Youth Leadership is made up of five students from each of the five county high schools. The selected students are

asked to complete a curriculum executed by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce about local politics, government, economics, and commerce.

Chappell spoke about the importance of Bethel University to the local community covering both economic importance as well as intellectual importance.

Each student-athlete shared how they arrived

at Bethel and how positive their experience has been with each giving a perspective from their sport as well as their home.

Carroll County General Sessions

HUNTINGDON (February 10) — There were only two cases heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on February 10. Both cases were dismissed.

Kenny Fowler, Jr., Highway 114, Buena Vista, dismissed, charge of theft of

property.

Thomas M. Scrivner, Gurley Road, Beech Bluff, dismissed, charge of vandalism.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Theft — Kenneth Lawson of Hollow Rock told deputies on Feb. 8 that someone removed the license plate from his vehicle sometime before 8 a.m. that morning.

Lawson said he wasn't sure exactly when or where the theft occurred.

Drugs, License Violation — Eric Dewayne Milton, 52, of 45 Johnson Street, Trezevant, was charged with possession of cocaine with intent, drug paraphernalia, driving on a suspended license, and a window tint violation during a Feb. 7 traffic stop in Hollow Rock.

According to the report by Deputy Cody Walker, he and another officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Milton after observing that the

window tinting appeared too dark. A window tint reader showed that it was darker than the legal limit, and a computer check showed that Milton's license was suspended. Officers found a rock of white powder that tested positive for cocaine in a pocket of Milton's jacket, and a search of the vehicle yielded three spoons and two pipes with narcotics residue on them, and 3.7 grams of a white powder substance in a container in the glove compartment.

Disorderly Conduct — Christian Thurmond, 21, and Ronnie Spruell Jr., 23, both of 52 Hill Top Road, McKenzie, were both charged with disorderly conduct following a Feb. 6 incident at their mutual residence.

According to the report by Deputy Chance Townes, Thurmond and Townes got into an altercation at around 4.51 p.m. regarding one of them not cleaning the house enough. Spruell allegedly struck Thurmond in the face, and then Thurmond shoved Spruell, causing him to fall down and receive a cut on his buttocks. Townes noted that police have received calls in the past about the two brothers fighting.

Bank Fraud — The Sheriff's Department is looking into a recent case of bank fraud.

Henry Rougeau told deputies on Feb. 2 that someone made \$977.76 in unauthorized charges on his ATM bank card on Google. The bank has not returned the funds to Rougeau's account, which makes him the victim in this case.

Property Transfers

- Judith M. Green to Tiffany R. Green in District 17.
- Michaela Barnhill to Anton Townes in District 22.
- Robert Louis Jamison to Robert Louis Jamison in District 15.
- James D. White to Ryan C. and Kristmar J. Vincent to Carroll Bank & Trust in District 10.
- Kristi Diane Bears to Becky E. and Thomas A. Earl Jr.
- Bunthan and Ratanak Duong Siv to Bunthan and Sovannroth Siv in District 4.
- Mark and Patricia Dillahunty to Harry P. II and Karen L. Anderson in District 12.
- Dwayne M. and Karen K. Pierce to Pierce, Inc. in District 11.
- Richard W. and Antoinette Stokes to Paul and Stacy H. Stokes in District 11.
- James R. Sr. and Tina Boals to James Russell Boals Jr. in District 6.
- Brenda Berryman to Stephen Ray Berryman in District 4.
- Stephen M. and Shelley J. Brunett to Brenda Sue Troxil in District 6.
- Agnes Bush to Travis Ray and Bethany Lynn Russell in District 22.
- Jimmy and Susie Horton to Beverly Keymon in District 2.
- Jimmy W. and Brenda C. Pinson to Nicholas J. and Jamie B. Coomer in District 23.
- Dustin Blake Bennett to Sherry Kay Bennett in District 2.
- Amy M. Horn to Timothy S. Horn in District 7.
- Brian Alan Edwards to David O. and Martha V. Renfro in District 10.
- Leah Constantino to Nicholas George and Rhonda Mott Simopoulos.
- Katherine H. Tomlinson to Julia Nan Haynes in District 16.

- Nonally, LLC to The Leiker Family Trust in District 4.
- Dale R. and Deborah S. Davis to Aaron Floyd in District 22.
- Gerald Lynn and James Maxwell Hall to Edd S. Scarbrough and others in District 22.
- Sue Blow to John Michael and Dorothy Jane Presson in District 5.
- Carroll Bank & Trust to Pierce, Inc. in District 11.
- William L. and Emily D. Spencer to Carter Heath Hollingsworth in District 18 and 24.
- C.S. Carty, FLP to Dune-Rakityn, FLP.
- Randell Properties, Inc. to Brennan Chase Firdwell in District 6.
- The late Escoc F. Clifford III to Centennial Bank in District 2.
- Matthew Simmons to Theodore Richard and Tracy Gale Leroy in District 23.
- Steven and Joshua Spencer to Marcus Kurt and Misty Kay Collins in District 6.

