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Carroll County Exits Top Ten Unemployment List

NASHVILLE — After a prolonged occupancy Carroll County has departed the state top ten highest county unemployment rate listing, despite retaining the same 7.7 percent rate for November that it held in October.

The county labor force (available workers) decreased to 12,120, down 60 from October's number of 12,180.

The number of employed workers in the county for November decreased to 11,180, down 60 from October's number of 11,240. The number of unemployed countywide for November is 940, an increase of ten from October.

Henry County had a November rate of 6.4, reflecting a 0.4 increase from October's rate of 6.0. The labor force in

November was 13,620, down from October's labor force number of 13,670. The number of unemployed was 870.

Weakley County had a November rate of 6.3, reflecting a 0.1 increase from October's rate of 6.2. The labor force in November was 15,800, up 50 from 15,750

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McKenzie's Max Arnold suited up and ready for game time as a Volunteer.

Arnold in Outback Bowl

By Jason Martin
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The University of Tennessee Volunteers and the Northwestern University Wildcats are in Tampa, Fla. preparing for the Outback Bowl. McKenzie's Max Arnold, a recent graduate of UT Knoxville, will be on the field.

In 2011, Arnold graduated from McKenzie High School. Looking to play football at a higher level, he decided to walk-on at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. This season,

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TOP NEWS ARTICLES OF 2015



1 Historic Hillsman House Destroyed by Fire

TREZEVANT (December 14) — On Sunday, November 23, Carroll County suffered a devastating loss when fire completely destroyed the Hillsman House owned by Rita Bowling located on 1170 Oak Grove in Trezvant. Placed on the National Historic Register in 1982, the magnificently-crafted, Greek revival-themed structure was built in 1869 by Confeder-

ate Major John "Jack" Hinde Hillsman, son of pioneer Reddick Hillsman from North Carolina who helped organize Carroll County in 1821.

Prior to building Hillsman House, the husband of Virginia-born Mary Amanda Perry, earned the status of Major in the Confederate Army after joining the South's cause in Trenton on October 25, 1861.

Three generations of the Hillsman family lived in the home.

2 Carroll Lake to be Restored

PARIS (April 24) — Carroll Lake will be repaired and restored to a premier fishing lake following the unanimous decision of the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission. During its April meeting at Holly Fork Shooting Complex in Paris, the Commission amended its budget to start repairing

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PHOTO: Extreme winter weather creates record conditions (FILE PHOTO March 10, 2015).



Carroll Lake Spillway Rushes With Water

Heavy rains Monday, December 28 caused some minor flooding in Carroll County. The rain was part of a two-punch dose of weather that hit Tennessee. The first bout was Wednesday, December 23 with heavy rains

and a tornado that passed through several states including Tennessee. TVA is attempting to control flooding throughout the Tennessee River. Heavy flooding was experienced in eastern Tennessee. In total, the storm claimed

25 lives in the U.S.

Carroll Lake is expected to reopen as a premier fishing lake in the year 2017 with many enhancements. The spillway was destroyed in flooding in June 2014.

Paris Man Dies in Industrial Mishap

(Courtesy-Amy Davis-Henry County Sheriff's Office)

HENRY (December 21) — At 11:45 a.m., Henry County Emergency Medical Services received a phone call of an industrial accident at Replogle Enterprise, 1890 Lumber Road, Henry. EMS and the Henry County Sheriff Department responded along with the coroner, Danny Tucker.

Keith McGhee, 57, of Paris was pronounced deceased on the scene.

Services for McGhee were held on December 24 at Rawls Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend M. A. Richardson officiating.

Interment followed in Greenwood Cemetery.

Lexington Resident McAfee Announces Bid for Presidency

LEXINGTON — Former computer anti-virus guru John McAfee announces his bid for the presidency of the United States. The Lexington, Tennessee resident will run as a Libertarian.

From his Web site, <https://mcafeel6.com>, McAfee writes, "I am called "not serious", yet I know of no-one who has lived a more serious life. I have run a multi-billion dollar company,

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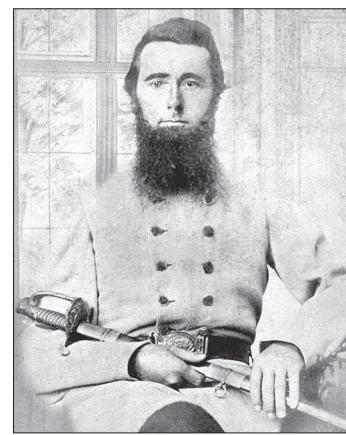
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Above Left, Confederate Major Jack Hillsman, builder of Hillsman House. Center, Emily Hillsman Caldwell. Above Right, Bennett Hillsman.

The Hillsman House, History

By Ben T. Rollins
Hillsman Descendant

In light of the recent destruction by fire of the old Hillsman House on Oak Grove Road near Trezevant, Tennessee, a look back into the history of the home and the family that built it seems right considering the immense loss of county history.

As early Americans moved west from the coast as Indian Territories opened up, the Hillsman and Harris families of Franklin County, North Carolina followed suit in this migration. These two families were connected by two sisters: Elizabeth Battle Perry and Mary Arendal Crudup Perry. Elizabeth married Williamson Harris and Mary to William Reddick Hillsman, a veteran of the War of 1812. So strong was the sisters' love for one another that their husbands could not bear to break them up by moving to different places. Thus, Williamson and Reddick decided to move to the wilderness of West Tennessee together. Loading up their belongings on a wagon train pulled by oxen, they made the journey to Carroll County in 1821 with four Harris children, two Hillsman babies: John Hinde "Jack" and Bennett Thomas, and plenty of livestock to start new lives. A third child, a daughter named Emily Ann, was born to Reddick and Mary during their three year long excursion to their new home.

After making it to Carroll County, the families chose tracts of land close to one another and set to clearing the land. Maintaining close proximity to others and having a suitable, clean source of spring water was key to survival for the families. They settled on Reedy Creek between McLemoresville and Trezevant, though Trezevant hadn't gained its name yet until later when the railroad came through. Williamson and Reddick became early county commissioners and erected a mill on Reedy Creek in March of 1824. Many years of hard work by both slave and master went into building the foundations of early civilization here in the county. By 1850, Reddick, with the assistance of his faithful sons Jack and Bennett, had amassed a plantation of around 3,400 acres in Carroll County, 500 acres in Henderson County, and a fine 1,000 acre farm in Lake County which included ownership of part of Reelfoot Lake due to farm being surveyed before the New Madrid earthquakes of 1811-12. A feud arose and a case that took decades to resolve ended up at the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Reddick died in 1857, and the lands were split up amongst his children. Bennett stayed at the original home place, and Jack moved to the farm which surrounded the Hillsman House, though that home was not constructed yet. By this time Emily Ann's husband Albert Boyd Mitchum of

McLemoresville had died, and together with her brothers and Hiram Hansbro ran Mitchum, Hillsman, and Hansbro, a dry goods firm with stores located in McLemoresville, Trezevant, and Milan. Emily married again to Colonel Robert Davis Caldwell, a most elegant man and tobacconist from Paris, Tennessee.

Political and social upheaval rocked the country around 1860-61, and southern states began seceding from the United States. Tennessee was the last state to join the Confederacy in June 1861. Jack and Bennett, along with their 1st cousin Thomas Larkin Harris, felt the call of war and rode off to Trenton to enlist in Tennessee's army. Emily's four Caldwell stepsons joined the cause too. Jack, age 43, and Bennett, age 41, signed to Co. G, 55th Tennessee Infantry (Brown's) on October 25, 1861 as captain and 1st lieutenant respectively. They fought valiantly in many battles including the Battle of Franklin and the Siege of Vicksburg. Their poor cousin Thomas paid the ultimate price of war and perished at the bloody Battle of Shiloh early in the war. Three of Emily's stepsons, James F., Robert L., and Anthony Wayne Caldwell, died to disease during the war. Bennett was captured twice and languished in a northern prison on Johnson's Island, Ohio. Jack somehow managed to escape capture throughout the entirety of the war and fought with distinction throughout thus earning the rank of Major. Bennett was finally released at the end of the war and took the oath of allegiance to the United States on June 10, 1865. He returned by foot home with the rank of Captain and a bitter distaste for the horrors of war that would haunt him til his death. Their nephew Dr. Samuel Houston Caldwell, surgeon to General Nathan Bedford Forrest, survived the war as well, and interestingly enough, his letters written to home helped exonerate Forrest from any crimes supposedly committed during the Massacre at Fort Pillow.

