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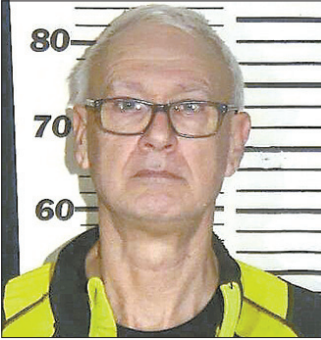
“Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.”

— Lao Tzu

McKenzie Man Charged With Child Porn, Drugs

McKENZIE — On 12-15-22 officers with the 24 th Judicial District Attorney Generals Office, 24th Judicial Drug Task Force, McKenzie Police Department, Carroll County Sheriff’s Office and Henry County Sheriff’s Office conducted a search warrant at the home of Larry Reynolds, age 67, located at 26030 Hwy 22, McKenzie Tennessee. This search warrant was for suspected child pornography material. During the search of the home and property officers located evidence in

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Larry Reynolds

Lake Wheel Tax Ends December 31

CARROLL COUNTY — The annual \$10 wheel tax to fund the local share for the construction of Lake Halford, previously known as the Carroll County 1000-Acre Lake, ends December 31. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency purchased the lake for approximately \$11 million on July 1, 2022 from the quasi-governmental agency known as the Carroll County Watershed Authority.

Darlene Kirk, Carroll County Clerk, said the lake \$10 wheel tax ends December 31. Any new registration or renewal in 2023 will not be subject to the wheel tax. Additionally, the State of Tennessee waived the state

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Sub-Zero Temps, Snow Wreak Havoc at Christmas

WINTER STORM AFFECTS EASTERN UNITED STATES

A sudden drop in temperatures, mixed with rains that turned to snow, coupled with sub-zero temperatures wreaked havoc person in the Eastern United States. Airports were operating with limited flights, stranding passengers in the airports, Tennessee Department of Transportation was busy treating, salting, and scraping highways, and people were preparing by trying to shield their homes against the unusually low temperatures.

Randy Long of Atwood reported a temperature of -2 degrees, west wind 13 mph. -20 degrees wind chill at Long Farms in Atwood, Tennessee on December 23, 2022.

Donald Tolbert, a local plumber posted on social media that he was overwhelmed with calls to make repairs and thaw pipes. He expected to continue making repairs through the week of December 26.

Dusty Graves of Graves Plumbing indicated he is over 300 calls behind. JJ’s Diner in downtown McKenzie opened as a warming shelter. The staff remained overnight Thursday.

Janet Albritton, owner, and Ashley Snead remained at the restaurant, served some customers around 9 p.m. and the Carroll County Electric employees around midnight. Even with the frigid conditions, JJ’s was busy Friday.

“It was the right thing to do,” said Janet. She said she told the police to

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Unemployment Rate Declines In Tri-Counties

NASHVILLE — The rate of unemployment declined in the tri-counties of Carroll, Henry and Weakley counties between October and November 22.

According to statistics released by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, unemployment rates decreased in 62 counties, remained the same in 25, and increased in 8.

Tennessee recorded an unemployment rate of 3.5 percent in November,

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McKenzie Industrial Board Receives Grant, Purchases Building

McKENZIE — The year 2022 was a successful year for the McKenzie Industrial Board, landing new jobs for the county of Carroll, and city of McKenzie. As a year-end announcement, Tennessee Economic and Community Development announced the receipt of a \$417,525 grant for the McKenzie Industrial Park-South at Carroll County Airport.

Monica Heath, executive director of the McKenzie Industrial Board and McKenzie Chamber of Commerce, said the grant will be used to construct a pad-ready site for a

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Postal Rates To Increase In January

WASHINGTON, DC — The United States Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of price changes to take effect January 22, 2023. The new rates include a three-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 60 cents to 63 cents.

If favorably reviewed by the Commission, the proposed increases will raise First-Class Mail prices approximately 4.2 percent to offset the rise in inflation. The price changes have been approved by the Governors of the U.S. Postal Service.

The price for 1-ounce metered mail will increase to 60 cents, and the price to send a domestic postcard will increase to 48 cents. A 1-ounce letter mailed to

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Candlelight Service Commemorates Christmas



Stephen and Jack Brown participated in the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church-McKenzie. Church attendees, holding lighted candles, lined around the interior wall of the sanctuary to celebrate the birth of Christ.



Test Your Knowledge Of the Common Cold

Sniffles, cough, sore throat ... these can be symptoms of any number of conditions, but are often a byproduct of the common cold.

Colds are the result of more than 200 different viruses, according to Johns Hopkins Medicine. Adults experience an average of two to three colds per year, and rhinoviruses cause most of them. The American Lung Association states that colds are minor infections of the nose and throat. Despite typically producing only mild illness, colds account for more visits to the doctor than any other condition in the United States.

People will experience many colds in their lifetimes, and this true or false quiz can test their knowledge about them.

1. Colds are highly contagious.

True: Colds most often spread when droplets of fluid that contain the cold virus are transferred by touch or inhaled.

2. Cold weather or being chilled causes colds.

False: While many colds occur during seasons when the weather is cold, transmission is likely higher then due to people staying indoors, and thus closer to one another, when temperatures dip. But the cold air itself has nothing to do with the cold.

3. Antibiotics are a known remedy for a cold.

False: Antibiotics treat bacterial infections, while colds are viral. That means antibiotics will be ineffective at helping a person recover from a cold.

4. Rhinoviruses that cause colds also can trigger asthma attacks.

True: These rhinoviruses also have been linked to sinus and ear infections.

5. Colds are sometimes serious for people.

True: People with weakened immune systems, asthma or conditions that affect the lungs and breathing passages may develop serious conditions, even pneumonia, from colds that linger.

6. Colds can't be caught from shaking hands.

False: Colds can be transferred through touch, including shaking hands. It's recommended to wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or to use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.

7. You feed a cold and starve a fever.

False: Harvard Medical School says there is no need to eat more or less than usual if you have a cold or flu. However it is important to increase fluid intake to avoid dehydration. Fluids also help keep the lining of the nose and throat from drying out.

8. Vitamin C, zinc, eucalyptus, garlic, and others are not proven cold remedies.

True: Various herbs, minerals and other products have gained a reputation as cold remedies but there are no scientific studies that support such assertions.

