

McKenzie

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Top Left, Mini Miss McKenzie, Age 4-5 (L to R): Scout Sozesny, 4, fifth maid, daughter of Katrina Sczesny; Rowan Conger, 5, fourth maid, daughter of Jolie Reid; Tae'Lynn Pearson, 5, third maid, daughter of Jessica Lyles; JackLynn Townes, 5, queen, daughter of Heather and Chance Townes; Makennah Henson, 5, first maid, daughter of Shelby Atcheson; and Kinzlee Harris, 4, second maid, daughter of Megan and Cornelius Harris. Top Right, Little Mr. McKenzie, Age 4-9 (L to R): Hunter Shands, 8, third page, son of Brittany Shands; Prince, 7, first page, son of Emily Kee; Carver Holt, 6, king, son of Matthew and Lindsey Holt; and Eilan Harris, 8, second page, son of Megan and Cornelius Harris. Above Left, Little Miss McKenzie, Age 6-8 (L to R): Merritt Ghyers, 6, third maid, daughter of Mark and Michelle Ghyers; Claire Wilkins, 9, first maid, daughter of John and Lauren Wilkins; Hadley Wilkins, 7, queen, daughter of John and Lauren Wilkins; Marlee Kate Wheat, 6, second maid, daughter of Jonathan and Heather Wheat; and Callie Davidson, 7, fourth maid, daughter of Jonathan and Lesley Davidson. Above Right, Junior Miss McKenzie, Age 10-12 (L to R): Carleigh Lunn, 12, third maid, daughter of Craig and Traci Lunn; Samantha Mathis, 9, first maid, daughter of Jason and Beth Mathis; Kinsley Wilson, 10, queen, daughter of Sara Wilson and Kelsey Robinson; Lillian Brown, 10, second maid, daughter of Cody and Meagan Brown; and Zayda Scates, 12, fourth maid, daughter of Angel Scates. Below Left, Teen Miss McKenzie, Age 13-15 (L to R): Katelynn Essary, 13, third maid, daughter of Kimberly Essary; Laken Fisher, 14, first maid, daughter of Valerie McMackin and Adam Fisher; Laila Scott, 15, queen, daughter of Latisha Scott; Abbi-Kate Sumrok, 15, second maid, daughter of Dan and Marquita Sumrok; and Iris Chaput, 14, fourth maid, daughter of Rashell Chaput. Below Right, Miss McKenzie 2022 (L to R): Lilly Sumrok, 17, third maid, daughter of Andy and Natalie Sumrok; Brett Toombs, 16, first maid, daughter of Casey and Johnna Toombs; Anna Claire Patel, 17, queen, daughter of James and Mitzi Trevathan and Michael Patel; Madison Gilbert, 17, second maid, daughter of Emily Daily; and Kaida Walton, 15, fourth maid, daughter of Kathie Rogers.



World's Biggest Fish Fry Headquarters Opens

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Saturday, March 26 at the World's Biggest Fish Fry Headquarters on Fairgrounds Road, Paris. The event kicks off the annual week-long celebration.

The event include the main event of the Grand Parade on Friday, April 29 at 10 a.m.

The Hushpuppy Dash 5K on April 23 at 8 a.m. and a car show at 11 a.m. A demolition derby is 7 p.m.

The carnival starts at the fairgrounds on April 26.

The Fish Tent opens at the Fairgrounds on April 27, 5 to 9 p.m.; and April 28-30, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Jordan Holland is the general manager. The grand marshal is Nashville Channel 2 Meteorologist Meaghan Thomas. The souvenir book was dedicated to long-time public servant, the late John Krezinski. The grand parade is dedicated to Dwayne Baldwin, who has managed the parade for years.



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Gasoline Prices Fluctuate in Tennessee

(March 28, 2022) — Average gasoline prices in Tennessee have fallen 2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.01/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 56.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.38/g higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$3.66/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.79/g, a difference of \$1.13/g. The lowest price

in the state yesterday was \$3.66/g while the highest was \$4.79/g, a difference of \$1.13/g.

The national average price of gasoline is unchanged in the last week, averaging \$4.23/g today. The national average is up 62.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.38/g higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices

in Tennessee and the national average going back ten years:

March 28, 2021: \$2.64/g (U.S. Average: \$2.84/g)

March 28, 2020: \$1.73/g (U.S. Average: \$1.98/g)

March 28, 2019: \$2.46/g (U.S. Average: \$2.70/g)

March 28, 2018: \$2.45/g (U.S. Average: \$2.64/g)

March 28, 2017: \$2.03/g (U.S. Average: \$2.29/g)

March 28, 2016: \$1.90/g (U.S. Average: \$2.04/g)

March 28, 2015: \$2.14/g (U.S. Average: \$2.43/g)

March 28, 2014: \$3.32/g

(U.S. Average: \$3.53/g)

March 28, 2013: \$3.43/g (U.S. Average: \$3.64/g)

March 28, 2012: \$3.74/g (U.S. Average: \$3.92/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Chattanooga- \$3.95/g, down 3.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.98/g.

Nashville- \$4.06/g, down 1.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$4.08/g.

Huntsville- \$3.97/g, down 4.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$4.01/g.

"The decline we've seen in average gas prices has been

slowing down, as oil prices have held above \$100 after declining under that level as recently as a few weeks ago. For the near future, we'll see a mix of slight decreases and some potential increases mixed in. California markets should finally cool off and areas could even move lower in Southern California, while the Great Lakes could see gas prices jump up after having fallen for the last week or so," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While the national average should start to stabilize for the time being, there's no telling what's around the corner, at least

for now, as the volatility in oil prices persists."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. Unlike AAA's once daily survey and the Lundberg Survey, updated once every two weeks based on a small fraction of U.S. gasoline stations, GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

Huntingdon Town Council Approves \$600,000 CDBG Grant Application

BY JIM POTTS
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HUNTINGDON — Huntingdon's Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday afternoon, March 22 with a quorum and the presence of Mayor Dale Kelly, who has been fighting illness for several months. Numerous people welcomed him back prior to the meeting.

After approval of the council minutes from December 28, 2021, regular meeting from January 25, January 27 called meeting, and February 22 regular meeting along with the approval of any bills, the Council went into their agenda with a variety of items needing attention.

Mayor Kelly presented Vice-Mayor Nina Smothers a Town of Huntingdon Certificate of Commendation on behalf of the council and citizens of Huntingdon. It read "Presented to Nina Smothers for 47 years of dedicated service with Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County where she served her profession in pharmacy beginning in 1975 as Pharmacy Director and Ancillary Services Manager. Now, Therefore, I, Dale Kelley, encourage my fellow citizens to celebrate with her for all her years of public service. Dale R. Kelley, Mayor."

During Mayor Kelley's communications, he noted concerns over water billings and consumption have been addressed by the town's Department of Finance and Utility Department. Errors with Monthly readings affected some customer bill amounts, and several customers discovered and repaired leaks during the previous months.

In new business, the council considered Ordinance 609 to provide a municipal zoning designation of B-2 (General Business) for a two parcels (1.1 acres) of property being annexed at 9715 South Hwy 22 across from Hydro-Gear. The motion to approve the ordinance was approved.

County Chamber to Honor Century-Old Businesses

As Carroll County continues to celebrate its bicentennial, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce will recognize and congratulate those businesses and institutions in the county that have been in continuous operation for 100 years or more. An example is Bethel University, which was founded in 1842. "It is important to reflect



Nina Smothers

nance 609 to provide a municipal zoning designation of B-2 (General Business) for a two parcels (1.1 acres) of property being annexed at 9715 South Hwy 22 across from Hydro-Gear. The motion to approve the ordinance was approved.

Three resolutions were adopted in regards to submitting the 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The first resolution was to submit the grant requesting funds not exceeding \$600,000 plus any eligible Three-Star bonus allowance for a community infrastructure project and the Town of Huntingdon will be responsible for the local cash/match to be provided in full by the general fund account.

The second resolution is for hiring administrative services for the 2022 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant. Community Development Partners, LLC will provide assistance in the preparation and administration of the Town's 2022 CDBG grant application.

The final related resolution is to hire engineering

services for the 2022 Small Cities CDBG Grant. Barge Design Solutions will provide assistance in the preparation and implementation of the CDBG Grant application. All of these resolutions were passed unanimously.

The Council considered and addressed several water bill adjustments. The first was for Mark Simpson who had a leak with a \$1,162.22 water bill. Under the normal adjustment policy the bill was adjusted to \$608.11. Next was an adjustment for Ruthanna Hollis who also had a leak. Her bill was \$2,192.88 and was adjusted to \$509.33. The final adjustment was for Huntingdon Motel-Blake Garcia. Garcia had a leak that caused a \$13,037.69 water bill. Under the normal adjustment policy the bill was adjusted to \$3,733.13 but the situation qualified for council consideration and readjusted down to \$1,517.26. All of the adjustments were approved by the council.

