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Congressman Kustoff Visits Carroll County

HUNTINGDON (April 2) — U.S. Congressman David Kustoff visited Carroll County on Friday, April 2 at the invitation of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

To achieve social distancing, the event was held at the Carroll County Civic Center.

Speaking to approximately 30 attendees, including six from the 2021 Youth Leadership Class, Kustoff spoke about the CARES Act under former President Trump and the American Rescue Plan

under President Biden. The Congressman said the CARES Act was very popular and bi-partisan. Biden's plan was approved only by Democrats and only nine percent of the funds go to COVID relief, said the congressman.

Kustoff voted against Biden's plan as well as the certification of states' results of the state-certified results in the 2020 presidential election. Kustoff

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Kustoff addresses the audience at the Carroll County Civic Center on Good Friday.

Carroll County Commission To Vote on Lake Funding

HUNTINGDON — Carroll County commissioners will vote on a resolution to limit the amount of 'growth' funds it grants to the Carroll County Watershed Authority when they meet Monday, April 5, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

The Watershed Authority is the independent government entity that owns and operates the Carroll County 1000-Acre Recreation Lake, located in the Leach Community, just outside of Huntingdon.

The resolution calls for the county not to exceed \$50,000 in growth funds to the Watershed Authority. The resolution essentially caps the funds of a 2008 resolution, which gifted the tax revenues generated from the development of real estate in the lake planned growth area. The funding will continue for 10 years, if the resolution is approved.

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GO ON SAFARI IN CARROLL COUNTY



Top, Some of the 50 species of animals visitors will see at Southland Safari. Above, Klay Phillips of McKenzie feeds a goat at Southland Safari Park in Clarksburg. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Southland Safari, Cabins Offer Animal Adventure, Lodging

CLARKSBURG — A new animal and lodging attraction opened to the public in March in Clarksburg. Southland Safari, owned by Chris and Tosha Gurley, the new attraction offers a close-up view of some 50 species of animals, which total more than 600 on the 125-acre farm, located at 1035 Crum Road outside of Clarksburg. The secluded area provides a quiet home for the animals, many of which are not native to the area or continent. On a tour of the facility, one can see buffalo, alpaca, kangaroos, wildebeest, lemurs, swans, gazelles, emu, wallaby, zebra, giraffe, flamingos, impalas, nyala, two-toed sloth, and many more animals. The staff feeds the animals 10 tons of feed each week.

It all started for Chris Gurley as a young boy when he wrote stories and drew pictures in elementary school of animals. He had a wild imagination, considering he was never exposed to such animals unless it was a summer trip to the zoo. Chris grew up on a small farm raising goats and cattle, a simple life for a young boy growing up in Clarksburg. At the young age of 7, Chris became fascinated with animals and ultimately followed his dream of owning his very own collection of animals. In 2003, Chris made his first purchase of buffalo while he was finishing his associate's degree in electro-mechanical maintenance at Jackson

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World's Biggest Fish Fry Headquarters Opens

PARIS (April 3) — The 68th Annual World's Biggest Fish Fry held its grand opening Saturday at the Tyson Avenue headquarters in Paris. During the ribbon cutting ceremony, George Combs, Jr. was announced as

the 2021 Fish Fry Grand Marshal and the souvenir book was named in Tim Alsobrooks' memory. Combs, a retiree from BPU, is known for his love of the community and is considered a goodwill ambassador for Paris and

Henry County. Alsobrooks, a local radio personality, who died suddenly in 2019, was a huge supporter of the

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TENNESSEE BASS NATION

State Junior Championship Is Coming to Carroll County

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce announces that on May 8, 2021, the Carroll County Thousand Acre Recreational Lake will host the Tennessee Bass Nation State Junior Championship.

The tournament is the state championship for juniors and is expected to bring 80 or more three-person teams from across Tennessee to Carroll County. Teams will be in town on May 7 to register for the event. Fishermen are also likely to visit during March and April to practice on the Lake.

"We are excited to be hosting the Tennessee Junior State Bass Championship," said Brad Hurley, president of the Carroll County Chamber. "Fishing tournaments bring people to our county and while they are here, they spend money with our local businesses."

Carroll County has been fortunate to have been the only home for Bassmaster Junior National Championship since the Chamber hosted the first Bassmaster tournament in 2013. The leadership of Tenn. Bass Nation has witnessed firsthand the hospitality of the residents and businesses in Carroll County.

"I have volunteered at the high school and junior

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Overflow Church Hosts Easter Carnival



McKENZIE (April 3) — Overflow Church, located on Highland Drive, McKenzie, hosted an Easter Carnival in front of the church, which was the former Rural King.

Pictured Above, Pope's Concessions of Greenfield set up kiddie rides and concession stands for the children to celebrate Easter. The rides were free while patrons paid for their own food. Pictured Left, Lucy King, 4, of Milan enjoys one of the kiddie rides at Overflow Church's Easter Carnival.



Above, The truck that transports visitors on the safari. Below, Chris and Tosha Gurley and family own and operate Southland Safari.



Safari

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State Community College. He was fortunate to land a nice career using his degree with AT&T. In 2008 AT&T experienced a huge cut with many layoffs, including Chris. Many people didn't believe in his dream or relate to his vision. Chris had a very special relationship with his late grandfather, Odell Gurley. Odell was Chris's go-to person who would help him think through major life decisions. Odell told Chris he did not need to start his own business raising animals and he needed to find a job with insurance and retirement. If you could hear Chris tell this

story, he would say, "I never went against what 'Pop' told me, but I'm sure glad I did and boy would he be proud now." Southland's website speaks of a wonderful woman named Tosha, who met Chris in 2002 at college and now have three children. She says she just happens to be the lucky one to live out the movie, "We Bought a Zoo." They started their life together and raised their first Blackcap Capuchin, named "Jack." It was then Tosha began to want to support the dream Chris always had. Chris and Tosha had several date nights at Sonic Drive-in because it was the only place in town "Jack" could join them in a public setting. Chris has worked with zoos throughout the country raising animals for them.

At Southland, visitors will gather at the gift store and then board the open-air truck. It is a guided tour that makes its way through the acres of animals. Buckets of animal feed are available to the riders to feed the animals. The tour makes a stop at the nearby gated community where four cabins are available to rent. Each cabin has a restroom with a toilet and shower, TV, wi-fi, refrigerator, microwave, and different configurations of sleeping arrangements. Please add \$199/per night weekday rate and \$249/per night weekend rate. Reserve by phoning 731-415-3812. Tours and rentals are by advance reservation only. To learn more, visit www.southlandsafari.com.

Fish Fry

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Fish Fry and Henry County. The Jaycee sponsored event kicks off with it demolition derby at the Henry County Fair Grounds on Saturday, April 17. Then on Monday, April 19 there is a

street dance downtown. The carnival opens to the public Tuesday, April 20 and runs through Sunday, April 25. Starting Wednesday, April 21 is the famous "all you can eat" fish fry at the Fish Tent. The Grand Parade is Friday, April 23 with the Junior Fishing Rodeo taking place the following day. The Championship Bulls and Barrels Showdown Rodeo is

April 23 and 24. Hostess Princess is Victoria Owens, with First Maid Lexi Daniels, Second Maid Samantha Clark, and Third Maid Jessica Whalen. The event General Manager is Loria Plunk and assistant general manager is Jordan Holland. Last year's event was canceled due to COVID-19.

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Jan Latimer Named Vice President of TCAT-McKenzie

McKenzie resident Jan Humphreys Latimer, is returning to the Tennessee College of Applied Technology-McKenzie to assume the role of vice-president, vacated when John Penn Ridgeway was elected as mayor of Henry County.

Latimer has worked in technical education for more than 20 years serving on both the Paris and McKenzie TCAT campuses. She began her career in 2000 when she was hired as a counselor/recruiter at the Tennessee Technology Center-McKenzie. She was promoted to Student Services Coordinator and moved to the Paris campus in 2007.

“I am excited to be returning home and joining the excellent work being done by the faculty, staff and students on the McKen-



Jan Latimer

zie campus,” Latimer said, adding that she is also looking forward to reconnecting with business and industry leaders in Carroll and surrounding counties.”

Latimer holds a doctorate in higher education from East Tennessee State University and bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Murray State University.

A native of Henry County, Latimer lives in McKenzie with her family, including a daughter, Maggie, who is a sophomore Interior Architecture major at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and two sons, Will, a senior at McKenzie High School, who also plans to attend UT-Chattanooga to study engineering and Daniel, a sophomore at MHS.

TCAT McKenzie welcomes Latimer to the small school with the big heart!

For more information about the programs offered at TCAT McKenzie, call 731-352-5364. New classes begin May 3, 2021.

High-Speed Chase Leads to Arrest of Convicted Felon

Courtesy Mirror-Exchange

A high speed chase about 2 a.m. Saturday led to the arrest of Michael J. Gukeisen, 33, of Huntingdon.

In his report, Milan Patrolman Brian Bennett said he noticed a black passenger vehicle parked half in a driveway and half in Anderson Street so he stopped to check it. As Officer Bennett approached the vehicle, it sped away but not before he read the license plate number. The car drove recklessly through stop signs on Anderson and Garmany Streets before speeding away eastbound on Van Hook Street.

The report states Gukeisen drove all over both lanes of Van Hook Street and sped through the stop light at the intersection of South First Street while the light was red. Officers pursued Gukeisen through Atwood until it turned onto Highway 220, where they called



Michael J. Gukeisen

off the chase for the good of public safety on the narrow, curvy road.

Officers went back to the home on Anderson Street where the chase started and met Tommy Rhea leaving the residence. After being Mirandized, Rhea told officers Gukeisen had come to his house to sell

him a shotgun. Rhea called Gukeisen on his cell while officers listened on speaker phone. During the conversation, Mr. Gukeisen said he fled from police because he was a convicted felon and had two guns in the car.

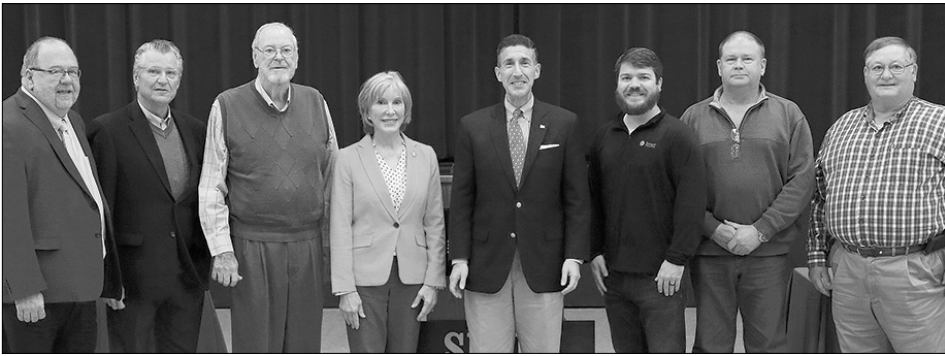
Further investigation revealed Gukeisen was a felon out of Florida and felony drug charges in Gibson County including the Drug Task Force.

Later Saturday morning, authorities with the Carroll County Sheriff’s Department located Gukeisen and took him into custody.

Gukeisen was charged with possession of a deadly weapon to go armed, evading arrest, reckless endangerment, reckless driving, driving without a license, speeding, running stop signs and traffic control signals. He is scheduled to appear in Milan City Court on April 14 at 9 a.m.



Above, Members of Youth Leadership Carroll County with Kustoff — Briley Lankford, Sarah Derryberry, Emily Reeves, Congressman Kustoff, Lyndsey Summers, Ashlyn Drewry and Chamber President Brad Hurley. Below, Kustoff and Local Leaders — Chamber President Brad Hurley, Commissioner Barry Murphy, Huntingdon Mayor Dale Kelley, McKenzie Mayor Jill Holland, Congressman David Kustoff, Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler, Bruceton Mayor Robert Keeton, III, and Commissioner Hal Eason.



Kustoff

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said the Democrats want to nationalize federal elections, overriding state’s

rights.

The congressman said the atmosphere in Washington is toxic, but Kustoff said he tries to “get along.”

He praised legislative and administrative leaders in Tennessee for excellent leadership, especially

through the pandemic.

Chamber President Brad Hurley thanked Kustoff for attending the annual Good Friday forum in Carroll County and announced he will return April 15, 2022.



