

NEWS



Sue Kelley died at the age of 103 last week. She was a retired teacher. She and Lanier Mabry, another retired teacher, grew up together, graduated McKenzie High School and Bethel College together, and then taught together at McKenzie Elementary School. Mrs. Mabry is a resident of McKenzie Healthcare Center. Above, They are pictured at the 100th birthday of Mrs. Mabry in 2015. Below, Sue Kelley in the year 2015 near her 100th birthday.

SUE KELLEY 1915 — 2019

A Tribute from 2015: Sue Kelley to Reach Century Mark

BY BRAD SAM

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Sue Childers Kelley will turn 100 years old on Friday, September 25, 2015. The lifelong McKenzian recently sat down for an interview with The Banner to discuss the milestone and look back on a life well-lived.

Mrs. Sue was born September 25, 1915, to George and Hattie Childers.

"It's just unbelievable when I think about it... 100 years!" said Mrs. Sue, adding, "And I'm well!"

While friends and family joke that her longevity is attributed to eating chocolate, walking, and playing bridge, Mrs. Sue says, "The Good Lord left me here for a reason."

Her daughter, Susan Bone, explained that she and her husband, David, moved back to McKenzie from Missouri just over a decade ago, and Mrs. Sue resides with them. "We came back to take care of her, but haven't really had to," she said.

Mrs. Sue agrees that she's had great health, an enviable memory, and spunk. She still walks some everyday, is an avid reader, and watches plenty of



sports. Lately, she enjoys playing dominoes with her daughter, mainly in the winter. Susan says that her mother beats her just about every time. "She's competitive."

A competitive nature and love of sports are nothing new for Mrs. Sue. She played three-court basketball at McKenzie High School's Blue Cyclones and half court at Bethel College.

In 1930, she was a member of

the very first McKenzie Homecoming royalty.


She was blessed with a group of lifetime friends who grew up together and remained close into adulthood. Eight of the friends played bridge every other Thursday for over 50 years. Mrs. Sue played at the Senior Citizens' Center into her 90's.

She taught in McKenzie public schools for 34 years. Teaching at several levels early, she settled in at first grade until she retired in 1981.

Mrs. Sue has attended First Presbyterian Church USA for all of her 100 years. She is a 70-year charter member of the Eula Thorne Circle.

Her husband, the late Bill Kelley, was an electrical engineer for TVA. He died in 1981.

She has one son, Bill Kelley and wife, Peggy, from Germantown, and one daughter, Susan Bone and husband, David, from McKenzie. She has four grandchildren, Kim Kelley, Kelley Bumgardner, Karen Walker, and Skeeter Bone. She also has eight great-grandchildren, Corrie, Corrine, and Max Walker, Riley and Kennedy Bumgardner, Ally and Adryan Darnell, and Alex Bone.




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Demetra Perkins

So Much More Than Just a Classroom Teacher

BY JASON AND
BRITTANY MARTIN

Demetra Perkins was not an ordinary human being, she was so much more. She was a true gem to the McKenzie community; to know Demetra was to love Demetra. At first glance no one would think she was a warrior, but she was as true soldier in life. Looking at her life, she was the epitome of a warrior; in determination, in spirit, in love and in Christ.

Stricken with polio at a very early age, young Demetra was paralyzed from the neck down. One of the first cases in Gibson County, she was transported to Memphis and was quarantined. Forced to stay a full year in the Memphis Hospital, little Demetra was given news that she would never live a normal life. But her sheer determination proved the medical community wrong.

Demetra noted her illness as a, "dark moment that I realized I could not face life alone. I knew that God would have to walk with me ever step, guide me, assure me, and give me the strength to face life unafraid."

She placed her faith in the Lord and made Philipians 4:13 (KJV) "I can do all things through Christ who strengthenth me" her personal mantra. The determined little warrior left the hospital with the ability to walk but a paralyzed left arm, Betsy, was her battle wound against polio.

As life presented its challenges to Demetra, she never accepted her paralysis as an excuse for failure. She faced the challenges head-on and battled her way to success.

"With the undergirding faith God provided, I then faced life as it presented itself. I eventually played basketball, tennis and golf, and led an active life."

At the age of twelve, Demetra's love for Bethel University bloomed. Her older brother, Harold Scott, served as the starting center for the Wildcat basketball team for four years. When it came time for her to select her college of choice, she chose Bethel.

During her time at Bethel, the young lady flourished on campus where she served as the secretary of the student council and was elected "Miss Bethel." It was on campus where she met her future husband, Ed Perkins, who was student body president. After graduation, the couple married and made their home in McKenzie for the next 58 years.

Demetra took on the role of classroom teacher for over 30 years. She started teaching reading and coached basketball at Cannon Elementary School in Huntingdon for three years. In 1963, she began her tenure at McKenzie Elementary. It is at McKenzie where Demetra made her lasting mark on so many children.

Now known as Mrs. Perkins to McKenzie, Demetra once again proved she was not run-of-the-mill. The new teacher became a fixture in the life of her students. Prior to the beginning of the school year, she made home visits to each of her students. She wanted to make the connection early with the student and learn about his or her home life.

Demetra knew that teaching was an art and a science. She understood a master teacher does not use a one-size-fits-all approach. By going into the homes, she learned of the students' needs and she could adapt the material in a meaningful manner; this enabled every student to achieve success. Demetra took the time to help the student grow. She showed encouragement and never had discipline problems in her classroom.

Teachable moments were also important to Mrs. Perkins, especially when it came to Betsy.

"During my 34 years of teaching elementary school, one thing that never changed was the introduction each year of a very important member of the class, Betsy. Betsy was there to teach every child about diversity, that one can still function well despite obvious differences."

"Betsy, I told them, was my polio souvenir. I explained the history of Betsy as a way to refer to my paralyzed left arm which became an educational tool to show the class that I didn't always do everything just the way they did, but I still did it. I challenged the class to understand they could accomplish so much



more than they thought they could if only they would expand their horizons."

Mona Martin Batchelor provided an anecdote that truly tells the story of Mrs. Perkins:

I knew early on that McKenzie Elementary School would have a new teacher in the third grade for the coming year and that I had hit the lottery. Mother received a phone call and I was to be in her class! The funny story was that she had to ask around to find out who M A R T I N, R A Y M O N was. No one knew of a little Martin boy named Raymond. Miss Perkins finally discovered that, my parents wishing for a boy, had named me Raymona, rather than Ramona. Mystery solved.

From that moment on, for the rest of the summer, I put my ear to the ground. I planned to learn everything I could about my new teacher. By listening carefully as the adults talked (that's how we gathered information in those days), I managed to learn that her husband was a man I heard on the radio sometimes. I also learned that she was tall, beautiful, and fashionable. Finally, I learned that I would 'learn' about Betsy when school began.

The first day of school arrived and I strode into third grade with that same air of confidence I had gained from "Miss" Sue Kelley back in second grade. Note, I come from a strong primary education game, if there were any doubt.

Was I surprised to discover that 'Betsy' was Miss Demetra's left arm that simply refused to grow after a childhood illness? No, not at all. Miss Perkins made certain that we understood Betsy made her unique rather than limited. Within the first day or so of school, she was demonstrating how she could tie her shoes and challenging us to learn her method of one hand tying.

Throughout that year, I flourished. Miss Demetra's class was edgy, innovative. We learned Spanish that I recall to this very day. When she could not find a direct translation for Raymona, she named me Rosa, and I liked it.

Someone reminded me last week of her bringing Alpha-Bits cereal to class and doling it out to us for spelling/reading practice. Afterward, we got to "Eat our Words!"

I remember spelling bees every Friday, something I loved. I remember always being challenged, and I remember basking in the glow of a woman who loved her students, a woman who always went the extra mile to make each student feel special.

With her death, many left comments on social media regarding her impact on their lives:

Tammy Hearn Goodrum, "I had Mrs. Perkins for my 5th grade teacher. I remember her teaching us some Spanish and because of her I know how to sing The Ten Little Indian Boys in Spanish!"

Tina Hart Umstead, "My mother passed away the year I was in Mrs. Perkins' class. She was so loving and understanding. She played a big part in helping me get through such a traumatic event in my life."

Tina Deaton, "I had Ms. Perkins, I want to say my 5th or 6th grade year. She always had a smile and was willing to help her students. She will be missed. I would also like to say even after I graduated I saw her a few times

and she still had that smile. And it was a privilege to have met her and have her as a teacher. She was a great person to have known."

Lindsey Reid Barnett, "I remember her teaching phonics. I can still hear and see her teaching the schwa sound/symbol."

The impact of Demetra's life goes far beyond the classroom. Her proudest moments came with the birth of her daughter Dee Ann and then birth of her granddaughter Drew. Demetra was not one to brag or boast, but when she spoke of her family it was with a sense of pride and excitement. She also took pride in the achievements of her former students because she helped in their growth towards success.

As a spiritual warrior and mentor, Demetra along with Mary Sue Morrow were elected the first female elders of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in McKenzie. Her church family was just as important as her natural family. She wanted everyone to know and develop a love for Christ just as she had done at an early age.

Cathy Stambaugh told of Demetra's true love of humanity, "Every time I saw Mrs. Demetra she always had a smile on her face and was always so very kind. After I broke my arm and had a screw put in, I was at church and shoe was untied. She told me, 'Cathey your shoe's untied.' I told her Jimmy was at the back of church talking and I was going to get him to tie it. Well she sat down and tied my shoe and told me I could do anything, don't blame my broken arm... Boy I really felt bad but from then on I stopped feeling sorry for myself and found out she was correct! I will miss her smiling face in church. Lovely, Lovely Lady Godspeed Mrs. Demetra"

Gail West made a comment that was a true testament of Demetra's life, "Demetra's impact for good in this world can never be measured. To meet her was to be inspired by her. To know her was to know grace, dignity and the force of sheer determination embodied. She influenced so many who have, in turn, gone on to influence so many more. The ripple effect of Demetra Perkins will go on forever as will her example of faith and faithfulness."

Diagnosed with cancer, she was given six months to live. Demetra, the warrior, refused to accept the death sentence. She stayed positive and challenged death. With her mental and spiritual strength, she fought her battle for five years, showing she could do anything through the strength of Christ.

There is no way to sum up the life of Demetra Perkins in a quantitative sense. For 80 years, she was Mrs. Perkins. She lived her life to the fullest. Her husband said, "Demetra lived her life by four priorities; God, family, helping others, and friends. She left a legacy of a caring life well-lived. She was a spiritual warrior!"

Demetra Perkins was a testament of Christianity for McKenzie, Bethel University, First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and all those who came to know her. She is an irreplaceable gem in the community. She taught the world to excel and accept nothing but excellence through her unparalleled love and faith.

MSSD Students Off Extra Half Day if Rebels Win Thursday

Students at McKenzie Special School District will receive an extra one-half day off if the McKenzie High School Boys Basketball Team wins on Thursday at the Class 1A state basketball tournament in Murfreesboro.

The games are slated for Thursday, Friday, and Satur-

day in the single-elimination state tournament. Thursday is the quarter-final, Friday is the semi-final, and Saturday is the championship game.

Students were already scheduled to be out of school Thursday, March 14 for Data Day and Parent -Teacher Conference.

That conference will be rescheduled to a later date.

If the MHS boys win Thursday and advance to the Friday semi-final game, the school will dismiss 11:30 a.m. Friday. If the MHS boys lose Thursday, then Friday will be a regular school day.

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Pat Watkins (left) of McKenzie receives a free blood sugar and lipid profile administered by HCMC Medical Technologist Carolyn Chilcutt. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

Henry County Medical Center Hosts McKenzie Health Fair

BY BRAD SAM

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McKENZIE (March 8) — Henry County Medical Center hosted a health fair Friday at McKenzie City Hall.

According to Lori Stambaugh, RN, HCMC Community Educator, the event was intended to inform McKenzie residents of the services available at the Paris medical campus, especially given the recent loss of McKenzie Regional Hospital.

A variety of free screenings were offered, including osteoporosis, body mass index, cholesterol with full lipid panel, blood sugar and blood pressure.

There were also pharmacists on hand to answer questions about medications. Tennessee Donor Services provided information on the importance of organ donation and how to become a donor.

There was information available about HCMC's physician practices, and there were giveaways of promotional items and snacks.

About Henry County Medical Center

Located in Paris, Tennessee, Henry County Medical Center is a progressive, integrated healthcare organization committed to serving the healthcare needs of Henry County and the adjoining region. Including a 142-bed hospital and other facilities, the medical center provides a variety of outpatient services, as well as inpatient care. Henry County Medical Center is a county-owned and operated nonprofit institution. For more information, visit www.hcmc-tn.org.



Emily Bolin with State of Tenn. VFW Commander Mike Rhew and Ruby Abner-Porter, State Auxiliary President. This picture was taken during the parade of winners where each of the states was announced individually in alphabetical order.

Bolin

...From Front Page

the local, district, state and national awards total \$2,800. She also received the newest edition Dell laptop computer with VFW engraved on the cover and a laptop case.

Emily will attend the University of Tenn. at Martin this fall where those scholarships will be applied to further her education.

While in Washington, she had the opportunity to tour the historical landmarks as well as

visit the White House.

Overall, Emily has won the local McKenzie/Carroll County and district VOD contests in 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19, when she won state. She finished second in the local and district her freshman year to older sister, Lexie, who won first in both contests. Emily won first in local and district for the middle school Patriot's Pen contest in 2014-2015 school year. Lexie, has her own bragging rights, winning the local four years in the VOD, district her senior year (2016), district, and state in the VFW contests. She finished eighth in the nation in the Patriot's Pen in 2012 and received a \$3,500 savings bond.

Emily is the daughter of Stephanie Bolin and the late James Bolin. She is an Honor Student, a member of the Beta Club, DECA, History Club, and Library Club. She is a three-year member of the MHS Cheer Team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Teachers of America, and two-year member of the Lady Rebels softball team.

She works part-time at McKenzie Banking Company. She and her family are members of the First United Methodist Church-McKenzie. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Emily Archer, Pat Bolin and the late William Bolin.

Chase

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Huntingdon with a rollover crash as he came to the end of Lexington Street and failed to negotiate the turn to enter State Route 22 South.

Arrested was Michael Priestly Jowers, 35, of Spring Street, Lexington. He was driving a 2004 Ford Focus, registered to David A. Kincaid of Denmark, Tennessee.