McKenzie Police Reports

Shoplifting — Sheila D. Rowe, 49, Tennessee Street, McKenzie was charged with shoplifting on February 9 after she reportedly took a Bic lighter valued at \$1.99 and did not for it at Pocket's convenience store. Video surveillance indicated she concealed the lighter and left the store. She was cited into General Sessions Court.

Driving on a Suspended License — Jalesa P. Wester, 29, Rolling Meadows, Milan, was charged with speeding and driving on a suspended license on February 10.

Officer Brandon Leek

observed a black SUV traveling 39 mph in a 25 mph zone. A check of the driver's license revealed the suspended status due to unpaid fines in Henderson and Hickman counties. She was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Driving on Revoked License — Demarcus M. Robinson, 30, Hamilton Street, McKenzie was charged with driving on revoked license on February 13.

Officer Dalton Raspberry saw Robinson driving an Audi AA4 and knew the driver, Demarcus Robinson, had a revoked status.

Officer Raspberry initiated a traffic stop, however, Robinson got out of the vehicle and attempted to enter a residence on Hamilton Street. The door was locked and Robinson could not enter. Officer Raspberry ordered Robinson back into his vehicle, where he was charged with driving on revoked due to a prior DUI conviction on March 13, 2019. The car was towed to the city's impound lot and Robinson was transported to Carroll County Jail. He received a verbal warning for his attempt to flee on foot prior to the arrest.

Bethel Homecoming is Friday, Saturday

Winter Weather Might Spoil Plans

McKENZIE — Homecoming will look a bit different this year to protect the health and safety of the Bethel community. Although all can't come together in person this year, the feeling of the Bethel spirit and pride remains—Bethel Strong!

February 15-20 includes events for students to experience and celebrate the Wildcat spirit. Some traditional events will be postponed to the fall of 2021.

Friday, February 19 includes football against the University of Pikeville. This is the opening contest of the 2020-postponed and abbreviated season. Kickoff is 7 p.m. at Wildcat Stadium.

The event features fireworks, the Homecoming Court, and the announcement of Hall of Fame Inductees, all of whom will be inducted at a later date.

Tickets can be purchased at bethelathletics.com/bethel-box-office

Due to COVID-19, a limited number of tickets are available.

As with most events during the pandemic, the date and time are subject to change due to COVID-19. Also, winter weather might affect the date and time.

Saturday, February 20 includes Lady Wildcats and Wildcats basketball games

in Crisp Arena.

Women's Basketball Game vs. University of the Cumberland is 1:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball Game vs. University of the Cumberland is at 4 p.m.

The games will feature the repeat announcements of the Homecoming Court and Hall of Fame Inductees.

Tickets can be purchased at bethelathletics.com/bethel-box-office

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors of Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council will hold a Board meeting on **Friday, February 26, 2021 beginning at 10 a.m.** The meeting will be physically held at the Northwest TN Head Start/Early Head Start Central Office located at 938C Walnut Avenue W., McKenzie, TN and held virtually by Zoom.

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NOTICE TO BID

TOWN OF TREZEVANT

The Town of Trezevant is seeking sealed bids to replace a roof, replace or repair bathrooms (make handicap accessible), repair building as needed and paint inside and outside of building. The building is located at the ballfield in Trezevant. Specifications may be picked up at City Hall M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Bids will be accepted until 3 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2021 and will be opened at the board meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The Town reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

A394/7-2

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF A FEMALE CHILD
RAEGHN JOCILLE JUDSON, DOB: 09/13/2018
BY: KAYCIE OUELLETTE AND EXERSON THOMPSON III,
CO-PETITIONERS
vs. R.D. 79129
AMBER JUDSON
NICHOLAS FARMER
RESPONDENTS
RE: NICHOLAS FARMER