Congressman David Kustoff Visits The RailYard Co-Working Space

MCKENZIE (APRIL 5) — U.S. Congressman David Kustoff was in McKenzie on Monday to visit the new RailYard Co-Working Space in downtown McKenzie.

Monica Heath, executive director of the McKenzie Industrial Development Corporation and Mayor Jill Holland provided a tour of the multi-level facility.

Heath said the facility is the lone co-working space in rural west Tennessee and is owned by the McKenzie Industrial Development Corporation. It has four private offices, two conferences rooms, a gathering area, ‘hot’ desks for short-term and day use, high-speed internet, a coffee area, computer printer

and fax, and ADA-approved restrooms.

The building was previously the Overflow Church. After a year of construction, the building was converted to a co-working space. Federal and state grants provided funding for much of the construction.

Bass

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nationals for BASS for several years now and have seen first-hand the outstanding work of Carroll County to ensure the junior nationals were top-notch each year. While BASS has a great crew it takes a lot of work from the local community for events to run well. I know we can trust Carroll County to help our Tenn. Bass Nation Junior State Championship to be the best it has ever been” said David Lowrie, Tenn. Bass Nation High School and Youth State Director.

“Young anglers and their families have faced a variety of challenges in the past few months, and we are thrilled to have them in Carroll County and at our premiere Thousand Acre Recreational Lake,” said Joseph Butler, Carroll County Mayor. “It seems fitting to host the Junior Championship here as Carroll County is home to the top collegiate bass fishing team in the country, our own Bethel University Bass Cats.”

Tourism is a key component of the Tennessee and Carroll County economy. Without such an outstanding venue for them to fish, these tournaments would not be happening in Carroll County.

“The Carroll County Thousand Acre Recreational Lake is a beautiful lake and provides our fishermen with an exciting experience,” said Dale Kelley, secretary/treasurer of the Carroll County Watershed Authority (CCW-SA) and mayor of the Town of Huntingdon. “The Town of Huntingdon is excited to be hosting the weigh-in at Billy Cary Park and having parents and families in our town and county,” stated Kelley.

“The Carroll County Chamber is pleased to be a part of this tourism initiative that brings visitors and dollars to Carroll County,” said Hurley. “The economic activity generated by the tournament will impact convenience stores, hotels, eating establishments, automotive stores, etc. This tournament creates a positive impact across Carroll County.”

This will be the eighth major fishing tournament held at the Carroll County Thousand Acre Recreational Lake since it opened in 2013.

Tourist activity in Carroll County generates tax dollars. According to the State of Tennessee, tourism generated \$813,350 in local tax revenue and \$1,280,000 in state tax revenue.

If you would like additional information, please contact the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce at 731-986-4664.

Lake

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A separate wheel tax, assessed at \$10 per registered vehicle in the county, remains at \$10 annually and goes to the lake. That generates approximately \$240,000 to \$250,000 annually and is to end once it pays 30 percent of the development cost of the lake.

In other items on the agenda, Tee-Jay Glidwell of the Carl Perkins Center for the

Prevention of Child Abuse will address the Commission.

Three appointments are on the agenda. Willie Huffman of McKenzie and Lana Suite of McMoresville are recommended to serve on the Carroll County Industrial Development Board. If approved, they will replace Walter Butler and Joe Smothers, both of Huntingdon, who both asked not to be reappointed.

Linda Meek of McKenzie is recommended for reappointment to the Carroll County Agricultural Extension Board.

TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

— PARIS —

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

VICE PRESIDENT

The Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Paris is accepting applications for the position of Vice President. The Vice President reports directly to the President of TCAT-Paris/McKenzie. This is a full-time position with paid holidays and benefits package.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Master’s degree from an accredited institution required.
- Minimum of five (5) years of administrative experience in or with a post-secondary education institution with decision-making responsibilities desired.
- Demonstrated abilities in leadership, human relations, communication skills (written and verbal), and organizational skills.
- Teaching experience with knowledge of instructional techniques and processes, preferred.
- Evidence of strong work ethic as it relates to timeliness of reporting, oversight of multiple on-going projects, and the ability to work with industry/employers.
- Proficient computer skills and working knowledge of network systems; knowledge of student information management systems desired.
- Experience with grant writing and grant management desired.
- Curriculum and program development experience desired.
- Ability to establish and maintain relationships with multiple local businesses, employers, industry, workforce development agencies, secondary and post-secondary institutions.

GENERAL DUTIES:

- Provide executive leadership in the absence of the President.
- Assists the President in planning, organizing, coordinating, marketing and directing the institutional programs and in-service activities.
- Assists in supervision of instructional programs at extension campuses, planning and implementation of additional satellite campuses, including on-site training in area businesses.
- Assists in preparing and/or reviewing various reports as assigned.
- Assists with organizing and overseeing all phases of operations including, but not limited to: purchasing, inventory management, and other duties as assigned by the President.
- Assists in coordinating with business and industry to develop special training opportunities.
- Assists in student conduct, attendance and academic matters when needed by interacting with the student population in matters of counseling, motivational programs and due process.
- Supervises and evaluates assigned staff, faculty and their programs.
- Assists in curriculum development.
- Assists in the preparation of budgets and the financial operations of the college.
- Assists in writing grant proposals and managing grant funds.
- Assists in conducting New Employee Orientation for all faculty and staff.
- Serve as Title VI officer.
- Performs all other duties as assigned by the President.

SALARY: Commensurate with experience, education and training according to Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology salary guidelines.

A criminal/financial background check will be required for applicant selected. Submit application and resume at: <https://tbr.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/37/home/requestion/5474?c=tbr>

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TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

— PARIS —

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

COORDINATOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

The Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Paris is accepting applications for a Coordinator of Student Services position. This is a full-time position with paid holidays and benefits package.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor’s degree required, preferred degree in Business, Education, Psychology or Counseling from an accredited college or university, with a master’s degree preferred.
- Minimum of 3 years of experience working in a post-secondary institution preferred.
- Must have mature attitude, stable personality, worker characteristics that are conducive to a busy office environment, and exercise good judgment. Position requires occasional evening hours.
- Strong human relations/counseling skills, team player, self-starter, excellent record keeping and reporting skills.
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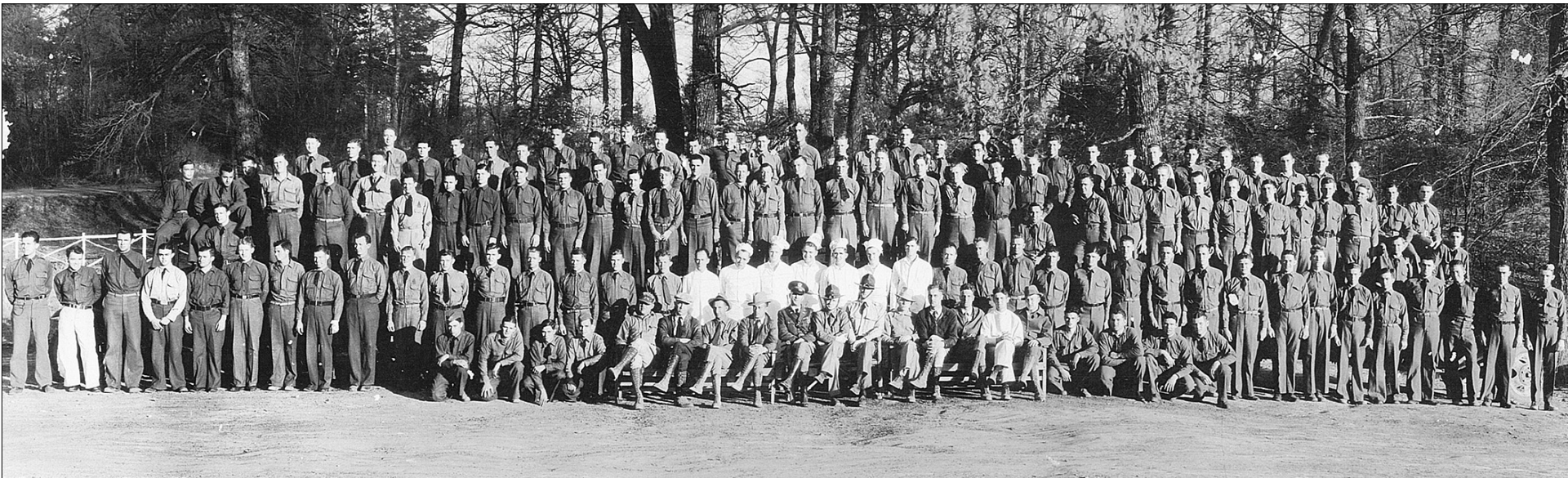
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- Working knowledge in using Microsoft Office Suite and Banner.
- Knowledge of Title IX policies and Disability Services.
- Leadership and organizational skills and ability to handle multiple tasks.
- Must be willing to receive training in the latest office technology and procedures and be willing to engage in staff development activities as needed.
- Supervise Records Clerk and Financial Aid Officer.
- Report directly to the college President.
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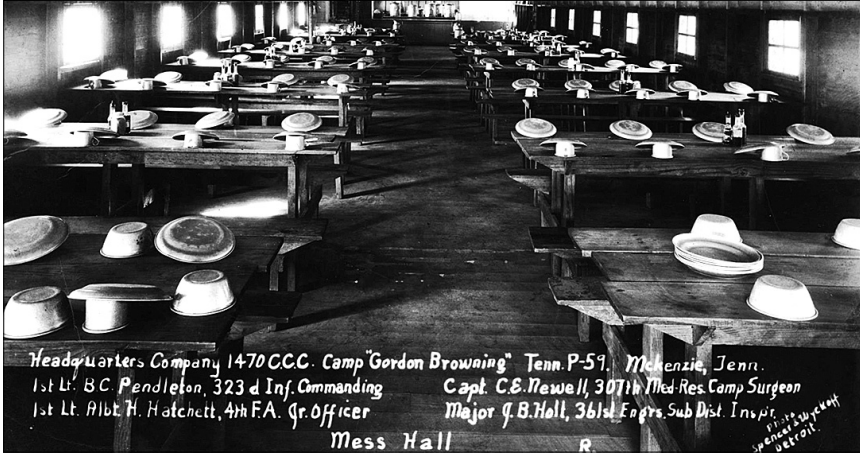
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Civilian Conservation Corps - Co. 1470 - Camp Gordon Browning, McKenzie, 1934. President Roosevelt's New Deal era Civilian Conservation Corps Camps made a great impact on the lives of young men in the pre-World War II South. This CCC Camp was located in McKenzie on the old Highway 22 where the former farm of Aaron Bradfield stands today.



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Camp Gordon Browning

The New Deal in McKenzie (Part I)

Deep in the throes of the Great Depression, the people of McKenzie like the rest of the county and most of the world worked as hard as possible for every available cent. The American Dream was out of reach, while “Brother, Can You Spare a Dime” became the anthem of the Great Depression. On November 8, 1932, Franklin Roosevelt was elected President of the United States and was charged with the task of righting the American economy.

On April 5, 1933, through an executive order, Roosevelt created the Civilian Conservation Corps or CCC. This “New Deal” legislation was designed to put hundreds of thousands of young men to work on environmental conservation projects. By July 1, 1933, 1,433 work camps were established and employing 300,000 men. It was the most rapid peacetime mobilization in American history.

In May 1933, McKenzie was one of the five proposed sites for a camp. According to the Banner archives, there were five 200 men forestry camps to be located in West Tennessee. McKenzie was under consideration by District Forester R.H. Peek, who visited the city.

The two possible locations were recommended, the Burkhalter farm west of McK-

enzie on the Gleason Highway and the Bethel College property on the Huntingdon Highway just east of McKenzie. Formal approval was given to the Bethel property, the men would be paid \$30 a month plus room and board in the CCC camps.

On June 29, 1933, Camp 1470SC-4 (Camp Gordon Browning) located in McKenzie was the first camp to open in West Tennessee. The archives state, “The first contingent of forestry recruits to hit West Tennessee are scheduled to report today (Thursday) at the forest campsite located one mile east of McKenzie on State Highway 22.

Locating the camp to a modern location...travel southeast along Cedar Street/Old McKenzie Road towards Huntingdon. Immediately after what was Smith's Tire Barn as you moved up the hill starts the location of the camp. The CCC camp was adjacent to the farm of Aaron Bradfield, father of Dan Bradfield and LaRenda Scarbrough. Across the road, near the farm of Ben Everett, were the camp officers for the engineers and foremen along with tool and equipment sheds.

