

Baseball great had ties to Webster County

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Webster County baseball and softball players have taken to the diamonds once again this spring. America's favorite pastime is alive and well in Dixon, and the weather is fairing up to make hanging out at the ballpark enjoyable.

While each team hopes for a legendary season, Webster County has its share of legends that took the field long ago. One is Morrow Massey, a noted African-American baseball player.

Massey was born in March 1906. A native of Providence, he would go on to be a leftfielder for the Louisville Black Caps during the 1930 season.

As a Black Cap, Massey played 17 recorded games and posted 18 hits with two home runs in 63 plate appearances. The Black Caps went 16-28 during the 1930 season. Massey was 24 years old at the time, and joined Uniontown-born Henry

Harris and Hopkins Countian Slim Norris on the squad that consisted of nine Kentuckians.

The Black Caps were a professional Negro League baseball team and part of the Negro National League at the time that Massey played for them. They would change their name to the White Sox a year later. After joining the Negro Southern League in 1932, they returned to their original Black Caps name.

The Negro National League was founded in 1920 and one of several leagues that operated during the time of segregated baseball.

Rube Foster, a former player, served as the president of the league. Under Foster's leadership, the new league was the first to last more than one season. Operating mostly in the midwest at first, the league expanded south after its first four seasons. Franchises ranged from Kansas City to Pittsburgh, and from Memphis to Birmingham.

KSP

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Department to check on the registered owner at a Nashville address, where officers discovered a deceased female.

Through coordination between KSP and the Metro Nashville Police Department's Homicide Unit, Young was identified as a murder suspect and believed to have been operating the vehicle found on the bridge, according to the release.

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munity's understanding and support as we work to uphold student privacy, safety, and due process. While we cannot always share details, please know that every decision is made with the best interests of all students in mind."

The perpetrator of the incident against Crowley's son was suspended and charges were filed with the Sebree Police Department, Crowley explained. However, he minced no words regarding his dissatisfaction with those consequences. He criticized teachers and monitors for not watching the students close enough.

"They'd rather sit in the hallways and chitchat," he stated. "We expect the teachers, the adults to keep them safe."

Crowley then shifted

the blame to Harrell.

"Harrell was fine with doing it if it made the school look good, but if it was towards a teacher or another staff member or something, no there wasn't no accountability to it," he stated.

He also asserted that Harrell had made the Webster County Sheriff's Office include a post to their page that there was no investigation.

The WCSO did make a post on March 19, 2025, but added nothing to insinuate that Harrell or the school district had influenced the post.

The post stated, "The Webster County Sheriff's Office has been made aware of a post circulating on social

media regarding allegations of sexual misconduct at Sebree Elementary School. The Webster County Sheriff's Office was not called to investigate any allegations of criminal activity, nor is it actively investigating any complaints mentioned in the social media post. Any inquiries for factual information regarding the alleged criminal activity should be directed to the Sebree Police Department."

The post was later edited to include, "This post was/is in response to the numerous calls that have been received today about our agency involvement in this investigation. The

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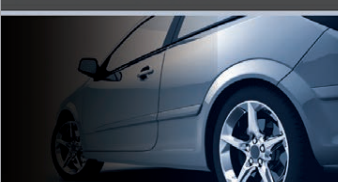

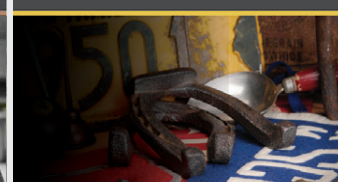

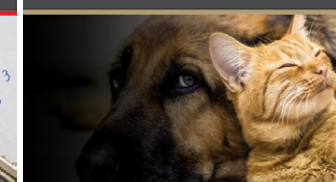
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