9. One should avoid caffeine or alcohol while experiencing a cold.

True: Alcoholic and caffeinated beverages can lead to dehydration, which is the opposite of what the body needs to recover.

Wall Heater Causes Fire



McKenzie Fire Department responded to an apartment fire at 525 Forrest Avenue. During the frigid temperatures, firefighters entered the apartment and found the fire in the wall of one bedroom, and was started by an electric wall heater. There was heavy fire damage to one bedroom, and the wall between the room and the bathroom.



Retired General Sessions Judge looks on as State Senator John Stevens reads a proclamation honoring Logan's service to the judiciary.

Judge Logan Honored by Peers

HUNTINGDON (December 22) — Larry Logan was honored for his service to the judiciary by the Carroll County Bar Association on Thursday, December 22 at 4 p.m. Logan served as the Carroll County General Sessions Judge and Juvenile Judge for 41 years.

During a reception at the Colonel Tea Room on the Court Square, his fellow lawyers and court officials feted him with proclamations to commemorate his service as a judge and one

of the co-founders of Carroll Academy, one of his most proud accomplishments.

Laura Keeton said Logan was fair and willing to answer questions for cases in his court. She presented him a plaque on behalf of the local bar association to commemorate his 41 years on the bench.

Charles Trotter said he has initially practiced in a firm with Logan, who taught him how to better serve his clients and be a

better lawyer.

Robert "Gus" Radford said Logan had the best judicial temperament in the courtroom.

Patrick Steele, a retired leader of Carroll Academy, said the kids who attended Carroll Academy owe Logan a debt of gratitude for giving them a second chance. Steele said Logan also supported him and Carroll Academy. Logan is a great friend, said Steele.

State Senator John Stevens, a member of the lo-

cal bar, presented Logan with a proclamation for his service.

Huntingdon Mayor Nina Smother presented a proclamation on behalf of the Town of Huntingdon.

In closing, Logan thanked everyone for attending and noted he missed serving with them. He said he was concerned no one would attend because of the predicted winter storm.

Matt Maddox thanked everyone for coming as he closed out the event.

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1 large box instant vanilla pudding
1 cup sugar
2-quart milk
Mix sugar, pudding and milk. Stir as you add until

mix and sugar dissolved. Pour in container, cover and chill. Add more milk if it's too thick.

Spiced Tea
2 cinnamon sticks
1 ½ cup sugar
15 whole cloves
1 small pkg cherry jello
48 oz. pineapple juice
1-quart sweetened tea
1 large can frozen orange juice
1 lemon sliced
Combine 1 quart water, cinnamon, sugar and cloves in large saucepan. Simmer about 15 minutes. Add jello, stir to dissolve.

Add pineapple juice and tea. Dilute orange juice using package directions. Add to mixture. Add lemon slices. Simmer until very hot. Strain. Refrigerate until cold.

Place on a cookie sheet and bake in 275 degree oven for about 25 to 30 minutes. While warm, roll in powdered sugar and again when cool.

Holiday Cheese Ball
2 large packages cream cheese softened
1/3 cup onions chopped
1 8oz. can crushed pineapple
2 tablespoon seasoned salt
1 cup nuts chopped
1 cup nuts finely chopped
Combine first 6 ingredients in bowl, blend thoroughly. Form into ball. Roll in finely chopped nuts. Serve with crackers

Good Dip Recipe
2 -8oz. cream cheese
¼ teaspoon black pepper
5 oz. jar dried beef
4 tablespoons green pepper, chopped
4 tablespoons onions chopped
4 tablespoons sweet milk
Mix well. Chill.

Pepper Log
1 -8oz. cream cheese
Pepper jelly
Place block of cream cheese on a serving dish. Cover with pepper jelly. Serve with crackers.

Swedish Pecan Balls
1 cup pecans, ground
1 cup self rising flour
½ cup butter
6 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix all ingredients and shape into small balls about the size of a walnut.

Cheese Sausage Biscuits
1 pound sausage
1 pound sharp cheddar cheese, grated
1 small box Bisquick
2 to 3 tablespoons water
Brown sausage and drain. Mix all ingredients together. Form into 1 ½ inch balls. Bake in 375 degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

Snow

...From Front Page

alert others she was open. McKenzie City Hall and the Carroll County Emergency Operations Center also served as warming centers. Both have standby generators.

Tennessee Valley Authority asked all of its local power distributors to initial rolling blackouts through a procedure known as Step 50. That occurred on both Friday and Saturday, December 23 and 24.

Area, rural distributors participated in the rolling blackouts. In Nashville, more than 100,000 were without electrical power - partly because of rolling blackouts and equipment failures.

Ryan Drewry, general manager of Carroll County Electric issued the following statement on Christmas Eve following the cessation of the rolling blackouts.

“Carroll County Electric Department appreciates customer patience and understanding as Step 50 – Rolling Blackouts were implemented. These were mandated by TVA to all 153 local power companies to prevent widespread system outages. CCED staff executed controlled rolling blackouts, with precision, with the majority extending to 20 minutes or less to minimize impact and achieve the mandated request. There were two exceptions in which the outage extended for an hour. “A substation breaker would not close due to load. Load had to be further separated for the breaker to close restoring power. This outage extended for approxi-



A Tennessee Department of Transportation truck, loaded with salt, leaves the headquarters in McKenzie. Monday was the state's official Christmas holiday, however, many of the road crews worked through the weekend.

mately 1 hour impacting customers along Hwy 22 from the Carroll County Airport to the bypass north of Huntingdon. It also included areas from the Hwy 22 bypass west of Huntingdon along Hwy 70A to just east of McLemoresville. “A line recloser had difficulties closing back. Additional steps were required to safely restore power. A breaker at our Bruceton Substation had to be dipped to safely close an airbreak switch

restoring power on Hwy 114 north of Hollow Rock. “An event, unrelated to the rolling blackouts, occurred around 9:30 a.m. on Connie Allen Rd outside McKenzie. A vehicle accident involving a pole impacted power to 13 customers. “We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience. Included is a TVA media advisory for reference,” concluded Drewry.

TVA supplied more power in 24 hours than any time in

its history.

TVA released the following statement.

“Record-setting temperatures across the region continue to put intense pressure on the power system. The Tennessee Valley Authority and local power companies working around the clock in difficult conditions to meet this extreme demand.

