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"The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark."

— Michelangelo

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Major General Tommy Baker Named Commissioner of Veterans Services

NASHVILLE — Today, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee announced Major General Tommy H. Baker will serve in his cabinet as commissioner for the Department of Veterans Services, effective immediately. "Gen. Baker is a proven public servant who has dedicated his career to protecting our state and nation," said Gov. Lee. "I'm confident he'll lead the department with integrity and look forward to his continued service." Baker formerly served as interim com-

missioner for the department. He remains the Deputy Adjutant General of the Tennessee National Guard, responsible for the training and supervision of over 13,000 Soldiers and Airmen.

He enlisted in the Tennessee Army National Guard in 1980 and was commissioned in 1985 from the Tennessee Military Academy.

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Major General Tommy H. Baker



Natalie Moore

Moore is Miss West Carroll 2021

ATWOOD — Natalie Moore, 17, is the 2021 Miss West Carroll High School. Moore was crowned by the Brooklyn Polinski, the 2020 Miss West Carroll.

Natalie, a junior at WCHS, is the daughter of Natt and Kristi Moore of Atwood, has red hair and hazel eyes.

The other members of the West Carroll court will be in the April 27 issue of The Banner.

Bethel Plans Fall Semester

McKENZIE (April 15) — Bethel University plans to return to near-normal operations for the fall 2021 semester following the 2020-21 academic year dealing with a global pandemic.

Plans for the McKenzie campus for the College of Arts & Sciences this fall include a return to in-classroom instruction as the default mode of instruction and a more robust campus life experience, including events and activities.

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Trezevant to Hold Public Hearing on Water Grant-Loan

TREZEVANT (April 13) — The City of Trezevant will hold a public hearing on May 11, 6 p.m. to discuss the proposed improvements to the water and wastewater system in the city.

Jeff Goad said the hearing is to satisfy a requirement to obtain the State Revolving Fund of \$88,000 to make the much-needed improvements to the system. The loan portion of the fund bears an interest rate of less than one percent. The city is also awaiting the results of a water rate study. Public water system must operate

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CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSION



Commissioner Barry Mac Murphy of Huntingdon advocated to delay the vote on limiting funding to the lake.

Legislative Body Votes 18-2 to Limit Funding to 1000-Acre Lake

HUNTINGDON — Carroll County commissioners voted 18 to 2 on a resolution to limit the amount of 'growth' funds it grants to the Carroll County Watershed Authority. The vote came after a failed procedural move by Commissioner Barry Mac Murphy, who entered a motion to table the action. That move failed 17 to 3. The Watershed Authority is the independent government entity that owns and operates the Carroll County 1000-Acre Recreation Lake, located in the Leach Community, just outside of Huntingdon. The resolution calls for the county not to exceed \$50,000 annually in growth funds to the Watershed Authority. The resolution essentially caps the funds of a 2008 resolution, which gifted the tax revenues generated from the new development of real estate in the lake planned growth area. The funding sunsets after 10 years and grants up to a total of \$500,000 over the decade. A separate wheel tax, assessed at \$10 per registered vehicle in the county, remains at \$10 annually and goes to the lake. That generates approximately \$240,000 annually and is to end once it pays 30 percent of the development cost of the lake. In other items, Tee-Jay Glidwell of the Carl Perkins Center for the

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World's Biggest Fish Fry is This Week

PARIS — The 68th World's Biggest Fish Fry is this week with activities throughout Paris.

On Tuesday, the carnival is 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and a country dance is 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. both at the Henry County Fairgrounds, 165 Fairgrounds Road, Paris.

On Wednesday, the famed all-you-can-eat fish "tent" opens at the Fairgrounds from 5 to 9 p.m. The carnival continues and a Christian concert is 7 to 8:45 p.m. All events are at the Fairgrounds.

Thursday is the annual Arts and Crafts Show, 5 to 8:30 p.m. The Fish Tent continues along with the carnival. All events are at the Fairgrounds.

Friday is the Grand Parade at 10 a.m. on East Wood Street. It will feature local participants along with politicians and area bands. The Fish Tent is open at 11 a.m. and continues



to 9 p.m. The carnival opens at 11 a.m. to midnight.

Championship bulls and barrels show is 7:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Saturday is the Small Fry Parade at 10 a.m. in downtown Paris. A junior fishing rodeo is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Williams Lake. The carnival is 11 a.m. to midnight and the Fish Tent opens at 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Championship bulls and barrels opens for a second night at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Sunday, the carnival is open 1 to 6 p.m.

For more information, visit the website www.paristnchamber.com/fish-fry-information.



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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Westview Sweeps Rebels in Home-Away Series

MCKENZIE/MARTIN (April 15-16) — McKenzie High School was swept in a pair of non-district baseball contests against Westview last week. Thursday, the Rebels hosted and tied the game going into the sixth, but the Chargers had a big inning to claim an 11-6 victory. Friday, Westview hosted and took an early lead for a 10-2 win.

In Thursday's game, McKenzie struck first with a run in the bottom of the first, but the Chargers responded with five in the top of the second. The Rebels scored a run in the home half. Westview added a run in the top of the third, and McKenzie cut the deficit with three in the bottom half. The Rebels plated the tying run in the fifth, but the Chargers pulled away with five in the sixth.

Rebel Jake McDaniel went 4-for-5 with a double and two RBIs. Jackson Cassidy was 2-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs. Hayden Hixon went 3-for-4. Brandon Boaz went 3-for-5. Eli Surber was 1-for-3 with a walk and a run scored. Collin McLearen went 1-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Phillip Smith was 1-for-4 with a run scored. Zayden McCaslin went 1-for-5 with an RBI. Ethan Travis was 1-for-5 with a run scored.

Hayden Hixon took the loss for McKenzie, allowing



Above, Rebel Nolan Renfro sprints from third to score a game-tying run in Thursday's home game. Below, Rebel Hayden Hixon fires a pitch in Thursday's home game. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner



eleven runs (eight earned) on eleven hits while striking out one and walking four in

five and two-thirds innings. Phillip Smith threw the final inning and a third, allowing no runs on two hits while striking out two and walking one.

In Friday's contest, Westview took a quick lead with four runs in the bottom of the first. The Chargers added another in the third and three more in the fourth. Both teams plated a pair in the sixth.

Rebel Zayden McCaslin went 1-for-3 with a walk and a run scored. Jake McDaniel was 1-for-4 with a run scored. Ty Anderson and Jackson Cassidy were each 1-for-3.

Braden Birmingham took the loss for McKenzie, allowing five runs (four earned) on three hits while striking out one and walking one in two and a third innings. Brandon Boaz pitched the final three and two-thirds innings, allowing five runs (three earned) on six hits while striking out two and walking one.



Sharron Holland Retirement at Baptist Hospital — (L to R): Michelle Holland (daughter-in-law), Sharron Holland, Ryan Holland (son), Jerry Holland (husband), and grandsons, Ryan and Patrick.

Sharron Holland Retires From Baptist-Carroll County

HUNTINGDON (March 26) — Sharron Holland retired from Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County after 42 years of combined service at the former county-owned hospital and its successor, Baptist Health Systems. She started work at the

age of 17 in the former hospital location, which is now the Carroll County Office Complex. Her career began as a patient representative before she moved to accounting, payroll, data entry and finally accounting supervisor. She and husband, Jerry,

reside in McLemoresville and have two grown sons, Ryan and Patrick. A celebration was held in Mrs. Holland's honor on Friday afternoon with administrators, staff members, and friends visiting with her and wishing her well.

Another Success Story

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Huntingdon School Board Amends Activities Policy

HUNTINGDON (April 13) — Non-certified staff members may now serve as head coaches and leaders of extracurricular activities at Huntingdon Special School District. The Board of Education approved the change, which previously stated only certified staff members could serve as the leader of student activities.

The change comes as the school continues to add extracurricular activities. Next year, the school will add soccer and volleyball to its extracurricular activities. Patricia Dillahunt, director of schools, said

there are only a certain number of certified staff members who wish to be involved in extracurricular activities. Each new activity added puts extra responsibility on staff members.

Dr. Jonathan Kee, director of schools-elect, said no one has been hired in violation of current policy, regardless of what is circulating on social media. In fact, next year's teachers have not yet been hired, said Kee.

Chairman Dr. Lee Carter and board members urged Kee to first offer any leadership position for extracurricular activities to a certified staff

members before offering to non-certified members. The board authorized Dillahunt to pursue the purchase of real estate near Huntingdon Primary School. She said one parcel is listed on the market. Kee announced its time to resurface gymnasium floors. The HHS gym will also be retrofitted to accommodate volleyball nets. The last resurfacing was 10 to 12 years ago. Dr. Lee Carter received unanimous approval to seek reelection as Northwest Director of the Tennessee School Board Association. The next meeting is May 20 at 5 p.m.

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Top, Eighth Grade Honorees. Above, Seventh Grade Honorees. Below, Sixth Grade Honorees. Bottom, Fifth Grade Honorees. Photos by Tammy Graves/The Banner



Above, Rachel Essary, an eighth grader, was the recipient of the Melinda Garrett Leader of the Year Award. Garrett died at the age of 23 while a student in pharmacy school. Pictured are Rachel's parents and Melinda's parents, Faye and Dale Garrett. Below, MMS Principal Doretha Royle and guest speaker Mark Anderson. Photos by Tammy Graves/The Banner

McKenzie Middle School Hosts Honors Program

MCKENZIE (April 13) — McKenzie Middle School hosted its annual honors program on April 13 at McKenzie High School. Top academic students were honored for their achievements.

Mark Anderson, Jr., a McKenzie alumnus, was the featured speaker. Anderson gave a three-point speech to the honorees.

Honorees in grades five to eight were presented certificates of their academic success. The top ten students in each grade were also honored and Rachel Essary, an eighth grader, was honored with the Melinda Garrett Leader of the Year Award.

Honorees were: Fifth Grade — Braylin Auvenshine, Ethan Bradberry, Kynadie Brown, Sophie Cole, Aden Cook, Cooper Davidson, Addison Davis, Molly Drewry, Jesus Flores, Eian Gibson, Maggie Hall, Alexander Hughes, Aurora Johnson, Addyson Lee, Addison Milam, Ava Newman, Aston Nutting, Cayden Ownby, Katelynn Prather, Joseph Rogers, Bryson Smith, Jaycee Stafford, Sophie Taylor, Bryant Ward, Autumn Williams



and Egan Woodruff;

Sixth Grade — Branson Baker, Wade Chandler, Kaleb Crocker, Allie Giles, Abigail Ghyers, Caitlin Langley, Pedro Menez, Madelyn Morris, Rhyann Roberson, Alessandra Ruiz, Brooklyn Shafer, and Lydia Sumrok.

Seventh Grade — Gracie Aird, Mason Batten, Brody Berryhill, Dylan Bomar, Tobey Brooks, Olivia Cantrell, Coleson Cook, Katelynn Essary, Molly French, Matthew Gaylord, Morgan Little, Landyn McLearen, Landon

Pershell, Lukas Pride, Ryan Toombs, and Caden Tucker.

Eighth Grade — Briley Arnold, Landon Barton, Kortnee Brown, Reese Carroll, Rachel Essary, Adyson Freeman, Allyson Gibson, Brooklin Hudgins, Carter Kee, Hannah Lee, Emily McMullin, Colt Norden, Lydia Pate, Sophie Pate, Kristen Rimmer, Ayden Smith, Emma Smith, Landyn Smith, Leslie Sullivan, Abigail Sumrok, Tate Surber, Barry Swalley, Jaylin Taylor-Megaw, Addison Washburn and Anna Weatherford.

Lake

...From Front Page

Prevention of Child Abuse addressed the Commission and thanked them for their support. The Commission

Baker

...From Front Page

Baker earned his bachelor's degree in public ad-

ministration at the University of Tennessee-Martin. He later earned a master's degree in business administration and military management from Touro University and a master's

degree in strategic studies from the United States Army War College.

He resides in Huntingdon, Tenn. with his wife, Camille.



