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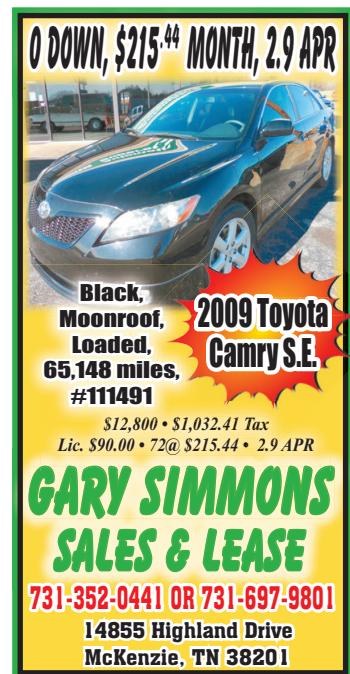
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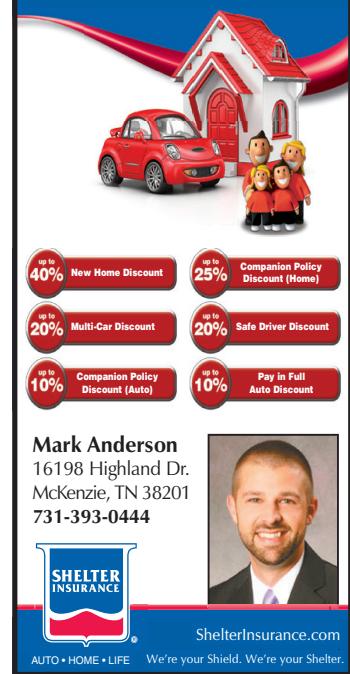
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Tbird's Pizzeria and Grille opened in downtown McKenzie on Monday, January 5. The restaurant is located on Broadway Street in the former Tri-County Furniture building (across from Williams' Furn-

Tracy Salmon is the owner of the restaurant and the sis-

It features pizza buffet, steaks, burgers, wings, wraps, loaded potatoes, soups and sal-

ads. The two-story restaurant has an upstairs arcade and the Wildcat Den. Restaurant hours are Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Pictured are a few of the associates of Tbird's on opening day, (l to r) Tanna Marshall, Adrienne Richard, Alex Weatherly, Liz Luttrell, Kalee Frye, and manager, Matt Thomas.

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Top Stories From Other News Sources...

Post Intelligencer

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UP A BIT IN HENRY COUNTY

Unemployment rates are up a bit in Henry County and surrounding counties for the month of November according to a report released by the state's Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Henry County's non-seasonally adjusted rate climbed from 7.9 to 8.2 percent. Out of Henry County's labor force of 13,150, 1,207 have a job while 1,080 are unemployed. With an increase of nearly half a percentage point, Carroll County remains on the list of the 10 Tennessee counties with the highest unemployment rates. Carroll County's rate is 9.6 percent for November up from the rate of 9.2 percent in October. That places it as the county with the 91st highest rate out of 95 counties.

The American Bald Eagle has made this annual pilgrimage to Reelfoot for generations.

Weakley County Press POLICE SEIZE 25 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA

A 34-year-old Martin man has been charged with felony possession of marijuana with intent to resale following a traffic stop in Greenfield. Officers found 25 pounds of marijuana in a search of a white Lincoln Continental driven by Atari Thomas. According to a release from the Martin Police Department, the traffic stop and discovery of the marijuana led officers to multiple locations in Martin, where search warrants led to the recovery of additional contraband, including weapons and approximately \$20,000 in cash. Thomas is being held in the Weakley County jail. In addition to the Martin Police Department, other agencies involved included the Weakley County Sheriff's Department, the 27th Judicial Drug Task Force and the Greenfield Police Department.

The Jackson Sun CLARKSVILLE OFFICIALS STUDY PRESERVATION OF 'GHOST SIGNS'

Officials in Clarksville are studying the feasibility of preserving and restoring 19th century advertising signs scattered around its historic downtown. The ads are typically located on bare, brick exterior walls of buildings. The so-called "ghost signs" are fading and disappearing as they are gaining more attention for their historical value. Clarksville-Montgomery County Arts and Heritage Council Director Ellen Kanervo says people are starting to see the value in the old signs and want to preserve them, though they disagree on how. In the 1950's and '60's, people saw them as just old signs with no real value. But now we're beginning to see them as a piece of local history, reflecting life from a century ago." She said discussions on the city's ghost signs are continuing.

Lake County Banner REELFOOT LAKE STATE PARK TO HOST EAGLE TOURS

Reelfoot Lake State Park invites visitors to attend the annual eagle bus tours to observe bald eagles and waterfowl. Tours are conducted seven days a week through the end of February. Daily tours depart from the park's visitor center at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Park personnel lead the approximately two-hour tour, which includes opportunities to stop for photos and sightseeing. Reservations are recommended and tickets can be purchased at the visitor center for \$5 per person. "The Reelfoot Lake Eagle Tours is one of America's premier wildlife watching adventures, Deputy Commissioner Brock Hill said. "Visitors can observe eagles flying south from the Great Lakes and isolated regions of Canada to spend the winter in Northwest Tennessee."

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McKenzie Ranked 18th for Best City for Young Families

After a recent survey declared McKenzie as the second happiest city in Tennessee, now comes a new survey that declaring the city as the 18th Best City for Young Families.

According to NerdWallet, the Carroll County community ranked well among 99 cities in the state.

For many young couples, buying their first house when they are also starting their family is a daunting prospect.

Even though quality of life matters to all future homeowners, young families may have tighter finances that limit their options. NerdWallet crunched the data for the second year to help consumers find the "Best Cities for Young Families." Our analysis considers several factors:

Home affordability. We looked at median home value and selected monthly homeowner costs to prioritize affordable communities.

Prosperity and growth. Looking at current and past family incomes, we calculated the income of residents, as well as the projected long-term growth of each city.

Quality of education. We looked at ratings from GreatSchools to find the best schools for young families.

Family friendliness. This year, we added a new component to our methodology — the percentage of families with school-age children and the poverty rate for young children. This measure helps determine

if an area is not only affordable for families, but if it is also a healthy one for children.

Want to know about future NerdWallet studies first? NerdWallet crunched the data for 99 places in Tennessee — cities, towns and census-designated places. Only places with over 5,000 residents were analyzed. To see the full data set, visit the website. Our analysis revealed some trends:

Convenient commutes. While we didn't include commute times in our calculations, the correlation between shorter commutes and the top cities was high. All but one of our top 10 locations is within a 35-mile commute of a major city.

Medium-size cities are big. The majority of our top

places have 7,000 to 11,000 residents, which is about the state median.

Nashville area is No. 1. In our list of best cities for young families, the clear winner is the Nashville metropolitan area, where half of our top 10 is located.

The final ranking is as follows: 1. Arlington; 2. Atoka; 3 Mount Carmel; 4. Spring Hill; 5. Nolensville; 6. White House; 7. Lakeland; 8. Fairview; 9. Seymour; 10. Lexington; 11. Collierville; 12. Franklin; 13. Mount Juliet; 14. Signal Mountain; 15. Soddy Daisy; 16. Greenbrier; 17. La Vergne; 18. McKenzie; 19. Collegedale; 20. Clarksville...34. Paris; 40. Milan; and 43. Martin.

9-1-1 Board Votes to Fund Digital Radio, Explore Central Dispatching

HUNTINGDON (January 5) In a rambling two-hour meeting of the Carroll County Emergency Communications District Board of Directors (9-1-1 Board), a decision was made to provide \$487,501.20 to the county of Carroll for all new digital radios for the Carroll County Sheriff's Department and the Carroll County Rural Fire Department.

On a motion by County Fire Chief Terry Bradshaw, seconded by John Mann, the board voted to ask permission from the state to take the funds from its reserves (savings) to help the county convert from the analog systems to a newer digital two-way radio communication system. The plan would involve new radio systems for county patrol cars and fire trucks, and handheld units. It also involves a network of repeater stations to boost the signal throughout the county. Board member John Mann said the board has \$1 million in reserves.

The 9-1-1 board receives its funding from user fees on traditional wired phones and cell phones registered to residents of the county.

Mayor Kenny McBride, who is not a member of the board, said the purchase of radios must go before the county's Budget Committee and bids sought for the equipment.

Sheriff Andy Dickson said if the state grants authority for the transfer of funds and the Budget Committee approves the bids, the new radios would go to the patrol deputies. The older analog radios would go to corrections officers at the jail. Dickson said a radio system would be sought to allow both frequencies to communicate with each other. Fire Chief Bradshaw aid the radios would go to the 12 rural brigades.

9-1-1 board member Kim Barker (left), chairman Billy J. Smith, and director Kristy Meggs.

In a second procedural move, the committee reversed its actions from a previous meeting. In that meeting, the board voted to accept bids for the radios.

Kim Barker, a member of the 9-1-1 board and a sergeant on the McKenzie Police Department, said McKenzie also needed the new radios, while HPD Chief Joe Parker said Huntingdon could operate on its current equipment.

On Monday, the committee also voted to add a third PSAP location (dispatch console) at the Huntingdon Police Department dispatch center, located two blocks from the county's dispatch center. That follows the board's recent action to grant McKenzie Police Department a PSAP to supplement the county's dispatch center.

Presently, all 9-1-1 calls arrive at the county's dispatch center, located on Paris Avenue in downtown Huntingdon. If the caller requests the services of the county deputies, rural fire department, or a municipal police department that does not have its own dispatch center, then the 9-1-1 center dispatches the emergency provider. If the

caller requires the McKenzie or Huntingdon police departments, the call is forwarded to those agencies. The transfer creates a delay of response time.

Both McKenzie and Huntingdon have requested the 9-1-1 board purchase remote dispatch centers where the calls in the respective service areas would come directly to the provider of those services. The move would effectively eliminate the delay caused by the transfer of a call. The cities desire the individual PSAPs to improve or maintain its fire suppression rating (ISO) and help property owners reduce their insurance costs.

Kristy Meggs said interlocal agreements between the municipalities and the 9-1-1 board would first have to be written and approved by all agencies before the equipment can be installed. Each of the municipalities must also agree to pay the cost of equipment maintenance and communication lines between the centers.

The high-speed communication line to service the PSAP for McKenzie would be the most costly of the monthly charges.

A T-1 phone line from the phone company may be too slow to handle the necessary call volume. The other options are using fiber, owned by Gibson County Electric and Carroll County Electric or using high-speed Internet lines from Charter with a redundant, yet slower second provider. The fiber option is \$50.00 per mile plus \$200 monthly. HPD would bear less expense due to its proximity while McKenzie's would pay substantially more.

In case of a natural disaster hitting Huntingdon, McKenzie, with its planned installation of a PSAP, would serve as the back-up dispatch center for the entire county. Huntingdon P.D. could also serve the county in case the county's dispatch center was inoperative. One concern is the current 9-1-1 dispatch center is located in a flood plane and adjacent to a railroad.

In other discussion, the board moved to form committee to again explore the possibility of central dispatching for the entire county. After at least three failed attempts in the past 20 years, the board thinks it might be a possibility.

McKenzie Mayor Jill Holland and Huntingdon Mayor Dale Kelley, both in attendance at the meeting, said they support the concept.

A single dispatch center would serve the municipalities, provide ample staffing of dispatchers, and be operated by an entity other than the 9-1-1 board. The idea is to have a single entity responsible for dispatching of all emergency services in the county.

Past efforts to create central dispatching failed when a funding formula could not be reached with all the municipalities.

Committee Appointments on County Agenda

Carroll County commissioners will convene Monday January 12, 7:00 p.m. to consider six resolutions, mostly dealing with appointments to committees and boards.

The 7:00 p.m. meeting will be the first for the commission in the recently expanded Conference Room at the Carroll County Office Complex on High Street. The larger room provides more seating area for

commissioners and visitors.

On the agenda are:
*Reappointments of Janice Newman and John Mann to the E911 Board.

*A resolution to opt out of the statewide building code standards for one- and two-family dwellings in the rural part of the county. The county has no codes officer.

*A resolution to accept a proposal for a state bridge

project on State Route 423 over Clear Creek. It is at no cost to the county.

*A resolution to reappoint Dan Bradfield of McKenzie and Kenny Jackson of Huntingdon as judicial commissioners with terms ending December 2018.

*A resolution to reappoint Jerry Drewry, Tommy Crews, and Lynn Compton to the Carroll County Industrial Development Board with terms ending

January 2019.

*A resolution to appoint Diane Cross, Jennifer Esprey, Johnn Mann, Wayne Kirk, Gary Meek, Nancy Johnson and Johnny Blount to the Carroll County Agricultural Extension Committee with terms ending January 2017.

The Carroll County Commission meeting is open to the public.

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LIFELINE Blood Services has issued a Critical Appeal for Blood. "While all blood types are needed, the most dangerous issue is that the supplies of O negative and

B negative types are extremely low," said Joe Schifano, CEO of LIFELINE Blood Services. "Currently there is less than a one day supply of these blood types for patients in local hospitals, Schifano continued. "We are issuing an immediate appeal for blood in order to meet the demands for West Tennessee patients and the current situation is serious. Without immediate response from blood donors, the blood inventory for West Tennessee patients could reach dangerous levels," he added. Blood donors are urged to give blood this week. LIFELINE Blood Services, 183 Sterling Farms Drive, Jackson, will be open extended hours during this appeal: Monday, January 5 through Friday, January 9, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Please call 800-924-6572 or 731-427-4431 for more information.

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NEWS

Martin Seeks Suspect in Homicide



MARTIN — Martin Police are seeking the public's help in locating a suspect in the shooting of three people Monday night at a Martin residence. Victims of the shooting were two males and one female. The 2 males are now deceased. Charges will be upgraded to murder charges plus possible additional charges to come. Subject has not been located.

Police say that Marcus Easley, 25, of 334 N. McCombs St., Martin, is considered armed and dangerous. He was last seen driving from the scene in a 2007 silver Jeep Grand Cherokee bearing Tennessee tag # E3294N.

Martin Police warn that if

anyone sees Easley, they should call area law enforcement immediately.

