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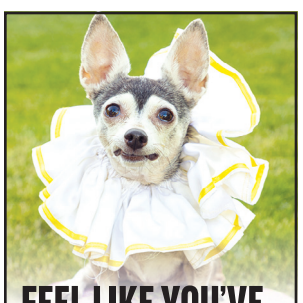
— William Arthur Ward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Lady Rebels Headed to State

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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The McKenzie Lady Rebels basketball team is headed to Murfreesboro to participate in the Class 1A state championship games. The Lady Rebels, 28-2, defeated a strong and disciplined team in Moore County, who led the first half but fell behind the Lady Rebels in the second half.

The lone senior Lady Rebel had the best game of her career, said Coach John Wilkins. He said Dani Dyer had a career high 18 points and took two 'charges' in the game to help the ladies earn their first trip to the state tournament since 1963.

The home side stands of McKenzie High School gymnasium were filled with Rebels fans, who were there to support the young ladies - both players and cheerleaders - who proudly represent their school and community.

The Lady Rebels is also a team that shares the ball. While Moore County ladies worked extra hard to guard Savannah Davis, a Miss Basketball nominee, they soon realized the Lady Rebels have a bench full of talented players who are ready when their feet hit the playing floor.

Dyer, the left-handed player, was deadly under the basket with eight two-pointers, and two free throws.

The sisters MiKaela Reynolds and Kylie Reynolds had 15 and 12

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McKenzie senior Dani Dyer had the pleasure of being the first player to help cut down the net after winning the regional contest against Moore County. *Photo by Tammy Graves*

Alivia Green, Bethel's Student Governor Association President, with Governor Bill Lee. The SGA prepared a gift for the visiting governor.

Bill Lee Recognizes Bethel's Academic Achievements During Campus Visit

McKENZIE (March 4) — Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee visited Bethel's traditional undergraduate campus in McKenzie on Thursday.

During his time on campus, Lee observed a class in session and addressed a standing room-only crowd of students, faculty and staff members, and local officials.

In his remarks, Lee recognized Bethel's academic achievements and how today's Bethel students will lead the state and nation in the coming years.

"The real joy and purpose in life

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The former McKenzie Regional Hospital closed in 2018 after the owner of Quorum Health Corporation closed it during a spate of closure of rural hospitals across Tennessee.

Baptist Memorial Donates Old Hospital to McKenzie Economic Development Corporation

HUNTINGDON (March 7) — Baptist Memorial Health Care recently donated the former McKenzie Regional Hospital building and grounds, valued at $1,290,000, to the McKenzie Economic Development Corporation (Industrial Board).

The 57,385-square-foot property, which sits on 16.21 acres of land located near the center of the city, will help spearhead economic growth and development for the community.

"Baptist Memorial Health Care is proud to support the growth of McKenzie and its residents," said Susan Breeden, administrator and CEO of Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County. "After the prior owner closed the hospital, we purchased this property in 2018 to preserve health care in the region. At the same time, we feel blessed and privileged to also contribute to

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Four Local Girls Teams Punch Tickets To State

Saturday night, March 5 was girls' substate night for teams attempting to win a berth in the TSSAA Girl's State Basketball Tournament in Murfreesboro. Four local teams took care of business and punched that ticket to state.

McKenzie (27-2) played host to Moore County (see related story) and defeated them 63-50. Gleason (25-7) played host to Memphis Westwood defeating them 67-31 (see related story). Dresden (23-9) was on the road to Memphis and defeated MAHS 51-44 and Martin Westview (29-2) hosted Loretto 36-30.

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Barn Destroyed by Fire

McKENZIE (March 1) — McKenzie Fire Department responded to a barn fire at Whitworth Farms, 850 Connie Allen Road on March 1 around 10:30 p.m.

The barn and two adjacent buildings were on fire, which destroyed a tractor and caused the death of a sow and seven piglets.

In addition to MFD, Carroll County Fire Brigades 1, 10, 12 and Air 1 responded. The scene took three hours.

County Commission to Retire Long-Term Debt, Make Budget Amendments

Carroll County commissioners convene Monday, March 14, 7 p.m. at the Carroll County Civic Center, to take on a full agenda of debt retirement, budget amendments, road dedications, and the gifting of a county-owned service weapon to the family of the late Frank Rezac, a captain with the Carroll County Sheriff's Department.

The county has three long-term debts with the construction of a jail, renovation of the courthouse, and the construction of the Emergency Operations Center. The county proposes to retire $910,000 in debt by paying the debt of the EOC and courthouse.

A proposal to use a portion of the county's American Rescue Plan funds will be used to help Charter and TEC.

In other business, commissioners will vote on resolutions to add roads to the county road system. The roads are very short and in close proximity to the Carroll County 1000-Acre Lake.

Those include .42 mile of Sportsman Cove; .13 mile of Shore Line Drive; .22 mile of Lake Point Drive; .08 mile of Beech Bluff Lane.

Amendments to departmental budgets are included in the agenda. Those are: $3,085 for the Circuit Court Clerk's office; $8,153 for the Highway Department the installation of high-speed internet; $33,804 for the purchase of chemicals and equipment; $124,703 for the General Purpose School Fund for instructional supplies and equipment and another $25,596 for technology equipment.

A revision to the Personnel Policy to county employees who served in the military to provide 36 hours of yearly leave to any veteran with a service-connected disability of 30 percent or more to attend appointments related to the service-connected disability.

A resolution to grant employees of the Carroll County Health Department annual leave equal to the state's program. The new policy would grant employees with fewer than five years of full-time service accrue 7.5 hours of annual leave each month, employees with five years and less than ten years of full-time service earn 11.3 hours of annual leave per month, employees with ten years and less than twenty years of full-time service earn 13.1 hours of annual leave per month, and employees with twenty years or more of full time service accrue annual leave at the rate of 15.0 hours per month.

A canine with the Sheriff's Department is being retired. K9 Max will be granted to his handler, Agent Kris Byrd of the 24th Judicial Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force.

The service weapon of the late Frank Rezac will be gifted to his family, upon adoption of Resolution 3-11-22.

The county will pledge funds provided by the American Rescue Plan in an amount of 10 percent up to $500,000 total to Charter Spectrum and TEC to assist in the local portion of any federal grant received for the extension of fiber optic-high-speed internet in underserved areas of the county.

A resolution to assist the eight municipal water/sewer departments and the two separate water utilities district with funding is also on the agenda. It would allocate $50,000 to each of the utilities participating in the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation grant. The county's participation helps each utility earn additional grant co-funding. Total project costs are: Atwood $737,223; Bruceton $831,028; Clarksburg $649,551; Hollow Rock,$714,536; Huntingdon $1,374,418; McKenzie $1,399,636; McLemoresville $641,970; and Trezevant $730,935.

Above, US Navy Veteran Frank Tate helps load supplies for Ukraine with Aerial Recovery Group. *Photo courtesy of Aerial Recovery Group* **Below, Frank Tate.** *Photo Courtesy of RFW Construction*

Frank Tate Helps in Evacuation Efforts in Ukraine

Frank Tate, former McKenzie Economic Development Director, assisted in evacuation of some of Ukraine citizens after the Russian invasion.

Tate served two years in McKenzie before moving his family to Clarksville for a similar position.

Tate is affiliated through Awaken Church with Aerial Recovery Group for about the last six months. ARG, a Nashville-based organization, is an Economic Development and Disaster Management Firm, so it correlates closely with his profession and military background.

The number one goal is to save lives and facilitate the redevelopment of nations to be even more prosperous after a disaster.

"While the group's mission in Ukraine has been transporting and evacuating orphans, we still maintain a strategic preparation plan and are now working to keep Ukrainians effectively in the fight. In December, we also responded to the tornadoes in Western Kentucky and Tennessee and have completed work in Haiti after the earthquakes," said Tate.

"Our mission in Ukraine has been the evacuation of orphanages and foster facilities near and around Kyiv. We have also set up aid facilities in Ukraine to help with supply routes," said Tate.

"After serving in the US Navy for ten years and falling into economic development, this organization could not have been a better fit. Day in and day out in my profession, I educated leaders in industry and government on the importance of community and its correlation to its people. To see a community shattered so profoundly spoke to me, deeply. The way Ukrainians united together to protect each other and the land they love is something we can all take a lesson from, and I feel it was a reverberation of how I feel for America. Importantly as an American patriot and professional, I felt compelled to act.

"On Friday night, I received a text asking me how I would like to help, and I suggested that I do any logistics or administration work needed stateside. On Saturday, I received a call asking to fly out Monday to be the advance party. We arrived boots on the ground Monday evening and went to work. We coordinated locations in Ukraine to help in aid support, purchased goods, and started working on extraction plans for orphans. I returned home Sunday morning and have been working on supply aid needs ever since.

Supplies needed list from toiletries to first aid kits and protective gear sourced from multiple manufacturers.

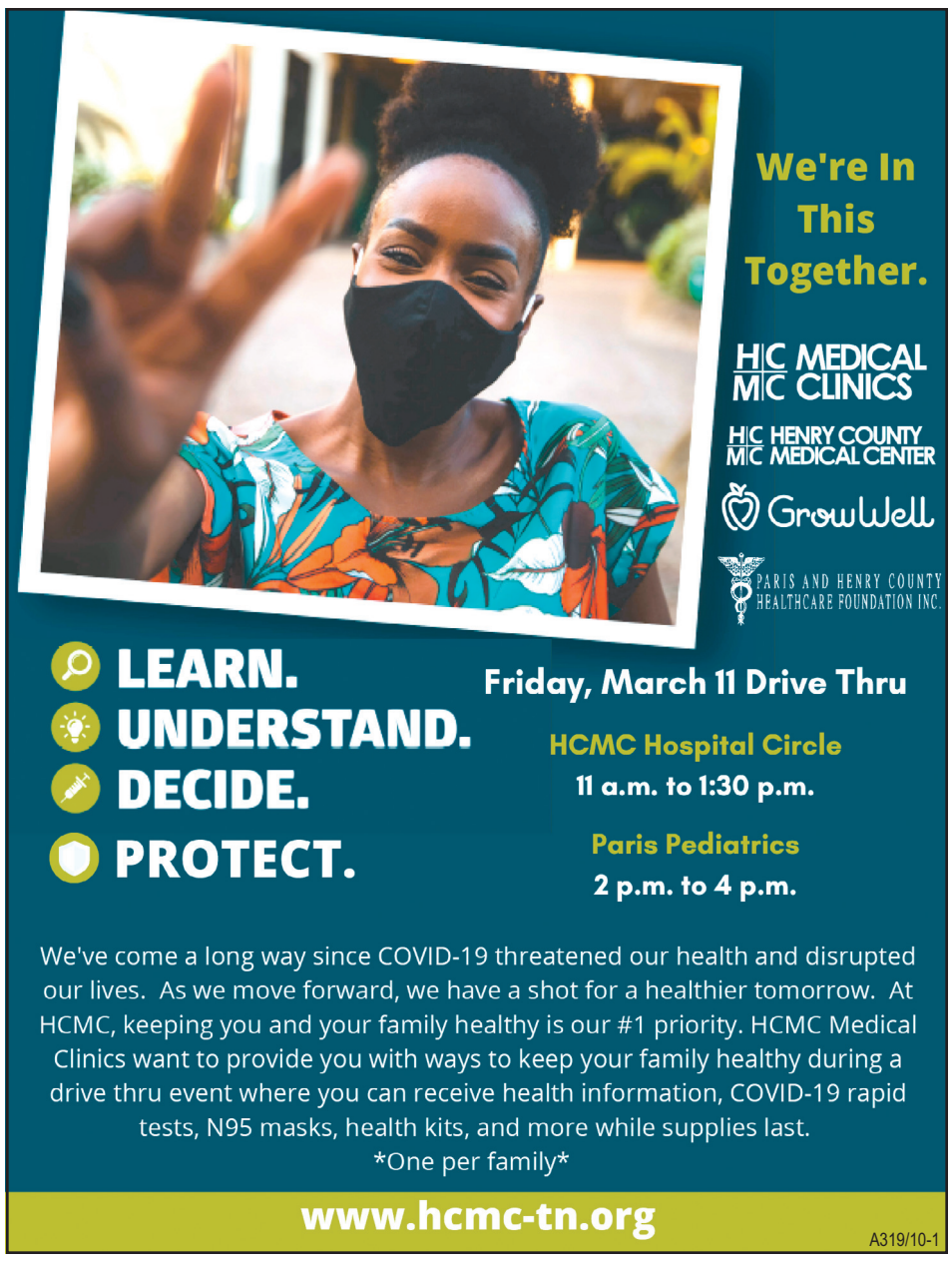
"The Aerial Recovery Group team has made a significant impact as every stage of the crisis unfolds, and I am humbled to have the opportunity to help."

Dismissal Note From MHS

McKenzie Special School District will dismiss at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, March 10 to accommodate those traveling to the Girls State Basketball Tournament.

If the Lady Rebels win on Thursday, schools will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 11.

GO REBELS!



Budget Committee Allocates $2.7 Million In COVID Relief Funds, Retires Debt

HUNTINGDON (March 3) — The county of Carroll has received one-half of the $5.4 million in Federal COVID relief funds known as the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Members of the county Budget Committee met Thursday, March 3, to distribute the $2.7 million that in the county's possession to benefit the county government, municipal water systems, county fire department, and help two local high-speed Internet providers to apply for federal grants to expand fiber internet to underserved geographic areas. The county is expected to receive another $2.7 million in the fall of 2022.

Aside from the federal funds, the Budget Committee voted to retire $904,000 in long-term debts by paying the bonds/loans on the courthouse renovation and the construction of the county's emergency dispatch center, located at the county jail. If the full County Commission approves, the two debts would be retired, leaving only the debt for the construction of the jail. Reserves would remain at $500,000.