“On Saturday morning, December 24, TVA directed local power companies to implement planned, short

duration, intermittent power interruptions to maintain system reliably. This action is similar to steps that TVA and local power companies took on Friday, December 23, to help ensure power system reliability. This measure is expected to be temporary until the highest peak power demands have been met.

During the 24 hours of December 23, TVA supplied more energy than at any other time in its history – 740 gigawatt-hours, or 740

million kilowatt-hours. The cold also produced a winter record for peak power demand of 33,425 megawatts at 7 p.m. CST when the region-wide average temperature was 9 degrees.

“The strong partnership between TVA, local power companies and industrial customers, as well as the individual contributions of residents to conserve energy, continues to make a difference.”

The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) released the following statement on Thursday.

The State Emergency Operations Center is activated, and State of Tennessee personnel are supporting response efforts and resource requests.

The State Emergency Operations Center in Nashville was activated at a Level 3 – State of Emergency with Emergency Service Coordinators from many State of Tennessee departments supporting the ongoing situation. Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) staff will assist local officials with any needs or resource requests.

Extremely cold temperatures across the region created unprecedented demands on the power system. Businesses and the public have been asked to reduce electric power use as much as possible without sacrificing safety. TVA and local power companies proactively addressed strain on the grid by temporarily reducing power supplies to certain local areas, which resulted in brief power outages to homes and businesses on a rolling basis.

Temperatures are not expected to reach above freezing until Monday afternoon, December 26.



Officers from multiple law enforcement agencies were at the Reynolds residence with a search warrant.

Drugs

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relation to child pornography along with an active

indoor marijuana grow that contained approximately 26 plants. Several guns and drug paraphernalia were also located on the property. Mr. Reynolds was arrested and charged with sexual exploitation of a minor,

possession of schedule VI with intent, possession of a firearm during commission of a felony and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked into the Henry County Jail on 200,000 bond. Seized from the property

were child pornography material, marijuana plants, drug paraphernalia, guns and a vehicle. All items seized are believed to have been used in the alleged crimes.

Postal

...From Front Page

another country would increase to \$1.45. There will be no change to the single-piece letter and flat additional-ounce price, which remains at 24 cents. The Postal Service is also seeking price adjustments for Special Services products including Certified Mail, Post Office Box rental fees, money order fees and the cost to purchase insurance when mailing an item.

The proposed Mailing Services price changes include:

- Letters (1 oz.) 63 cents;
- Letters (metered 1 oz.) 60 cents;
- Domestic Postcards 48 cents;
- International Postcards \$1.45;
- International Letter (1 oz.) \$1.45.

As operating expenses continue to rise, these

price adjustments provide the Postal Service with much needed revenue to achieve the financial stability sought by its Delivering for America 10-year plan. The prices of the U.S. Postal Service remain among the most affordable in the world.

The PRC will review the changes before they are scheduled to take effect. The complete Postal Service price filing, with prices for all products, can be found on the PRC website under the Daily Listings section at prc.gov/dockets/daily. The Mailing Services filing is Docket No. R2023-1. The price tables are also available on the Postal Service's Postal Explorer website at pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index.

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

Tax

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registration fee of \$23.75 beginning in July 2022 to June 30, 2023 for personal vehicles and motorcycles.

There are other wheel taxes assessed by the county that must be paid upon registration.

Carroll County voters approved the \$10 lake wheel tax on each motorized vehicle in a referendum on November 7, 2000, when the vote was 5,441 to 4,851 to add the wheel tax and pay 30 percent of the then-estimated total cost of \$10 million. The lake and subsequent development exceeded \$25 million. The tax started

after the Watershed Authority received its U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 permit for construction. In the year 2000, an estimated 70 percent was projected to be paid by state and federal grants. Carroll County 1000-Acre Lake opened in March 2013 as a means to control flooding and for economic development in the county. It is located in the Leach Community, south of Huntingdon on Highway 70. In December 2021, the lake was named a Bill Dance Signature Lake, essentially one of the best fishing lakes in the state. The lake has a headquarters building, marina, fueling station, concession area and recreational vehicle park.

Jobless

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equaling October's rate. The November rate is down .01 percent from one year earlier.

The United States recorded a rate of 3.7 percent in November.

Carroll County recorded a November rate of 3.9 percent, down from 4.1 one month earlier and up from 3.2 one year earlier. From a labor force of 11,020, a total of 10,585 were employed and 435 were unemployed.

Henry County recorded a November rate of 3.5 percent, down from 3.7 one month earlier and up from 3.0 percent one year earlier. From a labor force

of 13,786, a total of 13,305 were employed and 481 were unemployed.

Weakley County recorded a November rate of 3.2 percent, down from 3.3 one month earlier and up from 2.8 one year earlier. From a labor force of 15,338, a total of 14,851 were employed and 487 were unemployed.

The county with the lowest unemployment was Williamson with 2.5 percent followed by Moore with 2.5.

The highest unemployment was recorded in Bledsoe County with 5.3 percent.

Six west Tennessee counties were among the top 10 counties with the highest unemployment. Those were McNairy, Lake, Decatur, Lauderdale, Haywood and Shelby.



Applying for a Grant — Nathan Grasfeder and Patrick Smith of L.I. Smith, Industrial Board Executives Monica Heath, Board Chairman Gary Simmons, McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin, Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler all traveled to Nashville to apply for a pad-ready grant for a 100,000 square-foot prospective industry. The grant application was successful for \$417,525.

Grant

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100,000 industrial building on 23.9 acres for any future industries. It will be located on Rochelle Road next to Pottery Direct.

McKenzie Industrial Board will pay the remaining \$20,000 for the project. The city Industrial Board is self-funded and receives no county or city funding.

Mrs. Heath said she, Board

Chairman Gary Simmons, Mayor Ryan Griffin, Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler, and Nathan Grasfeder and Patrick Smith of L.I. Smith, the company that will help develop the site. The site is located outside of the City of McKenzie.

With the ramping up of VP Racing Fuels in the former Nestaway building, also on Rochelle Road, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) committed to construct a turning lane on State Route 22 at the intersection of Rochelle Road/Vernon Thomas

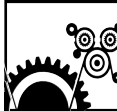
Road. Also, TDOT committed to construct an industrial access road to open access to the available industrial land near Pottery Direct.