Officers responded to a 911 call of a shooting at 126 South Davis St., in Martin, around midnight. Upon arrival, officers found three adult victims of apparent gunshot wounds inside the residence. All three victims were attended to by medics from Martin Fire Department, Weakley County Ambulance Service, and Martin Volunteer Community Hospital before being flown by helicopter to multiple trauma centers. Victim's names are being withheld pending notification of family members.

Tennessee Named 'State of the Year' for Economic Development

NASHVILLE — Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam today announced Business Facilities, a leading national publication focused on site selection and economic development, has named Tennessee its 2014 State of the Year for a second consecutive year.

Tennessee becomes the first state in the award's history to win back-to-back honors for economic development efforts and the first state to win the designation three times, winning in 2014, 2013 and 2009.

"It is an honor to be the first state to receive this recognition two years in a row," Haslam said. "We have a great story to tell in Tennessee. Businesses continue to make the decision to locate, expand and grow here, and we are grateful for those strong partnerships. We will continue doing all we can to make sure we offer an attractive business climate and skilled workforce to be the No.1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs."

Some of Tennessee's top economic development projects in 2014 included Volkswagen Group of America's Chattanooga expansion creating 2,000 jobs with an investment of \$600 million, Under Armour's new Mount Juliet fulfillment center creating 1,500 jobs with an investment of more than \$100 million, SL Tennessee's Clinton expansion creating 1,000 jobs

with an \$80.5 million investment and Conduit Global's new Memphis call center creating 1,000 jobs with an \$8 million investment.

"Being named first of 50 states for economic development for two consecutive years underscores the effectiveness of the new operating model we've deployed in Tennessee — one whose success is enhanced through our field network and through close coordination with our local partners," Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bill Hagerty said.

"Our historic wins validate the incredible momentum, fierce competitiveness and promising future that Tennessee possesses and emphasizes our intense focus on recruiting expanding and new companies.

"More and more business leaders around the world are recognizing that Tennessee is the best location and smartest choice for successful business operations. I am very proud of our department and our statewide partners who have worked tirelessly to drive us toward the goal of being No. 1. Brand Tennessee continues its meteoric rise," Hagerty added.

The magazine cited Tennessee's successful execution of a diversified growth strategy, as well as an emphasis on infrastructure and education, as key factors in securing consecutive victories.

Tennessee is one of a handful of states that have clearly made economic development priority No. 1," Business Facilities Editor-in-Chief Jack Rogers said. "With a powerhouse automotive cluster, world-class infrastructure and the nation's most improved education system, we could be looking at a State of the Year dynasty in the making."

"We thought it would be hard for the Volunteer State to match last year's performance, but the folks in Tennessee keep reeling in one mega-project after another," Rogers said. "Most impressive, Tennessee seemed to pick up momentum as they went along."

Tennessee has also fared well in Business Facilities' annual rankings report, finishing first in the "Education: Race to the Top" category, second in "Best Infrastructure" and being named the top state for "Automotive Manufacturing Strength" for four of the past five years.

"For two years in a row, Tennessee has notched one of the strongest across-the-board showings in our annual State Rankings Report," Rogers added.

For more information on the State of the Year competition and Business Facilities, please visit BusinessFacilities.com.

Everyone is strongly encouraged to limit any outdoor activities Wednesday through Thursday. Take precautions to prevent damage to water lines. The wind during extreme cold can direct the frigid air into poorly insulated areas more efficiently and result in damage to pipes.

Holmes' forecast is as follows:

Tuesday...Mostly sunny and

much warmer. Highs 43. Winds west 10-15 mph.

Tuesday night...increasing cloudiness. Low 21.

Wednesday...A 20 percent chance of snow showers. Much colder and blustery. Mostly cloudy during the morning, then partly sunny in the afternoon. Highs 23. Wind chill values of 5 to 10 degrees.

space through the foundation vent, be sure to plug it with a rag or insulation.

Know where the water shut-off valve is in case a pipe bursts.

Make sure the cover is on the water meter near the roadside. If it is uncovered, cover it with materials to insulate it.

TIPS FOR WINTER PET SAFETY

If at all possible, keep your pets indoors when the temperature turns bitterly cold.

Consider a sweater for short-haired dogs during walks.

If it is necessary for your pet to remain outside, provide a dry, draft-free shelter. The

shelter should be large enough for your pet to sit up or lie down, but small enough to hold the animal's body heat. The best liner for the floor and walls is either Mylar or straw.

Give your pets plenty of food and water. If outdoors, avoid metal containers and ensure that water doesn't freeze. Do NOT put water in the pet's primary shelter.

Protect pets from poisonous antifreeze as well as salt, which can irritate the pads of pets' feet and in turn, their mouths.

Warm engines will draw animals to seek refuge under the hood. A hard tap on the hood should send any animals scurrying before you start the ignition.

Contact the authorities if you see an animal left in cold, unsafe conditions.

Paris Industry Plans Expansion

Courtesy of Shannon McFarlin
WENK/WTPR News Director

PARIS — Both the Henry County Commissioners and Paris City Commission approved resolutions okaying a payment in lieu of taxes agreement (PILOT) for a local industry at separate meetings Monday, December 29.

The agreement will ensure that the industry not only remains in Henry County but that it can expand into the Paris Industrial Park. Under the agreements with the city and county, the company will maintain its current 100 employees, with potential for more employees down the road.

It was expected that the local industry would be publicly identified at the meetings, but County Mayor Brent Greer said the company will be handling the formal announcement when all the paperwork. Including with the state of

Tennessee, is completed.

The project has been given the code name Project Sampson, which Greer said local officials were asked to be used by both the local company and the state of Tennessee.

Greer said the company is making a substantial investment of \$7.5 million in expanding into the industrial park and will be constructing a new, bigger building in the industrial park "as soon as weather permits."

The expansion in the industrial park also will mean more jobs, Mayor Greer said, during its construction. The industrial park is off of Hwy. 641 S.

"This is one of our long-time companies and they needed additional space to continue to operate," Greer said. "They had the opportunity to relocate to Kentucky and a couple of cities in West Tennessee and Middle Tennessee and we're certainly glad they elected to

stay in our community."

He said there is "a great possibility" the local industry will be adding more jobs in the future with its move.

Negotiations with the company, city, county and Henry County Alliance has been ongoing for over a year and was completed last week "and we needed a resolution in place by the end of the year. The company is applying for a fast track grant from the state, so we need to move on this."

According to the resolutions, the PILOT agreement will abate all property taxes on the real estate for a period of 20 years and abate property taxes for seven years as long as the company maintains its current 100 jobs.

The Paris commission authorized Mayor Carlton Gerrell to sign a deed for 20 acres in the industrial board.

Gas Prices Below \$2.00 Locally



Area residents are welcoming gasoline prices below \$2.00 per gallon. Several local gasoline stations were at \$1.98 per gallon. In Paris and Milan, gasoline was spotted at prices below \$1.90 over the weekend.

According to AAA, motorists in Georgia, Tennessee, and now Florida welcomed the New Year with gasoline selling below \$2 a gallon at some filling stations. This begins what could be a year of monstrous savings at the pump after record-high oil production in 2014 pushed crude oil and gas prices to the lowest level in six years.

U.S. gasoline prices were \$1.11 more expensive just one year ago. At the beginning of 2014, the national average for regular unleaded was \$3.32. Prices rose in the spring due to refinery maintenance and the switch to "summer-blend gasoline," peaking at \$3.70 on April 18th. Prices fluctuated through the summer, before finishing the year on a historic 97-day streak of declines, dropping \$1.08 from September 26 – December 31. That streak reached 101 days on Sunday, with prices falling a total of \$1.13 so far.

"The entire landscape for gas prices has changed in a year," said Mark Jenkins, spokesman, AAA – The Auto Club Group. "People went from squirming at the thought of potentially paying \$4 for gasoline, to wondering how soon is too soon to fill their gas tanks so they can get the lowest possible price at the pump? The answer remains, 'tomorrow is the best day to buy gas,' because prices are getting cheaper every day."

"This year promises to provide much bigger savings to

consumers as long as crude oil remains relatively cheap," continued Jenkins. "It would not be surprising if U.S. consumers save a total of \$50-\$75 billion on gasoline in 2015 if prices remain low."

The average motorist currently saves nearly \$22 for a 15-gallon tank of gasoline, compared to what they paid when prices were at their peak in April. The EIA forecasts American families could save as much as \$550 this year on annual gasoline expenses compared to last year. In 2014, the average savings were \$120 compared to the year before.

Gasoline prices are forecast to remain much lower this year. The EIA forecasts the national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded to be \$2.60 - 74 cents below last year's average.

Average price for regular unleaded in 2014:

National	\$3.34
Florida	\$3.34
Georgia	\$3.26
Tennessee	\$3.14
Price on January 1, 2014 vs. December 31, 2014:	
National	\$3.32 (Jan 1) vs. \$2.26 (Dec 31 - lowest price of the year)
Florida	\$3.42 (Jan 1) vs. \$2.36 (Dec 31 - lowest of the year)
Georgia	\$3.24 (Jan 1) vs. \$2.24 (Dec 31 - lowest of the year)
Tennessee	\$3.12 (Jan 1) vs. \$2.10 (Dec 31 - lowest of the year)

Peak average price in 2014

National – \$3.70 4/28/2014

Florida – \$3.76 4/18/2014

Georgia – \$3.70 4/30/2014

Tennessee – \$3.52 4/25/2014

Eagles

...From Front Page

Determined, West Carroll chipped away at the Bradford lead via the production of 6'

5" center Madison Heckert (16), and guards Emani Melton (13) and Deidra Clark (13) to lead Bradford by one point at the half.

Although Martin scored 16 points in the first half, the lady War Eagles' defensive pressure limited her to two points in the

third quarter.

Running their inside-out game effectively in the second half, the Lady War Eagles stretched their lead over Bradford to nine points down the stretch before claiming a gutsy, 55-51 win.



Bust

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All four were charged with possession with intent to sell and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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CONTRACT NO: PIN:110507.00

J.L. Seats Pedestrian Pathway

Sidewalk Project

The City of McKenzie, Tennessee is prepared to make final settlement with the contractor for construction of the above referenced project. All persons wishing to file claims pursuant to Section 54-5-122, T.C.A. must file same with the Mayor of McKenzie, Jill Holland, at City Hall, 2470 East Cedar Street, Post Office Box 160, McKenzie, Tennessee 38201-0160, on or before January 29, 2015

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Letters**The Readers Speak ...**

The US House of Representatives and the US Senate just passed the CR-omnibus bill. The bill funds most of the Federal Government until September 30, 2015. Let's examine 3 provisions of the bill.

1. The bill provides \$51 billion for defense and \$492 billion for non-defense. Another \$64 billion is provided for overseas military operations. That is a total of \$585 billion for the military and \$492 billion for domestic use. That is 54% of our money is spent on the military. Does that mean that military contractors are more important than rebuilding our roads and bridges, modernizing or electric grid, repairing our local water and sewer systems, and making sure that all Americans have adequate food, shelter and

clothing?

2. A provision will unravel parts of the financial regulation bill known as the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. This provision scraps the limits placed on derivatives following the Great Recession. Does this mean that large banks may trade risky swaps and futures and if they fail the American tax payer have to bail them out again?

3. A provision allows pensions to be cut for current retirees covered by some economically-distressed multiemployer plans. How are retired people supposed to live if their promised pensions are cut? What do you think?

Roger C. Johnson, Ph.D.
McKenzie, TN 38201

Dear Editor,
I am writing this letter in regards to what I read in the Banner last week about the Governor wanting to raise the tax on gasoline and Henry County wanting to raise sales tax.

We don't need more taxes in Tennessee. What we need is more jobs and I don't mean minimum wage jobs that will last a year or two and then leave.

We need some good paying jobs that will last a while so people can get settled in and get some really good health insurance.

People need to make more money. Everybody knows the more money you make the more you spend. Therefore the more you spend the more tax you pay. This automatically gives the state more money.

About this four-lane highway around Atwood and Trezevant, the state can do without it until things get better in West Tennessee. We don't need more taxes to pay for a highway.

Thank you,
Wray Umsted
Huntingdon

Wait a Minute! What About Us???

By Paula Watkins

I was procrastinating about doing household chores the other day, and decided I would look at one of my January 2015 magazines. What caught my eye were "9 Fast Ways to Lose Weight" and an "Easy 7-Day Detox". I scanned the fashion articles before going on to those particular articles. That was a major mistake - as it always is, since nowhere did I see sweat pants and summer crocs with socks as the coming trend for the new year.

One of the trends was super-flattering midi skirts. One of the skirts that caught my eye was the pleated faux-leather skirt. How in the world am I to sit in the church with a leather skirt on?? Now that would definitely be lunch-time conversation after the church service! The skirts are not so "super-flattering" if - 1) something has happened to your waistline and the waistband disappeared when you wore it, and 2) midi-length skirts do not go with purple veins just below the hemline. Oh, did I mention that most of the styles were worn with five-inch heels? Can't do that either...

Another article explained how to jewel your hair for an evening party. Why would I need to "jewel" my hair to coordinate with my thermal pajamas?? On second thought, if the ornament stayed in all night, it would help to control the wild look I have grown accustomed to.

And the icing on the cake, so to speak, was the suggestions from the sweet editor (bless her heart) to help me get gorgeous. Momma said I was gorgeous when I was born - that is the last time I heard that description of yours truly.

But on to weight loss and detox! I will have to admit that the recipes for detoxing looked delicious. What you have to understand at this

point is that I cook for Larry and me. I am sure he would go along with the weight loss program - just not sure how he would handle detoxing. I can hear it now. "Where's the corn and peas you put in the freezer last summer?"

I scanned the exercise suggestions just to satisfy my curiosity. The suggestions for getting "slim downed" ranged from running up and down bleachers to swinging a pair of eight pound weights while you squatted, did knee bends, and knelt while doing a "wood chop" thingy. Here's the problem: I would have to have the book in front of me at all times, and would also have to have it close enough to read. Lastly, I would want to do these movements while I was home alone. I ask you - who is going to get me up from the floor?? I would have to crawl over to the nearest chair or the couch to get my legs under me! This would definitely call for one of those alert buttons you need when you fall and no one can hear you calling for help.