Council members considered and approved a request to solicit bids for a rooftop HVAC unit and installation at the Public Safety Building. The current unit has broken heating chambers and is an older unit. The repair cost will be comparable to replacing it with a new energy efficient unit. The request to solicit bids was approved.

A local girls travel softball team (Lady Jaxx) requested use of Edwards Park for their games. The council agreed to the use as long as it didn't interfere with city league contests.

With no more action, the Council adjourned until their next meeting in April.

Solar Project in Trezevant Might Be Delayed

HUNTINGDON (March 24) — The Board of Directors of the Carroll County Electric Department learned a large solar project in Trezevant has a new expected completion date of 2024. The board also learned Thursday of Carroll County Electric Department's General Manager's, Danny Brawner, plan to retire in June. (See separate story).

In February, the board approved a letter of intent with a division of Silicon Ranch to construct a 6.25-megawatt solar array (farm) in Trezevant. S.R. Trezevant, LLC, a proposed Delaware Corporation operating in Tennessee, would be principal entity with Silicon

Ranch as a major investor. In January, Brawner said the proposed solar farm installation would be an 118-acre solar farm near the CCED's power substation on Power Station Road in Trezevant.

The proposed 6.25-megawatt array, would be bigger than the one along Interstate 40 near Brownsville.

The contract calls for CCED to purchase the solar-produced power from Silicon Ranch at a rate of 4.4 cents per kilowatt-hour. That's cheaper than purchasing through TVA with an average rate of 6-6.4-cent per kilowatt-hour. TVA created the flexible energy program that allows local power distributors to purchase up to five percent

of its power demand from a green-power producer.

Ryan Drewry, office manager, said the system will save an estimated \$250,000 annually by tapping the solar-generated power.

S.R. Trezevant, LLC covers all the installation costs. He said the substation needs a new circuit breaker that costs \$100,000. He hoped Silicon Ranch would also cover that cost.

In other business, the board approved a \$1,000 donation to TVA's Community Care Fund, which is matched by TVA and returned to the CCED to assist electric customers with financial difficulties and unable to pay their utility bill.



Lori Dillahunt, chairman of the board for the Carroll County Library, made the budget request for the Library during a budget hearing. Library staff and board members also attended.

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those months. During that time, the residents frequented a roll-off dumpster at the Recycling Center, which increased the cost for disposal of solid waste.

Heyduck noted the increase in the market price of recyclables including cardboard, office mix paper and newspapers, which will help offset the increased costs of other supplies and fuel used by the center.

New poll books for the Election Commission were approved for purchase by the Budget Committee. That will now move to the entire County Commission for approval in April. Peg Hamlett, administrator of elections, said the electronic poll books, similar to an iPad, will help poll workers verify voters at each precinct prior to voting.

The poll books will not be used in the May primaries but possibly by August.

Hamlett said there is a lack of poll workers on election day. Without poll workers, the county could have to close precincts. Four workers are required at each of the 15 precincts. Persons aged 17 and older can serve as poll workers.

Lori Dillahunt, chairman of the Carroll County Library Board, said the library is very active and is not like the libraries of yesterday. Many people use the library, located at the Carroll County Office Complex, for help with their taxes and family research. It serves as a lifeline for many people. The library has three employees and needs a fourth, said Dillahunt. She also requested the library workers earn equal pay to those of a first and second deputy, making \$30,000 and \$29,000 respectively. She noted Benton County Library has seven employees and a branch location. With more funding and an additional person, Carroll County could start a mobile library and provide enhanced services. Dillahunt said she would help raise additional funds for the library, if needed.

Sarah Bradberry, Circuit Court Clerk, requested funds to install a computer workstation for attorneys and other persons to access court records. Persons using the system would pay a subscription for the service, she said.

Kenneth Todd, Clerk and Master of the Circuit Court, said he needed new computer workstations, which have already been funded. He noted the cost of data processing is increasing and will need additional funds for it.

Amanda Sneed, chief of the Carroll County Fire Department, said the departments have needs for equipment and apparatuses.

Janice Newman, Emergency Management Agency director, said she needed \$5,000 additional to cover the electric bill for the Emergency Operations Center. She said the cost of utilities is in her budget.

Randy Hatch and Carol Meggs with Carroll Academy said they are pleased Governor Bill Lee has provided additional funding for the day-treatment facility for school run by the Carroll County Court. Hatch said the department will use funds from each of the area public school districts it serves, to rebuild the reserve funds. The school has operated for 28 years, said Hatch. One problem the school is having is the increased cost of passenger vans, which have increased from \$23,000 to \$60,000, if available.

Carroll County Highway Department said the costs of road-building materials, equipment, and trucks have increased.

They noted one truck was damaged in an accident that very morning.

Jenny Gordon, bookkeeper for the Highway Department, said she keeps a close watch on expenses and cashflow.

C.J. Scott, manager of the Carroll County Airport, said the facility is doing well. A planned expansion of the runway was first estimated at \$496,000 and is now estimated at \$630,000. The project has been delayed.

Natalie Porter, Register of Deeds, requested additional funds for office supplies to cover increased costs. Rita Jones requested additional funds to cover the increased cost of postage.

The sheriff and school director will meet later with the Budget Committee.

The sheriff has asked for an increase in pay for dispatchers and deputies. The school is estimated to lose over \$2 million in funding from the state in FY 2023-24.

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Kirksey told deputies that there was a person living in a camper beside his workshop and he wanted that person removed due to the person not "respecting the peace" and leaving ruts in the yard. Hamilton advised Kirksey about the legal process for having someone

evicted, and the deputy observed that Kirksey was intoxicated. Kirksey told deputies if they were not going to remove the person, then he was going to kill that person, pointing to a loaded Smith & Wesson 45-caliber revolver on a nearby workbench. Hamilton told Kirksey that his statements would be logged on his report, and Kirksey told the deputies they weren't going to do anything.

As the deputies were

returning to their patrol cars, they observed Kirksey walking toward the camper with the gun in his hand. The deputies drew their pistols and repeatedly commanded Kirksey to drop the gun and put his hands up. Kirksey started beating on the camper door, but then turned and threw the pistol on the ground, put up his hands, and was taken into custody. The weapon was found to have six rounds in the cylinder.

Weapons

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between neighbors over dogs. Investigation into the incident by MPD Investigator Justin Brister led to the primary suspect, Leo G. Palmer, III (DOB: 03/10/1984). After investigation, a search warrant was conducted at Palmer's residence on Elm Street for any guns or ammunition matching a handful of different calibers that could be a possible match to one of the bullets recovered from the victim's home.

Officers met Palmer in his driveway upon execution of the search warrant as Palmer was drinking alcohol with a fully loaded 9mm pistol concealed in his waistband. Officers secured Palmer's weapon and detained Palmer before they began executing the search warrant leading to a large cache of weapons and ammunition throughout the residence. A small marijuana grow operation was found within the spare bedroom closet that included a small number of planting pots surrounded by aluminum foil illuminated by multiple U.V. lights. The grow operation was currently inactive, but contained evidence of recent use including multiple marijuana leaves in the pots and around the grow operation. A small digital scale and rolling papers

commonly used for smoking marijuana were found in the home as well.

A total of sixteen firearms were seized from the residence including handguns, rifles and shotguns of which a large number of the weapons were equipped with high powered optics, red dot sights, laser sights and other high grade attachments. Multiple firearms were found to be equipped with illegal suppressors along with additional parts to construct more suppressors. Officers also seized nearly two thousand rounds of ammunition for the above mentioned weapons. Also found in Palmer's closet were two packages of an explosive material known as tannerite wrapped in black duct tape.

Upon photographing and inspecting the home for the investigation, officers discovered countless number of empty shell casings that appeared to have been fired mainly off the back porch of Palmer's residence.

Officers observed a wooden railing appearing to be used as a shooting rest constructed across the back porch doorway of which a foam block target was observed to be directly in line with sixty-plus yards from the back porch door. Upon inspection of the target, empty shell casings and evidence of bullets striking the target and surrounding area, it was determined that Palmer had most likely been firing multiple firearms at the target from his back porch even though Palmer lives well within the city limits of McKenzie and is surrounded by other homes. The first floor of Palmer's residence is an above-ground basement style floor of which more evidence of Palmer shooting firearms recklessly was observed. Officers observed two areas within the basement-level walls that were severely damaged by what appeared to be gunfire. A large number of used firearms targets were found nearby along with a large concrete post that was found to be heavily deformed from an excessive amount of bullets being fired into the post located within a corner of the basement. This evidence suggests Palmer was firing weapons at targets within his basement which resulted in multiple rounds exiting the side walls of the home towards other homes nearby.

Palmer was arrested and transported to the Carroll County Jail in Huntingdon. The McKenzie Police Department thanks the public for their assistance, and requests that anyone who may have additional information in regards to this case or information regarding Palmer firing weapons in the city limits to please contact Investigator Justin Brister via phone number at 731-352-2265. This investigation is still ongoing at the time of this press release.