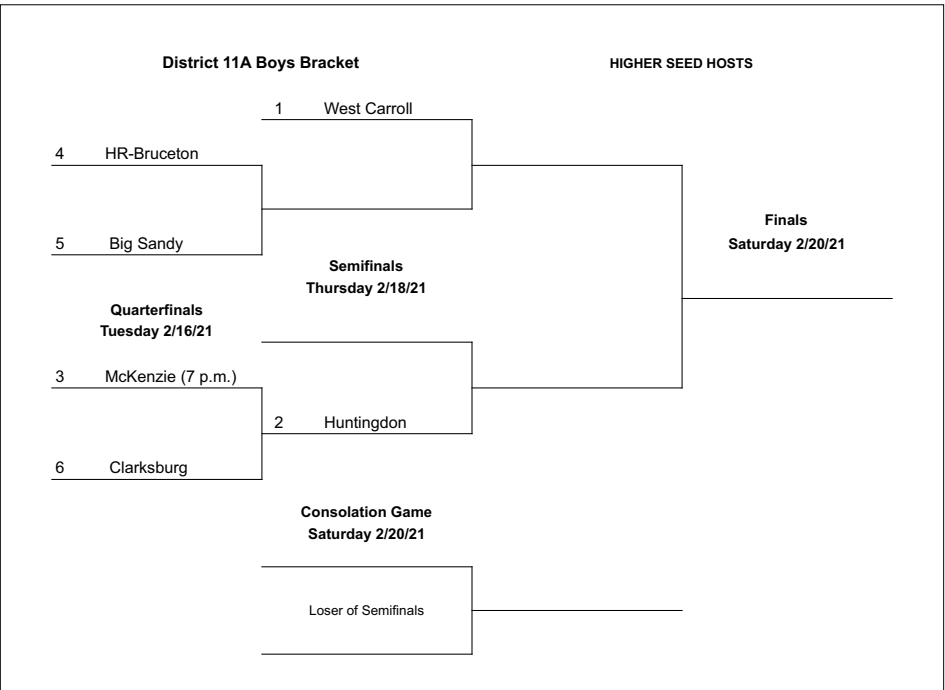
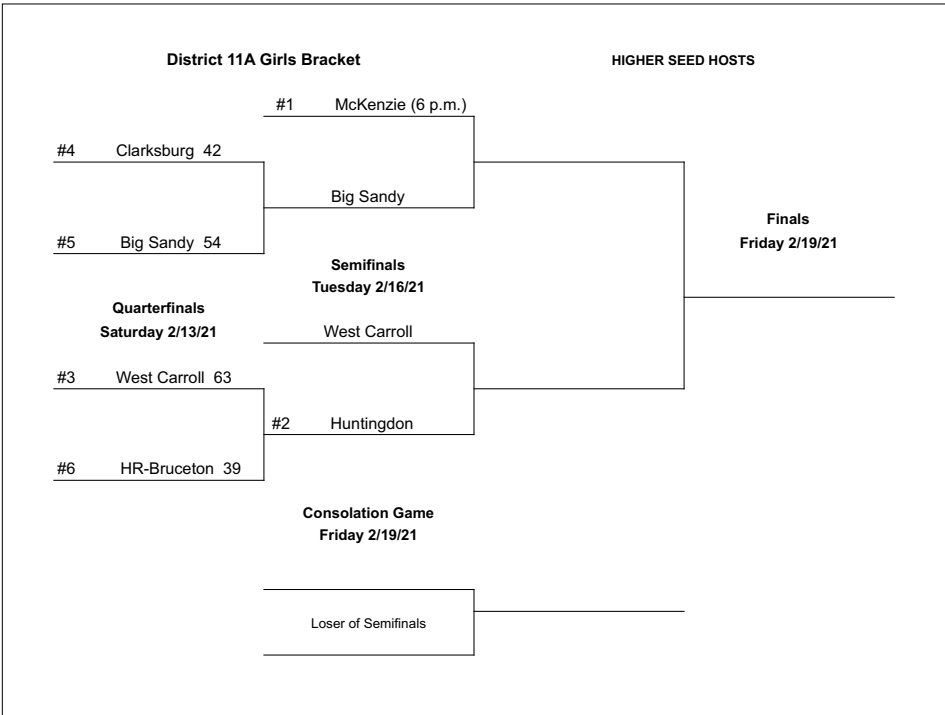
In this cause, it appearing from the petition, which is sworn to, that the address and whereabouts of the defendant NICHOLAS FARMER is unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent search and inquiry, that he is required to file an answer for the above mentioned Complaint with the Clerk of the Madison County Chancery Court, 100 E. Main Street, Room 200, Jackson, Tennessee, 38301 on or before, APRIL 1, 2021, and serve a copy of said answer on ALEX CAMP ATTY, 403 N PARKWAY, SUITE 201, JACKSON, TENNESSEE 38305, in order to make defense to the Complaint filed against him or otherwise the Complaint will as to him be taken for confessed. This Notice will be published in the MCKENZIE BANNER, MCKENZIE, TENNESSEE, for four consecutive weeks.

Entered this the 2nd day of February, 2021.