All of the suggestions for improvement were definitely enlightening. What I did notice, and have observed for some time, is that not one of these models for clothes, doing the exercises, or explaining the detox process is much older than my granddaughters. Here is a suggestion, dear charming Editor In Chief: I believe we senior ladies have endured enough pointy-toed shoes, tight skirts, and pencil tight pants to earn a medal of respect. I think there are enough of us to cause a major revolt, demanding that magazines cater at least a portion of your monthly edition to making us look good. Not skimpy ads showing ways to reduce wrinkles!

We need a full-blown layout on topics for folks over sixty. Don't leave us out of your magazine! And make it LARGE-PRINT, please.

RENEW TODAY!

Looking Back From Our Archives...

10 YEARS AGO - The town of Huntingdon hosted a public forum to address concerns and facts concerning the January 27 referendum on the wheel tax. Early voting began on January 7. The referendum will ask vot-

ers to approve a \$10 increase in the annual wheel tax.

*The Kiwanis Middle School Builders Club donated \$750 to the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

*Auditors are investigating

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20 YEARS AGO - David Jones, a recent graduate of the Emory School of Law, de-



Hunker Down with Kes Musings From a Cold Parking Lot

I was awakened early on Christmas Eve by a seven-year-old princess whispering in my ear, "Can we open one present this morning, KK? Please!"

"Sure, Addie, you can open as many as you want to."

I don't get to be the doting granddaddy but once. I'm not going to blow it on something as trivial as time-honored tradition, family customs or any silly Christmas rules. We were digging through the pile under the tree with great expectations when Nonnie brought us back to reality; with me, it was a look; Addie got a hug and a gentle explanation.

We settled for some hot chocolate and a ride on the Polar Express. You talk about a glorious start to one of the most special days of the year. Jesse came down the steps, fully dressed and obviously going somewhere. I was about to say, "It's Christmas Eve for goodness sakes! We're making merry here! It's family time. IT IS precious family time!" You're not about to run out on us." But Jess is a fairly astute guy. He knows what day of the year it is. I waited for him to tell me...

"Dad, I've got a couple of people in the hospital." I didn't want to get off the Polar Express, but I hated to see Jess go alone.

It was raining, of course. And colder than an Iditarod lead dog's nose! Jesse didn't seem to notice either. The first hospital stop was for the father of a member of his church. Not, as you readily discern, technically a member of his church. Jess didn't seem to notice. I don't know how long he was in there. But my nose felt like I was leading the pack into Nome by the time he returned to the car. Jess did mention that another pastor was also visiting this gentleman.

The next stop was in a hospital in an adjoining county. We waded down back roads where angels feared to tread! The rain was about to turn to snow as we pulled into the next medical facility. This visit was for a family friend. Not an actual member of his church, but a "good" person who could "use a visit". Not wanting to intrude, I again waited in the small parking lot and blew into my hands.

Now, the folks that don't know me very well might think this story self-serving. Or, at the very least, bragging on one of my children. They would miss the mark by a country mile!

As I stomped my feet on the floorboard to keep the circulation going, I got to looking around at the mostly empty parking spaces... There was not one TV camera in the entire area. No CNN. No FOX News. No WPSD or KYCN. If my son had brandished an automatic weapon and run into the building intent on doing bodily harm, the whole news world would be crowded into this tiny north Georgia parking lot!

I thought of the other pastor who was visiting at our first stop. I bet he had a wife and family. Shoot, he might even have grandchildren. My mind drifted to the hundred thousand other preachers, youth ministers and Sunday School teachers who were undoubtedly out on this Christmas Eve bringing some hope, cheer and inspiration to the sick and dying.

Isn't something backwards here?

We cover a Hollywood divorce like all of creation is hanging on it. Someone hijacks a plane and the news mongrels see a ratings opportunity. A dog falls down an abandoned well in Texas and the rescue is shown on Good Morning America.

You let some unselfish people go about doing good, and who cares? And you let them be Christian folks and the "whoa, wait a minute" antennas go up. We can't be showing that on our news channel. Oh no, not those radical evangelicals again! It's not politically correct! We're not going to offend anyone here.

Well, guess what. I'm OFFENDED by the current world's lack of acknowledgment that Christian people exist in this universe. I'm offended when the Duck Dynasty guy gets chastised for having an opinion. And speaking it! I'm offended by TV sitcoms that have some of the most ungodly plots I've ever seen! I'm offended by newspaper columnists who write that this nation was not founded on religious principals. I'm offended that my tax dollars go to support a "museum" in Cincinnati that displays nude pictures on its walls. I'm offended by the unbalance in this "separation of church and state" thing. It's ok to let the government tell the church what to do, but, hey, let's draw the line if the church tries to speak up on any secular issue.

I'm mostly offended that we have raised up a culture that is taught (or being led) to ignore all things Christian while so much inappropriate behavior is rewarded!

Of course, don't go into any of that with my son. He's just worried about the people he can help in his little sphere of influence. He wants no coverage or attention. As a matter of fact, he wouldn't have gone if he thought someone would have noticed.

It has something to do with the inheritance of the meek.

Respectfully,
Kesley Colbert

Resolved by Clayburn Peeples

Once again, I have survived New Year's Eve, my least favorite of all holidays. I can't stand anything about it. Of all holidays, none bothers me more, or leaves me bluer, than New Year's Eve and the subsequent football bowl bacchanalia that begins on New Year's Day (actually several days before now), almost every game involving mediocre teams of which I have to decide which I want most to see lose. Thank goodness it's almost over for another year.

Thank goodness also that the season of advertising-driven encouragement for people to drink too much is over; thank goodness the parties with the goofy hats and stupid horns are now consigned to the memory book and photo album for another year; and thank goodness we won't have to suffer any more stupid news stories about what celebrities and politicians have vowed to change about their lives by way of New Year's resolutions.

And thank goodness the rest of us don't have to suffer, for another year at least, an equally obnoxious batch of news stories featuring pop psychologists and behavior analysts telling us why we never seem to be able to keep our own resolutions.

I came across an article on the Internet the other day explaining, for example, why it is that I've never been able to keep the resolution that has been number one on my list every year since 1964, to stop procrastinating.

I'm approaching it the wrong way, the author suggested. Since it's easier to start new habits than to break old ones, rather than vowing to "stop putting things off," he said, I should resolve to "do things on time."

Whatever.

Besides, I've just about gotten this year's list of resolutions completed, and we're

only a week into the new year. Most years I don't even get around to thinking about them till spring, which, as far as I'm concerned, is really when the new year begins.

The bad news is, I've lost the list and can't recall what all the resolutions were, though I do remember one being that I would stop misplacing things.

I heard another expert, a relative whose specific identity will remain undisclosed, explain how to keep that from happening. You just, the relative suggested, put things in the same place every time, and then you'll always know where they are.

Another Nobel Prize winning idea.

It's the ancient Babylonians' fault, you know. They're the ones who came up with the idea of New Year's resolutions, about four thousand years ago, shortly after they invented New Year's Day itself, only they celebrated the holiday for eleven straight days, beginning on what is now March 23, the approximate date of the first day of spring. Since spring is the earth's actual yearly new beginning, they thought, why not begin ourselves anew as well. Their most popular resolution, by the way, was to return borrowed farm equipment.

Then, over the years, and through different societies, the holiday moved around. The Romans more or less borrowed the idea, and the celebration, but various emperors tampered with the calendar and changed the beginning of the year to January.

About 600 B.C., the idea of a baby to represent the new year came into vogue, a symbol of rebirth, and January, of course, is named for Janus, the two-faced deity who looks both forward and backward, just as we do at this time of year.

So that may have something to do with why we make resolutions, but for whatever

reason, millions of Americans, 100 million of us, I read the other day, do make a yearly list, at least a mental one, of the things we will change about our lives in the coming year, mostly vowing to either break bad habits or start good new ones. The most popular resolution, I have read, is to get more exercise, followed by "go on a diet." Other people vow to study or work harder, to save money or to give up something such as coffee or cigarettes.

And believe it or not (I don't, but I'm pretty skeptical), experts say that most of us actually keep the top resolution on our list for at least two months.

That hasn't been my experience.

But, then again, I haven't ever really given it a serious effort. The experts (there's that word again) say that if you're serious, you should keep your list small; that the fewer changes you try to make, the more likely you are to keep them. Or, in my case, to even remember them.

Also, they say, keep them reasonable. "Steal Angelina Jolie away from her current man" or "become the next Peyton Manning" might be reasonable goals for one or two people in America, but probably not for you.

And think about them ahead of time. Those resolutions made in bars at five minutes till midnight on New Year's Eve are not too likely to succeed.

And finally, if, like me, you don't succeed, look at it this way. Maybe you're not supposed to. Winter, as they say, is a yin season: dark, soul-searching, silent. It's a time for resting, not restless new beginnings.

Walk out into your yard. Look at the earth. Do as it does.

Rest; relax. Wait 'til spring.

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20 YEARS AGO - David Jones, a recent graduate of the Emory School of Law, de-

cided to join his father (Kent Jones) in his law office. He is a 1986 graduate of McKenzie High School, a 1990 graduate of Rhodes College, and a 1994 graduate of Emory College.

*Bettie W. Scates retired was from Liberty Federal Savings Bank after 30-year career.

*Roger Watson was the lucky winner of a Winchester shotgun given away by Napa Auto Parts

in McKenzie.

50 YEARS AGO - Mayors and Judge of County outlined projects for 1965, with the new hospital first on the list. The \$800,000, 38-bed hospital is expected to open in September. The trustees will elect five trustees to operate it.

*Something new has been added in Tennessee's school programs "School Lunches: for

children in schools that do not have kitchens."

*The McKenzie exchange of Southern Bell Telephone Company moved forward at a rapid pace during 1964, according to a release from R. E. Maxwell, Group Manager. The number of telephones in service neared the 2,600 mark, and increase of nearly 200 for the year.

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OBITUARIES**MELVIN LEE LYNCH****1939-2014**

Melvin Lee Lynch, 75, died December 30, 2014 at McKenzie Health Care. There will no services for Mr. Lynch, he had chosen cremation.

He owned Lynch Movers, who specialized in moving pianos, and he was an US Army Veteran. Mr. Lynch was born September 12, 1939 to Roy and Cordelia Morgan Lynch in Gibson. He was passed in death by his parents and a sister, Elizabeth Lange.

He is survived by: his life partner, Martha Umstead of McKenzie; and five sons, Ronald (Joyce) Lynch of McKenzie, Melvin (Karen) Lee Lynch Jr. of Anna, IL, Pete Umstead of Gleason, Jeff (Marie) Umstead of McKenzie, and Michael Umstead of Murfreesboro.

KATIE LYNN SMITH**1948-2015**

Katie Lynn Smith, 66, a homemaker, died Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at Henry County Medical Center. Funeral Services were Monday, January 5, 2015 at Brummitt Funeral Home of Trezevant. Burial followed at New Independence Full Gospel Church Cemetery near McMinnville.

Ms. Smith was born February 29, 1948 in Carroll County to Felix Howard and Cora Lee Lund Galloway. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son Jimmy Wayne Smith Jr; a sister Ann Galloway, and a brother Lyndell Galloway.

She is survived by: her life companion Mike Bomar; of Mansfield; one son, Mike Smith of Trezevant; and three grandchildren.

BARBARA LINDA GRAY**1948-2015**

Barbara Linda Gray, 66, of Camden, died Saturday, January 3, 2015 at her home. Funeral services will be Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Brummitt Church of Christ. Burial will follow at Jamison Cemetery near Westport.

Mrs. Gray was born November 9, 1948 in Iron City to the late Casey Atwell and Frances Pennington Atwell. She was a member of the Brummitt Church of Christ. She was also preceded in death by a son, Vince Gray, and several brothers and sisters.

She is survived by: husband Danny Gray, of Camden; a son, Casey Daniel of Camden; two sisters, Polly Durham of Newton, AL, and Elaine Quillen of Loretta; two brothers, Wendell "Bud" Atwell of Collinwood; and Johnny Atwell of Iron City; one grandchild; and very special friend, Linda Hillard of Brummitt.

BESSIE CLEO HORN**1928-2015**

Bessie Cleo Horn, 86, of Huntingdon, died Thursday, January 1, 2015 at the Life Care Center of Brummitt. Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, January 4, 2015 in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Jamison Cemetery. Brother Clarence Nokes officiated the services.

Mrs. Horn was born January 6, 1928, in Westport, to the late Virgil and Julie (Ellis) Norwood. She was a retired Certified Nursing Assistant and a member of the Concord Missionary Baptist Church.

She was a fifty-year-plus member and past officer of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #180, a member of the RSVP Choir, a member and past officer of the AARP, and a member of the Westport Home Demonstration Club. She volunteered at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon and her favorite outing was the Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cedric Horn, and a grandson, Tim Rich.

She is survived by: two daughters, Doris Rich, and Linda Reeves, both of Huntingdon; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren.

ROY LEON MARTIN**1938-2015**

Roy Leon Martin, 76, of Smyrna (formerly of Brummitt), died Friday, January 2, 2015 at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville. Funeral services were held Monday, January 5, 2015 at Brummitt Funeral Home Chapel with military honors at the gravesite. Burial followed at McAuley Cemetery near Buena Vista.

Mr. Martin was born on November 9, 1938 in Jackson to the late Mr. Clyde Thomas Martin and Sarah Edward Martin. He was a member of Westbrook Christian Church and a U.S.

Army veteran. Mr. Martin was preceded in death by one sister, Judy Cravens, and two brothers, Mickie Martin, and Richard Martin. His favorite hobbies were bowling and golfing.

He is survived by: wife Stella Kay Smothers Martin, of Smyrna; a daughter, Vicki Scott of Smyrna; a son, Tommy (Christine) Scott, of La Vergne; and three grandchildren.

BEVERLY SUE HODGES**1952-2014**

Beverly Sue Hodges, 62, of Gleason, died Sunday, December 28, 2014 at Ochsner Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 3, 2015 at Williams Funeral Home of Gleason with Donnie Cooper officiating. Burial followed at Hopewell Cemetery in Gleason.

Mrs. Hodges was a registered nurse working in healthcare and was preceded in death by her father, Hulon B. Cooper.

She is survived by: her husband, Richard Hodges of Gleason; two sons, Steven Hodges, and William Jeremy Hodges of Belle Chasse, Louisiana; a brother, Jerry Cooper of Gleason; and mother Doris (Sanders) Hensley of Gleason.