The Committee also recommended the initial $2.7 million of ARP be distributed as follows:

$475,000 to the county's 168 full-time and 44 part-time employees plus 80 employees at the county school district. The Committee recommended a bonus of $2,000 for full-time and $1,000 for part-time in the 2022-23 budget in lieu of a pay raise. The $475,000 appropriation includes the cost of employee benefits, including Social Security match and retirement.

Another $500,000 was offered to Charter/Spectrum and TEC - both local providers of high-speed internet. Those funds would serve as a financial match to assist the service providers in obtaining federal grants and only payable if the grants are obtained.

Another $500,000 is available to municipal and two other water/sewer providers in the county to help them points in applications for grants due to the government partnership.

Approximately $50,000 was approved for the Carroll County Election Commission to purchase poll pads, an special iPad that contains voter registration records at each of the precincts. If funding is approved by the County Commission, the paper registration 'poll books' system will be eliminated at the precincts.

The County's Fire Department is dire need of fire-fighting equipment, such as pumpers and mobile vans with refilling equipment to refill firefighters' air packs.

Other departments including $300,000 for trash, $160,000 for the Sheriff's Department, $50,000 for Carroll Academy, and $125,000 for the Health Department, and $300,000 for the Solid Waste and Recycling Department for a baler for cardboard and paper and a new roof.

All of the proposals for funding will be forwarded to the full County Commission.

West Carroll School Board Discusses Policies, Budget, New State Funding

BY JIM POTTS
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West Carroll's school board met for their March Session with a busy agenda. After approving an amended agenda and the consent agenda which included accepting resignations from Jamie Cruz and Noah Shackelford, they went into the regular agenda filled with requests for several trip approvals.

West Carroll Band Director Michael Nelson informed the board that a band student, Luke Gibson, had placed third chair in the recent state band competitions. According to Nelson, Gibson is the first since the early '90s to reach that level.

The second reading of a West Tennessee All-State Band field trip was approved while a field trip to the FFA State Convention in Gatlinburg was also approved. A field trip to the National Beta Club Leadership Convention was approved as was a trip to the FBLA State Convention . A 4-H trip to Middle Tennessee was also approved.

The board unanimously approved the second reading of an amendment to the West Carroll Code of Conduct removing corporal punishment from the code of conduct. They also approved an ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund) Safe Returns Policy which Schools Director Preston Caldwell advised was required to update twice a year.

Caldwell, then explained the budget amendments that needed to be approved by the board. He broke down three line items that had been overbudgeted by $133,655 and moved on to several additions to the budget. These included $35,600 to the Special Education Supervisor, an increase in Legal Services from 20K to 32K, Director of Schools office - $9,500, Office of the Principal - $4,750, Custodial Personnel - $7,000, and Maintenance and Repair - $15,000. Caldwell noted it wasn't necessary to pull money from the school's fund balance and that the next time any amending would be necessary would be the end of the school year.

During the principal updates, the primary and elementary schools had testing in progress while the high school had basketball continuing with spring sports soon. Caldwell updated the board on the school system's COVID status which remains at level 3 due to still having a few positive cases and still some quarantined. He spoke of the new funding formula that the state is proposing. He commented that the school wouldn't lose any funding but won't gain much more than 2 or 3 percent and it doesn't go into effect until 2024. He acknowledged that it would be based on enrollment numbers.

The board went into a private executive session with their attorney after the agenda was completed.

Governor Lee visits with future teachers in the Department of Education at Bethel's main campus in McKenzie.

Lee

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comes when we use our lives to try to impact other people's lives for good…You are being equipped right now in the disciplines that you are getting in this place to allow you to do that. The future of our state is sitting in this room."

Bethel students and programs have made headlines in recent weeks for their academic successes and learning opportunities outside a traditional classroom.

In January, Bethel's 2021 nursing program graduates achieved a 100% pass rate on the NCLEX licensing exam, the assessment of record to measure aptitude for nursing graduates preparing to enter the job market.

"I can't tell you, the last two years of this pandemic what health care workers have meant to the world and how desperately we need them," Lee said.

Bethel's Division of Education was recognized in February by the Tennessee State Board of Education (SBE) for exceeding expectations in two domains of its Educator Preparation Report Card (EPRC): One domain that measures employment and retention rates and one that measures the school's ability to attract and recruit a strong and diverse cohort of candidates.

In the last year, Sports Management students have volunteered at sporting events like the Super Bowl, World Cup qualifying matches, NBA All-Star Weekend, and many other events where students get on-the-job-training and make key career network connections for after college as they enter the workforce.

Lee also commented on Bethel's nationally recognized Criminal Justice program and the gravity of choosing a career in public service.

"It's a changing world and you have an incredible responsibility there and we're grateful that you're investing your lives there," Lee said.

Visit Bethel University's website to apply for admission or to learn more about our traditional degree programs and online options in the College of Professional Studies.

To speak with university officials related to this story or any other requests, please contact Jon Blankenship at 615-481-9596 or blankenshipj@bethelu.edu.

Bethel University is a private, not-for-profit university affiliated with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church located in McKenzie, Tenn., offering both on-campus and online courses.

Baptist

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the long-term well-being and success of McKenzie residents with the donation of this additional property for economic development."

The city of McKenzie has plans to sell the property to an industrial buyer, thereby changing the classification of the area.

"We are grateful for this generous gift from Baptist Memorial Health Care," said McKenzie Mayor Jill Holland. "This donation will allow us to transform the area and repurpose it in a way that will support our community's current needs and position us for continued growth in the future."

Baptist purchased McKenzie Regional's buildings, land, equipment and ambulance service in July 2018 from Quorum Health Corporation, which had announced plans to close the hospital. To avoid duplication of services and preserve access to health care within county limits, Baptist maintained outpatient services in the city and expanded the offering of services available at Baptist Carroll County. Baptist Carroll County, formerly Baptist Memorial Hospital-Huntingdon, has served Carroll County residents for more than 35 years.

Baptist Memorial Health Care is one of the country's largest not-for-profit health care systems and the largest provider of Medicaid in the region. Baptist offers a full continuum of care to communities throughout the Mid-South and consistently ranks among the top integrated health care networks in the nation. The health care system comprises 22 affiliate hospitals in West Tennessee, North and Central Mississippi and East Arkansas; more than 5,400 affiliated physicians; Baptist Medical Group, a multi-specialty physician group with more than 800 providers; home, hospice and psychiatric care; minor medical centers and clinics; a network of surgery, rehabilitation and other outpatient centers; and an education system highlighted by Baptist Health Sciences University (formerly Baptist College of Health Sciences). Baptist employs more than 19,000 people, and in fiscal year 2020 contributed more than $352 million in community benefit and uncompensated care to the communities it serves. For more information, please visit www.baptistonline.org or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

McKenzie Lady Rebels team.

McKenzie Lady Rebels Roster

#	Name	Grade	#	Name	Grade
10	Dani Dyer	12	4	Hannah Dillingham	11
23	Kylie Reynolds	11	14	Savannah Davis	10
12	Briley Auvenshine	11	22	Mikaela Reynolds	10
1	Katie Chesser	11	3	Sophie Pate	9
32	Madison Gilbert	11	5	Ally Gibson	9

HEAD COACH John Wilkins | **ASSISTANT COACH** Ashley Lowe
MANAGERS Allie Mansfield, Jaleah Moore, Anna Robinson, Jacey Pinson & Gracie Henderson

The net is the proof — MiKaela Reynolds, Savannah Davis, Katie Chesser, Briley Auvenshine, and Kylie Reynolds hold a piece of the net after they helped cut it down. *Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner*

Rebels

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points respectively, followed by Briley Auvenshine and Savannah Davis with 9 each.

Moore County edged the Lady Rebels 16 to 15 in the first quarter, and 33 to 30 at half. The Lady Rebels led 44 to 41 at the end of the third and 63 to 50 at the end.

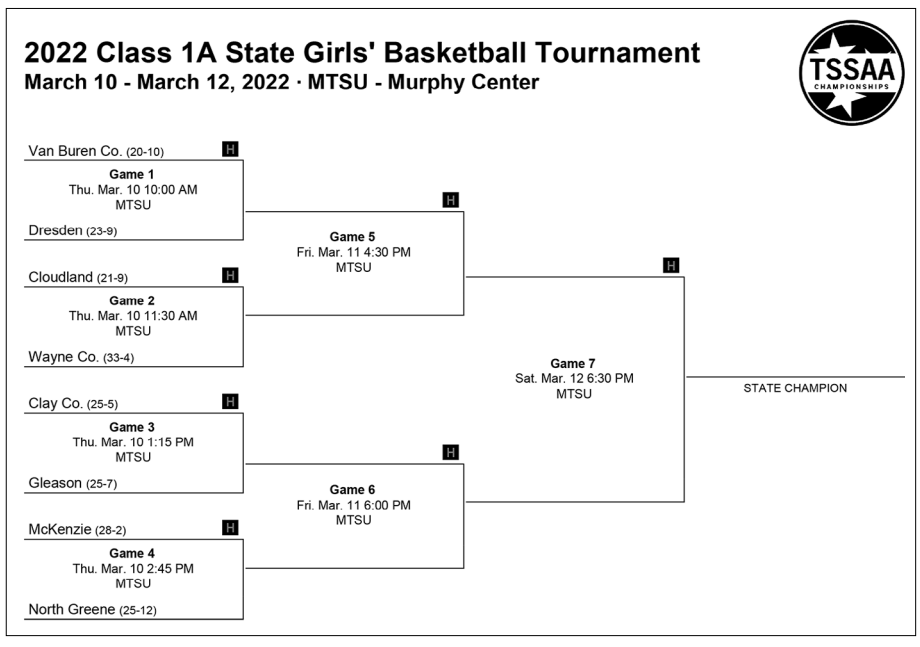
Following the game, the Lady Rebels performed the customary greeting of hand shakes and exited to the locker room only to return minutes later to perform the symbolic cutting down of the net.

Coach Wilkins is pleased with his team, the community, and his wife, Lauren, who has cared for the family while he attends practices and competes with his teams - both the men and lady Rebels. She is always in the stands supporting the team and her husband.

During a post-game interview, Wilkins said he was busy preparing for Moore County and will study the upcoming opponents so his teams will be ready.

The McKenzie Banner will publish a special sports section following the state tournaments.

McKenzie Coach John Wilkins makes the final cut to remove the net. *Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner*



Girls

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According to the girls' state brackets, McKenzie faces North Greene on Thursday, March 10 at 2:45 p.m. while Gleason plays Clay County on the same day at 1:15 p.m. Dresden faces Van Buren County on the same day at 10 a.m.

Westview plays Riverside Tuesday, March 8 at 2:45 p.m. A couple of possibilities to look for is if Westview wins they will play at 6 p.m. March 10 in a semifinal contest. If Gleason and McKenzie win, they will face each other in a semifinal contest Friday, March 11 at 6 p.m.

Left, Seventeen year-old U.S. Marine, Bill Stout. Center, Bill Stout and a fellow Marine buddy, 1964. Right, Bill Stout with former Governor Don Sundquist and Martha Sundquist.

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Celebrating McKenzie's oldest business and historical record

Bill Stout

Marine, Entrepreneur, Leader

Golston "Bill" Stout was born on May 14, 1936, in Nashville to William Franklin Stout and Etta Mai Hand. His father is deceased and his mother still lives in Nashville. He went to Nashville schools in early life, graduating from Cohn High School. After graduation from high school, Stout had planned to attend college in Cookeville but wound up taking a job with Cain-Sloan Department Stores instead.

He became bored and disillusioned with what he was doing with his life, and set out to make some changes. On his way to work one morning in October 1953, he made a decision pretty much by accident that would change his life dramatically. Bill had decided he could no longer tolerate the work he was doing and decided to join the Navy. But when he got to the recruiting station, it was closed, and that is where his life changed. One door down was the office of the U.S. Marine Corps recruiter

He decided to go in and check things out. He remembered walking into the recruiting station and standing there waiting for somebody to notice his presence when he heard a familiar voice. That voice asked, "What are you doing here, boy?" When he turned, he recognized a friend from his work at Cain-Sloan, a boy named Everett Yarbrough. Yarbrough commented that he too had decided to join the Marines. Stout and Yarbrough signed up for the Corps together and stayed together for much of the next three years.

They signed up on Monday, took their physical examinations on Tuesday, and left for an uncertain future on Thursday morning of the same week. And for the next several months, they would be anything but bored.

The young men boarded a train in Nashville, bound for Atlanta that would take them to infamous Parris Island, South Carolina. Bill recalled when he and the other 77 recruits got off the bus at what Marines affectionately refer to as "P.I." his life changed in a big way.

Within seconds of their arrival, the Marine who was to be their Assistant Drill Instructor made his presence known in the most certain of terms. Within very few minutes, Bill began to wonder if he had made the right decision. But he did not ponder that question for very long. The drill instructor soon had them collect what for many years in the Marine Corps was known as a "bucket issue".

They received shaving gear, soap, and the cleaning equipment used for several weeks, comprising a large steel bucket, a scrub brush, and soap. They were then escorted (herded may be a better word) to their new home, known as a Nathan Hut.

There they would be transformed, according to their drill instructor, from the lowest scum of the earth into Marines - if they managed to make it through boot camp at all. The next morning the recruits received their first Marine Corps haircut, in which the head is transformed pretty much into the same appearance as that of a bowling ball. Not enough hair remained on their heads to pinch between two fingernails.