Above, Sixth Grade: 1st Place — Caitlin Langley (McKenzie), 2nd Place — Madelyn Morris (McKenzie) and 3rd Place — Wade Chandler (McKenzie). Below, Fifth Grade: 1st Place — Haven Dillahunt (Huntingdon), 2nd Place — Autumn Haywood (McKenzie) and 3rd Place — Adelyn Lay (Huntingdon).



Carroll County Students Win in 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Twenty-three of Carroll County's brightest youth gathered for the 2021 Carroll County 4-H Public Speaking Contest. The event was for fifth- and sixth-grade individ-

uals who had previously qualified for the contest by receiving a purple ribbon for their speech during their local or in-school 4-H club. This year we had a great turnout of youths

who were speaking as well as parents, grandparents, and friends who attended to show support. First-place winners will advance to the multi-county public speaking contest in April.



McKenzie Soccer League — Members of 8-10 soccer division teams Swalley Heating and Cooling and McKenzie Donut enjoy an opening-round contest in a jamboree contest on Saturday, April 17.

McKenzie Youth Soccer League Hosts Jamboree

MCKENZIE (April 17) — McKenzie Youth Soccer League kicked off its season with the annual jamboree on Saturday, April 17.

The campus of McKenzie Middle School, around Rebel Stadium, was filled with children, aged 3 to 14, for exhibition games to open the season. On the practice fields around the stadium, makeshift soccer

fields served as the children enjoyed opening day. Soccer, unheard of among McKenzie youth just two decades ago, is probably the biggest youth sports in the city. Both girls and boys play on the same teams.

Games are as follows: 3-4 year, Block City Pizza, Flex Fitness, Hometown Clinic, and Sonic; 5-7 years, Batton Timber, CB&T, H&M Con-

struction, Maddox Insurance, TNT Barbecue, VP Racing Fuels; 8-10 years, Bennett Hardware, Carroll County Lumber, Maria's, McKenzie Donuts, Sevvick Remodeling and Swalley Heating and Cooling; and 11-14 years, Brooks Storage, McKenzie Banking Company, Smith and Smith Optometry.

Bethel

...From Front Page

Bethel's College of Health Sciences and College of Professional Studies have both operated the past two semesters with some alterations. The plan is to continue near-normal operations for fall 2021.

"Our priority from the beginning of this pandemic has been to provide a safe place to live, work and study for our students, faculty and staff, and this goal will not change as we make

plans for the fall," said Dr. Walter Butler, Bethel University president.

Campus leaders will continue to monitor COVID-19 based on guidance from local, state and federal public health officials. The University will implement recommended protocols as needed to ensure the health and safety of the campus community.

"Although the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are still with us and will linger into the future, we are hopeful and excited to plan for a near-normal operation this fall," said Butler.

Bethel's spring semester concludes over the next few weeks with a combined fall 2020 and spring 2021 in-person graduation on May 8, 10 a.m. at Wildcat Stadium. Safety guidelines will be in place.

Admissions counselors are hosting in-person campus tours Monday through Friday at 10 a.m. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact the admissions team at 731-352-4000 or admissions@bethelu.edu. Classes for the fall 2021 semester start Aug. 16, and applications are still being accepted. Learn more at bethelu.edu.

Water

...From Front Page

at a break-even or profit, according to state law.

Goad also indicated the first reading of the 2021-22 fiscal year city budget is on May 11 at the 6:30 p.m. meeting of Mayor and Council.

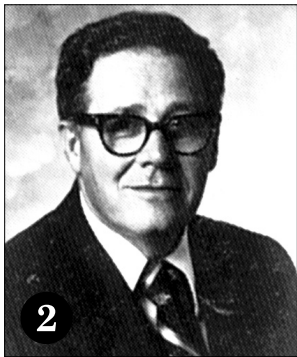
In other business, the Mayor and Council heard a report from Councilman Leon Lyell that the Fire Department has a replacement van and new air compressor.

Mary Jo Hall of the Public Works Department, said the city's t-ball field is ready and other fields should be ready this week. The on-site building are repaired at the ball park.

Mayor Bobby Blaylock set the third week of May as the annual Spring Clean-Up for the city.

City resident Tom O'Connor was granted an adjustment to his water bill after a significant leak. The \$779.29 bill was adjusted to \$160.84 upon a vote by the Council.

Council members Eddie Granger and Christy Creyssels were absent.



1. W. Claude Steele began a produce business that transported peaches, apples, and other crops by truck. 2. In 1953, Dudley “Butch” Sanders joined his father-in-law’s business. 3. Many of the sweet potato beds used by the Steele Plant Company are outside while some are constructed indoors as seen in this greenhouse. 4. In 2021, the Steele Plant Company celebrated its 68th anniversary in the sweet potato business. 5. Dudley Sanders and his wife, Martha, had two children, Ken and Kay, both of which joined in the family business. Pictured (L to R): Larry and Kay Hudson, Martha Sanders and Ken Sanders. 6. A section of the 125-acre potato farm with 10 different varieties...the newest releases and the “old favorites” that Claude and Dudley grew many years ago.



Steele Plant Company

The First Family of Sweet Potatoes

Back in the 1950s, it wasn't uncommon for families in the rural south to have a garden and sell their surplus crops for a little extra money. In Gleason, the cash crop was sweet potatoes, earning the little municipality the title of Tater Town, USA. Many households in Gleason raised a plot of sweet potatoes. During the harvest, the potatoes were brought to a central warehouse and were sent out to various vendors in the county.

In 1950, Claude Steele (1904-1983) began a produce business that transported peaches, apples, and other crops by truck across numerous states. His business grew rapidly when he added sweet potatoes. Three years later his son-in-law, Dudley “Butch” Sanders (1927-1990) joined the produce business. Dudley worked as a teacher and coach while moonlighting with his father-in-law to supplement his income.

They continued their regular line of work for much of the year, but in the spring months, they focused on sweet potatoes. Before too long, the Steele Plant Company became the largest sweet potato dealer in Tennessee.

In 1974, the Steele-Sand-

ers family decided to begin working with Bart Brown of Omaha Plant Farms in Omaha, Texas. Steele Plant Company was acquired to drop ship sweet potato plants for Brown's company, soon other vendors were requesting the service of the Gleason business.

Dudley and his wife, Martha (1927-2011), had two children, Ken and Kay, both of which joined in the family business. Ken and his wife, Valerie, along with Kay and her husband, Larry Hudson, currently serve as partners. Ken started full-time in 1979 and Larry joined in 1981. The current education of the family partnership is not that of a usual farming family. Ken has an engineering degree from UT Martin, Valerie has a liberal arts degree from Freed-Hardeman University, Kay has an English degree from UT Martin and Larry has an animal science degree from UT Martin.

A transition was made from focusing on raising the potatoes themselves to raising the plants for families and businesses around the country. The business has grown from a small patch of land on Gibbs Road to the 135-acre Albert Wright Farm, purchased in 2009. The current location cultivates sweet potatoes on a thirty-five-acre



annual crop rotation.

Steele Plant Company ships upwards of nearly 4.5 million plants a year from their downtown location. Their process between 40 and 45 thousand orders a year, mostly to individuals buying a few dozen plants, shipping all 50 states and occasionally to overseas customers.

At present, Steele Plant Farms ships for 22 seed catalog companies and several wholesale companies across the United States. Once, a customer even flew from Switzerland to purchase seven pounds of sweet potato plants. Each year the family attends both the sweet potato and the mail-order gardening conventions to learn more about the latest growing techniques, the newest equipment, and best advertising strategies to

reach a broad spectrum of gardening enthusiasts.

Unlike the common Irish potato, sweet potatoes are not grown from the eyes of the potato. For the sweet potato to grow, the whole potato is planted in a bed. Then 25 to 60 plants emerge from the potato. The Steele Plant Company family starts planting potatoes in January; by April and May, the plants are ready to be shipped to the customer.

The potatoes are planted in beds filled with a mixture of sawdust and other ingredients. Many of the beds are outside while some are constructed indoors in a greenhouse. The greenhouses provide a steady supply of warm water flowing beneath the sawdust surface. This keeps the soil at a constant temperature of 72 degrees.

A single bed can produce a harvest of 35,000 individual plants.

After the demand decreases for the plants, the family focuses on raising potatoes for sale to customers and as seeds for the following year's crop.

Included with each order of plants are two booklets, a grower's guide and a collection of recipes. Each page contains clear instructions on caring for and raising the plants, as well as a host of classic recipes for sweet potatoes.

The Sanders and Hudson families are the “First Family of Sweet Potatoes.”

Now in its 68th year of operation, the Steele Plant Company stands behind each plant and potato they sell to the consumer. “We

want to continue this business year in the tradition of our founders. Each instilled in us the desire to give the best quality plants and service possible.”

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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

No Wonder I Flounder At Times...

The first bit of “story telling” I can remember was about a dog and a bone. This wayward hound was crossing over a small stream on an equally small bridge (the Childcraft book had pictures) carrying a bone in his mouth. Mother read how the dog saw his own reflection and, greedy for the “other dog’s possessions,” opened his mouth to bark, thereby dropping his bone.

Mom judiciously explained how greed and envy are not good for the soul and will always cost you in the end. I’m four years old. I wasn’t worried about the end. I was wondering if the writer of this tale actually saw the dog drop the bone. Was he reporting on second hand information? Or did he just make the whole story up?

Aesop awakened my inquisitive “bone.”

How deep was the stream? That unfortunate, or maybe stupid, dog might could still recover his loss. And then I got to wondering how long a dog could hold his breath under water...

That was just the beginning of these Fables. I met a goose that laid golden eggs; a turtle that outran a rabbit; and a country mouse that found out city living wasn't for him.

I hoped one day to meet this Aesop guy.

And I dreamed of writing stories simple enough for a child to understand...with a life lesson so obvious even grownups could “get it!”

It was the same for Mother Goose. She is, to this day, one of the wisest authors I’ve ever read!

By elementary school my reading tastes graduated to the Hardy Boys books. Frank and Joe Hardy were the cool-

est kids ever! They had great friends, a convertible, a no nonsense Aunt Gertrude... and they solved the most involved and dangerous mysteries with relative ease.

And oh yeah, they could fly an airplane when the investigation called for one.

I longed to meet Franklin W. Dixon, the author, and ask him how two high school kids could live through half the things he got them into!

Ned Buntline wrote a series of “dime novels” about the old west and William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody. Buntline’s mostly pulp fiction propelled Cody’s name before a thirsty audience...and made Buntline famous along the way.

I read them in collaboration with the ever popular western movies of my youth. There wasn’t a mountain man, frontier scout or singing cowboy with whom I

didn’t want to ride.

As a high school sophomore, Miss Barbara Clark introduced us to Edgar Allen Poe. You talk about a “Tell-Tale Heart!” This guy wrote like he lived somewhere between the “House where the Ushers fell” and the “Pit with the swinging Pendulum.”

Poe loved Lenore and pined so over her in “The Raven” that at the end of the second stanza he declared her to be “nameless here forever more.” And then mentions her by name six more times before he winds down to the final “nevermore.”

Some writers can be tricky like that.

These authors early on impacted my understanding of what story telling is all about. And I’m sure some of them are entwined consciously or otherwise into

my feeble attempts to pass a blurb along to you from time to time.

Aesop supposedly lived in 600BC. Mom did not mention that to a four year old. None of his original works have been found. He has been described as a slave of undistinguished looks. But then, no one has claimed direct knowledge of him. Nor can we trace one of “his” bits of wisdom directly back to him.

There’s a better than good chance my first literary giant never was! And Mother Goose is just as “cloudy.” There are all kinds of postulations. Maybe she was a French fairy tale. Or a compilation of English nursery rhymes. Any early American lady with a houseful of youngins “could have been” her. There are no determinable facts that point to a real live Mother Goose.

Franklin W. Dickson was a figment of the publisher’s imagination. They had a team of in-house writers all contributing to the Hardy Boys books. The more they

turned out—the more the money poured in.

The first three major influences on my writing career didn’t even exist!

You can see why I was in trouble from the beginning in this business.