Sheriff Andy Dickson said

the chase started in Lexington as U.S. Marshals pursued the vehicle. He traveled into Madison County on State Route 412, where he almost hit the vehicle of Trooper Matt Williams, who pursued him into Carroll County. Dickson said his department gave pursuit. Dispatcher Jamie Summers provided the location and speed, up to 100 miles per hour, of the department's pursuit vehicle during the chase. Dickson said he went to Terry Road, U.S. 70, and made his way into Huntingdon, where the city's officers joined the chase. A passenger in the vehicle,

Amber Nicole Kincaid, 29, was throwing things out the window of the fleeing vehicle, according to the report filed by HPD. Charges are expected later for the passenger.

He was transported to Baptist Hospital-Carroll County for observation and then to Carroll County Jail, where he was incarcerated until being transferred to Henderson County. She was also transported to Baptist for treatment of minor injuries.

He was charged by HPD with felony reckless driving and felony evading.

Owens

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guns had a street value of between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

Working with the Carroll

County Sheriff's Department, the 24th Judicial Drug Task Force, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, investigators from the Weakley County Sheriff's Department arrested Scottie Nicodemus Owens,

37, of Carroll County. He is charged with aggravated burglary and theft of over \$10,000. As of Monday, March 11, nine of the stolen guns have been recovered. Owens was released on a \$25,000 bond. The case is still under investigation.

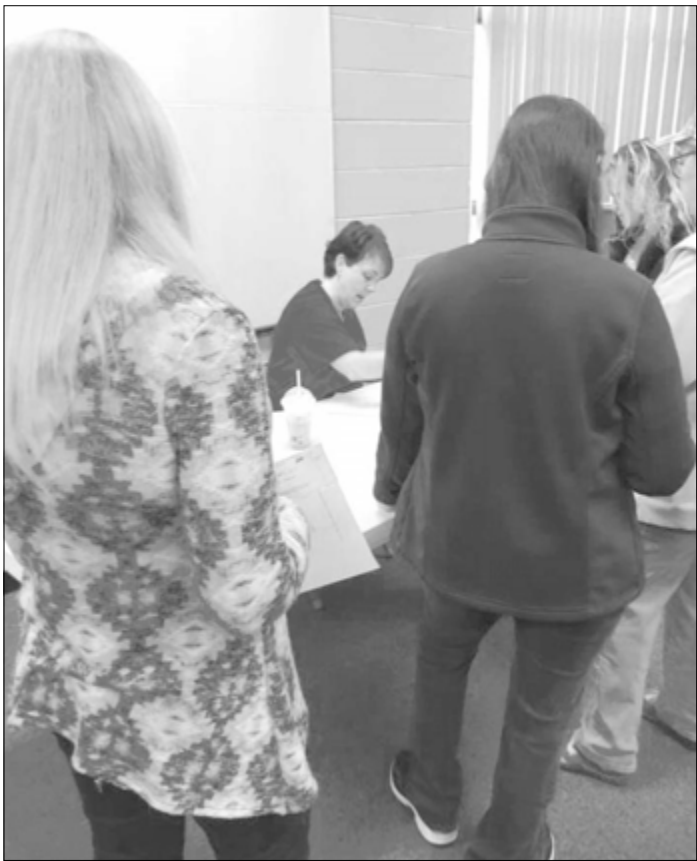
CPR, Bissell Pet Foundation Help Local Dog Owners

On Saturday, March 2, a long line of people filed into the training room at McKenzie City Hall to take advantage of low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for their dogs. Companion Pet Rescue (CPR) based in Jackson offered the services via a grant from the Bissell Pet Foundation. Volunteers from CPR and a representative from Paris Vet Clinic, the participating vet clinic, were there to help pet owners fill out the paperwork and schedule appointments.

There was enough money in this grant cycle for 70 surgeries, and a local donor contributed to make the first 50 surgeries more affordable. The first 50 surgeries were sold in less than 30 minutes and all the surgeries were taken in just two hours.

According to program administrator, Dr. Jenni Marlow, people were excited to have an affordable option to have their dogs altered. "Spaying and neutering dogs is beneficial for a number of reasons," Dr. Marlow said. "It reduces the numbers of unwanted litters of puppies, reduces the risks of several different types of reproductive cancers, helps prevent dogs from roaming, and helps pet owners have happier and healthier pets."

The remaining portion of the



Bissell Pet Foundation grant will be released in early summer, and CPR plans to offer this low-cost program to pet owners in this

area again. For more information about having dogs spayed or neutered, please contact CPR www.cprdogssn@gmail.com.

Governor's Books From Birth

The Governor's Books from Birth is a program that provides every child ages 0-5 with a free book once a month. A new book is mailed to your child each month until the child turns five years old.

Statistics show reading regularly with children during pre-school years provides them with the biggest boost towards a successful education they will ever get.

The endeavor is a partnership between Governor's Books from Birth, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Carroll County Government, United Way, Gamma Theta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, and the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

Signing up is simple. You can register your child online on the Imagination Library website at www.governors-

foundation.org. If you need assistance, please call the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce at 731-986-4664 or come by the Chamber office at 20740 East Main Street in Huntingdon to fill out a registration form.

By working together, we are making a difference in the lives of young people of Carroll County.

Dr. Potts' Symposium Features CP History

Bethel University will host the Dr. James Potts History Symposium on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ayers Lecture Hall located on the first floor of the Morris Science Complex. The featured speaker is Dr. William Black, visiting instructor of History at Western Kentucky University. Dr. Black's presentation is "Border States, Border Church: Cumberland Presbyterians and the Problem of Slavery."

Dr. Black graduated from Bethel University's Honor's Program with a degree in History in 2011. He received his Master's Degree in History from Western Kentucky



Dr. William Black

University and his Ph.D. in History from Rice University.

Dr. Black specializes in 19th Century Religious and Southern History. He has numerous publications in Journal of Civil War Era, Journal of Popular Culture, The Washington Post, Vox, and The Atlantic.

The Potts History Symposium is named after long-time Bethel History Professor Dr. James Potts and is sponsored by Bethel University's History and Honors Departments. The event is free and open to members of the community. For more information or questions, please contact Dr. Sarah Kidd at kidds@bethelu.edu or Dr. Dan Dalrymple at dalrympled@bethelu.edu.

Mrs. Kelsey Brown's Second Grade Class Reaches Reading Goal



Mrs. Kelsey Brown's second grade class reached its reading goal of 1,000 Accelerated Reader points in February. The class maintained an average of 90.1 percent correct in comprehension while achieving the goal. Congratulations to the class and keep up the hard work! Submitted photo

Mrs. Megan Taylor's First Grade Class Reaches Reading Goal



Mrs. Megan Taylor's first grade class reached its reading goal of 1,000 Accelerated Reader points in February. The class maintained an average of 92.8 percent correct in comprehension while achieving the goal. Congratulations to the class and keep up the hard work! Submitted photo

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How Did We Get Here?

PART III
Our Neighbors

In this week's edition, I felt it necessary to draw attention to five neighboring communities that could be considered part of McKenzie; Caledonia, Cherrywood, Christmasville, Gwin Station and Hico. After hours of looking at various maps and tracking various families, McKenzie began to look like a giant puzzle. Numerous little communities and neighboring towns made the McKenzie puzzle pieces.

Previous editions mentioned the names Cole, Snead, Coleman, Gilbert and McKenzie along with the communities of Caledonia, Marietta and Dundas. Those pieces mean very little individually until you zoom out, and the bigger picture of McKenzie takes shape.

Christmasville

Founded in 1817, Christmasville is one of the oldest settlements in West Tennessee. Although not necessarily part of McKenzie, numerous early families can trace their lineage to the unincorporated territory. Plotted on early surveyor's maps at Post #2, settlers traveled down the Cumberland River to the Obion River to what would become Christmasville.

By 1820, approximately 75 people called Christmasville home. Narrow roads were cut from Christmasville to other fledgling communities and into Gibson and Madison Counties. The railroad brought the breath of life to McKenzie and rang the death knell for Christmasville. The Louisville and Nashville (L&N) Railroad settled to the east and Christmasville was unable to keep pace with the towns along the rail line.

Caledonia

Located four miles north of McKenzie in Henry County, Caledonia was once a thriving community. During its prime, Caledonia was one of the largest towns in this section of Northwest Tennessee, rivaling the town of Paris.

Built off the back of the Obion River, the community grew from receiving merchandise at the river landing. Much of the goods were then transported to Paris. From 1840 to 1860, Caledonia was notorious for chicken fighting, gambling and a few homicides relating to the latter.

The town was built on the land owned by the Walls, Covington, Manley, McNeil and Dinwiddie families. Caledonia consisted of three saloons, a Masonic Lodge, a tobacco factory, a blacksmith shop, a cotton mill, a post office, ten stores, two doctor's offices

and a boarding school.

Near the Covington Homestead was a grove with a spring that attracted numerous political candidates to pontificate on the matters of the time; two of the most well known to visit were Davy Crockett and President James K. Polk.

Like Christmasville, the lack of a railroad eventually killed Caledonia. As the railroad settled in McKenzie so did much of the business of Caledonia. The Masonic Lodge moved McKenzie as did numerous homes including the Pierce Hotel and the Pines. Soon all that was left of Caledonia was the stream that winds through the woods and the old Covington Homestead.

Hico

Homesteaded around 1815, the Hico community, located about 5 miles south of McKenzie, derived its name from being located between a high hill and a creek (Clear Creek). The first store was built by Billie Thomas and stayed operational long into the 20th Century. The Moore family ran a second store until 1925.

In 1866, a post office was established near the original Hico Store with the completion of the North Carolina and St. Louis Railroad line. By 1917, a depot and ticket office was built. The station closed ten years later, and the buildings were torn down with the discountance of passenger trains along the line.

For many years Hico maintained an eight-grade school along with eleven member Hico Band under the direction of Connie Blow and Frank Doran.

Cherrywood

Located south of McKenzie between Huntingdon and the Trezevant highway (Highway 79) was the homestead of the Cherry family; Eli, Lawrence, and Daniel. The land was originally known as "Little Egypt" because of the productive of the fertile soil; the name would change to Cherrywood in honor of the original family.

Early family names in the area include: Hagler, Bell, Snead, Pate, Thomas, Fletcher, Bouldin, Turner, Gwin, Hamilton, Everett and Maxwell.

The New Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian Church was built in the community in the 1800's. The building was destroyed by fire from a lighting strike in 1910. Cherrywood School, an African-American facility, was one of the earliest schools built in Carroll County.

Turners Academy was built on the eastside of Cherrywood Road by Richard Turner. The building burned

and was later relocated on the Sasser Farm. It was later used as the Cherrywood Community Center. The center was organized in 1951 with Ewell Bouldin serving as president.

Gwin Station

Located five miles west of McKenzie was a once prosperous community known as Gwin Station. It was originally known as Gwin Switch, the railroad ran through the timber land owned by Edward Gwin. In later years, Benjamin C. Jarrell purchased the Gwin property and requested the railroad call the area Jarrell Switch.

Timber from Gwin Station was used by three manufacturing plants in the vicinity resulting in the employment of over 200 individuals. In 1890, a hotel was built on the westside of rail line by C. Fletcher. A grocery store soon joined the hotel, but by 1920 both structures were torn down.

A cotton gin was built in 1934, but burned after a few years in operation and was never rebuilt. By 1970, only one store existed. The little country store was managed by Marvin Traywick.

In some form or fashion each of us have heard on these communities and are related to or know of the families mentioned in this edition. I find it fascinating and a little depressing that by time I arrived in McKenzie (1983) very few of the structures remained. These once thriving communities became stories from the past.

I can remember my grandfather, Verdel Story, telling me stories about going to school in the one room school house on Cherrywood Round. I learned he farmed land owned by his best friend Max Manley's family near Caledonia. After reading about Gwin Station, I realized I had worked with Marvin Traywick's granddaughter.

As I continue on with my shared research, I hope some of the stories, names and locations bring a certain level of nostalgia to you the reader. I can only imagine what life was like fifty, hundred, two hundred years ago. We must learn of the history that makes us and listen to stories of our family before they fade into oblivion.



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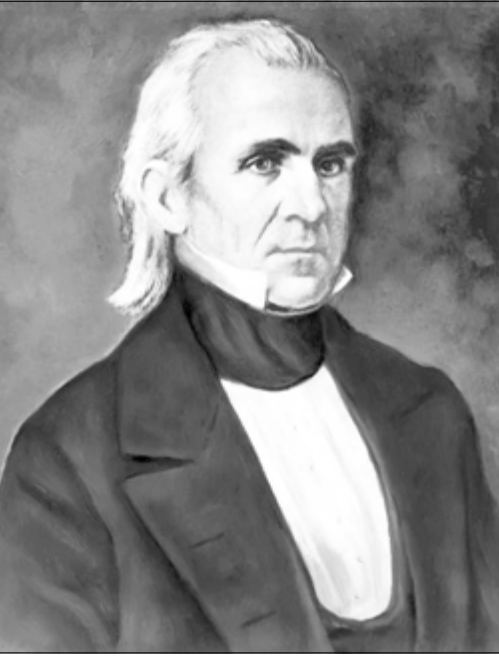
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Top, Hico Concert Band, 1917. Front Row, (L to R); Lois Miller, Hulon Thomas, Errol Kirk, Jimmy Kirk, Robert Thomas and Fred Thomas. Back Row, (L to R); Otto Ridley, Lester Thompson, Clyde Reynolds, Max Ridley, Austin Ridley and Connie Blow-Instructor. Above, Sketch of Christmasville, Tenn. around 1885. Below, The Caledonia was a favorite stop for various politicians to provide a stump speak. Most notable to visit the community were Davy Crockett and James K. Polk. Beginning in 1827, Crockett represented this portion of the Tennessee in the United States House of Representatives. James K. Polk served as the 11th President of the United States from 1845-1849.



HUNKER DOWN WITH KES
Talk About a Bad Hand!

Geir Helgemo, the world's number one ranked bridge player, has been suspended by the World Bridge Federation for failing a drug test. I'd never heard of Mr. Helgemo and I'm sorry for his problems. I am not a bridge player. But for the life of me I can't figure out how leaner muscles or pumping up your body is going to help you in a card game.