PAM CARTER CLERK AND MASTER

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District 11-A Basketball Tournament Underway



The District 11-A basketball tournament began Saturday, February 13 with the higher seeded team hosting. With inclement weather looming, future play dates are subject to change.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

McKenzie Lady Rebels Earn 65-63 Win Over Arlington Lady Tigers

MCKENZIE (February 9) — McKenzie Lady Rebels (23-1) earned a hard fought 65-63 victory over the visiting team from Arlington on Tuesday, February 9.

The Lady Rebels scored 16, 16, 15, and 18 in the respective quarters as compared to Arlington's 12, 14, 18 and 19 for Arlington.

For McKenzie, Dani Dyer scored 10, including one field goal, one three-pointer and five foul shots; Kyenna Sneed scored five, including a three; Briley Auvenshine, who scored 11, including three 3-pointer; Savannah Davis with 13, including a three-pointer; Mikaela Reynolds with 5; Kylie Reynolds with 7, including a three; Lilly Bennett with 12, and Anna Callahan with 2.

Arlington was led by Carmen Taylor with 20, including four 3-pointers, Charmen Taylor with 19, including two 3-pointers, and Taylor Dupree with 12, A. Long with 6. K. Wilkins, K. Coburn, and C. Hart each had two.



Dani Dyer shoots for the Lady Rebels.



Dr. Josh Greer, Matthew Ellis, Mark Craven, Sr., Katie Kirkland, and Stacie Freeman-Associate Professor of Sociology. Not pictured and photographer, Lillie Freeman.

Bethel's Sports Management Majors Attend Super Bowl

TAMPA BAY, Florida (February 7) — The sport management major at Bethel University goes beyond the classroom and emphasizes experiential learning that allows students to apply their knowledge in real-world settings.

This year, a select number of Bethel students participated in Super Bowl activities in Tampa.

As program coordinator and assistant professor of sports management, Dr. Josh Greer explained, "Experiential learning is a way to introduce students to the sports industry and provide them with opportunities to begin to explore what the industry has to offer. This type of learning is vital to break into the world of sports."

Bethel's sports management department has worked with the National Football League (NFL), NCAA college football, Super Bowl host committees and local sports councils to provide students with opportunities to network and gain experience for future employment.

Students have been behind the scenes of some of the nation's largest sporting events, including the 2019 NFL Draft in Nashville, Rock-n-Roll Music City Marathon, NCAA College Football National Championship in New Orleans and the Super Bowl in Miami.

Lessons come to life through experiential learning. Students are continually learning outside the classroom through these unique trips and one-of-a-kind courses that focus on earning a skillset in sports management and finding employment in a fast-growing field.

"People want to hire folks with experience in the field, and we want to be able to offer that opportunity to our students," Greer added. "We provided experiences for the students with an opportunity to work the largest sporting events in the world."

A Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Performance, Sports Management equips students with skills and concepts related to management, finance, marketing and law pertaining to the sports industry.

Courses give an overview of the business side of a sports organization with the use of the latest trends and technologies. This program trains students who want to become involved in the planning, organizing, managing and budgeting of sports or physical activities.

On game day, the students worked the media check-in (3:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.), crowd control for mask and for athletes/ talent passing through the stadium at 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The NFL Fan Experience allowed the crew to work three days with the Tampa Bay Super Bowl host committee. Bethel students carried out a variety of roles implementing fan engagement during the week. Students had an opportunity to network and see how the fan experience can boost the morale for those who want to be a part of the Super Bowl experience. Due to COVID-19, a mask and social distance mandate was set in place. They also limited the number of fans who could enter this event.

Each of the students and faculty had to pass a daily health screening, before volunteering.

Everyone had social distance mandates, required mask, sanitation stations, eating/drinking only stations with strong enforcement. Most of the fans followed the rules, but if not, the Bethel students had to remind them.

Dr. Greer said, "This provides the students with an inside look for event management. The Super Bowl is the largest sporting event in the United States. The students also have an opportunity to network and work together on high-intensity situations."

Student participants were: Mark Craven, Sr. (Orlando, Florida), Matthew Ellis, So. (Huntingdon), Katie Kirkland, Sr. (Nashville), Stacie Freeman-Associate Professor of Sociology, Lilian Freeman, Fr. (Dresden), Dr. Joshua Greer- Assistant Professor and Director of sports management.

Greer said, "This is our first full year of sports management, as a major, but our second Super Bowl. We have also worked the CF-National Championship in New Orleans, NFL Draft-Nashville and other local events.

The Bethel team stayed in Tampa the entire week for the Super Bowl. Typically, we meet with local sports organizations, but since COVID, they could not allow any additional folks in their facilities.