According to family legend, Jack's wife Mary Amanda Petty Hillsman contributed to the war effort too. It was not uncommon during the War between States for men of lesser stock to band together in gangs and loot, pillage, and rape while the soldier-men were away at war. Such an occurrence took place at Jack's farm while he was off fighting. A group of rascallions and drunkards possessing ill intentions showed up threatening to destroy the home and began to set fire to it. Amanda rushed to meet them head on and "hotly denounced them for a 'bunch of homemade Yankees!' In fact, she gave them such a vociferous tongue-lashing that the men finally slunk away, and Amanda, her children, and a few slaves that stayed, succeeded in putting out the

Dedicated to Tom Wingo Hillsman who grew up in the home.

Of interest- Jack, Bennett, and Emily Hillsman were first cousins with Albert Gallatin Harris whose farm is in McKenzie and which is still in the family of Mayor Holland. His AG Harris' brother was Thomas Larkin Harris that I mentioned who perished in the Battle of Shiloh.

During Mayor's Report, Mayor Jill Holland stated that the

present via roll call were



Tennessee College of Applied Technology Announces Fall 2015 Graduates

The fall trimester at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology at McKenzie ended with graduation on December 17th. The ceremony was held at McKenzie Cumberland Presbyterian Church and led by Dr. Bradley White, Director. The guest speaker for the graduation ceremony was our recently selected 2015 Student of the Year, Justin Page. Justin is a student in the HVAC/ Refrigeration Program at TN College of Applied Technology in McKenzie. Justin is a former graduate of Henry County High School. He joined the Navy when he graduated from high school and is now a member of the TN Army National Guard. Justin is member of SkillsUSA,

where he is the past president of the local chapter. He was also elected as parliamentarian of the state chapter of SkillsUSA in 2014 and served for a year in that capacity.

A total of 24 students earned a certificate or diploma level during the fall trimester. The students who completed requirements for certificate or diploma levels are: Administrative Office Technology- Kathy Decker, Amanda Mooney, Ashley Smith and Susan Watson; Administrative Office Technology Online - Dusty Burnine; Automotive Technology-Adam Schmidlin; Computer Information Technology - James Ferguson, Justin Mealer and James Presley; Electronics

Technology - Brian Eric Martin; HVAC/Refrigeration- Kenneth Michael Ogden; Industrial Maintenance-Charles Gilbert; Machine Tool Technology- Joshua Fullington, Edward Haley, James Hall, Evan Hastings, and Randy Yarbrough; Production Automation- Joe Lockard and Caleb Simmons; Welding Technology- Jonnie Bradford, Austin Hatler, Kenneth Michael Ogden, Jake Pilla and Christian Willis.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in honor of the graduates and their families.

Congratulations from the administration, staff and faculty at TCAT-McKenzie to the 2015 fall trimester graduates.

Mayor Holland, Younger Listed In Sun's Best in Business

JACKSON (December 27) — McKenzie Mayor Jill Holland and McLemoresville native Sharon Younger were listed as two of the top ten in the "Best in Business for 2015."

The daily newspaper listed 10 businesses and individuals from the publication's service area as the best in business.

On the list were: Jack and Jerry Smith of George A. Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Jackson; Old Country Store in Jackson; Sharon Younger, founder of Younger and Associates of

Jackson; Arrington Funeral Home of Jackson; Kroger supermarket expansion in Jackson; JC Penney remodeling in Jackson; Plaza 3 Cinema in Humboldt; Trenton's Bryan and Bob Wilson and their Rosato's Pizza remodeling of a former service station in downtown; McKenzie Mayor Jill Holland on McKenzie's efforts to revitalize the city; and Yukon Outfitters in Alamo.

Younger founded Younger and Associates 25 years ago. The company performs mar-

keting, strategic business planning, graphic design, and social media specialization, among its many offerings.

Mayor Jill Holland grew up in McKenzie, lived in Florida, and she and her husband, Mike Laughey, chose to move to McKenzie to rear their two boys, John Kermit and Harris. She served on the local school board and was a city councilman before running for mayor. She is now serving her second four-year term in office.

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Planning Commission Discusses New Business Possibilities

MCKENZIE (December 9) — After calling the McKenzie Municipal-Regional Planning Commission meeting to order, Chairman Dean Robb said that, due to the holidays, the meeting would be considered the regular meeting with a workshop after the meeting.

Present via roll call were McKenzie Municipal-Regional Planning Commission members Jill Holland (Mayor), Dean Robb (Chair), Bobby Young (Vice Chair), Garlon Prewitt (Secretary); Planning Staff-Shelton I. Merrell, SW TN Development District; and David Kelly, McKenzie Codes Officer.

Not present were Peggy Kee, Ken Mitchum, Charles Pruneau (Council Liaison).

Following motion by Garlon Prewitt and second by Bobby Young, the meeting agenda was approved via 4-0 vote with three members absent.

During Mayor's Report, Mayor Jill Holland stated that the

Family Dollar plans a grand opening in February and there is a possible proposal for the vacant T-Bird restaurant site. Plans are progressing for a Farmer's Market in the old Studebaker building, across from City Hall.

McKenzie Codes Officer David Kelly informed that he had not heard further inquiry from Prater's Taters, but perceived that was due to the holiday season.

McKenzie Municipal-Regional Planning Commission Secretary Garlon Prewitt shared good news from the December 1 Carroll County Health meeting, informing that Carroll County had improved from 36th to 10th for Child Wellness.

With no economic report, old business, or new business to report, Chairman Robb informed during Other Business that he had received a phone call from a Jackson attorney asking about documentation for Laurel Street ending on Bethel

property.

Continuing with Other Business, the board received the following January Agenda and Regular Planning Commission Meeting Schedule by Chairman Robb: Agenda Meeting-Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.; Regular Meeting-Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.

At the motion of Mayor Holland and second by Garlon Prewitt, the regular meeting was adjourned.

In the Workshop meeting following the regular meeting, the second review of the first draft of the Design Review Guidelines was conducted by the Planning Commission. The first twenty-eight (28) pages of the first draft were reviewed and several changes were made. Shelton I. Merrill, SW TN Development District Planner, will make the changes and correct a few formatting issues for the next meeting.



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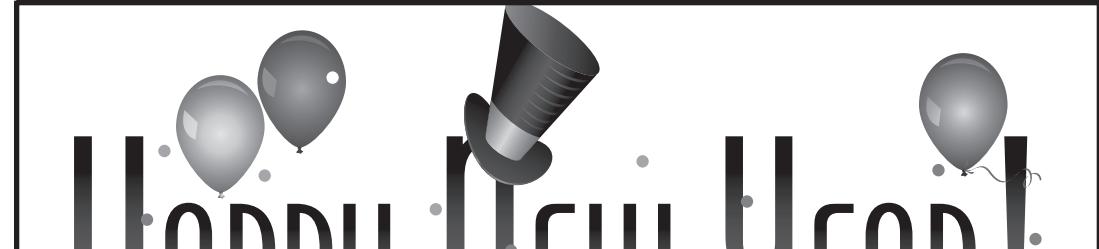
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OBITUARIES

**CRISTAL L. CONWAY****1967 - 2015**

Cristal L. Conway, 48, of Paris - Garrett Lake Community, died Saturday, December 19, 2015 at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital. A private funeral service was held Sunday, December 20, 2015 Williams Funeral Home of Gleason with burial following in Conway Cemetery in Paris. Freddie McDaniel officiated the services.

Mrs. Conway was born October 21, 1967 in McKenzie to Alva Tegethoff and the late Alton Tegethoff. She was a home-maker.

Mrs. Conway is survived by a husband, Earl Conway of Paris; a son, Steven Thompson of McKenzie; two daughters, Tandi Conway of Garrett Lake Community and Angel Thompson of Paris; and three grandchildren, Arleigh Thompson, Kyleigh Conway, and Alton Bo Brantley Conway. Paid Obit/A3267

PATRICIA BLANKENSHIP

CEDAR GROVE — Mrs. Patricia M. Blankenship, 86, of Cedar Grove, Tennessee, died Sunday December 20, 2015, at

NHC Healthcare.