ESTATE AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022 — 10 A.M.

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1. Gene Autry was known by many as “The Singing Cowboy,” and remembered for his songs “Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer” and “Back in the Saddle Again.” Not just a singer, he was an actor and Major League Baseball team owner. *Courtesy the Lonestar Flight Museum* 2. The Autry family portrait was taken about 1899 in Cooke County, Texas. (L to R) Back Row: Delbert (13), Minnie (16), Tom (19), Meda (11), Will (23), Luda (26) and Lula (21). Front Row: Felix (28), Cal (30), Betty (50), Nora (5), Home (5) and Elijah Jr. (51). *Courtesy Public Cowboy No. 1: The Life and Times of Gene Autry* 3. A sign board honoring the memory and dedication of its founders. Included in the list is the great-grandfather of Gene Autry. 4. Mount Comfort Missionary Baptist Church. Photo was taken about 1999.



Gene Autry

The Singing Cowboy's Tie to Carroll County

While researching the Big Pecan Tree story last week I joined a Facebook group focused around the history of the Natchez Trace State Park. As I went down the rabbit hole, I came across a thread about Gene Autry and how the family had its roots in Carroll County. With limited time, I put a pin in it and decided to come back.

To be honest, I was anticipating a bunch of “who shot John” about a cousin three-times removed on his mam-ma’s side, and as expected my cynicism was wrong. So this Weekly 150 is dedicated to the Autry family. If there are errors in research I beg for forgiveness now as much of the research comes second hand and over time dates and stories have an uncanny ability to change.

This portion of the story starts in Moore County, North Carolina in 1784 with the birth of William Adair Autry (1784–1838). William married Mary Campbell (1786–1876) in 1803. The marriage produced an estimated twelve children. Of those children, Elijah Henry Autry, Sr. (1813–1858) is central to the story. He is the great-grandfather of Gene Autry.

Sometime before 1830, the Autry family moved from North Carolina to Tennessee and lived in Henderson County. William and Mary are buried at Holladay Community Cemetery in Holla-day, Tennessee.

Family records state, “In 1828, Elijah, a wheelwright by trade, joined the Hopewell Baptist Church. Two years later, he was baptized and with other members of the flock organized a new church at Mount Com-fort in Carroll County.”

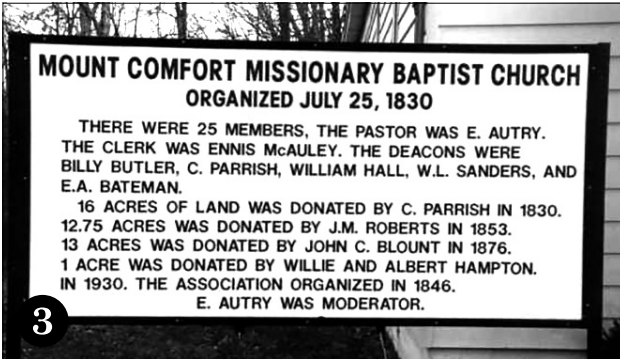
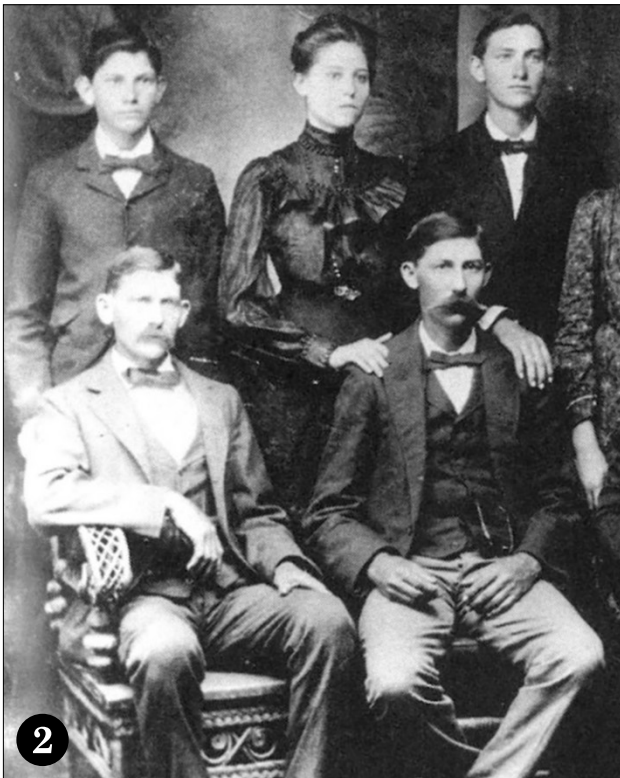
Ordained in May 1840, Elijah began preaching the gospel in a building con-structed of hand-hewn logs near the bank of Maple Creek. Over the years, he moved on to several small Baptist churches in the county, eventually becoming one of the region’s leading Missionary Baptist pastors.

In 1832, Elijah married Mary Ann “Polly” Parish (1814–1860). They had six children; Eliza Ann Autry Flowers (1837–1878), William Tyson Autry (1841–1892), Sophia Judy Autry Flowers (1843–1908), Samuel Walter Autry (1844–1919), Elijah William Autry, Jr. (1848–1913) and Mary Emily Autry Hall (1851–1918). Elijah, Jr. is the next central figure in the story but first, let’s finish the story of Senior.

Elijah was elected and served as moderator of the Baptist convention in his region from 1846 to 1854. The first meeting of this as-sociation was held at Mount Comfort Missionary Baptist Church in 1846. Mount Com-fort, one of Carroll County’s oldest churches, is located near Maple Creek Lake in what is now Natchez Trace State Park.

From the writings of El-der J.P. Arnold on the life of Elijah Autry, Sr.:

He was of fair complex-



ion, black hair and blue eyes, was about five feet ten inches high, and weighed about one hundred and forty pounds. (He) possessed... Untiring en-ergy and indomitable courage in prosecuting any enterprise that he might be engaged in, whether (secular) or reli-gious. Consequently, he suc-ceeded in winning many souls to Christ, and numbers will rise up in glory and call him blessed, as being the instru-ment in the hands of God of bringing them to Christ.

In the year 1843, the writer became acquainted with him, and from that time until the day of his death, it might be said that like David and Jonathan, their souls were knit together, and though de-signing men tried to separate them, they never succeeded, and he said that he wished the writer to take his place as moderator, which was the case. Our dear brother had but few enemies, though he had some, and why? Because his holy walk reproved their wicked ways. But he has gone to his glorious reward, and they have gone to reap the re-wards of their doings. Elder Autry belonged to the order of Free Masons, and was buried with Masonic honors by the order of which he has long been a worthy and con-sistent member.

Autry was pastor of the following churches at dif-ferent times during his life: Union Church, in Benton County; Prospect Church, Carroll County; Oak Grove, Hopewell, Pleasant Hill, New Prospect, Holly Springs, Mt. Pisgab and Chalk Hill. At his death he was pastor of Mt. Comfort, Oak Grove and Concord.

In 1852, Elijah founded the Oak Grove Church, described by a parishioner as a “shelter

with a dirt floor...covered with wheat straw.” Later a log house was built with a wood floor but the practice continued of putting clean wheat straw on the floor. The young children were placed on quilts to sleep through the church services.

On September 22, 1858, Elijah Sr. returned home after days of conducting a lengthy revival at Oak Grove Church. When he arrived at the farm, he discovered loose cattle trampling his crops. His nephew offered him a small derringer pistol to scare away the livestock. Elijah didn’t want the gun, but his nephew, thinking he might need it, slipped it into his uncle’s pocket. Out in the fields, Elijah noticed some-thing in his pocket, and as he tried to get it out, the gun fired, lodging a bullet in his side. Only forty-seven years old, he died the next day.

He was buried at Autry Cemetery, Clarksburg, Ten-nessee. Mary Ann was bur-ied next to him in 1860.

Elijah Jr., who was only nine at the time of his fa-ther’s death, remained in West Tennessee for some time. In 1868, he married Mary Elizabeth McAuley (1849–1920). Together they had twelve children: Elijah Calvin Autry (1869–1951), Felix Martin Autry (1871–1946), Elizabeth Veluhah Au-try (1873–1902), Martha G. Autry (1874–1883), William Franklin Autry (1876–1938), Louise Tryphenia Autry Ogle (1878–1947), Thomas Leander Autry (1880–1952), Delbert Autry (1883–1968), Minnie Elizabeth Autry Faulkner (1884–1967), Meda Afater Autry Steel (1888–1968), Nora Bell Autry Prid- dy (1891–1971) and Homer Asra Autry (1894–1961).

Around 1870, some of the Autry brothers had migrat-ed to Texas. It is presumed Elijah and Mary moved to Cooke County, Texas between 1882 and 1883 as there is a burial record of daughter Martha in Walling Cemetery.