From well before daylight until whenever the drill instructor tires of "training" his new charges, they are in constant movement. Not a second of that time is wasted; every movement on the part of a Marine "boot" is intended to accomplish something. That something may not be obvious to the recruit at the time, but in retrospect, he or she understands the concept. Over the next few months, Bill underwent a transformation that would change his life forever. From the young civilian who was bored with his life, he was molded into a sharp-looking, sharp-acting military fighter that is to this day feared by his enemies as the most intimidating human in the world-a United States Marine.

Bill recalled on one occasion while they were on the rifle range learning to accurately fire the M-1 Garand rifle they had been issued, somebody in the platoon messed up while they were practicing close-order drill (marching), and they all paid for the mistake. Their drill instructor hollered, one of his favorite phrases, "Down on your haunches!" To the platoon, this meant they would have the privilege of "duck-walking" until the DI decided their debt to the Corps was adequately repaid for the transgression in question.

They duck-walked around the dirt and sand of the swamps that are so prevalent at Parris Island, and finally into the watery swamp itself. They stayed in their crouched position and crawled through the water. If the water happened to be too deep, they were expected to stay underwater as long as they could hold their breath, grab a quick breath, then back into their "haunches" position. By the time this little training exercise was completed, every recruit in the platoon looked like a total disaster, with water, sand, mud, and grass from head to toe.

Then the drill instructor marched his platoon of pitiful-looking young men back to their barracks, night down the middle of the rifle range within sight of other training platoons, and into the showers, clothes and all. As this filthy band of ragamuffins slogged through the range, tired and in a state of confusion as to the benefit of such an exercise, the drill instructor began to sing the Marines Hymn. Immediately the platoon joined in, visibly changing from a slouching position to their backs straight and chests puffed out. They strutted like the full-fledged Marines

Upon completion of their initial training, Bill, Yarbrough, and several others were assigned to Airman Preparatory School at Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida. Then they were transferred to Naval Air Station, Millington, Tennessee, where he was trained as a jet aircraft engine mechanic. Bill was then transferred to Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, North Carolina, and assigned to Marine Instrument Training Squadron.

After a few months at Cherry Point, he became bored with his life and asked for reassignment. He was sent to Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California in preparation to send him overseas to Korea. While he was at El Toro, he recalled that he had gone to Hollywood on 24-hour liberty. While on his way back to his base, it occurred to him that he was 18 years old and was 3,000 miles away from his family. He said he had a single "buffalo .. nickel in his pocket. With that nickel, he bought a Tootsie Roll and hitchhiked back to El Toro.

Within 30 days, he boarded the U.S. Navy Ship Marine Phoenix, a troop carrier from World War II days, and spent 20 days en route to Korea, with 3,600 Marines aboard a ship designed to carry 2,400 men. Upon arrival in Korea, they were picked up by an amphibious landing craft near Inchon and subsequently transferred to Pohang, about 200 miles north of Pusan for duty.

After serving 18 months in Korea, he was transferred back to the States, traveling on the USNS E. D. Patrick. The voyage home took eleven days, and he landed at Naval Station, Treasure Island, California, before being sent back to his original unit at Cherry Point. He served the remainder of his enlistment and was discharged in October 1956, with the rank of Sergeant.

When he returned home to Nashville, Bill got a job with Baird-Ward Printing Company, and later a friend helped him get a job with Victor Chemical Company. While working, he attended the University of Tennessee at Nashville, majoring in Chemistry. He attended college at night for seven years, completing the work on his degree.

He later took a position with AVCO, an aviation subcontractor for companies such as Lockheed, Boeing, and ChanceVought His company made parts for the Lockheed C-130 and C-141, the Boeing B-1 bomber, and NASA's Apollo spacecraft.

At about this time, Bill met his wife, the former Betsy Gateley, who was originally from Atwood. Bill was tired of living in a big city, so when Betsy decided to move back home, Bill moved to Huntingdon. They were married on March 8, 1957. The Stouts have one son, Steve.

In September 1964, Bill opened the first convenience store in Huntingdon. It was called Steve's Drive-in Market, named for his son Steve. Bill decided to remain open from six o'clock in the morning until 11 p.m. He recalled that his friends thought he was crazy to establish such ridiculous hours of operation. Later he was approached by the owners of another company, offering to sell him a store at Parkers Crossroads. He bought that store, the Crossroad Travel Mart, and kept it for about a year before getting out of the business after eleven years.

In January 1975, he established the Huntingdon Termite and Pest Control Company. He has been in this business for the past 24 years. In this time, he has also gotten involved in politics. He was elected to the Huntingdon Town Council, serving two and one-half terms. He was vice mayor when Mayor Lee Chance died while in office, so Stout filled Chance's uncompleted term.

Since moving to Huntingdon, Bill Stout has served in the following positions and on boards in this area: town council; vice mayor; mayor; Carroll County Draft Board; Carroll County Industrial Board; Huntingdon Housing Authority; President of the Rotary Club; a member of the Jaycees, and Chairman of the Carroll County Republican Party.

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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

An Anniversary...Of Sorts

My first newspaper article appeared the second week of March in 1984. A pound of bacon at the time cost $1.69. I had to look that up. And I don't know how that is relevant because I have no idea what a pound of bacon cost today.

A gallon of gas in 1984 was $1.10. I also had to look that up. And I have no idea what a gallon of gas cost today... every time I go to the pump it's up another 30 cents.

And brother, that is about as relevant as it gets!

Wesley Ramsey, the venerable editor, publisher and owner of the local paper in '84 said, "Write something about growing up back home. Try to make it folksy, humorous, noteworthy, poignant, informative, philosophical and most of all, relevant."

I have been trying to do just that for 38 years.

It is harder than you think! There are a lot of weeks when I don't feel folksy, or have a story. Of course, if you've ever glanced at one of my offerings—you already know that.

And I sometimes wonder myself how me telling you about Bobby Brewer "fishing", in 1955, for those goldfish in that small circular cement pond up in the center of our town square, is relevant at all...unless you had a childhood friend who was prone to do something just like that "to crank life up a notch" on a slow moving day in your wonderful past.

38 years. Do you realize that I have been writing about growing up back home...three times longer than I actually "grew up back home!"

A lot of you ask if I make this stuff up. Listen, I'm not smart enough to "imagine" people like Graylene Lemonds, LaRenda Bradfield, Buddy Wiggleton or Kong King. They are as alive, fresh, smiling and real to me at this moment as they were back when our nation was trying to decide if they could elect a first ever Catholic president!

And maybe you needed to have been standing beside the "fish pond" to truly believe Brewer climbed in, with his blue jeans and tennis shoes on, and went to trying to capture those goldfish with his hands. Or maybe, like me, you would have climbed in there with him because he obviously wasn't much of a goldfish fisherman.

38 years. And honesty compels me to report that may not be technically correct. I did miss one article. That was November 15, 1984. My grandfather died and I dropped everything and rushed home to see Granny.

And besides, at the time I didn't know I was writing a weekly column. I just thought of something we did and I wrote it down. Come to think of it, that's all I'm doing today!

It is noteworthy, maybe even informative—I don't think poignant—that I don't remember who was President of the United States in 1984. But I recall vividly so many details of the controversy surrounding John F. Kennedy being elected as a non-protestant president in 1960.

Do you reckon we are more in tune, more sensitive to what's going on around us, more aware as wonder-filled teenagers, than we are when life has worn on us a bit? Now folks, that is about as philosophical as I can wax.

38 years. Two things have made it all possible. One is the time, place and people that surrounded me "growing up back home." And the other, of course, is the nice folks like you that listen in from time to time.

The fifties were filled with "happy days." We were between wars; everybody liked Ike; the pace was slower; you could understand your neighbors; and a brand new 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air cost $2,405.

I grew up in the perfect place. We just had a mite of difficulty "seeing" it at the time. And I have told you repeatedly about every single person that blessed my life as we fought and loved, played and worked, laughed and cried our way through those early awakening years.

And it has truly been a blast to hear that you have "remembered something" after hearing that I fell down that same hole once upon a time. Listen, your story is so often way better than mine. I thank you for taking the time to share them with me.

And don't you for one minute think I'm a real writer! I have never passed myself off as such. I know it's just a ruse.

Wesley Ramsey figured me out the very first year. About six months into this writing deal, I stopped by with my latest effort. I gave him time to read it, "Mr. Wesley, I hope that I do get better at this."

He looked up at me over his glasses just as seriously as it could be done and replied, "Son, I HOPE YOU DO TO!"

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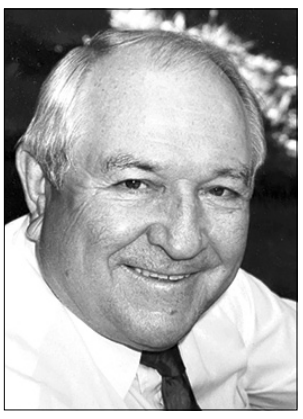


WILLIAM 'BILL' MOODY
1927 — 2022

FORMERLY OF McKENZIE — William L. Moody (Bill), 94, died Sunday, February 27, 2022, in Fort Myers, Florida. He and his wife, Dorothy Coats Moody, retired to the Lexington Country Club in Fort Myers in 2002 to enjoy the weather, golf, and to spend time with friends, children, and grandchildren.

Bill was born in Yuma, Tennessee on June 17, 1927. He and his wife, Dot, along with their two children, Mark and Jill, lived in Huntingdon, then later McKenzie. Bill and Dot later moved to Dyersburg.

The family will receive friends during visitation hours on Tuesday, March 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. and again on Wednesday, March 9, from 10-11 a.m. at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home in Huntingdon. Services are at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 9 at 11 a.m. followed by a graveside service at Oak Hill Cemetery.

After graduating from Huntingdon High School in 1945, Mr. Moody received an associates degree from Bethel College and a BS in Accounting from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, enrolling through the GI Bill after serving two years in the US Navy aboard the USS Knapp in the Pacific.

After working as sales manager for Vickers Motor Company in Huntingdon, Bill co-owned two thriving car dealerships - Russell Chevrolet Olds in McKenzie and Moody-Wadley in Dyersburg.

Mr. Moody built car dealerships that were known throughout West Tennessee for their integrity and excellent service, and over the years, he received numerous awards of excellence from both GMC and Toyota. Bill had a passion for the car business, but mostly he had a passion for people. He was loved and respected by those he employed and by the customers he served. He never met a stranger and he never tired of the day to day life of providing for his family while running his business and serving his community.

Early in his career, Bill served his hometown of Huntingdon as president of the Huntingdon Lions Club, the Huntingdon Jaycees, and the Huntingdon Elks, and as commander of both the American Legion and VFW, as two-term alderman for the City of Huntingdon, as a member of the Board of Education for Huntingdon Special School District, and as Special Gifts chairperson of the Carroll County Cancer Society. He and his family were devoted members of the First Baptist Church.

Bill was a founding member of the Huntingdon Mustangs Quarterback Club. He brought his deep love of football, especially the Huntingdon Mustangs, to life every Friday night in the press box where he was well-known for calling plays with enthusiasm and accuracy. And he was a passionate fan of the Tennessee Vols - assisting in recruiting efforts among talented West Tennessee high school graduates as president of the Carroll County chapter of the UT General Association and holding season tickets for his beloved Vols for many many years. Kentucky Lake was his other "favorite place on Earth" and he spent many happy hours fishing the lake with his family and friends.

"Everybody knows Billy Moody" was a well worn phrase in Carroll County and beyond. Bill Moody's heart was deep and wide and his joy for living life was infectious to all those around him. He believed people are good - he loved them and they loved him back. As a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather "Daddy Bill's" love knew no bounds. He felt blessed to have been given his beautiful family and he shared this fact daily with any and everyone who would listen up until the day he died. He reminded us all that true joy results from giving yourself completely to love. We will miss his jokes, his charm, and his boundless faith in people and in God's goodness.

Mr. Moody is pre-deceased by his beloved wife of 66 years, Dorothy Mai Coats Moody.

He is survived by one son, William Mark Moody and wife, Patricia Lantis, of New York City, one daughter, Jill Moody Bateman, and husband, Terry Bateman, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, three grandchildren, William Allan Bateman and wife, Jennifer Anne Bateman, Claire Bateman Graziano and husband, Nick Graziano, all of Chevy Chase, Maryland, and Anna Bateman Birdsong and husband, Sam Birdsong, of Athens, Georgia along with four great-grandchildren: Addison Grey Bateman (Addie), William Alan Bateman (Liam), Walker James Graziano, and George Allan Birdsong. Mr. Moody is also survived by many treasured nephews, nieces, and great-nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Bill's memory to St Jude Children's Research, a cause both Mr. and Mrs. Moody held close to their hearts.

Dilday-Carter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements 731-986-8281.

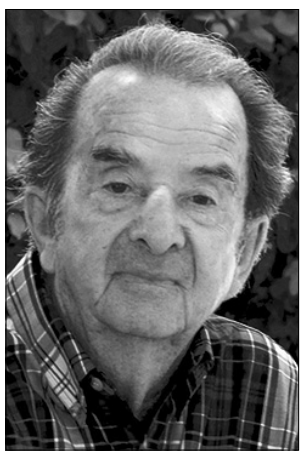
JANE KIRBY
1936 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Martha Jane Kirby, 86, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, passed away Monday, February 28, 2022, at Baptist Hospital.

Funeral Services were Saturday, March 5, 2022, at 12:00 PM noon, in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Lynn Stapleton officiating. Interment was in Jamison Cemetery.

Mrs. Kirby was born February 6, 1936, in Westport, Tennessee, to the late Marshall and Zona Thurman Spellings. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, William Charles Kirby, six brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by two daughters, Vicky Myracle (Ricky) of Lexington, Beverly Darnell (Larry) of McLemoresville, a sister, Frances Scates, of Bruceton, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



NHYLE WILLIAMS
1932 — 2022

VALE — Mr. Nhyle Forrest Williams, 89, of Vale, Tennessee died Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

Funeral services were Friday, March 4, 2022 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Randy Kurkendall and Bro. Nick Bradford officiating. Interment followed in Parkers Crossroads Cemetery.