Ned Buntline was born in New York for goodness sakes, not the Wild West. And his real name was Edward Zane Carroll Judson. He did actually meet Bill Cody but he made up most all his stories out of thin air. Can this get any worse?

Edgar Allen Poe’s life was more of a mystery than any of his writings. And that is saying a lot! He was erratic, impulsive, neurotic and a little “out there” by all accounts. His death is still being investigated.

I sure can pick'em!

And we haven’t even gotten to F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Shel Silverstein...

Respectfully,
Kes

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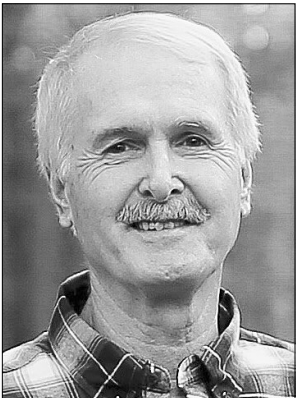
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Obituaries



TIMOTHY EARL NEWSOME
1952 — 2021

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Timothy Earl Newsome, 68, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Saturday, April 17, 2021, at his home.

Funeral service are Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Keith Guinn officiating. Interment will follow in the Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads at 1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to West Tennessee Health Care, Cerebral Palsy Division at WTH.org or Wounded Warrior Project.

The family will receive friends in the Cherrywood Room of Chase Funeral Home on Monday from 5 until 8 p.m. and on Tuesday from 9 a.m. until time of service.

Mr. Newsome was born December 9, 1952 in Huntingdon, Tennessee, to the late Earl Ray Newsome and Minnie Sue (Chandler) Newsome. He retired from Cupples J & J Machine Shop in Jackson, Tennessee, as a mechanical designer for 35 years and was a USAF veteran from 1971-1975. His hobbies included being an avid woodworker and spending time with his grandsons, which he loved dearly. He was also preceded in death by one sister, Janet Hammett and one brother, Michael Newsome.

He is survived by his wife, of 43 years, Jean Maddox Newsome, two sons, Jeremy Newsome (Shahreen) of El Dorado, Arkansas, Mark Newsome (Angel) of Lavinia, and one brother, Kevin Newsome (Shannon) of McMinnoesville. He also leaves three grandsons, Nolan Newsome, Asher Newsome, and Baylor Newsome. Chase Funeral Home. +

JERRY EUGENE DAVIS, JR.
1960 — 2021

McKENZIE — A graveside service for Jerry Eugene Davis, Jr. is Monday, April 19, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Everett's Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Davis, 61, died Friday, April 16, 2021 at his residence. He was born in McKenzie on March 12, 1960 to Jerry E. and Nell Catherine Watson Davis. He was a construction worker and truck driver.

He is survived by two daughters, Amanda (Kenny) New of McKenzie and Jenifer (Eric) Pettit of McKenzie, a sister, Angel (Bruce) Fuller of McKenzie, brother, Eric (Tammy) Davis of Atwood, six grandchildren, Davis Leach, Courtney Satterfield, Austin New, Emma Pettie, Brandt Pettit and Bryce Pettit and two great-grandchildren, Kylie and Braxtyn.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Sandra Gail Jones.

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BEATRICE MCCUTCHEON
1945 — 2021

McKENZIE — A memorial service for Beatrice Faye McCutcheon is Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 3 p.m.

Mrs. McCutcheon, 75, died Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at Jackson-Madison Co. General Hospital.

She was born on September 6, 1945 in Portageville, Missouri to Brice Samuel and Effie May Dunn Hughey. She is a member of Long Heights Baptist Church and retired cook.

She is survived by two sons, Jason (Esther) McCutcheon of McKenzie and

Doug Fithian of Murfreesboro, two daughters, Janice "Tweetybird" Summerton of Michigan and Rhonda Smith of Alabama. Thirteen grandchildren, JD and Alissa Stalion, Tracy and Brad Mallory, Jay McCutcheon, Josh McCutcheon, Nichole Summerton, Kippie Summerton, Dennis Summerton, Jacob Summerton, Brandon Fithian, Dustin Fithian, Briley Fithian Bone, Justin Smith and Jessica Smith and seventeen great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a son, Tim (Clara) Stallion, one brother and four sisters.

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KENNY RAY CHANDLER
1951 — 2021

Mr. Kenny Ray Chandler, 70, of Paris, Tennessee, formerly of Westport, died Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Funeral services were Friday, April 16, 2021 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment followed in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Chandler was born February 9, 1951 in Camden, Tennessee to the late Roy Lee Chandler.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa Ann Chandler; two sons, Roger Dale Chandler (Chantel) and Noah Ray Chandler, all of Paris. He also leaves six grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

TERESA ANN JOHNSON
1957 — 2021

Mrs. Teresa Ann (Oatsvall) Johnson, 63, of Jackson, Tennessee, died Monday, April 12, 2021, at her home.

Graveside services were Friday, April 16, 2021 at the Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parker's Crossroads. Mrs. Johnson was born June 10, 1957 in Milan, Tennessee, to the late Carl and Mary Ann (Hester) Oatsvall.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Herbert Johnson, a daughter, Jennifer Haywood (husband David) of Nashville, a son, Taylor Johnson, of Jackson, and a sister, Tina Oatsvall, of Jacksonville, Florida. She also leaves grandchildren, Brock and Jake Haywood. Chase Funeral Home.

NORMA JEAN GURLEY
1942 — 2021

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Norma Jean Gurley, 79, of Huntingdon died Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at her home. Funeral services were Thursday, April 15, 2021 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment followed in Sellers Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Gurley was born January 11, 1942 in McKenzie, Tennessee to the late Sidney and Naomi (Rogers) Barksdale. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Oren Ray Gurley. She is survived by a daughter, Rita Gurley (Kemp) of Huntingdon and two grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

RAY HODGE
1948 — 2021

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Ray Hodge, 73, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Friday, April 16, 2021 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon, Tennessee.

Funeral services will be private for the immediate family.

Mr. Hodge was born January 20, 1948 in Lexington, Tennessee to the late Ashley Boyd and Vickie (Dykes) Hodge. He was a graduate of Clarksburg High School and retired from Carroll Bank & Trust. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Michael Hodge, a sister, Angie Elkins and a niece, Delaina Rodgers.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sandra Hodge, a daughter, Shonda Eskew (Gary) of Huntingdon; a son, Shannon Ray Hodge (Tricia) of Christiana, Tennessee; a sister, Joyce Rodgers of Huntingdon; a sister-in-law, Vicki Robins (Billy) of Camden. Chase Funeral Home.

DENNIS BELEW
1954 — 2021

YUMA — Mr. Dennis Belew, 67, of Yuma, Tennessee died Saturday April 10, 2021 at Baptist Memorial Hospital Memphis.

Funeral services were Tuesday, April 13 in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Roans Creek Church Cemetery.

Mr. Belew was born February 9, 1954 to the late George Leslie Belew and Linnie Arnell Fronabarger Belew. He was preceded in death by a sister, Melba Sue Dougherty.

He is survived by a brother, Thomas L (Linda) Belew of Yuma, Tennessee. Dilday-Carter Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

AARON RAY BOX
1940 — 2021

ATWOOD — Funeral services for Aaron "Ray" Box are Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Brummitt Funeral Home in Trezevant. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, 11 a.m. until service time. Interment is at Pleasant Grove Cemetery and Brother Carl Brown is the officiant. Pallbearers to serve are Dave Box, Gerald Box, Tom Box, Garry Box, Donnie Box, Billy Box, Kevin Box and Kelly Box.

Mr. Box, 80, died Sunday, April 18, 2021 at his residence. He was born in Sharon on April 26, 1940 to Albert and Milier Maurine Jones Box.

He is a retired supervisor and operations manager of Compro in Collierville and Cookeville. Mr. Box was an avid golfer, fisherman, Tenn. Vols fan and woodworker. He was a member and deacon of Pleasant Grove Baptist. In his later years, he devoted his life to the building and maintenance of Caney Fork Baptist Church in Cookeville.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Manns Box of Atwood, two daughters, Rhonda (Donald) Cunningham of Atwood and Keshia (Scott) Eubank of Midlothian, Texas, four grandchildren, Drew Cunningham, Cody Cunningham, Logan Eubank and Emily Eubank and one great-granddaughter, Nellie Kate Cunningham.

He is preceded in death by his parents, son, Kenneth Ray Box, a sister, Marie Adkins and three brothers, James Box, Jerry Box and Edward Box.

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Inglenook Book Club April News

The Inglenook Book Club met in April at the McKenzie Farmer's Market. The hostesses were Carolyn Moore and Mary Newman. Everyone enjoyed Mandarin orange cakes made by Carolyn and Mary, along with nuts and candies.

We welcomed back Carolyn Potts and Suzanne Russell for their first meeting this year.

Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Pedie Pedersen who celebrated an April birthday.

President Moore announced she delivered 30 boxes of sanitizing wipes for the school teachers collected at last month's meeting. For today's meeting everyone brought magic markers, and next month's donation will be children's scissors.

Shirley Martin announced the club received an invitation to join the newly organized McKenzie Chamber of Commerce, for which the dues are \$100. Motion was made and seconded to join, since it would keep us informed of all current activities in the city. After discussion, the motion passed. Shirley Martin will be the club's representative at Chamber meetings with Carolyn Potts serving as an alternate.

Shirley also announced the city is sponsoring a "Festival of Sweet Tea and Pickin'" on September 23 and 24. This replaces the annual "Sweet Tea Festival" held in the past.

Pedie Pedersen described to the club a new project of the Beta Club to provide free books for all ages in low-income areas. They will build wooden boxes to contain new or used books donated. These will be similar to those around town which contain free food items for those in need.

Suzanne Howell presented a program on Fern Michaels, an American author of romance and thriller novels, including 150 best-selling books with 200 million in print. Her USA Today and New York Times bestsellers include Family Blessings, Pretty Woman, and Crown Jewel, as well as the Texas quartet and the Captive series.

Fern Michaels was born Mary Ruth Kuczki in 1933 in Pennsylvania. She married, moved to New Jersey, and had five children. When the youngest entered school in 1973, her husband told her to get a job. Because she had no idea how to get a job,

Michaels decided to try to write a book. Her husband was not supportive of her efforts, and they consequently separated.

Although her first manuscript did not sell, the second did. Since then, Michaels has sold many books. She has been quoted as saying that she loves breathing life into her characters. She loves writing books about women who prevail under difficult circumstances, which she feels reflect her struggle for success early in her career. For her efforts, she was inducted into the New Jersey Literary Hall of Fame.

In her biography, she says growing up in Pennsylvania, she was known as Ruth but became Mary when she entered the business world. To this day, family and friends call her Dink, a name her father gave her when she was born because according to him, "I was such a dinky little thing," weighing four and a half pounds. However, she says, "I answer to Fern since people are more comfortable with a name they can pronounce."

In 1993 she sold her house in New Jersey and moved to Summerville, South Carolina, where she bought a 300-year-old plantation house and remodeled it. Michaels describes her "friendly ghost," Mary Margaret, who is also mischievous. Mary Margaret's capricious tricks include breaking coffee cups she doesn't like, moving pillows from one room to another, and stopping all the clocks in the house at 9:10 a.m. at least once a week. During warm months, Michaels will see her front porch swing moving early in the morning when the air is still and again late in the day. At least, Michaels says, Mary Margaret doesn't spook the dogs. All five of them line

up and look like they're at a tennis match. So far, they're cohabiting rather nicely.

Fern Michaels says her old Polish grandmother said something she never forgot: "When God is good to you, you have to give back." She set up the Fern Michaels Foundation which grants four-year scholarships to needy, deserving students. Then she went a step further and opened pre-school and day-care centers for single moms who are having a hard time. Michaels donated over 40 bullet-proof vests to K-9 dogs across the country and two K-9 dogs to police departments in New York and Connecticut.

In her biography she says, "Is Fern Michaels a great writer? No. She is, however, one heck of a storyteller. When people ask me what I do, I say, I scribble and tell stories. It's a great way to make a living. The Dutch have a saying, 'If you can't whistle on your way to work, you don't belong in that job.' I whistle all day long."

