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Heavy Rains Close Highway 22

CARROLL COUNTY (March 1) — Heavy rains on Saturday and Sunday caused flooding in the neighboring counties of Henry, Weakley and Obion Sunday evening. Murray and Mayfield Kentucky also reported some flooding after five to six inches of rain fell. Last week, TVA started lowering its water levels on rivers in anticipation of the forecasted rains. The measure is part of its mission in flood prevention.

In Carroll County, there was some minor damage caused by flooding. State Route 22, between McKenzie and Huntingdon in the Crooked Creek area was closed on Monday because water covered the roadway.

Pictured is a concrete truck driving north through the water on State Route 22 on Monday morning.

DISTRICT 11A TOURNAMENT

Lady Rebels, War Eagles Win District Championships

McKenzie Lady Rebels and the West Carroll War Eagles are the 2021 women's and men's District 11A champions, respectively. Both entered the tournaments on Monday, February 22 as top seed and retained that position to the end of district play.

The tournaments were delayed for a few days because of inclement winter weather, that forced the closing of area schools. However, a diligent, every night schedule of games Monday to Thursday allowed the teams to complete the tournament. Unlike recent years, when all the district tournaments were played back-to-back at Bethel University, this year,

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Lightning Consider Cause of Gleason House Fire

GLEASON (February 27) — Lightning is considered the cause of a fire that destroyed a two-story house at 2301 Janes Mill Road in Gleason.

Jordan and Lacy Yeley along with their children, Collin and Cooper and mother-in-law, Donna Arnold lost their personal possessions in the fire.

The two-story house was built in 2019. The family was not at home when the fire ignited.

The family is receiving prayers and donations from their local community, but anyone who would like to donate can do so through Venmo to Lacy's account @Lacy-Yeley https://venmo.com/

Gleason firefighters, with mutual aid from other departments, battled the blaze in the pouring rain.

Danny Brawner, general manager of Carroll County Electric.

Electric Board Supports TVA Exclusive Service

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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HUNTINGDON (February 25) — The board of directors of the Carroll County Electric adopted a resolution supporting TVA's exclusive use of its own power infrastructure and prohibit other supplier from selling electricity using the TVA infrastructure.

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TEC Receives Grant for Fiber Expansion

BRADFORD — TEC, a leading rural fiber broadband provider in Tennessee, will provide Fast Fiber Internet to parts of Carroll, Benton, and Henry counties and bridge the digital divide for rural Tennesseans. TEC was one of 386 competing companies in the recent Federal Communications Commission (FCC) auction, which awarded $9 billion for the provision of broadband internet to unserved and underserved areas throughout the United States. TEC won $285,692 in funding to build internet access to parts

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Republicans Elect Officers

HUNTINGDON (February 23) — Carroll County Republican Party held its reorganizational meeting on Tuesday February 23 in the courtroom in Huntingdon Police Station. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers and set policies.

Cyril Ostiguy and Corrine Arnold were elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively. Tom Aljancic was elected treasurer and Janis Ostiguy was elected secretary.

The policy statement approved included the following statement:

Improve communications from grassroots up to the

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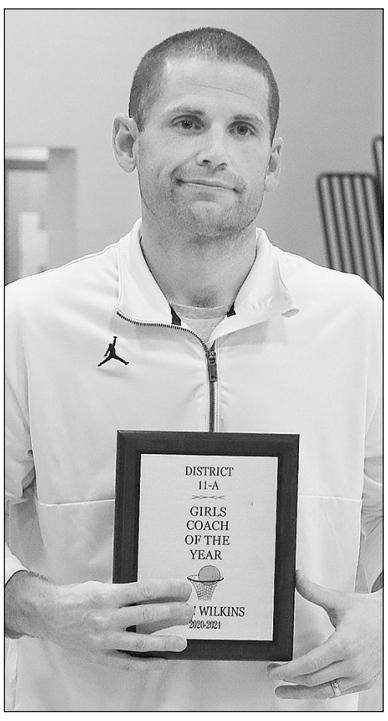
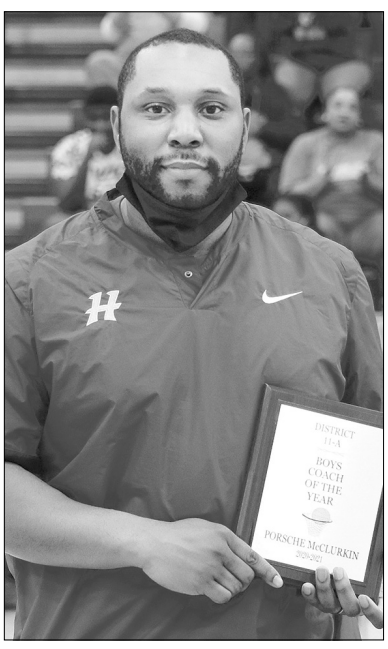
All District 11A Basketball Honorees Announced



The first year in many, the District 11A tournaments were played at the higher seed instead at one location, which in recent years, has been Bethel University. Above Left, McKenzie ladies coach John Wilkins was named district coach of the year. Above Right, Girls All District — Clarksburg: Chloe Crum; Huntingdon: Addison Postlehwait, Brooke Butler, Sophia Singleton and Brooklyn Williams; McKenzie: Savannah Davis (MVP), Lilly Bennett (MVP-championship game), Kylie Reynolds, Dani Dyer and Briley Auvenshine; West Carroll: Mia Jones and Amaya Thompson. All Academic — Clarksburg: Sami Roney, Sarah Derryberry, Maddie Peterson, Jasmine Bailey and Makiya Abdallah; Big Sandy: Lydia Dykes and Annalise Wade; Huntingdon: Brooke Butler, Brooklyn Williams and Addison Postlethwait; West Carroll: Alyssa Butler and Noella Roberts; McKenzie: Anna Callahan, Lilly Bennett, Savannah Newbitt and Allie Chappell; Bruceton: Sophie Bratton, Malorie Clements-Tillman, Neveah Davis, McKayla Brawner and Mya Harris. Below Left, Porsche McClerkin was named boys district coach of the year. Below Right, Boys All District — Big Sandy: Jaylen Christopher; Bruceton: Thomas Crews; Clarksburg: Stefan Gilbert; Huntingdon: Grant Bartholomew, Blake Bradley and D'Allen McCord; McKenzie: Marquez Taylor, Eli Surber and Bryson Steele; West Carroll: Luke Moore, Jalen Anglin and Josh Clark. All Academic — Huntingdon: Grant Bartholomew and Blake Bradley; Bruceton: Austin Craig, Thomas Crews, Noah Hampton, Zach Gray, Ethan Grooms-Drinkard and Oscar Aguilar-Goodwin; Big Sandy: Keaton Rogers and Brandon Berry; Clarksburg: Myles Rogers, Spencer Webb, Jalyn Davis, Dakota Garner and Brandon Pendergrass; West Carroll: Jack Barrow, Colton Hart, Tyler Johnson, Dallas Montgomery, Luke Moore and Jed Robinson; McKenzie: Eli Surber, Jaden Curry, Elijah Seivers and Johnathan Moore.



County Audit Reveals Two Deficiencies

The Tennessee Department of Treasury audited the County of Carroll's 2019-2020 fiscal year budget.

"We have audited the basic financial statements of Carroll County as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020.

"Our audit resulted in two findings and recommendations, which we have reviewed with

Carroll County management. Detailed findings, recommendations, and management's responses are included in the findings and recommendations section of this report.

The following are summaries of the audit findings:

Office of County Mayor

General ledger payroll deduction accounts were not reconciled with payroll reports and payments in the General Fund and, secondly, competitive bids were not solicited for inmate food.

The audit indicated the county's fund balance (savings) increased from $6,712,389 in the 2018-19 year to $7,336,629 in 2019-20 year. The Highway Department overspent its budget by $249,078. Review of the audit by this newspaper was more difficult with the pandemic closing or reducing the services and personnel on duty and the influx of state and federal grants to offset costs associated with COVID-19 disruptions.

The audit did not indicate any funds were missing.

Fourth Bow Wow at the Barn is March 6

The fourth Bow Wow at the Barn is Saturday, March 6 at the Venue at Waddell Place. The event is to raise funds for the continued operations of the Carroll County Humane Society.

Flashback Band is performing and will set up outside, weather permitting. Crossroads Custom Catering is providing the meal. Patrons can pick up or eat-in at 6 p.m.

Meal tickets are available for $15 each for a chicken salad on a croissant, chips, pasta salad, a brownie, and a drink. Meals can be picked up at the event and you can enjoy on site, in your car, or CCHS members will deliver locally in McKenzie. Meal tickets are available at Carroll County Humane Society's building at 21822 Hwy 22 S.

Typically CCHS holds a silent auction at Bow Wow,. This year, it is a 50/50 raffle with the drawing on March 6 at 8 p.m. (at this event). The winner does not have to be present. Raffle tickets are $5 for one, 3 for $10, or 10 for $20. You can purchase tickets from CCHS volunteers or at the shelter up until 7:30 p.m. on the night of the event.

Bow Wow has become one of CCHS' biggest fundraisers and even though this year will be different from years past, CCHS volunteers hope supporters will come through. Fundraising in 2020 and 2021 has been challenging.

The majority of CCHS' funds are raised through sponsorships and donations. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor or donor, please contact cchstn@gmail.com, our Facebook page, or call the shelter at 731-352-9950. We will be glad to mail you a sponsor or donor form. Here are the levels of sponsorships: Libby sponsor: $1000 or more; O'Malley Sponsor: $500 to $999; Purrsy Sponsor: $200-$499; Donor: any amount under $200; As always, CCHS can not care of all the animals that come through the doors without your continued help.

For more information, visit http://www.cchspet.org/ or phone (731) 352-9950.

Fire at Lake Haven Behavioral Unit

PARIS (March 1) — Earlier today, there was a contained fire in a patient room on our behavioral unit. Minimal damage was reported, but for the safety of the behavioral health unit patients, Lake Haven transferred patients to other facilities or discharging those patients who are ready for discharge to their families. Currently, Lake Haven Behavioral Unit is closed to any admissions until an assessment can be completed of the unit to ensure patient safety and security. This only impacts our behavioral health unit patients.

Center official said, "The safety and security of all our partners, patients and visitors is our number one priority at Henry County Medical Center. Unfortunately, today, we had an incident on Lake Haven Behavioral Unit that has caused us to evacuate our behavioral health unit patients."

"First, we are extremely grateful that no patients were harmed in this incident," said Lisa Casteel, CEO at HCMC. "We continue to investigate the incident and assess the behavioral health unit before we open it back to patients. We are thankful and grateful for our staff and the Paris Fire Department for their quick response and will work with the Paris Police Department regarding the incident."

The other floor of the unit will not be opened due to the proximity and smoke in the unit. All family members of our patients will be notified.

Happy 17th Birthday
Natalie Jo Moore!
We hope you have a fabulous day!
Love, Meg & Chris
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Henry County Medical Center Revises Visitation Policy

PARIS (February 25) — With over a 16% vaccination rate among Henry Countians, a closed COVID-19 unit, and reduced positivity rate in Henry County, Henry County Medical Center implemented a more relaxed visitation policy on March 1.

"Thank you to our patients, families, and visitors for your support and understanding of restricted visitation during the peaks of COVID-19," said Lisa Casteel, CEO of HCMC. "We are excited to announce we have very few to no patients with COVID-19 in the facility and that we are lifting many of the visitation restrictions. Please remember to bring and wear your masks."