The first group of 185 men under the supervision of Captain B.H. Hensley and Caption W.G. Cambell entrained at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia Wednesday, reaching here this Thursday morning. They will immedi-



ately pitch camp at the site selected by the government for this camp.”

At no point were the enrollees part of the U.S. Army. The Army was given certain responsibilities to assist the program, i.e., provide housing, issue clothing, oversee healthcare, discipline and recreation. So in actuality, the first enrollees in McKenzie were under the supervision of the Army officers but working for the U.S. Forestry Service.

In a letter from John Waddle, he wrote, “We arrived at the camp at 4:30 p.m. tired and hungry. Saturday morning we began working on our permanent camp. Our first job was to clean out a space for our tents which were to be our home until a permanent building could be erected.

“While the majority of the 185 boys were clearing off the ground the crew of carpenters started work on

the temporary mess hall. We expect to have electric lights and running water within a few weeks.”

In another letter from John Waddle dated July 7, 1933, he wrote, “Last night the merchants of McKenzie gave the camp an invitation to the McKenzie theatre to see the picture show ‘Humanity.’ The entire camp attended and enjoyed the show.”

By July 22, the camp was making great progress. The well was near completion and a fence was constructed along the highway. Garages were being constructed to store nine work trucks and flooring was being put in place in the officers’ quarters. The workers were also constructing a baseball diamond and a volleyball court for recreation.

From the archives, dated October 13, 1933, “The barracks are complete now and soon as the stoves are installed we will be ready for

winter. The past few nights have been cold as the dickens and we are anxiously waiting for the stoves. Next week we will get our first issue of winter clothing.

“A great change in eating has been made, departing from the Army style lining up and passing by the cooks and getting a mess kit full. They are now eating out on plates and food is placed on tables. The old Army mess kits were not thrown away, however — when the crews were working in the field which was most of the time after the fieldwork started, food was brought out in large containers and each truck driver made the trip back to camp each day before noon to bring the hot food out to the crews and each man used his mess kit at the time.”

The first winter of 1933/1934 was spent working around the camp and trying to make the rough

living quarters more comfortable. Wool Army uniforms were issued along with wool blankets and plenty of wood to feed the stoves in the barracks.

Next week, I will pick up with the spring of 1934 and how the camp began working with the soil.

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Jason Martin is a life-long resident of McKenzie. He graduated from McKenzie High School in 2000; earned a Bachelor of Science in History from Bethel College in 2004; a Masters in Education from Bethel University in 2009 and a Masters in History and Humanities from Fort Hays State University in 2011.

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A Thing of Beauty Is a Joy Forever

Call me old fashion. Outdated. A dinosaur who somehow escaped the tar pit. And sure, I hear the comments. The game is too slow. The pitcher takes too long to deliver the ball. The batter steps out of the box after every pitch. They scratch and spit and argue over every close play. Tied games go on forever.

Some believe football is the modern American pastime. Basketball is all aglow during March Madness. Golf's crown jewel, The Masters, is going on right now.

I don't care. When the sun arises in the East each morning, I still pause to count the stitches on it.....

Another Major League

Baseball season has cranked off. It's a renewing for me. A fresh start. A do-over of sorts. Every team and every player has an equal chance—at least in their own minds.

I believe with all my heart the St. Louis Cardinals are going to win 162 games this season.....and not lose a single one! This could be the year Mighty Casey doesn't strike out. You talk about “hope springing eternal!”

And as the professional season rolls out, Major League Baseball is not my main focus; or really my passion. It's just a reminder of all the good things that once were.....

I can see Ricky Gene Stafford waving that old Rawl-

ings mitt around like he was standing right in front of me. If I pause and turn an ear toward West Tennessee I can hear him challenging the batter, “Hit one at ole T.T., I'll show you some glove work. T.T. will eat your lunch AND your strawberry shortcake dessert!”

Ricky Gene was a diehard Chicago Cub fan. Tony Taylor was the Cubs' second baseman and Rick's favorite player. We'd be in that old field by Bethel College or Brenda Ellis's backyard or the vacant lot over on Forrest Avenue. It didn't matter to Ricky Gene Stafford; he was going to “be” T.T. no matter where the game was unfolding.

I saw John Ingram make a diving catch in deep left field that will equal any ever made. I remember Johnny Stoker making a back handed stop almost behind third base and throwing out the runner by a half step. Deake Bradley almost killed himself running into the chain link fence

behind the football bleachers chasing after a foul ball.

We were that serious.

We'd meet in any open lot, field, grassy area, side yard or wide spot in the road. There were no parents, no uniforms, no grandstands and no on-lookers. If you showed up, you played. We needed every body!

If one or two got to the “ballpark” early, we'd play “rolling at the bat”. If we had three or four, we played “move-up”. If we could get eight or so, we played four on four with rightfield designated as foul territory. We didn't bicker or fight like you might think. Oh, we might argue quickly over a close play at second, but the game was too important to waste time fussing—we came to play ball!

And I prayed every day the game would be tied and we'd play till next Thursday or someone passed out from exhaustion, whichever came first!

We got uniforms in Little League. But they only played two nights a week. Shoot, we could get in a couple of hundred innings a week choosing up sides

I started playing for the men's “town team” when I was fifteen. Talk about a growing experience! Birdog Reed would play a whole season without striking out. Jim Elliot hit a homerun off me down at Dyer that probably hasn't landed yet! I thought my baseball career (and my life) was over when those folks in Frog Jump stormed the field.

Don Simmons, Bobby Jackson, Larry Ridinger, Jimmy Childress, Buddy Wiggleton, Dennis Coleman, Bobby Brewer, Ricky Hale, Emily Scarbrough, Kenny Butler, Bobby C. and Don Melton, Jackie and Glen Burns, Paul David Campbell.....

These are my Hall of Fame heroes.....

I haven't forgotten a single one of them. And that's why

the opening of another baseball season is so important. It gives me pause to remember.

If you older folks out there put your thinking caps on—I bet you've got a similar list. It might be old fishing buddies, a long-ago bowling league or a sewing circle.....

For the young readers, I can give you the best advice you'll ever hear—get your eyes open!

In the spring of 1965, just weeks before our high school graduation, the basketball season had ended and we didn't have football practice for the first April in years. We were supposed to be, and maybe should have been, leaning toward our collective futures.....but the call was too great—we gravitated to the field across from the Pajama Factory, chose up sides and went to playing baseball.

I'm telling you, the sky was never bluer, the sun never brighter.....

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Pictured are representatives from HCMC, Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board and American Job Centers, and city and county government receiving the CARES ACT and OJT grants.

HCMC Receives Workforce Grants

PARIS — In partnership with the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Northwest Tennessee Workforce Board and American Job Centers, Henry County Medical Center was awarded two Consolidated Business Grants.

Awarded to HCMC last fall, these grants were made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to support Tennessee's employers affected by COVID-19. The hospital received \$15,077 in training grants for the following programs: Cardiac Catheterization, Phlebotomy, Unconscious Bias, Obstetrics, FMLA and Psychopharmacology.

"This grant has allowed us to offer additional education and training to our staff that otherwise might have been pushed off due to COVID," said Rachel Carroll, Director of Human Resources at HCMC. "We worked together with Department Directors to search for virtual training sessions so that our staff were able to continue to grow and develop in the areas where they have a passion."

Additionally, the hospital received \$8,201.60 for On-The-Job Training of recent graduates and those individuals new to the job field. "The On-The-Job Training Grant has been a major benefit and incentive

to work with those who are recent graduates or those who are looking for a career change" said Ms. Carroll.

On January 4, 2021, HCMC received zero deficiencies following an audit of both the CARES ACT Grant and the OJT Grant.

Henry County Medical Center and the Paris and Henry County Healthcare Foundation, Inc. always actively seek grant opportunities to assist in meeting our missions, to care and educate the communities we serve.

For more information about HCMC and the Paris and Henry County Healthcare Foundation, including our grants and their im-

pacts, check out our website at www.hcmc-tn.org.

About Henry County Medical Center: Located in Paris, TN, Henry County Medical Center is a progressive, integrated healthcare organization committed to serving the 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. Additionally, HCMC owns and operates 7 provider clinics in various specialties. Henry County Medical Center is a county-owned and operated nonprofit institution. For more information: www.hcmc-tn.org.

Obituaries

STEVEN CROSSNO 1961 — 2021

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Steven Crossno, 60, of Huntingdon, Tennessee passed away Saturday, April 3, 2021 at his home. He was born January 17, 1961 and died April 3, 2021. Funeral Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Chase Funeral Home.

CAROL BAUMAN 1958 — 2021

JACKSON — Mrs. Carol Jean Bauman, 62, of Jackson, Tennessee, died Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

The family will be having a memorial service at 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at Obion Chapel Church of Christ 5456 Old Stage Road Huntingdon.

Mrs. Bauman was born August 28, 1958 in Huntingdon, Tennessee, to the late J. L. Taylor and Sadie (Godrum) Taylor. She was a teacher in education and a member of the Vineyard Church in Milan.

She is survived by his husband of 35 years, Brett Bauman, one daughter,

Billie Jean Perry, one son, Willy Wood, both of McKenzie, two sisters, Jan Hollowell of Huntingdon, Kay Ellis of Bruceton, and one brother, Jimmy Taylor of Huntingdon. She also leaves four grandchildren. Chase Funeral Home.

KAREN DUNCAN 1955 — 2021

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey — A memorial service for Karen Paris Duncan was Thursday, April 1, 2021 at Wimberg Funeral Home in Linwood, New Jersey at 11 a.m. The family received friends on Thursday at 10 a.m. until service time.

Ms. Duncan, 65, an electrician, died at her brother's house in McKenzie, Tenn. on March 23, 2021.

She was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on October 29, 1955 to David and Charlette Duncan, Jr.

She is survived by a brother, David (Beverly) Duncan, III of McKenzie, Tenn., niece, Becky (John) Haskell of Midland, Texas, nephews, David Duncan IV of Nashville, Daniel (Jodi) Duncan of Lexington, Tenn., Drew Duncan of Martin, five great-nephews, and Melissa Duncan and Jennifer Mays.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and sister, Zoe Wright.

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Federal Tax Filing Deadline Extended to May 17

WASHINGTON (from irs.gov) — The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced the federal income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year will be automatically extended from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021. The IRS will be providing formal guidance in the coming days.

"This continues to be a tough time for many people, and the IRS wants to continue to do everything possible to help taxpayers navigate the unusual circumstances related to the pandemic, while also working on important tax administration responsibility," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "Even

with the new deadline, we urge taxpayers to consider filing as soon as possible, especially those who are owed refunds. Filing electronically with direct deposit is the quickest way to get refunds, and it can help some taxpayers more quickly receive any remaining stimulus payments they may be entitled to."

Individual taxpayers can also postpone federal income tax payments for the 2020 tax year due on April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This postponement applies to individual taxpayers, including individuals who

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during this unprecedented time of rapidly-changing circumstances.

MCKENZIE BEAUTY REVIEWS ARE APRIL 10

McKenzie High School Marching Rebels and McKenzie High School announce the date of the Little Mr. and Miss, Jr. Miss, and Miss McKenzie beauty reviews for 2021. Last year's events were canceled because of the pandemic.

The 2021 beauty reviews are on Saturday, April 10, beginning at 1 p.m. with the Little Mr. and Miss McKenzie reviews. All three events are on the same day and the number

of persons attending will be limited. Starting times for the Junior Miss and the Miss McKenzie will be announced once the number of contestants is determined during registration. Each contestant will list up to four guests who will purchase tickets and attend the event. The event is managed by 360 Designs, Christian Nunnery. Ticket holders will pay as they enter the door on the day of the event.

Tickets are for one review only. Anyone attending other reviews that day must purchase a separate ticket. Each pageant ticket will be printed accordingly and distributed at the parent meeting on April 8 at 6 p.m. There will not be any

all-day passes available. Dressing rooms are limited to one contestant at a time with proper disinfecting between contestants entering the dressing area. There are five dressing rooms provided for contestants to change. Each contestant has 20-25 minutes in a personal dressing room. After the 25 minutes expire, contestants must vacate the dressing room. Any other preparations, including hair, makeup, etc. will be done in the main band room.

MCKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

MCKENZIE CITY-WIDE YARD SALE

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

WEST CARROLL SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET

The West Carroll Special School District Board of

Education meets Tuesday, April 6 at 6 p.m. The agenda includes a discussion of athletic practice during the school day and the second reading of board policy updates on school district goals and personnel goals.