Funeral services were Monday December 28, 2015, at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

Mrs. Blankenship is survived by her husband Chester Blanksenhip of Cedar Grove, Tennessee; two daughters Judy Creel and Linda Walker both of Panama City, Florida; two sisters Grace Redden of Milan, Tennessee and Gladys Skinner of Jackson, Tennessee; two brothers Gordon Pritchard of Jackson, Tennessee and Charles Pritchard of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren. Carter-Dilday Funeral Home had charge.

FRANKLIN MORGAN**1936 - 2015**

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for William Franklin Morgan are Thursday, December 24, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cedar Avenue Chapel of Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Brother Kevin Gallimore will officiate. Interment will be at Caldeonia Cemetery, McKenzie. Visitation will be Thursday, December 24, 2015, 10:30 a.m. until service time.

Mr. Morgan, 79, died Monday, December 21, 2015 at McKenzie Regional Hospital. He was a truck driver for Consolidated Freightways, an Army veteran and a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Henry. He was born November 15, 1936 in Carroll County, Tenn. to Howard and Callie Barker Morgan. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, Dot Melton, Opal Townes, Lena Trentham and one brother Don Morgan.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-four years, Margaret Ann Presson Morgan of McKenzie, daughter, Suzanne (Doug) Mann of McKenzie, son Mike

(Marilyn) Morgan of McKenzie, brother Jesse (Pat) Morgan of Memphis, four grandchildren Jason Latham, Fiancé Brittany Bearden, Cody Hoffman, Adam Mann and Kristen Mann, and five great-grandchildren Hayden, Brycen, Connor, Layla and Avacyn.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. For more information please call (731) 352-4884 or visit our website at www.brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com. (paid obit)

MARTHA ROSE ROSER**1931 - 2015**

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Martha Rose Roser, 84, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Sunday, December 20, 2015 at the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon.

Funeral services were Wednesday, December 23, 2015 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Interment will follow in New Liberty Cemetery.

Mrs. Roser was born September 11, 1931 in Ardmore, Alabama to the late Ollie T. and Emma Mae Hill. She was a retired production worker for Kimberly-Clark Co. and was a member New Liberty Missionary Baptist Church.

PATRICIA (PAT) ARGO**1951 - 2015**

TREZEVANT — Funeral services for Patricia Gail Argo, 64, are Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Trezevant First Baptist Church with Brother Tim Rogers officiating. Interment will follow at Trezevant Cemetery.

Ms. Argo, owner of Pat's Restaurant in Trezevant, Tenn., died Friday, December 25, 2015 at Jackson Madison County General Hospital. She was

born on November 3, 1951 in Trezevant, Tenn. to Haywood and Mary Lavern Powell Argo. She was a member of Trezevant First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Betty Reaves, and three brothers Nolan Argo, Dennis Argo, and Harold Argo.

Survivors include three daughters: Christy (Chris) Honaker, Stacey (Dennis) Hames, and Kelly (Chris) Weaver, all of Trezevant, a brother, Jerry Argo of Franklin, Tenn., nine grandchildren: Stephen Hames, Tyler Giles, Jennifer Hames, Shelby Hames, Dalton Weaver, Caitlin Giles, Riley Weaver, Hayden Weaver, and Robert Honaker.

Pallbearers to serve were Chris Weaver, Dalton Weaver, Riley Weaver, Chris Honaker, Dennis Butler, Stephen Hames, Tyler Giles, and Robert Honaker.

Brummitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. For more information please call (731) 669-3871 or visit www.brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com. (paid obit)

LUCILLE BRASHEAR**1930 - 2015**

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Lucille Johnson Brashear, 85, were Monday, December 28, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Smith's Chapel Methodist Church in East View, Kentucky near Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Mrs. Brashear, a retired teacher for the Northwest Tennessee Head Start, died Thursday, December 24, 2015 at McKenzie HealthCare Center.

She was born December 8, 1930 in East View, Kentucky to Ray and Lena Mae Cundiff Johnson. She was a member of McKenzie First United Methodist Church, an Eastern Star, and

was a former Jaycette.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, former city councilman and businessman, Ed L. Brashear, who died January 14, 1991, brother, Raymond Johnson, and a sister, Ethleen Van Meter.

Survivors include two daughters, Angelina (George) Collier of Memphis, Celia Anne (John) Hopper of New Baltimore, Mich., a son, Anthony E. Brashear of McKenzie, a sister, Josephine Powell, East View, Kentucky.

Memorials may be made to the National Alzheimer's Association.

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

In Elizabethtown, Kentucky; Brown Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements there, for questions you may call (270) 765-2737.

daughters, Sheridie (Nick) Smith of Bruceton, Tennessee, Contessa (Jeremiah) Cooley of Camden, Tennessee and Kelly (Homer) McCaig of Bruceton, Tennessee; one son, Jacob Hollingsworth of Paris, Tennessee; one brother Tim (Lisa) Hollingsworth of Huntingdon, Tennessee; nine grandchildren.

Dilday-Carter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

**ROY FRANKLIN RUNIONS
1947 - 2015**

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Roy Franklin Runions, 68, are Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home with Brother Tony Terrell officiating. Interment will follow at Caledonia Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, December 29, 2015 from 11:30 am until service time. Mr. Runions, a retired paint mixer for Motor Wheel Corporation in Lansing Michigan, died Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at his residence.

He was born on January 1, 1947 in McKenzie, Tenn. to Andrew and Inez Blaylock Runions. He was a Baptist in faith. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Ruth Pruitt and a brother Ray Runions.

Survivors include two sons Randall (Sharon) Runions of St. Johns, Mich., Richard (Andrea) Runions of Muskegon, Mich., a sister, Faye Bowden of McKenzie, three grandchildren, Amanda (Tom) Moore of Panama City, Florida, Dustin (Christie) Runions of Fremont, Mich., Deanna Runions of Muskegon, Mich., two great-grandchildren, David Moore and Erica Moore.

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

The Library Lines

By Nikki Cunningham

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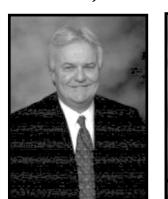
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2 oz. (1/2 cup) shredded Mozzarella cheese

1 cup pizza or spaghetti sauce, if desired

Separate dough into four rectangles, firmly press perforations to seal. Place 8 pepperoni slices on each rectangle. Sprinkle with cheese. Starting at shortest side, tightly roll up each triangle. Pinch to seal. Slice each into four equal pieces. Pinch dough together on one side to seal. Place sealed side down on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees

for 18-20 minutes. Serve with warm pizza or spaghetti sauce, if desired. 16 pinwheels.

Party Pizza Appetizers

1 pound hot sausage, cooked, drained and crumbled

1 cup onion, chopped

1/2 cup sharp cheese, grated

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese (from wedge)

1 1/2 teaspoon oregano

1 teaspoon garlic salt

1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce

1 (6 oz.) can tomato paste

3 cans flaky biscuits (hungry Jack Brand)

Combine first 8 ingredients.

Separate each biscuit into 3 pizza rounds. Spread with

mixture. Put pizzas on cookie sheet and freeze. Remove from cookie sheet and store in plastic bags. Bake frozen pizzas at 425 degrees for 10 minutes. Great for cocktail party.

Ro-Tel Dip

1 can Ro-Tel tomatoes and green chilies

1 pound pasteurized cheese

Melt cheese in double boiler (for additional thickness, add more cheese). Mix together.

Serve as a dip for chips or use as a spread on toast, crackers, sandwiches or hamburger bun. Best served hot or warm.

Pineapple Cream Cheese Dip

1 8 oz. package cream cheese

1 small can crushed pineapple

Blend together and serve with fruit.

Sausage Balls

1 pound sausage, cooked & drained

2 1/2 cups bisquick

1 package shredded cheddar cheese

Enough soft butter to form sausage balls

Roll ingredients into balls. Bake 375 degrees for 20 minutes.

Union University Graduates 305

JACKSON (December 17, 2015) — Three hundred five students graduated from Union University December 12 during fall commencement services of the 191st graduating class at Oman Arena.