General visitation for HCMC will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Only two visitors are permitted in a patient's room at a time. In some cases, a friend or family member may stay overnight. This will be approved on a case-by-case basis. Children under the age of 13 are not allowed to visit unless otherwise noted.

Entrance Locations and Hours to HCMC:

Emergency Department Entrance — Open 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week.

Patient Parking Lot/Bridge Entrance — Open 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday; Open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Front Circle Entrance — Open 5 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; Closed Saturday and Sunday

Visitor Badge, Universal Masking & Temperature Checks: Anyone entering the facility as a patient, support person or visitor of the patient must check in at one of the desks and receive a Visitor Badge and have his/her temperature taken. Anyone with a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees will be asked to leave the facility. Everyone entering the facility must wear a mask and we encourage each person to bring his/her own.

Same Day Surgery: Only one visitor will be allowed with a patient. Parent/Caregivers are allowed if the patient is under the age of 18.

Lake Haven Behavioral Unit: Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays only.

Other Unit Visitation and Restrictions are as follows:

Emergency Room

All patients and visitors must be masked

Only one support person may be allowed with the patient based on age and condition and must stay in the room.

No children under the age of 13 unless a patient.

Only the one support person allowed in the waiting room. No other visitors allowed.

All visitation policies in the Emergency Room are dependent on if COVID-19 patients are in the area.

Women's Center

Visiting hours are general visitation hours, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with the following exceptions:

One overnight support person will be allowed with the patient, unless the patient is in labor.

During labor, 2 persons will be allowed. These visitors cannot be interchanged.

After birth of the baby and recovery is completed, 3 visitors at a time will be allowed to visit during visiting hours.

No visitors allowed under 13 years of age with the exception of siblings of the newborn.

No one with sickness will be allowed in the unit unless a patient.

Overnight visitors must remain in the room with the patient from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m.

Special Care Nursery

Only 2 visitors at a time will be allowed at bedside.

No one with sickness will be allowed in the nursery.

Mother and father of the baby can visit at any time.

Mother and father can designate 4 persons who can visit at any time. They can take anyone off of the list if the need arises, but cannot add to the list. These persons will be expected to follow hospital visiting hours.

No visitors under the age of 13.

CCU/PCU Units

Visitation will only be allowed between 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., and 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. each day.

Immediate family or support persons only are allowed to visit.

Only 2 visitors per day per patient.

Visitors will not be allowed if COVID-19 patients or suspected COVID-19 patients are in the unit.

No one under the age of 13 allowed.

Safety protocols put in place regarding care include, but are not limited to:

All individuals entering Henry County Medical Center facilities, including partners and providers, will continue to be screened for COVID-19 symptoms including temperature checks daily.

All individuals entering Henry County Medical Center will be asked to wear a mask. Patients and visitors are asked to bring their own masks.

Six-foot social distances will continue in public areas such as waiting rooms.

Extra cleaning and disinfection of high-touch, public surface areas will continue.

Infectious patients will continue to be cared for in isolation, away from non-infectious patients.

Surveillance statistics of our community and regional area will be monitored for trends and stability.

Utilization of hospital beds, ventilators, and PPE will be monitored to ensure ability if there is a need.

In addition to safety protocols, Henry County Medical Center remains prepared to cease non-essential procedures in the event a surge or peak of COVID-19 develops in the area.

To remain prepared, HCMC will monitor its supplies and its ability to procure supplies. HCMC will also maintain established guidelines for occupancy availability. We will continually evaluate and monitor to ensure patient safety and surveillance needs. In addition, HCMC will collaborate with the medical staff and the TN Department of Health and the Henry County Health Department to continually evaluate incidences and trends of COVID-19 cases within Henry County and the surrounding area.

MHS Class of 2021 to Present Great Pretenders March 20-21

McKENZIE — The McKenzie High School Class of 2021 is presenting their Great Pretenders Show: "All In This Together" Saturday, March 20 and Sunday, March 21 at McKenzie High School Gymnasium on the McKenzie High School campus. Show performances are Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

"We are so excited to be able to have this event," said Kennedy Green, class president. "With so many things being uncertain during this school year, we feel blessed to be able to make this memory with our classmates, and we are just grateful to anyone who purchases a ticket and supports our Project Graduation efforts. I really hope that this can be a fun couple of hours of entertainment for everyone."

Great Pretenders is a long-standing McKenzie High School event where proceeds help fund a Project Graduation Event – promoting safe fun the night of graduation- for each graduating class. Great Pretenders is a music variety show where class members and their parents emulate performances of celebrity performers.

Tickets for this year's Great Pretenders are $10 for reserved seating on the floor of the gymnasium and $8 for general admission bleacher seating and can be purchased from any MHS senior. Concessions will be served. Social distancing protocols will be followed, and the wearing of masks is strongly encouraged. Therefore, seating will also be limited, and everyone is encouraged to purchase tickets prior to each performance. Tickets can also be purchased at ACS Verizon at 15020 Highland Drive in McKenzie.

For more information about Great Pretenders "All In This Together," contact Kendra Earnhardt at 731-415-6194 or message her on Facebook.

COVID Relief Funds Budget Items on County Agenda

HUNTINGDON — Carroll County Commission's agenda for Monday, March 8 includes budget amendments to accept grant funding from the state, along with an amendment to give each of the rural fire brigades a donation.

The first amendment for approval is to donate $2,000 to each of the county's rural fire brigades. That is $1,000 over the budgeted amount because each of the brigades' fundraising has been limited during the pandemic.

The second resolution calls for the COVID relief funds of $294,210 from the state to be allocated $146,994 for emergency personnel salary reimbursement and $147,216 to erect a emergency communication tower in the Westport community.

Without a full-time airport manager, the airport is staffed by three part-time staff members. A resolution amends the budget of $30,000 for the manager and reallocates it to part-time personnel.

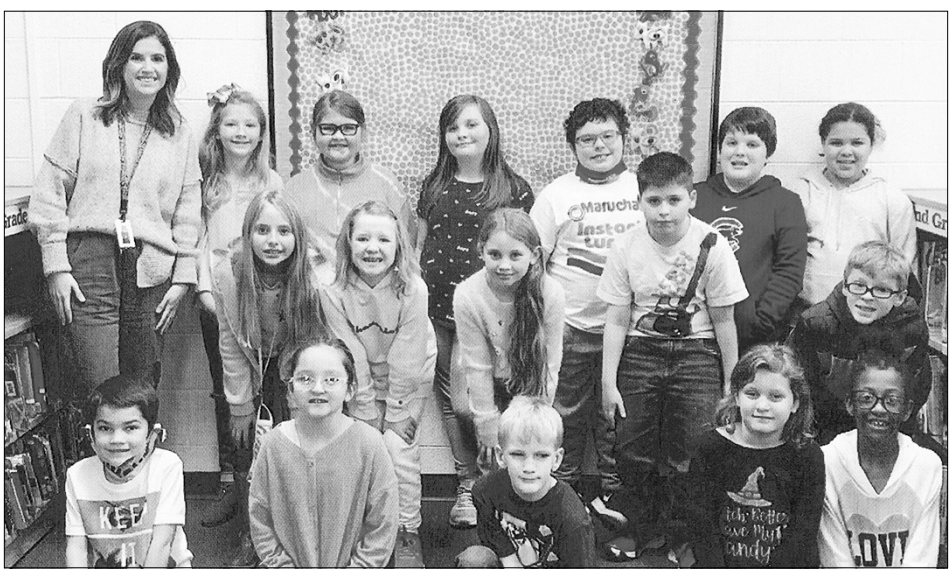
The Veterans Service Office budget is to be amended by $315.00 to allocate additional funds for training during the former and new director transition.

A budget item also shifts funds for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of $4,000 for funds received for insurance recovery on a damaged patrol vehicle.

With two new recently appointed commissioners - Lana Suite and Jay Phipps, the county's list of committee assignments will be realigned to include the new representatives. The commission will vote on its approval.

Commissioners convene at 7 p.m., Monday, March 8 at the Carroll County Civic Center. The public is invited to attend.

Haywood's Third Grade Class Earns 1,000 Accelerated Reader Points



Congratulations to Ms. Hannah Haywood's third grade class at McKenzie Elementary School for earning 1,000 Accelerated Reader points. They are the first class to reach the goal this year.

District

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each game was hosted by the higher seed. The tournament included Big Sandy, Clarksburg, Hollow Rock-Bruceton, Huntingdon, McKenzie and West Carroll - all of the Carroll County teams, plus Big Sandy. Next year, the 2021-22 season divide the county into three districts.

The 2021-22 District 11A competitors are Big Sandy, Houston County, McEwen and McKenzie. Other 1A teams in Carroll are competing in District 12. Those are Hollow Rock-Bruceton, West Carroll, Clarksburg, Frank Hughes and Perry County. Huntingdon moves to 2A and plays Gibson County, Milan, Union City and Westview in the district.

McKenzie Lady Rebels 68, Huntingdon Fillies 47

McKENZIE (February 24) — McKenzie Lady Rebels defeated the Huntingdon Fillies 68-47 in the championship game at McKenzie. The head coach for McKenzie is John Wilkins and for Huntingdon, John's brother, David Wilkins.

McKenzie scored 10, 17, 23, and 18 in the respective quarters. Lilly Bennett led all scorers with 18. She was followed by Katie Chesser with 16, including five 3-pointers; Savannah Davis with 15, including three 3-pointers; Kylie Reynolds with 10, including two 3-pointers; Mikaela Reynolds with four, Dani Dyer with two; Anna Callahan with two; and Briley Auvenshine with one.

The Huntingdon Fillies scored 9, 11, 15, and 12 points in the respective quarters. Sophie Singleton led the team with 11 points; Addison Postlethwait with 10 and Brooklyn Williams with 10; Annabelle Singleton with 5, including a 3-pointer; Sydney Anderson with 4, including a three-pointer; Ashlyn Rich with 3; and Brooke Butler and Kelby Crossno with 2 each.

Both teams advanced to the Region Quarterfinals. McKenzie hosted Collinwood and Huntingdon hosted Wayne County on Friday, February 26.

Third Place was West Carroll Lady War Eagles.

West Carroll War Eagles 79, Huntingdon Mustangs 69

ATWOOD (February 25) — West Carroll War Eagles defeated the Huntingdon Mustangs 79 to 69. The War Eagles scored 21, 24, 16, and 18 in the respective quarters. Luke Moore led the team with 24 points, followed by Jalen Anglin with 19, including 3 three-pointers. Josh Clark added 13, Andrew Juff had 11, including a three-pointer; Xander Moon had 10, including two three-pointers; and Jed Robinson with two. The team is coached by Jason Fitch.

Huntingdon was led by Grant Bartholomew with 21; D'Allen McCord with 14, including a three-pointer; Keyshun Hoard with 11; Jeb Atkinson with 11, including three 3-pointers; Milton Clark with 9, including a three-pointer; and Javon Pritchard with 3 on a three-point shot.

The team is coached by Porsche McClerking, who was honored as the district men's coach of the year.

West Carroll hosted Wayne County and Huntingdon hosted Perry County in the opening quarterfinal round of region play.

Third place team in the tournament was McKenzie Rebels, fourth was Bruceton.

Officers

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top of the Republican Party so the state and national party have a better feel of the pulse of the citizens and keep the citizens better informed of all bills and legislation pending or proposed.

Help formulate GOP policy and goals from grass roots up.

Solicit good candidates for county positions and assist with their campaigns.

Get citizens more involved in local government and politics to make the values and concerns of the citizens of the county known to its leaders.

Revitalize the local GOP party, attract more community involvement through town halls and by inviting our leaders to visit and address the county residents more often.