In December, the McKenzie IDB voted to purchase the former Dana Corporation building, adjacent to the Carroll County Airport terminal. That vacant building was recently occupied by Cachengo, a technology company. Cachengo purchased and relocated to the former McKenzie Regional Hospital.

The IDB remodeled the ambulance base station adjacent to the former hospital,

added sleep quarters, and added new truck bays. The headquarters is leased to Priority Ambulance, the contractor for Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County.

Last year, the IDB renovated a downtown building into a co-working space, one of the very few in a rural community. The former Overflow Church, adjacent to the McKenzie Memorial Library, provides office space for long-term renters or persons who just need office space and Internet for a day or month.

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McNairy County

From Pusser to Blanton (Part IV)

In 1968, Buford Pusser was re-elected Sheriff of McNairy County for a third and final term. According to his family, in the six years he served as sheriff he was stabbed seven times and shot eight (those numbers can not be confirmed).

On the Pusser Museum website, it states, “Those who didn’t like him had a good reason. During his tenure as sheriff, he jailed more than 7,500 criminals, and he dismantled 85 illegal stills in 1965 alone. His methods were unconventional; extreme by the estimation of some. The stories of his fighting crime with nothing but a big stick are largely exaggerated, though on one occasion he did use a fence-post to extract his peculiar brand of justice, and on another, he solved a domestic squabble with a good old-fashioned hickory-switching. In the beginning, Pusser vowed not to even carry a gun, but he soon realized that his enemies weren’t playing with sticks and stones, and after a number of violent confrontations, he strapped on a .41 Colt Magnum.”

The legend of Buford Pusser exploded with the making of the movie “Walking Tall” starring Joe Don Baker as Sheriff Pusser. The movie was loosely based on Pusser’s life story, but most folks took the story as the gospel of Buford. At times even Pusser believed in his legend. “Walking Tall” was a box-office smash. Produced

on a budget of \$500,000, the film grossed over \$40 million, earning \$10 million in theatrical rentals in the United States and Canada. The film became a cult classic with two sequels with spin-offs for a TV movie, a TV series, and a remake starring Wayne Johnson.

In a 1972 interview with the Memphis Commercial Appeal, he was asked how the people of McNairy treated him (Pusser) since he became famous. He answered, “My close friends treat me no differently than they ever did, and I’d say about 80% of the people in McNairy County are proud of me, or at least they say they are. But there’s a handful that never liked me and still don’t. They resisted every step of my campaign to clean up the corruption, and they have nothing good to say about me now. It’s not that these people like crooks, it’s just that I think they consider me ‘too big for my britches.’ There’s one man in the county—I won’t mention names—who’s always badmouthing me. One of the reasons for that, I think, is because when I was Sheriff I was always after him for passing bad checks. But that’s life. No matter what you do, you can never make friends with everybody.”

The success of the first film and its dramatic ending of Buford’s near-fatal shooting on New Hope Road marked the making of a sequel by Bing Crosby Productions. Buford was slated to play himself in “Walking Tall - Part 2”. Not long after



announcing he would play himself at the Riverfront Inn in Memphis, the life of Buford Pusser came to an end.

After the announcement in Memphis and attending a fair in Selmer, the story of Buford Pusser came to a close. Around midnight on August 21, 1974, Buford was involved in a single-car accident that claimed his life. The story goes that he was returning home to Adamsville in his Stingray Corvette where he was going at an accelerated pace (which was common for him) and his blood alcohol was near double the limit. Dwana and Helen (Buford’s mother) were the first on the scene.

They discovered the fiery wreckage and Buford’s body where it had been thrown from the vehicle. Dwana was with her father as he took his last breath. Some believe Buford’s vehicle was tampered with because they just can’t imagine his death not at the hands of a State Loner.

The story of Buford Pusser will go down as a legend for all ages. Some saw and still see him as a legendary lawman. Others linger on the negative aspect of all

that he did wrong. I can not and will not give my opinion on Buford Pusser publicly because at this point I am still putting pieces of the puzzle together and trying to wrap my head around the legend.

I will say that the story from “Walking Tall” took a lot of liberties but it did bring national attention to Buford and West Tennessee. If it wasn’t for watching the movie randomly one afternoon, I may have never heard of Buford Pusser. I will close this segment with a 1976 interview with Mike Masterson of Deputy Jim Moffett.

“When Buford came into office in 1964, this was a dry county. Things were a lot tougher, but not anything like the movie showed. I walked out of that movie. It was totally ridiculous,” stated Jim.

I (Masterson) later talked with Pusser’s mother in Adamsville and she agreed with Jim that the movie about her son was misleading.

“Anyway,” Jim continued, “four months after Buford took office, the county was voted wet and moonshine was on the decline. I will say that for nine months it was



1. Buford Pusser at a press conference in Memphis hours before his death. 2. Buford Pusser and Joe Don Baker exchange the “legendary stick.” 3. Buford behind the wheel of his Stingray Corvette. 4. The wreckage of Buford’s Stingray. 5. Buford with an M-16 and a Pontiac Grand Prix.

just me and Buford. We raided one heck of a lot of stills together...87 in one month, without a shot being fired. Nowadays, our major problem is with drugs...just like everywhere.”

We passed the spot marked by a historical sign where Pusser’s car crashed and burned about two years ago. Jim firmly believes the death was an accident. “I pulled Buford out of two wrecks myself while he was Sheriff. He drove fast, very fast all the time. He was bad to go to sleep at the wheel.”

In disputing the movie, Jim said Buford never carried or even had a big stick of any size or shape, that he did not climb out of a hospital bed to attend his wife’s funeral, that he never hired a black paid deputy, and that he always drove himself back from shooting frascas he was involved in, including the ambush that claimed his wife Pauline’s life in 1967.

Also, Jim said Pusser never stood in any courtroom and bared his chest to a group of jurors to display knife wounds or ever had a feud going with a local judge during his years in office.

He cleared his throat and returned to his story “When

Buford was Sheriff and I was deputy, he paid me \$150 a month plus \$5 for every arrest I made,” Jim said. “I’d come in at 7 a.m. and Buford would come in at three in the afternoon and work until late at night. I’d say we have half as much to do now as we did then, but our statistics on burglary and dope have tripled.”

I (Masterson) asked how Sheriff Gray lives down the “Walking Tall” story and Jim said he doesn’t try. “I’ll tell you this, J.O. Gray is probably the best Sheriff I’ve ever served under.”