Pallbearers who served were Jeff Ray, Bobby Brotherton, Ted Craig, Roger Shands, Larry Shands, and Matt King.

Mr. Williams was born March 12, 1932 in Vale, Tennessee, to the late Boyd Williams and Lennie Forrest. He was the long-time owner of Williams and Son Garage in Vale. He assisted hundreds of people with the restoration of their antique cars and was considered by many to be an encyclopedia of Classic Chevrolets. He served as the first chief of the Vale Volunteer Fire Department and devoted years of his life to serving his community and helping others.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, June, his son, Allan, and grandson, Jacob. +

THEODORE FINN WILSON
2020 — 2022

DYERSBURG — Theodore Finn Wilson, 22 months, of Dyersburg, Tennessee died Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at LeBonheur Children's Hospital. He was born May 3, 2020.

He is survived by his parents Cody Wilson and Ashley Pardue Wilson; three brothers Zander Wilson, Liem Wilson and his twin brother Luscian Wilson all of Dyersburg, Tennessee; Maternal-grandfather Charlie Pardue II of Hollow Rock, Tennessee.

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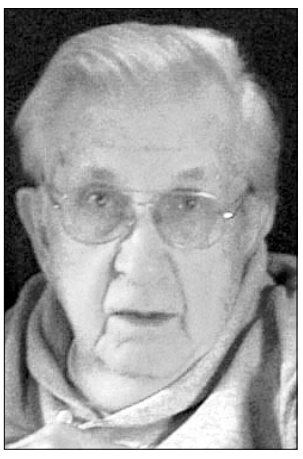

BOBBY 'BOB' JOE NEWTON
1934 — 2022

McKENZIE — Bobby Joe Newton, 88, of McKenzie died Thursday, March 3, 2022. A celebration of life will be announced later.

Mr. Newton was born February 9, 1934 to James A. Newton and Willie H. Penny. He was a teacher of special education in Carroll and Montgomery counties in Tennessee. He was also a radio announcer for WHDM for 40 years. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of McKenzie United Methodist Church.

He was predeceased by Jo Tilson Biggs Newton.

He is survived by: Michael Newton (Allison Newton) of Nashville, brother-in-law, Gaylon Biggs, sister-in-law Jettie Ann Bowers (Bobby Bowers), nieces, Tracy Newton Best, Joanne Hutchins, Etta Heizman, and Ruth Johnson.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home, phone 731-352-4848. +

WILMA JANE GAMMILL
1942 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Wilma Jane Gammill, 79, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Monday February 28, 2022 at her home.

Graveside services were Wednesday March 2, 2022 at Carroll Memorial Gardens with Dilday-Carter Funeral Home in charge.

Mrs. Gammill was born November 14, 1942 to the late Alvernie Cruse and Ruby Estella Vancleave Gammill. She was preceded in death by her husband Montie Roy Gammill and a brother Kenneth Cruse.

She is survived by one daughter, Tina Johnson of Huntingdon, Tennessee; one son, Robert (Mandy) Gammill of Huntingdon, Tennessee; one sister, Donna (Dave) Dyer of Strawberry Plains, Tennessee; two brothers, Clifton (Wilma) Cruse of Hollow Rock, Tennessee and Greg (Joy) Cruse of Hollow Rock, Tennessee; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Mama T's WHAT'S COOKIN'
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By Teresa Washburn

LEMON BISQUE

1 small box lemon jello
1 1/4 cup boiling water
1/2 cup sugar
1 large can Pet evaporated milk
1/4 teaspoon salt
Juice of 2 lemons
Vanilla wafers

Mix jello and water; let begin to set. Chill milk, then beat well. Add sugar, salt, lemon juice to milk mixture. Mix well with jello. Sprinkle a pan or serving dish with crumbled vanilla wafers. Pour jello mixture into pan and sprinkle top with more crumbled vanilla wafers. Chill and serve

BACON AND EGG COOKIES

2 blocks white almond bark
1 bag pretzel sticks
1 large bag M&M's

Work in small amounts. Place foil over a cookie sheet or tray. Melt almond bark in microwave or over low heat. Place 2 pretzel sticks together in various areas on cookie sheet. Leave about 1/4 to 1/2 inch between the sticks to represent bacon strips. With a spoon, place a circle of almond bark in middle and over edges of pretzels (white of egg). Press a yellow M&M in the middle for the egg yolk. Push to flatten slightly. Let them cool until firm or refrigerate. Peel off foil.

OREO PUDDING

1 package Oreo cookies
1 stick oleo
8 ounce cream cheese
8 ounce cool whip
6 ounce pkg instant chocolate pudding
3 cups milk

Crumble enough Oreo cookies to cover the bottom of 9x13 pan. Melt oleo and pour over the Oreo cookies. Press into the pan. Mix cream cheese and cool whip at room temperature, then pour over Oreo mixture. Mix chocolate pudding and milk and pour over cream cheese/cool whip mixture. Sprinkle Oreo cookies over pudding. Put cool whip on top if desired.

HONEY BUN

2 containers crescent rolls
1 cup sugar
8 ounce cream cheese
1 stick butter
1 tablespoon cinnamon

Place one can rolls on the bottom of a greased pan. Mix together 1/2 cup sugar, cream cheese and pour over the first layer. Place the second layer of rolls on top of the cream cheese mixture. Mix the remaining 1/2 cup sugar and the cinnamon together. Pour this mixture on top. Melt the butter and pour on top. Cook in 400 degree oven for 10-12 minutes.

COCONUT SELF-CRUST PIE

1 2/3 cups sugar
1/2 cup self rising flour
2 cups milk
4 eggs
1/2 cup margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 can coconut
2 tin pie pans

Mix ingredients; pour in pie pans. Bake in 350 degree oven until done.

Thank You
from the family of
Bobby Gene Bullington
We would like to thank everyone for their kind prayers, calls, flowers, gifts and food, and all who paid their respects at the funeral. We are grateful for such wonderful family and friends. Many thanks for all the compassionate care from the staff at Bodkin Funeral Home.
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MCKENZIE CITY COUNCIL RESCHEDULED

The McKenzie City Council meeting is rescheduled for Thursday, March 17, 6 p.m. , because of the MHS Lady Rebels participation in the state championship basketball game. The city wishes them good luck.

MCKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

FREE PET VACCINES

Carroll County Humane Society is hosting free pet vaccine events on March 13 and 19. The event is Sunday, March 13, noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its headquarters at 21822 Highway 22, McKenzie.

As the puppy season approaches, it is time to limit the exposure to contagious and deadly disease parvovirus and distemper. For more information, email cchstn@gmail.com or phone 731-352-9850.

MCKENZIE SENIOR CENTER TILE ART

McKenzie Senior Center is hosting a session on making tile coasters, March 17, 1 p.m. at the Center, 172 S. Main Street, McKenzie. Seniors 55 and older are invited. Attendees should bring 3 or 4 permanent markers. The tiles are furnished for this art sessions.

CARROLL COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD TO MEET

The Carroll County Emergency Communications Board of Directors meet in regular session on Tuesday, March 15, 5:30 p.m. in the training room at 200 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon.

Lady Rebels Win Region 6A, First Since 1963

BY JIM POTTS
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1963 Rebelettes in no particular order: Judy Abernathy, Jeanne Duncan, Emily Field, Annette Sasser, Karen Webb, Carol Ellis Dougherty, Judy Burroughs, Betty Blades, Pam Fuchs, Sally House, Barbara Cozart and Paula Pinson.

The McKenzie Lady Rebels won the District Tournament against Houston County and now the Region Tournament with a win over Houston County. The Lady Rebels defeated the Lady Irish 68-61 and 53-48 during the regular season and beat them a third time in the district tournament 66-46. So this meeting was the fourth meeting between the two teams this season.

This is their first region title since 1963. That '63 team sported a 20-5 record including winning the Lake Conference, District and Region 7 Championship against the Henry Lady Pirates and going to the state tournament in Murfreesboro. The first round of the tournament is what is now referred to as substate. The Rebelettes, as they were known then, faced Centerville and lost a heartbreaker 39-38.

Members of that team included: Seniors — Judy Abernathy, Jeanne Duncan, Emily Field, Annette Sasser and Karen Webb. Juniors were Carol Ellis Dougherty and Judy Burroughs. Sophomores included Betty Blades, Pam Fuchs, and Sally House. Freshmen were Barbara Cozart and Paula Pinson. There were several team members that were not on the tournament squad including Sharon Nelson, Gina Hansen, Kay Brown, Mary Lou Smith, and Diane Stoner.

Fast forward to 2022, some of those '63 players may well have observed the 27-2 Lady Rebels take it to the Houston County Lady Irish for the '22 Region 6 Championship. Savannah Davis and Mikaela Reynolds both had big first periods as McKenzie rolled to a 22-11 lead by the end of the period.

The Lady Rebels extended the lead to 31-17 in the first three minutes of the second period and ran off another 11 points by halftime to lead 42-24. In the third period, McKenzie exploded for 27 points to put the game out of reach 69-39. McKenzie emptied their bench starting late in the third period and all through the final period as the Lady Rebels claimed the region championship with a 73-58 win.

Savannah Davis led all scorers with 29 points for the night while Mikaela Reynolds had 18 points. Kylie Reynolds added nine points. Dani Dyer and Briley Auvenshine had five points each while Katie Chesser and Hannah Dillingham had three points each. Ally Gibson chipped in a point for the Lady Rebels.

Houston County was led by Josey Gant and Karlie Stinson with 19 and 17 points respectively. Kennedy Jones added 12 for the Lady Irish while R'Shonte' Kizer had five points and Maddie Ross had four points. Haylie Brooks chipped in one point for Houston County.

Three Lady Rebels made the All-Region Team including Briley Auvenshine, Mikaela Reynolds, and Savannah Davis who was named Region MVP. The other All-Region players were McEwen's Faith Colston, Perry County's Cianna Wilson, Houston County's Karlie Stinson and Josey Gant.

The Lady Rebels moved on to a substate contest with Moore County on Saturday, March 5. *(See related story on Page 1).*

(L to R) Front Row: Tinsley Parkins, Autumn Mingle, Carrington Lifsey, Alayna Anderson, Ava Sawyers and Ava Sawyers. Back Row: Assistant Coach Luke Hughes, Hannah Watson, Hallee Young, Jaeda Perry, Daisy Blevins, Kaylee Tucker, Sophie Wilson, Grace Stafford and Head Coach Sean Stephenson.

Gleason Rolls Westwood Advances To State Tournament

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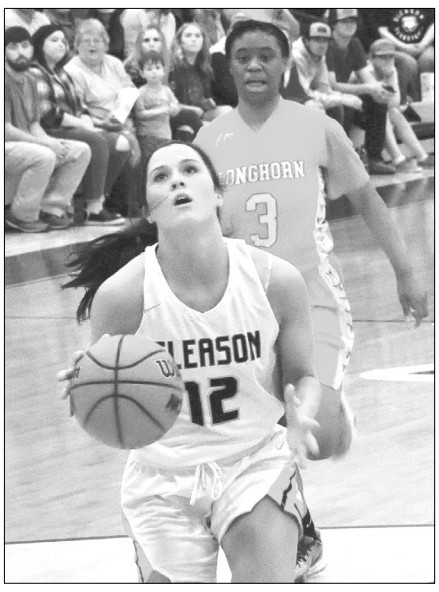

Left, Tinsley Parkins (41) takes a jumper against Memphis Westwood. Right, Alayna Anderson (12) drives to the basket for a layup during substate action.

GLEASON — The Lady Bulldogs played host to Memphis Westwood Saturday night, March 5, with a state tournament berth on the line. Gleason came out hot and stayed that way from tip to finish.

The first period saw the Lady Bulldogs shoot their way into double digits leading 17-6 by the end of the period. They extended their lead with two back to back three pointers to start the second period to lead 23-6 with six minutes to go. Westwood started getting points on the board but Gleason still cruised to a 33-15 halftime score.

Their biggest period was the third period with the Lady Bulldogs outscoring Westwood 24-6 to lead 57-21 heading into the final period. At that point, the mercy rule was in effect for the fourth period. Gleason led by 40 a little over halfway through the period and finished off the win 67-31.

Carrington Lifsey and Alayna Anderson led the way with 25 and 18 points respectively. Ava Sawyers and Tinsley Parkins added five points each while Autumn Mingle, Daisy Blevins, and Kaylee Tucker had four points each. Sophie Wilson chipped in two points for the Lady Bulldogs.

Westwood only had two players score the entire game with one scoring 16 and the other scoring 15.

Gleason will face Clay County next Thursday, March 10 at 1:15 p.m. in Murfreesboro.

State Representative Darby Speaks to Chamber Forum

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Sheriff Andy Dickson speaks with State Representative Tandy Darby.

HUNTINGDON (March 4) — State Representative Tandy Darby (R-Greenfield) was the featured speaker at the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce's Capitol Talk on Friday. Chamber President Brad Hurley introduced the freshman legislator, noting he was a graduate of Greenfield and UT-M. He noted Darby serves on Calendar and Rules, Agriculture and Higher Education committees.

Darby said he was humbled at the opportunity to serve as the voice of the people of Weakley and portions of Carroll and Obion counties.

He said West Tennessee sustained a reduction of 70,000 people between the census of 2010 and 2020, causing the realignment of his representative district. He expects a reversal in the population losses with the announcement of Ford's Blue Oval project in the Memphis Megasite. He noted other economic development projects will also help West Tennessee.