MCKENZIE FARMERS MARKET OPENS JUNE 5

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

HUNTINGDON BEAUTY REVIEWS ARE APRIL 24

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

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

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

19 age. All start times are approximate.

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

There was no 2020 contest because of the pandemic.

JOHNSON TEMPLE C.M.E. PRAYER VIGIL

There is a Community Prayer Vigil every Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Johnson Temple C.M.E, 915 Walnut Avenue, McKenzie.

We come together to pray for one another, our community and country, then study the Word of God. Johnson Temple C.M.E. Church convenes each Sunday with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m.

JOY CLUB MEETS TWICE MONTHLY

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

MCKENZIE HISTORIC ZONING MEETS MONTHLY

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

MCKENZIE CONDEMNATION MEETINGS MONTHLY

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

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(Arrive no later than 2:30 p.m. to allow for completion of paperwork)

Thursday, April 15 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

(Arrive no later than 4:30 p.m. to allow for completion of paperwork)

Students entering Pre-K must be 4 years old by August 15, 2021.

Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old by August 15, 2021.

To enroll, McKenzie Elementary School must have the following documents:

- Certified copy of birth certificate (optional)
- Proof of Residency (i. e. utility bill with home address excluding phone and cable bill)
- Tennessee Certificate of Immunization (Forms may be obtained from your doctor or health department)
- Tennessee School Entry Medical Examination completed by medical doctor (physical)
 - The following immunizations are required and are

to be documented on a Tennessee Permanent Certificate of Immunization (PH 2414)

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****If you are registering for Pre-K, you must provide proof of income for each person living in the household.**

Please park in the front of the elementary school and enter through the office.

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Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. One who manufactures
6. Science degree
9. Database management system
13. Desert
14. Inventor Musk
15. Welsh valley
16. Round Dutch cheese
17. Saying
18. Comedian and TV host
19. Uppermost portions of the brain
21. City in Transylvania
22. Where astronauts go
23. Men's hairstyle
24. Indicates position
25. One point east of due south
28. Businessmen may have one
29. Grass part
31. Running back Gurley
33. Unwavering
36. Options
38. Annoy
39. Greek mountain
41. Pastas
44. Fishes
45. Wrap
46. Potentially a criminal (slang)
48. Seize
49. The Constitution State
51. Upset
52. 1991 men's Wimbledon champ
54. Central Chinese province
56. Predisposition
60. A notice of someone's death
61. One-time Kentucky Rep.
62. Swiss river
63. Dried-up
64. Finger millet
65. ___ Allan Poe
66. German river
67. Brew
68. Kenyan river

CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond
2. Acts as military assistant
3. Knot in a tree
4. Husband-and-wife industrial designers
5. The Ocean State
6. Point the finger at
7. Parts in a machine
8. Midway between northeast and east
9. Portray precisely
10. Blister
11. Mental illness
12. Nose of an animal
14. What students receive
17. Semitic peoples
20. Beats per minute
21. Family of drugs
23. Atrocious
25. Type of microscope (abbr.)
26. ___ or bust
27. Icelandic poems
29. A citizen of Pakistan
30. Very pale
32. Metric linear unit
34. Sea eagle
35. Biblical judge of Israel
37. Isaac's mother (Bib.)
40. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
42. Cool!
43. Large hotel room
47. Type of boat (abbr.)
49. Picked
50. Type of hookah
52. Attack
53. Directs
55. Belgian WWII resistance fighter
56. Finished negotiation
57. Heroic tale
58. Middle Eastern country
59. Protein-rich liquids
61. Malaysian Isthmus
65. Spielberg's alien

Week 14

See solution in next week's edition.

April Observances Word Search

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Week 13 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 13

4	8	3	2	7	6	9	1	5
2	9	7	4	1	5	6	8	3
5	6	1	9	3	8	7	2	4
9	2	5	3	8	7	4	6	1
6	3	4	1	2	9	8	5	7
7	1	8	6	5	4	2	3	9
3	7	2	8	4	1	5	9	6
1	5	9	7	6	2	3	4	8
8	4	6	5	9	3	1	7	2

SUDOKU

WEEK 14

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			1			5		
3		9			8	6		
4								5
	5			3				6
	8		7			1		
			8		7		1	
			2					
	6			4	5	3		

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Carroll County Sheriff’s Reports

Aggravated Assault — Alvin Lenard Walker Jr., 30, of Milan was charged with aggravated assault and domestic assault following a March 28 incident near Huntingdon.

Deputy Michael Mulligan reported he responded to an address on Old Stage Road after receiving a call about a domestic assault and spoke with Destinye Floyd. She told Mulligan that she and her boyfriend (Walker) had been talking next to his vehicle on the side of Griggs Chapel Road, and when she started to walk away, Walker accelerated the vehicle in her direction, causing her to fear for her safety. Video surveillance from a nearby residence supported Floyd’s account. Walker was later apprehended by authorities at his residence in Milan.

Drug Possession — Michael Wayne Shackelford, 26, of 344 Pleasant Hill, Hollow Rock, was cited for simple possession of marijuana by Deputy Steven Scott during a March 19 traffic stop in Bruceton.

Drugs, Criminal Impersonation — Charles Anthony Tillman, 32, of 1170 Bethel Church Road, Huntingdon, was charged with possession of a schedule II drug and criminal impersonation during a March 19 traffic stop conducted by Deputy Chance Townes on Rochell Road near McKenzie.

Simple Possession — Rebecca Anderson, 20, of 540 Enon Church Road, McKenzie, was cited for simple possession of marijuana during a March 19 traffic stop conducted by Deputy Steven Scott on Buena Vista Road near Huntingdon.

Drug Possession — Jamie Garrison, 41, of 7510 Highway 104 West, Cedar Grove, was cited for possession of a schedule IV drug by Deputy Michael Sevarns during a March 19 incident on Wood Hill Road.

Burglary — Deputy Michael Smith took a report about a break-in at 15925 Highway 424 in Yuma on March 5.

Resident Claye Reynolds told Smith that someone had broken into his home and had taken a Stoeger 20-gauge shotgun, an H & R 12-gauge pump shotgun, a Marlin 597 22 rifle, a Vizio 42-inch TV, and a 55-inch TV, all valued together at \$1,750.

Theft — Deputy Kenny Tucker took a report on March 6 about theft of items from private property at 10120 Old Stage Road, Cedar Grove.

Resident Beverly Gowan told the deputy that someone came on her property sometime during the night and took three items from her front porch, including a 50-foot green and yellow water hose valued at \$50, a Craftsman 26-gallon air compressor valued at \$350, and two five-gallon cans of gas valued at \$45.

Burglary — Deputy Michael Smith took a report on March 6 about a burglary at 2322 Roan Creek Levee Road in Yuma.

Resident Rex Hart told Smith that someone broke into his house and took an 870 20-gauge shotgun valued at \$650, a Remington Spartan over-and-under shotgun valued at \$800, and a 55-inch smart TV valued at \$500.

Burglary — Deputy Eric Sawyers took a report on March 7 about a burglary at 7135 Highway 424 in Cedar Grove.

Resident David Jones told Sawyers that he left home at 10:45 a.m. and came home at 12:45 p.m. to find the front door open and that a Verizon cell phone valued at \$400 and \$250 in cash had been stolen.

Drug Possession — Allen Lewis Hardee, 33, of 165 Hale Road, Yuma, was cited for possession of marijuana by Deputy Cody Walker during a March 7 traffic stop on Highland Street in McKenzie.

Burglary — Deputy Jason Walker took a report on March 8 about a burglary at 875 Highway 424 in Yuma.

Resident James Segraves told Walker that someone broke into his house between 9 a.m. and 3:25 p.m. that day by busting out the glass of the back French doors, causing an estimated \$1,800 in damage. A Dell laptop computer valued at \$400 was reported as stolen.

Theft — Deputy Frank McGee reported on March 10 that a starter valued at \$400 was taken off a backhoe parked at a construction site at 35 Buena Vista Road in Buena Vista.

Drugs, Warrant — Joseph Matthew Sellers, 30, of 191 Eli Brown Road, McKenzie, was charged with possession of illegal drug paraphernalia by Deputy Dennis Adkins on March 9 at a residence on Webb Road near McKenzie.

Ashley Beckham (age and address not provided), who was also at the residence, was arrested on outstanding warrants for violation of probation out of Gibson County.

Theft — Deputy Frank McGee took a report on March 11 about two packages of auto parts valued at \$1,300 being stolen from the front porch of a residence at 535 Main Street in Atwood. The packages were delivered by Federal Express on March 8.

Drugs, Warrants — Chase Austin Norden, 23, McKenzie, was arrested by Deputy Dennis Adkins on March 11 for outstanding warrants out of Henry County and cited for simple possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia after Adkins found Norden walking along Highway 22.

Theft — Deputy Frank McGee took a report on March 26 about an electric chair lift/carrier, valued at \$2,500, being stolen off the patio of the Lake Side Retirement Center in McKenzie. The time of the theft is unknown.

Evading, Drugs — Logan Daniel Dodd, 31, of 407 Jamison Court, Huntingdon, was charged with felony evading, possession of methamphetamine, speeding, and driving an unregistered vehicle by Deputy Steven Scott following the March 29 police pursuit of a motorcycle driven by Dodd in Huntingdon.

Protection Order Violation — Steven Thomas Pinkston III, 37, of 146 Lexington Street, Bruceton, was charged with violation of an order of protection on March 28 at his residence for allegedly contacting a family member with a protection order against him.

Carroll County General Sessions

HUNTINGDON — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on March 31 and April 1.

Cases that were bound over to the Grand Jury of the Carroll County Circuit Court are as follows.

Roger Vincent Alexander, Hwy. 104, Cedar Grove, bound over on charges of meth- manufacture, deliver, sale, or possession and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jerry Hilliard, Hillcourt Circle, Huntingdon, bound over on charge of aggravated burglary, found guilty of probation violation.

Quincy Johnson, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, bound over on charges of evading arrest, speeding, violation of financial responsibility.

The following cases resulted in a guilty finding or plea.

Rebecca Lynn Anderson, Oak Manor Road, McKenzie, guilty, simple possession, plea bargain, \$250 fine.

Clayton Coffman, Church Street, Atwood, guilty, evading arrest, plea bargain, three months of jail, 8 months/29 days supervised probation; dismissed, driving while suspended second or subsequent offense.

Jacob Steven Cronkrite-Snyder, Mann Road, Hollow Rock, guilty, domestic assault, 90 days in jail, supervised probation for eight months, 29 days, complete anger management or get mental health evaluation.

Joshua Allen Dailey, Crooked Street, Trezevant, guilty- possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia; dismissed, meth-possession or casual exchange; dismissed, driving while revoked; \$150 fine, 60 days in jail.

Michael Gilbert, West Magnolia, McKenzie, probation violation, 30 days in jail, 20 months, 28 days supervised probation, no contact with victim; guilty, meth-possession or casual exchange, \$750 fine, 90 days in jail, 20 months, 28 days supervised probation.; guilty, unlawful drug paraphernalia, \$150 fine, 90 days in jail; dismissed, burglary.

Christopher Ryan Gordon, Green Allen Springs Road, Huntingdon, dismissed, aggravated assault, guilty of domestic assault 90 days in jail, supervised probation for 9/29, no contact with victim.

Dora Lee Ewald, Paris Street, Huntingdon, guilty, meth-possession or casual exchange, \$750 fine, 30 days

in jail, supervised probation 10/29; dismissed, leaving scene of accident.

Miguel Galindo-Marquez, Blackburn Road, McKenzie, guilty, reckless driving by intoxicant, 10 days in jail; dismissed, driving without license.

Jamarian Keontaye Sission, Hillcrest Drive, Huntingdon, guilty, domestic assault, \$100 fine, supervised probation for 11/29.

Jarrid Wayne Sterling, Adell Street, Hollow Rock, guilty-lesser charge of driver’s license to be carried, 30 days in jail.

Dustin Scott Weil, Forrest Avenue, Camden, guilty, criminal trespass, no contact with victim.

The following cases were adjudicated by pre-trial diversion.

Jaclyn Leigh Cozart, Independence Road, Huntingdon, pre-trial diversion on charge of assault, no contact with victim, unsupervised probation for 11/29.