Use town hall medium to engage citizens to understand the responsibilities and blessing of being American Citizens.

Appeal to Heaven Flag as fund raiser.

Also, the county Republicans unanimously voted to accept a resolution to censure both Senators Blackburn and Hagerty for their vote on certifying the electoral college votes.

We believe we must stand tall and exercise our right as citizens to let our legislators know when they have done something we think is very wrong, and they thought so too just a few days before the vote.

On January 2, 2021 (taken from Senator Blackburn's web page) and I quote" On behalf of Tennesseans we are taking a united stand against the tainted electoral results from the recent presidential election," said Senator Marsha Blackburn and Senator-elect Bill Hagerty. "American democracy relies on the consent of the governed. Allegations of voter fraud, irregularities and unconstitutional actions diminish public confidence in what should be a free, fair and transparent process. Protecting the integrity of the electoral process is paramount to preserving trust and legitimacy in the final outcome.

"For critical moments like these, the Constitution reserves the right to challenge the Electoral College results to members of Congress. On January 6, we will vote to oppose certification of the 2020 election results."

Then on January 6, 2021 they both reversed their objections to the Electoral College results with no explanation to their constituents.

Electric

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Danny Brawner, general manager of Carroll County Electric, said Carroll County Electric recently renewed a 20-year, long-term contract for exclusive service through TVA. With the contract, TVA can long-range plan and build infrastructure as needed in and around the county.

The majority of distributors of TVA power have signed long-term agreements with TVA.

Four TVA distributors are hoping a complaint filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will force TVA to allow other providers to serve now-TVA customers through the TVA electrical grid.

According to cleanenergy.org, four Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)'s utility customers, called Local Power Companies or LPCs, filed a complaint with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) claiming TVA is violating federal energy policy by not allowing them access to TVA's transmission system to purchase cheaper power from a supplier other than TVA.

The possibility of LPCs buying energy from sources other than TVA could have significant benefits for ratepayers, according to the website. Memphis' utility claims customers could save billions of dollars and transition to cleaner, less risky energy supplies if allowed to buy from third parties.

According to the website, the four LPCs that filed the complaint are: Athens Utilities Board, a municipal utility that serves the city of Athens in east Tennessee, Gibson Electric Membership Corporation, a cooperative utility in west Tennessee, Joe Wheeler Electric Membership Corporation, a cooperative utility in northern Alabama, and Volunteer Energy Cooperative, a cooperative utility in eastern Tennessee that spans the state from north to south.

The Carroll County Board joined a majority of other TVA distributors to support TVA in its effort to prevent other providers from using the TVA infrastructure.

Brawner said TVA provided electricity "without a hitch" during the winter storm and 10 days of freezing temperatures. He said Carroll County Electric hit a new record of service demand during the extreme cold temperatures. The new record is for February only. A standing record in January exceeds the new February record.

In other business, Brawner announced two retirements, Jimmy Bennett, assistant foreman of the McKenzie line crew and James Simmons, Jr., with the central office in Huntingdon. With the retirements, Danny Toombs, foreman of the McKenzie line crew, will office in Huntingdon and serve as the assistant operation manager under the supervision of Mike Williams, operations manager, who plans to retire in a few years.

Justin Brown and Billy Webb will serve as the foreman and assistant foreman respectively of the McKenzie line crew.

After much discussion, Chairman Terry Howell recommended Brawner have a representative of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System to explain the actuarial study conducted on the department's employees. CCED is considering switching its employee retirement program to TCRS. Brawner said one of TCRS' concerns was 18 employees could retire immediately if the system chooses to buy back.

Board member Lori Nolen said the employees should have a representative at the meeting when TCRS makes its presentation and explains the costs associated with joining the defined benefit program.

A request for membership from the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and Industry was postponed until the board can learn more information about the new Chamber. The membership dues are $650 annually for the utility company.

Brawner said each of the five county school districts was given the opportunity to apply for a STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math - grant. So far, McKenzie High School received a $5,000 grant. Brawner said he is uncertain if the other school districts have applied.

TEC

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of Camden, Eva, Buena Vista, Huntingdon, McLemoresville, McKenzie, Paris, and Henry. TEC will provide additional funding of $2,598,231 for a total build-out construction project of $2,883,923; this increased access will improve the quality of lives for these local communities.

"Building connections for the community is our goal. We are thankful for this opportunity to improve the quality of life for our neighbors, friends, and businesses in West Tennessee," states Joey F. Garner Executive Vice President of TEC. "TEC looks forward to growing with our community and continually enhancing the quality and availability of communication services with our fiber network deployment."

The news release did not indicate the exact location of the planned expansion.

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Bethel's Old-Timers (Part I)

Memories from Joe McClure

Bethel College Corporals — Three Straight Championships 1932-1934. Pictured (L to R), Front Row; William Algea, Roy Leach, John Costen, Maurice Pete Hilliard, "Flip" McGlocklin, Hugh "Swat'' Scarbrough, Joe "Biff" Fields, Guy Robert Kirk, Ralph Brann, Walton Thompson. Back Row: Preacher Steele, Kermit Holland, Bill Burkhalter, "Jiggs" Latimer, Forrest Ladd, Woodrow Fuchs, "Doc" Crowe, Russell Duncan, and Coach Leo Davis.

A few months ago, I came across a story about Bethel's football glory days. As an alumni and fan of all things sports, I marked the story and it filled somewhere in the darker depths of my memory. By happenstance, I saw the place holder sticking out of the archives this week. After taking the time to read it, once again I came across a treasure trove of information. All the individuals mentioned including its writer are dead. So, this is just another story that needs to be recorded for the ages.

The story is from 1997 by Joe David McClure (1913-2008). He tells a set of stories about the "old-timers" at Bethel focusing between 1931-1936. Joe put out a disclaimer stating that the story "should not be taken as official history but simply as we remember." With some many great tales in the article, I felt it necessary to share as many as I could in this edition. Some of what was written seems like a stretch of the truth but whose grandparents never embellish on a story.

If you could find an old McKenzie Banner some 60 years or so ago, it just might have in bold print "Bethel Corporals Football Team Wins Over UT Martin." No misprint here since Bethel did beat the UTM squad in 1933. There were four of us who were very much involved in this game and we will tell you who these people are so you can personally ask any of them about this. However, you had better have plenty of time, since these old boys enjoy talking about those days.

One might also find another report which states, "Bethel baseball team wins over Cumberland University as a Bethel player kick the longest field goal ever recorded in college circles." I will tell you who that kicker was and more. Other stories would highlight games with well-known schools such as Vanderbilt, Memphis State, Ole Miss, Delta State, Lambuth, Union University, etc.

I am going to tell you about a Bethel player who played every minute of every game of football for four years. I expect some of you may say you are way out of the park on this one - not so, it was common practice in those times for good players to play both offensive and defensive positions. As the number of players in some of the smaller schools was few, the boys just did it all...

Let me tell you about the historic day in 1933 when 15 suited out Bethel Corporals took the field at UT Martin and walked away with a 16-9 victory. It was said that UT had four or five full teams on that field that day.

At this point, let me briefly introduce some of those "old-timers" to you. Big and fast "Bull Ox" Guy R. Kirk (1913-1997) was one of those history makers at Bethel in 1932-33-34. He weighed 185 pounds then, was fast, played defensive guard and offensive backfield. Now, let me repeat, players were quite often shifted around and played both sides the entire game.

Now, if you have been around Bethel and certainly around McKenzie very long, you know Kermit Holland (1913-2011), who was another of those history makers - both in football and baseball. We called him "dog" and I don't remember how he came by that nickname, but I think it was because when he got the football in his hand, he could just about outrun a greyhound dog. He was not a big boy as football players sometimes go, but he was fast and tough as a pine knot...

Kermit was not only a good football player, but he pitched for the baseball team. Many years later, he coached the Bethel baseball teams, I believe as a volunteer when Bethel did not have a full staff of coaches.

Another player well known around here now, as he was back then, is Hughlon "Swat" Scarbrough (1914-2003), who grew up around here... Swat played varsity baseball for Bethel four years and recently I asked him if he remembered his four-year batting average. He didn't hesitate before saying, "450."

He also played varsity football for Bethel for four years and just recently we were talking about those days at Bethel. Bethel was playing Cumberland University on home turf and Swat was playing at back. The score was 6-6 with not long to play. Swat said he knew it was a very wide chance but something had to be done, so he called for Pete Hilliard (1913-1999) to try for a field goal kick.

Several on the team stated it could not be done, but big Pete said "let me try" and try he did - kicking a 57-yard field goal that won the game 9-6 and set a record of what was talked about in college football for several years.

Kermit said he was standing there, with his mouth open, and watched the ball clear the goal post by 10 to 15 yards. I would expect that Pete Hilliard was the best kicker ever at Bethel.

Now, I started out this article thinking about the boys who played ball for Bethel back then and are living here now, but I must include a McKenzie boy who lived here then and now lives in Chattanooga. His name is Herman Leach (1914-2011). He made his contribution by playing ball, and as I will mention later working over there with us for four years paying for his schooling.

One more baseball player we must mention is Bailess Simmons (1908-1999), who still lives here, although pretty much homebound because of his health. Bailess played baseball for Bethel in 1929-30-31, a little before the years we are talking about, but another of those local boys who, with a little break, could have made the major leagues.

As for myself, I was a little short of weight and ability to make a show, but I was the manager of the Bethel team that won the UT Martin game in 1933, and I have always been proud of those athletes and Coach Leo Davis, who deserves so much credit for his contribution to Bethel.

Others who played on that great team in 1933 when Bethel beat UTM was Bill Burkhalter (1914-1985), McFerrin Smith (1912-1981), Joe Fields (1907-1986), "Doc" Crow (1912-1998), Bill Algea (1914-1994), Roy Leach, Morris Beadles (1910-1984), Blue Burkhalter (1912-1996), "Jiggs'' Latimer (1912-1991) and Jim Steele. With the exceptions of Crowe, who came from Dover, and Latimer, who came from Union City, all the remaining team members grew up in McKenzie and remained here for many years.

Bethel College went on to capture the Mississippi Valley Conference Championship in football for three years in a row 1932, 1933 and 1934.

That makes a solid stopping point for this week. I've tried to the best of my ability to attach birth/death dates to the athletes Joe wrote about in his memories. Next week will conclude his story about the "old-timers".