Area graduates included:

McKenzie-Dale Ballentine-Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership, Organizational Leadership, Project Management.

Union Provost C. Ben Mitchell delivered the commencement address, telling graduates they should carry the institution's core values of being excellence-driven, Christ-centered, people-focused and future-directed with them.

ness Administration; Springville-Stephen Ballard-Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies-Languages, Biblical Studies Languages; Martin-Christine Ward-Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership, Organizational Leadership, Project Management.

Located in Jackson, Union University is a liberal arts-based university affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Founded in 1823, Union is the oldest institution relating to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Area Fall UTM Graduates

Several Carroll County residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent fall commencement held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

Carroll County students receiving undergraduate degrees were: McKenzie - James Frank-

lin Arnold, Teresa Ann Brawner, Justin Seth Bush, Katie Anne Chadwick, Ashley Dre'Anna Delaney, Maliah O. Harmon, Mary Katlin Haywood, Ramon Anthony Hernandez, Benjamin Ray Kee, Lacey Lanette Lane, Zachary Allen McEwen; Bruceton - Jessica Marie Hollingsworth, Kyle Robert Jann, April Renae Stepp; Cedar Grove - Sheeba L. Wood; Clarksburg - Lindsey Alyce Bell; Huntingdon - William K. Arnhold, Dylan Taylor Cliff, Amelia Catherine Jordan, Joshua Eric McMackin, Caroline Faith Parish, Ashlee Nicole Porter, Hailey Jordan Pruitt; Trezevant - Lindsey Kay Faller, Morgan Brittany Woodard.

Allison Owen Winston of McKenzie received a graduate degree.

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Morning Glory Garden Club Meets in December

The Morning Glory Garden Club held its December meeting at the beautiful home of Sally Sutton, with Vice President Ann Dinkins presiding. Following a delicious brunch with foods provided by each of the twelve members, Ann called the meeting to order, thanked Sally for hosting the event, and thanked members for the delicious dishes they had brought. Ann then led the members in repeating of the Collect. This is the first December club meeting to be held in forty-five years as the club could not do the December luncheon this year because of illnesses, etc.

Chaplain Donna Pruneau gave the "Thought for the Day," which was based on Matthew 2:9, in which the wise men were following the star in the East. This Christmas season let us remember that the child the Magi worshiped that Christmas grew into manhood and by his death on the cross and his resurrection became the Savior for all mankind. May we give praise daily to our Lord and Savior who gave us the greatest gift of all - eternal life.

Recording Secretary Zia Locke then called the roll and read the minutes of the previous meeting. Treasurer Betty Brown reported no change in the treasury from last month. Ann reported that the basket which the club do-

nated to the District I Garden Club annual meeting received the highest price (\$75.00) during the event's auction. She thanked Lois Brazie and Betty Brown for their contributions to the basket.

Under Committee Reports, the Civic Committee will call about the date of the removal of the decorations from the gazebo and benches in Veterans Park. The Yard of the Month sign has been stored for the winter season. Each year during the Christmas season, the club gives a \$100.00 award to the best decorated house. This year's recipients were Dwayne and Linda Bolton at 365 Tower Road. The Best Decorated Business Window award of \$50.00 went to Cloud 9 which is located across from Dr. Sunrock's office just before you get to Sonic. The city awarded the Novelty Award of \$100.00 to Mrs. Nancy Reeder who had a uniquely but beautifully decorated home on Smith Street. Ann then invited those club members who could to be at city hall Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. to have a picture made with the recipients of the three awards.

Membership Chair Joan Gibson submitted two names of possible new members - Donna Hedge and Judy Hickerson Davis. The motion was made that we accept these two ladies into

our membership and the motion carried. (Motion - Diane Stafford, 2nd - Betty Brown. Sunshine Chair Robbie Barker reported that she had sent a Happy Birthday card to Zia Locke whose birthday was December 12, 2015. She will also send a Get Well Card to Marta Manner, Gena's daughter who was having surgery on this date. Vice President Dinkins then thanked Zia for taking care of the publicity for the club.

Unfinished business: Ann thanked Sara Fitzgerald who had attempted to get a bus for us to make the trip to Opryland for a December outing. There was no new business to be discussed. The horticulture presented at this meeting was a beautiful poinsettia provided by Sally Sutton.

Announcements: The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at the home of Angela Hugueley, with Ann Dinkins serving as co-hostess. Zia Locke will present a program on backyard birds. Club members then recited the club's benediction and the meeting was adjourned. Members present were Robbie Barker, Betty Brown, Ann Dinkins, Sara Fitzgerald, Joan Gibson, Diane Harvey, Zia Locke, Sandi McMahan, Donna Pruneau, Lucille Russell, Diane Stafford, and Sally Sutton.

Vandals Trash Duck Hunters' Vehicles on Christmas Day

By Shannon McFarlin

WENK/WTPR News Director

SPRINGVILLE, Tenn. — Four trucks belonging to duck hunters parked at the Old Union Landing on Christmas Day were extensively damaged by vandals, causing some \$15,000 damage.

A couple of the vehicles were so damaged they could not be driven.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) Wildlife Tech Ronnic Cole said, "It's just a crying shame that this happened. And it was just pure meanness. Several thousand dollars worth of weapons, GPS and other items were within arm's reach, but they didn't steal anything. They just want-

ed to destroy things."

The incident is under investigation by both the Henry County Sheriff's Office and TWRA.

Preliminary investigation has indicated the vandalism occurred between 11:20 a.m. and 12:40 p.m. Christmas Day, Cole said. Seven trucks in all were parked there, but four were vandalized.

Owners of the vandalized vehicles were from Henry, Benton and Weakley Counties, Cole said.

All four of the trucks had windows busted out, he said. On one vehicle both driver and passenger windows were busted out; on another the front and rear windshields were busted out, also; holes were busted in the hood of one vehicle and on a jeep, the cloth back window

was cut out with a knife.

Cole said items were taken out of trucks and thrown in the river, including a \$400 Yeti cooler.

Henry County Sheriff Monte Belew said the West Sandy (Springville) Waterfowl Association is posting a reward of \$1500 for anyone who has information leading to the arrest and conviction of the vandals.

"Unfortunately, this situation is not uncommon," Cole said. "In the 33 years I've been with TWRA, in these two weeks when the kids are out of school there always are more thefts and property damage every single year."

Anyone with information on the vandalism is asked to call the Henry County Sheriff's Office at 731 642 1672.

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January 2-7 Area Sports Calendar

January 2 (Saturday): 6:00 p.m.-Scotts Hill High School Basketball at Clarksburg High School.

January 4 (Monday): 6:00 p.m.-McKenzie High School Football Awards Banquet.

January 5 (Tuesday): 6:00 p.m.-Clarksburg High School Basketball at Huntingdon High School / McKenzie High School Basketball at Hollow Rock-Bruce-ton Central High School / West Carroll High School Basketball at Big Sandy High School.

January 7 (Thursday): 6:00 p.m.-McKenzie High School Basketball at Lake County High School / South Gibson High School Basketball at Huntingdon High School.

Rezac Is New Bethel Swim Coach

Courtesy Bethel SID

Former Bethel swimmer Kayci Rezac has been named the new Bethel Swim coach. She replaces Kimberley Smith who recently resigned as head coach after starting the program in 2010 with Coach David Duncan. Rezac was the first female swimmer signed by Coach Duncan in 2010. She graduated in 2015 with a degree in Athletic Training and is board certified. She made two trips to the NAIA Swimming Nationals.

Rezac is originally from Huntingdon Beach, California and is the daughter of Frank and Kim Rezac. She has one sister, Lindsey Rezac.

She is a member of NATA and SEATA.