I'm filing this one under, "Who'd a'thought it!"

It would be a more logical trend in football, baseball or maybe soccer. Folks in those sports need their bodies to perform. And some players, especially those on the cusp, are

looking for an edge. No one is saying it's right. But it is understandable.

We're talking about a game of cards. How physically demanding can it be? Do you have to wrestle the dealer for the first bid? If you lose the opening hand, are you attacked by your sponsors?

We can only hope this thing doesn't spread to chess or Chinese checkers!

Geir is from the Netherlands. But he represents Monaco in World Bridge Tournaments. That by itself is enough to make you scratch your head.

If there are illegal drugs floating around that will improve

your card playing ability, I'm not aware of them. And you would think if they did exist, some Las Vegas casino would have cornered that market by now.

I have no idea what he was taking. But it must have been synthetic and near 'bout lethal to get him banned from Championship Bridge for a whole year! Back home we got our required "stimulants" by eating turnip greens, carrots and pinto beans. And let me tell you, there wasn't nothing synthetic about any of those food groups!

They were required eating in 1959. And they came accompanied with cornbread and butter-milk. If Mom thought we looked a little on the wormy side (low performance power in today's parlance), she'd throw a skillet load of cow's liver on your plate.

Leon warned us from the very beginning there was something

a bit synthetic about that liver! It sure didn't taste like any real food that I knew of. It was dense, hard to chew, and you had to cut it with a double bladed ax. Leon accused Mom on several occasion of ripping the soles off of Uncle Garner's World War I parade boots.

And I'm dead certain positive that cow's liver didn't help our thought process one iota..... unless you count all the clever ways Leon came up with NOT to eat it!

Our card game of choice was Rook. Any single card in the deck didn't weigh a smidgen of an ounce. Tommy Fields' baby sister could throw one "out on the table" just as easily as Sputt "Tank" Garnett. Big, strong, lean, muscular arms didn't have a thing to do with it.

We didn't have national rankings or play our Rook games

on TV. And we couldn't play for money for obvious reason. But don't think it didn't mean something!

One evening Nicky Joe and Leon teamed up against me and David Mark. It was the big guys against the little brothers. Nicky Joe kept dealing the Rook and all the high cards to either himself or Leon. Along about midnight Dave began to question how one team could get the best hand EVERY TIME!

You didn't have to be a student of the game to know something wasn't on the up and up!

People would have already been shot dead if this was a downstairs poker game at the Bird Cage Theater in Tombstone, Arizona, in 1882. David must'a read my mind; he reached over and slapped the cards out of Leon's hands. Nicky pushed my chair over backwards and

I tumbled to the kitchen floor. I leaped to my feet and Leon sent me flailing up against the wringer washer. David was on Nicky's back trying to get his skinny arms around Nick's neck. He was going for the sleeper hold! I threw a dirty pair of overalls toward Leon and dove for Nicky Joe's legs. We all went down in a heap..... with me kicking and screaming on the bottom.

We had no chance in the crooked card game, but if me and Dave had eaten a few more turnip greens and liver, we might have faired better in the free for all!

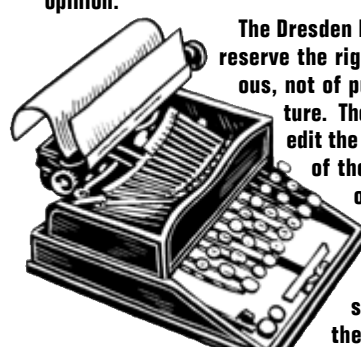
And if bridge is anything like the way we played Rook, Geir Helgemo's drug test failure might be a little more understandable.....

Respectfully,
Kes

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Left, 10 YEARS AGO — McKenzie High School Principal Terry Howell announced that he would retire at the end of the school year after 12 years in the position and 35 total year as a McKenzie educator. Right, 20 YEARS AGO — Amber Pounds, daughter of Wayne and Jean Pounds, was crowned Miss McKenzie. The royalty included (L to R): Third Maid Rachel Carroll, daughter of Jimmy and Ruth Carroll; First Maid Sarah Bennett, daughter of Jimmy and Peggy Bennett; Queen Amber Pounds; Second Maid Beth French, daughter of Norman French and Marsha French; and Fourth Maid Erin Hayes, daughter of Mike and Barbara Hayes.

Looking Back
From Our Archives...

10 YEARS AGO — Lisa Powell, store manager of Factory Connection in McKenzie, was named Rookie Manager of the Year for the 228-store chain.

*Dr. Dennis Wieck joined Henry County Medical Center as a doctor of obstetrics and gynecology. He had previously practiced in Shelbyville.

20 YEARS AGO — Country music star Jessica Andrews of Huntingdon appeared on an episode of soap opera Another World to perform her single, "I Will Be There For You."

50 YEARS AGO — Showing at the Park Theatre: Assignment K starring Stephen Boyd; Firecreek starring James Stewart; Hellfighters starring John Wayne and Katharine Ross; and 5 Card Stud starring Dean Martin and Robert Mitchum.

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CARROLL COUNTY ELECTRIC BOARD TO MEET TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Carroll County Electric Board meets Tuesday, March 19, 2:30 p.m. In the office of the Carroll County Electric Department, 103 W. Paris Street, Huntingdon. The public is invited to attend.

NWTDD, NWTBRA TO MEET

The Northwest Tennessee Development District Executive Committee and Northwest Tennessee Human Resource Agency Policy Council meets in regular session at 10 a.m. Friday, March 22 at the Northwest Tennessee Development District and Human Resource Agency conference room located at 124 Weldon Drive, Martin.

OLD UNION CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING

The Old Union Cemetery annual meeting is Saturday, March 16 at 10 a.m. After a short business meeting in Union Primitive Baptist Church, all that are able will clean the cemetery in preparation for the mowing season. If you have family or friends buried in the cemetery, please help keep it nice. For more information, call Billy or Teresa Phelps at 731-514-7195.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL WALKING TRACK OPENING

Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County is formally opening its one-half mile walking track on Thursday, March 21, 2 p.m. It is located behind the Baptist Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine in Huntingdon.

5TH FRIDAY NIGHT GOSPEL SINGING

Barbara Roach Music presents a 5th Friday Night Gospel Singing Friday, March 29, at the Carroll County Civic Center in Huntingdon. There will be a Kids' Sing at 6 p.m. featuring Hannah Kate Whitworth, granddaughter of Loretta Lynn, James Thomas McNatt, and Ella Jones. The main event gets underway at 6:30 p.m. featuring the Dixie Echoes, Emeralds, Joan Gregory, and With Willing Hearts. Admission is free and a generous Love Offering to be received. Concessions by Tate's Pentecostal Church Youth.

BOGO SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

McKenzie Elementary School Library is hosting a BOGO (Buy One, Get One Free) Scholastic Book Fair March 15-22. Family Night is Wednesday, March 20, 3:15 to 6:30 p.m. Students can register for \$50 in free books and free posters. Also, a \$1 donation for the One for Books program helps the local library, plus Scholastic Books will match the funds to help purchase books for libraries devastated by natural disasters. For more information, contact Mrs. Carol Nanney at MES at 731-352-5272.

KAPELLER'S DEMO TEAM AT PARK THEATRE

Kapeller's demo team will perform at the Park Theatre on Wednesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. There will be skits on self-defense and bullying as well as board-breaking and weapons forms demonstration.

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Beginning on March 10, Community Christian Fellowship Church will be meeting at First Bank Community Room on Main Street in Huntingdon across from Mallards Restaurant at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Jerry and Barbara Roach welcome you.

If you do not have a church home or feel disconnected from

church, Come be with us and hear the Word of God. It is a blended worship with Southern Gospel and old fashioned hymn singing. Jerry and Barbara Roach have traveled in evangelism all over the U.S. including pastoring churches here in Tennessee and in North Carolina. Barbara has been involved in gospel music for 49 years including singing with The Lefevres, Blackwood Singers, and The Emeralds along with a couple of solo recordings.

Community Christian Church will meet each Sunday except for the third Sunday (March 17). Call 731-441-7853 for news about a special service on March 17.

2019 MISS TATER TOWN PAGEANTS

The annual Tater Town Pageants are Saturday, March 23, at the Gleason School Gymnasium, beginning at 1 p.m. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. Categories for boys and girls are: 0 through 11 months; 1 year-olds; 2 year-olds; 3 year-olds; 4 and 5 year-olds; and 6 through 9-year olds. Older categories include the Pre-Teen Miss Tater Town for girls ages 10-12. Next will be the Jr. Miss Pageant for girls ages 13-15. The finale of the evening will be the Miss Tater Town Pageant for ages 16-21. Pageant winners qualify for the West Tennessee Strawberry Pageants. Entry fees for all pageants will be \$25. Extra categories are available. For more information call 514-9007 or 415-3511.

TENNESSEE IRIS FESTIVAL PAGEANTS

Tennessee Iris Festival Pageants and Territorial Review are Saturday, March 30 in Dresden. For more information, phone Amy Smethwick at 731-431-3419 or Sandra Klutts at 731-234-9159.

VALE COMMUNITY CENTER ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

The Vale Community Center hosts "Luck of the Irish — St. Patrick's Celebration" Saturday, March 16 at the center located at 26165 Highway 114 north of Hollow Rock from 4-7 p.m. Come join the fun and enjoy the delicious Irish stew, bread, dessert and drink for only \$8. Children ten and under eat for half price. Music will be provided by A Touch of Grey. Wear your green to be eligible for door prizes. All proceeds to benefit the community center upkeep. For more information, or if you are willing to help, please call 731-415-3935.

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McKenzie Banking Company is excited to celebrate the City of McKenzie's 150th Birthday by sponsoring the following Celebration Activities in March:

Weekly Community Appreciation Day — Join our staff every Friday in March at the Main Bank Office for refreshments.

MBC Movie Night — Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. Pick up your FREE "special" movie ticket at the Bank Main Office (seating is

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First Responder Appreciation Day at Park Theatre — Show your support for your First Responders and Law Enforcement First Responder & Law Enforcement introductions on Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m. Movie will begin at 1:30 p.m. Pick up your FREE movie ticket at the Bank Main Office (seating is limited). Free popcorn and soda at the movies!

MISS GLEASON PAGEANTS

Little Mr., Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Gleason pageants are Saturday, March 16 at 5 p.m. at Gleason School.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL GARY 'FUD' GOOCH MEMORIAL

The eleventh annual Gary "Fud" Gooch Memorial BBQ ribs and chicken dinner and rook tournament is Friday, March 15 at the Viva Dee Bolen Yuma Community Center. Food is served from 5 p.m. until gone. Rib plates or BBQ chicken plates are \$8. Rook begins at 7 p.m. First through fourth place will receive trophies. Proceeds go to the community center. Cooking by Ricky "BBQ" Wood.

MCKENZIE AA MEETINGS

The McKenzie group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Sunday and Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. at 10 Lee Street in downtown McKenzie. For more information, call Sean at 731-535-2884 or Robert at 731-418-2772.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH LENTEN FRY

Fish dinners including catfish, hushpuppies, cole slaw, white beans, fries, dessert and drink are available during the Holy Family Catholic Church Lenten Fish Fry, 256 Cotham Drive, Huntingdon. The event is March 8, 15, 22, 29, 4:30 to 7 p.m. Price is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children under 8.

FAMILY DANCE AT DRESDEN AMERICAN LEGION

American Legion Post 94, 8288 Highway 22, Dresden will host a family dance (no alcohol) every Friday from 7-10 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Entry is \$6 per person.

CARROLL CO. DEMOCRATS TO HOST REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Carroll County Democratic Party will hold a Biennial Reorganization Convention to elect new leaders on Saturday, April 6. Doors open for registration at 11 a.m., convention start time is 11:30 a.m. The meeting will take place at the Huntingdon Police Department Conference Room (old city hall next to The Dixie) on Lexington Street in Huntingdon. The reorganization Convention is open to all Carroll County Democrats. Attendees should arrive early

to complete credentialing forms and be admitted to the convention prior to 11:30 a.m., when the meeting will begin.

TREZEVANT PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Trezevant is hosting a public hearing at the Trezevant Community Center on Tuesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. to hear from representatives of various companies who are interested in either purchasing or managing the town's water and sewer system.

'TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR DIABETES' WORKSHOPS

The UT Extension will host "Take Charge of your Diabetes" workshops at McKenzie City Hall each Friday from March 1-April 5 from 9-11 a.m. To sign up, contact Lacy Yeley at the UT Extension office, 731-986-1976.

CARROLL COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Huntingdon location: Adult Education Building, 191 Mebane-wood Drive on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, also Tuesdays, 5-7 p.m.

McKenzie Location: McKenzie Church of Christ, 16300 Highland Drive on Thursdays, 4-7 p.m.

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

CCHS LOW-COST CAT SPAY, NEUTER VOUCHERS

The Carroll County Humane Society provides low-cost cat spay/neuter vouchers for \$35. Come by the shelter 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturdays. Call Paris Vet Clinic and set up your appointment. Take your cats in one morning and they come home the same day! That's all there is to it.

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TURNING POINT GROUP AA MEETINGS

Turning Point Group AA meetings are Thursdays at noon at the Park Theatre in McKenzie.

MCKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

MCKENZIE HISTORIC ZONING MEETS MONTHLY

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

MCKENZIE INDUSTRIAL BOARD MEETS MONTHLY

McKenzie Industrial Board meets the second Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m., in the former railroad depot building.

MCKENZIE CONDEMNATION MEETINGS MONTHLY

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

WEBB ALUMNI MUSEUM

Webb High School Alumni, Inc., and the Webb High School Alumni Museum Committee welcome all to visit the museum at 938 West Walnut Ave., McKenzie, open every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or by appointment.

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There will be a Community Prayer Vigil every Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Johnson Temple C.M.E. We are coming together to pray

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Be the Hero of Your Own Life



Works of fiction are sometimes disparaged by those with a practical bias as being useless, or at best, a harmless diversion. They would rather read non-fiction, presumably because it gives them knowledge which they can actually use. But fiction often teaches us valuable lessons about how to live life, how to handle adversity, and what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. Furthermore, we are sometimes struck by the realization that we might bend circumstances and events to our will, and in effect become the heroes of our own life. That is a valuable lesson, and one which can be learned from reading fiction, but also from reading biographies, autobiographies, and the narratives of the Bible. Becoming a hero usually starts, as it does in fiction, with conflict or adversity. From there, one must be inspired to resolve the conflict or deal with the adversity. And before the inspiration fades, one usually has to create a workable plan. In the same way that an author must plan her work, thinking over and trying out different plots and plans for character development, we should plan our own lives, perhaps imagining different paths toward achieving something great, something worth writing about. And just as an author has to develop her characters, so too do we have to develop our own moral character.