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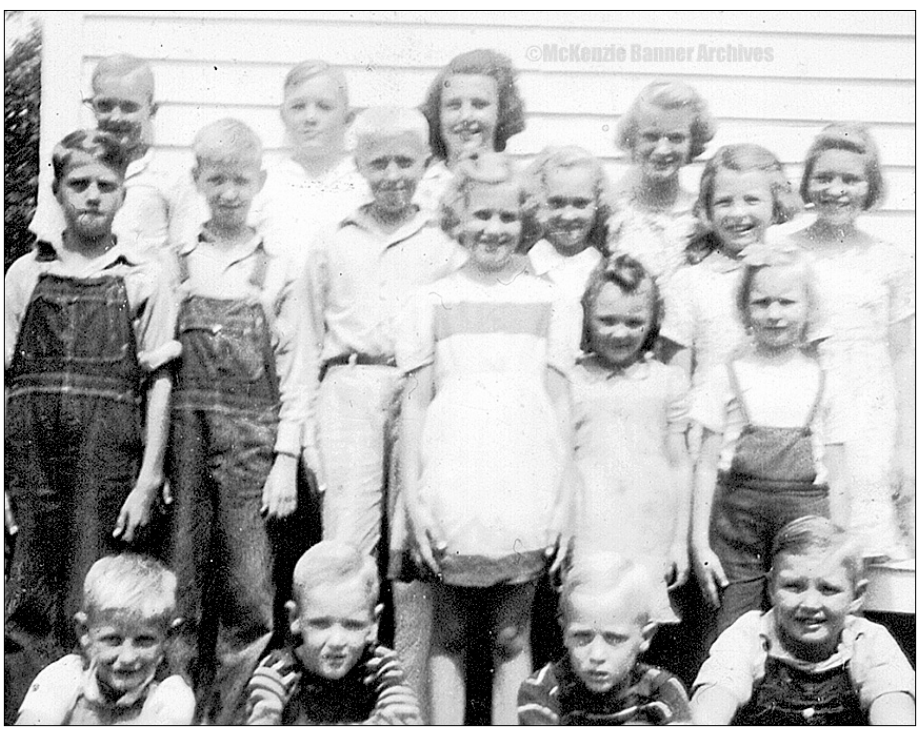

Swindell School, 1947 — (L to R) First Row: Gerald Abernathy, Argel Reynolds, Arden Reynolds and Jamie Bunn. Second Row: Sue Britton Hearne, Shirley Reynolds Wright and Jo Ann Hicks Cooper. Third Row: Edward McDearmon, Richard Reynolds, Gordon Reynolds, Barbara Reynolds Slaughter and Edna McDearmon Stroud. Fourth Row: Randolph Reynolds, Billy Bunn, Ann McDearmon Alexander, Betty Britton Kenny and Lula Mae Bunn Cobb. *File photo originally published in "A Pictorial History of McKenzie, Tennessee," by The McKenzie Banner in October 2004.*

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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Robert's Mom Set The Example

I heard the news about Tiger Woods' accident and immediately thought about his two kids. As the seriousness of it unfolded, I prayed he'd walk again. And I rolled over in my mind how long it would take to recover, and rehabilitate, from such injuries. Mr. Woods is headed down a long tough road for sure. My heart went out to him.

And then I wondered about his golf.

The sports anchor talking over the horrific pictures of the mutilated car lying a good distance from the road referred to Mr. Woods as a black athlete. Of course, he was exactly correct. But he was also indescribably wrong!

And maybe that is part, if not all, of the racial divide in our country today.

Listen closely here, I'm the last guy on earth to talk about such matters. I don't know nothing about nothing. I don't claim to. I don't know what black people think. I don't understand most of the time what white people think.

Tiger Woods is a man. A son. A father. A provider. He's got family. Friends. Aspirations. Hope. He is certainly a golfing icon. He's lived on the mountain top. And he's spent his time in the valley.

Good golly, there are a hundred things about Mr. Woods to know and understand and like or dislike and ponder over before you get down to the black part. Why are we always forced to get that first?

And you've got to hear my heart here, Tiger is proud of his heritage. I'm not downplaying that. I'm just saying let's take everyone at face value first. Don't hop with the crowd. Be a little smarter about how we relate to everyone around us.

My ancestors came over from Ireland to escape the potato famine of the 1850's. I reckon that makes me part of the Irish-Catholic crowd. I've got O'Bannon's and Murphy's in my family tree. My Mom's maiden name is Kennedy. But I don't sit around all year waiting for St. Patrick's Day. And it's never crossed my mind to kiss the Blarney Stone.

We all have a unique and wonderful heritage. We should celebrate it and be proud of our past. But none of us needs to let that bog down our here and now or our collective future.

Robert was the first black person I ever met if you don't count the men that worked with Daddy out at the Tri-County Stockyards. We were ten or eleven. We met at the baseball field over by the pajama factory.

We got to throwing a ball back and forth. He had an easy way of gathering it in. And he tossed it back with a little zip to it—like you were supposed to!

He was always happy and friendly. One very hot summer day he invited me to lunch at his house. We're talking the Deep South in the mid 1950's. I was hungry. And at that age an empty stomach trumped most everything else.

To my everlasting discredit, I remember feeling like something wasn't right as we got to his front steps. It wasn't my upbringing. Mom taught us from birth that we were all God's children. Daddy judged everybody on whether they would work or not. He didn't care about anything else.

Maybe it was just the times.

I do remember Robert's mother never batted an eye when we walked in. She told us to "wash up, the food was ready" like little white boys dropped by her house every day. I didn't realize what a lifelong lesson it was until years later.

I also remember it was the most disappointing meal that I ever sat down to. She had fixed cornbread, pinto beans and turnip greens. That is exactly what we would have had if we'd gone to my house!

I was hoping black people ate hamburgers, French fries and apple pie for lunch.

I had a passel of close friends growing up. Many of us spent twelve years together in school. I cherish each one of them. But think about this; how many more lifetime friends could I have had if the black kids would have been included?

That's my loss. That's everybody's loss.

I stood behind Tiger Woods on the fourth tee at The Masters one April several years back. The par 3 is over 200 yards long with a deep bunker guarding the approach. Tiger's shot sounded like a rifle off his iron as he ripped it over the bunker and landed it softly just a few feet from a front pin.

An unbelievable shot; the best I've ever seen, from the most accomplished golfer maybe of all time.

And it didn't add to or take away or make any difference if he were black or white or iridescent orange.....

The "content of your character" indeed!

Respectfully,
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Obituaries

CHARLOTTE ANN DREWRY
1954 — 2021

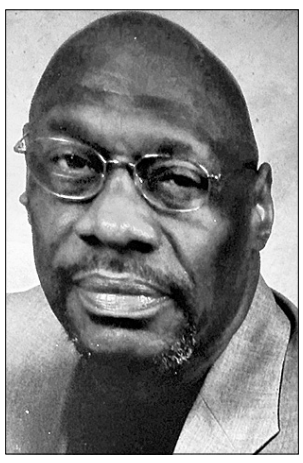
McKENZIE — Services for Charlotte Ann Drewry, 66, were Saturday, February 27, 2021 at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Brother Dennis Trull officiated. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in McKenzie. Mrs. Drewry, a paraoptometric tech at Spivey Eye Clinic, died Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at St. Thomas Hospital Midtown in Nashville. She was born on May 2, 1954 in Milan, Tennessee to James F. and Mary Elizabeth McUmber Womble, formerly of Greenfield. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She was a member of McKenzie First Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband, Jerry Drewry of McKenzie, two sons, Shannon Drewry and Ryan (Tonya) Drewry and a granddaughter, Molly Drewry all of McKenzie. +

ERNEST CLAYTON HUEY
1931 — 2021

GLEASON — Ernest Clayton Huey, 89, died at his home in Gleason, Tennessee, on February 22, 2021. He was born March 27, 1931.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Ernest and Nannie Springer Huey, three brothers and four sisters. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Maudie, two sons, Gary Huey (Vickie) of Mooresville, North Carolina and Steve Huey of Lafayette, Louisiana, two daughters, Debbie Patton of Gleason, Tennessee and Patricia Folden (Chad) of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren. A private family service was Friday, February 26, 2021.



WILLIE WILSON
1949 — 2021

McKENZIE — Services for Willie Frank Wilson, 72, were Monday, March 1, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at the Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads in Wildersville, Tenn. with United States Marine Corps Military Honors. Mr. Wilson, an employee at Republic Door, died Thursday, February 18, 2021 at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson. He was born on February 18, 1949 in Prairie, Mississippi to Willie Pete Wilson and Della Gladley Taylor. He was a member of Greater Enon Baptist Church in McKenzie, he was a United States Marine Corps veteran serving during the Vietnam War during the years 1967-1969. He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his wife of almost 23 years, Karen Milton Wilson of McKenzie, his mother, Della Taylor of Michigan City, Indiana, a daughter, Tamara Hicks of Arkansas, three sons, Willie Hicks of Indiana, Brian Gilbert of Lexington, Tenn., Brandon Gilbert of Huntingdon, and a sister Lortha (Alvin) McBride of Gary, Indiana. Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. For more information please call (731) 352-4848 or visit www.brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com. +

WILLIAM EARL CARY
1933 — 2021

HUNTINGDON — Mr. William Earl Cary, 87, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Sunday February 14, 2021, at the Jackson- Madison County General Hospital.

Graveside services were Saturday, February 27, 2021, at New Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Cary was born March 11, 1933, in Buena Vista, Tennessee to the late Ether Lee and Tessie Marie (Hollowell) Cary.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Maxine Cary, three brothers, Vincent Cary, Edward Cary, and Bruce Cary.

He is survived by one daughter, Rhonda Harrell, of Jackson. Chase Funeral Home.

TIMOTHY MCCAULEY
1962 — 2021

HOLLOW ROCK — Mr. Timothy McCauley, 58, of Hollow Rock, Tennessee, died Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at his home.

Funeral services were Friday, February 26, 2021 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Pisgah Cemetery located in Hollow Rock.

Timothy O'Neal McCauley "Ralo" was born September 20, 1962 in Camden, Tennessee to the late Vorice and Mary McCauley.

Tim was preceded in death by his father, Vorice (Tom) McCauley, his mother, Mary McCauley, his mother, Mary McCauley and his wife,, Constance McCauley.

Survivors include two brothers, Brian McCauley (Ruth) of Bruceton, Eric McCauley of Hollow Rock, two sisters, Delisa Tharpe (Ray) of Hollow Rock and Phyllis McCauley of Murfreesboro, two stepchildren, Brehanna Porter of Lexington and Trezden Tharpe of Hollow Rock. He also leaves four grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

Crab Meat Quiche

3 eggs, beaten
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
1 7.5 ounce package crab meat, drained and flaked
1 3.5 ounce can French fried onions
1 cup sour cream
3/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Combine eggs, sour cream, Worcestershire, and salt. Stir in cheese, crab meat and onions.

Pour into pastry shell. Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until custard is set and knife inserted in center comes out clean. Serve hot.

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Bonnie's Casserole

1 1/2 pound ground beef
1/2 cup onion
1 cup tomato sauce
1-1/2 cup cheddar cheese (grated)
1 pkg biscuits, crescent rolls or taco chips
1/2 cup sour cream
1 egg (slightly beaten)
1 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt

Brown beef and drain. Combine onions, tomato sauce, chili powder, garlic salt, sour cream, egg, and 1/2 cup cheese. Add to ground beef and put in 13x9 pan (greased). Top with 1 cup cheese. This much can be made ahead of time, then baked next day. Top with crescent rolls, biscuits, or chips and bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes.

Cowboy Beans

1 pound hamburger
2 cans pork n beans
1 cup ketchup
2 teaspoon vinegar
2 cup onion
1 can kidney beans, drained
2 tablespoons mustard
1 teaspoon salt

Brown hamburger and drain. Add remaining ingredients and mix together. Bake 35 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

Chili Beef Casserole

1 can chili beef soup
1 can kidney or red beans
1 can whole kernel corn
1 can tomato sauce
1 cup noodles, spaghetti or macaroni.
1 small chopped onion
Chili powder to taste
Worcestershire sauce
1 -2 pound ground beef
Oregano to taste

Brown beef in electric skillet. Drain grease. Add onion, chili powder, oregano, and Worcestershire sauce.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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.

ASHLEY BARLOW MEMORIAL 5K, ONE MILE WALK

The Ashley Barlow Memorial 5K and One Mile Walk is Saturday, March 20 at 10 a.m. at West Carroll Junior/Senior High School. Check-in starts at 9 a.m. Entry is $25 for ages 18 and over, $20 for ages 17 and under. Register by March 6 to receive a t-shirt. T-shirts can be pre-ordered for $15 if not competing in the race. Forms can be picked up from and returned to the high school. A portion of the proceeds go to fund the Ashley Barlow Memorial Scholarship. For more information, email ashleybarlow5k@gmail.com.