He spoke of Governor Bill Lee's proposed funding formula for public education. The new system will allow funds to follow the student and provide funding according to students' needs and challenges.

In the question and answer session, Lynn Watkins asked Darby to evaluate the fund formula carefully as it rewards the special school systems in Carroll County but severely limits the funding of the Carroll County School System that provides bus transportation and vocational training for students of the county's five special school districts.

McKenzie Mayor Jill Holland thanked Representative Darby for supporting the restoration of a portion of the sales tax on single articles. The state took away a portion of the sales tax funding in the 1990s. Now with the state's windfall financial surpluses, it could return that portion of funding on the purchase of single articles, which would mean $90,000 to the city of McKenzie. She said the city could use the money for paving and other necessary items. Paving is unlikely to be placed in the budget for 2022-23, said the mayor due to the price of oil, a major component of paving.

Darby said he endorsed the legislation to support the return of the sales tax. He also said the roads are bad. That is in spite of the state raising fuel taxes several years ago to improve Tennessee's road system.

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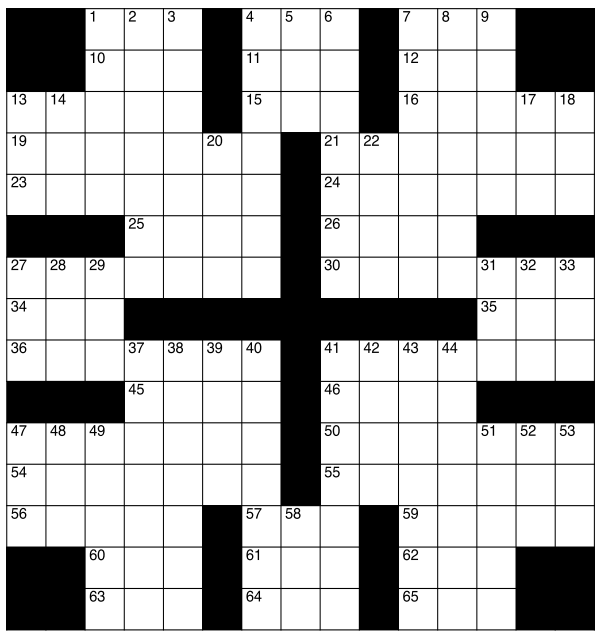

CLUES ACROSS

1. Central mail bureau
4. Member of the family
7. Partner to flow
10. __ Angeles
11. Military mailbox
12. Patriotic women
13. Shallow lake
15. Tear apart
16. Middle Easterner
19. Eat to excess
21. Stained
23. Certain peoples of equatorial Africa
24. 1st day of month
25. Skin disease
26. Skating figure
27. Annelids
30. Gracefully slender
34. Kids need it
35. Swiss river
36. Indents
41. A sheer fabric of silk or nylon
45. Belgian River
46. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
47. Originate from
50. Rugged mountain ranges
54. Made less clean
55. Professions
56. 3s
57. Scarf
59. Yellow light
60. Bird noise
61. Opposite of start
62. Bar bill
63. Northeastern Mass. cape
64. American rocker Snider
65. Midway between northeast and east

CLUES DOWN

1. Scandinavian drink
2. Washington river
3. Fast-running flightless bird
4. Nerve conditions
5. Indicates near
6. Immediate relevance
7. Things you can eat
8. Receptacles
9. Retired Brewers great
13. Month
14. Happy New Year!
17. Exclamation to convey truth
18. Passports and licenses are two
20. Ebert's partner Siskel
22. Long skirt
27. Part of company name
28. Drugmaker __ Lilly
29. Electronic countermeasures
31. Klutz
32. Chinese statesman
33. Stir with emotion
37. Flat-bottomed boat
38. Go-between
39. This (Spanish)
40. A plot of ground where seedlings are grown before transplanting
41. Small waterfall
42. Modern tech necessity (abbr.)
43. Utter repeatedly
44. One of the bravest
47. Sun up in New York
48. Space station
49. Chilean seaport
51. Hasidic spiritual leader
52. They __
53. Soviet Socialist Republic
58. Single unit

Week 10

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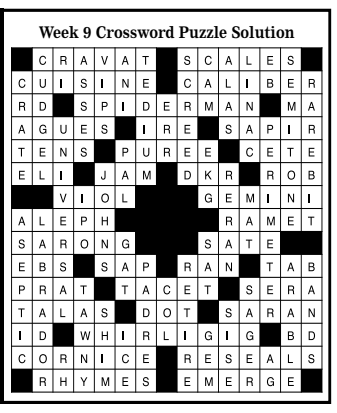

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Renee Sykes to Kathy L. Tucker in District 16.

Michelle Britt to Tai Van Lam and others in District 11.

Northwest Tennessee Property General Partnership to Harrison Foster.

Robert Christopher and Kathy Frye Farrelly to Timothy Shane and Melanie Annie Bowen in District 6.

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Midfirst Bank to Jesus Landeros.

Barbara Robertston to William Cornelius and Louann May Westerveld in District 4.

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Mary A. Baker and others to Michael L. and Deborah L. Brown in District 4.

Dennis Beecham to Bonnie Love in District 24.

Keith E. Smothers to Joe T. and Kathy J. Wood in District 16.

Bank of Gleason to Jacob H. and Samantha G. Malone in District 9.

Humble Builders, LLC to Linda Nachtigal.

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Michael Brent Fronabarger to James M. German.

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Randal L. Sellers to Jacob H. and Samantha G. Malone in District 9.

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Capshore, Inc. to Parkwood Enterprises LLC in District 4.

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•Cheyene Faith Kyle, 18, of Huntingdon to Joshua Christian Fitzpatrick, 22, of Huntingdon.

•Kristene Nicole Bell, 23, of Bruceton to Timmy Lee Cease, 29, of Bruceton.

•Lisa Ann Avery Scott, 40, of Huntingdon to Kenneth Ray Jones, 41, of Huntingdon.

Carroll County Sheriff's Reports

Missing Firearm — Randy Callahan of McKenzie told deputies on March 1 that a black Ruger 22-caliber rifle valued at $400 has come up missing from his home on Cardinal Drive over the past couple of days. He said he is not sure if it was stolen or misplaced.

Drug Possession — Justin Devary, 35, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, was charged with possession of schedule (methamphetamine) and driving on a revoked license, as well as drug equipment and firearm violations, during a Feb. 25 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

Deputy Ryan Hamilton reported that he pulled over a vehicle driven by Devary on East Main Street due to a plate violation. After getting Devary's consent to search the vehicle, the deputy found approximately 1.3 grams of a substance believed to be meth, a Taurus G2C pistol, three bongs, and one syringe during that search.

DUI — Heather Lashea Ecker, 36, of 3515 Highway 77, Trezevant, was charged with DUI and violation of implied consent during a Feb. 26 traffic stop in Trezevant.

Deputy Cody Coleman reported he pulled over a vehicle driven by Ecker for a display of plates violation near the intersection of Main Street and Power Station Road. While speaking with Ecker, Coleman detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage. The deputy noted Ecker's speech was slurred, she was unsteady on her feet, and she performed poorly on field sobriety tests. Ecker refused to submit to a blood-alcohol or breath test.

Theft — Deputies are looking into the recent theft of a utility trailer from private property in Atwood.

Salem Lamar told deputies on Feb. 23 his 6.5 x 12-foot dovetail trailer valued at $1,300 was taken from his property on Hamilton Street. Lamar said the trailer was last seen on camera on Feb. 22. Lamar said the trailer has a drop gate, diamond plates, and was made by JT Manufacturing.

BID NOTICE FOR LAWN CARE

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

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

in a sealed envelope clearly marked "mowing bid." All bids must be received at the office by 2 p.m. on March 15, 2022.

A3264/9-2

PUBLIC NOTICE

CARROLL COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

In compliance with T.C.A. §2-9-105(b), notice is hereby given that all of the Carroll County Early Voting and Election Day voting machines will be programmed, inspected and certified for the May 3, 2022 Democratic and Republican Primary Elections, on March 21, 2022, at 9 a.m., in the election office at 625 High St., Ste 113, Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344.

A927/10-1

McKenzie City Council

MEETING RESCHEDULED

The McKenzie City Council meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 6 p.m., because of the MHS Lady Rebels participation in the state championship basketball game. We wish them Good Luck!

A1/10-1

DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTIONS, MAY 3, 2022: NOTICE TO ELDERLY VOTERS AND VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES IN CARROLL COUNTY

Any elderly voter (60 years of age or older) or a voter with a disability, whose polling place is not accessible, may choose to vote early **or** at the Carroll County Election Commission office on Election Day. If the voter chooses to vote at the election office on Election Day, the voter must complete an affidavit (in the election office) not later than NOON, April 23, 2022, stating that the voter's designated voting location does not comply with the provisions of Public Law 98-435 of the 98th Congress.

As an alternative to voting at the election office on Election Day, **the voter may vote by absentee ballot or during the Early Voting period.** *Note* - if the voter registered to vote by mail, the voter must vote in-person in the first election in which the voter votes. To apply for an absentee ballot, the voter must make a request no later than April 26, 2022. Requests must be mailed to the Carroll County Election Commission, 625 High Street, Suite 113, Huntingdon, TN 38344. The office hours are Monday- Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

CURRENT OR OLD TENNESSEE PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE IN PERSON AT THE ELECTION OFFICE DURING EARLY VOTING AND ON ELECTION DAY AT YOUR PRECINCT.

DURING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD

Early Voting will be **April 13-28, 2022**, expect on April 15-16 for the observance of the Easter holiday. Voting hours are 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Hours on Saturdays, during the Early Voting period, are 9 a.m.-NOON. All voters are eligible to vote early. **Early Voting is ONLY at the Carroll County Election Commission Office.**

The deadline to register to vote for this election is MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022.

CARROLL COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
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A927/10-1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northwest Tennessee Development District Area Agency on Aging and Disability will hold a Public Hearing concerning the needs of the elderly and other individuals with disabilities in Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Obion and Weakley counties which compose the Northwest Tennessee service area. A summary of the July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026 Area Plan will be presented with an opportunity for public comments.

The hearing will be conducted at the Northwest Tennessee Development District conference room located at:

124 Weldon Drive, Martin, TN 38237 on
Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 10 a.m.

A1471/10-2

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONCERNING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF McKENZIE, TENNESSEE

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-7-203, notice is hereby given of public hearings to be held by the Board of Mayor and Council on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the McKenzie Municipal Center. The hearing is being held in order to receive public input regarding following proposed amendment to the Zoning Map of McKenzie, Tennessee:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF MCKENZIE, TENNESSEE, TO REZONE TAX PARCELS 40.03, 40.05, AND 88.02, CARROLL COUNTY TAX MAP 011 LOCATED ON HOSPITAL DRIVE FROM H-M (HOSPITAL - MEDICAL) to M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL); TAX PARCEL 88.00 (PORTION), CARROLL COUNTY TAX MAP 011 BE REZONED FROM P-B (PLANNED – BUSINESS) TO R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL); TAX PARCELS 88.00 (PORTION), 88.23, AND 88.24, CARROLL COUNTY TAX MAP 011 BE REZONED FROM P-B (PLANNED BUSINESS) TO B-2 (HIGHWAY BUSINESS)

Full copies of the proposed amendment may be viewed in McKenzie Municipal Center during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend and comment.

Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder

A1/7-4

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

For Solid Waste Collection & Disposal Services
CITY OF BIG SANDY, Tennessee
65 Front Street, P.O. Box 176
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Sealed Proposals will be received by the City of Big Sandy, Tennessee, for collection and disposal of residential solid waste at the City Hall, Big Sandy, Tennessee 38221, on or before March 15th, 2022, 5:15 p.m., C.D.T. The work performed under this contract will be that of a professional solid waste collection and disposal service, from April 1st, 2022 and through March 31st, 2027. Contract will be for five years with optional five-year renewal.

A7890/9-2

RTU BID NOTICE

The County of Carroll will be accepting bids for one (1) 10 ton heating and air unit w/3 phase 208/230, gas pack, and condenser hair guards. Bid to include: electrical disconnection, installation and makeup w/crane service. Specs can be obtained in the Carroll County Mayor's Office, 625 High Street, Suite 101, Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344, 731-986-1936.

Bids must be in a sealed envelope and turned in at the Carroll County Mayor's Office prior to the Purchasing Committee meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Carroll County Office Complex, 625 High Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344.

Carroll County reserves the right to reject any/or all bids. The Purchasing Committee is the final arbiter of all questions concerning the bids.

A13/9-2

TOWN OF TREZEVANT

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

ARPA ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Town of Trezevant will be accepting statements of qualifications from qualified firms for the following:

ENGINEERING Services in connection with its Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Proposals must be received in the office of Town of Trezevant, P.O. Box 100, Trezevant, TN 38258 no later than 2 p.m. local time on March 22, 2022. Proposals received after 2 p.m. on March 22, 2022 will not be considered.

The Engineering firm will assist in the design, the development of engineering reports, plans, specifications and bid documents; and on-site inspection of the construction activities and any other Engineering Services as may be required during the program timeframe.

All proposals should be marked with the following language: **ENGINEERING SERVICES STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF TREZEVANT ARPA FUNDS.**

Qualifications will be evaluated on the following factors:

- Qualifications and Availability of Key Personnel (40 points)
- Experience and Technical Expertise (30 points)
- Scope of Services (30 points)

To be evaluated properly, the following must be addressed in detail:

- **Qualifications** - Availability of qualified personnel and capacity of the firm to carry-out professional engineering services.
- **Experience** - Experience and technical expertise of the firm and its personnel as well as information regarding projects previously undertaken, including the types and cost of projects.
- **Scope of Services** - Summarize scope and type of services understanding of program and tasks.