— Christopher Simon

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DEMETRA SCOTT PERKINS 1938 — 2019

MCKENZIE — Demetra Scott Perkins, 80, of McKenzie, Tennessee died Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

She is survived by her husband, Ed, to whom she was married for 56 years, a daughter, Dee Ann Perkins-Mothral and a granddaughter, Drew Culbreath, both of Memphis, Tenn.; five nieces, Gail Murray of Ormand Beach, Florida; Kathy Colley of Hollysprings, North Carolina; Linda Reeves of Medina, Tenn.; Teresa Motsay of Spencerport, New York; and Carol Hunt of Jackson, Tenn.; and one nephew, Kevin Scott of Milan, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Autry Scott and two brothers, Harold and James Scott.

Demetra was born on May 15, 1938 in Gibson, Tenn.

She graduated from Gibson High School, Bethel University, obtained a Master's degree from Murray State University and did additional graduate work in reading at the University of Kentucky.

Her first teaching job was at Cannon Elementary in Carroll County where she was also the girls' basketball coach. She then taught at McKenzie Elementary for a total teaching career of 34 years. In addition, she also taught at Bethel and Union University.

Demetra was very active in the McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church where she was joined by Mary Sue Morrow as being the first women ever elected as an elder in the church.

She was always a strong supporter of Bethel athletics, where she was recently inducted into the Bethel Sports Hall of Fame as a contributor.

Her four priorities in life were God, family, helping others, and friends.

She left a legacy of a caring life well lived.

She was a spiritual warrior! Her funeral service was Sunday, March 10, 2019 at the McKenzie First Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 4:30 p.m. Her committal service was 11 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Double Springs Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery near Gibson, Tennessee.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home had charge of arrangements. +

DEBORAH THOMPSON 1947 — 2019

Our friend and colleague Deb Thompson died March 1, 2019. Family and friends are saddened by her passing, but we celebrate her life and the generous manner in which she taught us not only through her life's work in academics but also through her fun-loving and life-embracing spirit.

She was born December 24, 1947 and died March 1, 2019.

Dr. Deborah K. Thompson, daughter of Robert and Olive Thompson, earned her Bachelor of Science in Education from Kent State University in 1970, her Masters of Arts in Physical Education from the Ohio State University in 1972, and her Doctorate in Education from University of Arkansas in 1982. Dr. Thompson came to Bethel College as a National Teaching Fellow and Instructor

in 1982. She was promoted to assistant professor of Education in 1983, associate professor of Education in 1988, and professor of Education in 1994. She was the recipient of The Roy and Mary Shelton Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award for the 1997-1998 school year. Dr. Thompson served Bethel University in many ways, including chair for the Division of Health and Physical Education, faculty moderator, and faculty representative to the Board of Trustees. Her leadership in and out of the classroom was respected, and her dedication to improving academic and athletic programs at Bethel was evident in her decades of service. In March 2016, Bethel University's Board of Trustees unanimously voted to award Dr. Thompson the status of Faculty Emeritus, highlighting her dedication to Bethel University and to the students.

Students knew Dr. Thompson as "Dr. T". Friends and colleagues knew her as Deb. The community might remember her for her Christmas carols or her love of animals. Friends will cherish memories of her playing golf, playing dominoes, trips to Tunica, cheering on her favorite teams, laughing at ourselves, and enjoying life's simplest pleasures.

To say our friend will be greatly missed is obvious, but Deb also left us with lessons and examples of how to be honest, how to work hard, how to have fun, and how to respect each other. Rest in peace and thank you for being you, Deb Thompson.

A memorial service for Dr. "T" is Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Bethel Baker Fieldhouse at 5:30 p.m. Written by Bethel University. +



JAMES 'JIM' SYDNOR FORMER POLICE CHIEF 1928 — 2019

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for James W. Sydnor, 91, were Monday, March 11, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Brother Trent Bullock officiated. Interment is at Carroll Memorial Gardens, McKenzie, Tenn.

Mr. Sydnor, died March 8, 2019 at Paris Healthcare, Paris, Tenn. He was born January 15, 1928 in McKenzie to John William and Betty Lois Baker Sydnor. He is a Korean War Army Veteran, a member of Enon Baptist Church, and he is a retired police chief for McKenzie Police Department serving the community for forty years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Peggie Berry Sydnor, two sisters, Thelma Neisler and Lois Newton and two brothers, Robert Sydnor and Gene Sydnor.

He is survived by his son, John (Peggy) Sydnor of Paris, one brother Dale Sydnor and one grandson, William Blake Sydnor.

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

SUE KELLEY RETIRED TEACHER 1915 — 2019

MCKENZIE — A memorial service for Harriett Sue Kelley, 103, is Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Presbyterian U.S.A. Church, across from McKenzie City Hall. The family will receive friends on

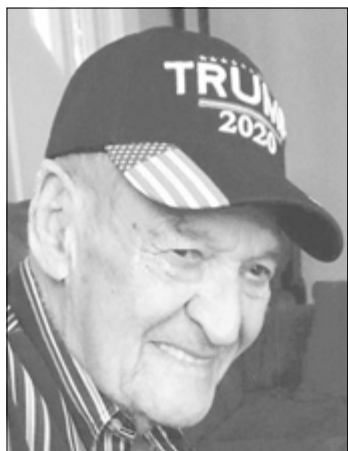
Saturday at 10 a.m. at the church. Interment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie, Tenn.

Mrs. Kelley died March 5, 2019 at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Huntingdon. She was born September 25, 1915 in McKenzie, Tenn. to George and Hattie Grable Childres. She is a member of the Presbyterian U.S. A. Church, and is a retired school teacher for McKenzie Special School District.

She is preceded in death by her husband, William D. Kelley, her parents and brother, George Childres, Jr.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan (David) Bone of McKenzie and son, Bill (Peggy) Kelley of Germantown, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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JACK MCCASLIN 1934 — 2019

HUNTINGDON — James "Jack" Garland McCaslin, 84, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died peacefully March 8, 2019 in his home, surrounded by loved ones. Funeral services were Monday, March 11, 2019 in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

Interment was at Sellers Hill Cemetery. Brother Tim Parish and Todd Buttrey officiated. Jack was born November 25, 1934 in Huntingdon, Tennessee to the late Johnny and Euna Mae McCaslin. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Celena Stanford; sister, Ruth Baumgardner; and brother, Johnny McCaslin, Jr. He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Yevonne Collins McCaslin; two daughters, Alisa (Carl) Byars of Huntingdon, Tennessee and Robin (Todd) Buttrey of Yuma, Tennessee; three sons, Ronald McCaslin of Indiana, Mitchell (Melinda) Carter of Huntingdon, Tennessee, and Stephen Carter of Greenfield, Tennessee; son-in-law, Charles Stanford of Cedar Grove, Tennessee; twelve grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers included Junior Simmons, Dale Mann, Joe Baumgardner, Max Anderson, Barry Dillahunt, and Danny Brandon. Honorary Pallbearers include Earl Hammett, John Robert Hickman, Lindy Dill, Tommy Tippet, Lynn Johnson, Stanley Cook, Alan Espey, Ben Deeter, Charlie Hodges, and Joe Parker. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Carroll County Relay for Life c/o Carroll Bank & Trust (19510 E. Main Street, Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344). Dilday-Carter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. 731-986-8281. +

GLYNN WILLIAMS 1938 — 2019

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Glynn Williams, 80, of Huntingdon, Tenn. died Saturday, March 9, 2019 at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville.

Funeral services were Monday, March 11 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Chris Wallace, Bro. Robert Simmons, and Bro. Jerry Dodd officiating

the service. Interment was in Jamison Cemetery.

Mr. Williams was born June 7, 1938 to the late Glinnie Wesley Williams and Estella (Bowman) Williams. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Henry Williams, and two sisters, Lenora Bradford, and Ruth Bradford.

He is survived by his wife of forty-seven years, Linda Williams, two daughters, Estella Lee Byrum (Billy), and Laura Williams (Calvin) all of Huntingdon. He also leaves six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Chase Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

WILLIE BUSH 1942 — 2019

MCKENZIE — Mr. Willie Bush, 76, of McKenzie, Tennessee died Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at his home.

Mr. Bush will be cremated with no services planned at this time.

He was born March 22, 1942 in Huntingdon to the late William Bennett Bush and Georgia Ann (Kee) Bush.

He is survived by five nieces, Jan Wall, Nina Boyd, Bertha Walls, Elizabeth Blakeman and Lena Crafton; six nephews, Jerry Bush, Max Hall, Don Bush, Dennis Bush, Tim Smothers, Dwayne Smothers and several great nieces and nephews. Chase Funeral Home-Huntingdon.

JOE DUDLEY SNIDER 1926 — 2019

GLEASON — Services for Joe Dudley Snider, 92, of Gleason, Tenn. were Sunday, March 10, 2019 at Williams Funeral Home of Gleason. Burial was in Hopewell Cemetery.

He was born June 19, 1926 and died March 8, 2019.

Mr. Snider is survived by his wife, Rosalee Snider, of Gleason, Tenn. He is also survived by three children; Kenneth (Lisa) Snider of Greenfield, Tenn., Teresa (Pogo) Trevathan and Phyllis Gearin both of Gleason. Mr. Snider leaves behind four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Bedford and Mary Frances Snider, sisters, Blanche Bullock and Mary Kemp, and brothers, A.B., Faye, Duane, and Verdean Snider. Williams Funeral Home, Gleason.

RICHARD LYNN MANCELL, SR. 1961 — 2019

GLEASON — Services for Richard Lynn Mancell Sr., 58, of Gleason, Tenn. were Monday, March 11, 2019 at Williams Funeral Home of Gleason. Burial will follow in Hopewell Cemetery.

He was born January 11, 1961 and died March 8, 2019.

Mr. Mancell is survived by five children and two step-children; Ellen (Billy) Mount of Martin, Tenn., Jennifer (Rhodney Lannom) Mancell of Martin, Tenn., Lindsey Walk of Gleason, Tenn., Richard Mancell Jr. of Murfreesboro, Sherman Watson of Gleason, Jimmy Marshall of Arkansas, and Samantha (Andy McCombs) Jones of Gleason, Tenn. He is also survived by his fiancé, Teri Marshall, of Gleason. Mr. Mancell leaves behind three brothers, Howard (Locosta) Mancell of Huntingdon, TN, Dewayne (Becky) Mancell of Bugota, TN, and Matt (Amanda) Mancell of Gleason, and numerous grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Deloris Mancell, and parents, William Boyd and Darla Dean Mancell.

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- One who receives a gift
- One shows highlights
- Open sore
- Within
- ___ Caesar, comedian
- Investment account
- A negatively charged ion
- Immoral act
- Cheek
- Lacking in vigor or vitality
- Partner to flow
- Ink
- "Mad Men" actor
- A taunt
- Single
- A very large body of water
- A configuration of stars as seen from the earth
- Herringlike fish
- No (Scottish)
- White-breasted N. American auk
- American time
- Adult female
- Singer Horne
- Pronouncements
- From a distance
- Indian term of respect
- One from Utah
- Never sleeps
- Type of bulb

CLUES DOWN

- Hard to believe
- Used as a pigment in painting
- Induces vomiting
- Fifth note of a major scale
- Written in a majuscule script
- Brews
- Misfire
- Amounts of time
- The act of perceiving something visually
- Female sibling
- First
- Sodium
- Brother or sister
- Satisfy
- The lands of an estate
- Antiballistic missile
- Taxi
- Covers the engine
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- Unlikely to be forgotten
- Bar bill
- Morning
- City south of Moscow
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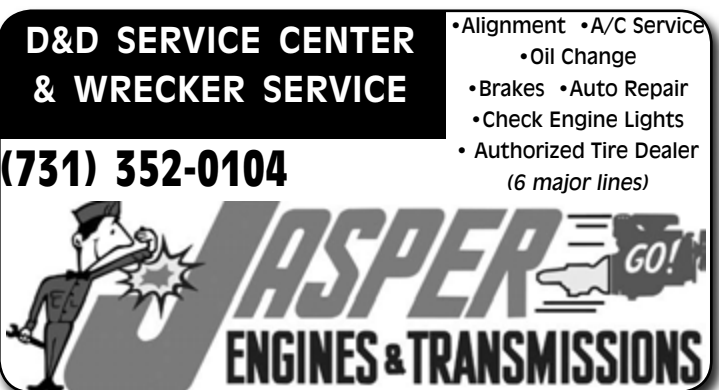
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Lady Wildcats Back in Nationals

BILLINGS, MT — The 39th annual NAIA Division I Women's Basketball National Championship, presented by Visit Billings is being held at the Rimrock Auto Arena at MetraPark in Billings, Mont., March 13 – 19.

The Bethel Lady Wildcats are seeded No. 4 in the Naismith Bracket and will face No. 5 seeded Lindsey Wilson at 9:30 a. m. CDT Wednesday morning. Bethel (28-5) earned an automatic bid after winning the Southern States Athletic Conference Regular Season Championship. LWC received an at-large bid after finishing 22-10. The Blue Raiders compete in the Mid-South Conference. Bethel beat Lindsey Wilson 53-51 on November 9 in the MSC/SSAC Challenge at Crisp Arena in McKenzie.

Bethel & LWC in the NAIA Championship: The Lady Wildcats will make their seventh straight and tenth all-time appearance in the national tournament. The Wildcats advanced to the Elite Eight four seasons ago in the Championship, before falling to eventual runner-up Campbellsville. It was Bethel's second straight Elite Eight appearance. They fell to Freed-Hardeman the previous season. Three years ago Bethel, a No. 1 seed bowed out in round one after a 56-51 loss to

Cumberland University. Two seasons ago the Lady Wildcats lost in the Sweet Sixteen to eventual runner –up Lewis Clark State. Bethel fell to Vanguard in the first round last year. The Lady Cats are 7-9 all-time in the national tournament.