JAMES DONALD COLE**1929-2015**

James Donald Cole, 85, of Buena Vista, died Saturday, January 3, 2015 at his home. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 11:00AM in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home. Burial followed in the McAuley cemetery. Bro. Roger Cooper and Bro. Steve Davis officiated the services.

Mr. Cole was born June 25, 1929 in Carroll County to the late Dossie Franklin and Lou Emma (Beasley) Cole. He was retired from the Milan Arsenal where he worked in production and was a member of the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in Buena Vista. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Betty Cole; five sisters, Olivine Higdon, Opal Noles, Ila Norwood, Willodean Williams, and Levera Cole; and three brothers, Ernest Lee Cole, Warren Cole, and Leland Cole.

In her remarks, Executive Director of the College of Professional Studies Lisa Vaughn lauded Karen for her enthusiasm and attitude.

"Karen never says, 'It's not my job,'" Vaughn said. "She

**Perspective McKenzie****I Don't Understand All That I Know**

By: Bob McDonald

In each of our lives, all of us, at varied times, have happenstances that make things enjoyable in small moments or during extended periods. Susan Sawyer wrote a book titled "It Happened in Tennessee" about remarkable events that shaped history. Aren't we all thankful that we came into the life we have with wonderful associations, experiences, and things that have enriched living.

Susan, all of us, individually, could probably write a book about our life experiences titled, "It Happened in My Life."

Don't you readers love to reminisce? The other day I was thinking of a past event from many years ago that made me grin from ear to ear. There used to be a business downtown called "Adams & Herron" Produce. Mostly livestock feed and chickens were sold there. I can remember, to my best recollection, four people working there. Harve Adams, "Charlie" Adams, Bob Brooks

and "Foothills" Nolen. Mr. "Charlie" was the oldest. He reminded me of Andy Gump, a character in the funny papers back then; elderly, slender, bald-headed, protruding chin and much of character. Mr. "Charlie" usually wore day after day a felt hat that as time went by got worn and really needed replacement. One cold winter day, the stove was all fired up and "Swat" Scarborough was in passing the time and grabbed "Charlie's" old hat off "Charlie's" head and stuck it in the stove. Poof! It was gone. Mr. "Charlie" was furious and pitched a "good-un." "Swat" let him stew a bit then reached under the counter and pulled out a "Brand New" Stetson hat for Mr. "Charlie." The old man sputtered a bit then calmed down.

I still smile when I think about that incident.

I hope all of us continually have things going on around us that cause us to smile.

Jimmy Dorsey, the orchestra

leader, sang a song that everyone liked. "Smiles." That song's lyrics, (in part) "There are smiles that make us happy / There are smiles that make us blue / There are smiles that steal away the tear drops / As the sun beams steal away the dew." The song's last two lines I like the most, "And the smiles that filled my heart with sunshine / Are the smiles you gave to me."

Life has rough edges at times.

Do you remember the story about the man who had no shoes? His outlook changed when he met the man who had no feet!

So many people we used to know when we venture back in memory. You may remember some or all of the following folks; Baxter Loving, "Red Eye" Boaz, Ray Cook, Vernon Hargis, Gale Granade, "Jake" Dunning, Clint Montgomery, Bob Parnell, J.D. Featherstone, Emery Haynes, Tom Nolen, George Chandler, Verdell Bowden, David Stewart, Max Marshall, Felix Fesmire and on & on. They are around now only in memory. I'm sure each meant a lot to others that knew them.

Let's hope we are remembered when we are no longer around.

...Bob McDonald

McKenzie Native Honored with Outstanding Achievement Award by Bethel University's College of Professional Studies**Hutson Honored at Bethel University**

Paris, TN – Bethel University employee Karen Hutson received the coveted Outstanding Achievement Award during Bethel University's year-end ceremonies for College of Professional Studies staff and administrators.

The daughter of Kenneth Travis and the late Annette Travis of McKenzie, Karen serves as Senior Financial Aid Counselor for Bethel's College of Professional Studies. She has been employed by Bethel University since September of 2013.

In her remarks, Executive Director of the College of Professional Studies Lisa Vaughn lauded Karen for her enthusiasm and attitude.

"Karen never says, 'It's not my job,'" Vaughn said. "She

works well with everyone, and always had a smile on her face. Karen can be counted on to lend a hand and jump in to help, even without being asked to do so. It's clear that she truly cares – and that makes all the difference."

Karen says winning the award "was totally unexpected, and I'm very humbled by this show of appreciation."

Bethel University was established in 1842, making it one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in the state of Tennessee. The College of Professional Studies offers accelerated, SACS-accredited undergraduate and graduate management degrees, both online and in the classroom. For more information, log on to BethelSuccess.net.

TDOT Contest Offers Motorists Chance to Create Messages for Overhead Signs

NASHVILLE- "Eyes on the Road & Head out of Your Apps", "Buckle Up Y'all, It's the Law", and "Ho Ho Hold Your Calls". Those are just a few of the overhead sign messages that have caught the attention of Tennessee motorists recently. Think you can come up with one better?

For the first time, TDOT will offer drivers the chance to craft their own highway safety messages. Beginning Monday, January 5, TDOT will begin taking entries for the Dynamic Message Sign Contest. Entries will be considered for five highway safety categories: seatbelt usage, impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding, and aggressive driving.

"Love them or hate them, the messages we've been running have helped us accomplish our

goal - to get the attention of drivers," said TDOT Commissioner John Schroer. "We don't want these important safety reminders to be so mundane that people stop noticing. This contest can start important conversations about driving behaviors, and maybe make people think about some of their own driving habits."

Entering the contest is easy!

Just go to <http://www.tn.gov/tdot/dms/>. The contest web page will list the categories, and will allow you to type your message and submit your entry. The contest will run from January 5 through January 16. TDOT will then give the public the opportunity to vote on the best messages, also via the TDOT website. The winning messages will then be placed in rotation to run on

the overhead Dynamic Message Signs statewide throughout the year.

Keep it clean! Any message containing profanity or lewd comments will be disqualified.

A total of 163 Dynamic Message Signs are located in the state's four urban areas (Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville), and in some rural areas across the state. The main purpose of the signs is to alert motorists of incidents, lane blockages, hazardous road conditions, or Amber Alerts. In 2012, TDOT became the first DOT in the nation to display roadway fatality numbers on the overhead signs. In addition to the fatality statistics, safety messages are displayed during off-peak travel times.

MHS Alum Phillips Graduates Army Basic Training

COLUMBIA, S.C. (January 5) Army Pvt. Michael B. Phillips has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition, and core values,

physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military

justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Phillips is the son of James Phillips of Martin, Tennessee and grandson of Jim Phillips of Dresden, Tennessee.

He is a 2014 graduate of McKenzie High School.

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Banner Top Ten Sports Stories Continued**MCKENZIE
SHOOTERS EXCEL AT
SCTP REGIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

In a brilliant display of skill and versatility, McKenzie's competition shooting team garnered numerous individual and team awards at the 2014 Scholastic Clay Target Program's Region 1 Championship.

In Trap competition, McKenzie claimed the following awards:

Varsity-HOA Female-third place-Chelsea Mathis; Junior Varsity-Team-first place; HOA Male-first place-Andrew Wilson; HOA Female-first place-Libba Burkes; Intermediate Advanced-Team-second place; HOA Male-second place-Dalton Dyer; third place-Anders Rider; Rookie-Team-first place; HOA Male-first place-Mason Gonzalez.

College-HOA Male-first place-Corey Mathis; HOA Female-first place-Lacey Lane.

In Skeet competition, McKenzie garnered the following awards: Varsity-HOA Female-first place-Chelsea Mathis, second place-Ellie Roditis; Junior Varsity-Team-second place; HOA Female-first place-Ellie Bell, third place-Libba Burkes; Intermediate Advanced-Team-third place; HOA Male-third place-Dalton Dyer; Intermediate Entry-Team-second place; HOA Male-second place-Drew Beeler.

Rookie-Team-first place; HOA Male-first place-Mason Gonzalez, second place-Nathan Nanny, third place-Logan Green.

College-HOA Male-first place-Corey Mathis; HOA Female-first place-Lacey Lane.

In Sporting Clays, McKenzie claimed the following awards: Varsity-Team-second place; HOA Female-first place-Ellie Roditis, second place-Morgan Martin, third place-Destiny Lane; Junior Varsity-Team-second place; HOA Female-first place-Ellie Bell, second place-Libba Burkes, third place-Alexis Perry; Intermediate Advanced-Team-first place; HOA Male-first place-Anders Rider, third place-Dalton Dyer; Intermediate Entry-Team-first place; HOA Male-first place-Drew Beeler,

second place-Nathan Rorer. Rookie-Team-first place; HOA Male-first place-Mason Gonzalez, second place-Nathan Nanny. College-HOA Male-first place-Corey Mathis; HOA Female-first place-Lacey Lane.

**PATRICK WILLIS 2ND
ANNUAL PROCAMP**

"The kids are why I'm here"

BRUCETON (July 9) Patrick Willis was feeling good. Instead of walking 40 yards to the nearest exit gate, the former Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central Tiger, Ole Miss two-time All-American and seven-time All-Pro San Francisco 49ers middle linebacker jumped over the four-foot chain-link fence surrounding the Joe T. Herndon football field en route to a bleacher visit with his dad, Ernest Willis.

As father and son enjoyed family time, three hundred youngsters from Tennessee and beyond prepared to participate in Willis' second-annual ProCamp.

For 13-year-old McKenzian Kyle Maxwell, the opportunity to meet and learn from the NFL's best linebacker was thrilling.

Proudly displaying his Patrick Willis ProCamp tee shirt, he said, "I am excited to be here. I play middle school football for the Rebels, and I want to get better. Patrick has great skills and knows what he is doing on the football field. I will benefit from what he tells me and shows me today. I can't wait to meet him."

Kyle's mom, Tammy, added, "Patrick Willis' success proves that small town people can go far. He worked hard, believed in himself, and it paid off for him in a big way. Patrick made it to the NFL despite being born and raised in a rural area. Kids can look at what he has done and realize that they can make their dreams come true. They just have to be willing to give it all they've got."

Huntingdon's Kim Byars, accompanied by her son, Easton, daughter Delaney, Nathaniel Spivey and Brady Warbritton, said, "We are glad to be here for Patrick's ProCamp. He is from this area, and we are all proud

of him. He is proof that hard work pays off. These children seated with me are part of the next generation of Huntingdon Mustangs. I want them to work hard like Patrick has so that they can be successful. Being here today is a great experience for all of us."

Seated beside his grandfather Dallas Wade, Brady Roberts was anxious for the start of the ProCamp.

He said, "This is my second year to attend Patrick's camp. Last year at camp I got to be on television. That was a big deal for me. I play flag football for the Bruceton Tigers, and I am proud that he is from my hometown. I'm just like him because I practice every day to get better. I love to watch Patrick play football on television on Sunday's. I want to be like him. I want to play in the NFL."

**HHS CROSS COUNTRY
ELIZABETH LOTT NAMED
TSSAA FEMALE COACH
OF THE YEAR**

HUNTINGDON (October 9) Huntingdon High School Cross Country Head Coach and McKenzie resident Elizabeth Lott has been selected by the Tennessee Scholastic Sports Athletic Association (TSSAA) as 2014 Female Coach of the Year.

In his notification letter to Lott, TSSAA Assistant Executive Director Richard McWhirter wrote, "You have been recognized as Female Coach of the Year for your athletic district. The award is given for displaying the high ideals of integrity and ethics and for the examples of citizenship and sportsmanship."

During an interview with The McKenzie Banner, Ms. Lott said, "I was pleased and surprised that I was chosen for such a prestigious award. Working with my team is the best part of my day! I have a supportive principal, staff, assistant coach Scott Hampton, and numerous parents who work tirelessly to make my job easier. I am also thankful for the support of the community and the Town of Huntingdon for all that they do to help us."

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Lott will be honored with the A.F. Bridges award along with winners for School System Administrator of the Year; Principal of the Year; Athletic Director of the Year; Official of the Year; Male Coach of the Year; and Contributor of the Year at the TSSAA regional meeting at 1:00 p.m. on November 5th at University School of Jackson.

**MCKENZIE'S TAYLOR
PATTERSON TENNESSEE
VOLUNTEER ATHLETIC
TRAINER**

MCKENZIE (November 7)

During a telephone interview with The McKenzie Banner, 2012 McKenzie High School graduate and University of Tennessee at Knoxville Student Athletic Trainer Taylor Patterson said, "I have been a Tennessee Vol fan my entire life. In fact, I wore a Vol one-zee home from the hospital after I was born. I consider it an honor and privilege to call this campus my home. I consider the University of Tennessee to be the best college in America."

In no small part, Taylor credits his parents for helping him find his way to U.T.

He said, "I want to express my love and appreciation to my parents (Tommy and Carolyn Patterson). My parents are wonderful people and worked hard to allow me the opportunity to come to U.T. I was fortunate to figure out early in life that the advice they gave me was true. They taught me how to make wise decisions and to plan for the future. I am so grateful for everything they have done for me."

Taylor said that his interest in athletic training began in high school at McKenzie.

He said, "I injured my knee playing high school football my freshman year and then hurt my ankle the next season. Although I decided to discontinue playing football, I still wanted to contribute to the Rebels football program. I talked to MHS coaches Wade Comer and Randy Thomas, and they suggested that I help manage the team. During my senior year in high school, I decided to contact MHS graduate and Vol equipment manager Matt Kee and ask him who I needed to talk to about managing in some capacity for the Vols."

After contacting school athletic officials, Taylor applied and was accepted to the Vols sports management team.

Taylor said that when he was asked to serve as SAT for the football team this spring, he jumped at the opportunity.

Asked what his first home-

game on-field experience was like, he said, "Our home-opener was against Utah State. I didn't know what to expect. To run through the 'T' formed by the band and cheerleaders and hear the roar of 100,000 people inside Neyland Stadium was incredible. I will never forget that moment. To be part of the Tennessee Vols football team is a dream come true for me. It is amazing."

Taylor said that his post-graduation plans are to study Physical Therapy at Belmont or UT-Chattanooga.