In 1913, Elijah died and was buried in Indian Creek Cemetery, Gainesville, Tex-as. Mary Elizabeth was bur-ied next to him in 1920.

In 1883, census records show Delbert Autry born in Cooke County, Texas. Delbert, the father of Gene Autry, was married three times: Myrtle Mae Gilbert Woolsey (1889–1943) (mar-ried 1903), Flora Elnora Oz-ment (1882–1932) (married 1906) and Ruby Estelle Lane (1910–1970) (married 1937).

In 1907, Orvon Grover Au-try was born to Delbert and Elnora in Grayson County, Texas. Orvon, better known as Gene, went on to star-dom. Flora died in 1932 and was buried at Indian Creek Cemetery in Gainesville. Delbert died in 1968 and was buried at Greenlawn Cemetery and Mortuary in Bakersfield, California.

In the Washington Post’s obituary of Gene, it stated:

Gene Autry, 91, who par-layed his movie and record earnings as Hollywood’s first singing cowboy into a finan-cial empire that included the California Angels baseball team, died Oct. 2 at his home in the Studio City neigh-borhood of Los Angeles.

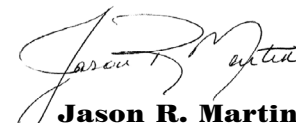
Autry was the only en-tertainer with five stars on Hollywood’s Walk of Fame, one each for radio, records, movies, television and live theater...*He was ranked the top cowboy movie star from 1937 to 1943, heyday of the Western...*

Mr. Autry and his chestnut “wonder horse” Champion began withdrawing from show business in the mid-1950s. He became a full-time businessman, with four radio stations, interests in newspa-pers, oil wells, ranches and hotels such as the Mark Hop-kins Hotel in San Francisco.

This made him an im-mensely rich man, and he was ranked for years among the top 400 wealthiest Amer-icans by Forbes magazine.

Gene got his first guitar, from the Sears, Roebuck, and Co. catalog, when he was 12, and he was performing locally by the time he was 15. He worked for the railroad as an apprentice and telegraph operator until he was discov-ered in 1927, strumming a guitar in a telegraph office in Chelsea, Oklahoma, by hu-morist and actor Will Rogers, then one of the most popular entertainers in the world.

And the rest they say is history. Gene died October 2, 1998 (aged 91) in Studio City, Los Angeles County and was buried at Forest Lawn Memo-rial Park in Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, California.


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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Coach Majors Shot Down My Last Hope

I’ve told you before about living life backwards. It’s a grave misfortune borne by Baby Boomers that CBS, CNN, The Wall Street Jour-nal, Golf Channel, Farmers’ Almanac and all the other “news sources” fail to report.

It’s a full blown, first rate conspiracy.....sans the theory part.

When I was a kid the grownups ate first. Period. It didn’t matter the occasion, how empty your belly was or how much your mouth was watering. I’ve seen the dining room table sagging under the weight of piping hot dishes piled high with turkey, ham, barbequed goat, deviled eggs, yams, green beans, creamed corn....if it was chewable, it was there!

They sent us kids into the back bedroom to wait. Or

gave us the infamous “go out-side and play” anthem that ended with, “We will call you in when we are ready.” By the time we got to the table there wasn’t nothing left but half of a chicken neck and most all of Aunt Ruby Nell’s spinach casserole.

I worked hard and final-ly got to be an adult.....and danged if they weren’t letting the kids eat first!

Talk about backwards; missing the boat; wrong place at the wrong time!

It was the same with blue jeans. If I had a hole in the knees of my Wranglers I wasn’t going to school until Mom put a patch over it. Can you imagine the embarrass-ment of showing up in the tenth grade with skin stick-ing through your britches? Good golly America!

How times change, if I still had those “holey” pants I cleaned fence rows and picked cotton in today, I’d be styling it down Broadway to beat the band!

They made us drink milk at near ‘bout every meal. “It’s good for you” is anoth-er anthem we heard three times a day. Of course, we wanted one of those Cherry Cokes that Mr. John Motheral served up at his drugstore.

We never got the colas. But I drank so much milk that I could tell whether the cow had spent the past week in the east pasture feasting on tall fescue.....or had been munching on orchardgrass in the bottomland down behind Archie Moore’s pond!

Milk doesn’t seem quite as popular today. And I’ve seen Sprite, Dr Pepper, Root Beer

and those little Fruit Punch boxes in front of kids at meal-time. I bet they’d even have Cherry Cokes.....if young people knew they existed.

Just my luck!

But what really makes me “grind my teeth” this time of year about my inverted career is spring break. I never had one. Ever! And I don’t count getting out of school for two weeks in September for cotton picking.

It wasn’t spring. And if you’ve ever picked cotton..... there wasn’t any kind of “break” to it. Unless you’re talking about your back!

We didn’t even get a day off at Easter. You had to do your egg boiling, coloring, hiding, seeking and eating on Saturday or Sunday. Monday you were back in Miss Belle’s class, reading about Dick, Jane and Spot.

Think of what my genera-tion missed. If we’d a’gotten a whole week off in March I’d a’gone to Texas and roped

longhorn steers with genu-ine cowboys. I would have hitched-hiked down to Dau-phin Island, Alabama, and ridden the surf. I would have flown out to Albuquerque and took off in one of those hot-air balloons. I would have gone rafting down the Cas-cade River.....

In my mind! The reality was I’d never even been to Jackson, and it was only 40 miles away. But I could have made good use of five free days.....swinging across the big ditch on grapevines, throwing rocks at fence posts, racing David Mark to town, shooting BB’s at the kite Leon was flying over our maple trees....

I still feel cheated to this day!

We couldn’t wait for col-lege. We had seen “Where the Boys Are.” We knew all about spring breaks! I was going to Fort Lauderdale my first year—

Except the baseball coach

had other ideas. “Mens,” Coach Majors always made it plural when he was making a team announcement, “we are going to spend spring break playing baseball in Panama City, Pensacola and Mobile.”

We played nine games in five days. He hit ground balls and yelled at me all morning. And put me at shortstop and yelled at me on every play in both games that afternoon. I might as well been picking cotton!

We did it for all four years! It kept my non-spring break record intact. And, believe me, you cannot see the beach from the baseball fields in any of the aforementioned cities. But the people on the beaches there could sure hear Coach Majors hollering at me!

I wonder if Annette Fu-nicello was one of them....

Respectfully,
Kes


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Obituaries

JERRY E. MELTON 1938 — 2022

Jerry E. Melton, 83, died at NHC Healthcare in Milan, Tenn. on March 16, 2022. There are no memorial services scheduled at this time. Mr. Melton retired from the State of Tennessee. He was born April 4, 1938 in Carroll County, Tenn. to the late Ralph and Hazel Melton.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn (Pat) Melton, sister, Judith Winchester of Springville, Tenn., and niece, Wendy Thompson of Martin, Tenn.

Hie is preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Jennifer Melton. +

ROBERT H. CONWAY 1955 — 2022

Robert H Conway, 66, of Spring Grove, Illinois died March 11, 2022 at his home Robert was born on July 3, 1955 to the late Lucille Conway and James H. Conway in Trezevant, Tenn.

Robert was predeceased by brothers, George, Jerry and Harry, sisters, Shelby, Helen, and Juanita. He is survived by sisters, Barbara Toombs (Dyersburg, Tenn.) and Ann Chappell (Marietta, Georgia).

He leaves his soulmate, Patty Conway and best friend, Lucy (pet). He also leaves behind several nieces and nephews. A graveside memorial will be announced at a later date. +

DONALD NANNEY 1942 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Donald Dewayne Nanney, 80, of Huntingdon, Tennessee died Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at the Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Funeral services were Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Jason Whitt officiating. Interment was in New Bethel Cemetery.

Mr. Nanney was born June 9, 1942 in Boydsville,

Arkansas, to the late John Henry and Willie Pearl (Bynum) Nanney.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Clara Nanney of Munford, three daughters, Stephanie Spain of Nashville, Rhonda Adams of Cedar Grove, Tracey Kennon (Chris) of Lexington, two sons, Jeff Nanney (Karla) of Lexington, Jason Whitt of Munford, and one brother, Robert Nanney (Betty) of Oakland. He also leaves nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

NANCY SPRAY 1937 — 2022

WESTPORT — Mrs. Nancy Joyce Spray, 84, of Westport, Tennessee died Tuesday March 22, 2021 at Life Care Center.

There was a private service conducted with interment at Jamison Cemetery.

Mrs. Spray was born March 30, 1937 to the late Gerald Smuck and Della Rush Smuck. She was preceded in death by her husband Roy Spray; son Jerry Mullenix; sister Sue Zimmerman; brothers Ronald Gene Smuck and Lawrence N Smuck.

She is survived by one son, Brian Curtis Mullenix of Upland, California; and one granddaughter.