Kristy Gordon, Green Allen Springs Road, Huntingdon, pre-trial diversion, meth-possession or casual exchange, 90 days supervised probation, intensive outpatient treatment; dismissed, driving while suspended.

Trisha Marie Moran, Terry Road, Cedar Grove, pre-trial diversion, assault-physical, complete anger management, no violent contact.

Angle Vaughn, Teakwood Drive, Lexington, pre-trial diversion, shoplifting, full restitution to two stores, no contact with stores.

Joshua Wren, Highway 70, McEwen, assault, no violent contact with victim, complete anger management.

The following cases were dismissed.

Dagen William Bradford, Lorena Lane, Paris, dismissed, driving while suspended.

Taylor Cooley, Blair Road, LaVergne, dismissed, driving while revoked, criminal trespass.

Jonathan Cody Farell, Barksdale Avenue, McKenzie, dismissed, driving while suspended, violation of financial responsibility, casual exchange; guilty, unlawful drug paraphernalia, \$150 fine, 30 days in jail, supervised probation for 10/29.

Clinton Hoard, Randle Street, dismissed, criminal trespass, probation violation.

James Eugene Spranger, Highland Drive, McKenzie, DUI, open container, dismissed.

Property Transfers

•Nathan and Marilyn Chamberlain to April Coleman in District 2.

•Jessie G. Shanklin to Cynthia M. Shanklin in District 4.

•Jo Ann Fowler to Christopher and Erin Sauls in District 15.

•Leslie Harrell Allen to William Kevin Hilliard in District 16.

•Christopher J. and Elizabeth C. Craig Hilliard to William Kevin Hilliard in District 16.

•Sara Ayier to Mark S. and Regina A. Simpson in District 24.

•Cynthia L. Cole to Jim Henry and April Renee McCaig in District 4.

•Barbara Crocker to Amber Mitchell in District 21.

•Giles Martin Carter to Kevin Stepp in District 11.

•Brian T. French to Brittney L. French in District 16.

•Lucian M. Kee Jr. to Jeffery and Kristin Gordon.

•Mark and Carol Spivey to Jeffery Keith Hopper and others in District 15.

•Lisa Ellis to Rusty David and Brittany Ellis Shands in District 4.

•Mitchell Robertson to Debra Leigh Robertson in District 16.

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•Larry R. and Linda C. King to Gregory C. and Jennifer L. Webb in District 11.

•Jo Ann Riner to Charles and Robin Arnold in District 14.

•Steven Wayne Cunningham and others to Robert S. and Brandy M. Beecham in District 4.

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•Vonnell Fowler to Brian Hayden Hicks and others in District 16.

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•David Roger Barksdale to Brian D. and Julie R. Cook in District 4.

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•Jeffrey and Melissa White and others to Bradford K. and Tracy L. Dowdy in District 4.

•Andrea Buchanan to Andrea Buchanan.

•Kevin and Barbara Lane to Deborah R. and Anne E. Churchill in District 6.

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•James Ray Riggan, 44, of Clarksville to Janet Lou Longworth Ruddy, 44, of McKenzie.

•Toni Perez, 27, of Paris to Nicholas Dwayne Castleman, 32, of Bruceton.

•Sarah Michelle Hampton, 24, of Bruceton to Evan Reed Hastings, 27, of Bruceton.

•David Ray Thompson, 56, of Hollow Rock to Brenda Jean Chandler Carter, 67, of Huntingdon.

•Donald Ray Harrison, Jr., 35, of Hollow Rock to Sandra Louise Sherrod, 25, of Hollow Rock.

•Ricardo Ortis Garcia, 47, of McKenzie to Maria Rivera Guerrero, 52, of McKenzie.

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- Participates on emergency call out list which is in effect 24 hours a day for emergency water line/water main breaks.
- Runs service orders. Locates water service and water mains, meter reading, check backs and water taps.
- Makes necessary repairs to property after completing excavations. Performs landscaping duties, and other duties as necessary to restore property to original condition

We are willing to train the successful candidate, so experience is not required.

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CITY OF MCKENZIE

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The City of McKenzie is accepting application for a backhoe operator. Candidate must be 18 years of age, possess a valid driver’s license, high school diploma or its equivalent and pass the drug screen. Applications will be accepted at city hall until 4 p.m. on April 15.

- 2 years experience on backhoe is a plus. Pay based on experience.
- Applicant is also expected to work on the crew, so must be able to perform manual labor, stooping, bending twisting and lifting heavy weight at times.
- Job consist of learning to maintain and repair water lines, fire hydrants and related equipment. Install water pipe and make repairs to water lines.
- Participate on emergency call out when needed for water line/water main breaks.
- Run service orders. Locate water service and water mains, meter reading, check backs and water taps.
- The City offers excellent benefits and retirement through TCRS.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2021PE70

ESTATE OF: JERRY WAYNE TOOMBS, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **15TH** day of **MARCH, 2021** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **JERRY WAYNE TOOMBS** deceased, who died **DECEMBER 16TH, 2020**, 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 be forever 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 to 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 15TH day of MARCH, 2021.

THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPPLICATE WITH:

KENNETH TODD - CLERK & MASTER

99 Court Square, Suite 105, Huntingdon, TN 38344

ARTIE RUTH TOOMBS, Executor/Administrator

W. KENT JONES, Attorney

KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW BANK BRANCH AND RE-LOCATION OF THE BANK’S MAIN OFFICE (EXISTING BRANCH TO REMAIN OPEN)

Notice is hereby given that Citizens Bank & Trust Company, located at 1359 West Main Street, Atwood, Carroll County, Tennessee 38220, has made application/notification to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) for approval to open a new branch banking office located at 120 Fifth Avenue North, Franklin, Williamson County, Tennessee 37064 and to re-locate the main office of the bank at the same location as the new branch. The bank’s existing branch office in Atwood, Tennessee, would remain open for banking business under the name “Citizens Bank & Trust Company, a division of Lineage Bank.” Approval of this application would result in the bank operating two branches for banking business—one in Atwood, Tennessee, and one in Franklin, Tennessee. Any person wishing to comment on this application/notification may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director (DSC) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its Area Office at 6060 Primacy Parkway, Suite 300, Memphis, Tennessee, 38119, not later than April 14, 2021. The nonconfidential portions of the application/notification are on file in the Area Office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of information in the nonconfidential portion of the file will be made available upon request. In addition, the bank has made application/notification on or around March 15, 2021, to the Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions for the same approvals requested from the FDIC and to change the legal name of the bank to Lineage Bank, while continuing to operate the branch in Atwood, Tennessee, under the name “Citizens Bank & Trust Company, a division of Lineage Bank.” Any person wishing to comment on or protest this application/notification or any person having information which may have a bearing on the fitness of any of the organizers or proponents of this application/notification, may file comments with the Commissioner of Financial Institutions, Tennessee Tower, 26th Floor, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37243, or telephone the Department of Financial Institutions at 615/741-5018 or submit comments by email to Debra.Grissom@tn.gov or William.Cook@tn.gov. Written or telephonic notice must be made to the Commissioner within fifteen (15) days of the first publication of this notice.

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NOTICE

Twenty Fourth Judicial Circuit Court

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

IT IS THE DUTY OF THE GRAND JURORS TO INVESTIGATE ANY PUBLIC OFFENSE WHICH THEY KNOW OR HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE HAS BEEN COMMITTED AND WHICH IS TRIABLE OR INDICTABLE IN THIS COUNTY. ANY PERSON HAVING KNOWLEDGE OR PROOF THAT SUCH AN OFFENSE HAS BEEN COMMITTED MAY APPLY TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE GRAND JURY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 40-12-104

THE FOREMAN IN THIS COUNTY IS PRESENTLY: MRS. VICTORIA STEELE

THE GRAND JURY WILL MEET NEXT ON: MONDAY, APRIL 19 AND 20, 2021 AT THE CARROLL COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

YOU MAY BE PROSECUTED FOR PERJURY FOR ANY ORAL OR WRITTEN STATEMENT WHICH YOU MAKE UNDER OATH TO THE GRAND JURY, WHEN YOU KNOW THE STATEMENT TO BE FALSE, AND WHEN THE STATEMENT TOUCHES ON A MATTER MATERIAL TO THE POINT IN QUESTION.

SARAH BRADBERRY

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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McKenzie Police Reports

DUI — Sarah G. Cole, 30, Reynoldsburg Road, Springville was charged with DUI and simple possession on Sunday, April 4.

Officer Stacey Bostwick made the arrest at a convenience store, where Cole was seated in her car attempting to drive away. A search of her wallet produced a paper bag with 5 blue pills and an orange pill. She was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Outstanding Warrant Service — Abriel Elizabeth Buie, 20, of Main Street, McKenzie was arrested on April 1 while she was on her front porch.

Officer Dalton Rasberry was patrolling and saw Buie and made the arrest and transferred to Henry County deputies on outstanding warrants for vandalism and failure to appear.

Aggravated Criminal Trespassing, Resisting Arrest — Melvin David Ricks, 39, Meadow Street, Thomasville, Georgia was arrested on the campus of Bethel University on

March 30 at 8 p.m. after he was attempting to enter cars.

Officer Stacey Bostwick located Ricks in front of Campbell Hall and ordered him to stop. Ricks failed to halt and asked the officers to shoot him. Ricks said the devil “brought him here.” Officer Trey Boucher and Bostwick wrestled the subject to the ground and made the arrest. Bethel Security assisted in the arrest. He was charged with aggravated criminal trespassing, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Criminal Trespass — Clinton Hoard, 34, Randle Street, McKenzie was charged with criminal trespassing on April 4 after he was trespassing at Leah’s Diner in downtown and Pocket’s on Cedar Street. He was previously banned from Leah’s, got into an argument with a customer at Pocket’s, and was located at China Lantern. He was transported to Carroll County Jail by arresting

officer Cody Coleman.

Shoplifting — Amanda Gale McKinney, 41, Old State Route 22, Gleason, was charged with shoplifting on April 3 after an incident at Merchants Outlet Mall.

Officer Cody Coleman cited McKinney into Carroll County General Sessions Court for taking items valued at \$132.99.

Domestic Assault — Trevor M. Harding, 32, Forrest Circle, McKenzie was charged with domestic assault on April 1 after he shoved to the floor his live-in girlfriend as she was attempting to break up a verbal argument between Harding and the victim’s brother.

Officer Jeremiah Brooks responded to the mobile home. When he arrived, the two males ran in opposite directions in the mobile home. Sgt. Beauchamp assisted at the scene and found Harding hiding in a closet.

Harding was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Multiple Drug Charges — Cameron M. Orr, 45, of Huntingdon and Marlon Devon McClerkin (age not provided) were both arrested on multiple drug charges following the warranted search of a Huntingdon residence.

According to the report by Officer Joseph Hedge, officers executed a search warrant at McClerkin’s residence on March 15. During that search, officers found 11.7 grams of methamphetamine, 10 grams of heroin, 1.8 grams of marijuana, and various items of drug paraphernalia. A total of \$956 in cash believed to be gained through illegal drug sales was found in McClerkin’s possession.

Theft — Christopher Ray Medlock of Huntingdon was cited for theft of merchandise under \$1,000 on March 22 at a Huntingdon business.

Officer Aaron Patton reported that he responded to a call about a shoplifter at Dollar General Store. The store manager told Patton that employees had seen Medlock concealing merchandise. Patton spoke with Medlock, who was found to be wearing a total of five shirts. Medlock told Patton that he was trying to steal two T-shirts, which were valued together at \$19.

License Violation — James Glenn Fralix of Williamsport was cited for driving on a suspended license (first offense) and speeding during a March 23 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

Officer Aaron Patton reported that he pulled over a white Chevrolet Silverado driven by Fralix after clocking the vehicle at 73 mph in a 55 mph zone on Highway 22 South. A computer check showed Fralix’s license was suspended.

Theft — Felicia E. Sarkozi of McKenzie was cited for theft of merchandise under \$1,000 on March 19.

Officer Ethan Parham

reported he responded to a call about a shoplifter at Walmart. Parham spoke with Sarkozi, and she admitted she left the store with a vacuum cleaner without paying for that item on March 16. Restitution in the amount of \$295.23 is due to Walmart.

Theft — Kelly Renee Wallace of Holladay was cited for theft of merchandise under \$1,000 on March 20 at Walmart in Huntingdon.