Lindsey Wilson is making its 14th appearance in the national tournament and its fifth straight. The Blue Raiders own an 8-13 all-time record in the national tournament. Lindsey Wilson is located in Columbia, Kentucky.

The winner of the Lindsey Wilson-Bethel game advances to face the winner of No. 1-seed Freed-Hardeman (Tenn.) and eighth-seeded Dillard (Louisiana) on Friday, March 15 at 10 a.m. CT.

Coaches: Chris Nelson is in his 13th season at the helm of the Lady Cats and has a 288-137 mark. He is currently 18th in all-time wins at the NAIA level. His teams have hit at least one three-pointer in each of his 425 games. He has led the program to ten national tournament appearances which include two Elite Eights and three Sweet Sixteen appearances. He is the all-time wins leader in Lady Wildcat history. His 2014-15 squad finished with the best record in program history at 32-4. For the second straight year Bethel worked their way into an

Elite Eight finish that season. The Lady Cats had a 24-game winning streak during the year, which is the longest in program history. They ran the table in the SSAC regular season with a perfect 18 game winning mark capturing the SSAC title. Coach Nelson is a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Board of Directors and is currently the NAIA Director.

John B. Wethington is in his 30th season as the head coach of the Lindsey Wilson women's basketball program. He ranks No. 3 on the NAIA's active all-time wins list with 607 career victories.

Series: The game marks the seventh meeting between the two programs with Bethel owning a 5-1 advantage in the series.

Common Opponents: Both teams lost to Murray State in exhibition play. Bethel lost to the Racers 86-50 while MSU beat LWC 72-51. Both squads beat Brescia but both teams lost to Talladega. Cumberland University lost to Lindsey Wilson twice while the Phoenix fell to Bethel 69-60. Both teams beat Hiwassee. LWC beat Martin Methodist while Bethel split with the RedHawks on the year.



Seated (L to R): Mom Malia Bugg, Samantha Stone, Father Larry Stone, Standing (L to R): Step Father Steve Bugg, Coach Hubble, Coach Bill McCall.

All-Region Tennis Standout Signs with Lady Wildcats

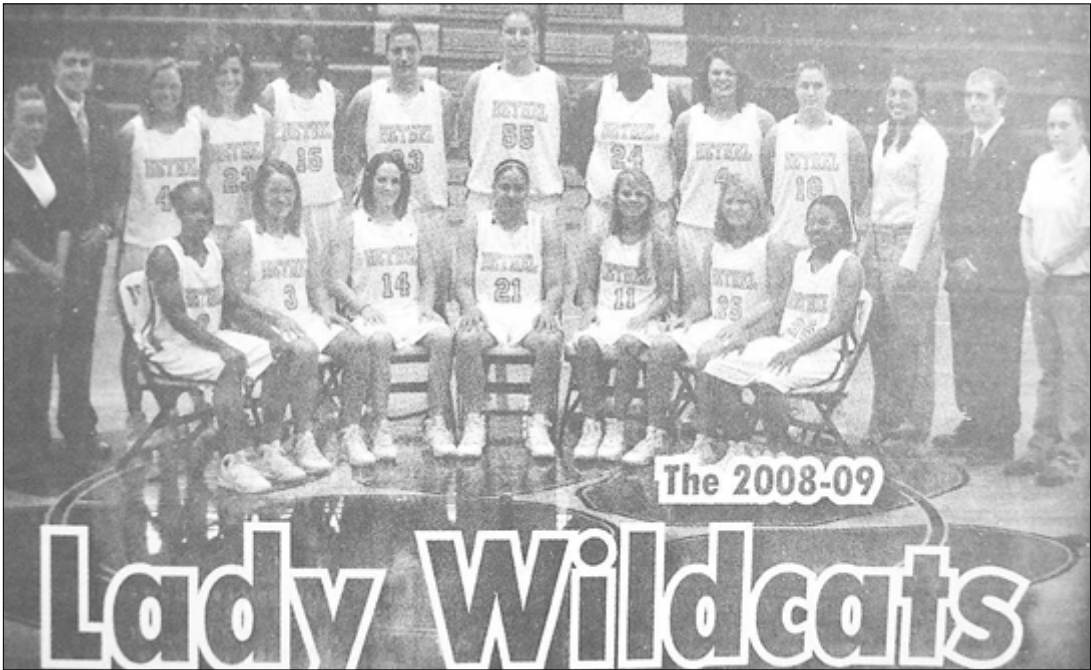
GREENFIELD — The Bethel University Women's tennis program added an all-region performer Friday with the signing of Greenfield High School standout Samantha Stone. She is the daughter of Larry Stone and Malia Bugg. Also in attendance at the signing was her stepfather, Steve Bugg. Samantha will major in Business. Samantha had an outstand-

ing record in singles action for the Yellow Jackets at 27-7. She helped lead her squad to the TSSAA state tournament. She feels her biggest strength is her mental approach to the game.

Off the courts she is a member of the Library Club and the ACT + Club.

Coach Derrick Hubble stated, "We are extremely excited to

sign a player of the caliber of Samantha. She is an outstanding player and person. She is a local standout who brings state tournament appearance to our women's program. She brings a great competitive edge to us I feel we need. She will be a huge part of our future SSAC presence and I look forward to watching her grow as a student-athlete."



Top, 10 YEARS AGO — The Bethel College Lady Wildcat basketball team qualified for the NAIA Division I Women's Basketball National Championship Tournament for the first time in program history. Above, 20 YEARS AGO — The Gleason Lady Bulldogs won the TSSAA Class A Girls' Basketball Championship with tournament wins over Wayne County (63-43), Hancock County (52-36) and Upperman (48-43). Ashley McElhiney was named Tournament MVP. Below, 50 YEARS AGO — The Trezevant Develettes earned a trip to the state basketball tournament at the Jackson Coliseum (now Oman Arena) for the second consecutive year by winning the Region 7 Championship.



Looking Back From Our Archives...

10 YEARS AGO — High School Softball: McKenzie Lady Rebels 13, Henry County Lady Patriots 8; Lady Rebels 7, Dresden Lady Lions 2; Lady Rebels 17, Gleason

Lady Bulldogs 0.

*High School Baseball: West Carroll War Eagles 10, Bradford Red Devils 9.

50 YEARS AGO — The Glea-

son Lady Bulldogs earned a trip to the state basketball tournament at the Jackson Coliseum (now Oman Arena) with a third place finish in Region 7.

Lady Wildcats Qualify For Tenth National Tournament

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has officially announced the 32 qualifiers and bracket for the 39th annual NAIA Division I Women's Basketball National Championship, presented by Visit Billings. The event returns to Rimrock Auto Arena at MetraPark in Billings, Mont., March 13 – 19.

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It is Bethel's 10th appear-

ance in the championship and it marks the seventh straight season the Lady Wildcats have made it to the nationals. Lindsey Wilson will be making their 14th appearance in the championship.

The winner between Bethel and Lindsey Wilson will face the winner of the No. 1 seeded Freed-Hardeman and No. 8 seeded Dillard game in the second round.

This year's field consists of 13 automatic berths, 18 at-large selections and championship host Rocky Mountain (Mont.). Automatic qualification is given to conference regular-season champions, regular-season runners-up, tournament champions or tournament runners-up depending on the league. At-large teams were determined using the final regular-season Coaches' Top 25 poll released today. Bethel was ranked No. 15 while Lindsey Wilson was ranked No. 17.

The NAIA Network – the as-

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Coach Chris Nelson commented on the draw and his team's appearance. "We are excited to be headed back to Billings. They have been a great host the last two years and it is our hopes to stay as long as possible. Our bracket is loaded with talent and great coaches with rich tradition but we are familiar with all of our opponents. It's that time of year where it is one game at a time and we simply want to survive and advance."

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2019PE21

ESTATE OF: **NOLA B. SIMMONS, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

Notice is hereby given that on the **25TH** day of **FEBRUARY, 2019** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **NOLA B. SIMMONS** deceased, who died **NOVEMBER 5TH, 2018**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will forever be barred:

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2019PA28

ESTATE OF: **ROSS LOUIS JACKSON, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

Notice is hereby given that on the **4TH** day of **MARCH, 2019** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **ROSS LOUIS JACKSON** deceased, who died **JANUARY 5TH, 2019**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will forever be barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice of Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received a copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This 4TH day of MARCH, 2019.
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SCHOOL



West Carroll School Board

BY JIM POTTS

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ATWOOD — West Carroll's Board of Education met in their monthly session last Thursday, March 7, with no major items on their agenda but plenty of activity just the same.

The board approved continuation of the E-Rate Project process which helps fund the internet for the West Carroll School System. E-rate money is specifically available to school systems for internet connectivity costs and internal networking costs. Sheila Brawner advised that the system has qualified for an 80% percent reimbursement rate meaning the school only pays 20%. The

current project will replace and add more network availability at the Jr/Sr High School.

Board members approved the second reading of TSBA board policy updates to sections 1, 2, and 3 along with the first reading of board policy updates to section 4. They tabled action until next month on a board policy update regarding Tobacco Free Schools.

The board gave their approval on a number of upcoming student field trips. They approved the second reading on a trip for students participating in the HOSA competition and convention in Chattanooga later this month. The second reading for a trip to the 2019 Jr. Beta National

Convention in Oklahoma City in June was approved. A field trip request to attend the FCCLA State Competition in Chattanooga later this month passed the second reading. West Carroll's FFA group received approval to attend the Tennessee State FFA Convention in Gatlinburg later this month.

The school system principals spotlighted several persons and groups that are active in their respective schools. Primary school principal Jackie Wester spotlighted the Pre-K teachers and teacher assistants who work with young children getting them prepared for Kindergarten and beyond. Elementary school principal Tracy Foster spotlighted

the Eagle Impact Team who recently competed in a competition in Milan and have qualified for state competition later this year. Junior High/Senior High principal Tim Stratton spotlighted Devin Nash and Shelby Browning who will represent West Carroll this year in the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame. He also announced three students; Braden Pounds, Kaitlyn Lane, and Lori Milsapps, who will be Governor's school participants this year.

School Director Dexter Williams updated the board on the upcoming restroom renovations at the Jr/Sr High School which are set to begin the week of spring break which is the last full week of March. The plan is to have two of them completed before graduation in May.

Above Left, West Carroll Pre-K teachers and assistants. From (L to R); Janice Vinson, Lori Bigham, Sharlanda Emerson, Dorothy Martin, Brittany Foster; and Primary School Principal Jackie Wester. Above, From (L to R); Braden Pounds, Kaitlyn Lane, and Lori Milsapps will be representing West Carroll at the Governor's School later this year. Below, WC Eagle Impact Team. From (L to R); Chandler Rimmer-5th grade, Emma Stout-5th grade, Cloie Rimmer-2nd grade, Hannah Pinson-3rd grade, Wade Keymon-3rd grade, Jack Robinson-4th grade, and Jordan Keymon-4th grade. Photos by Jim Potts/The Banner



West Carroll Primary School Beauty Pageant



Left, Miss West Carroll Primary Royalty (L to R): Third Maid Shaylee Bymun, 6, daughter of Shane and Michelle Bynum; First Maid Jasmin Dodd, 7, daughter of Nick and Mery Dodd; Queen Callie Bryant, 7, daughter of Nick and Mandy Bryant; Second Maid Aaliyah Coleman, 6, daughter of Amanda White and Teri Coleman; and Fourth Maid Emily Kramer, 6, daughter of Jeremy and Melissa Kramer. Center, Little Miss West Carroll Primary Royalty (L to R): First Maid Stormie Bosley, 4, daughter of Rodney and Michelle Bosley; Queen Khloe Foster, 5, daughter of Karl and Candace Foster; and Second Maid Madelyn Cooper, 5, daughter of Matthew and Mallory Cooper. Right, Mr. West Carroll Primary Royalty (L to R): Third Page Izaiah Sellers, 5, son of Amber Woodall and Doug Sellers; First Page Alexander Caviness, 7, son of Stephanie Vinson and Steven Caviness; King Ryker Cherry, 5, son of Jimmy and Sabrina Cherry; Second Page Tate Pigue, 6, son of Terry and Heather Pigue; and Fourth Page Dalton Phillips, 7, son of Brittany Brown. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Carroll County Fifth Graders Learn about Agriculture

BY BRAD SAM

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HUNTINGDON (March 8) — The approximately 400 fifth graders from all five Carroll County school districts gathered for Agriculture Day at the Carroll County Civic Center and the National Guard Armory.

The event, organized by Carroll County Farm Bureau, shines a light on the vital role of agriculture in society and particularly in Tennessee and Carroll County.

According to the UT Extension Institute of Agriculture, there are 732 farms in Carroll County comprising 177,931 acres. The largest acreage is soybeans, followed by corn, cotton and wheat, respectively. There are also 8,500 head of cattle in the county.

At the civic center, students ate lunch and learned about agriculture, responsibility and hard work from Cowboy Dan, who sang songs and played guitar.

At the armory, classes rotated between eleven stations where they learned about a wide variety of aspects of agriculture and

food production.

Stations included: Farm Safety, The Super Soybean, Crop Care, Dairy, The Pollinators, Soil Conservation, Cotton, Combine Simulator, "What is a Farmer?", Corn/Wheat and Chicken Hatchery.

Businesses and organizations contributing to the event were: UT Extension, Soybean Council, ADM, Pioneer Seed Company, Espey Gin Company, Carroll County Soil Conservation District, Peppers Ford, C&J Well Drilling, Tennessee Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom, Carroll County Farm Bureau Women, the USDA, Bell Consulting, Tyson Foods, Carroll County Farm Bureau and Kentucky Lake Beekeepers Association.

Future Farmers of America students from Clarksburg and Huntingdon also assisted with the event.



Above Left, Cowboy Dan entertains fifth graders from McKenzie, Clarksburg and Hollow Rock-Bruceton at the Carroll County Civic Center. Above, From left, Keleigha Belk, Alyssa Mitchell, Zachiriyah Connelly and Owen King of Autumn Anderson's Huntingdon Middle School class hold baby chicks from Tyson as they learn about the hatching process. Below, Angie Martin of Espey Gin Company talks about cotton with Emily Bloodworth's West Carroll Elementary School class. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the West Tennessee Public Utility District will meet in regular session on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the offices of the District at 14055 Paris St., Huntingdon, Tennessee.