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

BENNIE BYRON ROBBINS 1943 — 2022

GLEASON — Funeral services for Bennie Byron Robbins, 79, of Gleason, Tenn. were Saturday, March 26, 2022 at Williams Funeral Home of Gleason. Burial was in Memorial Cemetery in Paris, Tenn. He was born on February 24, 1943 and died March 23, 2022.

Mr. Robbins is survived by his wife, Debbie Robbins, of Gleason. He is also survived by three sons, Bennie Wayne (Tracy) Robbins of Gleason, Jeffery Dale (Jeff) Robbins of Seattle, Washington, and William Byron Robbins of Gleason. Mr. Robbins leaves behind a sister, Martha Jo Edwards, and three grandchildren. He was preceded

in death by his parents, A.B. and Lavada Robbins, and two brothers, Freddie and Donald Robbins. Williams Funeral Home of Gleason.

DOROTHY CHRISTINE PHILLIPS 1932 — 2022

GREENFIELD — A graveside service for Dorothy Christine Phillips, 90, of Greenfield, Tenn. were Sunday March 27, 2022 at Hopewell Cemetery in Gleason, Tenn. She was born January 1, 1932 and died March 22, 2022.

Mrs. Phillips is survived by her son, Kenneth Phillips of Greenfield and daughter, Marilyn Stephenson of Missouri. She is also survived by two sisters, Martha Sellers of Dresden, and Betty Jane Guthrie of Arkansas. Mrs. Phillips leaves behind six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Wesley Phillips, parents, Dude and Irene Dilday, and one brother, Jr. Dilday. Williams Funeral Home of Gleason.

CHARLES MCHAN, JR. 1948 — 2022

MCKENZIE — Charles W. McHan, Jr., 73, died Monday, March 18, 2022 at his residence. He was born on September 25, 1948 in Columbus, Georgia to Charles W. McHan, Sr. and Dorothy Lucille Marks McHan, who both precede him.

Survivors include his wife of 11 years, Rhonda Patterson Corban of McKenzie, three daughters, Sherry (Hobie) Lawrence of Tallahassee, Florida, Laurie Anderson of Oviedo, Florida, and Amy (Charlie) Gaston of Anderson South Carolina, a sister, Sally (Dennis) Presley and seven grandchildren.

A service is being planned for a later date.

Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. For more information please call (731) 352-4848 or visit www.brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com.

Inglenook Book Club March Meeting

The Inglenook Book Club met March 9 at Lakeside Senior Living Community in McKenzie. The mask mandate has been lifted, but temperatures were still taken upon entering the facility. The hostesses were Geneva Johnson and Shirley Martin. The tables were decorated in St. Patrick's Day green and gold, along with delicious peach cobbler, ice cream, and mint candies with peanut treats.

President Carolyn Moore called the meeting to order and thanked our hostesses. The Pledge of Allegiance, club aim and motto were recited by all members present.

Roll call and the reading of the February meeting minutes were given by the recording secretary, in which a correction was made on the name written incorrectly; minutes approved as read with the correction made. Treasurer Donna Ward gave the treasurer's report.

President Moore extended a Thank you to Victoria Ard, who called members to remind of the meeting. Victoria stated that if a member is unable to make a meeting, to please be sure to contact the hostesses, so they can plan accordingly for the meeting.

Members celebrating birthdays for March are Jean McKinnie, Suzanne Howell, and Genia Sherwood. Happy Birthday was sung by all.

Under Old Business, President Moore stated she delivered over 24 packages of hand wipes to the school.

With New Business, President Moore, stated to bring crayons or anything that could be used by the children at school for the April Meeting.

Our program was presented by Carolyn Moore. Her subject was on a mystery writer, J A Nance. Ms. Judith Ann Nance was born in October 1944 in Watertown, South Dakota, and raised in Bisbee, Arizona. Ms. Nance received her degree in education in 1966, and her master's in library

science in 1970, both at the University of Arizona, where she was awarded her honorary doctorate in 2000.

Judith Jance lived with her parents on a farm in the country in South Dakota, and she remembered that one day when the family was traveling to town, she left out a blood-curdling scream and her daddy stopped quickly and turned around and asked her" what is the matter back there?". She replied," you forgot Lamby." Lamby was invisible to everyone, but her. Lamby story became a family legend, and she contributed her imagination as a child to her future because for 40-plus years her constant companions are imaginary folks that come to life as she writes her novels. Ms. Jance's novels fall into mystery and horror stories.

She married first to Jerry Joseph Jance in 1967, had 2 children, and divorced in 1980. She remarried in 1985 to William Schilb, who had 2 children. Later she left her husband and moved with her children from Arizona to Seattle.

Ms. Nance's first series of book in 1985-J.P. Beaumont. Her agent told her not to use her real name, use a pen name, because he feared people would take her seriously as a female writing about a male character- this is when she became J. A. Nance. Followed by Brady series, Ali Reynolds series.

Beaumont, Brady series, and Ali Reynold's are books, that with nothing to lose, make you want to read the next. Beaumont series has 28 books, the last one released in 2022; Brady series has 22 books, last one released in 2021; Ali Reynold's series has 15 books, last one released in 2021. 64 mystery books, plus poetry, and four other novels.

At 77 years of age, Ms.

Nance is still writing. Her books are available on Amazon, and live library. A percentage of her earnings from appearances to bookstores goes to charity. She has raised more than \$250,000 for charity.

In 2018, STRAND MAGAZINE gave Ms. Jance its Lifetime Achievement Award to recognize her contribution to the field of crime fiction. A lot of twists and turns in her books, and she makes you feel like you have character.

Book passing order was given by Mary Newman, and the book passing date will be on March 23.

Shirley Martin made the announcement of the upcoming McKenzie Chamber of Commerce Activity, an egg drop. Ms. Myra Carlock, team leader on the board is in need of volunteers to help.

The Easter egg drop will be on Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. to noon at McKenzie City Park. A helicopter will drop 25,000 plastic-filled eggs on the baseball field. There will be a train with the Easter Bunny, photos available for children with Easter Bunny, face painting, and crafting popsicle sticks bunny masks.

Our next meeting will be on April 13 at 3 p.m. at Lakeside Senior Living Community. Our hostesses will be Carolyn Moore and Mary Newman.

No other announcements. After reciting the club benediction, the meeting was adjourned.

Members present were: Victoria Ard, Peggy Chappell, Carolyn Goodwin, Jean Hollomon, Suzanne Howell, Geneva Johnson, Zia Locke, Gayron Lyles, Gail Mack, Shirley Martin, Carolyn Moore, Beverly Mueller, Mary Newman, Pedie Pedersen, Carolyn Potts, Marilynn Putman, Suzanne Russell, Genia Sherwood, Sally Sutton, Donna Ward, and Elaine Williams.

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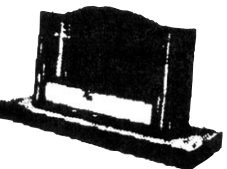
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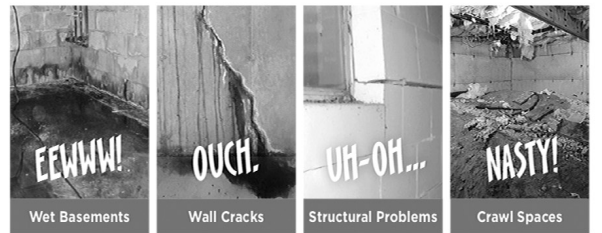
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MCKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

HELICOPTER EASTER EGG DROP

McKenzie Chamber of Commerce is hosting an Easter Egg Drop on Saturday, April 9, 10 to noon at McKenzie City Park. Eggs will be dropped from a helicopter. Approximately 20,000 eggs will be dropped. The event is free to attend. Kids, don't forget your Easter baskets.

CARROLL COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE TO MEET

Carroll County Budget Committee meeting meets the third Thursday of every month starting at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Carroll County Office Complex.

CARL PERKINS CENTER TO HOST EVENT

Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is hosting a Light Up the Darkness Hippy Hop Be Bop at the Carroll County Civic Center, 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 9. The Glow Run 5K and Fun Run with registration at 7 and run at 7:30. Awards were for top places in each age group.

A cornhole tournament is \$40 per team.

The event includes a bake sale, food by Poot's BBQ, Mark Milan, Hill's Take and Bake. For more information, call 731-986-5920.

A SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING IS APRIL 7

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CAKE WALK AT MACEDONIA COMMUNITY CENTER

A cake walk is Friday, April 8, 7 p.m. at the Macedonia Community Center. Food service begins at 5:30 p.m.

Spring Sports Schedules

MARCH 29-APRIL 4

Middle School Soccer

April 4 — McKenzie vs Henry Co. at 5:30 p.m.

Middle School Baseball

April 4 — McKenzie at Huntingdon at 5 p.m.

High School Soccer

March 29 — McKenzie vs Riverside at 5 p.m.

March 31 — McKenzie at Waverly at 6 p.m.

High School Baseball

March 29 — Huntingdon vs Milan at 6:30 p.m.