The May meeting's hostesses are Genia Sherwood and Sally Sutton with Victoria Ard giving the program.

After the book passing and reciting the club benediction, the meeting adjourned.

Members present were Victoria Ard, Linda Edge, Carolyn Goodwin, Suzanne Howell, Geneva Johnson, Shirley Martin, Carolyn Moore, Beverly Mueller, Mary Newman, Pedie Pedersen, Carolyn Potts, Suzanne Russell, Genia Sherwood, Sally Sutton, Donna Ward and Elaine Williams.

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce hosts a National Day of Prayer event Thursday, May 6 from 8-8:45 a.m. at the Carroll County Airport. The theme for 2021 is "Lord, Pour Out Your Love, Life and Liberty." Coffee and doughnuts will be available for those who attend. For more information, please contact the Chamber at 731-986-4664.

MCKENZIE TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) CLUB

The McKenzie TOPS Club is celebrating its 50th year. After staying "safer at home," members are recommitting to continuing their weight loss journey. People who've struggled with their weight are invited to join the weekly meeting on Mondays at the McKenzie Church of Christ in the old gym. Weigh-in starts at 3 p.m.; meetings are at 3:30 p.m. Membership is \$32 per year. Visitors are welcome to attend their first meeting free of charge. For more information, call 731-352-7309.

The Big Outdoor Spring Book Sale is Thursday, April 29 through Saturday, May 1. For more information, visit or call 731-986-1919.

MCKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

MCKENZIE CITY-WIDE YARD SALE

The McKenzie City-Wide Yard Sale is scheduled for May 7 and 8.

MCKENZIE FARMERS MARKET OPENS JUNE 5

The McKenzie Farmers Market opens June 5 from 8 a.m. until noon. Stay tuned for more details.

HUNTINGDON BEAUTY REVIEWS APRIL 24

Huntingdon Bands are hosting the Huntingdon

Hometown Beauty Pageants on April 24 in the Huntingdon High School Gym.

Pageants range from age 2 to 19 in the one-day event. Admission is \$5. Children 4 and under are free. One adult per paid contestant is free.

The first pageant is at noon for the 2-3 year olds, 12:30 for 4-5, 1 p.m. for the 6-9 ages, 1:30 for the 10-12 ages, 2 p.m. for the 13-15 ages, and 2:30 for the 16-19 age. All start times are approximate.

Trophies will be awarded for king/queen and the first top three alternates plus special categories.

There was no 2020 contest because of the pandemic.

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.

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JOY CLUB MEETS TWICE MONTHLY

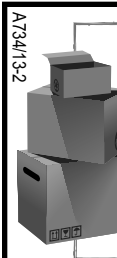
The Joy Club meets at McKenzie First United Methodist Church on the first and third Thursdays of each month from noon-2 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy fellowship, games, guest speakers and movies. All are welcome.

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.

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certs, at eight venues and promising something for everyone.

Headlining the river event on June 19 are country stars Diamond Rio and Darryl

Worley. Opening the concert is Johnny Mac and 24 Seven. Tickets are \$25 for General Admission and \$75 for VIP. Tickets can be purchased online at tnriverjam.com.

The kick-off event starts Thursday night, June 17 in Downtown Paris with a free concert with The Oak Ridge Boys. Paris Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce CEO Travis McLeese said music fans and tourists have the opportunity to spend the whole weekend enjoying great music and delicious food with the best backdrop around.

Henry County Mayor John Penn Ridgeway said, "I'm really excited about this. Music is a huge part of Henry County's background. Not only is tourism a significant economic driver for our community, but it also adds to our quality of life. I applaud the creativity and work that the Chamber staff is doing to produce events like this."

McLeese added, "It's humbling to be sitting here looking into the eyes of so many people who have come together to make this happen—board members, staff, partners, venue hosts, people who have invested time and money to this. Thank you for trusting us with this."

Other venues include Blues Landing, Ace's Restaurant, LL's Bar and Grill, The Eiffel Tower Park, Marker 66 and The Breakers Resort and Marina.

Other artists include Evie Grace, Randall French, Josh McKee, Ethan Torsak, Ray Lewis Band, The Paula Bridges Band, Mark Nessler, Lance Miller, Sydney Mack, Chandler Stephens, Levon, Matt Boone, Hotwired, Leight July, Candi Willette, The After Dark Band featuring Nikki Bobo, Britnee Kellogg, The Trace, and Bethel University Alumni Mandi Thomas, James Mays and Cherry Avenue.

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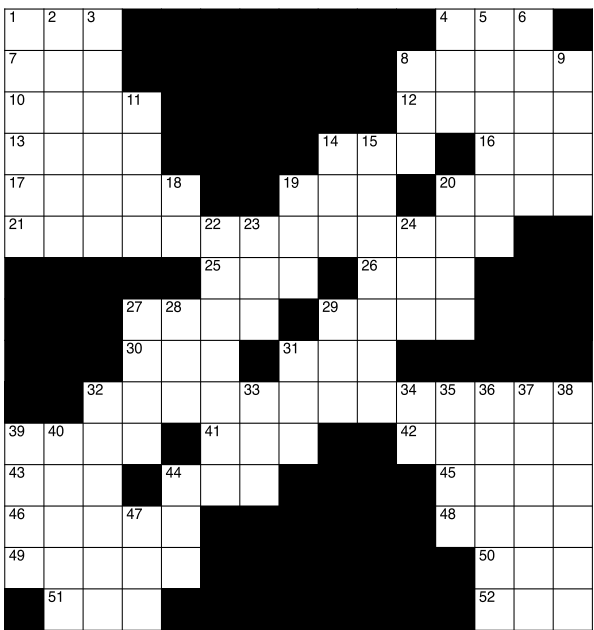
Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Ocean surface indicator (abbr.)
- 4. American time
- 7. Satisfaction
- 8. Diving duck
- 10. Very small amount
- 12. Metrical units
- 13. An ignorant or foolish person
- 14. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 16. It may sting you
- 17. Turn outward
- 19. Perform on stage
- 20. "CSI" actor George
- 21. Localities
- 25. Make a choice
- 26. Indicates position
- 27. One of Thor's names
- 29. Indian musical rhythmic pattern
- 30. "The Raven" author
- 31. Take in solid food
- 32. Legendary QB
- 39. Sorrels
- 41. Organization of nations
- 42. Texas pharmaceutical company
- 43. Mathematical term
- 44. Expression of disappointment
- 45. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 46. Hide away
- 48. Salad restaurant
- 49. Daughters of Boreas (mythology)
- 50. Men's fashion accessory
- 51. Political action committee
- 52. Unhappy

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make unhappy



- 2. Heard the confession of
- 3. Capital of Taiwan
- 4. Fiddler crab
- 5. Brazilian dances
- 6. Fit with device to assist breathing
- 8. Brother or sister
- 9. Pastries
- 11. "Lone Survivor" director Peter
- 14. Boat type (abbr.)
- 15. Apertures (biology)
- 18. Suffix
- 19. Creative endeavor
- 20. Icelandic poem
- 22. Spanish dances
- 23. Town in Central Italy
- 24. Cars need it
- 27. Mimics
- 28. Rocky peak
- 29. Cigarette (slang)
- 31. One point south of due east
- 32. Soap actress Braun
- 33. Large domesticated wild ox
- 34. Island nation
- 35. Appear
- 36. Addictive practices
- 37. Loss of control of one's body
- 38. Type of poster
- 39. Greek mountain
- 40. Funny person
- 44. One and only
- 47. Pouch

Week 16

See solution in next week's edition.

Earth Day Word Search

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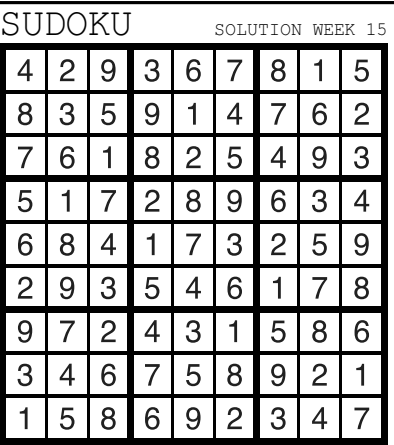
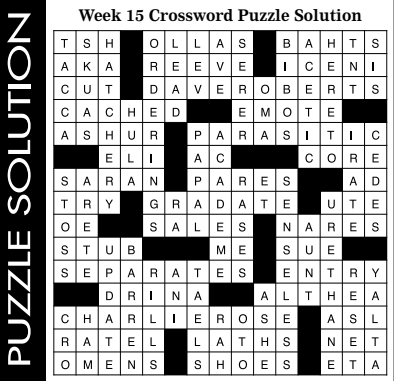
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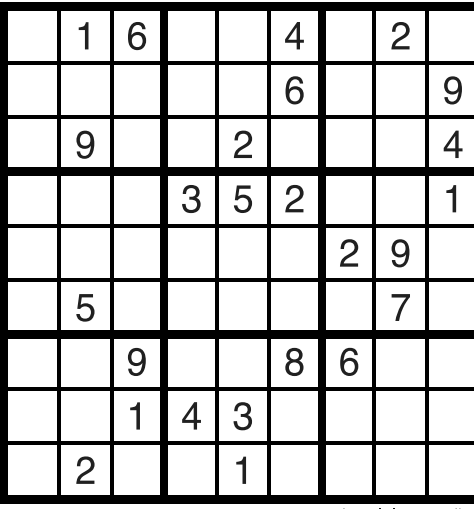


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Level: Intermediate

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Carroll County General Sessions Report

HUNTINGDON (April 14-16) — The following cases were heard in the Carroll County General Sessions Court.

The following case was bound over the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court.

John D Forrest, Clear Lake Road, McKenzie, bound over on charges of schedule I drugs – manufacture, deliver, sell or possess; meth- manufacture, deliver, sale, or possess; possession of drug paraphernalia; failure to appear; possession of firearm with intent to go armed; guilty on charges of probation violation, 90 days in jail; dismissed charges of driving while suspended, violation of financial responsibility, tampering with evidence.

The following cases resulted in a guilty plea or finding.

Kaleb Blaze Baker, Hurt Street, Trezevant, guilty, simple possession, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, \$750 fine.

Anthony Beal, Powers Blvd., Waverly, guilty, simple possession, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$50 fine.

Toni Craig Bennett, homeless, guilty, possession of drug paraphernalia, probation violation, theft, restitution to \$100 to victim, \$150 fine, 30 days in jail concurrent with sentence in Benton County; dismissed, evading arrest, failure to appear, driving while suspended.

Tioni Aquí Bruce, Wolf Trail Drive, Memphis, guilty, simple possession, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, \$300 fine.

Christopher Copeland, Blooming Grove Road, McKenzie, guilty, vandalism, \$400 restitution to victim, 30 days jail, 10/29 supervised probation; dismissed driving while revoked, aggravated assault.

Wayne Harrison Freeman, Jr., Pin Oak Street, Huntingdon, guilty, public intoxication, no sentence listed.

Kayla Nicole Glover, Highway 77, Hollow Rock, guilty, probation violation, 30 days jail.

Kenneth Ray Hawkings, Oak Hill Drive, Huntingdon, guilty public intoxication, \$25 fine.

Clinton Dailey Hord, Randle Street, McKenzie, guilty, public intoxication, 10 days in jail, unsupervised probation for 20 days; dismissed charges of criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, criminal littering.

Jada Latecia Jeffries, Devoy Avenue, Memphis, guilty, simple possession, casual exchange, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, \$50 fine.

Timothy Lee Johnson, Alabama Street, McKenzie, guilty, public intoxication, \$25 fine.

Shellane K. Jourdan,

Wood Avenue, Camden, guilty, public intoxication, no sentence listed.

Mary Beth Lancaster, Van Dyke Road, Paris, guilty, theft of merchandise, \$100 fine, restoration of \$48.73, unsupervised probation for 11/29.

Regina Dewayne Lee, II, guilty, simple possession, \$250 fine; dismissed violation of seat belt law.

Michelle McGee, Lexington Street, Bruceton, guilty, simple possession, no sentence listed; dismissed, speeding.