The Town of Trezevant is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer. The Town encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Woman-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit qualifications.

The Town of Trezevant will award a contract to the qualified firm whose statement of qualifications has the highest number of cumulative points issued by the Town and determined to be the most advantageous to the Town. The contract will include scope and extent of work and other essential requirements.

The Town of Trezevant reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

A394/10-1

TOWN OF TREZEVANT

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) CONSULTANT SERVICES

The Town of Trezevant seeks to retain the services of a professional consultant firm to advise the Town on complying with all ARPA Grant requirements. The Town is requesting qualification-based proposals for the following ARPA consultant services:

- Project Development
- Public Notification & Involvement
- Project Eligibility
- Bidding
- Contracts/Wages
- Project Management
- Financial/Accounting Management/Reporting

The consultant's role will be to provide strategic recommendations, verify eligibility, provide guidance, review, and recommendation of the Town's processes with respect to ARPA compliance. Town of Trezevant anticipates utilizing consultant services throughout the life of the ARPA process.

To be considered, firms must submit a proposal to the Town of Trezevant, P.O. Box 100, Trezevant, TN 38258. All proposals must be received by the Town on or before 2 p.m. CST Tuesday, March 28, 2022, and the project name (ARPA Consultant Services) should be referenced on the submittal.

The proposal will be evaluated based on the following factors:

1. Consultant's Capabilities/Experience/References for the requested services.
2. Project Team - Personnel who would work with the Town and experience of each team member.
3. Method of Approach - Firm's approach to working with similar projects.
4. Understanding of Requested Services and Experience with Comparable Municipalities.

The Town of Trezevant's evaluation proceedings will be conducted within the established guidelines regarding equal employment opportunity and nondiscriminatory action based upon the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, creed, age, and disability. All firms submitting proposals must be willing and capable to immediately enter a contract with the Town.

Proposal shall be submitted to:

Town of Trezevant
P.O. Box 100
Trezevant, Tennessee 38258
Or electronically by email: cityrecorder@townoftrezevant.org

For additional details regarding this project, please contact Ms. Kathy Edwards at (731) 669-4831 or by email at cityrecorder@townoftrezevant.org.

A394/10-1

McKenzie High School

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Bidders may submit bids for project as described in this Document. Submit bids according to the Instructions to Bidders.
Project Identification: **McKenzie High School - New Indoor Practice Facility**
Project Location: **23292 HWY 22, McKenzie, TN 38201**
Owner: **McKenzie Special School District, 114 Bell Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201**
Architect: **TLM Associates, 117 E. Lafayette St., Jackson, TN 38305; 731-988-9840**
Construction Manager: **Lashlee-Rich, Inc.; 1100 E. Main St.; Humboldt, TN 38343; 731-784-2461**

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file at the following:
TLM Associates, Jackson, TN 38301
Builder's Exchange, 2728 Eugenia Avenue Suite 108, Nashville, TN 37211, www.bxtn.org Dodge Data & Analytics, dodge.docs@construction.com
West Tennessee Plans Room, www.wtplanroom.com

Copies of the documents must be obtained by providing a deposit to **Lashlee-Rich, Inc.**
Each Bidder will receive one (1) set of plans and specifications by depositing **$300** with Lashlee-Rich, Inc.

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Additional complete sets may be purchased at their own expense. Such deposit will be 100% refunded to the persons who return the plans, specifications, and other documents in good condition *within 10 days after the bid opening*. Digital versions of the documents may be purchased by bidders at their own expense from Hub-City Blueprint, Jackson, TN 38301.

Bid Date: **March 24, 2022.**
Bid Time: **2 p.m.,** local time.
Location: **ZOOM MEETING OPENING IN OBSERVANCE OF COVID19 PRECAUTIONS**

The **McKenzie Special School District** reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of the Owner.

A Pre-bid meeting for all bidders will be held at **The Project Location** on **March 9** at **10 a.m.,** local time. Prospective bidders are **requested** to attend. Meet outside High school Office, North side.

See Bid Documents for bid information and requirements.

This project will be subject to the requirements of Davis Bacon.

A3945/10-1

Local Teams Advance in Regionals

BY JIM POTTS
jpotts@mckenziebanner.com

Several local teams have advanced in the region tournaments with potential opportunities to go to substate and even to the state basketball tournaments.

McKenzie's Lady Rebels and Rebels advanced in the Region 6A Tournament at West Carroll in semifinal action Monday and Tuesday nights, February 28 and March 1.

Lady Rebels 80, Lady Warriors 58

February 28 — What started out as a lopsided game between the Lady Rebels and McEwen's Lady Warriors became a close game briefly but ended up as a lopsided McKenzie win. The Lady Rebels rolled to a 16-4 lead in the first four minutes of the first period before McEwen closed the deficit with a 12-5 run in the final four minutes of the period trailing 21-16 at the end of one period.

The first part of the second period was low scoring with the Lady Rebels outscoring McEwen 6-4 for a 27-20 lead. However, McKenzie exploded for 15 points while holding the Lady Warriors to six points stretching the lead to 42-26 at half.

In the third period, the Lady Rebels put up 20 points to take a 62-43 lead heading into the final period. They kept the pressure up in the final period resulting in an 80-58 win to advance in the tournament.

Savannah Davis and Mikaela Reynolds led the way for McKenzie with 24 and 20 points each. Briley Auvenshine and Dani Dyer were also in double figures with 15 and 12 points respectively. Kylie Reynolds and Hannah Dillingham added six and three points respectively for the Lady Rebels.

McEwen was led by Kellie Jo Hankins and Faith Coltson with 19 and 15 points each while Ashton Davidson added ten points. Shana Bohanon and Layken Dodd had four points each while Lexi Davidson, Amberlee Hankins, and Chailyn Soule all chipped in two points each.

The other semifinal between Perry County and Houston County was close from tip to finish with Houston County winning 60-51 setting up the region championship between McKenzie and Houston County tonight at 7 PM at West Carroll. The winner will host a substate game Saturday night, March 5 at 7 p.m. and the loser goes on the road for substate to either Moore County or Wayne County.

Rebels 60, Perry Co. Vikings 54

March 1 — The Rebels brought their A-game to West Carroll taking an early lead and holding it for all four periods to win 60-54 and move on to the region championship game Thursday, March 3 at 7 p.m.

The Rebels took an 8-2 lead in the first three minutes of the first period and went on to lead 17-10 at the end of the first period. Tate Surber had a huge first period scoring 11 of McKenzie's 17 points. In the second period, McKenzie maintained their lead with a 22-15 score halfway through the period and made it a double digit contest 30-20 by halftime.

The Rebels continued to lead through the third period holding a 47-36 lead heading into the final period. Perry County made a run at the Rebels closing the lead to 47-42 with five minutes left to play. McKenzie held the Vikings off down the stretch holding a 53-47 lead with a little over a minute left when Perry County was forced to start fouling. Despite McKenzie hitting most of their free throw attempts, the Vikings made it a 56-54 game with 15 seconds remaining. The Rebels took care of business at the free throw line to secure the win and move on to the championship.

Four Rebels were in double figures for the night led by Tate Surber, Marquez Taylor, and Bryson Steele with 15, 14, and 13 points respectively followed by Stafford Roditis with 10 points. Zach Aird had four points while Zay Webber and Zayden McCaslin chipped in two points each.

Perry County was led by Gunner Bradford with 28 points and Lachlan Mattheux with 13 points. Jeremiah Donaldson had seven points while Linden Brown had four points and Cody Burney chipped in two points for the Vikings.

War Eagles 86, Houston County 54

March 1 — West Carroll and Houston County played close for the first five minutes of the opening period before the War Eagles built a bit of a lead by the end of the period 19-12. A 10-2 War Eagle run in the first three minutes of the second period made it 29-14 but West Carroll would lead 34-21 at halftime.

By the end of the third period, the War Eagles had a comfortable 59-39 lead but the real damage came in the final period with substitutes in the game when West Carroll posted 27 more points to make it 86-54 at the end.

The War Eagles were led by Jalen Anglin with 23 points followed closely by JaQuan Adkins with 21 and Josh Clark with 17 points. Will Robinson added six points along with Andrew Huff and Xander Moon with five points each. JD Pique had three points while Jaden Taylor contributed two points and Andre Iloff chipping in a point.

West Carroll's win set up a region championship game against McKenzie Thursday night, March 3 at 7 p.m. with the winner hosting a substate game against either Sante Fe or Richland on Monday, March 7 while the loser will travel to either Sante Fe or Richland next Monday.

Gleason 53, Greenfield 47

March 1 — Gleason's Lady Bulldogs won the Region 7A Championship defeating the Dresden Lady Lions 40-36. Three Lady Bulldogs were named to the All-Region team including Carrington Lifsey, Daisy Blevins, and Alayna Anderson. Gleason will host a substate game Saturday night, March 5 at 7 p.m. against the loser between MAHS and Westwood in Region 8A.

General Sessions Report

HUNTINGDON — The following cases were heard in Carroll General Sessions Court on March 2 and 3.

Cases bound over to Carroll County Circuit Court were:

James H. Brown, Buena Vista Road, Huntingdon, bound over on charges of Evading Arrest Flight-Vehicle, 2 counts of Driving While License Revoked-2nd or subsequent offense, Obedience To Any Required Traffic Control Device, Vehicle Entering Through Highway or Stop Intersection, Schedule I Drugs; Mfg., Deliver, Sell, Possess, Meth; Mfg., Deliver, Sale, Poss with Intent, Casual Exchange-Adult/Minor-Schedule VI; dismissed charges of Failure To Appear-2 counts and Driving While License Revoked-2nd or subsequent offense.

Michael L. DeLoach, Drexel Street, Nashville, bound over on charges of Reckless Endangerment-Vehicle/Felony, Evading Arrest Flight-Vehicle, Resist Stop, Arrest, Search (No Weapon), Driving While License Revoked, and Speeding.

Bradley Jo Hollowell, Murray Lane, Huntingdon, bound over for Theft of Property-$2,500 - $10,000.

Tiffany Miller, Wentworth Drive, Memphis, bound over on charges of Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange and Theft of Merchandise-Shoplifting.

Wilfredo Dewayne Rivera, Kay Avenue, McKenzie, bound over on charge of Aggravated Assault.

The following cases resulted in guilty verdicts or guilty pleas:

James Paul Henry Gibson, Euclid Avenue, McKenzie, found guilty of Driving While License Suspended, sentenced to 11/29 suspended to 20 days jail, already in custody, 11/9 unsupervised probation; dismissed charges of Expired Registration and 3 counts of Failure To Appear.

Paul Saville, Highway 79N, Springville, found guilty of DUI: First Offense, $350 fine, 48 hours jail, report by 5/8/22, and 11/27 unsupervised probation; dismissed charges of Driving Privileges Revoked for 1 year, Violation of Seat Belt Law-18 and older and Violation of Financial Responsibility Law.

Marquel Deshun Taylor, Farris Carter Road, Atwood, found guilty of Reckless Driving and Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, $250 fine, 2 days jail report by 4/8/22, and 11/27 supervised probation; dismissed charges of Driving Without License and Seat Belt Violation – 18 and Older.

Christopher Lee Christman, Magnolia Avenue, McKenzie, found guilty of Assault-Bodily Injury, 11/29 sentence suspended to 10 days to serve every other weekend, and 11/19 unsupervised probation.

Jonathan Cody Farrell, Barksdale Avenue, McKenzie, found guilty of Probation Violation, 30 days jail/continuous confinement and probation extended for period of non-confinement; dismissed charges of 2 counts of Failure To Appear and Driving While License Suspended-2nd or subsequent offense.

Christopher Dale Frederick, West McDonald Avenue, McKenzie, found guilty of Meth-Possession or Casual Exchange, Casual Exchange-Adult/Minor-Schedule VI-ATT, and Probation Violation, $750 fine, 60 days jail report to jail by 6/6/22 and supervised probation for 9/29; dismissed charge of Possession of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

Dion A. Teague, Elm Street, McKenzie, found guilty of Assault-Bodily Injury, 15 days jail, no contact with victim, and 11 months 14 days unsupervised probation.

Timothy Wayne Vestal, Hames Street, Trezevant, found guilty of Failure To Appear, 10 days jail on consecutive weekends.

The following case was granted pre-trial or judicial diversions:

Tabitha R. Christman, Walnut Circle, McKenzie, pre-trial diversion for Assault-Bodily Injury, 6 months unsupervised probation and no contact with victim; dismissed charge of Domestic Assault.

The following cases were dismissed:

Joseph Johnson, Hillcourt Circle, Huntingdon, dismissed charge of Failure To Appear.

Alvin Dark McClerkin, Bridgeman Street, Huntingdon, dismissed charge of Aggravated Assault-Use or Display Deadly Weapon.

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McKenzie Police Reports

Criminal Trespass/Resisting Arrest — On Thursday, March 6, late in the afternoon, an employee at a local convenience store called McKenzie Police reporting a suspicious person at the store talking to himself.

According to Sgt. Trey Boucher's report, he arrived and found the person to be Maurice Lawrence. Boucher had prior knowledge that Lawrence is banned from the store and arrested him initially for Criminal Trespass and added Resisting Arrest after Lawrence resisted the handcuffs being put on. He was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Theft — A McKenzie woman notified police of a theft at Wyatt Coin Laundry on Saturday evening, March 5. Patrolman Tanner Jackson responded and was told by the victim that she had approximately $70 worth of clothes taken at the laundromat while she left for about an hour. She discovered the theft upon her return.

Patrolman Jackson made contact with the laundromat owner and requested video surveillance of the incident. The owner sent still shots from the security camera showing a female positively identified as Emily J. Hood. She was located, cited for the offense, and given 10 days to book into Carroll County Jail in addition to being banned from the laundromat.