He said, "Actually, I will go where the Lord leads me and be thankful for it. I am sincere in my faith, and I know that God's plan for my life is the right plan. I'll go where He leads me. My faith in Jesus has helped so much. I will leave my future in His hands."

**2015-16 TSSAA
FOOTBALL
REALIGNMENTS
MUSTANGS, TIGERS
SHIFT TO MIDDLE
TENNESSEE**

The TSSAA Board of Control finalized football realignments at their meeting on November 13 at the Clarion Inn in Murfreesboro.

In Class A, Huntingdon, Hollow Rock-Bruceton, Clarksville Academy, Collinwood, Houston County, McEwen, Perry County and Wayne County shift to Region 6. Game time for all Region six contests is 7:00 p.m.

Also in Class A, West Carroll, Dresden, Gleason, Greenfield, Humboldt, Lake County, Trenton, South Fulton and Union City shift to Region 7.

In Class 2A, McKenzie, Adamsville, TCA, JCS, Halls and Gibson County shift to Region 6.

In Class 3A, Camden, Cheatham County, East Hickman, Fairview, Harpeth, Stewart County and Sycamore shift to Region 6.

In Class 5A, Henry County, Brentwood, Centennial, Clarksville, Dickson County, Northeast, Rossview and West Creek shift to Region 7.

**CARROLL ACADEMY
FLORIDA COUPLE
DONATES BASKETBALL
UNIFORMS**

HUNTINGDON (November 17) Nearly one year after travel-

ing from Jacksonville, Florida to Carroll Academy to show support for The Lady Jaguars and donate to the school, Carol and Ben Hicks returned this week baring another gift; travel uniforms for both Carroll Academy basketball squads.

After posing for photographs with the Jags and Lady Jags in their new road uniforms and receiving thanks from the players, the couple spoke about their desire to support Carroll Academy.

Carol said, "When Ben and I saw the ESPN episode about the Lady Jaguars a few years ago, it really touched our hearts. We consider Carroll Academy to be a shining example of what can happen when people help people improve themselves. Ben and I have absolutely fallen in love with this school."

Ben added, "Carroll Academy has taken some kids that are trying to find their way and is helping them to turn things around. The love these teachers and administrators have for these kids is very evident. Although Carol and I are not wealthy by any means, we wanted to provide uniforms to both teams to show our support for these youngsters and the faculty of this school."

Ben explained that the couple's desire to support Carroll Academy stems from past personal experiences.

He continued, "When we were younger, Carol and I wanted children, but we were not blessed with the ability to conceive. After praying and seeking the Lord's guidance, we were led to adopt a child. Thirty-five years ago, we adopted a newborn baby girl and brought her home from the hospital. Today, our daughter, Ashlyn, is a grown woman with two children of her own."

He continued, "While raising our daughter, Carol and I experienced some situations very similar to what some of these children at Carroll Academy experience. We do not want to ever see a child fall through the cracks in the system because of struggles. When we saw the documentary on Carroll Academy's Lady Jags, we felt the Lord urging us to come here and become a part of this wonderful, life-changing school. Carol and I want these young people to understand that there is more to winning in life than scores on a scoreboard. Real winning is in living full and meaningful lives. We want that for all children. Here, they have the support and love of people that are striving to help them achieve those goals. Randy Hatch and his staff are committed to changing lives for the better. That is why we love Carroll Academy."

NATURAL GAS NOW!**Program**

To promote the sale of natural gas, the District has established a Program to provide funding to residential Customers to install natural gas appliances and equipment to more efficient models (the Program.)

Use of the Program Fund

- Purchase of natural gas appliances and equipment
- Installation of natural gas appliances and equipment

Participation and Loan Structure

- New or existing residential Customers of the District
- Residential Customers must own the single family home, duplex or condominium unit where natural gas appliances or equipment will be installed

- Existing Customers must have a satisfactory payment history with the District
- Satisfactory credit history - Credit history may be obtained

- Loans may be secured by liens, security agreements or mortgages

- Maximum loan amount is \$10,000 per customer

- Maximum term for loans shall be \$1,000 per year up to \$10,000 for ten (10) years

- Terms up to ten (10) years with no early payment penalty

- Competitive rates guaranteed for thirty (30) days after loan approval

- Current Rate: 7%

Application, Approval and Payment

- Completion and submission of application and all supporting documentation requested

- Review of application by District personnel

- Notification to applicant of loan approval

- Closing of loan

- District personnel will conduct final safety inspection and verify the installation of the natural gas appliance or equipment

- Payment of loan funds directly to vendor or qualified contractor upon completion of final inspection



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**Corker Discusses Key Issues in U.S. Senate**

CHATTAANOOGA, TENN. – Appearing on Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace today, U.S. Senator Bob Corker (R-Tenn.), ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, discussed some of the major issues facing the Senate in the year ahead including how Congress should fund spending on our highway projects and roads programs, Iran sanctions, the administration's new U.S. policy toward Cuba, the president's plan to close Guantanamo Bay, and the fight against ISIS.

Excerpts from Corker's interview with Chris Wallace are below:

On whether a Senate Republican majority can work with President Obama on issues like tax reform and trade authority: "Absolutely. Look, obviously we have not liked the executive actions that were taken... but we understand, with humility, that we have a lot of serious issues that need to be addressed. The bigger issues absolutely require the president to be involved, and I think with anticipation, we look forward to that opportunity."

On funding the Highway Trust Fund by increasing the gas user fee: "Yes, we have pro-

posed raising the gasoline tax user fee, but also by offsetting other taxes that Americans would pay so it's revenue neutral, but at least it would put our infrastructure on strong footing. That second component seems to get left out of the conversation most of the time."

On the administration's new U.S. policy toward Cuba: "As I said when the announcement was made, the first thing we want to do is understand what behavioral changes Cuba is willing to make. So you'll see some rigorous hearings [in Congress on this issue]... No one has seen a list of the political folks that are being released from jail. There's a lot [we need] to know, and you'll see us having hearings before decisions are made as to what to do relative to this action."

On Iran sanctions: "There's no question if this deal falls apart there will be additional sanctions... This is one of the biggest issues we'll be dealing with and for Congress not to have a role is totally inappropriate, so we're going to move through the committee process. The Banking Committee will take up one aspect of this and the Foreign Relations Commit-

tee will take up another and through regular order we'll see what will happen. I don't think there's any question for those in Iran or around the world that if this [nuclear discussion] falls apart, certainly there will be additional sanctions."

On the administration's plans to close Guantanamo Bay: "The fact is all of us have been open to major changes at Gitmo, but we're waiting for the administration to lay out a plan... That's what all of us have been seeking for the last six years, and that is a plan – ever since he's been in office – to deal with an issue that he campaigned on while running, and yet has never been forthcoming with."

On ISIS and passing an authorization for the use of military force: "I think what we all are hoping to happen is getting the White House to lay out a plan that shows a plausible way to the outcome that they rhetorically have outlined.... Certainly we'll have hearings in January and February. Hopefully they will finally come forth and lay out to us how they will achieve that outcome, but to me that's an important part of any authorization that we may put forward with Syria."

A handful of new state laws took effect on January 1, 2015. While the average Tennessean will be unaffected by the new laws, a few particular groups of citizens will be strongly impacted. Persons with felony convictions on their record may now apply for a "certificate of employability" from their county courthouse. The felon must show evidence that they are reliable and ready to work, such as work history and references. Besides helping convicted felons in the process of reforming their lives, the certificate also protects employers from negligent hiring lawsuits.

Staff members of Tennes-

see public schools may now volunteer for training to administer insulin in the absence of a nurse. The measure still requires approval from local school boards, and allows parents of diabetic students to opt into or out of the service. The change brings Tennessee in line with more than 20 states and the District of Columbia.

The appointment process for the state textbook selection panel has been revamped. Previously, the governor selected all but one of the ten panelists, who make recommendations to local school boards via the Tennessee State Board of Education. The new law charges the speakers of the State House and

Senate and the governor with appointing three panelists each. The same legislation also adds history and fundamental documents to the state's required curriculum.

One more education-related law requires welfare recipients who are the guardian of a child that is struggling in school to attend at least two parent/teacher conferences per year.

Marina owners are now required to install ground fault protection on all electrical lines. They must also post notices about the danger of electrical leakage into water and undergo yearly inspections by the Tennessee Fire Marshal's office.

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MATTER OF RECORD

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Drug Possession

A McKenzie man was arrested on drug charges during a Dec. 27 traffic stop.

Deputy Ryan Dickson charged Michael Anthony Webb, 20, of 10 Woodruff Street with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Dickson reported that he stopped a vehicle in which Webb was a passenger for a headlight violation. After receiving consent to the search of the vehicle, Dickson found a plastic bag containing a substance believed to be marijuana, as well as a set of digital scales. Webb told Dickson that the items belonged to him.

Drug Possession

A Benton County man was cited into court Dec. 30 when he was allegedly found with a bag of marijuana while smoking marijuana.

Deputy Mike Verner charged Gavin Royd May, 26, with possession of a schedule VI drug. Verner reported that he found May and a female adult sitting on a bridge on Old Bruceton Road smoking marijuana. According to

Verner, there was a four-year-old child in the backseat of a nearly parked vehicle. While searching May, Verner found a black bag of marijuana, smoking pipes, rolling papers, and a knife.

Drugs/Firearms

Two local men were arrested Dec. 30 when illegal drugs, drug-related items, and firearms were found in a Huntingdon residence.

Paul Driggers (age and address not reported) and Bradley Eugene Willis, 33, of 2240 Buena Vista Road were charged with drug/narcotic violations (specific charges not reported). According to the report by Deputy Mike Verner, officers went to Willis' residence in order to serve an outstanding warrant against Driggers. Initially, Driggers was hiding in a child's bedroom but came out when officers called for him. The homeowner then gave officers permission to search the home for illegal drugs. During that search, officers found methamphetamine, items of drug paraphernalia, prescription-level pills without a prescription, and two pistols in Willis' bedroom.

Willis told officers that he and Driggers were "fixing to smoke the meth."

Theft

Money and food was recently reported as being stolen from a residence near Huntingdon.

A resident at 280 Leach Road told officers on Dec. 23 that someone had taken \$150 from a piggy bank and around \$15 in food items from the residence. There were no signs of forced entry.

Harassment

A McKenzie man was arrested Dec. 26 for allegedly making harassing phone calls to two Atwood residents.

Deputy Ryan Dickson charged John David Forrest, 25, of 960 Clear Lake Road with harassment. According to Dickson's report, Atwood residents Robert and Vickie Hill told officers that Forrest was harassing them over the phone. A deputy spoke with Forrest and advised him not to call or have any contact with the Hills. Forrest, however, continued to make calls to the Hills' number, and a

warrant for his arrest was issued. Forrest was located by deputies shortly thereafter and placed under arrest.

Bank Fraud

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

Jennifer Adkisson of Atwood told officers on Dec. 26 that someone had used her bank account information to make several purchases without her knowledge or permission within the past week. These purchases totaled over \$470.

Burglary

The Sheriff's Department is investigating the recent burglary of outbuildings near Hollow Rock.

Johnnie Hollingsworth told officers on Dec. 30 that someone had broken into his outbuildings and stole several items valued together at \$500. Hollingsworth said that earlier that morning, a relative called him and told him that there was a small truck with a loud engine across the road in his field. Stolen items included a chain saw, two drill presses (one red and one green), a ratchet set, two new four-wheeler tires, and two plastic boxes filled with miscellaneous parts.

McKenzie Police Reports

Vandalism-On January 5th, MPD Sergeant Chad Davis received a report from a victim stating that his window had been broken out sometime on January 3rd.

DUI-On January 1, MPD patrolman Lorrie Mulligan arrested William A. Faspa, 19, Knoxville, for DUI following an incident on Highland Drive.

Possession of Crack Cocaine / Intimidation-MPD patrolman Michael Pershell arrested Charlie Bright, 44, McKenzie, for the listed offenses after a victim reported being scared and feeling threatened by the defendant. The report noted that Bright was transported to Carroll County Jail on December 29.

Domestic assault-MPD patrolman Adam Bailey arrested Kay Roberts, 46, McKenzie for domestic assault on December 29 after a victim from the Forest Circle area reported that the defendant had assaulted him. Roberts was then transported to Carroll County Jail.

Outstanding Warrant-On December 23, MPD patrolman Lorrie Mulligan picked up Latrice F. Owens, 35, McKenzie, for an outstanding warrant issued from Benton County.

Shoplifting-MPD patrolman Adam Bailey arrested Bennie Harbin, 40, McKenzie, for shoplifting at E.W. James and Sons on December 27 and transported him to Carroll County Jail.

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Huntingdon Police Reports

Drugs/Weapons

Two Huntingdon residents were arrested on illegal drug and weapons charges during a Dec. 27 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

Sgt. Joey Hedge charged Jeffery L. Smith and Ashley N. Smith, both of 620 Bowden Road, with possession of a schedule II drug with intent, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a weapon during the commission of a dangerous felony. Jeffery Smith was additionally charged with violation of the financial responsibility law and violation of registration. Hedge reported that he pulled over a vehicle driven by Jeffery Smith because it did not have a tag. Computer check revealed that Jeffery Smith's license was suspended and that Ashley Smith, a passenger in the vehicle, was unlicensed. After getting permission to search the vehicle, Hedge found a small plastic bag containing a substance believed

to be methamphetamine hidden inside an ink pen, several items used in smoking meth, and two loaded 12-gauge shotguns behind the seat. Ashley Smith produced a set of digital scales that she had hidden inside her clothing.

Theft

A Huntingdon man was arrested Dec. 30 for allegedly trying to steal a security camera from a residence on Spring Street.

Sgt. Brad Allen charged Bradley Joseph Hollowell of 227 Murray Lane with theft under \$500. According to Allen's report, he responded to a prowler call at 145 Spring Street and found Hollowell standing in the driveway. When asked what he was doing there, Hollowell told Allen that he wanted to talk with resident Tami Rogers. Allen then spoke with Rogers, who said that she did not want Hollowell on her property. She also said that Hollowell had

taken a security camera from outside her residence. Hollowell then produced the camera from inside his jacket and told Allen that he was intending to bring it back later.