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McKENZIE CITY COUNCIL
Special Called Meeting • City of McKenzie, TN

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
McKenzie City Hall, 2470 Cedar Street

AGENDA

- Resolution approving CDBG grant.
- Resolution requesting approval from Governor and Legislature for historic tax credits.

REGULAR MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to the McKenzie Rebel Boys Basketball team playing in the state tournament, the McKenzie City Council's March meeting date is **Friday, March 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.**

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McKenzie Rotary Club Hosts MHS Honors Banquet

McKenzie Rotary Club was the host of the 2019 McKenzie High School Honors Banquet held at MHS on Tuesday, March 5. The students were treated to dinner by Rotarians prior to the awards ceremony in the school's gymnasium. Rotary President-elect Joel Washburn welcomed the students and noted the local service club has four areas of local service, two of which is a dedication to the community's youth and to academic excellence.

Tim Watkins, principal at McKenzie High School, welcomed featured speaker Dereck Stewart. Stewart is the highest ranking officer in the Tennessee Highway Patrol. He is a graduate of McKenzie High School. Colonel Dereck Stewart began his career with the Tennessee Highway Patrol in 1987 as a road Trooper in Montgomery County, where he spent seven and a half years before transferring to the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy to teach basic training to police and sheriff recruits. From there he joined the THP Training Academy Staff in 1995, where he was promoted to sergeant, and later to lieutenant serving as assistant director of training. He was promoted to captain in 2004 and led the Internal Affairs Unit until transferring to the director's position in the Research, Planning and Development Division for the department. In September 2010, he was promoted to major and executive officer for Colonel Tracy Trott until August 2011, when he was promoted to lieutenant colonel over the Administrative Support Bureau. He was promoted to Colonel of the Tennessee Highway Patrol in May, 2018. He holds a bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University and is married to Cynthia, and they have two children, Jada and Dereck II.

Stewart spoke briefly to the students and told them they were blessed with good faculty and staff at McKenzie Schools.

One's path in life is subject to change and sometimes the plans of life are different. He said he wanted to be a shortstop on a professional baseball team, however, while in college, he was struck in the face with a baseball. He had a broken jaw and displaced teeth following the accident. He developed a fear of being hit again and decided a career in baseball was not for him.

As his parting quote, Colonel Stewart said, "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Mr. Tim Watkins announced the name of each recipient of a certificate as they crossed the stage. Sheila Ridley presented each with a certificate. Several seniors received the distinction of being awarded a plaque denoting a four-year invitation to the Honors Banquet. McKenzie Rotary Club sponsored the plaques.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Lynn Watkins presented a \$1,000 Rotary scholarship to Macey Ognibene, the successful applicant among many who was recognized for her scholarly achievements and her service work in the community.

Ninth Grade

Baucum, Wynter; Bilger, Joel; Bynum, Wesley; Cheney, Shannon; Cole, Andrew; Cook, Trey; Dutton, Dharma; Dyer, Dani; Es-sary, William; Fornera, Sydney; Gallimore, Bethanny; Hall, Taylor; Hampton, Jonah; Hudson, Hayden; Jones, Raina; Mclearen, Collin; Minard, Madison; Nolin, Olivia; O'brien, Sadie; Olson, Brittany; Patrick, Duane; Pershell, Andrew; Pettingill, Garrett; Phipps, Sawyer; Prather, Meya; Putman, Blair; Roberson, Rhilee; Robinson, Anna; Spivey, Anna Grace; Swinea, Ashlyn; Tucker, Jaden; Umstead, Rachel; Viana, Connor; Weatherford, Juleyanne; Winchester, Landon; Woodruff, Hadley; Wright, Isabelle

Tenth Grade

Allen, Ariel; Bennett, Lilly; Boaz, Brandon; Brasfield, Haley; Brewer, Emilie; Britt, Ashleigh; Callahan, Anna Grace; Chadwick, Presley; Chandler, Trevor; Chantler, Ruby; Chappell, Allie; Chesser, Ashlynn; Cottrill, Claire; Currie, Jaden; Drewry, Ashlyn; Gallimore, William; Gant, Austin; Glass, Margaret; Glissen, Aubree; Green, Kennedy; Green, Logan; Henderson, Olivia; Hill, Savannah; Jowers, Hannah; Kamholz, Haylee; Latimer, William; Lawrence, Lisa; Lyles, Logan; Mansfield, Lauren; Medford, Annabelle; Moore, Johnathan; Murphy, Andrew; Nanney, Nathan; Nesbitt, Savannah; Seivers, Elijah; Smiley, Nicholas; Summers, Lyndsey; Surber, Eli; Taylor, Austin; Turner, Graycie; Vazquez, Stephanie; Ventura, Dominic; Wallace, Presley; Ward, Kandice; Warren, Lydia; Washburn, Anna; Webb, Chase; Webb, Gracie; Wilson, Richard Clay; Young, Levin

Eleventh Grade

Adkins, Hannah; Allen, Desteyana; Barker, Tommie Jo; Boucher, Molly; Brown, Karli; Colotta, Isabella; Cook, Weston; Davis, Hallee; Davis, Shelby; Deloach, Momilani; Essary, Kimberly; Ezell, Issaic; Fry, Jack; Garza, Giselle; Gonzalez, Daniel; Goodrum, Andrew; Hendrix, Madison; Hobson, Braxton; Horton, Lane; Jarrett, Evan; Joyner, Riley; Kee, Cameron; Marr, Ashton; Maxwell, Kyle; Moreno, Elaina; Norden, Chance; Pate, Sydney; Patrick, Claudia; Pewitt,



Above, Macy Ognibene was the winner of the \$1,000 McKenzie Rotary Club college scholarship. She is pictured with the featured speaker, Colonel Dereck Stewart, a 1983 MHS Alumnus, and Lynn Watkins, the director of schools and McKenzie Rotary Club past president. Top Right, Freshman Honorees. Above Right, Sophomore Honorees. Below Right, Junior Honorees. Bottom Right, Senior Honorees.

Jensen; Phifer, Celinas; Rayburn, Morgan; Reed, Hannah; Rorer, Nathan; Roy, Zachery; Smith, Whitley; Steele, Kyla; Taylor, Lilli; Travis, Camille; Tucker, Jenna; Vandyke, Mary; Vazquez, Sabrina; Whitsell, Nathan; Wright, Amber; Zheng, Jackey

Twelfth Grade

Austin, Ben*; Austin, Logan; Barker, Holly*; Bennett, Luke*; Bolin, Emily*; Britt, Caleigh; Cole, Julianna*; Cole, Mallo-ry*; Colotta, Chase*; Cooper, Brandon; Cooper, Amberleigh*; Craddock, Allison; Daffron, Chase; Daffron, Lillian*; Davis, Alexander*; Eason, Amber*; Edmonson, La'jada; Fann, Parker; French, Julie*; Garza, Ruby; Gilbert, Dayana; Green, Alivia; Hargrove, Haven*; Harvey, Allison*; Hobson, Brandon*; Holder,

Katheryne*; Hones, Hannah*; Houck, Rabekka; Huddleston, Caleb; Humphreys, Peoni; Jackson, Sarah; King, Larson; Laser, Zachary; Latimer, Margaret*; Marr, Brady; Matthews, Makenzie*; McBride, William; Melen-dez, Henry*; Minton, Brock; Myers, Matthew; Nunnery, Marisa*; Oakley, Elizabeth*; Ognibene, Macey*; Page, Arizona*; Phillips, Celeste*; Putman, John Tyler; Reed, Jesse; Sawyers, Bailey*; Smith, Harold; Spivey, Tyler*; Taylor, Kristen*; Townes, Tanner; Tucker, Shelby*; Turman, Grayce*; Ventura, Jazmin*; Watkins, Murphy; Watson, Allie; Wilkes, Madison; Williams, Chloe*; Winchester, Jakob; Wooley, Michael; Wright, Olivia* - *Denotes Four-Year Attendee.



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MES Fourth Grader Earns 1,000 Points



McKenzie Elementary School fourth grade student Branson Baker reached a milestone of 1,000 Accelerated Reader points this school year. This goal has only been reached by two other students in MES school history. Congratulations to Branson! *Submitted photo*

McKenzie Elementary Bookmark Contest Winners



McKenzie Elementary School recently held a bookmark contest in conjunction with the Tennessee Association of School Librarians with the theme, “Everyone Belongs at Your School Library.” Pictured (left) are second grade winners (L to R): First Place — Ross Little, Second Place — Kinsley Wilson, Third Place — Kamyah Gordon and Fourth Place — Routon Wilson. First-third place winners will be mailed in to compete in the state competition. Pictured (right) are third through fourth grade winners (L to R): First Place — Braylin Auvenshine, Second Place — Sydonia Reese, Third Place — Avery Brown and Fourth Place — Bella Sass. First-third place winners will be mailed in to compete in the state competition. *Submitted photos*

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Mrs. Tiffany Smith’s Fourth Grade Class Reaches Reading Goal



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Upcoming Area Beauty Revues

McKenzie Beauty Revues Rescheduled to Tuesday
McKenzie beauty revues, hosted by McKenzie Band Boosters, are rescheduled to Tuesday, March 19.
The first revues are Little Mr. and Miss McKenzie, the elementary students, starting at 5:30 p.m. The Miss Junior McKenzie, featuring McKenzie Middle School girls, will immediately follow the first event and Miss

McKenzie will be the last event of the evening.
The event was originally scheduled for Friday and Saturday, which has the possibility of conflicting with the McKenzie High School Rebels appearance in the state men’s state championship.
2019 Miss Tater Town Pageants
The annual Tater Town Pageants are Saturday, March 23, at

the Gleason School Gymnasium, beginning at 1 p.m. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. Categories for boys and girls are: 0 thru 11 months; 1 year-olds; 2 year-olds; 3 year-olds; 4 and 5 year-olds; and 6 through 9-year olds. Older categories include the Pre-Teen Miss Tater Town for girls ages 10-12. Next will be the Jr. Miss Pageant for girls ages 13-15. The finale of the evening will be the Miss Tater Town Pageant for

ages 16-21. Pageant winners qualify for the West Tennessee Strawberry Pageants. Entry fees for all pageants will be \$25.00. Extra categories are available. For more information call 514-9007 or 415-3511.
Miss Gleason School Pageants
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Miss April Stepp’s First Grade Class Reaches AR Goal

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Mrs. Lorrie Brown’s First Grade Class Reaches AR Goal

Mrs. Lorrie Brown’s first grade class reached its reading goal of 1,000 Accelerated Reader points in February. The class maintained an average of 94.7 percent correct in comprehension while achieving the goal. Congratulations to the class and keep up the hard work! *Submitted photo*

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Far Left, Rebel Ben Austin led all scorers with 27 points in the Sectional win. Left, Rebel Lucas King scored 10 points in the Sectional win. Right, Rebel Nate Whitsell scored 22 points in the Sectional win. Far Right, Rebel senior Ben Austin gets a hug from Head Coach John Wilkins and a pat on the back from Assistant Coach Larry Joe Smith as he exits the Sectional game for the final time. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Above, Rebel fans storm the court when the clock hits double-zeros to certify McKenzie's ticket to the state tournament. Below Left, The Rebel student section erupts in cheers after a monster slam dunk by Ben Austin with the Sectional win all but secured. Below Right, Rebel Nate Whitsell celebrates the Sectional victory as McKenzie fans storm the court. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



McKenzie Rebels Earn State Tournament Berth with Sectional Win

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McKENZIE (March 5) — The McKenzie High School Rebels will travel to Murfreesboro next week as one of the “Elite Eight” teams in the 2019 TSSAA Class A State Boys’ Basketball Tournament at the Murphy Center on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University.

The Rebels punched their tickets Monday with a 69-57 Sectional win over a tough East Robertson team before a raucous crowd at Bethel University’s Crisp

Arena.

It is just the second trip the Rebels have made to the state tournament in the history of the program, the first coming 21 years ago.

After a tight first quarter, the Rebels gradually built up a lead over the resilient Indians. A Lucas King three-pointer to open the second half finally gave McKenzie its first double-digit lead, and from there the gap hovered between eight and 14 points. With just over a minute to play, Ben Austin punctuated the win with a breakaway and a two-handed slam dunk that elicited a thunderous reaction from Rebel faithful.

When time expired, an ocean of red and gray swept onto the court in celebration. Each player, Assistant Coach Larry Joe Smith and finally Head Coach John Wilkins cut a piece of the net down from the goal in traditional fashion.

The Rebels will be joined by Columbia Academy, Humboldt, Manassas, University School – Johnson City, Cosby, Fayetteville and Eagleville in the single-elimination tournament.

First round games in Class A are Thursday, March 14 at 1:15, 2:45, 4:30 and 6 p.m. Semifinal games are Friday at 4:30 and 6 p.m., and the championship game

is Saturday at 6 p.m.

McKenzie begins tournament play Thursday at 4:30 p.m. against University School – Johnson City.

McKenzie Rebels 69, East Robertson Indians 57

The Rebels had a 16-15 edge after the opening frame, led by Ben Austin with nine points. Lucas King scored four, Lane Horton had a pair, and Lazarick Hill hit a free throw. Taylor Groves led the Indians with eight points. Isaiah Hobby scored four, and Darion Shannon hit a three-pointer.

McKenzie had a 16-10 advantage in the second quarter, led again by Austin with seven points. Nate Whitsell scored four, Micah Austin

hit a three-pointer, and Hill added a pair. Dalton Hammonds led East Robertson with six points on a pair of threes, and Groves and Hobby each added a pair. At the half, the Rebels led 32-25.

The Rebels outscored the Indians 18-17 in the third, led by Whitsell with ten points, including a pair of threes. King scored five with a three-pointer, M. Austin added a pair, and B. Austin hit a freebie. Groves led East Robertson with eight, including a three. Shannon scored six, and Hobby had three points. Heading into the final frame, McKenzie led 50-42.

McKenzie capped the win with a 19-15 tilt in the fourth, led by B.

Austin with ten points. Whitsell scored eight, and King hit a free throw. Groves and Shannon each scored six for the Indians, and Hammonds hit a three-pointer.