March 31 — McKenzie at Diamond Classic at 2 p.m.

March 31 — McKenzie at Diamond Classic at 4:30 p.m.

March 31 — Huntingdon at Diamond Classic at 6:30 p.m.

March 31 — West Carroll at Greenfield at 5 p.m.

April 1 — West Carroll at Madison Academic at 4 p.m.

April 1 — McKenzie at Diamond Classic at 11 p.m.

April 1 — Huntingdon at Diamond Classic at 6:30 p.m.

April 2 — McKenzie at Diamond Classic at 11 p.m.

April 2 — Huntingdon at Diamond Classic at 6:30 p.m.

April 4 — McKenzie vs Houston Co. at 4:30 p.m.

April 4 — West Carroll at Clarksburg at 5 p.m.

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They will be in action again on Tuesday, March 29 at home against Riverside and at Waverly on Thursday, March 31. They will be on the road again on Tuesday, April 5 at South Fulton.

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17. Former VP nominee Palin

18. Cambodian monetary unit

19. Where coaches work

21. Secret political clique

22. A type of lute

23. Tan

24. Empire State

25. Where golfers begin

28. For each

29. Muslim inhabitants of the Philippines

31. Bird genus

33. Popular Dave Matthews Band song

36. Domesticates

38. "Boardwalk Empire" actress

39. Asian antelope

41. One who takes apart

44. Kin

45. Dresses

46. Says something about you (abbr.)

48. Doctor of Education

49. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

51. Overcharge

52. Sailboats

54. Indian musical patterns

56. Predisposition to a condition

60. Share a common boundary with

61. Wide

62. Skin disease

63. Monetary unit of Samoa

64. Source of the Blue Nile

65. Instrument

66. Red deer

67. Unidentified flying object

68. Bar or preclude

CLUES DOWN

1. Flying insects

2. Strong alcoholic spirit

3. Old

4. Moves in slowly

5. Symbol for tin

6. Having certain appendages

7. Expression of sorrow or pity

8. Type of hormone (abbr.)

9. One with an unjustified mistrust

10. Hebrew calendar month

11. Pure

12. LSU football coach

14. Unbroken views

17. Fathers

20. Part of a race

21. Hairstyle

23. Fifth note of a major scale

25. Body art

26. Amounts of time

27. Designed chairs

29. Sensational dramatic piece

30. Arrangement of steps

32. Classifies

34. Young child

35. Oh, no!

37. Astronomical period of about 18 years

40. Not or

42. Poke fun at

43. Consisting of roots

47. "___ Humbug!"

49. A way to remove

50. A confusion of voices and other sounds

52. Keyed instrument

53. Varnishes

55. Unpleasantly sticky substance

56. Unable to hear

57. A short erect tail

58. Indicates interest

59. Flow or leak through

61. British thermal unit

65. Iron

Week 13

See solution in next week's edition.

April Fool's Day Word Search

Amusing

Antics

April Fool's Day

Bamboozle

Caper

Clown

Comedy

Deception

Delude

Dumbfound

Farce

First

Funny

Gag

Gullible

Hoax

Hoodwink

Humor

Jest

Joke

Laughter

Levity

Malarkey

Mischief

Mockery

Monkey

Nonsense

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Week 12 Crossword Puzzle Solution

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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R A G E S I L L S E T S

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T R A N S L U C E N T

S H I N N E D N A

K O R E A T A B E S

F A A E B O N I E S

U N D E S I R A B L E

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M A G I M U T E A G A N

E B R O I C H A U B E R

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SUDOKU

SOLUTION WEEK 12

8 1 6 4 3 2 9 7 5

5 3 7 8 6 9 1 2 4

9 2 4 1 7 5 3 8 6

4 9 2 5 8 3 7 6 1

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6 8 3 7 4 1 5 9 2

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McKenzie Police Reports

Multiple Charges — McKenzie Police received a call Thursday evening, March 10 regarding a possible hit and run accident. According to a report filed by Dalton Raspberry, the caller advised a white Nissan Altima hit his vehicle and fled the scene. Raspberry found the Nissan on Main Street with fresh damage to the front bumper area. He also smelled what was believed to be marijuana coming from the vehicle.

Raspberry went to the front door of the apartment and could hear loud voices inside. A male identified as Jaylean McClerkin, 19, of Martin was asked to come out. McClerkin admitted not having a valid driver's license and stated the only thing in his system would be marijuana. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests which he did poorly on. McClerkin was charged with DUI-First Offense and Leaving the Scene of an Accident. A search of the Altima revealed two types of marijuana and \$653 in cash.

A short time later Tristian Hood came out of the apartment and got into a black car. Hood, 20, of McKenzie was thought to be a passenger in the Altima. He was questioned and officers smelled suspected marijuana on his person. A search of Hood located multiple baggies of marijuana and \$610 in cash.

Theft/Aggravated Burglary — On Tuesday afternoon, March 15, Officer Tanner Jackson responded to a call from a Forrest Avenue residence belonging to Andrew Ether. Ether advised he had just returned from Wisconsin and noticed someone had been inside and taken some items. Investigator Justin Brister lifted two fingerprints related to the incident and sent them off to the TBI crime lab to be processed and identified.

Property Damage — Sgt. Mark Boaz received a third party call inquiring if he was on duty and if he was he was requested to come to the old Sun-Beam Bakery building on Highland Drive on Monday, March 21.

According to Boaz's report, he met building owner Donald Tolbert and renters Phillip R. Colwell and Phillip C. Colwell. Tolbert advised Boaz that he got a call stating there was water coming from the building and thought he needed to check on it. When Tolbert arrived he did find water coming from the building. Boaz asked how much damage on the inside. The Colwells advised they had a large amount of merchandise stored in the building and had suffered an estimated

\$75,000 in damage. They advised that they just wanted someone with authority to see what happened and report the damage.

Aggravated Assault/Assault — McKenzie Police Department was contacted about a physical altercation between several students on Bethel University's campus on Tuesday afternoon, March 22. Officer Tanner Jackson responded to the Bethel Security Office on Jordan Street. Jackson spoke with Bethel Security officer Kaylee Spangle. Jackson reviewed video footage obtained by Spangle and determined that two juvenile females started the initial altercation. One juvenile attempted to stop the altercation and was assaulted along with a young male adult.

It was determined that two juveniles were the primary aggressors in the incident. One was arrested for Assault and Aggravated Assault. The other was charged with two counts of assault against two victims.

Multiple Charges — MPD responded to a 911 call to a Como Street residence early Wednesday morning, March 23. Officer Darren Davis arrived to find the caller Wesley Barnes, 44, of McKenzie in the door of his residence. Barnes handed over a handgun he had taken from a female at the residence. The female was identified as Jaqueline R. Schaffer, 41, of Huntingdon.

Davis interviewed Schaffer first who advised that Barnes had invited her over to pick up items belonging to her and attacked her when she arrived and pulled the gun on Barnes.

Davis interviewed Barnes who advised he had the incident on video and showed it to him. The video showed Schaffer showing a piece of paper towards Barnes and pulling a pistol racking a round into the chamber when Barnes wrestled the firearm away from her. Barnes advised this had been an ongoing problem and that they had been married 22 years ago and had a history of domestic altercations.

After watching the video, Officer Davis determined Schaffer was the aggressor and was arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault, Domestic Assault, Aggravated Burglary, and Possession of a firearm during a dangerous felony.

Fugitive From Justice — According to a report filed by Sgt. Kyle Beauchamp, he made a traffic stop on Cedar Street Wednesday afternoon, March 23 on a blue Buick for speeding approximately 30 mph over the posted limit. Beauchamp identified

the driver, Jillian Goble, 35, of Huntingdon, via her drivers license. The license was found to be valid but a status check revealed there was an interlock device restriction. Goble violated the restriction because she was operating a vehicle without the device. This made her license currently revoked for DUI. Further investigation discovered her passenger was Christopher Medlock, 33, of Huntingdon. A warrant check on Medlock revealed a full extradition warrant from Missouri where he was wanted for Failure to Appear on Possession of Controlled Substance, Dangerous Drugs. Dispatch contacted the agency responsible for the warrant and confirmed they did want to extradite him.

A search of the vehicle located a clear glass smoking pipe with residue consistent with smoking Methamphetamines. Medlock admitted the pipe was his.

Goble was arrested and charged with Driving on Revoked License for DUI-First Offense and cited for speeding and Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance. Medlock was arrested on his Missouri warrant and charged with being a Fugitive From Justice and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Both were taken to Carroll County Jail and the vehicle was seized by McKenzie Police.

Simple Possession/Casual Exchange — An adult and juvenile were arrested for Simple Possession/Casual Exchange on Wednesday evening, March 23 after a caller contacted McKenzie Police regarding observing a white Altima in the parking lot of the Highlander Apartments with four persons possibly smoking dope. According to a report filed by Officer Trenton Ruddy, he and Sgt. Kyle Beauchamp responded and smelled the odor of Marijuana coming from the vehicle. All four persons were detained for questioning. After a probable cause search of the vehicle during which multiple bags of marijuana were found, the juvenile driver and Macaih Joseph, 20 of Delray Beach, Florida were arrested.