Next week, I will give a few weeks’ worth of attention to Ray Blanton.

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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

It’s ‘Back To The Future’ On Steroids!

It was enough to give you whiplash. Or at the very least, confuse a young mind.

One minute Uncle Clifford was talking about how little rain we had back in June, and how that hurt the fall hay crop. The next second, Ruby Nell was telling everyone she was getting married next April. For sure! I never did get “for sure” that she had a man lined up....Ruby Nell did a lot of ‘hopin’ back in those days.

We’d be in the living room enjoying what was left of the last days of the year. Daddy was expounding on the horrific traffic he’d encountered leaving Detroit on a Friday afternoon back in September. I was laying (country people don’t lie or recline) on the braided rug thinking, “there ain’t that many cars

in the world” when Mom interrupted—

With her plans to enlarge and expand the garden in early March, “starting with collard greens just as soon as the ground softened.” I’d just gone from Detroit in the last year to the backyard in the next in less than a nanosecond!

Leon was testing his recent broken arm. He had attempted a leap from the top of the porch roof to a mimosa tree some 20 feet away. One minute he was describing the crash; the next he was saying he missed because he wasn’t tall enough. “By next June or July, I will grow three inches, and I’m going to get a running start across the whole housetop to get my momentum going.....”

I’m telling you, whiplash is the word! And it

didn’t matter if it was 1955 or 1962. It was always the same that last week of December. Half of the people were boring you to death with what happened in the year just ending. The other half were obsessed with guessing at what was about to take place in the one upcoming!

I didn’t know if I was supposed to be reminiscing....or speculating!

It is one of those scars from childhood you can’t outlive! It’s like chewing on the lead paint in your baby crib. Or drinking water out of that old hose. Or living with the frustration of trying to pull ice tray to break the ice loose....without busting your finger or spilling ice cubes all across the kitchen floor!

Are we glued to the past,

looking backwards at what we just lived through.... or are we looking forward with great expectation to something that hasn’t gotten here yet?

This stuff would keep Sigmund Freud up at night!

And this phenomenon was universal. The conversation up at Bill Argo’s Gulf Station was a little different in late December. Oh, it was still about weather, sports, hog prices, Washington politics, Lou Ann Pennington running off with the Massey Ferguson salesman from Paducah.... But there was a decided generalization to it.

It was more expansive than simply yesterday’s news, “Well, Washington let us down again this year.” “It’s the And, naturally, just to confuse us

young guys sitting on the turned up wooden Coca-Cola cases, half the men gathered around Mr. Argo’s stove were looking the other direction. “The almanac says it’s going to be a wet spring.” “Mark my words, that new model Edsel is the next great automobile!” “This could be the year Ruby Nell FINALLY ties the knot.”

On the NBC evening news Chet Huntley would be telling us what led to the Republican downfall in 1959. His cohort, David Brinkley, when Chet paused to catch his breath, would “take off” on how a young John F. Kennedy’s presidency was going to fair in 1960.

Everybody got into the act. Time Magazine’s first issue in January would feature on the cover their selection as the previous year’s “Man of the Year.” The Sporting News, at the same time, would thoughtfully predict how each major league team would finish in the UPCOMING

baseball season.

Merciful Heavens, even the news media didn’t know which way to look!

You’d think they’d figure this out over the span of my lifetime. But mostly, it has been enlarged and fine-tuned. ESPN will repeatedly show the top ten plays of the year in football, baseball, hockey, etc. While the Nasdaq and Dow Jones folks line up to tell you exactly where and how to grow your money in the upcoming months!

I don’t get so excited now-a-days about all this year-end looking, no matter which way we’re facing....especially since Dad doesn’t go to Detroit anymore and Ruby Nell got married in 1964.

But I’m not completely impervious to it; sometimes in the pensive moment late in the year, I still wonder if Lou Ann and the Massey Ferguson salesman made a go of it....

Respectfully,
Kes

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Obituaries



THOMAS DUELL
McDERMON
1929 — 2022

MCKENZIE — Services for Thomas Duell McDearmon, 93, were Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at 3 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home with Reverend Pratt Hubbard officiating. Interment was at Shiloh Cemetery.

Mr. McDearmon, retired from the United States Postal Service and formerly a State of Tennessee Department of Transportation employee before suffering a severe injury, died Monday, December 19, 2022, at Baptist Hospital Carroll County.

He was born on May 7, 1929, in Rural Carroll County near Huntingdon, Tennessee, to Ott and Onie Suiter McDearmon.

He was a member of Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder and an active church worker as he was able for over 60 years; he was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the Infantry of the U.S. Army and was stationed there when the last shot was fired in Korea, a Mason for 70 years teaching many new members Masonic rules, and a member of The American Legion and McKenzie VFW Post #4939.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of over 50 years, Mardell Burrows McDearmon, who died in 2004, nine brothers and sisters, and a niece, Shirley Smith.

Survivors include his niece, Diane Conley (Mike), niece, Donna Sam, a nephew, Leon Sam, niece, Marsha Blackwell, and a special friend, Joy Brashear. Also by his wife Mardell's nieces and nephews: Patsy Burrow, Susan Hill, Barry Ridley (Patricia), and Tommy Ridley (Nelda). Pallbearers include: Mike Conley, Joey Harris, Tommy Ridley, Barry Ridley, Steve Baker and Barry Summers.

Memorials may be made to the Shiloh Cemetery, c/o Charles Kemp, Secretary, 555 Tower Road, McKenzie,

TN 38201. Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. For more information please call (731) 352-4848 or visit www.brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com. +



RAY GLISSON
1941 — 2022

MCKENZIE — Ray Glisson, 81, of McKenzie, Tenn., died Monday, December 19, 2022, at his residence.

He worked for many years in construction as a carpenter and mason. Ray installed over 100 concrete basements in West and Middle Tennessee. He loved to study and read. He enjoyed woodworking, playing guitar, singing, and playing golf.

Ray was born January 11, 1941, in Henry, Tenn., to the late Edgar Lee Glisson and the late Dolly Violet Owens Glisson.

He was married May 6, 1977, to Judy Gail Flippin Glisson, who survives, of McKenzie.