WEST CARROLL SCHOOL BOARD MEETS TUESDAY, MARCH 9

West Carroll School Board meets Tuesday, March 9 at the Junior High/High School. A work session is at 5:30 p.m. followed by the regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

MACEDONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT FISH DINNER

The Macedonia Fire Department District 10 is hosting a fish dinner on March 6, 4 to 6:30 p.m., at the Macedonia Community Center, Highway 436, outside of McKenzie. Plates are $10. If you choose, we can bring it out to you as you wait in your car. For more information, phone 731-415-8372, 415-8375, or 234-5401.

HUNTINGDON SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET

The Huntingdon Board of Eduction meets Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 7 a.m. The meeting is at the Huntingdon Central Office located at 585 High Street, Huntingdon, Tennessee. Board members will then tour the schools to visit with teachers and administrators.

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

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CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSION TO MEET

The Carroll County Commission meets Monday, March 8, 7 p.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center. The public is invited to attend.

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.

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.

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Teacher: Lorrie Brown

Kristen Rimmer
McKenzie Middle

The 8th grade teachers at McKenzie Middle School are proud to recognize Kristen Rimmer as Student of the Month. She is a true role model for her peers in her kindness and compassion for others. She has an amazing work ethic in which she demonstrates both inside and outside of the classroom. Her ability to work with and lead others is exceptional.

Parents: Shane & Kelly Rimmer
Grade: 8th Grade
Teachers: Mr. Nick Chappell, Ms. Cassie Ellis, Ms. Rachel Johns and Mr. Zach Renfro

Jonathan Haney
McKenzie High

MHS Junior Percussionist Jonathan Haney is the Student of the Month. Jonathan auditioned and was selected as the 1st chair overall in the 2021 All West Tennessee Band! With this accomplishment, Jonathan will represent West Tennessee in the 2021 All State Band.

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Grade: 11th Grade
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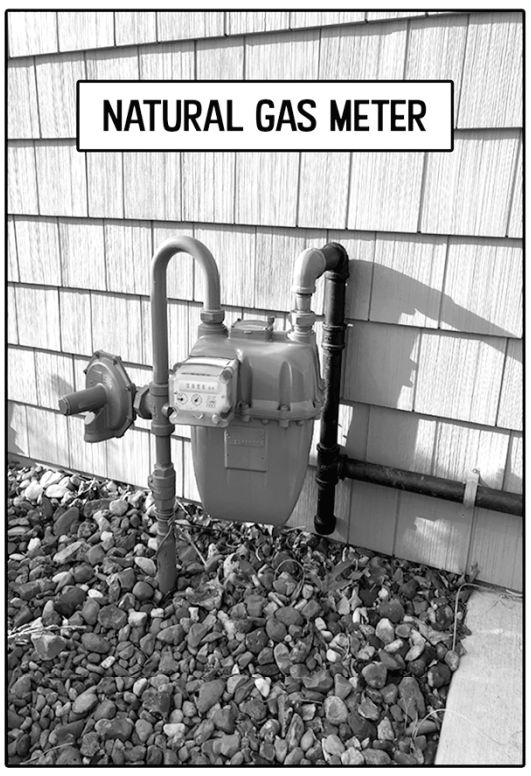

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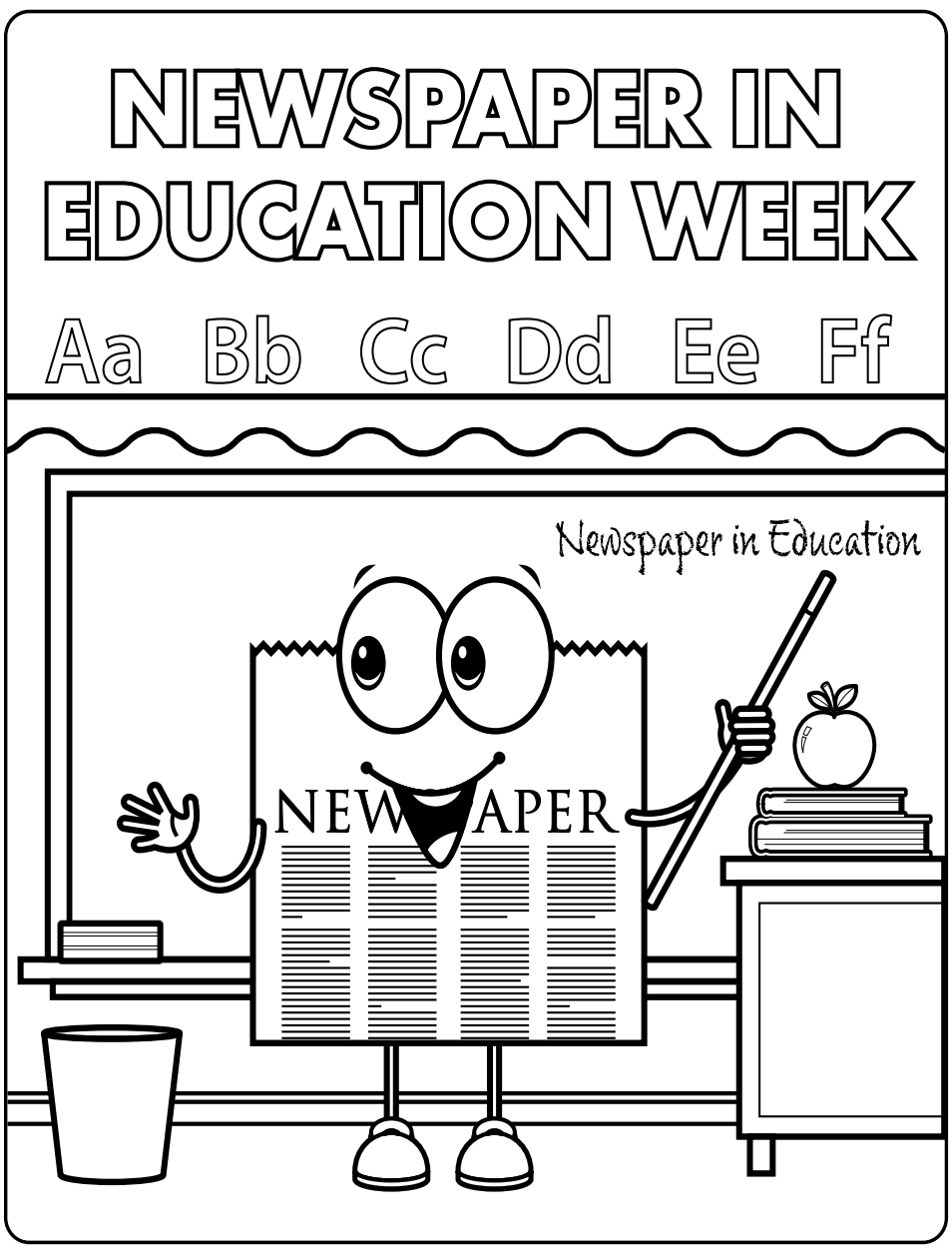

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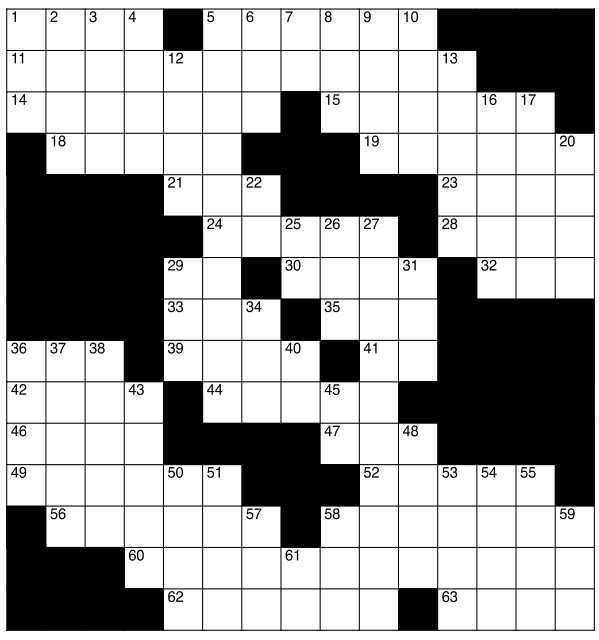

CLUES ACROSS

1. One of Noah's sons
5. Openings
11. Rising from the dead
14. Expressions for humorous effect
15. North American country
18. Flowed over
19. Tags
21. Long-lasting light bulb
23. Off-Broadway theater award
24. Khoikhoi peoples
28. Beloved movie pig
29. South Dakota
30. Tai language
32. Get free of
33. Afflict
35. Transmits genetic information from DNA
36. Commercials
39. Digits
41. Expression of sympathy
42. Bleats
44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner
46. Vegetable
47. Turf
49. Disorganized in character
52. Takes
56. Rules over
58. More fervid
60. Sweet drink
62. Cry loudly
63. A friendly nation

CLUES DOWN

1. A title of respect in India
2. His and __
3. Employee stock ownership plan
4. A type of bond (abbr.)
5. Acting as if you are
6. Affirmative
7. Not caps
8. Type of medication
9. Monetary unit
10. Private school in New York
12. Small stream
13. A person of wealth
16. Exclude
17. Someone who vouches for you
20. Vegetable part
22. Gov't lawyer
25. Term to address a woman
26. Swiss river
27. About senator
29. __ Paulo, city
31. Native American tribe
34. "Titanic" actor
36. Campaign for students' rights (abbr.)
37. Capital of Senegal
38. Slang for military leader
40. Football's big game
43. Women who threw themselves on funeral pyres
45. Equally
48. Forest animal
50. Heavy stoves
51. Releasing hormone (abbr.)
53. Song
54. Type of pickle
55. Offer in return for money
57. Soviet Socialist Republic
58. Burns wood (abbr.)
59. Beloved singer Charles
61. Three-toed sloth

Week 9

See solution in next week's edition.

Read Across America Word Search

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Thing One
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THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

• **1845:** FLORIDA IS ADMITTED AS THE 27TH STATE.

• **1918:** GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND RUSSIA SIGN THE TREATY OF BREST-LITOVSK.

• **1931:** "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER" IS ADOPTED AS AMERICA'S NATIONAL ANTHEM.

PUZZLE SOLUTION

Week 8 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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SOLUTION WEEK 8

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CLASS A REGIONAL GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Lady Rebels Advance with Win Over Collinwood

McKENZIE (February 26) — The McKenzie Lady Rebels advanced to the Class A Regional Semifinals with a 71-35 win over Collinwood in Friday's quarterfinal round. The Lady Rebels hosted Loretto Monday after The Banner's press deadline.

McKenzie stormed out to a 26-9 lead after the first frame and led 51-17 at the half. The lead grew to 62-26 after three quarters.

Lady Rebels Katie Chesser and Kylie Reynolds led all scorers with a dozen points each, Chesser with four three-pointers and Reynolds with a pair. Lilly Bennett scored eleven with a three, and Savannah Davis had ten with a pair of threes. Dani Dyer scored eight points with a pair of threes, and MiKaela Reynolds had eight points with a three. Savannah Nesbitt had six points, and Kyeana Sneed and Briley Auvenshine each had a pair.

AC Whitehead led the Lady Trojans with seven points.

Lady Rebel Kylie Reynolds fires a three-pointer.
Photo courtesy Tammy Graves

Rebels Rout Rockets in District Opener

McKENZIE (February 22) — The McKenzie Rebels advanced to the District 11A Semifinals with an 80-38 victory over the Clarksburg Rockets in Monday's opening round.