Young Honored for 1000-Point Career

GLEASON (February 5) — Gleason senior Elijah Young surpassed the 1000-point mark in his high school career. He was presented a commemorative game ball by Coach Riggs on Friday, February 5 for achieving the points achievement and for also achieving 1000 rebounds.

Elijah has averaged double figure points and double figure rebounds for the past three seasons. This year, with two regular seasons remaining, Elijah is averaging 21 points and 11 rebounds per game. In his last game, Elijah scored 40 points and had 18 rebounds.



BETHEL UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

Football Opening Game Rescheduled

Weather Prevents Baseball Play

MCKENZIE (February 11) — The Bethel University football season opener scheduled for Friday, February 12, in Campbellsville was postponed. Weather conditions in the Campbellsville area led officials to make the decision Thursday morning. The game is rescheduled for March 5 in Campbellsville. The kick-off time will be released at a later date.

Bethel Senior Associate Athletic Director Brad Chappell said, "We have been in contact with officials from Campbellsville and totally understand their decision to postpone. As much as we would like to play the game, the safety of the student-athletes, coaches and support staff are of utmost importance."

The Wildcats home opener/homecoming is Friday, February 19, against Pikeville. Kick-off is 7 p.m. at Wildcat Stadium. Icy conditions and cold

temperatures forced changes in Bethel's weekend baseball plans.

The baseball doubleheader versus Brescia University scheduled for Friday is postponed while Sunday's games against Clarke University are canceled.

No date has been for the Brescia make-up game.

The Wildcats are scheduled to host Olivet Nazarene in the Annual Civil War Series on February 19 and 20, at Bethel's Kahlden Complex.

Bethel University Baseball Ready for 2021 Campaign

M c K E N Z I E — Coach Rusty Thompson (329-258-3) enters his 14th season as the Wildcat skipper.

Coach Thompson and his staff are eager for the 2021 season hoping to build off the success from the 2020 campaign. Assistant Coach Nick Thomp-

son enters his 14th season while Lee Whitaker enters his fourth as an assistant. Bethel returns eight starters from the 2020 campaign. The Wildcats will return the entire pitching staff for the upcoming season. A good mix of depth on the bench will also serve the Wild-

cats greatly during the 2021 season, which will prove to be a great key for dreams of a championship run. Bethel was 10-9 overall during the COVID shortened season.

Bethel was chosen to finish seventh in the Mid-South Preseason Coaches' Poll.

Bethel Lady Wildcat Soccer Underway

MCKENZIE — After several scrimmages in the fall, the Lady Wildcats opened their 2020-21 soccer season February 7 on the road versus No. 19 Georgia Gwinnett in Lawrenceville, Georgia. The Cats remained on the road on February 11 battling LSU-Alexandria in Alexandria and then taking on LSU-Shreveport on the 13th in Shreveport.

Bethel moves to the Mid-South Conference this season and will play 11 games in their new league. The home opener finds them battling an old foe in Freed-Hardeman on February 16. It will be the 11th meeting between the two programs with Bethel holding a dominating advantage of 9-1. The Lady Cats travel to Cumberland University on the 21st. It will be the 12th meeting between the two with Bethel holding a 6-4-1 margin in the series.

Another longtime opponent, No. 9 Martin Methodist is next as the Wildcats host the RedHawks on the 23rd. MMC has dominated the series at 23-0-1. Bethel closes out the month against Georgetown on the 28th.

March 2 finds the Cats hosting Thomas More. The programs have never met. Four straight conference road games will face the Lady Cats next. Bethel travels to Williamsburg, Kentucky to meet No. 18 University of the Cumberlands on March 7. They play at Life University two days later. On March 14 Bethel is at Campbellsville. The Lady Cats stay in the Commonwealth at nearby No. 11 Lindsey Wilson on March 16. Bethel closes out the regular season hosting UPIke on the 21st and Shawnee State on the 23rd.

The Lady Wildcats were picked to finish in a tie for

fourth in the MSC Preseason Poll.

Bethel finished 12-6-1 in 2019. The Cats had a 6-2 mark in the tough SSAC. Bethel was 6-3-1 at home. Coach Misty Aird begins her 21st season as head coach and sports a 223-140-20 mark. Aird is 11th in wins among active coaches in the NAIA. She is the only female coach in the NAIA in the top 25 in wins.

The Lady Cats lost in the semi-finals of the SSAC Championships falling to No. 5 Martin Methodist. Making their first appearance in the NAIA Championships since 2005, Bethel lost in heartbreaking fashion to Eastern Oregon 1-0 in the opening round of the national championships. It was the 11th appearance in the nationals for Coach Aird and a Lady Wildcat squad.