Rezac commented on the position. "I look forward to this coaching position in the collegiate setting and continue the success of Bethel University's swimming program through my self-motivating/disciplined demeanor, strong work ethic, knowledge, compassion and experience." She added, "I have 19 years of swimming experience and previously trained under the Russian Olympic Coach while living in California. I've coached a USA club team for four years as well as a club team in Middle Tennessee, so I understand the dynamic of

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Wildcat Football

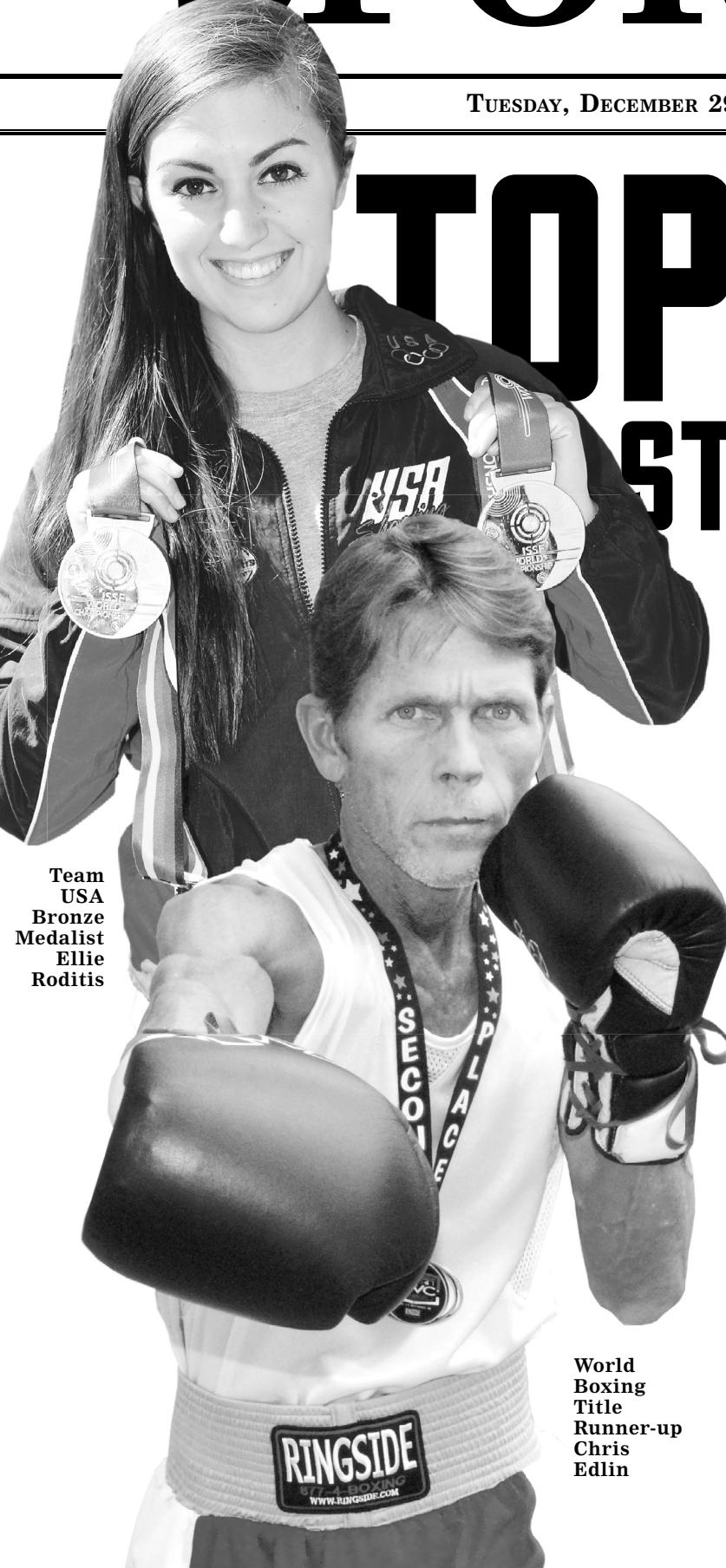
Allen, Wilson Named NAIA Scholar-Athletes

Courtesy Bethel SID

DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA (December 18) — The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced Friday that 312 football student-athletes have been named 2015 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Carroll (Mont.) led all institutions with 14 individuals on the list. Bethel's Nick Allen and Josh Wilson were among those named to the squad.

Allen is a senior offensive lineman from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Wilson is a senior long snapper from South Pittsburg.

In order to be nominated by an institution's head coach or sports information director, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved a junior academic status.



West Carroll Splits At Greenfield

From The Dresden Enterprise

The pre-Christmas slate for West Carroll and Greenfield wrapped up December 21 with each school having a reason for a Merry Christmas after a split in a basketball twin bill.

The Lady War Eagles were the first to be filled with holiday cheer after a 49-32 besting of Greenfield.

Meanwhile, the Yellowjackets were in good spirits after a 60-47 besting of the West Carroll boys.

WC 49, Greenfield 32 (Girls)

The Lady War Eagles led 9-8 after one quarter behind a pair of Alexis Patterson buckets coupled with a Alyssa Gilley three-pointer and a Madison Heckert deuce.

However, Gfield bested West Carroll 14-11 in the second period to carry a 22-20 advantage into the locker room at intermission.

Lady Yellowjacket Bentley Gordon drained a pair of three-pointers during the second frame while eighth-grader Tess Darby offered a pair of buckets.

Patterson's point output in the second frame was consistent to her first quarter output with a two baskets made.

The Lady War Eagles took over in period No. 3, utilizing a balanced scoring effort that included a basket by Deidra Clark, Patterson, Heckert and Katie Holt.

West Carroll outscored Greenfield 12-3 in the third quarter. Greenfield's lone tallies of the period came when MaKayla Little knocked down a three-pointer.

WC pulled away in the fourth, besting Greenfield 17-7 in the quarter to complete the triumph. Clark had two buckets during the final frame.

Patterson finished as West Carroll's leading lady with 16 points. Clark and Heckert offered 13 and

12 tallies, respectively.

Greenfield's top point producer was Little with 10, followed by Gordon and Darby, both with nine tallies.

Greenfield 60, WC 47 (Boys)

Jackson Crouse swished the nylons with a three-pointer while Nyrail Jackson made a pair of baskets to propel Greenfield to an 11-10 advantage after one period of play.

War Eagle Zach Heckert led his team during the opening quarter with three buckets for six points.

Jackson and Levi Dees each made a three-pointer in the second quarter as the Yellowjackets had a 12-10 advantage in said frame to lead 23-20 at halftime. West Carroll's guiding light in the second period was Jack Johnson with seven points off a trio of baskets and a free throw.

Greenfield won the third quarter as well, besting WC 17-13 in the frame to lead 40-33 with one period remaining. Dees totaled seven points off a three-pointer, deuce and two free throws in the third quarter, while Yellowjacket teammate Colby Shull had two buckets in the frame. Johnson accounted for five of his teams third-period tallies, while Chase Nash made two buckets in the square.

Greenfield capped the triumph with 20-14 bettering of the War Eagles in the fourth quarter.

Dees totaled a team-high 19 points for Greenfield. Shull and Crouse each also reached double-digits with 10 points apiece. Greenfield also got solid contributions from Jacob Lewis and Jackson with eight and seven tallies, respectively.

Johnson had a game-high 20 points to lead West Carroll and Nash totaled 10 markers.

1 Ellie Roditis Wins Bronze for Team USA in Italy

(September 11) — Ellie Roditis, 17, a senior at McKenzie High School, earned a bronze medal in the Junior Women's Division of the International Shooting Sport Federation in world competition last Friday. Roditis was among 29 world competitors in her division. Ellie represented the USA on the international stage as she shot Olympic-style trap. She advanced through three rounds of competition with 67 out of 75 targets. She was tied with two other athletes to enter the semi-finals. She was in a sudden death shoot off with an athlete from Mexico and Australia. Ellie bested the athlete from Mexico to advance to the semi-final.

Roditis has competed since the seventh grade and was initially encouraged by Lance Rider, coach of the McKenzie Shooting Sports. She has competed locally, nationally, and in Colorado at the Olympic Training Center. Ellie's sites are set on the Olympics in Tokyo in 2020.

2 Lady War Eagles Cap Undefeated Regular Season

(January 27) — In District 13A high school prep basketball action, the state's sixth-ranked and undefeated (24-0) Lady War Eagles celebrated senior night by fusing the determined offensive effort of senior Emani Melton (21) with Madison Heckert's explosive, 14-point fourth quarter flurry

to defeat the Huntingdon Fillies, 72-52.