The Rebels jumped out to a 22-13 lead after the opening frame and led 41-21 at the half. After three quarters, McKenzie had pushed the lead to 71-31.

Rebel Eli Surber led all scorers with 18 points, including four three-pointers. Johnathan Moore scored 15 with a pair of threes, and Marquez Taylor had 14 points. Zayden McCaslin scored seven. Caleb Gill and Bryson Steele each had five, Gill with a three. Bryant Haynes scored four, Etijay Tharpe hit a three, and Jaden Currie also scored three points. Elijah Seivers, Zay Webber and Zach Aird each had a pair.

Stefan Gilbert and Myles Rogers led the Rockets with seven points each, Gilbert with a three. Brandon Pendergrass scored six, and Kris Hooker had five points. Spencer Webb scored four, Jakobe Clark and Jalyn Davis each hit a three, and Brayden Cobb also had three points.

Fillies Top Lady War Eagles in District Semifinal

HUNTINGDON (February 22) — The Huntingdon Fillies defeated the West Carroll Lady War Eagles 62-36 in Monday's District 11A Semifinals.

The Fillies stormed out to a 12-4 lead after the opening frame and led 36-23 at the half. Huntingdon pushed the advantage to 49-27 after three quarters.

Huntingdon's Brooke Butler led all scorers with 18 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Sophie Singleton scored 13, and Brooklyn Williams had ten points. Annabelle Singleton scored six points, Ashlyn Rich had five, and Addison Postlethwait scored four. Sydney Anderson, Shelby Childress and Kelby Crossno each had a pair.

Mia Jones led West Carroll with 17 points, including a pair of threes. Erin Norman scored six points, and Amaya Thompson had four. Janzen Winberry and Jayden Rader each hit a three, Kymbrianna Ross had a pair, and Skylar Jones hit a free throw.

Huntingdon's Brooke Butler drives into the paint.
Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Lady Rebels Stomp Big Sandy in District Semifinal

McKENZIE (February 22) — The McKenzie Lady Rebels coasted by the Big Sandy Lady Red Devils 74-39 in Monday's District 11A Semifinals.

The Lady Rebels jumped out to an 18-4 lead after the opening frame and continued to dominate for a 51-19 advantage at the half. The score was 66-33 after three quarters.

Savannah Davis and Kylie Reynolds led McKenzie with 15 points each, Davis with four three-pointers and Reynolds with a pair. MiKaela Reynolds scored 13 with a trio of threes. Lilly Bennett had seven, and Kyeana Sneed and Briley Auvenshine each scored six. Payton Ognibene and Dani Dyer each had five, Ognibene with a three. Hannah Dillingham and Madison Gilbert each hit a free throw.

Ashlyn Berry led Big Sandy with 28 points, including four three-pointers.

Property Transfers

Hope Vinson and others to Matthew Todd Barker in District 19.

Thomas Hartigan to Charles Stewart.

Holy Cross Catholic Church to Frank Wessels in District 7.

Darryl M. Chatman Jr. to Darryl M. Chatman Jr. in District 19.

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Nancy Joyce Spray to Atkinson & Peerson, LLC in District 24.

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Kenneth L. Lyons to Joshua Dale Phillips in District 11.

Mark and Patricia Dillahunty to Charles Prater II in District 4.

Ruben Dean Petrick Sr. to Jeff Johnson.

Shannon Wayne Sloan to Cynthia J. Sloan in District 16.

Larry R. and Ellen K. Wooley to Bradley and Austin Russell in District 24.

Robyn E. Croll and others to Jeffery G. and Alicia L. Johnson in District 10.

Powell Partnership to William D. and Patricia Scarbrough in District 3.

Joe and Dana B. Townsend to Kim Renell Eddingfield.

James Matthew and Diana Crockett Walker to Dwayne R. Reynolds in District 11.

Louis Dean and Jonathan D. Doster to Spiridon L. and Sandi S. Roditis in District 4.

Edward Dwayne and Tiffany D. Hill and Blake and Haley Longmire in District 23.

Michael Ray Pinkley to Michael Ray and Donna Marie Pinkley in District 24.

City of McKenzie
ACCEPTING BIDS
FOR OUTDOOR WATER FEATURE

The City of McKenzie is accepting bids for an outdoor water feature. The area is approximately 11 ft. tall and 14 feet wide. The address of the property for the water feature is: 22 Lee Street, McKenzie, TN 38201

Bids should include the following: Design for the water feature which includes surrounding area, materials used to include stones, plants, planters, electrical.

Include: Name, address, resume including a minimum of three (3) references

Only bids from Certified Aquascape Contractors (CACs) will be considered.

Sealed bids may be mailed or dropped off at McKenzie City Hall, 2470 Cedar Street, McKenzie, TN 38201

Deadline for receiving bids: Thursday, March 4, 2021, 4 p.m. Bids will be opened at 4:30 p.m. March 4, 2021, at McKenzie City Hall.

Call 731-352-2292 for questions.

The City of McKenzie complies with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

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Huntingdon Police Reports

Drugs, License Violation — Marlon Devon McClerkin, 46, of Huntingdon was arrested on drug and drug paraphernalia charges and for driving on a suspended license during a February 10 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Officer Joseph Hedge, he pulled over a vehicle driven by McClerkin on Buena Vista Road because he had prior knowledge that McClerkin's license was suspended. A computer check confirmed this. While speaking with McClerkin, Hedge detected the odor of marijuana. After getting McClerkin's permission to search the vehicle, McClerkin pulled a baggy containing a brown rock-like substance, which has been sent off for testing, out of his pocket. A search of the vehicle yielded a bag containing nine Suboxone pills, three bags containing approximately 12 grams of methamphetamine, two bags containing approximately five grams of marijuana, multiple small baggies, rolling papers, torch lighters, and $1,142 in cash. McClerkin was transported to jail, and his vehicle, cash, and cell phone were seized.

Theft — Beatrice King, 32, and Tyler Wilson, 28, both of Bruceton, were both cited for theft of merchandise under $1,000 on February 14 at Walmart in Huntingdon.

Officer Richard Crossno reported that he responded to a call about a theft at Walmart. Walmart security personnel advised Crossno that there were two individuals in the store who had previously stolen food items on February 6. Walmart security provided pictures of King and Wilson not scanning items valued at $18.93. Crossno then approached King and Wilson and took them to the security office, where they were cited. Walmart also issued a no trespass order against King and Wilson.

Carroll County General Sessions Court

HUNTINGDON (February 24) — Jonathan A. Hendrix, Buena Vista Road, Buena Vista, was bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court on a charge of first degree murder-attempt and tampering with evidence.

Two other cases were dismissed.

Kayla R. Harris, Clear Lake Road, McKenzie, the charge of tampering with evidence was dismissed.

Christopher Miller, North Market Street, Paris, dismissed charge of probation violation.

Marriage Licenses

•Angelica Maria Gonzalez, 29, of Mansfield to Ivan Loredo Flores, 39, of Mansfield.

•Carrie Leigh Brumley Tegothoff, 45, of Huntingdon to Edgar Leroy Longworth II, 39, of Huntingdon.

•Alex Ray Davis, 24, of Buena Vista to Kasey Marie White, 22, of Bruceton.

•Louis Edward Caliendo, 34, of McKenzie to Kaylin Lane White, 26, of McKenzie.

•Paul Leslie Conquest, Jr., 70, of McKenzie to Crystal Junella Finch Mize, 46, of Gleason.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Theft — A warrant was recently issued against Samuel Alexander Jewell, 25, of 5965 Hinkledale Road, McKenzie, for theft of motor vehicle parts or accessories.

According to the report by Deputy Christopher Adams, he responded to a call about a trespasser on Sycamore Lane in McKenzie on February 21, and the homeowner showed Adams outside surveillance video of someone later identified as Jewell walking up into the yard, checking both vehicles in the driveway, and then walking away. Adams noted that earlier the Sheriff's Department had received a call about a vehicle registered to Jewell stuck at the corner of Sycamore and Winberry Place. Deputies later made contact with Jewell, who initially said that he had been on the property to see a girl but then admitted to trying to open the vehicles to get money or gas to get his vehicle unstuck. Later that afternoon, Adams spoke with other residents on Sycamore Lane, who said that radar detectors valued at $100 each were missing from two vehicles. A neighbor provided deputies with video footage.

Weapons Violation — Brian Daniel Abbott, 41, of 109 N. Carroll Street, Bruceton, was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon on February 22 at a Bruceton residence.

According to the report by Deputy Tony King, deputies responded to a call about Abbott having a gun at a neighbor's house on Carroll Street. Upon arrival, deputies found Abbott on the porch with a 20-gauge shotgun. Abbott was found to have felony convictions, and he was then arrested.

Identity Theft — Deputies are looking into a case of identity theft involving a fraudulent student loan.

Nathan Garey of Cedar Grove told deputies on February 22 that his mortgage company had contacted him about a student loan that had been taken out in his name back in 2018 in the amount of $2,800. Garey said he didn't take out the loan and was advised by the lender to file an identity theft report.

Theft — A warrant for theft was recently issued against Tony Craig Bennett (age and address not provided).

According to the report by Deputy Michael Smith, George Greenway told deputies on February 23 that an antique dinner bell was taken from his property on Thompson School Road near Huntingdon sometime during the past few days. Smith noted that he recovered a dinner bell matching the description of the one stolen during a February 17 traffic stop on Browning Highway. Smith did not state in his report whether or not Bennett was involved in that traffic stop.

Vandalism — Deputies are investigating the recent vandalism of residential property in Trezevant.

Michael Lovelace told deputies on February 24 that someone broke out five windows at an unoccupied rental property he owns on Newfull Road. Damage was estimated at $3,200.

Drugs, DUI — Jared Lynn Cole, 37, of Springville was charged with possession of heroin, possession of schedule IV, and DUI on February 25.

According to the report by Deputy Cody Walker, he observed a red F-150 stopped in the middle of Humbles Church Road in Huntingdon and found Cole passed out in the driver's seat. After the deputy woke him up, Cole did not seem to know where he was and he kept fading in and out of consciousness, though, at one point, he did admit to taking Xanax. Walker spotted a plastic baggie in the driver's side door containing a substance that field-tested positive for heroin. Walker also found two Xanax bars in the middle ashtray of the vehicle.

Vehicle Stolen — Deputies are investigating the recent theft of a vehicle in McKenzie.

Jonathan Gaskins told deputies on February 24 that his blue 2016 Dodge Ram 2500 had been stolen from the driveway of his residence on Tower Road. Gaskins said the truck was in the driveway at around 11 p.m. on February 23, but it was gone that next morning. Gaskins described the truck as having a chrome bull bar on the front with two KC lights on the bar, a two-inch leveling kit, and 20-inch aftermarket black wheels. Gaskins also said that there were two firearms – a loaded Glock G33 pistol and a nine-millimeter Beretta – as well several tools and other items in the vehicle. The truck and its contents were valued together at close to $40,000.

$500 REWARD

The City of McKenzie is offering a $500 reward for information leading to the ultimate reimbursement and successful identification of the driver who hit the fire hydrant on the corner of Spruce and Magnolia on Thursday night February 18, 2021, between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Please contact MPD at 731-352-2265 or the City of McKenzie at 731-352-2292 with information.

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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

A8515/6-4

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

TERRI LARKIN, SYNDEY MANESS, SHANNON JONES,
LINDSEY SPAIN, AND JESSIE AUTRY
PLAINTIFFS

VS. CA: 2021-CV-36

KELLEY HOLLOWELL
DEFENDANT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court from the petition filed in this cause that the whereabouts of the Defendant, Kelley Hollowell, is presently unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, so that ordinary process cannot be served upon her. Therefore, this Order of Publication should be published in the "The McKenzie Banner" newspaper located in McKenzie, Tennessee, as the best possible notice to the Defendant, Kelley Hollowell, under the circumstances.