Drug Possession

A Cedar Grove man was arrested on drug charges during a Dec. 23 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

Sgt. Joey Hedge charged Robert A. Hicks of 118 Beech Lake Lane with simple possession of a schedule VI drug, possession of a schedule IV drug, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Hedge reported that he was on his way to a call about a disturbance at the Huntingdon Motel when he received a call that the person responsible had just left in a small black Jimmy. Hedge spotted a vehicle fitting that description on West Main Street and conducted a traffic stop. Hicks, the driver, told Hedge that he had just left

the Huntingdon Motel. At this point, Hedge detected the odor of marijuana coming from Hick's vehicle. While searching Hicks, Hedge found a plastic bag containing a substance believed to be marijuana and another plastic bag containing nine blue oval pills believed to be Xanax. Hedge also found a pack of rolling papers.

Shoplifting

A McKenzie woman was cited into court Dec. 28 for allegedly trying to steal items from a local business.

Lt. Walter Smothers charged Tania Lucia Doster of 19 Main Street with theft under \$500. According to Smothers' report, he responded to a call about a shoplifter at Dollar General Store. Smothers confronted Doster as she was exiting the store, at which point she surrendered the merchandise she had concealed in her purse and inside her clothes. Doster was advised that she was barred from that business and would face criminal charges if she returned.

Carroll County General Sessions

The following defendants entered guilty pleas and received sentences and/or fines last week in General Sessions Court:

Tania Lucia Doster of 19 Main Street, McKenzie, who pled guilty to theft up to \$500. She was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in jail (suspended, except for 48 hours), placed on supervised probation for 11 months and 29 days, and ordered to pay \$40.90 in restitution.

Antonio Wechson Ford of 535 St. Paul Church Road, Huntingdon, who pled guilty to public intoxication. Sentence not listed.

Gavin Royd May of Holladay,

who pled guilty to simple possession/casual exchange and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was fined \$200.

Biance Bree Miller of Lexington, who pled guilty to schedule VI drugs (attempt) and violation of the financial responsibility law. Sentence not listed.

Latrisa Rich Owens of 601 Old State Route Highway 22, McKenzie, who pled guilty to simple possession/casual exchange. Owens was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in jail (suspended, except for 30 days), placed on supervised probation for 11 months and 29 days, and fined \$250.

Property Transfers

Philip Edward and Tina R. Morris to Chad A. and Sarah Shankle and others.

Buford and Krista Taylor to James and Judith M. Finch.

Marilyn and Melvin Wimberly to Darrell and Meklisha Ridgely.

Robert Samuel Gant and others to Daniel A. and Jackie K. Gant.

Christopher Walter Rich to Brian K. and Lisa A. Sloan.

Paul Linden Ward, Jr. and others to Paul Linden Ward, Jr.

Fannie Mae to Wayne Tiller.

Joe D. and Lois Hampton to S & T Properties Inc.

Clerk and Master Kenneth Todd to Jessie L. and Cheryl Y.

Townes.

Joseph B. Neisler to Antonio Cervantes.

Joy Dianne Neely to Joy Diane Neely.

Tennessee Housing Development Agency to James T. and Brianna L. Lapointe and others.

Savant Learning Systems, Inc. to Bethel University, Inc.

Lisa Elaine and Gerry Lee Hilliard to Cyril and Janis Ostiguy.

Bob Newman to Jackie and Mary Eubanks.

Brock & Scott, PLLC to Federal National Mortgage Association.

Levander Steward to Nicole Jordan Taylor.

Marriage Licenses

Austin Blake Trosper, 21, of Texas to Allison Brooke Basford, 18, of McKenzie.

Gabriel Padilla, 34, of McKenzie to Maria Guadalupe Lupercio Alcala, 19, of McKenzie.

Russell Lynn Epperson, 52, of Bruceton to Kathy Michelle Fowler, 43, of Bruceton.

Luis Vega Cendejas, 37, of Henry to Maria Padilla, 42, of McKenzie.

Bankruptcy Petitions

Christopher D. and Tonya D. Hoggard, Chapter 13, Paris
James V. Martin, Chapter 7, Paris
Paris
Anthony O'Neil and Gina L.

Matlock, Chapter 13, Paris
Jeffrey C. Pugh, Chapter 7, Greenfield
Steven E. Spears, Chapter 7, Gleason

West Carroll Special School District is accepting sealed bids for playground equipment and installation at West Carroll Primary School. Bids will be accepted until 12 p.m., January 23, 2015. For complete bid specifications, contact John Cary, West Carroll Special School District, 1415 Hwy. 77, Atwood, TN 38220, or call 731-662-7116.

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INVITATION TO BID

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

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

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust recorded May 16, 2012, of record in the Register's Office of Weakley County, Tennessee, in Trust Deed Book 664, page 1376, **KENNY MANN AND WIFE, SARAH MANN** did convey in trust, to W. KENT JONES, TRUSTEE, tract of land hereinafter described, secure the payment of the indebtedness described in said Deed of Trust to FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK; and,

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust provides that in the event of default in the payment of the debt secured by said Deed of Trust, when due, or in the event of failure to comply with any of the conditions and/or covenants of said Deed of Trust, the whole amount of the unpaid principal sum, together with all interest due and accrued upon the same, together with all other payments agreed to be made, shall, at the option of the holder, become due and payable immediately without demand or notice thereof; and,

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and there have been other violations of the conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the owner and holder of said debt has instructed the undersigned Trustee, to foreclose said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority in me vested as such Trustee, I will on the 23rd day of January, 2015, offer for sale and sell in front of the Courthouse door in Dresden, Tennessee, at the hour of 10:05 a.m. to the last, highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, dower and curtesy rights, and all other rights or exemptions of every kind, and all unpaid taxes, to effect satisfaction of principal, interest and costs due on said promissory notes and Deed of Trust aforementioned, as well as to pay all attorney's fees and costs necessarily incident to this foreclosure, the following tracts of land, situated in the 151 and 12th Civil Districts of Weakley County, Tennessee, more particularly described as follows:

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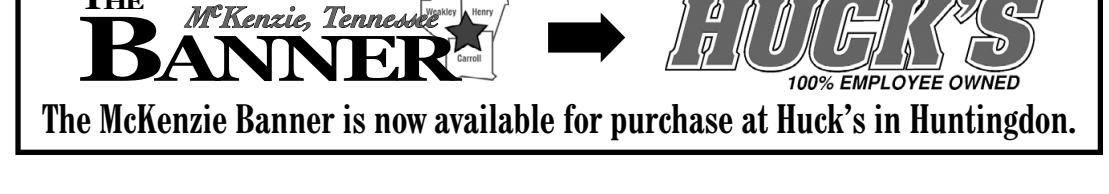
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Penny Mays is Carroll County's FCE County President and can be contacted at (731) 986-4902. The Extension Agent for Carroll County is Gwen Joyner and she can be contacted at (731) 986-1976.

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United Neighbors is accepting spring and summer clothing at this time. Please be sure they are in clean and good condition. If the bin is full, please take items to other donation boxes.

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ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Northwest Economic Development Council Agency is accepting applications for the 2015 Low Income Energy Assistance Program on October 1, 2014. The programs helps low-income households through direct energy payments to their energy provider. Households with total annual income be-

low 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines may be assisted. Proof of total household income for the previous eight weeks is required to determine eligibility.

The Social Security care for each household member must be provided along with a current energy bill. Persons applying for the program should make an appointment at the Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council Office: Carroll County Service Center, 13355 Paris Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344. Phone: 731-209-4458.

EASTWOOD CHURCH BREAKFAST

Eastwood Church, located at 420 Old McKenzie Road, welcomes Bethel students for a free breakfast every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. with a very casual service to follow at 11:15 a.m. Call (731) 418-1692 for more information.

GOD PROPERTY COMMUNITY CHOIR OPEN ENROLLMENT

God Property Community Choir open enrollment starts Monday, December 8, 2014 thru Monday, January 12, 2015. Interested persons may contact Heather at 415-5596 or Martha at 418-0307.

MCKENZIE PACK 78 CUB SCOUTS BLANKET DRIVE UNTIL JANUARY 11

A blanket drive is being hosted by McKenzie Pack 78 Cub Scouts from December 1 through Sunday, January 11, 2015. Drop off locations include the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, and First Baptist Church in McKenzie. New or gently used throw blankets are appreciated. All proceeds go to local families, while remainder will go to Carl Perkins Center. Thanks for all your donations.

COMMODITY FOOD TO BE DISTRIBUTED

The Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council is distributing food to eligible area residents on January 14th and January 15th.

The food will be distributed at the Carroll County Community Action Center at 13355 West Paris Street in Huntingdon between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If your last name begins with M-Z you will come on Wednesday, January 14th. If your last name begins with

A-L you will come on Thursday, January 15th.

Everyone picking up commodities must have an orange card. No more than three cards per car. Do not line up cars before 8:00 a.m. If you have not registered, please come in as soon as possible.

Eligibility will be based on total household income not in excess of the state established maximum percentage of the poverty line for the appropriate household size. Also, anyone receiving aid from one of the following programs is eligible for USDA commodities: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly known as Food Stamps), Families First, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or documented residence in public housing.

For more information on the Commodity Food Program, Contact Amber Gilmer, County Service Manager, at 209-4458, or go by Northwest County Service Center at 13355 W. Paris Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344.

MCLEMORESVILLE CEMETERY UPKEEP FUND

The McLeMoresville Cemetery is in need of upkeep funds. Donations may be sent to: Angie Martin, P.O. Box 44, McLeMoresville, Tennessee, 38235.

CC BUDGET COMMITTEE TO MEET JANUARY 8

The Carroll County Budget Committee will meet on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Carroll County Mayor's Office, at 625 High Street, Suite 101, in Huntingdon. The public is invited to attend.

SAVE THE DATE / ANNUAL DINNER THEATER FEBRUARY 13-15

Huntingdon First Baptist Church will be presenting its annual dinner theater on Friday-Sunday, February 13, 14, and 15, 2015. More information will be announced soon.

MCKENZIE HISTORIC ZONING COMMITTEE MEETS JANUARY 8

The McKenzie Historic Zoning Committee will meet on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the council room of City Hall.

Local Students Named To Bethel University Honor Roll, Dean's List

MCKENZIE, TN – Two hundred and fifty-three students have qualified for the Honor Roll and one hundred ten other students have qualified for the Dean's List in the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Health Sciences at Bethel University for the Fall Semester, 2014.

To qualify for the Honor Roll, a traditional student must have an average of 3.70 or above on twelve or more simultaneous academic hours with no grade below C. For a traditional student to be named to the Dean's List, he or she must have completed twelve or more hours of simultaneous academic work with an average of 3.50 to 3.69 with no grade below C.

Named to the Honor Roll from Carroll County are: Kristen Birdwell of Bruceton; Kristen Voyer and Samantha Wilkes, all of Huntingdon; Ashley Barker; Jessalyn Elliott, Morgan Gilliam, Adam Horner, Victoria Jewell, Alejandra Padilla, Ramon Padilla, Jessica Quinn, and Liberty Wells, all of McKenzie; and Elizabeth Pratt of Trezevant.

Named to the Dean's List from Gleason are: Aaron Ezell, Tanna Marshall and Erica Morgan. Named to the Honor Roll from Henry is: Miguel Burgos-Garcia.

Named to the Dean's List from Carroll County are: Brittany Hollingsworth, Jesse Ray Leaver, and Haden Williams, all of Bruceton; Nicole Brown, Hunter Foster, Anna Meggs, Joshua Phelps, Ashley Villalobos, Heather Voytek, and Samantha Wilkes, all of Huntingdon; Morgan Gilliam, Adam Horner, Victoria Jewell, Alejandra Padilla, Ramon Padilla, Jessica Quinn, and Liberty Wells, all of McKenzie; and Elizabeth Pratt of Trezevant.

Named to the Dean's List from Gleason is: Katie Spain.

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Carroll County Library Lines

By Terri Wilson

The New Year is here, and I would like to say thank you to my staff, Janet, Becky, and Melinda, for doing a wonderful job during the time I have been out of the library having knee replacement surgery.

New books are being ordered, so stay tuned. These are the latest adult fiction titles: The As-

sassination Option by W.E.B. Griffin; Cold Cold Heart by Tami Hoag; Rain on the Dead by Jack Higgins; and Tom Clancy Full Force and Effect by Mark Greaney.