West Carroll was led offensively by Melton (21), Heckert (16), Depriest (14), Patterson (12), Lawrence (6), and Clark (3). Huntingdon was paced via the production of Keith (12), K. Belew (11), Swenson (9), Smith (7), M. Belew (5), Webb (4), and Angelos (4).

3 McKenzie Boxer Chris Edlin Falls in Close Decision for World Title

(August 10) — Two days after narrowly losing by decision to Colorado boxer Paul Soto in the Ringside Amateur Masters Adult Division World Championship title fight in Kansas City, Missouri, McKenzie boxer Chris Edlin said, "I am proud to say that I gave everything I had in the title fight. I trained hard, put forth the effort, and gave it all. In the end, the title fight was close. I've got to give credit to my opponent. Soto is a very experienced, good fighter with consecutive striking skill. He nailed me with an overhand right in the first round that got my attention and connected with some hard body shots that ultimately ended up deciding the match in his favor. As the fight progressed I found my punching range and he began respecting my power by staying outside. It was a close finish."

Asked what his future intentions were in boxing, Edlin replied, "I think

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2015 First Team All-State defensive back Cameron Oakley

Rebel Cameron Oakley Named First Team All-State

The Tennessee Sportswriters Association recently announced its selections for the All-State Football teams. This year, McKenzie senior defensive back Cameron Oakley was named to the Class 2A First Team Defense.

He was the only player from Carroll County to be named to the first team.

In the Rebels' 2015 season, which culminated in a state quarterfinals appearance, Oakley had 128 total tackles (79 solo), 21 tackles for loss, 5 passes broken up, 1 interception, 1 caused fumble, 5 fumble recoveries, 6 quarterback pressures, and a blocked punt.

Happy New Year!

— From All of Us at The Banner. Joel, Ramona, Teresa, Linda, Charles, Brittany, Jennifer, Janna, Jason, Ernie, and Brad.

See You in 2016!

The Banner office will close at noon on Thursday, December 31, 2015 and will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 8 a.m. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday!



Above Left, Holiday Hoopfest Boys Champion Huntingdon Mustangs. Above Right, Holiday Hoopfest Girls Champion Paris-Inman Lady Bulldogs.



Above Left, Holiday Hoopfest Boys All-Tournament Team - Kneeling, from left: Nikolas Bynum (Huntingdon), Isaac Sturdivant (Milan), Joshua Anderson (Northeast), Jaderan Easley (Trenton), and Drake Butler (Huntingdon); Standing, from left: Most Valuable Player Brandon Lawton (Huntingdon), Xavier Long (Northeast), Hunter Ensley (Huntingdon), Kalen Adkisson (Milan), Keyonta Ross (Trenton), and Jalan Bond (Northeast). Above Right, Holiday Hoopfest Girls All-Tournament Team - Kneeling, from left: CeCe Johnson (Trenton), Katelyn Bradford (Milan), Abby Grace Alton (Inman), and Most Valuable Player Roezona Godbott (Inman); Standing, from left: Brianna Bynes (Trenton), Ella Bomar (Inman), Madison Johnson (Milan), Kara Scott (Milan), and Gracey Pack (Inman). Not pictured are USJ's Sara Beth Brauss and Alyssa Goehring.

Middle School Holiday Hoopfest

Mustangs, Lady Bulldogs Crowned Champions

By Brad Sam
brad@mckenziebanner.com

ATWOOD (December 22) — Basketball fans gathered at West Carroll Junior/Senior High School Tuesday for the championship round of the inaugural Middle School Holiday Hoopfest, hosted in conjunction with Milan High School.

In the girls' championship, the Paris-Inman Lady Bulldogs topped the Milan Lady Bulldogs, 22-18. In the boys' finale, the Huntingdon Mustangs defeated the Northeast (Jackson) Jaguars, 41-33.

Following the games, the first through fourth place teams were presented with trophies and the All-Tournament teams named, including Most Valuable Players Roezona Godbott of Paris-Inman and Brandon Lawton of Huntingdon.

**Paris-Inman Lady Bulldogs
22, Milan Lady Bulldogs 18**

The girls' championship game was knotted up, 4-4, after the first frame. Madison Johnson scored Milan's 4 points, and Inman's Ella Bomar and Roezona Godbott each had a pair.

Inman built a lead in the second quarter, outscoring Milan 11-4. Bomar scored 5 points, including a three-pointer. Godbott, Emily Brown, and Mattie Vermillion each had a pair. Madison Hughes had Milan's 4 points. At the half,

Inman led, 15-8.

The defensive battle continued in the third, with Inman edging Milan, 5-4. Bomar hit a three-pointer, and Abby Grace Alton had a pair. Milan's Johnson and Brinley McAlexander each had a pair. Going into the final frame, Inman led, 20-12.

A 6-2 Milan rally made the fourth interesting. Milan's Katelyn Bradford scored 3 points, Johnson had a pair, and Kara Scott hit a free throw. Godbott and Alton each hit a free throw for Inman as they won, 22-18.

Inman's Ella Bomar led all scorers with 10 points, including a pair of three-pointers.

Milan was led by Madison Johnson with 8 points.

**Huntingdon Mustangs 41,
Northeast (Jackson)
Jaguars 33**

The Mustangs jumped out to a 9-3 lead after one frame. Brandon Lawton scored 6 points, and Nikolas Bynum hit a three-pointer. Jaguar Jaiilen Anderson had a pair and Joshua Anderson hit a free throw.

Huntingdon broadened its lead with a 13-9 second quarter. Lawton again scored 6, Bynum had 4, and Kieryn Jordan had 3 points. Jalan Bond scored 3 points for Northeast; Allen Jones, Joshua Anderson, and Xavier Long each had a pair for Northeast. At the half, the Mustangs led, 22-12.

Northeast cut the deficit in the third, outscoring Huntingdon, 9-6. Joshua Anderson scored 4 points, Jaiilen Anderson and Dominic Phillips each had a pair; and Bond hit a free throw. Mustangs Lawton, Bynum, and Konnor Pearson each had a pair. Heading into the final frame, Huntingdon led, 28-21.

The Mustangs edged a high-scoring fourth quarter, 13-12. Mustang Hunter Ensley scored 6 points, Lawton had 5, and Bynum and Jordan each hit a free throw. Bond scored 6 for Northeast; Joshua Anderson had 4, and Jones had a pair. When the final buzzer sounded, Huntingdon claimed the victory, 41-33.

Mustang Brandon Lawton led all scorers with 19 points. Nikolas Bynum had 10, including a three-pointer.

Joshua Anderson led the Jaguars with 11 points, and Jalan Bond scored 10.

Other Girls' Results

Trenton defeated USJ at West Carroll (Consolation)

Milan defeated USJ at Milan (Quarterfinal)

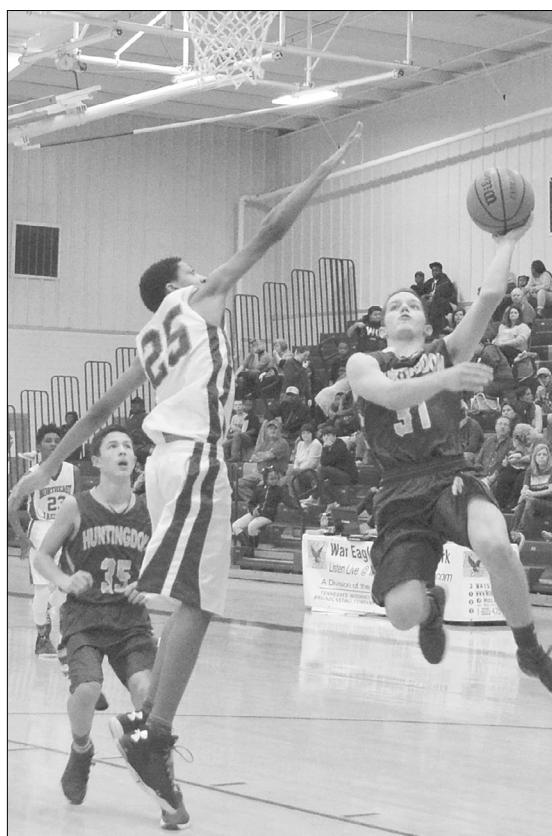
Inman defeated Trenton at Milan (Quarterfinal)

Other Boys' Results

Milan defeated Trenton at West Carroll (Consolation)

Huntingdon defeated Milan at West Carroll (Quarterfinal)

Northeast defeated Trenton at West Carroll (Quarterfinal)



Above Left, Tournament MVP Brandon Lawton of Huntingdon puts up a left-handed mid-air shot over the outstretched arm of Jaguar defender Dominic Phillips in the championship game. Lawton led all scorers with 19 points. Above Right, Tournament MVP Roezona Godbott of Paris-Inman goes up for a shot in the paint between Milan defenders Katelyn Bradford (44) and Madison Hughes (24) in the title game.