Defendant, Kelley Hollowell, is hereby required to appear and file an answer with Kenneth Todd, Clerk and Master of the Carroll County Chancery Court, Carroll County Courthouse, 99 Court Square, Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344, or otherwise defend against the Petition to Divest Title and Approve Sale, and serve an answer to said Petition by April 16, 2021, which is (30) thirty days from the last day of publication of this Notice, and send a copy of said Answer to Laura A. Keeton, Attorney for Plaintiffs in this cause, whose address is P.O. Box 647, Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344, or Default Judgment will be entered against Defendant, Kelley Hollowell, and this cause set for hearing in the Chancery Court of Carroll County Courthouse in Huntingdon, Tennessee, ex parte as to Defendant, Kelley Hollowell.

If there is no answer, a hearing on Plaintiffs' Petition to Divest Title and Approve Sale If there is no answer, a hearing on Plaintiffs' Petition to Divest Title and Approve Sale shall be heard on April 20, 2021.

Entered this the 10th day of February, 2021.

Approved for Entry:
Laura A. Keeton BPR 014917
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VICKI HOOVER, CHANCELLOR

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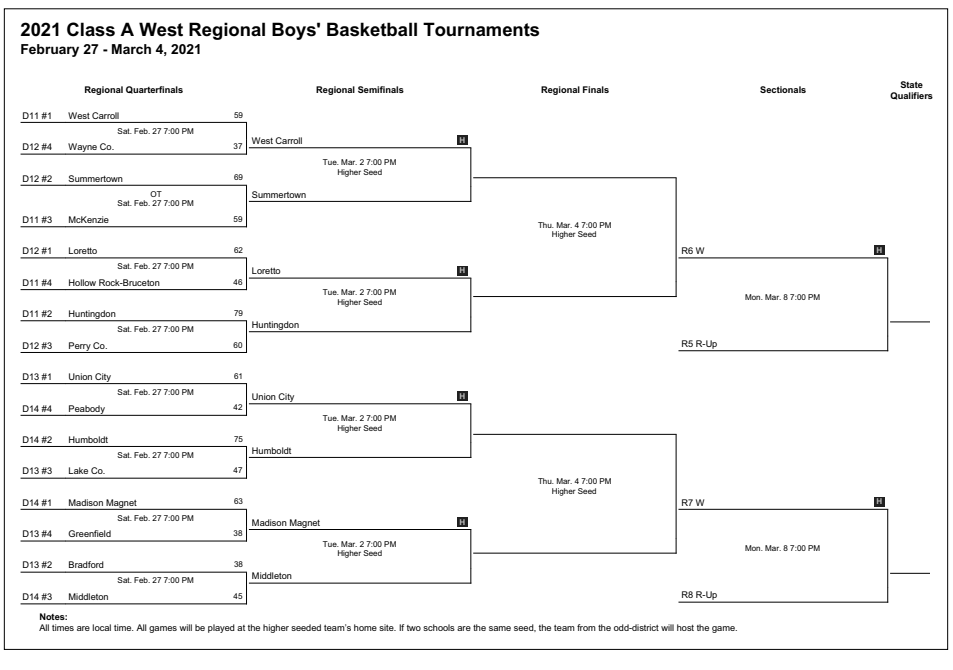
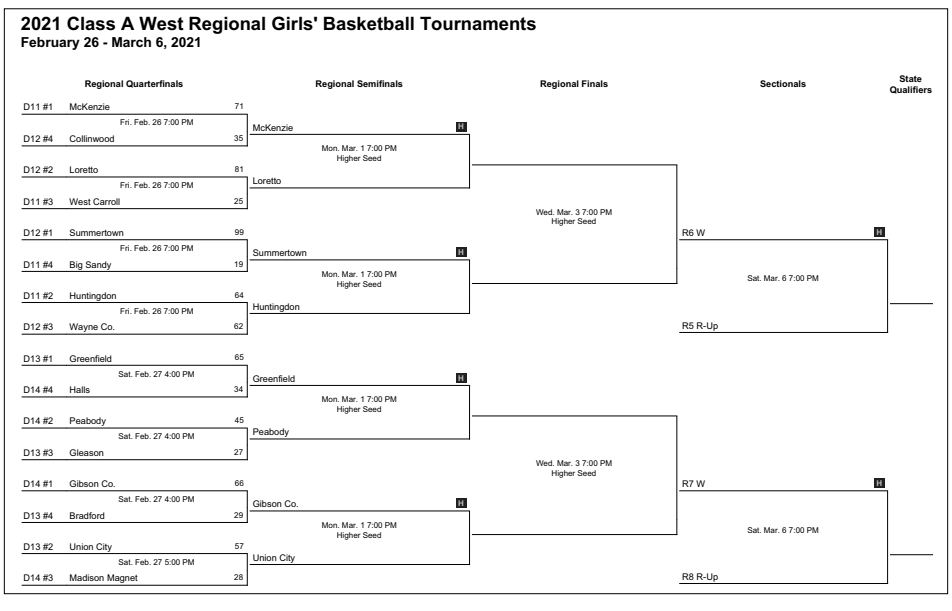
Regional Basketball Tournament Underway





Regional tournaments are underway for high school basketball. The region quarterfinals were Friday and Saturday with McKenzie girls and Huntingdon girls advancing to the semifinals. For the boys, Huntingdon and West Carroll advanced to the second round. Look for updated scores and brackets mckenziebanner.com and facebook.com/McKenzieBanner as they come available.

Left, Mustang Grant Bartholomew floats to the basket for two points. Right, Rebel Marquez Taylor pulls up for a jumper. *Photo courtesy Tammy Graves*

Mustangs Edge Rebels in District Semifinal

HUNTINGDON (February 23) — The Huntingdon Mustangs defeated the McKenzie Rebels 71-68 in Tuesday's District 11A Semifinals.

The Mustangs had a 16-15 edge after the opening frame and grew the lead to 43-31 at the half. The Rebels rallied to cut the deficit to 56-51 after three quarters, but failed to close the gap in the fourth.

Mustang Grant Bartholomew led all scorers with 26 points, including four three-pointers. Jeb Atkinson scored ten points with a pair of threes, and Javon Pritchard and Keyshun Hoard each had nine. Blake Bradley scored eight points, Milton Clark had six with a three, and D'Allen McCord scored three points.

Marquez Taylor led McKenzie with 19 points, including a pair of threes. Bryson Steele scored 17, and Eli Surber had 15 with four three-pointers. Caleb Gill and Zayden McCaslin each scored five, Gill with a three. Johnathan Moore scored four points, and Elijah Seivers hit a three.

War Eagles Cruise by Tigers in District Semifinal

ATWOOD (February 23) — The West Carroll War Eagles defeated the Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central Tigers 62-20 in Tuesday's District 11A Semifinals.

The War Eagles led 14-6 after the first frame and pushed the lead to 39-13 at the half. The score was 48-16 after three quarters.

War Eagle Jalen Anglin led all scorers with 19 points, including four three-pointers. Luke Moore scored a dozen. Andrew Huff had nine points with a three, and Josh Clark scored eight. Xander Moon had six points with a three, and Will Robinson hit a three. Tyler Johnson and JaQuan Adkins each had a pair, and JD Pigue hit a free throw.

Noah Hampton led Central with six points. Austin Craig and Caleb Haskins each scored five, Craig with a three-pointer. Cameron Lowe had four points.

War Eagle Jalen Anglin floats to the basket on a fast break. *Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner*

Rebels' Season Ends at Summertown

COURTESY DAVID JACKSON
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The McKenzie Rebels fell to Summertown, but not without a fight, taking the game into overtime after trailing by 10 after the first quarter. The Rebels' slow start put them in a hole, but the Rebels fought back with Johnathan Moore tossing in four three-point shots and another basket before the end of the half. By halftime, McKenzie trailed the Summerton Eagles, 37-35.

The Rebels stayed hot in the third quarter with Eli Surber, Moore and Marquez Taylor throwing in threes and the defense creating turnovers. The Rebels took the lead at the end of three 48-47.

Both teams had a chance with the game tied to take the last shot in the final seconds. The Rebels were unable to score as they turned the ball over, and Summertown was unable to score. At the end of regulation, the game was tied 56 all.

The four minutes of overtime was the killer for the Rebels as they were held to a lone three pointer by senior Surber. For Summertown, Gavin Burleson, one of three Burleson brothers who started the game, kicked in a three pointer and four free-throws and teammate Skyler Trousdale hit a three-pointer. The final score was 69 - 59, as the Rebel season came to an end.

The Rebels were led in scoring by the three seniors: Johathan Moore with 21 points, Bryson Steel had 15 and Eli Surber had 9. Caleb Gil and Marquez Taylor both had 7 points. The Rebels shot three free-throws for the game. Both the Rebels and the Eagles hit nine three-point shots. Summertown went to the free throw line 16 times, converting on 50% of their shots.

McKENZIE YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE REGISTRATION
MARCH 4
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CLASS A REGIONAL BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Mustangs Advance with Win Over Perry County

HUNTINGDON (February 27) — The Huntingdon Mustangs advanced to the Class A Regional Semifinals with a 79-60 win over Perry County in Saturday's quarterfinal round. The Mustangs travel to Loretto Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Huntingdon had a 15-12 edge after the opening frame and led 36-24 at the half. An even third led to a 55-43 Mustang lead after three quarters.

Mustang Keyshun Hoard led all scorers with 26 points. Jeb Atkinson scored 20 points, including five three-pointers. D'Allen McCord had 13 points, and Grant Bartholomew had eight. Milton Clark and Javon Pritchard each scored five points, and Blake Bradley had a pair.

Gunner Bradford led the Vikings with a dozen points, including a trio of three-pointers. Lachlan Matthews scored eleven, and Jeremiah Donaldson had ten points. Tyler Dudley and Jackson Tatum each scored eight, Dudley with a three. Cody Burney had seven with a three, and Landen Brown scored four points.

Mustang Keyshun Hoard shoots a long two-pointer. *Photo courtesy Tammy Graves*

CLASS A REGIONAL BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

War Eagles Advance with Win Over Wayne County

ATWOOD (February 27) — The West Carroll War Eagles advanced to the Class A Regional Semifinals with a 59-37 win over Wayne County in Saturday's quarterfinal round. The War Eagles will host Summertown Tuesday at 7 p.m.

West Carroll had a 13-12 edge after the first frame and opened up a 32-20 advantage at the half. The War Eagles pushed the lead to 46-26 after three quarters.

Luke Moore led the War Eagles with 13 points, including a three-pointer. Jalen Anglin scored a dozen, and Tyler Johnson had eleven points with a trio of threes. Josh Clark scored eight, and Xander Moon had five points. Andrew Huff scored four, and Jed Robinson, JaQuan Adkins and Jaden Taylor each had a pair.

Clay Baughs led the Wildcats with 18 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Tyler Moser scored 13. Ethan Camfield hit a three, and Landyn Prater also had three points.

War Eagle Luke Moore splits a pair of Wildcat defenders for two points. *Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner*

CLASS A REGIONAL GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Fillies Advance with Win Over Wayne County

HUNTINGDON (February 26) — The Huntingdon Fillies advanced to the Class A Regional Semifinals with a 64-62 win over Wayne County in Friday's quarterfinal round. The Fillies traveled to Summertown Monday after The Banner's press deadline.