The library will be closed on Monday, January 19, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

McKenzie Council To Meet

The McKenzie Board Of Mayor And Council will meet Thursday, January 8 at 7 p.m. at McKenzie City Hall. The agenda is as follows:

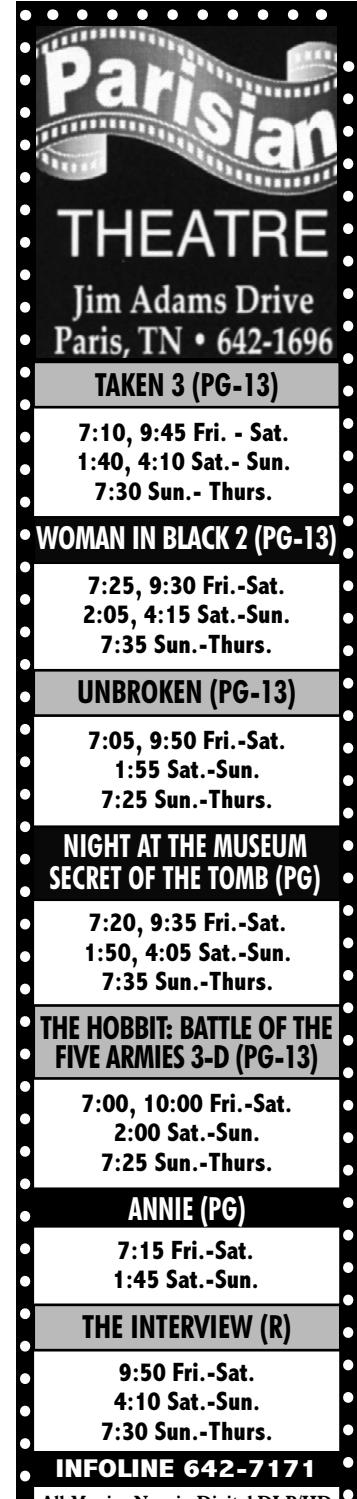
- a. Call to Order.
- b. Prayer.
- c. Pledge of Allegiance.
- d. Roll Call.
- e. Mayor's Welcome.
- f. Approval of minutes.
- g. Financial Matters.
- h. Old Business.
- i. New Business - 1. Mr. John Poole, city auditor, will be giving
- j. Any other business.
- k. Citizens Input.
- l. Council Reports.
- m. Adjournment.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 13-4-303 and 13-3-403, the McKenzie Municipal-Regional Planning Commission does hereby give notice of a public hearing to be conducted the 22nd day of January 2015 @ 4:30 p.m. within the McKenzie Municipal Center Building located at 2470 Cedar Street. The hearing is for the purpose of receiving public input regarding a resolution to amend the McKenzie Municipal-Regional Subdivision Regulations in order to allow for administrative review and approval for subdivisions consisting of solely two lots. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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McKenzie Municipal-Regional Planning Commission

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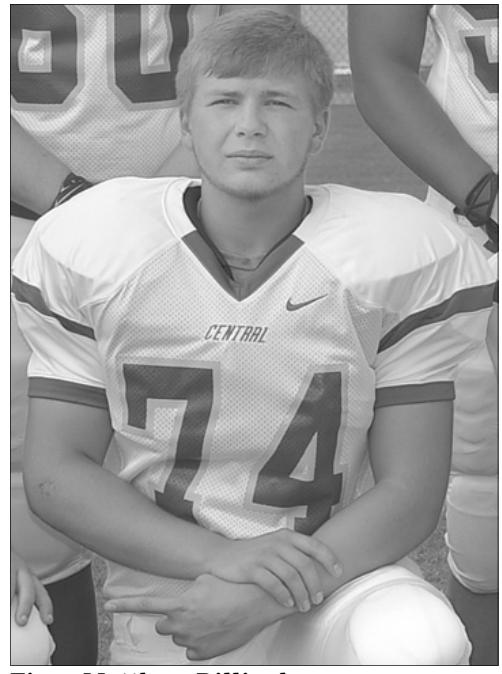
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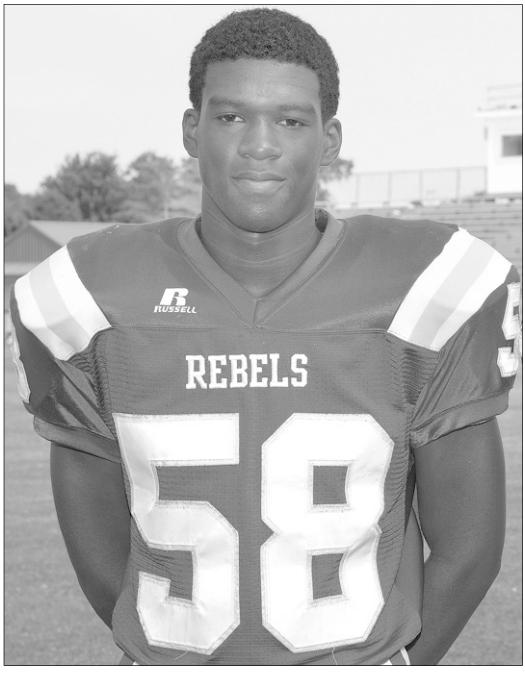
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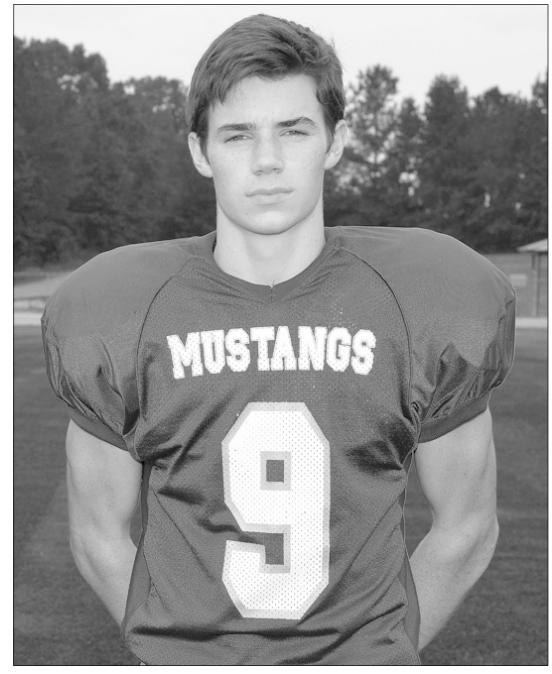
Rebel Mitch Merrick



Tiger Matthew Dillingham



Rebel Dejan McNulty



Mustang Kenneth Pruett

TSWA Names All-State Squad

Rebel Merrick, Tiger Dillingham Honored

MURFREESBORO (December 31) Via Tennessee Sportswriters Association vote, McKenzie Rebel linebacker Mitch Merrick and Hollow Rock-Bruceton defensive lineman Matthew

Dillingham were named TSWA First Team All-State.

Dresden first team selections included athlete Quincy McDonald and offensive lineman Dillon Jolley.

Class 3A area first team selections included: Camden-running back DeShawn Brown and defensive linemen Jake Scott and Dalton Whitfield; Milan-defensive back Brian Thomas.

Lady Cats Overpower Coastal Georgia, 84-50

Win Streak at Seven

BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA (January 3)- The No. 9 Bethel Lady Wildcats hit ten of their first 19 shots to grab a 29-7 lead against Coastal Georgia Saturday afternoon and never looked back winning 84-50 in a SSAC game in Brunswick, Georgia. Bethel improved to 13-2 and 5-0 in the league. CG fell to 5-10 and 0-4.

Jacqueline Street hit her first three point attempts while Martessia Williams and Tayla Foster also connected in the early run and Bethel would go on to hit eight of 14 attempts from behind

the arch in the first half and lead 47-24 at halftime. Street finished with 18 points while Foster had 16 on the day. KeKe Drake led Bethel in scoring with 20 points and grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds. Cherri Teague scored 10 points in the second half to finish in double digits. Street had four assists in the game and moved into fifth place on the all-time career assist list.

Bethel grabbed 35 defensive rebounds and limited Coastal to just one shot on most possessions for the most part the entire first half. Bethel's defense held CG to 32 percent from the floor and held all-conference per-

former Olivia Melvin to just four points and 1-of-14 from the field. She entered the game leading the Lady Mariners in scoring, averaging 17 points per game.

Lady Wildcat Head Coach Coach Chris Nelson was pleased with the game and the road trip. "Our kids played well. Jacqueline got us off to the great start while Tayla and KeKe were dominant in the paint at times. Martessia had another strong effort running our offense. I also thought Street did a great job defending Melvin. We took care of business on this trip and enjoyed some of the sights as well visiting the ocean briefly."

19 points and 13 rebounds.

Bethel Men's Head Basketball Coach Jeff Britt said his team played the way they are capable of.

He said, "That is how we are supposed to play. We showed a lot of heart and poise. Our kids battled and stayed together. We had people step up to make big plays on each end of the court. This was a huge game after losing a tough one at Brewton-Parker the night before."

Caleb Hardy and Gary Pollard combined for 49 of Bethel's 78 points. Hardy had 25 points and game high 15 rebounds. Pollard exploded for 24 points hitting five three's in the contest. Bethel had a 16-8 advantage in second chance points. The Wildcats also had a 40-30 advantage in points in the paint. Bethel had good play off the bench from Johnny Williams, Mark Vaughn, and Eddie Green. The three combined for

Bethel led 48-37 at the break. Nelson added, "We had a great effort on defense following the break. I thought Martessia had a really good game. She ran the offense and did a good job getting the ball to her open teammates. Tayla and KeKe gave us the offense we needed and proved to be tough match-ups for them. Our bench gave us some good minutes and that was important because of our game tomorrow to stay within striking distance."

Wildcats Overtake Mariners, 78-68

BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA (January 3)- The Bethel Wildcats trailed by as many as eight points in the first half but fought back to catch the Mariners of Coastal Georgia at 37 at the break. That effort would enable the Cats to gain momentum and eventually the Wildcats would pull away from the home team in the last nine minutes of the second half and win 78-68. Bethel improved to 12-4 overall and 3-2 in the SSAC. CG fell to 3-12 and 1-3.

Lady Cats Defeat Brewton-Parker, 91-58

MT. VERNON, GEORGIA (January 2)- The No. 9 Bethel Lady Wildcats won their sixth straight game with a convincing 91-58 SSAC victory at Brewton-Parker.

Bethel improved to 12-2 overall and remained undefeated in conference action at 4-0. BPC fell to 2-13 and 0-3.

The Lady Wildcats used a strong second half defensive effort holding the Lady Barons to just five field goals in the period. The Lady Wildcats shot 57 percent from the field hit-

ting 36-of-63 attempts. Bethel is 11-0 when out-shooting their opponents. Tayla Foster led the attack with 25 points. KeKe Drake followed with 21 points while Martessia Williams finished with 10 points.

Williams also had six assists and seven rebounds. Briana McClain led BPC with 19 points. Bethel Women's Basketball Head Coach Chris Nelson said, "We had some defensive issues in the first half allowing them to stay within striking distance."

Bethel led 48-37 at the break. Nelson added, "We had a great effort on defense following the break. I thought Martessia had a really good game. She ran the offense and did a good job getting the ball to her open teammates. Tayla and KeKe gave us the offense we needed and proved to be tough match-ups for them. Our bench gave us some good minutes and that was important because of our game tomorrow to stay within striking distance."

Bethel Wildcats Fall to Barons, 68-65

MT. VERNON, GEORGIA (January 2)- The Bethel Wildcats dropped a tough decision on the road at Brewton-Parker losing to the Barons 68-65. Bethel fell to 11-4 and 2-2 in Southern States Athletic Conference play. BPC improved to 10-2 overall and 3-0 in league action.

The Wildcats trailed by as many as eight (34-26) in the first half but battled back and led at the half 42-39. The Cats led by as many as five on several occasions but in the end it was the

Barons remaining undefeated at home this season at 6-0. Bethel struggled in the second half shooting just 22 percent from the floor and hitting just 9-of-16 free throws in the second period. The game marked the first time this season Bethel has lost after leading at halftime.

Caleb Hardy led Bethel with 15 points. Marcus Burnett had 12 points and nine rebounds. Cole Nelson had 11 points. Antwain Conerly led the Barons

with 16 points. Bethel Coach Jeff Britt commented, "I am proud of the way our kids battled. We had our chances but in the end our poor shooting cost us. Marcus Burnett played well and gave a great effort. It was good to have Gary back. He struggled from the field but we are confident he will find his range as he comes back from his injury. We have to shake this loss off and get ready for another tough road game at Coastal tomorrow."

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scored Huntingdon 29-13 via the production of Tristen Jarrett (7), Detarion Boyd (7), Montravious Washington (trey), Delk (trey), Davidson (trey), Jalen Benton (2), Benjamin Dix (2), and Dedre Boyd (1). Huntingdon was paced in the third frame by Keeton Bailey (trey and charity toss), Anderson (deuce and free throw conversion), and respective two-pointers by Kreuziger, Johnson, and Tyrese Mebane.

Undaunted, Mustang Kreuziger challenged the Tomcats by netting two deuces off the glass and Devin Brown banked a trey from the right side. Haywood reserves Washington added two treys, Kentavious Wilson notched a trey and deuce, and Keyshawn Brummett and Kentarius Jones added deuces to cruise to an 88-39 win.

Huntingdon was led via the production of Dedre Boyd (13), Detarion Boyd (11), Vardano (10), Washington (9), Davidson (8), Douglas (8), Tristen Jarrett (8), Delk (7), Wilson (5), Brummett (2), Benton (2), Dix (2), and Jones (2).

Haywood was paced via the production of Dedre Boyd (13), Detarion Boyd (11), Vardano (10), Washington (9), Davidson (8), Douglas (8), Tristen Jarrett (8), Delk (7), Wilson (5), Brummett (2), Benton (2), Dix (2), and Jones (2).

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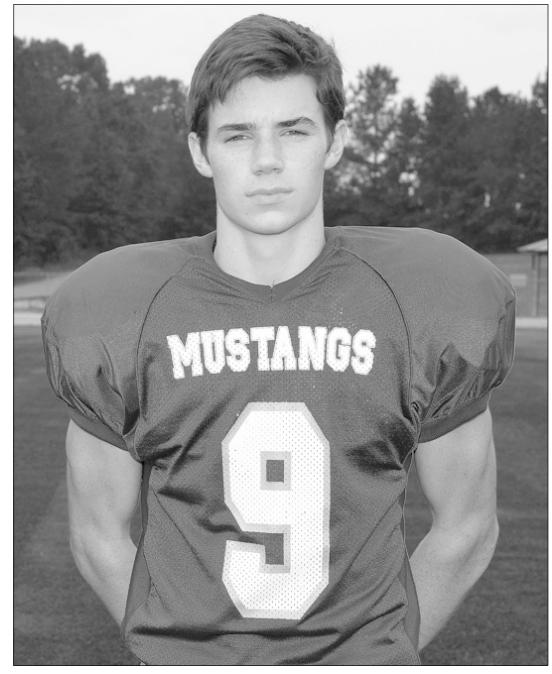
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Rebel Dejan McNulty



Mustang Kenneth Pruett

Jackson Sun Names All-West Tennessee Football Squad

Rebel McNulty, Mustang Pruett Nab First Team

Per Jackson Sun sportswriter's vote, McKenzie linebacker Dejan McNulty and Huntingdon defensive back Kenneth Pruett were selected to the newspaper's All-West Tennessee First Team Defensive squad.

All-West Tennessee Honor-

able Mention include: McKenzie-Noah Lowrance, Jack Surber, Mitch Merrick, Kenneth Taylor; West Carroll-Dalton Weaver, Michael Huff; Huntingdon-Dylan Johnson, Brandon Baker, Rocky Bolen, Michael Arnhold; Hollow Rock-

Bruceton-Matthew Dillingham, Andrew Willis, Dylan Brown, Cabe Sala, Kaelin Willis; Dresden-Dillon Jolley, Dylan Yates, Jordan Mitchell; Gleason-Alec Zills; Greenfield-Miles Cavitt.