Along with his wife, he is also survived by three children, Jessica Lee (Barry) Mathis of Paris, Joseph A. (Christina) Glisson of Mt. Pleasant, Miss., and Corey A. (Krystal) Glisson of McKenzie; two sisters, Margaret Marie Nash of Indiana, and Joyce Ann Harrison of Paris; seven grandchildren, Joseph (Rachel) Glisson, Jr., Jason Glisson, Sara Mathis, Ella Mathis, Cael Mathis, Belle Glisson, and Jana Glisson; and three great-grandchildren, Grace Glisson, Lydia Glisson, and Erika Glisson.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by two sons, Charles Thomas Glisson and Jason Dean Glisson, both in infancy; two sisters, Mary Alene Sensing and Helen Marceal Traywick; and two brothers, Lyndol Harold Glisson and Jarrell Dennis Glisson.

Arrangements are being handled by Ridgeway Funeral Home, 201 Dunlap Street/PO Box 788, Paris, TN 38242.

The body is to be cremated. Memorial visitation is Wednesday, December 28, 2022, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ridgeway Funeral Home, with the memorial service

beginning at 1 p.m. at Ridgeway Funeral Home with Barry Mathis officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Child Evangelism Fellowship of Northwest TN, c/o Jessica Mathis, 8700 Highway 218 Bypass, Paris, TN 38242. +

LAIRD COLLINS
1959 — 2022

HUNTINGDON — Mr. Laird Collins, 63, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Tuesday December 20, 2022, at his home.

Funeral services were 1 p.m. Friday December 23, 2022, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

Mr. Collins was born October 31, 1959 to the late Diamond Collins and Shirley Frye Collins.

He was a self-employed construction worker.

Mr. Collins is survived by his wife, Jennifer Collins of Huntingdon, Tennessee; one daughter, Adrianna (Charles) Halford of Cumberland Furnace, Tennessee; one son, James (Devan Duncan) Collins of Huntingdon, Tennessee; one sister, Phyllis (John) Hawkins of McKenzie, Tennessee; three brothers, Larry Collins of Dresden, Tennessee, Diamond Collins, Jr. of McKenzie, Tennessee and Tony (Beth) Collins of Dresden, Tennessee; three grandchildren.

Dilday-Carter Funeral Home.

DENNIS POLLOCK
1951 — 2022

ATWOOD — Mr. Dennis Darrell Pollock, 71, of Atwood, Tennessee, died Friday, December 16, 2022, at M D Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Funeral services were Thursday, December 22, 2022, at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Rev. Ron Brown and Rev. Roy Duke officiating. Interment followed in the Jones Cemetery.

Mr. Pollock was born December 7, 1951 in Huntingdon, Tennessee. He recently retired from the ministry of the United Pentecostal Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dennis Ray Pollock.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Brenda (Powers) Pollock, his mother, Nellovene (Meggs) Pollock of Huntingdon, two sons, Micah Pollock (Heather) of Columbia, Samuel Pollock (Candace) of Porter, Texas and one brother, Kenny Pollock (Vickie) of Pinson. He also leaves one grandson.

Chase Funeral Home, Huntingdon.

Henry County Healthcare Changes Visitor Policy

PARIS — Due to rising numbers of COVID-19 in the community and within the facility, Henry County Healthcare Center will only allowing visitors to enter the facility through the main lobby area.

Hand sanitizer and masks for visitors will be available and must be used when they enter the building from the main lobby area.

Please do not enter the building if:

1. You have symptoms of COVID which may include any or all of the following: fever, cough, headache, chills, fatigue, or malaise, sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, vomiting, or diarrhea.
2. You have been in close

contact with someone who is COVID positive.

3. You are currently COVID positive.

Masks are required when the community transmission levels are high. A masking notice will be on the entrance doors if we are in a period of high community transmission levels as we are currently seeing. The transmission levels will be checked every Monday.

If you are interested in the COVID vaccine, it is available at the Department of Health here in Paris as well as some of the pharmacies in town.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our facility. We will direct you to a staff member who can talk with you regarding any concerns. The primary number to the facility is 731-642-5700. For additional

information, please visit the CDC's coronavirus disease information page.

Additionally, if you are interested in COVID-19 at home rapid test kits or masks for free, please call our FindLine at 731-644-3463.

To learn more, go to our website at www.hcmc-tn.org or go to the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html

About Henry County Healthcare Center

Henry County Healthcare Center is a 136-bed facility providing skilled and intermediate care with an emphasis on rehabilitation services through the Plumley Rehabilitation Center located at 239 Hospital Circle in Paris. For more information: www.hcmc-tn.org.

TennCare to Restart Renewal Procedures

NASHVILLE (December 23) — Congress passed legislation to end the Medicaid continuous enrollment requirement related to the COVID-19 pandemic on April 1, 2023. At that time TennCare will be required to reverify the eligibility status of everyone receiving TennCare or CoverKids benefits. One of TennCare's top priorities during this process is to make sure all eligible members do not risk a gap in health care coverage.

Per federal requirements, the ending of the continuous enrollment requirement will represent the first time in three years that Medicaid and CHIP members will go through the renewal process, and it will be one of the most substantial health coverage processes around the country. For Tennessee, the legislation means that more than 1.7 million Tennesseans will be impacted by this process. It is imperative that TennCare and CoverKids members update their contact information with TennCare and respond to all TennCare communication.

Over a twelve-month period, TennCare will review every member's eligibility and, where approved by state or federal rules, use available data sources, such as Internal Revenue Service (IRS) income data and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) information, to automatically renew members. If TennCare cannot auto-renew a person's coverage using available and approved data sources, the member

will receive a pre-populated renewal packet by mail or a notification by email, depending on the selected preference. TennCare and its partner health plans will also use texts, email, and social media when available to enhance outreach efforts. A member will be able to complete the renewal packet through a variety of ways: Online, by phone, by mail, by fax, or at any county Department of Human Services (DHS) office.

For members no longer eligible for TennCare or CoverKids benefits, TennCare will send their information to the federal Health Care Marketplace, as required by CMS, where alternative health insurance options are available.

For nearly three years, TennCare has carefully planned for the end of the PHE and the resumption of renewals. The agency worked to improve TennCare Connect, the on-line portal where members can update their information and renew their coverage, as well as improved the mobile application for easier document submission.

TennCare has also worked to increase the number of members who can be approved through the auto-re-

newal process. TennCare initiated several campaigns to encourage members to update their contact information and worked closely with health plans, advocates and providers to ensure that members completed this important step. TennCare has created a public toolkit for stakeholders to continue to maximize awareness of the renewal process. The toolkit and other resources can be found here: <https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/information-statistics/unwinding-the-phe-for-partners/phase-ii-educate.html>.