Rezac

...From Sports Front

swimming from a swimmer's standpoint as well as a trainer."

Coach Smith stated, "I have truly enjoyed coaching at Bethel University. It was an opportunity and a challenge that I

would never have predicted to be part of my life's story. I feel blessed to have been a small part of my athlete's lives. I am especially going to miss our team dinners and watching them compete. I am proud that this year both our men's and women's teams are qualified for the national championships."

Smith is excited for her for-

mer swimmer, "I am so pleased that my predecessor is a former Bethel University swimmer and graduate. Kayci and I have both been a part of this team since day one. I can't think of a better person to take Bethel University Swimming to the next level. I wish her and the team tremendous success and will always be their number one fan."

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...From Sports Front

I'm finally through competing inside the ring. Now, it's time for other things. I am just glad to be back in Carroll County so that I can visit with my family and play with my one-year-old

grandson, Ethan. God has truly blessed me in more ways than I could ever mention, and I am thankful to Him for that."

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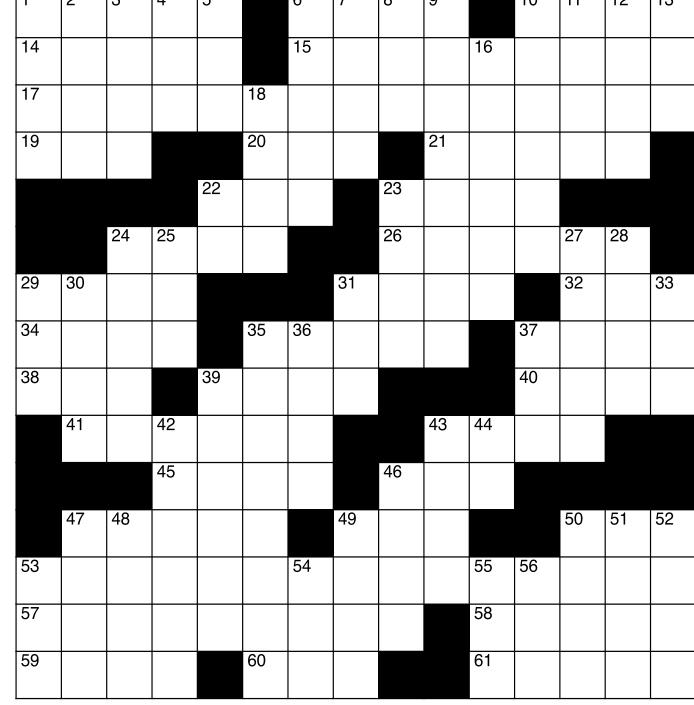
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**Weekly Crossword****CLUES ACROSS**

1. Elephant's name
6. Support
10. Mures River city
14. Bastard wing
15. One was named Desire
17. PGA Tournament prize
19. A way to leave unchanged
20. Unchangeable computer memory
21. Harangues
22. 6th Hebrew letter
23. Well informed
24. Turfs
26. In a way, obeyed
29. Lawyers group
31. Increases motor speed
32. Political action committee
34. Light pokes
35. Struck down
37. Central Philippine Island
38. Japanese sash
39. Afresh
40. Bluish green
41. Inspire with love
43. Without (French)
45. Counterbalance container to obtain net weight
46. Express pleasure
47. Cheap wine (Br.)
49. Signing
50. ___ compilation, compiling computer language
53. Have surgery
57. Being trompe-l'oeil
58. Extremely mad
59. Day
60. Small coin (French)
61. Snatched

CLUES DOWN

1. Cry
2. Wings
3. Baseball play
4. Flower petals
5. Drive against
6. Velikaya River city



See solution in next week's edition.

12-29-15

Z PUZZLE SOLUTION**12-22-15 Crossword Puzzle Solution**

T	T	Y			A	B	A	
A	R	E			U	B	Y	K
R	I	M	U		C	U	N	E
I	V	E	S		U	S	A	N
F	I	N	E	D	U	N	P	A
F	A	I	R	A	N	D	S	Q
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4	8	7	5	2	1	6	3	9
1	3	2	8	9	6	7	5	4
9	5	6	4	3	7	2	8	1
2	6	4	9	1	3	8	7	5
3	9	8	7	5	2	1	4	6
5	7	1	6	4	8	9	2	3

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Google Locating Data Center in Clarksville

NASHVILLE (December 22) — Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam and Economic and Community Development Commissioner Randy Boyd along with Google officials today announced the company has acquired the former Hemlock Semiconductor site in Clarksville, which it will work to transform into a data center.

Google plans to invest \$600 million in the project — the company's eighth U.S. data center and 15th globally — and create 70 new jobs.

"We are grateful for Google's significant investment in Tennessee and the new jobs that will be created in Montgomery County," Haslam said. "This is one of the world's most well-known brands, so it says a lot for our state that it will soon be home to Google's eighth U.S. data center. We welcome Google to Tennessee and look forward to building a strong partnership with the company in the years to come."

"The data processing, hosting and related services industry has grown significantly in Tennessee. Clarksville, in particular, has seen a considerable surge with employment increasing by 305 percent in less than five years," Boyd said. "To have a company like Google choose our state for its newest data center means a great deal as it will not only add to Clarksville's business landscape, but it will also provide new opportunities for our workforce. Thanks, Google, for joining Team Tennessee."

"This site comes with the benefits of existing infrastructure, which we plan to reuse and recycle — for example, many of the office buildings will be used for Googlers when the data cen-

ter is operational," said Google Vice President for Data Center Operations, Joe Kava. "At the same time, we have room to innovate and grow both as a data center and as a member of the Montgomery County community. We're excited about the opportunity to experiment with new kinds of technology and design an impressive facility — we can't wait!"

The roughly 1,300 acre site will be powered 100 percent by renewable energy thanks to an arrangement with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). Through the agreement, Google will be able to scout new renewable energy projects and work with TVA to bring the power onto the electrical grid.

City and county officials will begin working with Google to launch a formal community grants program that would support science and technology education, carbon reduction and access to the Internet in the area.

"From a regional perspective, this is a very exciting announcement," added Clarksville Mayor Kim McMillan. "As we've discussed for some time, growth in Middle Tennessee is expected to continue at an exponential rate. Google's investment in Clarksville-Montgomery County is proof that the technology industry is a significant part of that growth. I am very excited about Clarksville's role in bringing new investment, new jobs and new technology to the area."

Google currently has data centers in 14 locations on four continents, including Iowa, Georgia, Singapore and Belgium, and recently announced plans to develop a site in Alabama.



Above, CCTC DECA Students, Principles of Technology Students, and Santa. Below, (From Left to Right) Savannah Britt, Kaliyah Raglin, Dawson Mann, Dawson Hayes, Jacob Harris, and Courtney Smith.

Technical School Students Help Carl Perkins Center

The Carroll County Technical Center's DECA chapter and the Principles of Technology Program hosted the Polar Express Fun Night Toy Drive in support of the Carl Perkins Center. The Polar Express Fun Night took place at the Carroll Bank and Trust Community Building on December 10, 2015. At the event, children from the community were able to enjoy a fun night of games, food, crafts, face painting, and pictures with Santa. The admission to attend the event was a new toy or cash donation. There were about 100 people in attendance that night and the students collected more than 120 toy donations and nearly \$275 in cash that will be donated to the Carl Perkins Center staff to purchase any remaining items they may need to help provide for children within our community this holiday season.

The DECA chapter and Principles of Technology Program chapters would like to thank everyone that attended for your support for such a good cause.



Morning Glory's Traditional Lighting award went to Dwayne and Linda Bolton, 365 Tower Road.



Morning Glory's Best Decorated Business Window award went to Cloud 9 Boutique, 1921 Cedar Street.