Traffic Violations — Officer Trenton Ruddy conducted a traffic stop on a silver Nissan shortly after midnight on Thursday March 24 on Highland Drive for Violation of Light Law. Ruddy observed neither headlight working on the vehicle prompting the stop. The driver, Aaron Williams, 34, of McKenzie was found to be driving on a suspended license for Failure To Appear. Williams was cited for Driving on Suspended License-First Offense and Violation of Light Law.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Rebels Defeat Henry County, Bruceton, Trenton

BY JIM POTTS

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McKenzie's Rebels started the second week of the season with a sweep of three games against Henry County, Bruceton, and Trenton.

Henry County Patriots

The Rebels started the week hosting Henry County on Monday, March 21 winning 10-3.

The Patriots got on the board first with a run in the top of the first inning. The Rebels answered in a big way with a pair of two-run homeruns by Jake McDaniel and Jackson Cassidy making the score 4-1. There were no runs in the second inning but Henry County plated a run in the top of the third inning for a 4-2 score in favor of McKenzie. The Rebels added single runs in the fourth and fifth innings while capping the game with four runs in the sixth inning.

Cassidy had two hits and four RBIs followed by McDaniel with one hit (HR) and three RBIs. Collin McLearn had two singles and Hayden Hixon had three singles with Zayden McCaslin and Nolan Renfro recording one hit each. Renfro had one RBI. Henry County had seven hits driving in three runs in the contest.

Jake McDaniel got the win with five solid innings giving up five hits and striking out four hitters. Ty Anderson came in relief in the sixth inning and finished the game giving up two hits and striking out two.

Bruceton

McKenzie hosted Bruceton on Thursday, March 24 posting a 22-5 victory over the Tigers.

It was a close contest early with Bruceton scoring two runs in the top of the first inning while McKenzie scored four in the bottom of the inning. The Rebels scored six runs in the bottom of the second inning and nine in the third to make it a 19-2 game. They plated their final three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning while Bruceton added three more runs in the top of the fifth for a 22-5 Rebel win.

The Rebels were hot at the



Carter Swalley takes a swing against Henry County.
Photo by Jim Potts/The Banner

plate with 14 hits with several getting multiple hits. Hayden Hixon had two hits including a homer and a single that drove in three runs while scoring three runs of his own. Ty Anderson ripped two singles and reached base on an error scoring three runs while Braden Birmingham had two singles that drove in a run and scored three runs. Nolan Renfro had two singles that drove in three runs and scored one. Jackson Cassidy had a homer and a single that drove in three runs and scored twice. Jake McDaniel had a single that drove in a run while scoring two runs. Lane Anderson hit a single that drove in two runs while scoring a run of his own. Hayden Garrett got a single scoring a run. Tate Surber recorded a single and scored a run. Dawson Brush got a single and scored for the Rebels.

Lane Anderson got the win on the mound while he was relieved by Braden Birmingham.

Trenton

The Rebels traveled to take on a talented Trenton Peabody team and came home with a 9-5 win completing a sweep of the week's games.

McKenzie got nine runs on 12 hits while holding the Tide to five runs on 12 hits for the win. The game was close for much of the contest with both teams earning runs in the first inning. After no score in the second inning, the Rebels took the lead with

a solo run in the top of the third and added another run in the fourth inning while Trenton plated a run in the bottom of the inning for a 3-2 Rebel lead. Trenton tied the game with a solo run in the bottom of the fifth inning but in the top of the sixth inning, McKenzie plated six runs while Trenton scored a pair in the bottom of the inning for a 9-5 Rebel lead. No one scored in the seventh inning finishing the game.

Four Rebels recorded multiple hits including Collin McLearn with two singles driving in a run and scoring three runs. Hayden Hixon had a pair of singles driving in a run. Jake McDaniel belted a single and a double driving in a run and scoring one. Jackson Cassidy also had two hits with a single and double that drove in three runs and scored one. Ty Anderson hit a single that drove in a run while scoring one. Zayden McCaslin had a solo hit that drove in two runs while Nolan Renfro had a single and later scored. Tate Surber had a single and scored while Hayden Garrett reached base on a walk and scored.

Jackson Cassidy got the win on the mound while Zayden McCaslin came in for two innings of relief and Hayden Hixon closed out the game with an inning of work.

McKenzie improves to 6-1 on the season and will be back in action March 31 for two games and April 1 and 2 in Huntingdon's Diamond Classic Tournament.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Lady Rebels Have Active Week

BY JIM POTTS

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Camden

The Lady Rebels played host to Camden on Tuesday, March 15, following their season opening loss to Westview the day before and evened up their record with their first win defeating the Lady Lions 8-5.

Camden scored four runs in the top of the first and their final run in the top of the second inning giving the Lady Lions an early 5-0 lead. The Lady Rebels made it a 5-4 game with their first four runs in the bottom of the third inning. They scored a single run in the fourth inning tying the game 5-5 and took the lead with three runs in the fifth inning. Neither team scored in the final two innings of the contest.

Briley Auvenshine and Cassidy Brown led McKenzie's offense with three hits and three RBIs while scoring two runs and one run respectively. Payton Ognibene got a pair of hits while Katie Chesser got a hit scoring a run, Nicole Gibson had a hit and scored a run, Anna Robinson got a single and scored, while Taylor Robinson added a hit.

Ognibene went all seven innings on the mound for the Lady Rebels giving up nine hits and five runs while striking out four.

Milan (DH)

McKenzie had a few days off before traveling to Milan for a double header on Monday, March 21. The Lady Rebels swept the Lady Bulldogs winning 6-3 in the first game and 4-0 in the second game.

In the first game, the Lady Rebels took a 5-0 lead scoring a single run at the bottom of the second inning and putting four more runs on the board in the bottom of the third inning. There was no scoring in the fourth and fifth innings. Milan scored a pair of runs in the top of the sixth with McKenzie answering with another run in the bottom of the inning. The Lady Bulldogs added a run in the top of the seventh inning to make it a 6-3 win for the Lady Rebels.

McKenzie had several players get hits during the



Jaden Barton gets ready to tag out a Fillie's runner.
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contest with Jaden Barton leading with a pair of hits and driving in a run.

Savannah Davis hit a triple driving in a run while Aubrey Jackson, Briley Auvenshine, Cassidy Brown, Anna Robinson, and Kristin Bradberry all added solo hits while Payton Ognibene, Davis, Jackson, Auvenshine, and Robinson drove in runs. Six Lady Rebels scored solo runs during the contest.

Auvenshine went the distance on the mound for McKenzie giving up 11 hits, giving up three runs, walking one batter, and striking out six during her effort.

The Lady Rebel runs were spread out during the second game with their first run coming in the top of the second inning. They added a pair of runs in the top of the fourth inning and scored one last solo run in the top of the sixth inning for their 4-0 win.

Savannah Davis had a pair of hits while Auvenshine, Brown, Barton, and Robinson had solo hits during the contest. Brown and Robinson each drove in a pair of runs while Brown scored a run and Auvenshine scored three runs for the Lady Rebels.

Payton Ognibene went the distance pitching a five-hit shutout and striking

out six batters.

Huntingdon

The Lady Rebels continued a busy week on Thursday, March 24 hosting the Fillies losing only their second game 4-1.

The game was scoreless until the fourth inning when the Fillies scored a pair of runs in the top of the inning to take a 2-0 lead. The Fillies added two more runs in the top of the fifth while McKenzie plated their only run in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Hits were scarce for the Lady Rebels with Savannah Davis, Katie Chesser, Cassidy Brown and Kristin Bradberry all hit singles for the Lady Rebels. Briley Auvenshine scored the lone run after reaching base.

For the Fillies, Lia Fuller recorded three hits and scored a run while Kayla Pulling had two hits. Delaney Byars, Ava Canovan, Kenadie Gibson all had solo hits and scored.

Katie Chesser took the loss on the mound giving up six hits and four runs while striking out seven. Briley Auvenshine came in relief giving up three hits and striking out three. Huntingdon's Natalie Kruezigler went the distance giving up five hits and one run while striking out nine batters.