Timothy Blake Miller, Huggins Lane, Greenfield, guilty, stalking, supervised probation, no contact with victim.

Chas Elliott Robinson, Rowland Mill Road, Buena Vista, guilty, simple possession, \$750 fine, 30 days in jail, supervised probation for 10/29.

Robin Sloas, Sydnor Road, McKenzie, guilty, allowing dog to run at large, \$50 fine.

Katie Nicole Smith, Carlton Street, Gleason, guilty, simple possession, \$250 fine.

James Stavely, Newsome Street, McKenzie, guilty, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$50 fine.

Sarah Emily Sturdivant, McCall Street, Huntingdon, guilty, simple possession, unlawful drug paraphernalia, \$250 fine.

Michaela Thompson, Albert Gallatin Avenue, Gallatin, guilty, simple possession, no sentence listed.

Ashton Warren, Holmes Mill Road, Huntingdon, guilty, simple possession.

Tyler Matthew Wilson, Hebron Church Road, Bruceton, guilty, theft of merchandise, \$18.93 restitution, no contact with retailer, supervised probation for 11/29.

The following cases were dismissed.

Joshua Keon Addison, Kirby Downs Dr., Memphis, dismissed, speeding, driving while suspended, violation of financial responsibility.

Megan Baker, Cedar Street, Bruceton, dismissed, worthless check.

Corey Ballentine, Hinkledale Road, McKenzie, dismissed, simple possession, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$750 fine, 11/29 supervised probation.

Carla Michelle Beal, Armory Street, Huntingdon, dismissed, driving while suspended.

Ashton Drake Damesworth, Diamond Drive, McKenzie, driving while suspended, speeding.

Christina D. Donald, Elm Street, McKenzie, dismissed, probation violation.

Brent Alan Grooms, Oak Street, Hollow Rock, dismissed, driving while suspended, violation of light law, registration violation.

Jimmy Hannah, Jr.,

Anderson Street, Milan, dismissed, driving while suspended, registration expired, violation of financial responsibility, driver failure to exercise due care.

Mark R. Hansen, White Road, Gleason, dismissed, driving while license suspended, driving unregistered vehicle.

Brittany Layhew, Hillcort Circle, Huntingdon, dismissed, driving while suspended.

Cory Mathis, Palmer Ford Road, Bradford, dismissed, DUI-first offense.

Alvin McClarkin, Bridgeman Street, Huntingdon, dismissed, vandalism.

Elfy Lazar McCorry, Clark Street, Huntingdon, dismissed, theft.

Kimberly McMahan, Stonewall Circle, dismissed, aggravated assault; pre-trial diversion of assault-physical contact, supervised probation, 60 days outpatient treatment.

Hattie L. Smith, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, dismissed, aggravated assault, domestic assault.

Jasmine Janay Taylor, dismissed, driving while license revoked, speeding, violation of financial responsibility.

Pamela S. Taylor, dismissed, driving while revoked, speeding.

Kristina Anne Marie Townsend, Hatley Road, Holladay, dismissed, driving while suspended, violation of vehicle registration.

Jalesa Patrice Wester, Rolling Meadows, Milan, dismissed, driving while suspended, speeding.

The following cases were adjudicated by pre-trial diversion.

William Bradley Churchwell, Highway 77, Huntingdon, pre-trial diversion, reckless driving by intoxicant, \$350 fine, supervised probation for 5/29, 24 hours jail; dismissed, charge of implied consent.

Kandis Eneix, Terry Lane, Paris, pre-trial diversion, theft of merchandise., 11/29 unsupervised probation, no contact with retailer, \$4.29 restitution.

Destiney R. Floyd, Van Hook, Milan, pre-trial diversion, assault-physical contact, no violent contact with victim.

Cinda Kay Hampton, Westport Road, Huntingdon, pre-trial diversion, domestic assault, no violent contact with victim, unsupervised probation for 11/29, alcohol and drug counseling; dismissed, filing false report.

Kayla Miller, West Lane, Huntingdon, pre-trial diversion, unlawful drug paraphernalia, \$150 fine, 30 days in jail -waived if 90 days of intense outpatient treatment, supervised probation for 10/29; dismissed, contributing to delinquency of a minor, possession of meth.

McLemoresville Water System Water Quality Report for 2020

Is my drinking water safe?

Yes, our water meets all of EPA's health standards. We have conducted numerous tests for over 80 contaminants that may be in drinking water. As you'll see in the chart, we only detected five of these contaminants. We found all of these contaminants at safe levels.

What is the source of my water?

Your water, which is ground water, comes from the Memphis Sand Aquifer. Our goal is to protect our water from contaminants and we are working with the State to determine the vulnerability of our water source to *potential* contamination. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has prepared a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Report for the untreated water sources serving water to this water system. The SWAP Report assesses the susceptibility of untreated water sources to *potential* contamination. To ensure safe drinking water, all public water systems treat and routinely test their water. Water sources have been rated as reasonably susceptible, moderately susceptible or slightly susceptible based on geologic factors and human activities in the vicinity of the water source. The McLemoresville Water System sources rated as reasonably susceptible to potential contamination.

An explanation of Tennessee's Source Water Assessment Program, the Source Water Assessment summaries, susceptibility scorings and the overall TDEC report to EPA can be viewed online at <https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/wr-water-resources/water-quality/source-water-assessment.html> or you may contact the Water System to obtain copies of specific assessments.

A wellhead protection plan is available for your review by contacting Tim Waldrup at the McLemoresville Water System between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Why are there contaminants in my water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Este informe contiene información muy importante. Tradúscalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

For more information about your drinking water, please call Tim Waldrup at 731-415-8850.

How can I get involved?

Our Water Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the McLemoresville City Hall. Please feel free to participate in these meetings.

Is our water system meeting other rules that govern our operations?

The State and EPA require us to test and report on our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We have met all of these requirements. Results of unregulated contaminant analysis are available upon request. We want you to know that we pay attention to all the rules.

Other information

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment

plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Do I Need To Take Special Precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about not only their drinking water, but food preparation, personal hygiene, and precautions in handling infants and pets from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead in Drinking Water

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. McLemoresville Water System is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Water System Security

Following the events of September 2001, we realize that our customers are concerned about the security of their drinking water. We urge the public to report any suspicious activities at any utility facilities, including treatment plants, tanks, fire hydrants, etc. to 911.

Think before you flush!

Flushing unused or expired medicines can be harmful to your drinking water. Properly disposing of unused or expired medication helps protect you and the environment. Keep medications out of Tennessee's waterways by disposing in one of our permanent pharmaceutical take back bins. There are nearly 100 take back bins located across the state, to find a convenient location please visit: <http://tdec.state.tn.us/rxtakeback/>.

Water Quality Data

What does this chart mean?

- **MCLG** - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **MCL** - Maximum Contaminant Level, or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.
- **MRDL** - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for the control of microbial contaminants.
- **MRDLG** - Maximum residual disinfectant level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **AL** - Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- **Below Detection Level (BDL)** - Laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present at a level that can be detected.
- **Non-Detects (ND)** - Laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.
- **Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)** - Explained as a relation to time and money as one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- **Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter** - Explained as a relation to time and money as one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
- **RTCR** - Revised Total Coliform Rule. This rule went into effect on April 1, 2016 and replaces the MCL for total coliform with a Treatment Technique Trigger for a system assessment.
- **TT** - Treatment Technique, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Level Found	Range of Detections	Date of Sample	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria (RTCR)	No	0		2020		0	TT Trigger	Naturally present in the environment
Copper ¹	No	90th% 0.0402		2018	ppm	1.3	AL=13.	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead ¹	No	90th% 0.5		2018	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	No	32.4		2020	ppm	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; used in water treatment
TTHM ² (Total trihalomethanes)	No	2.43		2019	ppb	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAAs) ²	No	0.7		2019	ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine	No	1.39	1.0-2.6	2020	ppm	MRDLG 4	MRDL 4	Water additive used to control microbes

¹ During the most recent round of Lead and Copper testing, only 0 out of 5 households sampled contained concentrations exceeding the action level.

²Important Information About Your Drinking Water Monitoring Requirements Not Met For McLemoresville Water System

Our water system violated a drinking water standard over the past year. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standard. During August 2020, we did not monitor for the contaminants listed in the following table, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table lists the contaminants we did not properly test for during the last year, how often we are supposed to sample for the contaminants and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Required Sampling Frequency	Number of Samples Taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
TTHM Total Trihalomethane	1 sample during August	0	August 2020	August 2021
HAAs Total Haloacetic Acid	1 sample during August	0	August 2020	August 2021

What happened? What is being done?

Due to an oversight, only one sample was analyzed for these contaminants during December 2015. We sampled these contaminants again in January 2016 and returned to compliance.

For more information, please contact Tim Waldrup at 731-415-8850 or McLemoresville Water Dept., P.O. Box 38, McLemoresville, TN 38235

Please share this information with all the other people who drank this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being provided to you by McLemoresville Water System. State Water System ID# TN0000422

Thank you for your continued support of this newspaper.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Assault — John Adam Phillips, 32, of 95 Main Street, Hollow Rock, was charged with two counts of simple assault, and Darlarea White, 21, of 105 Main Street, Hollow Rock, was charged with simple assault following an April 11 incident outside their residences.

According to the report by Deputy Jason Walker, Phillips, White, and two other people were all involved in a physical altercation that started during an argument over property boundaries.

Court Order Violation — Nicholas Snati Mino, 31, of Lexington was

charged with violation of an order granting bail by Deputy Jason Walker on April 11 for allegedly violating a court order by staying at a residence on Buena Vista School Road when he had previously been charged with domestic assault against a woman who lives there.

Simple Assault — William Duke Moore, 21, of 100 Peggy Lane, Atwood, was charged with domestic assault by Deputy Scotty Da-

vis for allegedly assaulting Blake Garner of Lavinia by hitting him in the head and face at Garner's residence on April 10.

Domestic Assault — Jason Bryant, 34, of 1090 Winston Road, McKenzie, was charged with domestic assault by Deputy Ryan Hamilton on April 10 for allegedly throwing a broom at his mother and hitting her in the arm during an argument at their mutual residence.

McKenzie City Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

The McKenzie City Council will meet by zoom on **Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. for a workshop on re-districting. Any citizen wishing to attend should call city hall 731-352-2292 with your e-mail so that an invite can be sent to you.**

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BID NOTICE FOR LAWN CARE

The Carroll County Emergency Communications District is currently accepting bids for mowing, lawn care, and upkeep of the landscape at 101 Dillahunt Ln, Huntingdon, TN. The bid should include a separate quote for spring and fall cleanup of the property. Bid questions may be addressed at 101 Dillahunt Ln or by e-mailing kristymeggs@carroll911.com.

Bids should be mailed to:
Carroll County E911,
101 Dillahunt Ln,
Huntingdon, TN 38344

Bids should be in an envelope clearly marked "mowing bid." All bids must be received at the office by 3 p.m. on May 4, 2021.

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McKenzie Police Reports

Forgery, Theft — Anthony Blake Clark, 31, Old State Route 22, McKenzie was charged with forgery, theft and burglary after an incident on April 13 in which he signed a check stolen from a local businessman. Officer Cody Coleman received a call from Eagle Food Mart concerning a check for \$65.96 signed by Clark. It was on a business checking account that had been closed for 20 years. The checks were in the vacated old livestock sale barn just off Euclid. Clark was arrested on the related charges.

Driving on Revoked — Fourth Offense — Jessica Breaux, 29, Jewel Store Road, Dresden was charged with driving on revoked fourth offense and illegal window tint after a traffic stop on April 12. Officer Dalton Raspberry stopped the Jeep Liberty Breaux was driving because of the window tint was too dark. A check of her license revealed the revoked status.

She also had multiple active arrest warrants including failure to appear, violation of probation. She was transported to the former Not Hig's Restaurant to place her in custody of a Weakley County Sheriff's deputy. She was cited into Carroll County General Sessions for the

new charges.