Wayne County led 22-16 after the first frame and grew the lead to 39-26 at the half. Huntingdon cut the deficit to 53-43 after three quarters before rallying 21-9 in the fourth for the win.

Brooklyn Williams led the Fillies with 18 points. Brooke Butler and Addison Postlethwait each scored 15, Butler with a trio of threes and Postlethwait with a three. Sophie Singleton had eight points, and Annabelle Singleton scored five with a three. Ashlyn Rich had a pair, and Shelby Childress hit a free throw.

Lady Wildcats Lauren Bryant and Michaela Gallian each scored 20, Bryant with five three-pointers. Cambree Camfield scored nine with a three. Savanna McClain scored seven with a three, and Charli Woodside had six points on a pair of threes.

Huntingdon's Brooklyn Williams scores on a fast break. *Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner*

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Left, Kenneth and Jobina Gordon own and operate Big Mama's House daycare and K&J Smokeshack. Right, Jobina Gordon sits among some of the children at her daycare. She said opening the business was her dream come true.

The Gordons Find A Passion for Work, Care

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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HUNTINGDON (February 23) — Kenneth and Jobina Gordon start each day by serving their community. The Huntingdon couple operate Big Mama's House - a daycare center, and K&J Smokeshack, a barbecue business.

Jobina has a special passion for serving children with her daycare, which she opened at 206 Hawkins Lane, Huntingdon in her late grandmother's house. Jobina said Ruth Jordan, her late grandmother, always loved children and loved her grandchildren.

"Everything reminds me of my grandmother," Jobina said of her daycare.

The daycare is full of toys and happy children. Big Mama's House serves 17 children, aged 6 weeks to 12 years. Some come after school. Children are served breakfast, lunch and snacks. They are taught to respect each other and to have manners, said Jobina.

The daycare is a state-certified facility with required checks from the Department of Health, fire marshal, and Department of Human Services. She works hard to keep the children safe and healthy. She is thankful the center only had to close once due to COVID.

The daycare has a total of nine employees, either in a full-time or part-time capacity. All must have background checks before working there. She said, "I am particular when hiring staff members. I treat these kids like they are mine."

Kenneth and Jobina have six children, five of whom are grown, in their blended family.

Her maintenance man is her dad, Ike Gilbert. Jobina said family, friends, and the community have been so supportive of her endeavor and she gives back when and where she can.

Jobina was a star athlete at Huntingdon High School and advanced to the next level to play basketball at Jackson State and later Bethel, where she graduated in 2003. Her high school coaches were Farris Lowery and Mike Henson. She credits those two, along with teachers Jimmy Pritchard and Jean (Garrett) Hollomon for inspiring her in life.

Left, Big Mama's House daycare operates in the house of Jobina Gordon's late grandmother on Hawkins Lane. Right, The sign for Big Mama's House daycare.

Her career path included working with her grandmother, Vera Gilbert in the food commodity distribution program, and later heading the program herself and a stint at Head Start. She encourages parents to enroll their children in Head Start's learning programs.

Kenneth helps with the daycare and also operates K&J Smokeshack at 107 Beasley. It is open Wednesday to Saturday for carry-out only.

His associates include Jobina, Ike Gilbert, Kameron Gordon, Tyesia Reed and Crystal Fuller. The menu includes ribs, wings, fish, frog legs, bologna, deep-fried ribs, and side items. Kenneth does not serve pulled pork.

K&J opened October 16, 2020 during the midst of a worldwide pandemic when many restaurants and eateries closed. The family is very pleased with the community support of the new eatery, which they opened as a sideline business and "didn't expect this good of an outcome."

JONES ELECTRIC AND AUTOMATION

A Wave of the Future in McKenzie

McKENZIE (February 23) — On Tuesday, the McKenzie Rotary's program was the McKenzie-based business of Jones Electric and Automation. Glyn Jones, principal owner and family patriarch, of the LLC, made the presentation. Jones decided to go out on his own after learning the electrical trade from Floyd Noles and various experiences from on-the-job training.

Later, sons, Brad and Matthew, joined the company. Brad, a talented electrician, focused on the contractor's side of the operation while Matt focuses on the electrical engineering and automation portion. Robotics and automation are the main focus of the business; as they are the only ones in Carroll County.

Jones Electric and Automation has grown considerably in the last couple of years as they have contracted with Tosh Farms in Henry County and VP Racing in Carroll County and others. With these contracts, Jones said they are looking to employ upwards of 18 new employees. There is a good probability of those jobs being permanent and would be considered as having high wages.

The Jones' are working on jobs outside of Tennessee as well and can be seen in Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi. Matt and the other electrical engineers begin their work by setting up machinery and the robotics in the McKenzie location, the former McKenzie Fire Department building on Stonewall. After everything is tested, everything is disassembled and transported to the job site where it is reassembled and any necessary adjustments are made.

Asked about finding suitable matches in regards to employment both Brad and his father stated it is difficult to find someone who can do all the gambits necessary in their company. They said it takes years of on-the-job training before an individual could be considered a master electrician. With the automation portion, there is even a wider spectrum of learning and training necessary to learn controls. The Jones family has hired graduates of TCAT over the years, but they too require job experience.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, business doubled in 2020 for Jones Electric. Serving as subcontractors and prime-contractors in the automation industry, the sky's the limit for the company.

Brad and Glyn Jones spoke to the McKenzie Rotary Club about their family business. *Photo by Jason Martin/The Banner*

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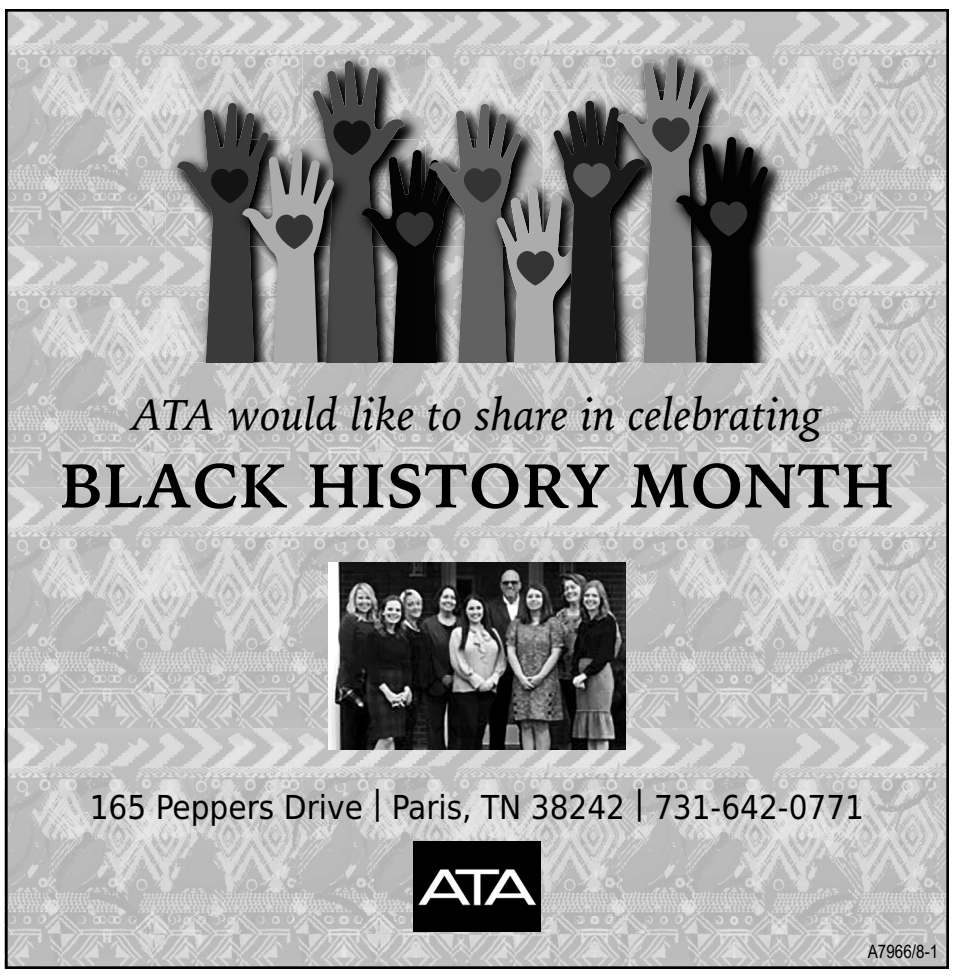

Left, Lisa Fraser and her daughter, Talisa. Right, Living Well Vegetarian Restaurant is celebrating its ninth year in Huntingdon.

Serving Vegetarian Food in a Meat-Loving Town

Living Well Vegetarian Restaurant Celebrates Nine Years

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HUNTINGDON (February 24) — From St. Vincent Island to Huntingdon was an unusual journey Lisa Fraser has made. Now, the owner of a vegetarian restaurant in downtown Huntingdon is also the exception to the rural south in meat-loving country.

The 52-year-old grew up on the English-speaking St. Vincent Island, a British-ruled country in the Caribbean. She and her siblings grew up poor with Lisa recalling, as a youth, sleeping on the floor and going to school, sometimes without the benefit of having lunch during the day.

She immigrated to New York around 1985 and spent 12-13 years in New York. Part of the time, she babysat for a family in New Jersey, saved her money, and took one college class at a time. While in New York, she met her future husband, Clay, who she dated while in college.

Clay, also from the Caribbean, lived in Tennessee. They married in 2005. The couple has twin boys, aged 23, and a daughter, Talisa, age 12, a seventh grade home-schooler.

As an immigrant, she got her green card and then became an American citizen in 2019.

The islanders eat lots of plant-based foods, Lisa explained. When she moved to Tennessee, there were few vegetarian restaurants in the rural south. She had been a vegetarian since her late 20s. She explains that plant-based foods taste good, are healthier, have no hormones, and are easier to digest.

"I'm 52 and have no health issues and have lots of energy," said Lisa. She does not eat eggs, milk, cheese, meat or chicken and does not serve those items in her restaurant, located at 19760 E. Main, Huntingdon.

Lisa started looking for a vegetarian restaurant when the family moved to the rural part of Huntingdon. There were none. So she started looking for place to open such a restaurant, because people had always told her she was a great cook. She prayed about it and the Lord provided.

At first, people told her she was crazy and said a vegetarian restaurant will never survive. Nine years later, she said she has seen many restaurants come and go, while she remains the lone vegetarian restaurant in the area.

People are trending toward becoming vegetarians, said Lisa. The trend has increased with many people to Tennessee from areas, such as California.

"People are curious," said Lisa, when they first enter Living Well Restaurant. "Sometimes they try an item and then order."

For those unfamiliar with vegetarian food, she recommends vegetable lasagna or roti. Other entrees include tofu vegetable stir, rice and beans, spaghetti and "meat" balls, pizza or an oat burger. Soups include lentil, white bean, east Indian dahl or vegetable. Desserts include cinnamon rolls, coconut spice bread, carob pie, carrot cake, banana bread, vanilla lemon cake, or vanilla ice cream (made from cashews).

Beverages include sorrel - a Caribbean drink that's high in vitamin C, fruit smoothie, pineapple lemonade, red raspberry tea (the best seller), or Irish moss - a species of red algae which, when boiled, forms a jelly that is used to make a creamy beverage.

The restaurant is exclusively curbside pickup during the pandemic. Lisa will reopen the dining room as soon as its safe. Customers can phone 731-535-3301 to place orders and she will gladly offer curbside pickup service. She is open Sunday through Friday and closed on Saturday, the day of worship of her Christian faith with the Seventh Day Adventist.

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