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Juniors — Listed in alphabetical order: Zach Aird, Briley Auvenshine, Braden Birmingham, Kristin Bradberry, Kassidy Brown, Austin Bush, Jackson Cassidy, David Cheney, Katie Chesser, Matthew Garriott, Bryant Haynes, Gracelyn Henderson, Hayden Hixson, Allie Laser, Lauren Laser, Daniel Latimer, Rashad McCreary, Payton Ognibene, Nathan Price, Terry Reindl, Nolan Renfro, Kylie Reynolds, Grace Seiber, Lexie Sullivan, Lilly Sumrok, Yajaira Vega and Maggie Walker



Sophomores — Listed in alphabetical order: Landon Allison, Bella Arnold, Bethany Bell, Sarah Boackle, Kamryn Brewer, Leilana Brown, Dakota Cary, Jake Cassidy, Drew Chappell, Chandler Conrad, Aubrey Cook, Savannah Davis, Skyelor DeLoach, Isabella Etter, Hayden Garrett, Nicole Gibson, Gracie Goodrum, Addison Harris, Noelle Harris, Matthew Hoffman, Ava Isbell, Ava Jones, Alyse Lowe, Parker Lyons, Allison Mansfield, Macey Mayo, Belle O'Brien, Jackelyne Padilla, Luis Renteria Tellez, Mikaela Reynolds, Stafford Roditis, Mark Schultz, Brett Toombs, Kaida Walton, Ava Warman and Abbie Young.



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Left, Sandi Roditis, president of the McKenzie Rotary Club, presented \$1,000 college scholarships to Zayden McCaslin, to attend Bethel University, and Jaden Barton, to attend a university of her choice. Each year, McKenzie Rotary Club sponsors the Honors Program at MHS. Right, MHS Principal Kelly Spivey and featured speaker, Carol Putman Parkins. Mrs. Parkins is the counselor at Milan Special School District and is a graduate of McKenzie High School. She spoke on a topic of "gifts and grit." She said the honorees had the gifts, however, a combination of gifts and grit will serve them well in the future.

McKenzie High Hosts Annual Honors Program

McKENZIE (March 22) — McKenzie High School held its annual program to honor students who have an average of 95 and above. The 2022 event was held at the MHS Gymnasium with Carol Putman Parkins as the featured speaker. Putman is a counselor at Milan Special School District and a McKenzie graduate. She is the daughter of Marilynn Putman and the late Dr. Bob Putman, who served as mayor of McKenzie. She and husband, Victor, reside in Milan and have two children. They are co-owners of the four Gibson County newspapers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL



Above, Ripken Thompson on the mound for McKenzie. Below, Rebel Luke Toombs on second base against Henry County.



Rebels 6-4 on the Season

McKenzie Middle's Rebels are well into their baseball season sporting a 6-4 record. They lost their season opener to Paris Inman 10-0 and picked up a 5-2 win over Bruceton and a 11-3 win over Greenfield. The Rebels dropped a 4-0 decision at Huntingdon while picking up another win against Dresden 10-4. They split a doubleheader with Henry County winning the first game 9-3 and losing the second contest 10-3. The Rebels defeated Obion County 9-7 on Monday, March 21 and split a double header with Martin on Friday March 25.

McKenzie School Board of Education to Meet April 5

McKenzie Special School District Board of Education meets Tuesday, April 5, 5:30 p.m. at the board office, 114 Bell Avenue. Business on the agenda includes: Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE) report presented by high school students: Kristen Bradberry, Amya Gilbert, Payton Ognibene, and Lilly Sumrok. Consider for approval budget amendment(s) to the McKenzie Special School District funds. Consider for approval, on second reading, the following amendments to the McKenzie Special School District Board of Education Policy Manual: Disruption and Interference of School Activities. Documentation Supporting Request for Removal. Consider for approval allowing varsity basketball practice during the school day for the 2022-2023 school year as recommended by MHS Principal Kelly Spivey.

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White, Walker Announce Wedding Plans

Josh and Melanie White of Huntingdon, Tenn. are proud to announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Chesney White to Caleb Walker of Union City, Tenn. Chesney is the granddaughter of Jimmy White of Huntingdon and the late Evangeline Lawrence Hilliard, all of McKenzie, Tennessee.

Caleb is the son of Tim and Jeanna Walker. Caleb is the grandson of Jean Ursery and the late Kenneth Ursery and Edith Walker and the late David Walker, all of Union City, Tennessee.

Chesney receive a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Bethel University in 2020 and is employed as a registered nurse at Fresenius Dialysis Clinic in Union City. Chesney is registered at Gift Grove and Small-town Blessings on the court square in Huntingdon. The wedding is set to take place Saturday, May 14 at Horsehoe Lake Venue in Huron, Tennessee. Pastor Hunter Jones of Eastview Baptist Church will be officiating. They plan to honeymoon in Cozumel, Mexico. Formal invitations will be sent.

McKenzie High Donates 36 Pints of Blood

MCKENZIE (March 23) — Thirty-six McKenzie High School students and others donated the 'gift of life' when they donated a pint of blood to Lifeline Blood Services of Jackson. The mobile bloodmobile parked in front of MHS on Wednesday, March 23 for students, aged 17 and older to participate. The 36 pints are estimated to serve 108 others who need blood or blood products.



Tabitha Holbrook and Grace Seiber were two of 36 MHS students and others who donated blood to Lifeline Blood Services.



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Clarksburg Mayor Named To Baptist University Board

Clarksburg Mayor Dr. Howell Wayne Todd was named to the Board of Directors of Baptist Health Sciences University (BHSU) in Memphis. The University is affiliated with Baptist Memorial Health Care in Memphis, where it was founded in 1912 as a School of Nursing. It has grown into a fully accredited and comprehensive institution offering a broad range of undergraduate and graduate programs in 14 majors in health-related fields.

"I have long admired and been appreciative of the role of the family of Baptist Health organizations beginning with how they served one of my family members in Memphis 70 years ago," Todd said. "We only have to look in Carroll County to see how we benefit so much from Baptist's contributions to our quality of life through our local hospital staff. I look forward to contributing back to Baptist in whatever way I am able."

According to the mission statement, the University prepares graduates for careers of service and leadership by providing a comprehensive health sciences education within an integrated environment of learning



Dr. Howell Wayne Todd

and Christian principles. The Memphis campus has been ranked as the safest college campus in Tennessee and one of the safest in the nation according to Niche Best Colleges rankings. Each individual degree program is fully accredited, and student costs are quite competitive. Ninety-eight percent of the students receive some type of financial assistance.

Dr. Betty McGarvey, BHSU President, said she was pleased to have Todd agree to join the Board and to be able to benefit from his broad experience in university administration. "Dr. Todd's background fills a

need on our Board for someone with broad experience in both public and private university administration," said McGarvey.

Susan Breedon, CEO of Baptist Hospital-Carroll County, said she was happy to have a representative from the area on the Board. She said, "Dr. Todd has a wealth of experience he can bring to the Board. It is my hope that more people will become familiar with the University and that many of our high school students interested in health care fields will consider BHSU. Their graduates are top notch, and the affiliation with one of the largest health care providers in the nation is a significant bonus for the students."

Todd retired in 2001 from the presidency of Mississippi College and returned to his family home in Clarksburg. He previously served as chief executive officer of the state university system in South Dakota and as Vice-Chancellor and Executive Assistant to the Chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents for several years. He was elected Mayor of Clarksburg in 2018 and has announced his intent to seek reelection this year.



Isabelle Wright (seated left) with parents John and Josephine Wright and Raina Jones with parents, Randy and Kristie Jones. Submitted photo.

Two McKenzie High Students Receive Full Scholarships

Two McKenzie High School seniors were honored with the Ray and Linda Morris Scholarship last week. This scholarship is awarded to students who have shown strong academic abilities and achieved a high ACT composite score and majoring in Nursing, Math or Biology. This scholarship covers full tuition for four years. Congratulations to Raina Jones and Isabelle Wright. The two students are pictured with their parents.

Ray Morris was born near Yuma, Tennessee and moved to McKenzie as a young man. He lamented he had moved to the city and for the first time, lived in a house with electricity and running water. He and his siblings worked the family farm in McKenzie.

He graduated McKenzie High School, worked at the 'Pajama Factory', joined the National Guard, attended Bethel University and received an engineering degree from Tennessee Tech. During the summers, he and high school friend, Charlie Cox, sold Bibles via door-to-door sales.

Ray started Venture Construction in Georgia. It grew to a multi-million dollar company and was contracted to build many McDonald's restaurants. He contributed to Bethel University and Morris Hall was named in he and his brothers' honor. Later, Ray and wife, Linda contributed to Bethel and the Ray and Linda Morris Science Building was constructed in their honor. Venture Construction

was contracted to build the newest dorms and the Vera Low Center for Student Enrichment on the campus of Bethel University.

Ray also donated land to the City of McKenzie for the construction of a fire station near McKenzie High School and donated the vacant land to McKenzie Industrial Board across from McKenzie High School.

After a football reunion in the late 1980s, Charlie Cox of Boston, visited McKenzie High School and donated \$100,000 to McKenzie High School. Charlie grew up poor and lived with various families in McKenzie. He never forgot that generosity.

The two friends remain loyal supporters of McKenzie and the youth of McKenzie.



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came out to join us at our Ribbon Cutting. Thank you to the Henry County Chamber of Commerce for coordinating this event. And thank you to Mockingbird Catering for the fantastic food! We truly appreciated the Community's support!

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