Vandalism — Anthony Lee Marr, 43, Euclid Avenue, McKenzie was charged with vandalism on April 17 after an incident involving a missing heart monitor. Officer Stacey Bostwick issued a criminal summons for vandalism after the victim stated Marr was upset with her and took her heart monitor and other items. Officer Bostwick observed some items had been thrown to the ground from a second-floor balcony. A search of the contents revealed the heart monitor.

Driving on Revoked, Drug Paraphernalia — Stacy Lynn Hinson, 45, Big Buck Road, Trezevant and April Vestal, 34, of the same address were both charged in a single traffic stop on April 14. Officer Kyle Beauchamp stopped a Jeep Liberty after spotting it on the Carroll County Electric Warehouse parking lot and driving away. A check of the driver's license of Stacy Hinson revealed the revoked status. The passenger, Amy Vestal, gave permission to search. The report indicates MPD found two needles, three marijuana smoking pipes and a glass smoking pipe with meth residue in a purse under the passenger seat. Vestal was

charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Both were cited into court.

Simple Possession, Drug Paraphernalia — Destiny D. Jones, 32, Booker Street, McKenzie was charged with simple possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia on April 18. Officer Cody Coleman was serving a warrant for failure to appear on Jones and found her in a outbuilding at the address. When she opened the door, the officer saw drug paraphernalia on the floor next to her feet. She admitted to having meth in one of the syringes. There were also a small glass bowl containing residue of marijuana and meth and three empty syringes. A plastic bag of .3 grams of a crystal-like substance was on her person and surrendered to officers. She was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on a Revoked License — Michelle M. Feagans, 51, Ashby Road, Camden was charged with driving on a revoked license after a traffic stop on April 14. Officer Dalton Raspberry stopped the Toyota 4Runner for too dark of window tint and discovered the driver, Michelle Feagans' license was revoked. Her vehicle was towed from the scene and she was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Property Transfers

•Jerry and Beckie R. McNeely to Donovan and Beth Markiewicz in District 20.

•Joshua Alvarez to Luis and Maalejandra Nava Macias in District 2.

•Anthony Thomas to Holly Jean Kirk in District 11.

•Roy Dale Mann and others to Roy Dale Mann and others in District 11.

•Denmark Farms, LLC to Scott R. and Canelle N. Jolman and others in District 7.

•Jackie A. Boyd to Roy O. and Jackie A. Boyd in District 10.

•Randy Albert and Betty Ann Seifert to Randy Albert and Betty Ann Seifert and others.

•Anthony Thomas to Holly Jean Kirk in District 11.

•Roy Dale Mann and others to Roy Dale Mann and others in District 11.

•Denmark Farm, LLC to Scott R. and Danielle N. Jolman and others in District 7.

•Jackie A. Boyd to Roy D. and Jackie A. Boyd in District 10.

•Randy Albert and Betty Ann Seifert to Randy Albert and Betty Ann Seifert and others.

•Larry R. and Ellen K. Wooley and others to Ryan Keith McDaniel in District 24.

•Shenia Hardy and others to William Allen Jr. and Jennifer A. Espey in District 5.

•Lou Jean and Earnest Brooks to Regina Brooks Thompson in District 15.

•Randle S. Williams to Randle S. Williams in District 16.

•Timothy and Megan Massey to Katie Moore.

•Michael Glynn and Christine Elaine McCown to Sharon Lynn Heller and Ronald Uwe Knudsen in District 6.

•Kevin P. and Dana Jill Robinson to Patricia Diane Kinman in District 22.

•Steven M. Chadwick to Jonathan D. and Tonya B. Grissom Tatroe in District 4.

•Kathryn S. Wilson to Cordilla J. Williams in District 16.

•Thomas and Joan Felice to Julia Lawrence.

•Sheila A. Broxson to Robert and Helen Redding and others.

•Joshua and Marty Haywood to Daniel L. Edwards and others in District 13.

•Rodney and Patricia Moore to Justin Taylor Longmire in District 24.

•Matthew G. Robinson to Kevin P. and Dana Jill Robinson in District 22.

•Jesse L. Townes to Andrew Wilson in District 4.

•Centennial Bank to Mike and Julie Mulligan in District 2.

•Ronald J. and Barbara J. Knuutila to Joey and Amy R. Jones to District 11.

•Ronald J. and Barbara J. Knuutila to Corey E. and Candace Todd in District 11.

•Spiridon L. and Sandi S. Roditis to Alec and Colby Akin in District 22.

•Deborah Kaye and Charles Armstrong Kyle to Delinda Ruth Tankersley and others.

•Elyeas P. Watson to Billy Daniel Cooper and others.

•Thomas B. Trindad to Stanley L. Taylor.

•Jimmy W. and Brenda C. Pinson to Alan Guasta in District 23.

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•Jonathan B. and Christopher Adam Kee to Drake and Jessica P. Whitworth in District 10.

•Alice G. Newton to Haley Hubble to District 11.

•Martin L. Jr. and Lisa A. Batte to Dustin Matney in District 16.

•Paul Timothy and Sherry Dale Epperson to Adam and Rhea Farmer in District 6.

•Carla Dale Champion and others to Michael E. Stafford and others in District 11.

•Nicholas Siler and others to Terry Ray Boane and others in District 4.

•Rhonda Harrell to Rhonda Harrell.

•Jan. R. and William H. Harrison to John W. Jr. and Sherrye Robinson in District 1.

•McKenzie Long Term Facility, LLC to McKenzie Propco LLC.

•Kathy Lynn Gray to Kenneth Dale Carson in District 11.

Huntingdon Sweeps McKenzie in Home-Away Series

MCKENZIE/HUNTINGDON (April 12-13) — McKenzie and Huntingdon played a pair of high school district baseball contests in a home-away series last week. The Mustangs came out on top both days, topping the Rebels on the road 13-3 on Monday and edging out an 8-7 walk-off win at home Tuesday.

On Monday, Huntingdon set the tone with six runs in the top of the first. McKenzie cut the deficit in half with three in the bottom of the second. The score held until the Mustangs plated seven in the top of the seventh.

Mustang Grant Bartholomew went 3-for-5 with a triple, a double, two RBIs and a run scored. Javon Pritchard was 3-for-5 with a double, two RBIs and a run scored. Luke Furr went 3-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and a run scored. Blake Reeves was 2-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Colton Bush went 1-for-4 with two runs scored. Cade Wood was 1-for-4 with a walk, an RBI and two runs scored. Hunter Britt went 1-for-5 with a double, two RBIs and a run scored. Sam Parrish was 1-for-5 with an RBI. Blaine Fields went 0-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored.

Rebel Jackson Cassidy went 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Brandon Boaz was 1-for-3 with a run scored. Jake McDaniel went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Eli Surber was 0-for-1 with a walk and a run scored. Zayden

McCaslin was 0-for-2 with a walk and a run scored.

Grant Bartholomew earned the win for Huntingdon, allowing three earned runs on five hits while striking out five and walking three in five innings. Javon Pritchard threw the final two innings, allowing no runs, hits or walks.

Jackson Cassidy took the loss for McKenzie, allowing six runs (four earned) on four hits while striking out one and walking one in a third of an inning. Ty Anderson threw the final six and two-thirds innings, allowing seven runs (one earned) on eleven hits while striking out four and walking none.

Tuesday, McKenzie struck first with four runs in the top of the first, but the Mustangs answered in kind in the home half to tie it. The Rebels regained the lead with three in the top of the second, and Huntingdon scored one in the bottom. After three scoreless frames, the Mustangs tied it again with a pair in the sixth, then scored the go-ahead run in the seventh for the walk-off win.

Mustang Grant Bartholomew went 2-for-3 with a home run, a walk, two RBIs and two runs scored. Hunter Britt was 3-for-4 with a walk, an RBI and two runs scored. Colton Bush went 2-for-3 with a walk, an RBI and a run scored. Cade Wood was 2-for-5 with a run scored. Javon Pritchard went 1-for-4 with two RBIs and a run scored.

Blake Reeves was 1-for-4 with a double, an RBI and a run scored. Sam Parrish went 0-for-3 with a walk and an RBI.

Rebel Ty Anderson went 2-for-3 with a walk, two RBIs and a run scored. Jake McDaniel was 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Hayden Hixon went 1-for-3 with a double, a walk and two runs scored. Zayden McCaslin was 2-for-4 with a run scored and a stolen base. Eli Surber went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Phillipp Smith was 1-for-4 with an RBI. Brandon Boaz went 1-for-4 with a run scored. Jackson Cassidy was 1-for-4.

Sam Parrish got the start for Huntingdon, allowing seven runs (four earned) on eight hits and a walk in one inning. Blake Reeves threw three and a third innings of relief, allowing no runs on four hits while striking out three and walking none. Javon Pritchard pitched the final two and two-thirds innings and earned the win, allowing no runs or hits while striking out four and walking one.

Jake McDaniel started for McKenzie, allowing seven runs (six earned) on ten hits while striking out five and walking two in five and a third innings. Zayden McCaslin threw the final inning and a third and took the loss, allowing one earned run on one hit while striking out one and walking three.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Multiple Drug Charges — Fernando A. Marquez, 21, of Blue Island, Illinois was charged with possession of schedule VI, heroin, Adderall, Xanax, Hydrocodone, Codeine, ecstasy, and Focalin, all with intent, as well as possession of schedule II, drug paraphernalia, and possession of a handgun during the commission of a felony, all during an April 6 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Officer Joseph Hedge, he pulled over a vehicle driven by Marquez with three passengers for speeding on West Main Street. A K-9 unit was called to the scene after Hedge detected the odor of marijuana, and the dog indicated the presence of illegal substances. During a search of the vehicle, officers found substances believed to be marijuana, heroin, Adderall, Xanax, fentanyl, THC wax, codeine, oxycodone, and ecstasy, as well as a 9-millimeter handgun and \$12,756 in cash. Marquez stated the drugs belonged to him, as did all three of the passengers.

Drug Possession — Daincameron Hudson I, 42, of Huntingdon was charged with possession of cocaine with intent, possession of methamphetamine with intent, simple possession of schedule VI, and drug paraphernalia on April 8 in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Officer Labe Ezell, he took Hudson into custody because of an outstanding parole violation warrant after finding Hudson and a passenger sitting inside a parked vehicle at Oak Ridge Apartments. During a search of the vehicle, officers found eight baggies containing substances that field-tested positive for cocaine for a total of over 50 grams, 1.1 grams of methamphetamine and three grams of marijuana in separate baggies, and a digital scale. Hudson was transported to jail and his vehicle was impounded.

Public Intoxication — Mary Elizabeth Crews, 45, of Huntingdon was cited for public intoxication on

April 8.

Officer Labe Ezell reported that Crews was trying to get into multiple vehicles in the parking lot of Tractor Supply in Huntingdon and that she seemed unsteady on her feet, confused, and disoriented.

Drugs, License Violation — Michelle P. McGee, 21, of Bruceton was charged with simple possession/casual exchange, driving on a suspended license, violation of insurance law, and speeding during an April 11 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

Officer Michael Verner reported he pulled over a vehicle driven by McGee for speeding on High Street, and after smelling marijuana, Verner found a small bag of marijuana in McGee's possession. A computer check showed McGee's license to be suspended, and she could not show proof of insurance.

Drugs, Shoplifting — Chaz M. Richmeier, 27, of McKenzie was charged with possession of schedule IV and theft of merchandise under \$1,000 by Officer Michael Verner on April 10 at Walmart in Huntingdon.

Verner reported that Richmeier allegedly took three items valued together at \$36.06 from Walmart, and Xanax pills were found in his possession.

Simple Assault — Ida Sherrill, 67, of Huntingdon was charged with simple assault on April 10 by Officer Michael Verner after allegedly slapping workers in the face, spitting in a worker's face, and turning over a medical cart at an assisted living facility on Northwood Drive.

Drugs, License Violation — Michaela R. Jackson, 35, of Jackson was charged with schedule VI drugs, driving on a revoked license, violation of insurance law, and speeding during an April 10 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

Officer Michael Verner reported that he pulled over a vehicle driven by Jackson for speeding on West Main Street, and after smelling marijuana, Verner got Jackson's permission to conduct

a search, during which a small bag of marijuana was found in Jackson's purse. Jackson was unable to provide proof of insurance, and a computer check showed that her license was revoked.