Officer Labe Ezell reported he responded to a call about a shoplifter at Walmart. Ezell spoke with Wallace, who admitted that she put multiple items in her purse and then attempted to leave the store without paying for them. The items, valued together at \$49.67, were returned, and no restitution is due.

Drug Possession — Dusty Thomas William of Mississippi was charged with drug possession, speeding, and violation of seatbelt law during a March 28 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

Officer Michael Verner reported that he pulled over a car driven by William after clocking the vehicle at 53 mph in 35 mph zone on Paris Street. Verner noted he could smell the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and that William was not wearing a seatbelt. A white powder believed to be methamphetamine was found in William’s possession.

Shoplifting — Jim D. Hughes, 51, and Tomi L. Mosley, 51, both of Huntingdon, were both charged with theft of merchandise under \$1,000 on March 15 at Walmart in Huntingdon.

Officer Michael Verner reported he responded to a call about two shoplifters at Walmart. Verner made contact with Hughes and Mosely in the security office, and security personnel told Verner that the two had stolen a total of \$79.11 in

merchandise.

Multiple Charges — Eric J. Graber, 59, of Paris was charged with driving on a canceled license, registration violation, possession of a schedule VI drug, drug paraphernalia, open container, and running a stop sign on March 26.

Officer Michael Verner reported that he observed a green truck driven by Graber run a stop sign on Paris Street and then pull in behind a residence. Verner pulled in behind the truck and found Graber out of the vehicle walking behind the house. Graber told Verner that he was trying to hide because his license was suspended, and a computer check showed that his license was ID only. During a search of the truck, Verner found an open container of beer, marijuana, and a pipe.

Domestic Assault — Jamarian Keontaye Sisson, 20, of Huntingdon was charged with two counts of domestic assault following a March 28 incident at a Huntingdon residence.

Officer Brad Allen reported that he responded to a domestic call at a Hillcourt Drive residence and spoke with two female victims. They told Allen that Sisson shoved both of them. Sisson, who had left the residence, was later found walking on Tower Road and taken into custody.

License, Insurance Violations — Bridget D. Azbill, 42, of Huntingdon was cited for driving on a suspended license and violation of proof of insurance law during a March 28 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

Officer Michael Verner reported that he pulled over a blue van driven by Azbill on Lexington Street because he had prior knowledge that her license was suspended, which was confirmed by computer check. Azbill was also unable to provide proof of insurance.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL



Left, Lady Rebel Payton Ognibene fires a pitch. Right, Kaylee Butler pitches for West Carroll. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Lady Rebels Shut Out Lady War Eagles

ATWOOD (April 1) — The West Carroll High School Lady War Eagles hosted McKenzie Thursday for a district softball contest. The Lady Rebels scored in every inning while shutting out West Carroll for a 17-0 win in five innings.

McKenzie scored a run in the top of the first frame, five each in the second and third, two in the fourth and four in the fifth.

Lady Rebel Katie Chess-er went 4-for-5 with two doubles, three RBIs and three runs scored. Kristin Bradberry was 3-for-3 with three runs scored.

Nicole Gibson went 2-for-4 with a triple, two RBIs and two runs scored. Cassidy Brown was 2-for-4 with a double, three RBIs and a run scored. Savannah Davis went 1-for-3 with a double, a walk, two RBIs and a run scored. Jaden Barton was 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored. Anna Robinson went 1-for-3 with a double, a walk, two RBIs, two runs scored and a stolen base. Payton Ognibene was 1-for-3 with a walk, a run scored and a stolen base. Belle O’Brien went 1-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored.

Lady War Eagle Claire

Browning went 2-for-2 with a stolen base. Kelsey Holmes was 1-for-2.

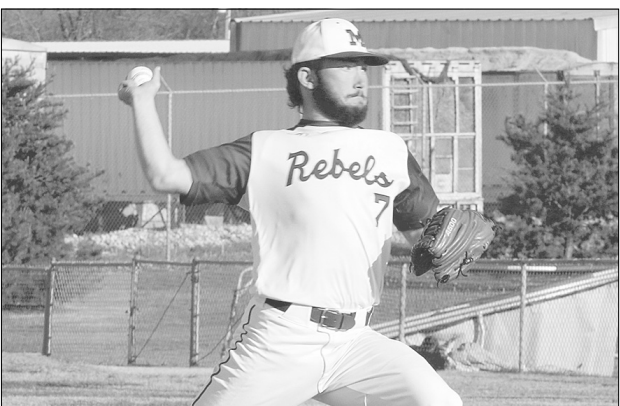
Payton Ognibene earned the complete-game shutout win for McKenzie, allowing three hits while striking out seven and walking one in five innings.

Kaylee Butler took the loss for West Carroll, allowing 13 runs (seven earned) on eleven hits while striking out one and walking three in four innings. Autumn Houston threw the final frame, allowing four unearned runs on four hits while striking out two and walking none.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Rebels Rout Red Devils, 12-2

MCKENZIE (April 2) — The McKenzie High School Rebels hosted Bradford Friday for a non-district baseball contest. The Rebels poured on the runs early for a 12-2 victory.



McKenzie exploded for seven runs in the bottom of the first and added four more in the second. The Red Devils got on the board with a pair in the fourth, and the Rebels added a run in the fifth to end the game early.

Rebel Jake McDaniel went 3-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and two runs scored. Zayden McCaslin was 2-for-3 with three RBIs. Phillip Smith went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and a run scored. Ty Anderson was 2-for-3 with a double, an RBI and a run scored. Jackson Cassidy went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Ethan Travis was 1-for-3 with a double, an RBI and a run scored. Hayden Hixon went 2-for-4 with two runs

Rebel Brandon Boaz earned the win on the mound for McKenzie. Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

scored and a stolen base. Eli Surber was 1-for-2 with a walk and two runs scored. Brandon Boaz went 1-for-3.

Brandon Boaz earned the win for McKenzie, allowing two earned runs on four hits while striking out two and walking none in four innings. Phillip Smith threw

the final frame, allowing no runs, hits or walks while striking out two.

Cason Sharp took the complete-game loss for Bradford, allowing 12 earned runs on 16 hits while striking out two and walking one in four and two-thirds innings.



Left, Rebel Jake McDaniel fires a pitch in Monday’s win. Right, Rebel Eli Surber makes a catch on the run in left field. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Rebels Take Two From Tigers

MCKENZIE, BRUCETON (March 29-30) — The McKenzie High School Rebels swept a home-away district baseball series with Hollow Rock-Bruce-ton Central Monday and Tuesday. The Rebels hosted Monday and pulled away late for a 9-4 victory. Tuesday, the Tigers hosted, but the McKenzie offense struck early and sealed a 13-1 win with a big sixth inning.

Monday, the visiting Tigers plated three runs in the top of the first, but the Rebels answered in kind to tie it in the home half. McKenzie tacked on three more in the bottom of the fourth. The Tigers scored a run in the top of the fifth, and the Rebels pushed three across in the sixth.

Rebel Ty Anderson went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Jake McDaniel was 2-for-3 with a double, a walk and two RBIs. Collin McClearen went 1-for-2 with a walk and a run scored. Hayden Hixon was 2-for-3 with a walk, a run scored and a stolen base. Phillip Smith went 1-for-4 with two RBIs. Ethan Travis was 1-for-4 with an RBI. Eli Surber went 1-for-4 with a run scored.

Tiger Malik Mathis was 1-for-3 with a double, an RBI and a run scored. Preston Hollingsworth went 1-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Paul Crews was 1-for-3 with a stolen base. James Noe went 0-for-1 with two walks and a run scored.

Jake McDaniel earned the complete-game win for McKenzie, allowing four runs (two earned) on three hits while striking out six and walking two.

Paul Crews took the complete-game loss for Central, allowing nine runs (six earned) on ten hits while striking out one and walking four in six innings.

Tuesday, on the road, McKenzie struck first with three runs in the top of the first and added a run in each of the third, fourth and fifth frames. The Rebels blew the game open with seven in the sixth, and Central plated a lone run in the bottom of the sixth.

Ty Anderson led the Rebel offense, going 3-for-4 with three RBIs, three runs scored and a stolen base. Brandon Boaz went 2-for-3 with a walk, two RBIs and a run scored. Eli Surber was 1-for-2 with a

walk, two RBIs and two runs scored. Ethan Travis went 1-for-2 with a walk and two runs scored. Jackson Cassidy was 2-for-4 with a walk and an RBI. Collin McClearen went 1-for-1 with an RBI, two runs scored and a stolen base. Phillip Smith was 1-for-4 with two RBIs. Zayden McCaslin went 1-for-3. Jake McDaniel was 0-for-1 with two walks, an RBI and two runs scored.

Tiger Preston Howell was 2-for-3 with a double. Malik Mathis went 2-for-3 with a run scored. Daniel Inman was 1-for-3 with an RBI. James Noe went 1-for-2. Brennan Hollingsworth was 1-for-3.

Rebel Jackson Cassidy earned the win, allowing one earned run on five hits while striking out two and walking none in five innings. Braden Birmingham threw the final inning, allowing no runs on two hits with a strikeout and no walks.

Tristan Patterson took the complete-game loss for Central, allowing 13 runs (eleven earned) on 12 hits while striking out two and walking six in six innings.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL



Left, Huntingdon’s Kayla Pulling smacks a double. Right, Lady Rebel Kassidy Brown jogs to around the bases after slamming a home run. Photos courtesy Tammy Graves

Fillies Top Lady Rebels, 13-3

HUNTINGDON (March 30) — The Huntingdon High School Fillies hosted McKenzie Tuesday for a district softball contest. The Fillies jumped out to an early lead en route to a 13-3 victory.

Huntingdon plated a pair of runs in each of the first three frames. The Lady Rebels cut the deficit in half with three in the top of the fourth, but the Fillies tacked on another in the home half. Huntingdon pulled away with five in the fifth and added one more in the sixth to end the game an inning early.

Shelby Childress led the Fillies’ offense, going 2-for-3 with a home run, three RBIs

and two runs scored. Hannah King was 3-for-4 with a double, an RBI and two runs scored. Rylee Holladay went 1-for-4 with three RBIs. Kayla Pulling was 2-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and a run scored. Kenadie Gibson went 2-for-3 with a double, a walk and a run scored. Kelly Crossno was 2-for-3 with an RBI, two runs scored and a stolen base. Josie Sanders went 1-for-2 with two runs scored. Ava Ryan Canovan was 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored. Lia Fuller went 1-for-3 with a walk.

Lady Rebel Kassidy Brown went 2-for-3 with a home run. Katie Chess-er was 1-for-2 with

a double, a walk and two RBIs. Belle O’Brien went 2-for-3. Jaden Barton and Anna Robinson each went 2-for-3 with a run scored. Payton Ognibene was 1-for-2 with a walk.

Rylee Holladay earned the complete-game win for Huntingdon, allowing three earned runs on 13 hits while striking out three and walking two in six innings.

Katie Chess-er took the loss for McKenzie, allowing 12 earned runs on 14 hits while striking out seven and walking two in four and two-thirds innings. Payton Ognibene threw the final inning and a third, allowing one unearned run on two hits with no walks.

Josie Brown’s Third Grade Class Earns 1,000 Points



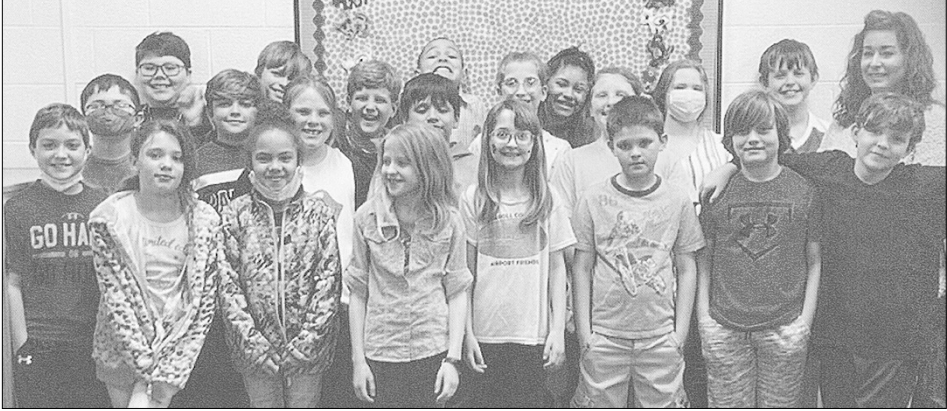
Congratulations to Mrs. Josie Brown’s third grade class at McKenzie Elementary School for earning 1,000 Accelerated Reader points.