Multiple Charges — A former McKenzie resident was stopped on Tuesday afternoon, March 1 by Patrolman Dalton Raspberry. Raspberry had knowledge that Jeffrey Goodrum, 50, currently of Waverly was driving on a Suspended License for a prior charge. A status check with dispatch confirmed the suspension.

Goodrum requested permission from Raspberry to get out and check his back seat for his insurance card. He asked Goodrum to empty his pockets to assure officer safety. Goodrum revealed a piece of aluminum foil in which Raspberry found what appeared to be pinkish crystallized substance field tested to be Methamphetamine. Also revealed was a small wooden box with a small smoking pipe and a small amount of what appeared to be marijuana. A vehicle search was also conducted and revealed a glass smoking pipe and red cut straw.

Goodrum was cited for Driving on Suspended-First Offense, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Schedule VI (Marijuana), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Violation of Financial Responsibility Law.

Multiple Charges — A Huntingdon man was arrested following a stop on Park Circle, Monday night, February 28. According to a report from Sgt. Trey Boucher, he had knowledge that Robert High, III had a bench warrant out of Carroll County Circuit Court and arrested him on the warrant following the stop. High was charged with Failure to Appear, Promotion of Methamphetamine, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Multiple Charges — A McKenzie man and woman were arrested following a traffic stop on Friday afternoon, February 25 on Stonewall Street by Patrolman Trenton Ruddy. Ruddy made the stop after he checked the license number with dispatch and found it to be not on file. The VIN number was checked and found that the car had not been registered since 2018. The driver, Jessica Moore, 39, of McKenzie, advised that her license was suspended. Dispatch confirmed she had a prior Driving While License Suspended offense. Moore also failed to show proof of Financial Responsibility.

The passenger was identified as Patrick Blackstone, 39, of McKenzie, who was found to have active warrants out of Weakley County.

Moore was cited for Driving While License Suspended-2nd Offense, Financial Responsibility Violation, and Driving An Unregistered Vehicle. Blackstone was arrested and turned over to Weakley County Authorities.

Driving on Suspended/Revoked License — On Wednesday afternoon, February 23, Sgt. Kyle Beauchamp recognized Andrew E. Arnold Jr, 39, of McKenzie, to be driving a vehicle and had prior knowledge that his license was revoked for DUI and also had an active warrant out of Weakley County. Beauchamp made the stop and confirmed the knowledge through dispatch and also found two prior charges of Driving Without a License. Arnold was arrested for Driving On A Suspended/Revoked License and seized the car which was owned by someone else.

Simple Possession or Casual Exchange — Officer Jeremiah Brooks was notified by a concerned citizen on Sunday afternoon, February 20, that Gerald Fuzzell, 63, of McKenzie was intoxicated and out of control at his Stonewall Street apartment. When Brooks arrived, he observed Fuzzell outside his apartment drinking beer. While speaking to Fuzzell, he was found have slurred speech and unsteady on his feet. He was initially cited for Public Intoxication, After transporting Fuzzell to Carroll County Jail, he was found in possession of several Hydrocodone pills and was additionally charged with Simple Possession of a Schedule 2 Drug.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Disorderly Conduct — Mary J. Davis Johnson of Trezevant was charged with disorderly conduct during a Feb. 14 incident in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Officer Christopher Cole, officers responded to a call from an address on Green Oaks regarding people allegedly trying to steal a vehicle. Upon arrival, officers encountered a vehicle about to pull away. While officers were trying to speak with the driver, a female passenger, later identified as Johnson, was yelling profanities and racial slurs out the window at someone at the apartment complex. Officers asked Johnson to stop yelling, at which time she dared officers to take her to jail using profane language. Johnson was taken into custody and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Theft — Crystal Ann Barton of Huntingdon was cited for theft of merchandise under $1,000 following a Dec. 18 incident at Walmart in Huntingdon.

According to the report by Officer Labe Ezell, video surveillance at Walmart showed Barton placing multiple items in her cart while in the self-checkout area and then leaving the store without paying for these items, totaling $78.26, for which Barton owes restitution to Walmart.

Stolen Firearm — Derrick Deandre Mitchell of Corinth, Mississippi, was charged with theft of property and speeding during a Feb. 17 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

Officer James Kelley reported he pulled over a 2014 Chevrolet Malibu driven by Mitchell after clocking the vehicle at 77 mph in a 55 mph zone. After detecting the odor of marijuana, Kelley conducted a search of the vehicle and found a loaded 45-caliber pistol. A computer check showed the gun to be stolen out of Hardin County.

Drug Possession — Christopher B. Brown, 27, of Bruceton and Dakota Staggs (age and address not provided) were both charged with possession of schedule VI and drug paraphernalia during a Feb. 28 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

Officer Ethan Parham reported that he observed a 2004 Dodge Durango parked in front of the Farm Bureau building at around 12:45 a.m., and then as Parham approached, the vehicle's lights were cut off and it pulled out onto Cotham Drive, where Parham performed a traffic stop. The driver gave Parham permission to search the vehicle, and Parham found approximately one gram of marijuana, rolling papers, and a glass pipe in the back seat area where Brown and Staggs were sitting as passengers.

Drug Possession — Floyd E. Hilliard, 56, of Huntingdon was charged with possession of schedule II (methamphetamine) with intent and drug paraphernalia on Feb. 23 in Huntingdon.

Officer Labe Ezell reported that he observed a 2007 Pontiac pulled over at the side of Pin Oak Lane, and as he pulled alongside the vehicle, Ezell observed Hilliard lighting the bottom of a clear pipe. When asked what he was smoking in the pipe, Hilliard told Ezell that he wasn't smoking a pipe and denied Ezell's request to search the vehicle. Inv. Joseph Hedge was called to the scene with a K-9 dog, and the dog indicated the presence of narcotics. While searching the vehicle, officers found approximately 3.2 grams of a substance that tested positive for meth in four separate baggies and a clear pipe with fresh burn marks.

Felony Evading — James H. Brown, 50, of Huntingdon was charged with felony evading, driving while revoked (second offense), failure to stop at a stop sign (three counts), and failure to stop at a red light followed a high-speed pursuit on Feb. 8.

Sgt. Brad Allen reported he was about to pull over a vehicle driven by Brown at the intersection of Veterans Drive and Buena Vista Road. The vehicle sped away, and Allen activated his lights and siren and engaged in a pursuit that continued along Veterans Drive around Huntingdon, then onto Highway 22 North into McKenzie, on Highway 79 into Henry County and the City of Henry. A state trooper joined in the pursuit at some point. The chase ended when Brown's vehicle ran into a ditch on Pioneer Road in Henry and officers removed Brown from the vehicle.

Warrant, Theft — A warrant for theft of property involving merchandise has been issued against Kelly Harris of Jackson.

According to the report by Officer Labe Ezell, Harris and an unknown white male entered Walmart in Huntingdon on Feb. 14. Harris took items placed in her buggy by the man to the service desk to return them as if they had been purchased. Harris was given a Walmart gift card in the amount of $186.44 in exchange for the items. At the time of the report, HPD was still trying to determine the identity of the unknown man.

License Violation — Kelli A. Newmon, 51, of Huntingdon was charged with driving on a suspended license during a Feb. 15 traffic stop in Huntingdon.

Officer Labe Ezell reported that he pulled over a 2005 Chevrolet Impala driven by Newmon due to prior knowledge that her license was suspended. A computer check confirmed the suspended status with one prior conviction and another charge pending.

Caller Attempts Scam on Local Resident

A McKenzie resident phoned The Banner last week after she was the targeted victim of a failed attempted scam concerning Medicare.

She said a person, attempting a ruse, phoned her and claimed to need her Medicare card number. The caller had information on her phone number, address, birth date, doctor's name and claimed to need her Medicare card number to send her a new Medicare card. She refused to provide the number, which seemingly made the caller very angry, who called her back after she abruptly terminated the call.

A call to Medicare proved she was correct in withholding the information and noted it was an attempted scam. If the caller had been successful, he could have sold the information on the black market, said the local resident, who warns others to be very careful in providing personal information.

Pictured are a select group of teachers, administrators, and staff members along with students on Read Across America Day.

McKenzie Elementary School Celebrates Read Across America

McKENZIE (March 2) — Schools across America celebrated National Read Across America Day, a day to celebrate reading. The day was established by the National Education Association (NEA) in 1998 to help get kids excited about reading. The day occurs each year on the birthday of beloved children's book author Dr. Seuss, so a perfect way to celebrate is to don a Seussian hat and read one his famous tales, like One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish.

MES took the opportunity to encourage reading through a dress-up day and a reading night, which was held Friday. Costumed students, dressed in characters in a book, were greeted by costumed teachers and staff members as the students entered the building on March 2.

Pictured Far Left, Josh and Courtney Kee along with a friend at Read Across America. Pictured Left, Josie Brown and Coach Chris Wall in their costumes.

Bennett, Eubanks Retire From Electric Department

HUNTINGDON (March 2) — Carroll County Electric Department honored two retirees during a luncheon on Wednesday, March 2 in their honor.

Mike Bennett retired after 36 years. Danny Brawner, general manager of CCED, presented Bennett with a plaque to commemorate his service since September 3, 1986.

Gail Eubanks worked with the department since July 1, 1988. Ryan Drewry, office manager, presented her a plaque for her service.

Following the presentation, the honorees, their families, and CCED employees a luncheon at the Colonial Room in downtown Huntingdon.

Pictured Far Left, Gail Eubanks retires after 33 years. Ryan Drewry presented a plaque to Eubanks to commemorate her service. Pictured Left, Mike Bennett retires after 36 years. Danny Brawner presented a plaque to Bennett to commemorate his service.

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Emily Young celebrates 50 years with McKenzie Banking Company. Mrs. Young stands in the middle of Shawna Fowler and Joe Neumair.

Emily Young Celebrates 50 Years at McKenzie Banking

McKENZIE (March 1) — Emily Young was surprised on March 1 with a celebration of her one-half century of service at McKenzie Banking Company. Her fellow workers and a few her banking customers surprised her when she returned from lunch to her downtown work location, where she has served for 50 years.

"I was speechless and in awe," said Young of the surprise celebration. She started working in the bookkeeping department on March 1, 1972.

While the bank has remodeled twice and even undergone an ownership change in the 1980s, Young has worked in the same building and advanced in her career to the position of chief financial officer and senior vice president of the McKenzie offices of the multi-bank financial institution.

Mrs. Young is a 1971 graduate of McKenzie High School and attended the state vocational school (now TCAT at McKenzie).

She and her husband, Bobby, have two adult sons and four grandchildren.

Rebels to Play Milan in Lions Club 'Sight Bowl' March 9

After a two-year hiatus because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Milan Lions Club 9th annual spring 'Sight Bowl' is back.

The football scrimmage game pits the Milan Bulldogs against the McKenzie Rebels at Johnnie Hale Stadium on Wednesday, March 9. Start time is 5 p.m.

Tickets for the game are $5 each in advance and $6 at the gate. The maximum charge for families is $12.

Proceeds from the game will benefit the Lions Club Vision Program that provides prescription eye care and glasses for the less fortunate in the 38358 area code.

Following the game, the Lions Club will serve meals to each member of both teams.

The Milan Lions Club thanks coach Wade Comer and the Rebel fan base for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Above, McKenzie Rebels Region 6A Champions! Below, West Carroll War Eagles Region 6A Runnerup.

Rebels Defeat War Eagles For Region Title

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ATWOOD — McKenzie's Rebels had a tall order on their plate containing West Carroll's Jalen Anglin and matching their athletic team but they were up to the task.

Anglin started the scoring with a three-pointer and got fouled on the shot. The free-throw made it a 4-0 game very early but after the Rebels scored to cut the lead in half 4-2, the two teams struggled for points until the latter half of the period. The Rebels outgunned the War Eagles 14-8 in the last half of the period to hold a 16-12 lead at the end of the period.

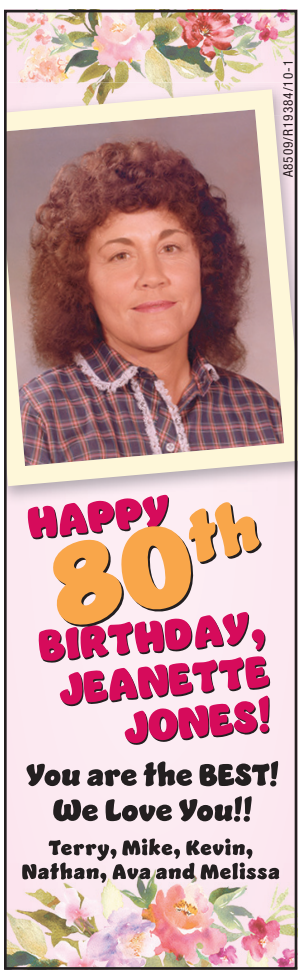
Both teams battled in the second period to a 29-29 tie by halftime. In the third period, both teams went back and forth swapping leads with the Rebels taking a 43-40 lead by the end of the period. West Carroll tied it 43-43 with a three-pointer just seconds into the final period. It was tied again 47-47 with six minutes left before the Rebels took a 54-49 lead with two minutes left and fended off the War Eagles to get the win 59-51. The final score was the largest lead in the game.