License Violation — Glen Ray Goodrum, 59, of Huntingdon was charged with driving on a revoked license and violation of insurance law by Officer Brad Allen during an April 10 traffic stop on East Main Street in Huntingdon.

Leaving the Scene — Michael L. Sharp, 41, of Huntingdon was cited for leaving the scene of an accident by Officer Ethan Parham on April 9 after allegedly hitting a vehicle in the parking lot of Huntingdon Wine and Liquor and then driving away.

License Violation — Chad Lee Maceri, 50, of Huntingdon was charged with driving on a suspended license, misuse of registration, and violation of financial responsibility by Officer Aaron Patton after being involved in an April 10 traffic accident on Highway 22 North.

Theft — Ausie W. Welch, 47, of Huntingdon was charged with theft of property under \$1,000 by Officer Aaron Patton on April 10 after he allegedly stole a spray nozzle from a garden hose valued at \$10 from K & J Smoke Shack in Huntingdon.

License Violation — Junior William Anderson Miller, 24, of Martin was charged with driving on a suspended license, violation of insurance law, and speeding by Officer Aaron Patton during an April 10 traffic stop on Highway 22 South.

Drugs, License Violation — Robert Anthony Hicks, 34, of Cedar Grove was charged with simple possession/casual exchange, drug paraphernalia, and driving on a suspended license, and Penny L. Allen, 27, of Bruceton was charged with simple possession/casual exchange by Officer Joseph Hedge during an April 3 traffic stop of a vehicle driven by Hicks with Allen as a passenger in Huntingdon.

Fillies Hang on for Win Despite Late McKenzie Rally

MCKENZIE (April 15) — McKenzie High School hosted Huntingdon Thursday for a district softball contest. The Fillies built up a lead over seven innings and held off a last-minute Lady Rebel rally to claim a 4-3 win.

Huntingdon struck quickly with a run in the top of the first, then plated a run in each of the fourth, fifth and seventh innings. Trailing 4-0, McKenzie got on the board and nearly came back with three runs in the home half of the seventh.

Huntingdon's Josie Sanders went 3-for-3 with a home run, a double, two RBIs and a run scored. Kayla Pulling was 1-for-4 with a home run, two RBIs and a run scored. Madison Mann went 1-for-3 with a run scored. Adalyn Allen and Lia Fuller were each



Huntingdon shortstop Madison Mann scoops up a ground ball and fires to first for the out. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Childress went 1-for-4. Hannah King was 0-for-2 with a walk and a stolen base.

Lady Rebel Savannah Davis went 1-for-3 with a home run, a walk, two RBIs and a run scored. Katie Chesser was 2-for-3 with a double and a run scored. Anna Robinson and Kassidy Brown were each 2-for-4. Payton Ognibene went 1-for-2 with a walk. Jaden Barton was 1-for-4. Kristin Bradberry went 0-for-1 with a walk and a run scored.

Natalie Kreuziger earned the complete-game win for the Fillies, allowing three runs (two earned) on nine hits while striking out six and walking three.

Payton Ognibene took the complete-game loss for McKenzie, allowing four earned runs on ten hits while striking out six and walking one.

Rebel Soccer Tops Gibson County, Falls to South Gibson

MCKENZIE (April 13, 15) — The McKenzie High School Rebel soccer team hosted a pair of games last week, defeating district foe Gibson County 2-0 on Tuesday and falling to Class AA South Gibson 3-0 on Thursday.

In Tuesday's win over the Pioneers, Rebel Jesse Calderon scored a goal and Joe'L Bilger had one goal and one assist. Goalkeeper Will Essary recorded six saves in the shutout.

In Thursday's loss to the Hornets, Essary had seven saves.

This week, the Rebels travel to South Fulton Tuesday for another district contest at 6 p.m.



Rebel Jesse Calderon takes a shot against South Gibson. Photo by Tammy Graves/The Banner

Lady Rebels Rout Big Sandy, 23-0

BIG SANDY (April 12) — The McKenzie High School Lady Rebels earned a road win against district softball foe Big Sandy Monday, shutting out the Lady Red Devils 23-0 in three innings.

The Lady Rebels plated seven runs in the first and 16 in the second.

McKenzie's Savannah Davis went 4-for-4 with a triple, two doubles, four RBIs and three runs scored. Anna Robinson was 3-for-4 with a triple, four RBIs and three runs scored. Kassidy Brown went 3-for-4 with a triple, three RBIs and two runs scored. Kristin Bradberry was 3-for-3 with two RBIs and three runs scored.

Belle O'Brien went 3-for-3 with a walk, an RBI and three runs scored. Katie Chesser was 3-for-4 with a triple, an RBI and two runs scored. Jaden Barton went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Payton Ognibene was 1-for-2 with a walk, two RBIs and two runs scored. Alyse Lowe went 0-for-0 with three walks and three runs scored.

Payton Ognibene earned the complete-game shutout win for the Lady Rebels, allowing just one hit while striking out six and walking none in three innings.

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYMENT

McKenzie Public Works is currently accepting applications for a seasonal worker. The job will consist of weed eating. Successful candidate must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid drivers license. Must have the ability to work unsupervised. Applications can be picked up at the City Hall Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Deadline for applications are end of day May 5, 2021.

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PARKS & REC SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

McKenzie Parks & Recreation is currently accepting applications for a seasonal worker. Successful candidate must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid drivers license. Job includes some mowing, but majority of the job will be weed eating. Must have the ability to work unsupervised. Must be willing to work holidays and week-ends when required. Applications can be picked up at the City Hall Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Deadline for applications are end of day May 5, 2021.

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McKenzie High School Basketball Athletes Honored

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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McKENZIE (April 18) — McKenzie High School's basketball players, cheerleaders, coaches, and parents celebrated an unprecedented year of basketball during a Sunday afternoon banquet at McKenzie High School. A global COVID-19 pandemic's effects weighed heavily on the season with quarantines, limited audience size, and even games without cheerleaders. However, the Rebels and Lady Rebels persevered playing the scheduled dates, even some nights of play with the girls playing one opponent and the boys playing a different opponent.

Kelly Spivey, MHS Principal, said the year was challenging with COVID and rewarding with support from all those involved. He thanked the parents, coaches and players for their continued support.

Jennifer Ognibene, MHS cheer sponsor, announced the names of the cheerleaders and thanked them and their parents for support during an unusual year. The cheerleaders were: Ashlyn Drewry, Graycie Turner, Taylor Hall, Jessica Moore, Anna Grace Spivey, Anna Claire Patel, Lilly Sumrok, Belle O'Brien, Ava Jones, Brett Toombs, Ava Warman and Abbie Young.

Because of social distancing rules during pandemic and TSSAA rules, the ladies cheered on alternating nights in two squads, and for a period, not allowed to cheer at all. Near the end of the season, the cheer teams returned to the games along with larger capacities of fans.

Ognibene presented the following awards: Best Team Player - Jessica Moore; Awesome Attitude - Ava Warman; Most Spirited - Gracie Turner; Best All Around - Ashlyn Drewry; the Taylor Buckley Scholarship went to Gracie Turner.

Coach John Wilkins was the first-year head coach of the Lady Rebels. He also was head coach of the Rebels.



els. He said coaching both team has been a blessing to his family. "I get to do what I love," said the coach. He said McKenzie is a great place to live and work and the teams can compete with anyone.

He said it was a crazy year with teams canceling games and he and Mr. Spivey finding replacement teams so the Lady Rebels and Rebels could fill a full schedule. The ladies team had the best record since the 1960s, won the district, and came up a bit short in the MHS gym against the best team in the state.

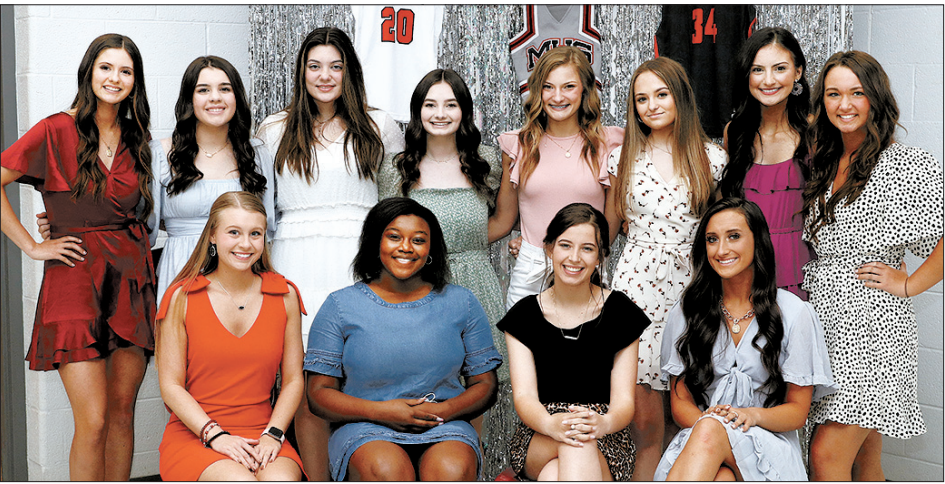
He thanked Ashley (Barker) Lowe, assistant coach, for joining the McKenzie staff after serving as head coach at Hollow Rock-Bruceston in the previous year.

Team members included: Lilly Bennett, Anna Callahan, Savannah Nesbitt, Dani Dyer, Briley Auvenshine, Katie Chesser, Kylie

Reynolds, Payton Ognibene, Madison Gilbert, Hannah Dillingham, Savannah Davis, Mikaela Reynolds and Kyeana Sneed. Managers included: Allie Chappell, Jaleah Moore, and Anna Robinson.

Award winners were: Deflection Leader - Mikaela Reynolds; Sixth Man - Briley Auvenshine; Most Offensive Rebounds - Kyeana Sneed; Defensive MVP - Dani Dyer; Miss Rebel - Savannah Davis; and Got to Have A Heart Award - Lilly Bennett; All-Region - Lilly Bennett and Savannah Davis. Bennett also was presented a souvenir ball denoting scoring over 1,000 points in her high school career.

McKenzie Rebels were honored by Wilkins. He said the 2019-20 season had seven seniors so the 2020-2021 was a rebuilding year, with four seniors in the most recent season. The year was



Top Left, McKenzie Rebels Awards — Eli Surber - Got to Have Heart Award; Zayden McCaslin - Sixth Man Award, Team First Award; (Back L to R) Marquez Taylor - Mr. Rebel; Elijah Seivers - Barbara Boyd Memorial Scholarship Winner; and Bryson Steele - Offensive Rebounder Award. Bottom Left, MHS Lady Rebels Awards — (front L to R) — Allie Chappell, Manager; Briley Auvenshine - Sixth Man Award; Kyeana Sneed - Most Offensive Rebounds; Savannah Davis - Ms. Rebel and All-Region Team; (Back L to R) - Kylie Reynolds - Deflection Leader; Dani Dyer - Defensive MVP; Lilly Bennett - All-Region and Got to Have Heart Award; and Savannah Nesbitt - Barbara Boyd Memorial Scholarship. Top Right, MHS Cheerleaders — (Front L to R) — Ashlyn Drewry, Jessica Moore, Taylor Hall, Anna Claire Patel, (Back L to R) — Lilly Sumrok, Ava Jones, Ava Warman, Abbie Young, Belle O'Brien, Brett Toombs, Graycie Turner, and Anna Grace Spivey. Bottom Right, MHS Cheerleader Awards — (L to R) — Ashlyn Drewry - Best All Around and Leadership Award; Gracie Turner - Most Spirited, Leadership Award, and Taylor Buckley Memorial Scholarship Winner; Ava Warman - Awesome Attitude Award; and Jessica Moore - Best Team Player. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner.

marked with great successes, including defeating West Carroll twice. The War Eagles advanced to the state playoffs in Murfreesboro. The Rebels continued to improve and fought to the end at Summertown that ended the season.