Lorrie Brown’s First Grade Class Earns 1,000 AR Points



Congratulations to Mrs. Lorrie Brown’s first grade class at McKenzie Elementary School for earning 1,000 Accelerated Reader points.

Kristi Brown’s Fourth Grade Class Earns 1,000 AR Points



Congratulations to Mrs. Kristi Brown’s fourth grade class at McKenzie Elementary School for earning 1,000 Accelerated Reader points.

Shanna Franklin is New TCAT Automotive Instructor

Dan Townsend, a Paris resident, and automotive instructor at Tennessee College of Applied Technology-McKenzie retired after 20 years. One of his students, Shanna Franklin, assumes his position as instructor.

Townsend accomplished many achievements while being the automotive instructor since 2001. Some of those achievements include but not limited to, earning, and maintaining ASE Certification for the Automotive program, industry involvement, numerous TN SkillsUSA awards, and sustaining a graduate placement rate of nearly 90 percent.

Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification assures consumers of the knowledge and mastery of a mechanic. Automotive professionals who carry this certification are seen as experts in their field; having a high level of professionalism, proper training, and a commitment to continuing their automotive education. Graduates from the TCAT McKenzie Automotive program are trained and well prepared to take the ASE test. Over the years, Dan has built the current Automotive program into an accurate technological learning environment. He has acquired training machines, scanners, and tools added to the program to accurately train students.

Dan plans to spend his retirement filled with charity work, riding his motorcycles, fishing, and traveling with his wife. He says, “I feel like God has blessed me through the years and



Shanna Franklin, the new automotive instructor at TCAT receives keys from Dan Townsend.

I want to give those blessings back to anyone I can. I plan to help St. Jude and the Disabled Veterans charities as much as I can when I am not enjoying my other activities.”

TCAT McKenzie hired Shanna Franklin, a McKenzie native and current resident to fill the position. She graduated from McKenzie High School in 1998 and is a mother of two. She graduated from the Automotive program in 2019 and has continued to substitute for Dan periodically over the past couple of years. Shanna initially enrolled in the Automotive program because she enjoyed tinkering with cars and wanted to know how everything worked together.

She accomplished many honorable achievements while enrolled at TCAT McKenzie. Shanna was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society,

elected as the TCAT McKenzie Student of the Year, and was top of her class when she graduated from the Automotive program. Shanna even went to SkillsUSA twice while enrolled and competed in Job Skills Demo and eight areas of Automotive ASE. Her favorite part of being a student was rebuilding the engines and using all the tools the Automotive program has to offer. When Shanna learned of Dan’s retirement, she thought about how she enjoyed substituting for Dan and decided relatively fast to apply for the instructor’s position. Shanna is excited to teach the skills and knowledge she has learned from Dan to the current and future students of TCAT McKenzie.

TCAT McKenzie staff and students wish Dan Townsend a happy retirement and send a warm welcome to Shanna Franklin.

MCKENZIE ELEMENTARY

Third Quarter Honor, Merit Roll

- Honor Roll**
First Grade
C. Barton: Heath Johnson, Taylor Little and Samantha Umstead.
K. Brown: Addilyn Brown, Samuel Burgess, Olivia Fontana, Tynleigh Kornegay, Anna Grace Robertson and Devin Towne.
L. Brown: Finn McReynolds, Maggie Nell Merrick, Paisley Morgan, Aubree Roberts, Falon Roberts, Rumor Weatherford and Parker Wolski.
L. Flannery: Lola Batton, Kaylee Keys and Bentley Siler.
A. Stepp: Addy Doede, Neyland Harris, Avacyn Latham and Jase Mann.
Second Grade
C. Fowler: Luke Crocker and Gavin Scott.
S. Lane: Kingsten Gibbs, Emma Lifsey, Xander Morgan, Jake Parish, Mallorie Pierce, Sophie Price, Callie Sevick and Nathaniel Sweat.
C. Moore: Daniel Carroll, Kalyn Collins, Alice Gallimore and Savannah Ulrich.
R. Newman: Claire Wilkins.
M. Taylor: Ruthie Adkins, Cooper Cunningham, Jazmin Hernandez and Olivia Shank.
Third Grade
J. Brown: Landon Bowen, Abby Carroll and Will Newman.
H. Haywood: Serenity Bobo, Miles Fontana, Nevaeh Herris, John Patrick McReynolds, Hadleigh Steele, Reid Warman and Kaylee Watson.
M. Spivey: Fisher Allen, Lily Baker, Bella Batton, Samuel Maness, Sami Mathis, Emma Pettit, Charlie Scott and Case Wall.
C. Wall: Andrew Arnold, Caleigh Ball, Madilyn Milam and Seth Stafford.
A. Winston: Lane Brown, Charlie Cassidy, Dierks
- Ghyers, Steven Long, Wil-low Stenberg and Tateum Toombs.
Fourth Grade
K. Brown: Alleigh Britt, Ryan Davis, Izzy Epperson, Ridley Holt, Tucker Redmond, Parker Ross, Marlee Toombs, Kinsley Wilson and Routon Wilson.
C. Kee: Houston Allen, Brylie Chester, Sophia Dameron, Ellie Doede, Reed Little, Hunter Shafer, Hadley Smith and Frannie Trout.
A. Oakley: Kayleigh Champion, Lamar Cheatham, MaKayla Dabbs, Belle Glisson, Liam Moore and Sebastian Sass.
T. Smith: Clay Fowler, Chloe Giddens, Mary Ryan Morris, Brin Murray, Bryson Nolen, Dawson Reeder and Lola Sumrok.
Merit Roll
First Grade
C. Barton: Danica Biegley, Ripken Brown, Callie Davidson, Jhon Maldonado and Ruger Schieman.
K. Brown: Zane Campbell, Ava Coleman, Benjamin Gallimore, Jaiden Owens, Neyland Steele, Anna Kate Tucker and Amelia Walker.
L. Brown: Cohen Martin, Jaden Pate, McKenna Sherwood, James Stavelly, Ava Walker and Katalina Williams.
L. Flannery: Brooklyn Fowler, Nathan Hultin, Kirk Phillips, Kendyl Sherrod, Bo Snider and Kennedy Steele-Hysmith.
A. Stepp: James Barnhart, Alaya Divers, Easton Edlin, Lawson Ownby, Presley Shipp and Cord Wall.
Second Grade
C. Fowler: Ashton Blackwell, Reed Gaskins, Emily Long, Dawson Nutting, Kiya Priddy, Shelby Shaw and Rex Thompson.
S. Lane: Kayden Adams and Delilah Mejias.
C. Moore: Mason Davidson, Sonny Fuller, Layla
- Gilbreath, Brooke-Lynn Ruprich, Graham Seavers and Angelica Tovar.
R. Newman: Layla Arnold, Annabelle Bobb, Zander Cunningham, Micah Dickinson, Malcolm Evans, Jacob Travelstead and Rena Weaver.
M. Taylor: Aiden Blackwell, Eli Davis, Owen Epperson, Nathan Lowe, Grace Pershell and Anna Summers.
Third Grade
J. Brown: Riley Sewewitt, Colton Cobb, Jaxson Duffy, Awbree Curtright, Meghan O’Neil, Gabe Green, Katelyn Martin, Cooper Jones and Kristy Towne.
H. Haywood: Alanna Brown, Lauren Burlison, Emily Jackson, Nicholas Stone and Caitlin Umstead.
M. Spivey: Dakota Cowan, Finnian Evans, Jake Ghyers, Lantrell Gilbreath and Zoey Neville.
C. Wall: Charli Corcoran, Breona Garriott, Cason Mayo, McCoy Merrick, Kallie O’Rourke, Waylon Southerland, Miyah Townes and Maggie Webb.
A. Winston: Kaylee Berryhill, Gregg Hultin, Brenton Hickerson, Kamden Lee, Bailee Lovell and Andrew Tovar.
Fourth Grade
K. Brown: Braxton Banuelos, Brycen Galicia, Hudson Garrett, Diego Hernandez, Jonathan Jenkins and Camryn Williams.
C. Kee: Grayson Cook, Natalie Cox, Lily Epperson, Kamyah Gordon, Ross Little, Colby Swalley and Billy Schultz.
A. Oakley: Avery Bell, Meghan Cowan, Elizabeth Hart, Adelynn Heath, Shayleigh Lewis, Helena Phipps, Aubrey Spivey, Wes Steen and Laila Willen.
T. Smith: Lillian Brown, Riyah Horton, Maddox Soden and Zariyah Townes.

Billings is New TCAT-McKenzie Instructor

MCKENZIE — Dustin Billings is the new TCAT-McKenzie HVAC instructor as of March 23, 2021. Dustin was raised in Huntingdon, where he resides with his family.

Dustin was one of former HVAC instructor, Terry Wilson, first students and a member of his advisory board. He is NATE certified and brings over 17 years of HVAC experience into the classroom. He graduated from TCAT McKenzie in 2006 and was top of his class.

“I couldn’t have asked for a better instructor. Terry had no teaching experience at the time, but he prepared me for the field. He was a very cool teacher, but he was also my friend. I only hope I can make him proud,” said Dustin.

When Dustin heard the news about Terry’s death, he was concerned for the future of his students. “I felt like God was telling me to apply. I feel like Terry would get a kick out of it,” Dustin said when asked why he applied for



Dustin is pictured with the display of former instructor Terry Wilson’s SkillsUSA Jacket and advisor medals won throughout his career as an Instructor.

the instructor position.

Billings is excited to teach his vast knowledge of the HVAC field to current and future HVAC students. “The HVAC field is in need of technicians and I hope to change that by giving an opportunity

and skill set to those who wish to have a career in the field of HVAC/R,” Dustin eagerly said.

For more information about the programs offered at TCAT McKenzie, call 731-352-5364.

New classes begin May 3, 2021.



MHS teacher Mallory Fowler, who took two pigs and Jaden Barton, who took one home after the program at MHS. Pictured are Mariah Richardson with Tosh, Mallory Fowler, Anna Grace Spivey (holding one of Barton’s pigs), Jaden Barton, and Audrea Washburn with Tosh.

McKenzie High School Juniors Learn About Tosh Farms

MCKENZIE — McKenzie High School juniors learned about the swine operations of Tosh Farms, based in Henry. The juniors were apprised of the operations and the job opportunities at the livestock, trucking, and farming company. Three baby pigs were in the auditorium for the students to see. Those three went to new homes at the end of the program.

Representing the company were Mariah Richardson and Audrea Washburn — Human Resources Generalists, Jody Trout Swine Service Technician, and Taylor Camp- Baby Pig Technician.

Tosh Farms is a fami-

ly-owned business and consists of three separate enterprises working together in a synergistic fashion; Tosh Farms is a general partnership and the crop production company, Tosh Pork, LLC is the swine production company and Bacon By Gosh, Inc. is the transportation company. Tosh Pork provides care from birth to market, approximately 30,000 sows that produce over 750,000 market hogs each year.

Many people know of Tosh Farms, but many do not know what Tosh Farms is all about. The company is working to change that by visiting local area schools and informing students of

the wide variety of opportunities which range from entry level to skilled trade to bachelor degree required positions.

Tosh Farms employs around 420 full-time employees today with a projected growth to 500 employees within the next year.

With substantial growth such as this, Tosh Farms hopes to inspire young students today to be passionate about the agricultural industry. Most importantly, Tosh Farms strives to positively impact the community and create long-term opportunities for individuals to participate, learn, and grow within agriculture.



Did You Know?

Disinfecting garden tools can help ensure the long-term health of plants and vegetables. According to the University of Minnesota Extension, plant pathogens, including bacteria, fungi and viruses, cause diseases that can damage and even kill plants. These pathogens can be transferred to plants and infect them through bits of soil and plant debris that get stuck on common gardening tools, including shovels and pruners. Pathogens are microscopic and invisible to the naked eye, which is why even tools that appear clean may still contain harmful substances on their surfaces that can prove life-threatening to plants. Disinfecting tools at the appropriate time, such as when the tools are being stored in fall or before using them in spring or after using them to remove infected plants, can prevent the damage caused by invis-

ible pathogens. Avoid using strictly bleach to disinfect garden tools, as the UME notes that bleach corrodes metal and can therefore render tools that require sharp edges ineffective. A homemade solution that's nine parts water and one part bleach can be used to effectively clean shovels, spades and rakes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol) in concentrations of 70 percent or more can effectively disinfect surfaces for bacteria, fungi and viruses. Such a solution can be used to disinfect hand pruners and other small hand tools. Store-bought cleaners with an active ingredient that is .1 percent alkyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium saccharinate also can be effective when disinfecting small hand tools as well as small pots and saucers.