TennCare has been and is committed to making the renewal process as easy and user-friendly as possible so that those eligible can continue to receive TennCare benefits, but it is a critical requirement for Tennesseans who receive these benefits to participate in the process by updating their contact information and responding to all TennCare communication. To prepare for the renewal process, TennCare members should verify that their address is up-to-date by logging in to TennCareConnect.tn.gov or by calling 855-259-0701. Information for members can be found at: www.tn.gov/tenncare/renewals

Henry County Sheriff's Office Joins Launch of 'Socially Safe' Program

PARIS — The Henry County Sheriff's Office, in collaboration with the Henry County Carl Perkins Center, 24th Judicial District Attorney's Office, Henry County School System and Paris Special School District, would like to make parents aware of a new program this holiday season.

'Socially Safe' is a program that is being launched for our community, for kids and parents, Sheriff Josh Frey said.

In the upcoming year, events to educate parents and kids on how to be socially safe while online will be presented by the Henry County Sheriff's Office Investigations Department along with presenters from Carl Perkins Center, FBI, former victims of online extortion etc.

Frey said, "The focus is making our kids aware of predators and those who are seeking to sextort them online. Topics will cover Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram and other social media platforms and how to navigate those sites safely. For parents, we will show you hidden dangers and how you can make plans to better monitor their online activity."

According to Frey, "There is a huge surge in Henry County at this time with sexual exploitation involving minors, which puts our kids at a greater risk of contact by online predators attempting to gain photos or videos of our children. We can, together, help slow down this scourge from our

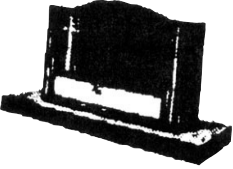
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"Let's be safe this holi-

day season by talking with your children about online safety and becoming aware of who their friends are on social media platforms. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!"

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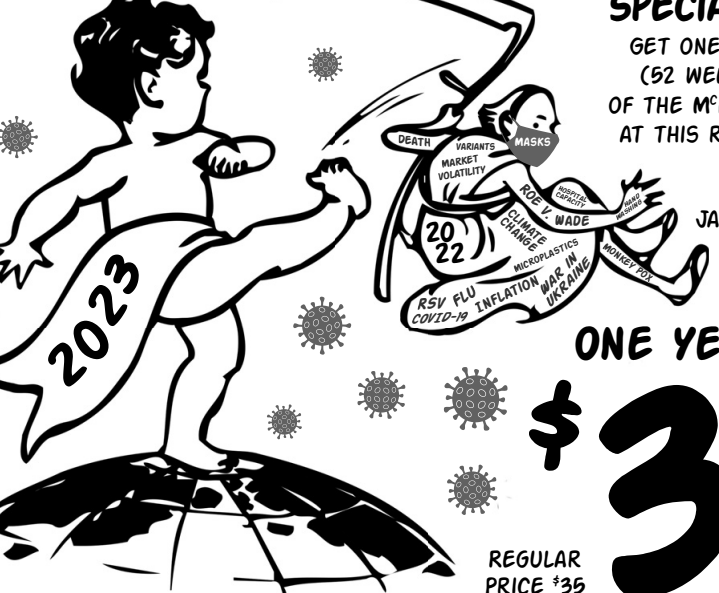
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CARROLL COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY CHILI DINNER, BINGO

The Carroll County Humane Society is hosting Chili Dinner and Bingo on Saturday, December 31, at the Carroll County Shooting Sports Park located at 680 McAdoo Cemetery Road, Huntingdon. The event runs 4-7 p.m. offering all-you-can-eat chili with fixings and a beverage for \$10 with other concessions available. Door prizes drawn every half hour and the Grand Prize is \$100.

SHEPHERD'S TABLE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

On the third Tuesdays of each month, The Shepherd's Table community kitchen serves meals at First Presbyterian Church located at 19835 E. Main Street, Huntingdon. Meals

are served restaurant style with drive-through available after 6 p.m. It is open to the public and there is no cost. Donations are accepted. All are invited.

It is our mission to create a community atmosphere where individuals can come in and have a meal and a comfortable setting. We encourage friendly conversation, prayers and laughter. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare the meal, serve the meal or help in any way, please call 731-415-9199 and leave a message or email fpcshepherdstable@gmail.com or write PO Box 651, Huntingdon, Tennessee.

HENRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACCEPTING DEER DONATIONS

The Henry County Sheriff's Office is accepting deer for the 'Deputies for the Hungry' program through December 30, 2022. Deer may be dropped off daily at the Henry County Sheriff's Office, 210 Forrest Heights Road, Paris, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Hunters must have the deer checked in prior to arrival and have the confirmation number ready for deer shed personnel. All deer must be field dressed prior to drop off. Due to limited storage capacity and Chronic Wasting Disease

(CWD) testing procedures, the Henry County Sheriff's Office may have to suspend the program and will notify the public should that occur. For each deer donated, hunters receive a ticket for a drawing to win a Precision Shooting Equipment (PSE) crossbow. The drawing will be held at Hulmes Sporting Goods, 3735 US-641, Paris, at a date to be announced. The offices are closed on Thanksgiving day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

CARROLL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

Carroll County Commission meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Carroll County Office Complex, High Street, Huntingdon. There are no meetings in December, February, and July.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Huntingdon Location - Adult Education Building, 14155 Paris Street. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Classes are offered for one-on-one instruction on Mondays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, phone 731-364-5481.

COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

PRAYER ON THE SQUARE

The Prayer on the Square is held the second Saturday each month, 9 a.m. at The Network on the Court Square in Huntingdon. All denominations are welcome.

MCKENZIE CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

McKenzie Mayor and Council will convene in a called meeting on Thursday, December 29, 5:15 p.m. to amend the 2022/2023 fiscal year budget. The meeting is at City Hall.

CARROLL COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE TO MEET

Carroll County Budget Committee meets Thursday, December 29, 9 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Carroll County Office Complex, High Street, Huntingdon.

Gasoline Prices Decrease Over Week

Average gasoline prices in Tennessee have fallen 2.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.69/gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 39.1 cents per

gallon lower than a month ago and stand 27.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 8.6 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.68 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy

price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.26/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$6.11/g, a difference of \$3.85/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.26/g while the highest was \$6.11/g, a difference of \$3.85/g.