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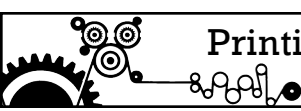
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Left, Tommy Horton is the barber/owner of Clean Kutz and loves the creativity of pleasing his customers. Right, Clean Kutz is located adjacent to Save A Lot grocery in McKenzie.

Clean Kutz Barber Shop

Owner Tommy Horton
BY JOEL WASHBURN
washburn@mckenziebanner.com

MCKENZIE — When one job opportunity ended, another career began for Tommy Horton, owner of Clean Kutz barber shop. Horton, a native McKenzian, worked at New Generations

Furniture Company when it closed. He then bounced around factory to factory when he decided to become his own boss and own his own company. “It was one of the best decisions I have made,” said Horton of opening Clean Kutz. He said was tired of paying \$30 weekly for his boys’ haircuts and thought he could become a barber.

He saw a television commercial for barber school and enrolled in Master Barber School in Jackson and graduated in 2014. In 2016, he opened Clean Kutz at 15750 Highland Drive, McKenzie, next door to Save A Lot grocery. Five years into the business, Horton said he has built a business clientele from throughout the geo-

graphic area. Bethel students are very supportive of his business. He said he has clients, whether black or white, and loves the opportunity to please them. “I love being creative,” said Horton. “Many times, they leave here looking like a new person.” “A good hair style and a clean face can make you feel different about yourself. The

feeling you get as a barber is incredible,” said Horton. The business closed temporarily in 2020 as a state mandate for all barber and beauty shops during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. He said the state applied more restrictions and allowed businesses to reopen. In addition to haircuts, Horton offers a variety of services from simple eye brow arch to a warm-towel shave. He said he, Joe Jones, and

Jim Hawkins are the three barbers in town. Unfortunately, the school he attended closed and the nearest schools are in Brownsville and Clarksville. There are cosmetology schools in the area and he said he would love to attend and advance his skills so he could then style ladies’ hair. Business hours at Clean Kutz are Wednesday to Friday, 1 to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The phone number is 731-418-9326.



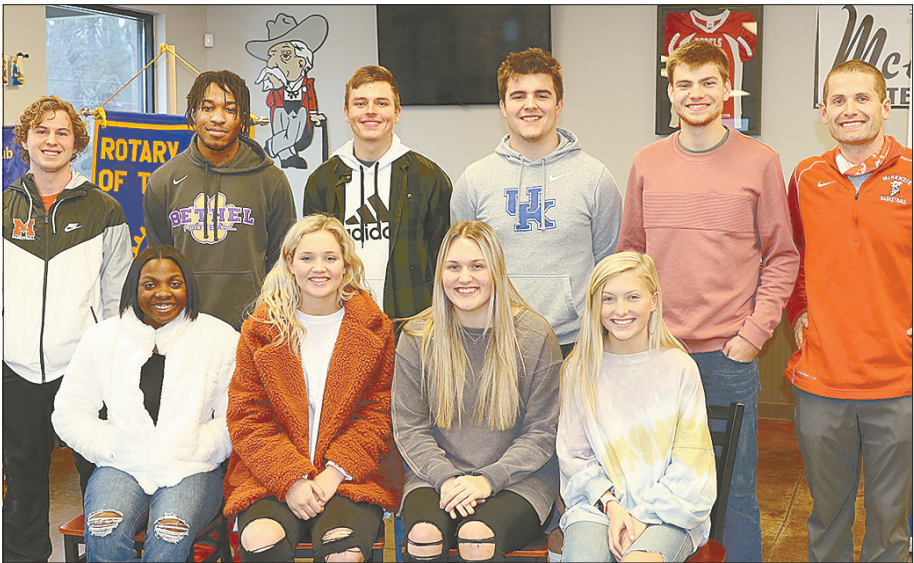
McKenzie Rebel Zach Aird shows his kicking prowess at AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys.

McKenzie Kicker Receives Prestigious Camp Invite

McKenzie Rebel kicker Zach Aird recently attended the Oberkrom Kicking Camp at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. At the conclusion of the camp, Aird received an invitation to attend the NKR Top 20 Invitational in May in New Orleans. The “by invitation only” camp will

allow the sophomore kicker to compete against kickers from all over the nation. Aird is currently ranked in the top twenty for kickers of the 2023 class in the nation. His parents, Matt and Misty Aird, said of their son’s invitation, “We are very proud of how hard Zach is

working and hope he can take advantage of this opportunity. We are also looking forward to this upcoming season and hope Zach’s kicking will help build on the success of this year.” Zach commented, “I feel very excited and honored to be a part of it.”