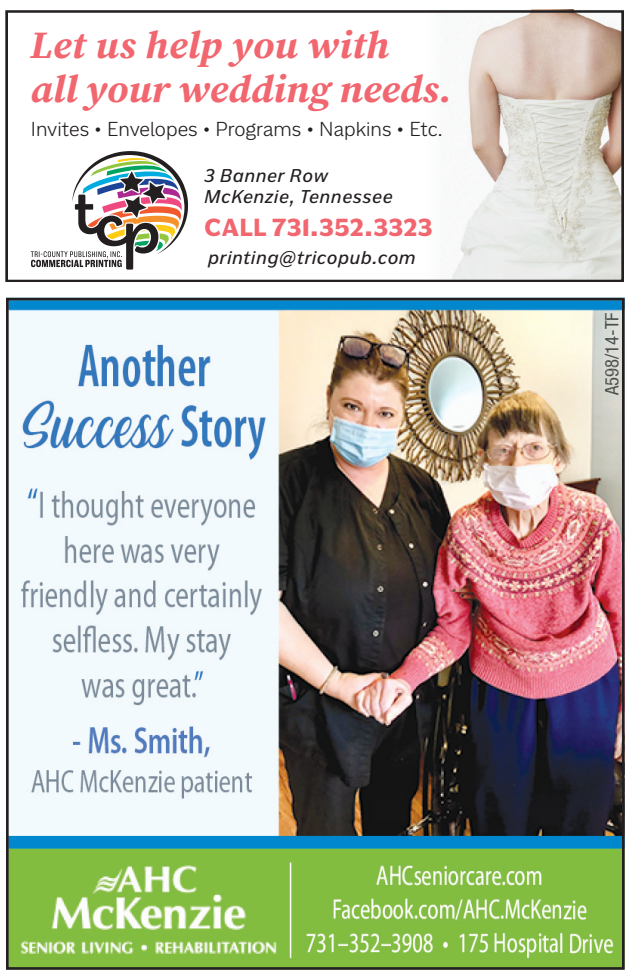
McKenzie's Marquez Taylor played a huge game getting tough baskets at critical points in the game and led all scorers with 21 points. Senior Zayden McCaslin also had a big game with 15 points hitting a number of free throws. Bryson Steele was in double figures with 10 points while Tate Surber had eight points. Stafford Roditis had four points and Zach Aird chipped in a point for the Rebels.

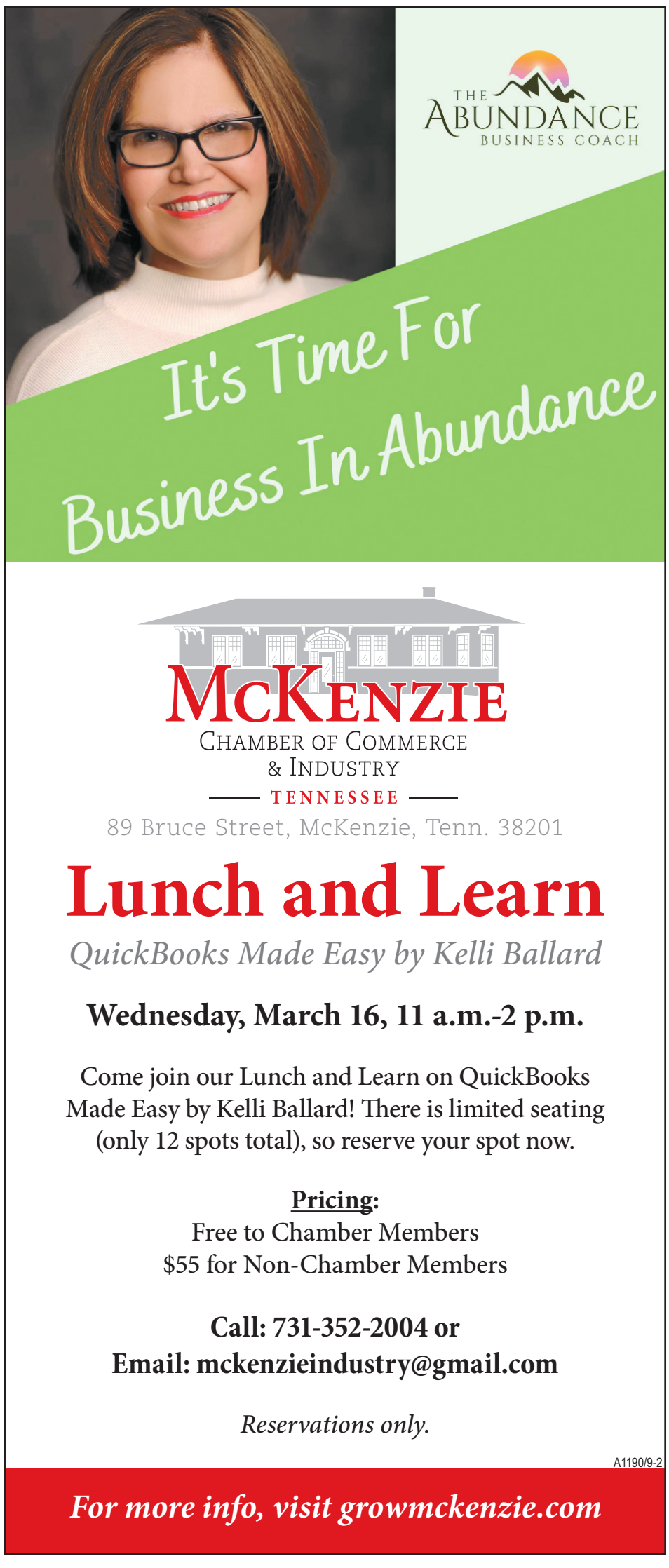
Jalen Anglin led West Carroll with 16 points while Xander Moon and Josh Clark added 11 and 10 points respectively. JaQuan Adkins and Andrew Huff had seven points each for the War Eagles.

McKenzie will host Richland in substate action while West Carroll travels to Santa Fe. Both games will be Monday night, March 7 at 7 p.m.

Following the game, the All-Region Boys team was announced. They included Perry County's Gunner Bradford, Houston County's Hunter Cronwell, West Carroll's Jalen Anglin and Josh Clark, McKenzie's Bryson Steele and Zayden McCaslin while the Region MVP was Marquez Taylor.







McKenzie Rebels Roster

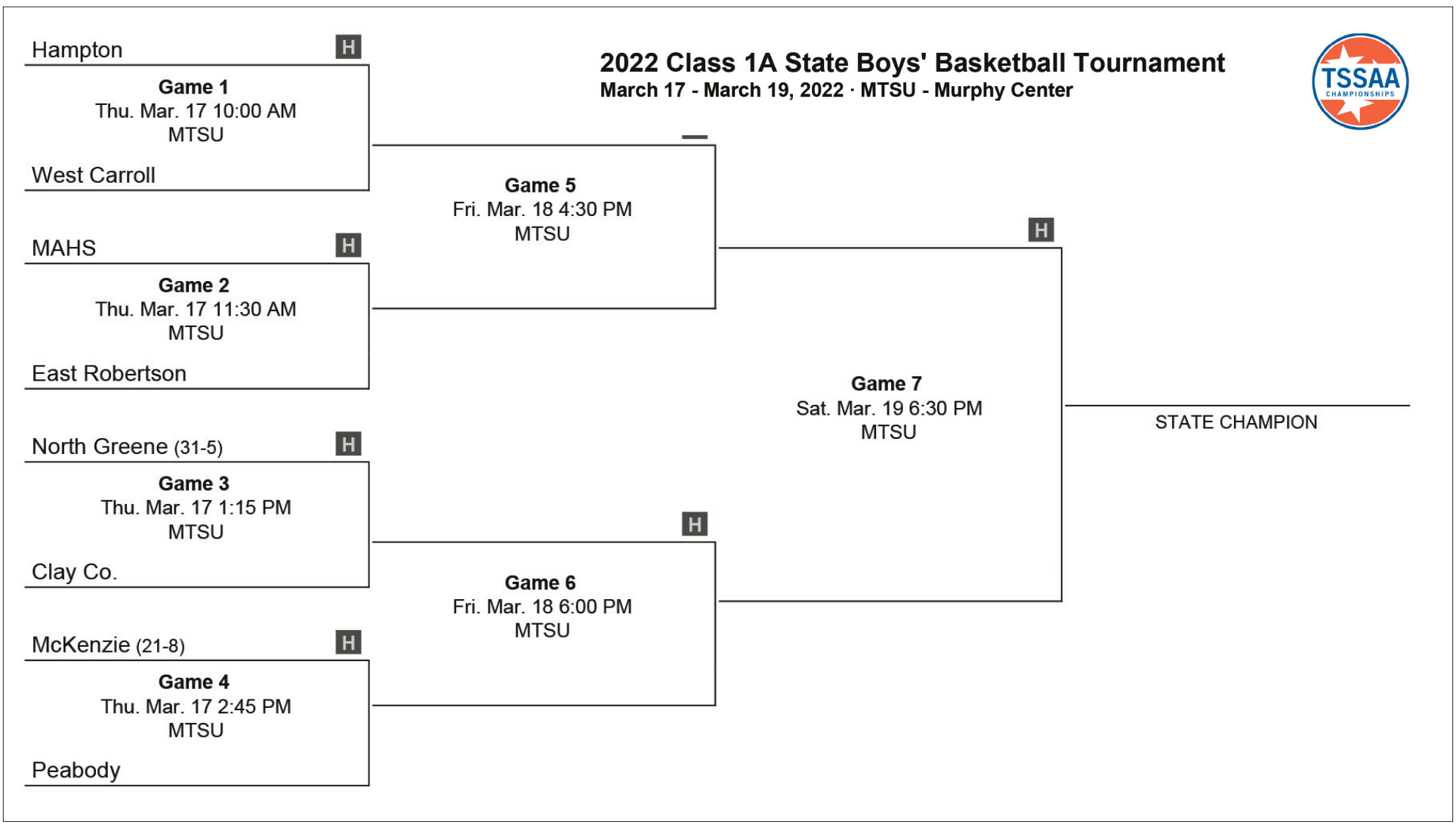
#	Name	Grd.	#	Name	Grd.
12	Zayden McCaslin	12	32	Drew Chappell	10
11	Zach Aird	11	22	Hayden Garrett	10
15	Bryant Haynes	11	23	Stafford Roditis	10
3	Bryson Steele	11	25	Landon Brown	9
4	Marquez Taylor	11	20	Carson Hill	9
2	Etijay Tharpe	11	21	Carter Kee	9
5	Zay Webber	11	1	Cordell Orgain	9
30	Landon Allison	10	10	Tate Surber	9
25	Christopher Beck	10	34	Craegen Travis	9

HEAD COACH John Wilkins
ASSISTANT COACHES Hunter Herrin and Preston Henderson

West Carroll War Eagles Roster

#	Name	Grd.	#	Name	Grd.
00	Dawson White	9	21	Xander Moon	12
1	Andrew Huff	12	24	Andre Iloff	12
2	JaQuan Adkins	11	25	Jaden Taylor	11
3	Jalen Anglin	12	31	Kaden Barber	9
4	Preston Bosley	9	33	Daelon Drasal	10
5	JD Pigue	11	34	Jayden Milton	9
11	Will Murray	10	35	Josh Clark	12
14	Will Robinson	10	41	Cornelius Cannon	10
20	Nate Wykoff	10	42	Riley Duncan	12

HEAD COACH Ryan Mansfield | **ASSISTANT COACH** Clint Kee
MANAGERS Hunter Lindsey, Jaden Ayers and Keagan Williams



McKenzie Rebels Punch Ticket To State

Above, Stafford Roditis looks for an opening while two Raiders block. Right, Zayden McCaslin proudly displays his piece of the net from Monday night's victory.
Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

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McKENZIE (March 7) — The Rebels hosted the Richland Raiders on Monday, March 7 in sub-state action to advance to the State Tournament in Murfreesboro in two weeks.

The first part of the opening period was low scoring with points hard to come by. Defenses for both squads were in high gear as Richland took a 5-4 lead with four minutes left in the period. Within the next two minutes, the Rebels had retaken the lead 8-5 with two minutes left in the first period. McKenzie closed the period with a 7-3 run to lead 15-8 at the end of one period. Richland was primarily attempting to generate points from beyond the arc and not really working the ball inside during first period action.

The Rebels nailed a 3 and a layup in the first thirty seconds of the second period to extend the lead 20-8. The lead became 25-15 in favor of McKenzie by the 4:30 mark when shooting went a bit chilly for the next few minutes until the score became 27-19 with 1:30 left until halftime. The Rebels went on to lead 31-21 at halftime.

In the third period, both teams had 11 points each but the Rebels already had a 10-point lead so they continued to lead 42-33 by the end of the third period. McKenzie's largest lead was 36-23 with 5:30 left in the period. Richland trimmed the Rebel lead to 39-29 with three minutes left but McKenzie stayed in the lead 42-33 at the end of the third period.

McKenzie scored one basket in the fourth period and the remainder of the points were earned at the free throw line hitting 14-20 of them to secure the win 58-50.

McKenzie's scoring was definitely balanced across the board with Marquez Taylor and Stafford Roditis leading the way with 12 points each. Tate Surber and Zayden McCaslin added nine points apiece while Bryson Steele had eight points. Zay Webber and Zach Aird put up four points each for the Rebels.

Trey Luna and Jace Derryberry led the way for Richland with 18 and 11 points respectively while Carter Edwards added nine points. Luke Jones had six points while Tyrell Randolph, Gage Kirk, and Andrew Huff had two points each for the Raiders.

McKenzie Coach John Wilkins had plenty to say after the win. "I've been here 10-11 years now and I was fortunate enough to get [to the state tournament] one time and I've had good teams that just didn't make it; but taking two teams in the same year with boys and girls is just special." Wilkins gave special credit to his wife and kids for allowing him to do what he does. "I don't know if it can be stated enough but to do what I do, I have to have her support."

Wilkins gave credit to all the support from McKenzie fans and said "We're excited to go on two runs here and see what happens. Credit to the kids, they have worked so hard so we're going to go up there and see what happens."