Rebel Ben Austin led all scores with 27 points. Nate Whitsell scored 22 with a pair of three-pointers. Lucas King had ten points, also with a three.

Taylor Groves led East Robertson with 24 points, including a three-pointer. He was 11-for-11 at the line. Darion Shannon scored 15 points with a three.

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Big Ben Brings the Thunder!

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With a minute and a half remaining in the McKenzie's Sectional win over East Robertson, the Rebels had the game well in hand, leading 65-53 when Ben Austin added a punctuation mark to the victory.

He got ahead of the Indian defense in transition, and Nate Whitsell threw a Hail Mary from the other end. The 6'8" Austin caught

the pass and floated to the basket for a two-handed slam dunk, swinging briefly from the rim. The Rebel faithful filling the stands erupted in thunderous jubilation.

Then, just as that earthquake was subsiding, the towering senior brought on an aftershock with a block of a shot by Indian Taylor Groves. A third wave of deafening cheers and applause would come shortly after when Austin exited the game for the final time.

In an interview with The Ban-

ner, Austin said it was his fourth dunk of the season, by his count, "but that was definitely the best one." He said that as Whitsell's perfect pass was coming to him, he was thinking, "I knew there was no one. This has got to be my chance. Everybody's getting on me about not dunking it a few times in the past games. The crowd's going wild, we're already hyped up, so I might as well do it. And I did it, and that was the best feeling ever, how loud that place got. And then to go down there a block, that's just an awesome sequence."

Asked about how he got his bearings after the dunk to get

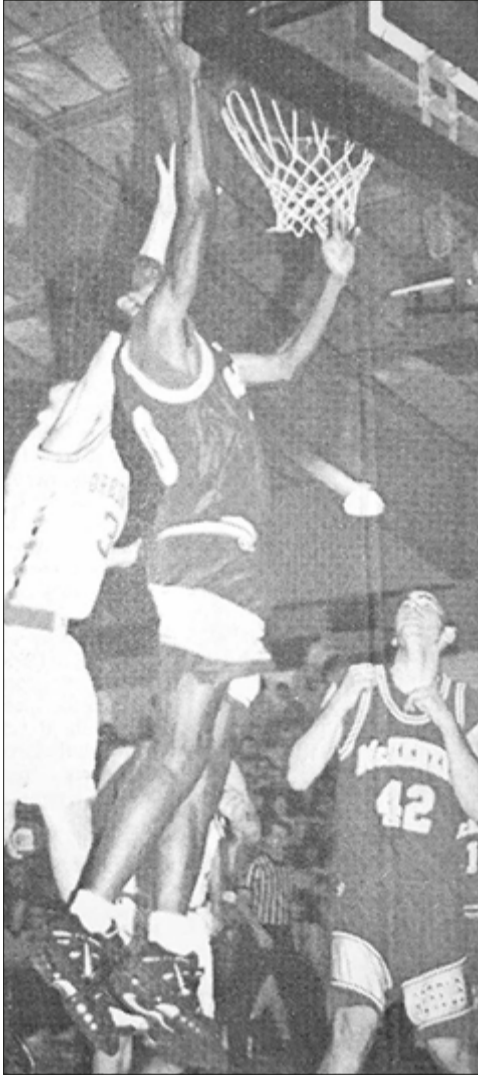
down the court and get a block so quickly, he said, "Because whenever you dunk like that, you grow about three inches and you think you can jump out of the gym. That was probably the fastest I've ever run down the court, and then as soon as I saw [Groves] coming in there, I knew I was either gonna foul him or block him. It ended up a block. After that I knew it was over, because we had too much energy and we were too excited. There was no way they were coming back."

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

1998 McKenzie Rebels Advance to State, Defeat Greenfield 63-59



Above, McKenzie Rebels, cheerleaders, and fans enjoy the Substate victory Monday evening. They now advance to state tournaments in Murfreesboro. Below Left, Calvin Perkins moved inside for an easy shot while Jason Ross waits for a rebound if necessary. Below Center, McKenzie's Chuck Washburn and Josh Morton allowed Jacket Jeremy Vujicic the shot to avoid a foul. Below Right, Justin Stafford moved inside for this shot against Yellowjacket opposition. File photos originally published on March 11, 1998



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According to the TSSAA website, gates generally open 45 minutes before the first scheduled game of the day.

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Rebels Celebrate Sectional Victory with Cutting of the Net



Top Left, Ben Austin. Top Center, Tyler Spivey. Top Right, Brandon Hobson. Above Left, Lucas King. Above Center, Nate Whitsell. Above Right, Lazarick Hill. Below Left, Caleb Gill. Below Right, Lane Horton. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner





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Top Left, 2018-19 McKenzie Rebels Basketball Team, Top Right, MHS Basketball Cheerleaders (L to R): Front Row — Haven Hargrove, Marisa Nunnery and Sydney Pate; Second Row — Ashlyn Drewry, Anna Grace Spivey, Savannah Hill and Taylor Hall; Back Row — Jessica Moore, Lauren Mansfield, Madison Hendrix, Momi DeLoach and Kristen Taylor. Above, Seniors (L to R): Stephone Haynes, Ben Austin, Brandon Hobson, Tyler Spivey, Jazmin Ventura, Tayla Stubbs, Mi'Kayla Gill, Julie French, Macey Ognibene, La'Jada Edmonson, Marisa Nunnery, Kristen Taylor and Haven Hargrove.

2018-19 McKenzie High School Senior Spotlights



Ben Austin

Parents: John and Natalie Austin
Favorite Basketball Player: Larry Bird

On finishing his high school basketball career at the state tournament: "It's awesome. We've got a great group of guys. I have amazing teammates around me. We've made a post-season push. A lot of people didn't think we were gonna be here, but we did it. And we knew from the beginning of the year that we could do it if we just worked hard and never gave up, and that's what we did. We bought into the mentality as

a team. I couldn't ask for a better group of guys, from freshmen to seniors, to surround myself with, that work as hard in practice. That's something that goes overlooked a lot is our practice players. They do a lot of work for us. They make us work in practice, and it shows during the games. So, I just love being around them and having fun with them."

On representing McKenzie: "Coming from a small town, the support that we've gotten is just amazing. I've had so many people tell me they're coming, driving three hours away just to support us. It just means a lot. You can tell that our community is behind us, and we're gonna try and make them proud."



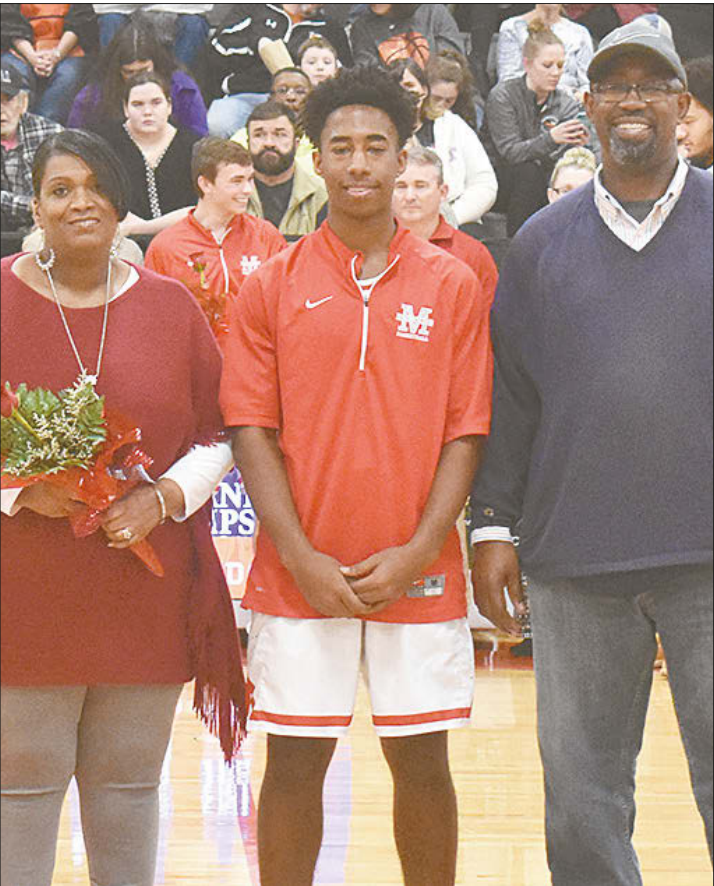
Tyler Spivey

Parents: Kelly and Mary Spivey
Favorite Basketball Player: Ben Simmons

On finishing his high school basketball career at the state tournament: "It's always been a dream of mine. As a little kid, thinking of going to the state tournament, watching sometimes on Saturday the championship games, and see-

ing all of those athletes over there, and always dreaming about going. It's just an awesome opportunity."

On representing McKenzie: "Well I'm not from here (Spivey's family moved here when he was in seventh grade), so coming here, everybody's accepted me. I've become close with my fellow seniors and my guys. Being with the juniors for three years now, we've all become close like brothers. I've enjoyed it. I'm glad I can represent McKenzie. I wouldn't want to represent anybody else."



Brandon Hobson

Parents: Craig and Renee Hobson
Favorite Basketball Player: Stephen Curry

On finishing his high school basketball career at the state tournament: "It's been fun. I've

been with my friends, making a lot of memories. It's going to be something I'll remember for the rest of my life. It's gonna be great. It's been a great season, seeing everybody grow and everything."

On representing McKenzie: "It feels great to represent my hometown."

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2018-19 McKenzie High School Boys Basketball Team



Freshman #12 Zayden McCaslin



Freshman #22 Andrew Cole



Freshman #34 Caleb Gill



Freshman #42 Jake McDaniel



Sophomore #2 Elijah Seivers



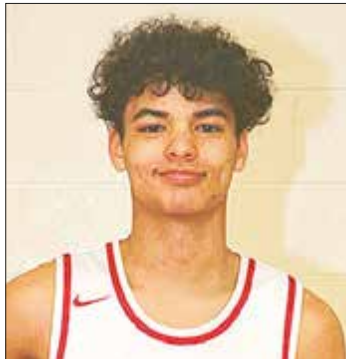
Sophomore #10 Jaden Currie



Sophomore #21 Johnathan Moore



Sophomore #33 Eli Surber



Junior #1 Lucas King



Junior #4 West Cook



Junior #5 Lazarick Hill



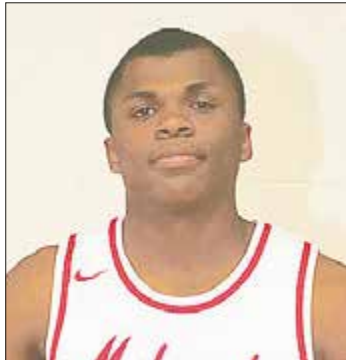
Junior #15 Lane Horton



Junior #20 Evan Jarrett



Junior #23 Micah Austin



Junior #25 Nate Whitsell



Senior #3 Tyler Spivey



Senior #11 Brandon Hobson



Senior #32 Ben Austin

2018-19 McKenzie High School Boys Statistics

#	Names	GP	FGM-A	3PTM-A	FG%	FTM-A	Tot. Pts	AVG/GM	TREB	REB/GM
1	Lucas King	29	151 - 345	49 - 151	43.4	93 - 116	441	15.2	119	4.1
3	Tyler Spivey	30	6 - 39	3 - 21	15.8	6 - 6	21	.7	24	.8
5	Lazarick Hill	31	115 - 242	19 - 74	47.5	53 - 84	304	9.8	109	3.5
15	Lane Horton	31	31 - 62	0 - 3	47.0	16 - 28	81	2.6	78	2.5
20	Evan Jarrett	25	15 - 40	3 - 10	39.0	13 - 15	48	1.9	40	1.6
23	Micah Austin	17	27 - 92	14 - 48	30.4	19 - 31	88	5.2	36	2.1
25	Nate Whitsell	31	105 - 189	12 - 31	59.3	31 - 47	254	8.2	161	5.2
32	Ben Austin	31	223 - 366	25 - 74	60.7	96 - 130	567	18.3	322	10.4
34	Caleb Gill	31	50 - 127	12 - 43	39.1	25 - 37	136	4.4	36	2.1
	TOTALS	31	723 - 1502	137 - 455	48.1	352 - 494	1940	62.5	925	29.8

2018-19 McKenzie High School Boys Roster

#	Player		
1	Lucas King	25	Nate Whitsell
2	Elijah Seivers	32	Ben Austin
3	Tyler Spivey	33	Eli Surber
4	West Cook	34	Caleb Gill
5	Lazarick Hill	42	Jake McDaniel
10	Jaden Currie		Head Coach: John Wilkins
11	Brandon Hobson		Assistant Coach: Larry Joe Smith
12	Zayden McCaslin		Managers: Stephone Haynes, Drew Beeler,
15	Lane Horton		Allie Chappell and Claire Wilkins
20	Evan Jarrett		Videographer: Logan Green
21	Jonathan Moore		Team Scorekeeper: Ladona Herrin
22	Andrew Cole		Social Media Director: Tim McBride
23	Micah Austin		Principal/Athletic Director: Tim Watkins

1997-98 Rebels Honored for Historic Season

BY BRAD SAM

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The 2017-98 basketball season was the 20th anniversary of the McKenzie High School Rebels reaching the state tournament for the first time in the program's history. An event was planned prior to a Friday night game during that season, but fate (in the form of Mother Nature) forced that event to be canceled. Members of the 1997-98 team were invited to come back early in the next season, on Friday, December 7, 2018 for a reception prior to and recognition during the game. It would turn out to be fitting as the Rebels had high expectations for the 2018-19 season, expectations that they would meet head-on. The following article appeared in the December 11, 2018 edition of The Banner.

McKENZIE (December 7) — The 1997-98 McKenzie High School Rebels basketball team was honored between Friday's games. The team was the first and only boys basketball team in school history to advance to the state tournament. Prior to the games, former players and other team members were invited to a reception in the cafeteria. They were treated to a meal catered by Mallard's Restaurant as video was played of their sub-state victory over Greenfield. On display was memorabilia from the historic season.