Next year's season will feature different opponents as the Rebels change classifications and regions. Wilkins said both the Lady Rebels and Rebels have a great chance to advance to the state playoffs next season. Next year's team will have one senior and one junior with the remainder

underclassmen.

The 2020-21 team consisted of: Eli Surber, Johnathan Moore, Jaden Currie, Elijah Seivers, Caleb Gill, Zayden McCaslin, Marquez Taylor, Bryson Steele, Zach Webb, Etijay Tharpe, Zach Aird, Bryant Haynes, Stafford Roditis, Christopher Beck, Drew Chappell, and Hayden Garrett. Managers were: Carson Burke, Giancarlo Cevallos, Allie Chappell, Gracie Henderson. Assistant coach was Larry Joe Smith, who is retiring. Also assisting were Preston Henderson and Hunter Herrin.

The awards to the Rebels

were as follows: Team First - Zayden McCaslin; Offensive Rebound Award - Bryson Steele; Sixth Man Award - Zayden McCaslin; Got to Have Heart Award - Eli Surber; Mr. Rebel - Marquez Taylor.

The Andy Camp SportsmanSHIP Award was presented to Allie Chappell and Eli Surber. The Barbara Boyd Memorial Scholarship was presented to Savannah Nesbitt and Eli Surber.

Brian Bennett of the Rebounders Club presented gifts to seniors.



Peter Paul Mounds Cake

1 Swiss Chocolate Cake mix
24 large marshmallows
1 stick butter
1 box powdered sugar
3/4 stick butter
1 cup sugar
1 cup evaporated milk
1 -14ounce pkg coconut
1/2 cup cocoa
1 cup evaporated milk

Bake cake in 2 pans. Split layers. Boil sugar, 1 cup evaporated milk and 1 stick butter together. Boil hard for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and add marshmallows and coconut. Spread between cake layers. Mix together powdered sugar, cocoa, 3/4 stick butter and 1 cup evaporated milk. Spread on top and sides of cake.

Mississippi Mud Cake

1 cup margarine
1/2 cup cocoa
2 cup sugar
4 eggs, slightly beaten
1 1/2cup all purpose flour
Pinch salt
1 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
Miniature marshmallows
1/2 cup margarine, melted
2 Tablespoon cocoa
1 -16 ounce box powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
Milk

Melt 1 cup margarine and cocoa together. Stir in sugar and beaten eggs. Mix well. Add flour, salt, nuts and vanilla.

Bake in a 13x9x2 inch pan at 350 degrees for 35-45 minutes. Sprinkle marshmallows on top of cake while still warm.

Combine 1/2 cup margarine, 2 tablespoons cocoa, powdered sugar, vanilla and enough milk to allow mixture to be of spreading consistency when mixed well. Spread on cake.



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4 TIPS FOR BACKYARD BARBECUE SUCCESS

When the weather warms up, the opportunities to enjoy more time outdoors increase. For many people that means firing up the grill to cook dinners in the backyard and also to host friends and family for outdoor gatherings around the patio.

Barbecuing is enjoyed around the world and is especially popular in the United States, where even presidents have touted the virtues of cooking outside. Lyndon B. Johnson, Jimmy Carter and even Ronald Reagan hosted barbecues with tasty grilled or smoked food during their terms.

Barbecues are especially popular in spring and summer. Memorial Day often marks the unofficial kickoff to the summer barbecue season. After Memorial Day weekend, the smell of barbecue often can be detected on a nightly basis in suburban neighborhoods. Follow these tips to make backyard barbecues even more successful this year.

1. **Make food safety a priority.** A successful barbecue is one in which everyone goes home satiated and stuffed with delicious foods. However, ensuring people don't fall ill also is vital. Keep in mind that the temperature outdoors impacts the rate of spoilage for raw and cooked foods.



Always keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold (place items on ice or in coolers). The Food and Drug Administration, advises moving leftovers indoors promptly and discarding any items that have been sitting outside for longer than two hours at room temperature. Items should be moved indoors or discarded even more quickly in especially hot conditions.

2. **Learn how to smoke.** Grilling is one skill, and smoking is another. As the popularity of food smokers has increased, prices have come down. Novices can visit barbecue competitions and talk to professionals about their tips for smoking foods, or learn more by watching tutorials online. Smoked foods take a lot of time to cook, allowing hosts an opportunity to mingle

with guests.

3. **Keep things simple.** Serve only a handful of items to cut down on the amount of preparation required. Two main proteins and maybe three side dishes is adequate. Chips or other pre-made snacks can fit the bill. Condensing options also reduces how much you have to manage. Be sure to have options for those with food allergies or intolerances when planning the menu.

4. **Set up clusters of seating.** Grouping sets of chairs at tables around the yard encourages guests to mingle. Also, it helps space out people for social distancing and avoids a bottleneck around the food.

5. **Make the most of barbecue season** by embracing strategies to be successful hosts and hostesses.

LOW-MAINTENANCE LAWN ALTERNATIVES

A traditional lawn may not be right for every property nor desired by every homeowner. There is no denying that lawns take time and effort to establish and daily or weekly maintenance to thrive. Homeowners who find that a traditional lawn is not practical can explore some low-maintenance alternatives.



Wildflower Meadow
Homeowners with wide swaths of property may discover meadows are cost- and time-efficient. Stores sell special wildflower meadow mixes of seeds or homeowners can use wildflower plug plants throughout areas where grasses are left to grow longer. This natural area can be a home to wildlife and an idyllic backdrop to a home. Most meadows only require a spring or summer and autumn cut to thrive and look good.

Ornamental Grasses
Partition areas of the property for ornamental grasses to grow. The gardening resource Elemental Green says ornamental grasses tend to be drought-resistant and low-maintenance. They won't need much fertilizer and are often resistant to pests as well. Ornamental grasses grow in tufts or sprays and will not require

mowing. However, they are not ideal for areas that get foot traffic.

Moss
Moss can thrive in shady areas and ones where the soil tends to stay a bit damp. Moss is velvety soft and green, so it can mimic the look of a traditional lawn but won't require mowing and other upkeep. Because it spreads quickly, moss can take over quite rapidly. You will need to protect areas where you do not want moss by creating barriers to stop spread.

Gravel
Stone and gravel areas can reduce maintenance in the landscape and require very little upkeep. When gravel is installed correctly,

weeds may not grow readily. Gravel installation may include laying heavy-duty, semi-permeable landscape fabric, which is available in home improvement centers. Gravel is cheaper than pavers and can be just as beautiful.

Artificial Turf
If the desired look is a lawn without all the upkeep, there are various artificial grass options on the market. Homeowners who opt for artificial turf can save money and space devoted to lawn mowers and other lawn tools. Grass may be ideal for some, but there are alternatives for people who have troublesome landscapes or desire a low-maintenance product for their homes.

SHADE TREES THAT CAN MAKE YARDS MORE COMFORTABLE

Various factors motivate the decisions homeowners make when designing their landscapes. Some may be motivated by the ways additions will affect the resale value of their homes, while others may be guided by a love for a particular type of plant. Comfort is yet another motivator, and shade trees can make yards more comfortable as the mercury rises. According to the Arbor Day Foundation, the following are some popular shade trees that can add beauty to a landscape and make it more comfortable come the dog days of summer.

► **Quaking Aspen:** The quaking aspen has the widest

est natural range of any tree in North America, spanning 47 degrees of latitude, 110 degrees of longitude (nine time zones) and elevations from sea level to timberline. That impressive range is no doubt why the United States Forest Service notes that the quaking aspen can grow in greatly diverse regions, environments and communities.

► **Northern Catalpa:** The Arbor Day Foundation notes that the northern catalpa is easily identifiable thanks to its heart-shaped leaves and twisting trunks and branches. Nature enthusiasts, and particularly those who enjoy birdwatching, may be happy to learn

that the flowers of the catalpa are frequently visited by hummingbirds.

► **Red Sunset Maple:** Its name alone makes many people think of lazy summer days spent lounging in the yard. The red sunset maple provides ample shade and comes with the added benefit of producing an awe-inspiring blend of red and orange leaves come the fall. Red sunset maples can survive in a range of habitats and their adaptable roots means they can thrive in various soil types.

► **Northern Red Oak:** The state tree of New Jersey, the northern red oak is, according to the Arbor Day Foundation, both beloved for its aesthetic appeal and valued for its adaptability and usefulness. Northern red oaks can tolerate urban conditions, but they do not do well in hot climates.

► **Sawtooth Oak:** Another tree that produces some awe-inspiring color, the sawtooth oak is a durable, adaptable shade tree. Golden yellow leaves in the spring will give way to dark green in summer, only to turn yellow and golden brown in the fall. The Tree Center Plant Supply Co. notes that the sawtooth oak can thrive in warmer climates where shade trees that can coexist with high temperatures can be hard to find.

Shade trees can add beauty to a property and make a yard more comfortable. Homeowners are urged to discuss shade trees with a local lawn and garden professional prior to planting.

HOW FAMILIES CAN HELP COMMUNITIES REBOUND AFTER THE PANDEMIC

The global pandemic that began in late 2019 and spread into 2021 had a devastating impact on the world. The human toll was significant, as millions of people across the globe lost their lives to the COVID-19 virus. The virus also had far-reaching economic consequences, many of which were felt in small towns and communities that had been thriving prior to the pandemic.

Vaccination rollouts that began in the final weeks of 2020 gave many people a glimmer of hope that life would soon return to some semblance of normalcy. The effort to restore towns and cities will require a community-wide effort, and families can do their part as the world slowly emerges from the pandemic.

► **Support local businesses.** A recent survey from the expert business mentors at Score® found that just 34 percent of small business owners indicated their operations were currently profitable in late 2020. The numbers were even worse for minority-owned businesses, as the survey found that just 26.5 percent of Black business owners had businesses that were currently profitable while the number was 29.2 percent among Hispanic-owned businesses. A thriving local economy is a vital component of a strong community, and families can do their part in the pandemic recovery by making a concerted effort to support the small businesses in their towns and cities, especially those owned by minorities. Support locally owned restaurants instead of chain restaurants when dining out or ordering in. Even visiting a locally owned barbershop instead of a chain hair cutter can be a great way to help community-based businesses recover.

► **Lend a hand to the elderly.** At the onset of the pandemic, public health agencies like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization identified elderly men and women as among the most vulnerable to serious illness if they were infected with COVID-19. As a result, many aging men and women spent much of 2020 isolated from their friends and families. Families can help seniors in their communities recover from that isolation by volunteering at local senior centers, inviting aging

neighbors over for weekly dinners or inviting them along on family outings to the beach or park. Such efforts can reassure seniors, many of whom played vital roles in building the communities they call home, that their neighbors have not forgotten them.

► **Take active roles in the community.** Recovering from the pandemic won't be easy for any community. Some small businesses closed for good while others struggled to stay afloat, and local towns and cities lost significant tax revenue as a result. Residents, including adults and children, can help their towns and cities overcome budget shortfalls by becoming more active in their communities. Organize initiatives like park clean-ups to keep communities clean if budget constraints have forced local officials to cut back on such services. In addition, attend town or city council meetings to lend support to programs or even recommend new initiatives to help the community recover from the pandemic.

Restoring communities after the pandemic will be a tall task. But it's one that will be more easily accomplished if families pitch in and do their part.

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ble organizations. Though the impact of volunteers is often seen through the lens of the projects they help to initiate and complete, there's no denying just how valuable volunteers are from an economic standpoint. In its 2018 "Volunteering in America Report," AmeriCorps, an organization dedicated to strengthening communities and fostering civic engagement through service and volunteering, reported that Americans volunteered nearly 6.9 billion hours worth an estimated \$167 billion in 2017. Volunteering figures to be even more valuable in the months and years ahead as towns, cities and countries look to recover from a global pandemic that claimed millions of lives and devastated economies big and small. As the world attempts to rebuild itself once the pandemic has ended, volunteers can play vital roles in reestablishing their communities. In fact, many people have already made that recognition. According to data from the professional social networking site LinkedIn, the site's users had added more than 110,000 volunteer activities to their profiles between the early stages of the pandemic in 2020 and the end of summer 2020.