The City of McKenzie's Novelty Lighting award went to Nancy Reeder, 278 Smith Street.



Winners were presented with awards at City Hall. Pictured, from left, are (seated) Terri Drewry (Cloud 9), Nancy Reeder, and Linda and Dwayne Bolton, and (standing) Casey Drewry (Cloud 9), Ann Dinkins (Morning Glory), Dona Cravens (Cloud 9), Joan Gibson (Morning Glory), and Mayor Jill Holland.

Local Citizens Receive Christmas Decoration Awards

Each year during the Christmas season, the Morning Glory Garden Club gives a \$100 Traditional Lighting award for the best decorated house. This year's recipients were Dwayne

and Linda Bolton at 365 Tower Road. The club also gives a \$50 award for the Best Decorated Business Window. This year's recipient was Cloud 9 Boutique, which is located at 1921 Cedar

Street. The City of McKenzie awarded its Novelty Lighting award of \$100 to Mrs. Nancy Reeder, who had a uniquely but beautifully decorated home, located at 278 Smith Street.



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As a regional community hospital, we are committed to providing the best in care to our neighbors. Dr. Foust has recently joined Henry County Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine as well as the medical team at Henry County Medical Center.

Dr. Foust, a native of Paris, attended Murray State University for her undergraduate degree and received her Doctor of Podiatric Medicine from Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine. She did her Podiatric Surgical Residencies at Alliance Community Hospital in Alliance, OH and Summa Western Reserve Hospital in Cuyahoga Fall, OH. She comes to Paris from Kentucky/Indiana Foot and Ankle Specialists where she was a foot and ankle surgeon and clinician. She also has a passion for wound care and plans to offer this in her practice.

She and her husband Marshall, who is also from Paris, along with their two children enjoy traveling and being outdoors.

"It has always been my goal to come back to Paris and we finally have been given that opportunity. I hope to make Paris and Henry County proud."

HCMC is pleased to welcome Dr. Foust to the community and she is now accepting new patients.

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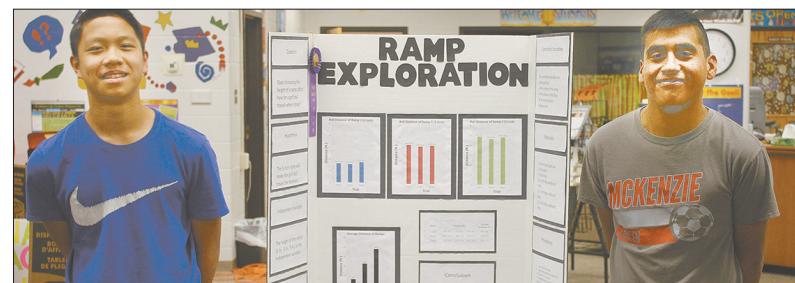
Happy New Year!
- The McKenzie Banner Staff

See you in 2016!
The Banner office will close at noon on Thursday, December 31, 2015 and will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 8 a.m. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday!



McKenzie Middle School Science Fair Winners

On Monday, December 7th, all eighth grade students participated in the annual McKenzie Middle School Science Fair competition. Students' projects were divided into three categories: Consumer Science, Chemistry, and Physics. First, second, and third places were given in all categories, and one group received the "Best in Show" award for the best overall project.



Above, Best Overall Project – Jackey Zheng and Diego Calderon; Below, Chemistry Division: First Place – Isabella Colotta; Second Place – Drake Michael, Melaura Russell, Brent Webb, Colton Watson, and Destiny Crews; and Third Place – Zach Roy, Brayden Lifsey, and Jeremiah Moore.



Above, Consumer Science Division: First Place – Hannah Adkins, Claudia Patrick, and Braxton Hobson; Second Place – Chance Norden, Micah Austin, and Joseph Miller; and Third Place – Brooke Hobson and Amber Wright; Below, Physics Division: First Place – Drew Beeler and Nathan Rorer; Second Place – Ashton Marr, Dylan Cary, and Nikolas Heath; and Third Place – Zack Flippin.



Hundreds of Needy Families Assisted

McKenzie United Neighbors and First Baptist Church hosted a Second Harvest Mobile Pantry on Saturday, December 12. Individuals from many McKenzie churches and other towns in Carroll County helped unload the truck and give away the food.

Approximately 270 families were served as quickly as possible.

In addition, McKenzie United Neighbors was able to provide Christmas toys/clothing for 295 children in Carroll County this year. United Neighbors appreciates all the donations and volunteers that help make this possible.

Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge

Annual Bald Eagle/Waterfowl Auto Tour

(Courtesy Joan Stevens)

The Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge will once again host the annual Bald Eagle / Waterfowl Tour on Saturday January 9th from 12:00 – 5:00 pm.

On this day the refuge will offer a free event for the public to enjoy an afternoon to view waterfowl and wildlife on the refuge at the Duck River Bottoms, just south of New Johnsonville.

Whereas Refuge Lane and Pintail Point Observation Deck at the Duck River Bottoms is

always open to view wildlife every day of the year, some of the bottom areas are seasonally closed during the winter to limit disturbance to the visiting waterfowl. We will open several of these roads up to the public, for one afternoon only, to offer our annual glimpse into the heart of the refuge during winter waterfowl season. As in years past, the Blue Goose Boulevard interpretive wildlife drive will be open to offer a two mile self-guided tour. In addition guided bus tours with

refuge staff will once again be available this year. These buses will start and end at the main event parking lot off Refuge Lane beginning at 12:30 and 3:00 pm.

Typically about 400-500 people attend each year seeing tens of thousands of waterfowl and each tour bus counts numerous bald eagles. Along with views of waterfowl and bald eagles, the refuge offers opportunities to see white-tailed deer, wild turkey, many species of hawks, great blue herons and great egrets, and many other kinds of wildlife. Bring the whole family and enjoy a scenic afternoon, compliments of the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge and Friends of Tennessee Refuge.

Refuge staff will be available at the main event tent just past the entrance on Refuge Lane. Staff will be on hand to answer questions, hand out maps for the self-guided auto tour route, and direct you to the guided tour buses. At this heated tent, staff will also have several items of interest concerning waterfowl, and managing their wetland habitats. The staff will also be explaining bird identification, refuge operations and management, and answering any questions you may have during your visit.

The Friends of the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge will also be offering complimentary hot apple cider and cookies to the visiting public, as well as telling folks about other wonderful opportunities happening at the refuge. Along the route several Friends members will be stationed with spotting scopes to allow the public better views of waterfowl and the bald eagle nest.

If you have a GPS unit to direct you to the location, you can use the address "550 Refuge Lane, New Johnsonville, TN 37134". The refuge is located a little less than two hours' drive from Nashville and 2 1/2 hours from Memphis.

The refuge at Duck River Bottoms is about 4 miles south of New Johnsonville. From Highway 70 in New Johnsonville, turn south on Long Street and continue for 2.6 miles to the intersection of old State Route 1 and Long Street. Turn left on State Route 1, go for 0.2 miles, then make a sharp right on Hickman Road. Follow Hickman Road for 0.6 miles to Refuge Lane. Turn left on Refuge Lane into the refuge. We will have signs posted to help you find your way.

To enhance your viewing opportunities it is highly recommended to bring a pair of binoculars, if available, and remember to dress warmly for winter weather. If you have questions about the waterfowl tour, please call the Paris Headquarters at 731-642-2091, extension 303 or e-mail Joan Stevens at Joan.Stevens@fws.gov.

Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge, encompassing 51,358 acres of water, forests, farmland and grasslands, is located on and around Kentucky Lake. Established in 1945, the refuge is managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as an important resting and feeding area for wintering waterfowl and other migratory birds.

The entire refuge will average 200,000 – 250,000 waterfowl of 23 different species during its peak usually in January. It is also a winter haven for bald eagles with at least a dozen active bald eagle nests documented on the refuge. Considered by some to be the very heart of the refuge, the Duck River Bottoms area encompasses roughly 5,000 acres of prime habitats for overwintering migratory birds.

The refuge's three units, the Duck River, Big Sandy and Busseitown stretch along 65 miles of the Tennessee River. The Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge is one of 553 refuges nationwide totaling more than 150 million acres under the management of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

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