Members of the 1997-98 MHS Rebels basketball team present at Friday's game were (L to R): Front Row — team scorer Tim McBride, Head Coach Larry Joe Smith, Mat Kee, Justin Stafford, Assistant Coach Bruce Herrin and Principal Terry Howell; Back Row — Calvin Perkins, Chuck Washburn, Scott Schweitzer, Clint Verner, John Lankford, Andrew Foster and Thom Woodson. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

The team finished as district champions and region runners-up before defeating Greenfield to earn the state berth. They ended the season in the quarterfinals with an overall record of 24-6. During the reception, then Head Coach (and current Assistant Coach) Larry Joe Smith addressed those present. He said that those that were a part of that team have "got a bond that will hold us together."

He introduced current Head Coach John Wilkins, who wanted his players to "see guys who have done it before."

Both Smith and Wilkins expressed their hope that this year's team could match that historic season.

Between games, the players were welcomed onto the court, entering through a tunnel of current players and cheerleaders. The teams' accolades were listed and the players recognized individually. They then joined the cheerleaders in a tunnel for the current team to enter for warm-ups.

Present for the festivities were players Mat Kee, Chuck Washburn, Justin Stafford, Calvin Perkins (who flew in from Philadelphia), Thom

Woodson, John Lankford, Andrew Foster, Clint Verner and Scott Schweitzer, team scorer Tim McBride, Principal Terry Howell, Assistant Coach Bruce Herrin and Head Coach Larry Joe Smith.

Those not able to attend were Jason Ross, Clay Boyd, Shannon Milton, Darrian Allen, Ryan Kirk, Ryan Anderson, Josh Morton, Mark Smith, Colby Brandon and manager Corey Glisson. The event was scheduled during last season (the 20th anniversary), but inclement weather forced its cancellation.

2018-19 McKenzie Rebels

28-3 Overall • 11-1 District 11A

Date	Opponent	Result
Nov. 13	Madison Academic	W 80-43
Nov. 16	Stewart County	W 70-44
Nov. 20	at #12 Peabody	W 69-67
Nov. 27	at Bradford	W 62-52
Nov. 30	#22 Camden	W 89-82
Dec. 4	at Clarksburg	W 73-19
Dec. 7	Obion County	W 71-40
Dec. 11	at Big Sandy	W 76-27
Dec. 14	West Carroll	L 62-69
Dec. 17	Bradford	W 63-41
Dec. 27	Lexington	L 47-53
Dec. 28	Waverly	W 72-38
Jan. 3	Dresden	W 74-21
Jan. 4	at Hollow Rock-Bruceton	W 75-56
Jan. 8	Natchez Trace	W 68-10
Jan. 11	Huntingdon	W 67-33
Jan. 15	Clarksburg	W 77-31
Jan. 18	#2 Columbia Academy	L 38-51
Jan. 19	at Dresden	W 57-45
Jan. 22	Big Sandy	W 76-37
Jan. 25	at West Carroll	W 66-54
Jan. 29	Hollow Rock-Bruceton	W 56-39
Jan. 31	Natchez Trace	W 64-10
Feb. 1	Greenfield	W 66-46
Feb. 5	at Huntingdon	W 67-45
Feb. 12	Hollow Rock-Bruceton	W 77-32
Feb. 15	D11A Semifinal	
	Huntingdon	W 52-43
Feb. 22	D11A Championship	
	Perry County	W 63-50
Feb. 26	Region 6A Quarterfinal	
	#11 Summertown	W 66-42
Feb. 28	Region 6A Semifinal	
	#8 Loretto	W 54-51
Mar. 4	Region 6A Championship	
	#10 East Robertson	W 69-57
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Above, The Rebels celebrate their first region championship in 45 years. Below, The Rebels celebrate their fifth consecutive district championship. Right, Lane Horton scores and draws a foul in McKenzie's loss to Columbia Academy in January. Columbia Academy will also appear in the state tournament. Far Right, Lazarick Hill scores against Loretto in McKenzie's Region 6A championship win. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



The Long Road Back to the State Tournament

BY JIM POTTS

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One could have a really good debate on when the current journey that has led to this state tournament berth began. Some would say it started after the last trip to state in 1998. Some would say it started in 2014-15 season which was the first of five consecutive district titles. You could even make a case for the journey starting right after the upset loss to Collinwood last year in the first round of the region tournament when play had to be stopped due to dangerous weather. The Rebels had the lead, the momentum, and the ball when play was stopped. When the game resumed some 45 minutes later, McKenzie couldn't get the momentum back and lost 62-57. The fact is all of these played

a part in the Rebel basketball program getting back to the state tournament.

McKenzie began the 21st century in a losing rut with several consecutive losing seasons with some of that due to competing in double A against the likes of Bolivar, Camden, Milan, and Lexington. The first winning season of the new century came in 2005-2006 when the Rebels returned to Class A and immediately improved from 12-13 the previous year to 24-6 and 10-1 with a district championship but lost in the first round of the region tournament. McKenzie was competitive for the next couple of seasons, but struggled from 2007-2012. In the 2012-2013 season, the Rebels improved to 22-8 and 14-2 in the district, winning the district championship but losing in the first round of the region tournament. This would be a burr in the Rebels' behind for the next

several seasons.

The current streak of district championships began with the 2014-2015 season with the Rebels averaging 20-plus wins per season but losing in the first round of the region tournament. McKenzie wasn't the only team with that problem; the entire district was being swept out in the first round of the region tournament for several seasons.

The Rebels put together a solid 2017-2018 campaign posting a 23-8 record with a 10-2 district record plus their fourth straight district title. It was Saturday, February 24, they played host to #17 Collinwood in the first round of the Region 6 tournament in front of a full-house crowd. The game was close from the start. Early in the fourth period, McKenzie had the lead, momentum, and possession of the ball when play was stopped due to dangerous weather in the area. 45

minutes later, the game resumed but the Rebels lost the momentum and went cold shooting which led to a 62-57 loss abruptly ending the season.

2018 — 2019

There was a lot of excitement about this year's team way before the season even began knowing that the Rebels returned a lot of talent from the previous season. The season dawned on November 13, 2018 with an 80-43 blowout win against Madison Academic. They won their first eight games including a 69-67 win over Trenton Peabody who was ranked #12 at the time. Peabody went all the way to the sectionals ending their season against Memphis-Manassas. They defeated another ranked team in #22 Camden in an 89-82 shootout.

McKenzie's first loss came to West Carroll on December 14 after the War Eagles erased a

double digit lead with a scorching shooting streak in the final period defeating the Rebels 69-67 in overtime. They bounced back in the next game defeating Bradford by 22 points at home heading into the Christmas Break. Their second loss came in their first game in the Huntingdon Point Guard Classic when they came out flat against Lexington losing 53-47. The very next day they came out and whipped Waverly 72-38 to close out 2018. Starting with the Waverly win, McKenzie went 14-1 during the remainder of the regular season losing only to #2 Columbia Academy who is also in the State Tournament with the Rebels. After that loss on January 18, the Rebels have not lost since posting a number of lopsided victories, sweeping the district tournament for their fifth straight district title.

They went into the Region

Tournament at Bethel University defeating Perry County in the quarterfinals 63-50 and then ended #11 Summertown's season in the semi-finals 66-42, and won a close 54-51 contest against #8 Loretto who was the defending state champion in Class A, to win their first region title since the 1970s. Next up was a talented, #10 ranked East Robertson team in the sectionals. This game was a win or season over contest. McKenzie kept the momentum the entire contest and punched their ticket to the state tournament with a convincing 69-57 win.

Putting the season in perspective, the Rebels have been dominating with the exception of the three hiccups. They defeated six ranked teams including three in a row in the tournaments. No matter how things turn out in Murfreesboro, this team will be remembered for years to come.

Wilkins Makes First Trip to State Tournament

BY BRAD SAM

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McKenzie High School boys basketball Head Coach John Wilkins will make his first appearance as a coach at the TSSAA State Basketball Tournament Thursday when he leads his 28-3 Rebels to their second appearance in program history and first since 1998.

Wilkins has attended several TSSAA state tournaments as a fan, most notably and most recently last Thursday through Saturday as his father, Mitch Wilkins, coached the Gibson County Lady Pioneers to the Class A Girls Championship. It was his first championship win.

John is in his seventh season as the Rebels' head coach, following six years as assistant coach under his father at Henry County High School. The two departed Henry County for their respective current positions during the same summer. During a post-game interview with The Banner following the Rebels Sectional win

against East Robertson, Wilkins said, "We hoped the moment wouldn't get too big for us, and it didn't. We just focused on defending and rebounding and doing those things, and we knew everything else would take care of itself."

He said of East Robertson, "They're a good team. Everybody from here on out is. We get a two-point win or whatever, we're gonna be happy to have it."

He addressed facing a long break between the Sectional and the first round of the state tournament, and made reference to the fact that he wasn't the only Wilkins coaching at this year's state tournaments. "It'll be different. Dad's in the state tournament Thursday, so I have to kind of balance going and watching him and also getting prepared at the same time. That's a good problem to have. I'll figure all this stuff out. I love being in the position of having to figure out how I can prepare my team for the state tournament, and watch my dad's team. It's just such a blessing. We're fortunate to be where we are, we have caught



some breaks this year. We've got a good group of kids that have worked and continue to work. It's going to be fun. We're gonna

figure it out."

Wilkins also noted the Rebels' crucial comeback win against Loretto in the Region champion-

ship game. "That fourth-quarter comeback was big the other night, staying here." But come-from-behind wins are nothing new for this McKenzie squad. "Our kids believe they can win. We've been in that scenario a couple of times and been able to get over the hump. Now, we get down six, eight or ten, it's not panic time for us. You need some of that in a group."

In a follow-up telephone interview Sunday, Wilkins wished to first and foremost thank God. "He led us to McKenzie and the blessing that it's been."

He also called his wife, Lauren, an "unsung hero" of the team's success. "I couldn't do it without her," he said, noting how much she supports him and the team while also caring for their three young children.

He credited his team for their unselfishness. "They all bought in. Everyone accepted the role they've been given and have been truly about trying to do what it takes to win. Any time you get a team focused on overall results, you can accomplish a lot."

He noted that there were no

seniors last year, so the entire team returned. He said that the Rebels' elimination in the region tournament last year (in a game interrupted by a tornado warning) didn't sit well, and that they knew they were close. Wilkins said that community support has had a huge impact. "It's been overwhelming. We needed money [for the trip], and with the amount of people reaching out to help, we've raised all that we'll need. We can focus on basketball."

He's also thrilled at the opportunity it is for many of the kids. "They're gonna get to do some things they never get to do. We're blessed to live in a community that supports us so much. The school administration had also been great. Since day one, they've done whatever they could and provided anything we've asked."

He said that being in the Murphy Center last week to support his dad and the Lady Pioneers was "exciting, but also strange," knowing that the roles would be reversed this week. He noted that every break he had from supporting them, he was preparing for his own tournament, looking over information and watching film.

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Sonic Drive-In Hosts Spirit Night, Donates Funds for Rebels' Trip



MCKENZIE (March 8) — Sonic Drive-In hosted a Spirit Night Friday in celebration of the Rebels' trip to the state tournament. Sonic donated 20 percent of all sales from 5-8 p.m. to the team. During that time, many players and cheerleaders were on hand to greet fans. Sonic provided each player and cheerleader with a free meal and, at 8 p.m., General Manager Chance Hudgins and Assistant Manager Erica Hudgins (pictured far left) presented the team with a check for \$318.17. Photo courtesy Sonic Drive-In

Larry Joe Smith Returns to State

BY JIM POTTS
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It has been 21 years since McKenzie last qualified for the state tournament and there is one person on McKenzie's staff that has had a front row seat to both trips. That would be assistant basketball coach Larry Joe Smith. He was the head coach of the '98 Rebels that made the trip. It's ironic in a way that the '98 team was just honored during this season while this team was working their way through the regular season.

The first words from Coach Smith were that he didn't want this to be about him. Well it is and it isn't. You see, Coach Smith has been a teacher and coached multiple sports at McKenzie for the last 35 years or so. And if you include the two years at DeSoto Academy in Arkansas, he's closing in on 40 years in the educating and coaching business. At one time or another he has coached nearly every sport sponsored by the McKenzie School System. He has coached football, basketball, baseball, softball, and golf. He was head coach for Rebel basketball for 11 or 12 seasons before stepping down in 2007. He has coached golf the longest at 25 continuous years. Several of his teams have gone to State. The 2006 baseball team he helped coach won it all. Of course his '98 basketball team made the trip to Murfreesboro, and several of his golf teams have gone to state including both boys and girls this year. He would say enough bragging about him at this point.



He took a trip down memory lane about the '98 tournament run. "We had good size with three kids going 6'4, 6'4, and 6'5. We won the district and beat Middleton in the region quarterfinals, USJ in the region semi-finals at USJ, but lost to Adamsville in the region finals setting up a trip to Greenfield for substate (now sectionals)," said Smith.

He recalled the gym being full an hour before the game and also added that they had just played Greenfield at the end of the regular season losing by double digits. It was a close game from start to finish. McKenzie was up one and missed a free throw. Calvin Perkins grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled. He hit both forcing Greenfield to shoot a three with just seconds left that missed giving the Rebels a 64-61 win.

About the trip to Murfreesboro, Smith recalled McKenzie being the first team randomly drawn meaning they would have a morning game. They played Oneida. The Rebels built a 13-point lead in the opening period and were still up 9 at the half. In the third period, McKenzie's shooting went into the freezer hitting no baskets in the period and just two free throws. He remembered the game being either tied or close after three. In the fourth it went back and forth the whole period with

Oneida hitting the game-winning shot with 8 seconds left and the Rebels lost by one and went home.

Coach Smith is in the unique position to compare this year's team to the '98 team. "The game itself has gotten a lot quicker since then," said Smith. "The '98 team was a senior-experienced team that was better outside and this year's team is better inside. Of course, we've never had a 6'8 player until now either. This group is quicker and more athletic than the '98 group."

He emphasized the one major similarity between the two teams, "Both teams were made up of good kids that worked hard and we got the most out of both of those teams."

Coach Smith enjoys his role helping Coach John Wilkins with the team. "In 1998, Bruce Herrin was my assistant and I was lucky to have him. Now here I am being the "old" guy helping Coach Wilkins." He added that he and Coach Wilkins have a good relationship and both enjoy working with the kids.

"I am very blessed to go back and do this again after 21 years", said Smith. There are a lot of good coaches here at McKenzie and elsewhere that don't ever get to do this. I'm going to sit back and enjoy all of this."

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