McKenzie Basketball Seniors Honored at Rotary Club Meeting

MCKENZIE (February 9) — Senior basketball players for the McKenzie High School Rebels were guests of honor at the McKenzie Rotary Club meeting on February 9. Coach John Wilkins said the players are good competitors and good citizens. Wilkins is now coaching both the high school girls and boys team. Both teams are competing in post-regular season play this week. Next year, both teams move to a new district, in which none of the Carroll County teams are competing. The District 11 competitors are Big Sandy, Houston County, McEwen and McKenzie. Other 1A teams in Carroll are competing in District 12 are Hollow Rock-Bruceton, West Carroll, Clarksburg, Frank Hughes and Perry County. Huntingdon moves to 2A and play Gibson County, Milan, Union City and Westview in the district. Pictured are Lilly Bennett, Savannah Nesbitt, Allie Chappell, (Second Row L - R) Assistant Coach Preston Henderson, Jaden Currie, Johnathan Moore, Elijah Seivers, Eli Surber, and Coach John Wilkins. Senior Lady Rebels are:

Lilly Bennett, daughter of Brian and Holly Bennett; Anna Callahan, daughter of Kim and Randy Callahan; and Savannah Nesbitt, daughter of Anthony and Melinda Nesbitt. Senior Rebels are: Jaden Currie, son of Jewell Dudley; Johnathan Moore, son of Terry and Andrea Moore; Elijah Seivers, son of Thom and Keri Woodson and Cody Seivers; and Eli Surber, son of Tommy and Meredith Surber. Senior basketball manager is Allie Chappell, daughter of Brad and Christie Chappell.

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Left, Desmond Taylor at his barber’s chair. A photo of the barbershop’s namesake, Harold Howard, hangs on the wall at the workstation. Right, Taylor in front of his barbershop, Howard’s Barber Shop. It is named in memory of his late great-uncle, Harold Howard, who helped Taylor get his start in the business.

Howard’s Barber Shop

Owner Desmond Taylor

HUNTINGDON — Desmond Taylor is continuing a family tradition of barbering. From his 13340 Paris Street location, Taylor cuts men’s hair just as his late great-uncle, Harold Howard did. The name of the barber shop continues to bear the name of Mr. Howard.

In an interview with Taylor on Saturday, February 6, the 1994 graduate of Huntingdon High School tells of Mr. Harold Howard’s contribution to the town

of Huntingdon, the county, and especially to youth. Howard was a World War II veteran and a teacher at the all-black Hale School prior to desegregation in the 1960s. His wife taught at MTA, an all-black school in Atwood. MTA stood for McLemoresville, Trezevant and Atwood, a consolidated school of Wingo, Trezevant and McLemoresville schools that served only blacks. Mr. Howard later taught at Hol-low Rock-Bruceton and cut hair on the weekends at his in-home barber shop - adjacent to where Taylor cuts

hair today.

“Most people thought he was my granddaddy,” said Taylor, because Mr. Howard was always there to support Taylor and his brother, Gerald. He also supported other students throughout the years.

In 1998, a new barber shop was built, where both Desmond and Mr. Howard cut hair.

Desmond was a Huntingdon Mustang football stand-out, playing nose guard. He was also known for the special NFL helmet he needed for his big head.

Today, he cuts hair on the weekends and is a long-haul truck driver for FedEx through the week. His route is usually to New Jersey twice weekly. He has been driving for 12 years, mainly for the health benefits for he and daughter, Emily, a 2020 graduate of HHS and a freshman at Bethel University. She is a member of the Bethel Renaissance Regiment marching band.

Mr. Harold Howard gifted the parcel of land to Desmond and provided the down payment to construct the new barber shop in 1998.

“He made it happen,” said Desmond of Mr. Howard. “This was my dream.”

Above Desmond’s workstation is a photograph of Mr. Howard and a tribute wall has a photograph of Mr. Howard in his WWII military uniform.

Desmond said he started cutting hair at the age of 14 in his mom’s living room. It was his dream to some day have his own barber shop. Today, he said he cuts the hair of people throughout the area. He is open on weekends and proudly accepts walk-in customers.

He has continuously operated the shop except for several months in 2020, when the State of Tennessee shut

down all barber and beauty shops during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I change lives, one cut at a time,” said Desmond. His street side signs reads, “Where particular people receive their cuts.” That’s a spinoff of the former Tips Dairy Bar slogan of “Where particular people eat.”

He said the people of Huntingdon invested in him and now he tries to give back in the same manner.

“I take pride in what I do and try to make it enjoyable,” concluded Taylor.