Did You Know?

Though new flooring and ceiling tiles might not offer the wow factor of a remodeled kitchen, a 2019 study from researchers at the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University found that replacing floors and ceilings was the most popular home improvement project in the United States in 2017, the most recent year for which data was available at the time of the study. More than five million homeowners replaced carpeting, flooring, paneling, or ceiling tiles in their

homes in 2017. The popularity of such projects may have something to do with the relatively low cost associated with them, as the experts at BobVila.com note that overhauling surfaces underfoot and overhead costs an average of \$3,283. That places floor and ceiling tile replacement projects among the least expensive home improvement projects homeowners can undertake, even though such renovations can immediately and dramatically transform the look of a room.

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5 OUTDOOR PROJECTS THAT ADD VALUE

Exterior renovations can enhance the appearance of a property and make it more enjoyable for homeowners. Certain renovations have the potential to add value to a home, while others may do the opposite. Learning which one have the largest return on investment can help homeowners select features that will have the most positive impact.

Curb appeal goes a long way toward attracting potential buyers. According to the National Association of Realtors, first impressions of a property have a strong influence on buyers. Landscaping and external features can do much to influence such impressions. .

- 1. Lawn Care Program:** Investing in a lawn care program that consists of fertilizer and weed control application and can be transferred over to a subsequent home owner is an attractive feature. NAR says such a care program can recover \$1,000 in value of the \$330 average cost, or a 303 percent ROI.
- 2. Low-Maintenance Lifestyle:** When choosing materials for projects, those that offer low-maintenance benefits can be preferential. These include low-maintenance patio materials, composite decking, vinyl fencing, and inorganic mulched beds.
- 3. Fire Pit:** A fire pit can be used for much of the year. In the



spring and summer, the firepit is a great place to congregate to roast marshmallows or sip wine and gaze into the fire. In the fall, the fire pit can make for a cozy retreat. A fire pit that has a gas burner is low-maintenance, and the National Association of Landscape Professionals says that most can recoup about \$4,000 of their \$6,000 average price tag.

- 4. Softscaping:** Hardscaping refers to structures like outdoor kitchens or decks. Softscaping involves the living elements of the landscape. Hiring a landscape designer to install trees, shrubs, natural edging, and rock elements can do

wonders toward improving the look and value of a home.

- 5. Pool or water feature:** In certain markets, particularly hot climates, a pool or another water feature is a must-have. However, in other areas where outdoor time is limited, a pool or water feature can actually lower the value of a home. Speaking with a real estate professional can give homeowners an idea of how a pool will fare in a given neighborhood.

Outdoor improvements can improve the marketability of a home, as well as enhance its appearance and function.

TIPS TO KEEP MOSQUITOES OUT OF YOUR BACKYARD OASIS

The value of a retreat-like backyard was never more apparent than in 2020. Over the last year-plus, much of the world has been forced to stay home as a global pandemic has claimed millions of lives while countless others have had to fight to survive in hospitals. It's no surprise people have looked for a respite from the harsh realities of living during a deadly pandemic, and many turned their attention to their own backyards to provide such an escape.

The online home remodeling platform Houzz reported a 58 percent annual increase in project leads for home professionals in June 2020. Contractors who specialize in outdoor spaces saw the biggest increase in demand. A revamped outdoor space can provide the perfect retreat for homeowners who want to get away from it all. But one winged, unwelcome guest can quickly transform an oasis into an uninviting space.

Mosquitoes make their presence felt in many areas each summer. These pesky, often hungry insects can carry disease, and their bites can be painful and itchy. Homeowners can try these three techniques to keep mosquitoes out of their backyards.

- 1. Remove standing water.** Standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, who don't even need a lot of water to successfully breed. A daily walk around the property may uncover kids' toys, empty flower pots or other small receptacles that can collect water. Even clogged gutters can lead to the accumulation of a small amount of water, and that can be enough for



mosquitoes to breed. Remove these potential breeding grounds when you find them, and do so each day, as mosquitoes mature from eggs to nymphs in roughly four days.

- 2. Mow regularly.** Mowing the lawn so the grass never gets too high is another way to make a backyard less hospitable to mosquitoes. The pest experts at Terminix® note that mosquitoes seek tall grass to protect them from the elements, including wind and hot summer sun. Mowing enough so grass never gets too high in summer can make backyards less inviting to mosquitoes.
- 3. Plant with mosquitoes in mind.**

The home remodeling experts at HGTV note that plants can be part of homeowners' strategy to repel mosquitoes. Various plants have mosquito-repellent qualities. For example, bee balm releases a fragrance as it grows, and mosquitoes don't like that fragrance. Homeowners can speak with a local lawn and garden professional for recommendations about plants that can thrive in their region and repel mosquitoes at the same time.

Mosquitoes can make it hard to enjoy a backyard oasis. But various strategies can help homeowners keep these unwanted guests out of their backyards.

The Dangers of Mowing Too Low

Spring marks the return of many things. Trees and flowers begin to bloom again in spring, while warmer temperatures are

welcomed back with open arms. Grass also begins to grow again in the spring. That means it's not too long before homeowners have to

dust off their lawn mowers and get to work. Those who don't necessarily enjoy mowing the lawn may be tempted to cut their grass very

low, as doing so can mean longer intervals between mowing sessions. However, mowing grass too low can have a very adverse effect on a lawn.

► **Cutting too low can injure the grass.** Cutting grass too low can injure the grass, creating what's essentially a domino effect of problems to come. Injured grass will focus on its recovery efforts, thereby making it vulnerable to other issues.

► **Cutting too low promotes weed growth.** Injured grass is vulnerable to invaders, including weeds and insects. Weeds and insects can attack grass as it recovers from injury, and before homeowners know it, their lawns are overcome with a host of problems.

► **Cutting too low allows crabgrass to thrive.** Crabgrass needs ample sunlight to grow. By cutting grass too low, homeowners may unknowingly be promoting crabgrass growth. Crabgrass is unsightly and can rob surrounding grass of the moisture it needs to grow. So lawns cut too low may not only lose their lush appeal thanks to the unattractive appearance of crabgrass, but also because areas surrounding the crabgrass patches might turn brown due to lack of water.

► **Cutting too low can stress the grass.** Cutting too low also makes lawns vulnerable to summer heat. Without blades tall enough to block some of the summer sun, grass can quickly succumb to summer heat, leading to dried out, discolored lawns.

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Above Left, Mike and Nancy Biggs are the proud owners of Biggs' Greenhouses in Greenfield. Above Right, Biggs' Nursery's main greenhouse offers a variety of perennials and vegetables. Below Left, Biggs' Greenhouses, Inc., Highway 45, Greenfield. Phone 731-235-3944. Below Center, Biggs' Greenhouses' roadside sign. Below Right, The garden center and the main customer service area at Biggs' Greenhouses.



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Located on Highway 45, Greenfield, the Biggs — Mike, Nancy and their son, Jake, work tirelessly in the winter months preparing for the spring planting season. They grow their own plants from seeds providing constant care with properly conditioned soil and regiments of irrigation. Plants start from seeds in one or more of eight greenhouses during the growth cycle.

In the early years of the business, Nancy was an elementary teacher and Mike was a teacher of algebra and retired from his career in education as an assistant principal.

The business started in downtown Greenfield, where it stayed seven years



Left, Mike Biggs watering bedding plants in the greenhouse. Right, Nancy Biggs and son, Jake inside one of eight greenhouses at Biggs' Greenhouses.



before moving just outside the city limits. The move gave the couple room to expand their operations. Then, the Tennessee Department of Transportation expanded the two-lane highway to four lanes, causing the Biggs to again relocate, even if it was just several feet backward. They raised three boys, two of whom are stockbrokers with Raymond James. The family all worked in the nursery business and on their family farm. Today, beside the greenhouses, the

Biggs have a cattle farm with approximately 65 head of angus. Like many family-owned businesses, it takes everyone working at various tasks.

In December 2020, Mike contracted COVID-19 and was in Jackson-Madison County Hospital for nine days, five of which were in the ICU. Today, he is back working the greenhouse and eager to please his customers.

During the growing season, the family constantly monitors the greenhouse

temperatures. During a cold snap last week, Mike was making checks of the greenhouses at night to assure all the plants were safe and warm.

The shopping experience at Biggs' Greenhouse is one in which one can expect to enjoy.

Customers enter the business through the garden center, where they will find seeds, wind chimes, tools, and their granddaughter, Reese's handmade dog scarves. Customers are certain to be

greeted with smiling faces and courteous service as the Biggs family is eager to please. Customers can walk the many aisles of plants to make their choice.

The inventory includes many plants — too many for the Biggs to speculate the number. One can find geraniums, marigolds, begonias (including whoppers), caladiums, impatiens, salvia, dianthus, petunias, wave petunias, hanging baskets. Garden plants include peppers, tomatoes, onions, squash, wa-

termelons and cantaloupe. The plants come with tags with information about planting. These are only a few of the plants available at Biggs.

After months of preparation, the plants are ready to purchase. April and May are the busiest months of the buying and planting season.

Business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Phone 731-235-3944 for more information.

Did You Know?

Leaves that fall from trees can be a marvel to behold. But leaves can stain exterior surfaces when they eventually settle on vehicles, concrete driveways, patios, and other surfaces, become wet and/or are not cleaned away in a timely fashion. Leaf stains are

caused by tannins in the leaves. The pigments can be absorbed by porous materials like concrete and leave stains behind. While these stains may wash away over time, homeowners may prefer a faster way to get rid of unsightly stains. To remove moderate leaf

stains, mix oxygen bleach with hot water and apply to stains using a scrub brush. Dark stains may require a tougher cleanser, such as one that contains trisodium phosphate. Some homeowners find success using a pressure washer to clean away leaf stains, while others rely on commercial leaf-stain removers.



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• Paris: Henry County Medical Center – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Huntingdon Basketball Honored at Banquet


HUNTINGDON — Huntingdon High School honored its 2020-21 basketball athletes during a banquet at Huntingdon Church of Christ.


Cheerleaders honored at the banquet included Rylee Holladay, Ellia Lewis, Abby Lewis, Madison Noonan, Brooklyn Hudson, Adyson Shands, Tatum Nolen, Jenna McGee, Kayla Price, Ava Williams, LG Parish, Jazalyn McCord, and Madison Mann.


David Wilkins, the head coach, presented the following awards: Free-Throw — Brooklyn Williams, 73 percent; 3-Point Award — Brooke Butler, 73 percent; Most Assists, Lia Fuller with 54; Highest Field Goal — Addison Postlethwait, 44 percent; Most Drawn Charges — Shelby Childress 10; Most Rebounds — Sophie Singleton with 132; Most Steals — Brooklyn Williams; Senior Awards — Addison Postlethwait, Brooke Butler, and Brooklyn Williams.


Porsche McClarking, head coach of the Mustangs presented the following awards: Hustle Award — Jeremiah Irvine; Newcomer — Jeb Atkinson; Comeback Award — Blake Bradley; Most Improved — D'Allen McCord; Defensive Player of the Year — Javon Pritchard, Most Improved — Keyshun Hoard; Coaches Award — Milton Clark; and MVP — Grant Bartholomew.

Pictured Above Right, Huntingdon High School boys basketball players receiving awards included, Seated (L to R): Milton Clark and Keyshun Hoard. Standing (L to R): Blake Bradley, Grant Bartholomew, Jeremiah Irvine, Javon Pritchard and Jeb Atkinson. Pictured Center Right, Huntingdon High School girls basketball players receiving team awards included (L to R): Shelby Childress, Sydney Anderson, Brooke Butler, Brooklyn Williams, Addison Postlethwait, Lia Fuller, Sophie Singleton, and Ashlyn Rich. Pictured Bottom Right, Huntingdon High School Cheerleaders Front Row (L to R): Rylee Holladay, Ellia Lewis, Abby Lewis and Madison Noonan. Second Row (L to R): Brooklyn Hudson, Adyson Shands, Tatum Nolen and Jenna McGee. Third Row (L to R): Kayla Price, Ava Williams, L G Parish, Jazalyn McCord and Madison Mann.










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