Area Sports Calendar January 8-15

January 8 (Thursday): 3:00 p.m.-Carroll Academy Basketball at Clarksburg High School / Beth Haven of Kentucky Basketball at Carroll Academy.

January 9 (Friday): 6:00 p.m.-McKenzie High School Basketball at West Carroll High School / Dresden High School Basketball at Big Sandy / Gibson County High School Basketball at West Carroll High School.

January 10 (Saturday): 10:00 a.m.-Huntingdon High School Basketball at Hollow Rock-Bruceton High School / Gleason High School Basketball at McKenzie High School.

School Basketball at Clarksburg High School / Beth Haven of Kentucky Basketball at Carroll Academy.

January 12 (Monday): 6:00 p.m.-Carroll Academy Basketball at Big Sandy High School / Gibson County High School Basketball at West Carroll High School.

January 13 (Tuesday): 6:00 p.m.-Huntingdon High School Basketball at McKenzie High School.

School / Hollow Rock-Bruceton High School Basketball at Dresden High School / Clarksburg High School Basketball at Big Sandy / Gleason High School Basketball at West Carroll High School.

January 15 (Thursday): Noon-Carroll Academy Basketball at Hollow Rock-Bruceton, 6:00 p.m.-McKenzie High School Basketball at Humboldt.

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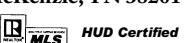
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shot-at-goal, Lady War Eagle Head Coach Anna Trull signaled for a timeout to plot strategy. Inbounding the ball, West Carroll's Melton drove into the paint and was fouled. Stepping to the line, Melton swished two critical free throw attempts to widen the Lady War Eagle lead to 45-41 at the 1:18 mark. Continuing her solid rebounding performance, Heckert nabbed the ensuing Lady Tiger missed shot and the Lady War Eagles spread the court via four-corner offensive passing to drain the clock. Frustrated, a Lexington

player committed a flagrant foul on Clark ensuring a two-shot penalty and West Carroll possession. With 33.6 clicks remaining in the contest, Clark blocked out the intense cheering of the Lexington crowd and converted one of two charity tosses as Lexington called timeout trailing 47-41. Inbounding the ball, Lexington attempted a three-pointer that rimmed-out and was nabbed by West Carroll. Racing across midcourt, Lady War Eagle Clark collected the long pass and scored off the glass as the Lady War Eagles celebrated their 49-41 win and unblemished win streak.

West Carroll was led via the scoring of Heckert (18), Melton (10), Depriest (9), Clark (9), and

Patterson (3). Lexington was paced by Hale (25), Kelley (7), Bromley (3), Jackie Arnold (2), Kalie Grant (2), Adrienne Taylor (1), and Howard (1).

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Left: Lady War Eagle Madison Heckert scores over Lady Tiger defenders. (photo by Ernie Smothers); Center: Lady Rebel Infinity McClerkin (10) attacks the paint. (photo by Joel Washburn); Top Right: Rebel Tyree Owens (2) led all scorers with 23 points. (photo by J. Washburn); and Bottom Right: Fillies Allyn Swenson (11) drives to the hoop. (photo by E. Smothers)

Huntingdon Point Guard Christmas Classic Lady War Eagles Overtake Lady Tigers, Remain Unbeaten

By Ernie Smothers

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HUNTINGDON (December 30) In a highly-anticipated showdown punctuated by ten lead changes, undefeated West Carroll trailed a fast-and-furious Lexington squad, 30-22, with 3:29 remaining in the third period. Rallying via stifling defense and the scoring by Madison Heckert, Deidra Clark, and Alexis Patterson to cut the Lady Tigers lead to 33-31 at the start of the fourth clip. Ramping up, West Carroll coupled patience with clutch inside scoring and free throw conversions by Depriest, Emani Melton and Heckert to outscore Lexington 18-8 in the final period to defeat the Lady Tigers, 49-41, and preserve their unblemished winning record.

Lady War Eagles 49,
Lady Tigers 41

Intent on stopping West Carroll's (13-0) unbeaten run, Lexington jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead via Adi Hale jumper and Kaitlyn Kelley two-pointer in the paint. Responding, Lady War Eagle Madison notched

consecutive deuces off the glass to knot the contest, 4-4, at the 5:05 mark of the first canto. Lady Tiger Hale's two charity swishes were matched by a pair of Heckert free throws before Emani Melton's netted a deuce off the glass and Deidra Clark scored via putback to give West Carroll an 10-8 lead at the end of the first stanza.

Resuming play in the second square, Lady Tiger Hale netted a deuce that was answered by Lady War Eagle Adria Depriest's three-bomb. Hale countered with a trifecta from the top-of-the-key and added a coast-to-coast deuce off the glass. Melton converted two charity tosses before Lexington's Brilee Bromley drained a long trey from the right side and assisted Hale in the paint to give her team a 21-16 lead over West Carroll at the half.

Imposing their will, Lexington utilized a three-ball by Hale, Nebreyah Howard assist to Hale down low and Hale steal-and-score to widen their lead over the Lady War Eagles, 30-22. Regrouping, West Carroll returned to the court after a

timeout and began to methodically chip away at Lexington's lead via a Patterson deuce and free throw toss, a Clark to Heckert assist, a deuce in the paint by Melton, and two drives to the hoop by Clark to trail at the start of the fourth quarter, 33-31.

Digging deep, West Carroll took the lead early in the final canto via Depriest deuce in the paint and free throw conversion. Following single free throw conversions by Hale and Kelley, Heckert assisted Depriest down low to give West Carroll narrow, 36-35 lead at the 5:49 mark. Countering, the Lady Tigers knotted the contest, 37-37, via Hale to Kelley assist. Determined, Lexington took the lead, 41-37, as Kelley scored off the glass and Hale netted a putback. Exerting her will in the paint, Heckert scored via consecutive offense boards and putbacks as West Carroll took the lead, 43-41, with 1:57 left in regulation. Napping Lexington's ensuing

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Rebels Defeat Hornets, 64-61

HUNTINGDON (December 30) In Huntingdon Point Guard Christmas Classic basketball action, the McKenzie Rebels coupled Tyree Owens' game-high 23 points with the strong rebounding and 18-point performance of Edwin Dudley to defeat an athletic and determined South Gibson squad, 64-61.

Rebels 64, Hornets 61

In an evenly-matched first frame of play, Rebel Tyree Owens netted ten points to counter Hornet Tristian Anthony's eight-point performance as McKenzie and South Gibson battled to a 17-17 tie at the end of the first period.

Slowing the tempo in the sec-

ond period, McKenzie united respective two-deuce performances by Owens and Chase Kelley and a pair of charity swishes by Jack Surber to outscore South Gibson, 10-7, and narrowly lead at the break, 27-24.

Resuming play in the third stanza, Hornet Anthony nailed two trifectas and added two charity swishes as South Gibson matched McKenzie's 16-point production but trailed at the start of the fourth quarter, 43-40. The Rebels were led offensively in the third canto via the production of Owens (4), Dudley (4), Surber (trey), Kelley (2), Brandon Baucum (2), and Montryll Robinson (1).

Imposing his will in the final square, McKenzie center Dudley controlled the boards on both ends of the court while netting four deuces and a free throw swish. Undaunted, South Gibson's Hayden Lewis netted a trey, three deuces, and two charity conversions as the Hornets matched McKenzie 16-point production before falling, 64-61.

McKenzie was paced via the scoring of Owens (23), Dudley (18), Kelley (9), Surber (7), Robinson (5), and Baucum (2).

South Gibson was paced via the production of Anthony (21), Lewis (15), Logan Dyess (11), Jordan Cobb (7), and Cody Cox (7).

Lady Lions Nip Lady Rebels, 76-49

HUNTINGDON (December 30) In Huntingdon Point Guard Christmas Basketball Clas-

sic action, McKenzie, despite the production of Lady Rebel Anna Comer (24 points including three treys), fell to Camden, 76-49. The Lady Lions were paced via the scoring of Kristen Capps (17), Baylee Pafford (13), Brittney Minor (13), and Raegan Taylor (11).

Balancing long-range scoring with inside point production, Camden utilized the scoring of Paige Hampton (trey, deuce), Pafford (two deuces and charity toss), respective treys by Jenna Taylor and

Raegan Taylor, and deuces by Karlie Hudson, Capps, and Minor to lead McKenzie at the end of the first period, 22-13. McKenzie was paced offensively in the first canto by Carissa Britt (4), Jacey Davis (4), Comer (trey), Samantha Byers (two charity swishes), and Infinity McClerkin (free throw conversion).

The Lady Rebels were paced offensively by game-high scorer Comer (24), McClerkin (9), Britt (6), Byers (5), Davis (3), and Bailey Nelson (2).

Camden was led via the production of Capps (17), Pafford (13), Minor (13), R. Taylor (11), Hudson (10), Hampton (8), J. Taylor (3), and Payton Hunt (1).

Tomcats Bridle Mustangs, 88-39

By Ernie Smothers

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HUNTINGDON (December 30) Despite the inspired play of Mustang Ethan Kreuziger (trey, two deuces in the paint), Haywood coupled the limited playing-time performance of All-State ace Jordan Varnado (dunk, two treys, two deuces) with the marksmanship of 12 players to defeat Huntingdon, 88-39.

Tomcats 88, Mustangs 39

Erupting offensively from the opening tip, Haywood employed a Vardano putback, Kyler Douglas steal-and-score, James Davidson three-bomb to take an early, 7-0 lead. Countering, Mus-

tang Macon Bullock ripped a three-pointer from the right corner. Responding, Tomcat Alandis Delk laced a deuce, Detarion Boyd nailed a trey from the right corner, Douglas scored in the paint, and Varnado bottomed an NBA-length three-bomb from the top-of-the-key to widen their lead to 17-3. Mustang Bullock netted a jumper and Sadarius Hutcherson converted a free throw before Detarion Boyd launched a buzzer-beating three-ball from the right corner as Haywood led at the end of the first frame, 19-6.

Following Mustang Hutcherson's putback and a Tyrese McBane steal-and-score, Haywood

responded with a Douglas deuce, a Boyd trey and charity toss, a Varnado NBA-length three, and another Boyd trey to widen their lead, 31-10, at the 3:59 mark. Huntingdon countered via Davion Anderson drive and Dylan Johnson three-ball from the right side before Haywood added a Boyd baseline deuce, a Douglas jumper, a Delk two-pointer, and Davidson three-arc lead at the half, 41-15.

Resuming play in the second half, Tomcat Varnado delivered a two-handed dunk before exiting the contest. Emptying their bench, Haywood out-

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Fillies Dominate Lady Hornets, 63-41

By Ernie Smothers

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HUNTINGDON (December 30) In Huntingdon Point Guard Christmas Classic basketball action, the Huntingdon Fillies utilized the dominating inside performance of Kaitlin Belew (26) and respective ten-point productions of Allyn Swenson and Jesica Keith to dominate South Gibson, 63-41.

Fillies 63, Lady Hornets 41

In a nip-tuck first period of play, South Gibson took an early 3-0 lead via right corner three-bomb by Emily Parrett. Huntingdon employed a deuce off the glass by Kaitlin Belew and two Jesica Keith two-pointers in the paint to take the lead, 6-3, at the 4:01 mark. After nearly two minutes of scoreless action, Lady Hornet Fraylee Lashlee bottomed a long trifecta from the right side to knot the contest, 6-6, at the 2:18 mark.

Huntingdon responded as Allyn Swenson assisted Belew in the paint before Lashlee swished a deuce and two three-bombs to tie the contest at the end of the first canto, 12-12.

Fillies Belew's deuce inside early in the second frame was answered by Caylee Hardee's two-point jumper and three-ball as South Gibson led, 17-14, at the 6:45 mark of the second block. Following a two-pointer by Lady Hornet Hope Neyman, Huntingdon countered with a Keith putback, Belew deuce in the paint and Taylor Smith jumper to recapture the lead, 20-19, at the 4:03 mark. Belew added a charity swish and deuce and Smith scored via drive to extend Huntingdon's lead to 25-19 before Parrett nailed a trey from the right side. In the final seconds of the second quarter, Belew scored off the glass to give the Fillies a 27-22 lead at the half.

The Fillies were paced via the production of Belew (26), Swenson (10), Keith (10), Smith (7), Angelos (6), and Webb (4).

South Gibson was led offensively by Parrett (12), Lashlee (9), Caylee Hardee (7), Rachel Cianciola (7), Neyman (4), and Gabbi Helton (2).

Limiting South Gibson to five points in the third period, Huntingdon tied notched four deuces and three charity swishes by Belew with a left side three-pointer by Swenson, a deuce by Keith, and two charity strip conversions by Grace Angelos to lead the Lady Hornets at the start of the fourth period, 45-27.

In the final period, Fillies' Swenson and LeAnn Webb netted four free throws respectively, Smith added two deuces, Belew notched two two-pointers down low and Smith added two charity tosses as Huntingdon rolled to a 63-41 win.

The Fillies were paced via the production of Belew (26), Swenson (10), Keith (10), Smith (7), Angelos (6), and Webb (4).

South Gibson was led offensively by Parrett (12), Lashlee (9), Caylee Hardee (7), Rachel Cianciola (7), Neyman (4), and Gabbi Helton (2).

tang Macon Bullock ripped a three-pointer from the right corner. Responding, Tomcat Alandis Delk laced a deuce, Detarion Boyd nailed a trey from the right corner, Douglas scored in the paint, and Varnado bottomed an NBA-length three-bomb from the top-of-the-key to widen their lead to 17-3. Mustang Bullock netted a jumper and Sadarius Hutcherson converted a free throw before Detarion Boyd launched a buzzer-beating three-ball from the right corner as Haywood led at the end of the first frame, 19-6.

Following Mustang Hutcherson's putback and a Tyrese McBane steal-and-score, Haywood

responded with a Douglas deuce, a Boyd trey and charity toss, a Varnado NBA-length three, and another Boyd trey to widen their lead, 31-10, at the 3:59 mark. Huntingdon countered via Davion Anderson drive and Dylan Johnson three-ball from the right side before Haywood added a Boyd baseline deuce, a Douglas jumper, a Delk two-pointer, and Davidson three-arc lead at the half, 41-15.

Resuming play in the second half, Tomcat Varnado delivered a two-handed dunk before exiting the contest. Emptying their bench, Haywood out-

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