The shop is located at 13340 Paris Avenue, Huntingdon, next to Head Start. The phone number is 731-552-0132.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

JARROD BENJAMIN

FEB. 16 | 7 P.M. CST

VAN JONES

FEB. 18 | 7 P.M. CST

UT Martin Civil Rights Conference Continues

MARTIN (February 11) — The University of Tennessee at Martin 21st annual Civil Rights Conference continues the week of February 15 with two keynote speakers: Jarrod Benjamin and UT Martin alumnus Van Jones.

On February 16, Jarrod Benjamin, adjunct professor and program director of the Florida International University Cybersecurity Apprenticeship, will address the topic “Change Agent Leaders: From Oppressed to Success” at 7 p.m. Benjamin also serves as the Chief Executive Officer of The LEAD Firm where he is responsible for curriculum development, leadership training, as well as an organization consultant for more than 120 colleges and universities across the country. He

is the founder and host of the Black and Multicultural Greek EMPOWERMENT Summit – Atlanta Edition and is a recipient of the United States President’s Lifetime Award.

Van Jones, a 1990 UT Martin graduate, will discuss “Rebuilding the Dream: The Next American Economy” at 7 p.m., February 18. Jones is the CEO of REFORM Alliance, a social entrepreneur, CNN political commentator and host of Redemption Project and The Van Jones Show. Jones has founded and led many social enterprises focused in social and environmental justice, including the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, Color of Change, Rebuild The Dream, The Dream Corps and Magic Labs Media. After graduating from UT

Martin, Jones earned his law degree from Yale University and has advocated for political reform.

The events will be livestreamed on the UT Martin Facebook (facebook.com/utmartin) and YouTube (youtube.com/utmartin) accounts.

The UT Martin Civil Rights Conference will feature more events throughout the month of February, including presentations by Dr. Robin DiAngelo and Michael Eric Dyson on February 23.

For more information about the Civil Rights Conference, contact Anthony Prewitt, co-interim director of student life and multicultural affairs, at aprewitt@utm.edu or visit the conference website at utm.edu/civilrights.

The Recognition of Black History Month

BY THE CARROLL COUNTY MLK STEERING COMMITTEE

February marks the start of Black History Month, a federally recognized, nationwide celebration that calls on all Americans to reflect on the significant roles that African Americans have played in shaping U.S. history. But does one ever wonder how did this celebration came to be or why does it happen in February?

Carter G. Woodson, the son of former slaves and a pioneer in the study of African American history, is given much of the credit for Black History Month. Disturbed that history textbooks largely ignored America’s black population, Woodson took on the challenge of writing black Americans into the nation’s history.

Woodson spent his childhood working in coal mines and quarries. He received his education during the four-month term that was customary for black schools at the time. At 19, having taught himself English fundamentals and arithmetic, Woodson entered high school, where he completed a four-year curriculum in two years. He graduated from Berea College in 1903 and went on to earn his master’s degree in history from the University of Chicago. He

later earned a doctorate from Harvard.

To do this, he established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. He also founded the group’s widely respected publication, the Journal of Negro History.

In 1926, Woodson developed Negro History Week. He believed “the achievements of the Negro properly set forth will crown him as a factor in early human progress and a maker of modern civilization.”

In 1976, Negro History Week expanded into Black History Month. Woodson chose the second week of February for his celebration because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American population; Frederick Douglass, who escaped slavery and became an abolitionist and civil rights leader; though his birthdate is not known, he celebrated it on February 14.

President Abraham Lincoln, who signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which abolished slavery in America’s confederate states; he was born on February 12.

For his work, Woodson has been called the Father of Black History.

In 1987, Governor Ned Ray McWherther handed down a declaration to each county to recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

birthday. Margaret Knight-White was assigned the task by Wesley Beal, a former County Executive, to organize an event to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday. Thus, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Steering Committee was formed for Carroll County.

Each year, the MLK Steering Committee hosts a Black History Program in the month of February to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday. During the program, the Committee recognizes local educators, youths with high academic achievements, business owners, local poets, playwrights, praise dancers, and choirs. The program features prominent black leaders as guest speakers. The speakers include leaders such as Judge Joe Brown, State Representatives Lois DeBerry and Johnny Shaw, Dr. Helen Owens, Richard Donnell, Gloria Sweetlove, Dexter Williams and Jackie Webster as well as many other local African-American mentors.

Current members of the MLK Steering Committee are: Mavis Curtis (Chairperson), Rose Glenn (Co-Chairperson), Neal Williamson (Treasurer), Melinda Quisenberry (Secretary), Natalie Porter, Kimberly Bell-Webb, Gina Atkins, Ruby Hillsman, and Lina McClerkin.

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February is Black History Month, a great time to learn about the achievements of African American men and women who have influenced our nation's history, and continue to shape our country's future.

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