The national average

price of gasoline has fallen 4.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.05/g today. The national average is down 50.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 20.3 cents per gallon lower 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 4 years:

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December 26, 2020: \$2.01/g (U.S. Average: \$2.25/g)
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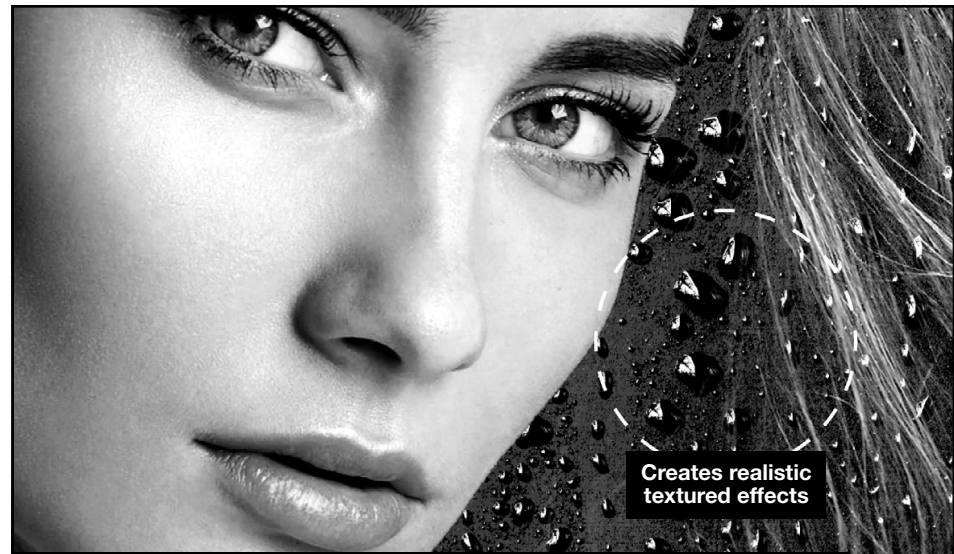
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Fall 2022 Dean's List, Honor Roll

MCKENZIE (December 16) — Bethel University recognizes undergraduates for their outstanding academic work. Dr. Walter Butler, president of Bethel University, announced the College of Arts and Sciences fall semester 2022 Honor Roll and Dean's List student achievements.

"Congratulations to all of you and thank you for making us proud! This year you conquered the challenges and persevered. I have no doubt that you will continue to impress us with your achievements in the years to come," Butler said.

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Tips for a Safe New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve is one of the most festive nights of the year. Despite its reputation for revelry, New Year's Eve also can be dangerous, which underscores the need to celebrate responsibly when ringing in the new year.

American Addiction Centers surveyed 1,000 Americans regarding their alcohol consumption habits on certain holidays. The survey found that the average person consumes 4.4 alcoholic drinks on New Year's Eve, making the holiday second only to Mardi Gras in terms of drinks consumed. Alcohol lowers individuals' inhibitions and adversely affects their judgment, which could make them vulnerable to criminals and more likely to make bad decisions, including driving after a few drinks. In fact, the National Safety Council estimates that 427 people may die on U.S. roads during the 2022 New Year's holiday period.

A new year is worthy of celebration, and the festivities can be even more enjoyable when individuals take these safety tips to heart.

Recognize the risks. Recognition of the potentially serious threats that can be lurking on New Year's Eve is vital to celebrating safely. In 2016, leaked documents indicated that more than 1,200 women were sexually assaulted on New Year's Eve in various German cities. A 2011 report from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research in the United States noted a significant spike in the rate of assaults,

murders, sexual assaults, and robberies on New Year's Eve, linking that increase to higher levels of alcohol consumption. Individuals who recognize how vulnerable overconsumption of alcohol can make them may be less inclined to overdo it this year.

Avoid the roads. Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration indicates that 68 percent of drunk driving traffic fatalities on New Year's 2016 involved drivers with a high blood alcohol concentration. One of the safest things individuals can do on New Year's Eve is to avoid the roads. Consider celebrating at home or staying in a hotel or the home of a loved one. If you must be on the road, call a cab or book an Uber when you need to get to and from a party.

Be careful even if you're hosting. New Year's Eve celebrations also must be vigilant if they're hosting a gathering at home. Laws vary, but social host liability laws generally hold hosts who serve alcohol responsible for the actions of their guests after they leave their homes. So hosts could conceivably be vulnerable to criminal or civil proceedings if they serve alcohol to guests who are then involved in traffic accidents or other incidents after they leave hosts' homes.

New Year's Eve is a time for celebration. Taking steps to ensure celebrations are safe can make the night even more fun.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Product or __ (abbr.)
- 4. Zodiac sign
- 9. S. China seaport
- 14. Former OSS
- 15. Early English printer
- 16. Aphid genus
- 17. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 18. Aussies
- 20. Dissuades
- 22. Make law
- 23. Drench
- 24. Soak in a liquid
- 28. Male child
- 29. It cools your home
- 30. Small constellation
- 31. To call (archaic)
- 33. Explores beneath the Earth
- 37. Commercial
- 38. W. hemisphere organization
- 39. You can find it in a can
- 41. "Land of the free"
- 42. 36 inches
- 43. Footwear
- 44. Challenges
- 46. They hold things together
- 49. Of I
- 50. Partner to flow
- 51. Not connected by kinship
- 55. Worries
- 58. Garlic mayonnaise
- 59. A way to take by force
- 60. Legendary English rockers
- 64. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 65. Fencing swords
- 66. Silly
- 67. Actor DiCaprio
- 68. Encircles with a belt
- 69. Mails a message
- 70. Longing

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Horse mackerels
- 2. It can be viral
- 3. Prickly plants
- 4. Consciousness
- 5. Type of sarcoma
- 6. Tax collector
- 7. Sun up in New York
- 8. One who scorches
- 9. Influential psychotherapist
- 10. Situated at an apex
- 11. Communicative
- 12. Forearm nerve
- 13. Former CIA
- 19. Folk singer DiFranco
- 21. Employee stock ownership plan
- 24. Large-scale
- 25. School environment
- 26. Remove
- 27. Male parents
- 31. Large rodent
- 32. Weighed down
- 34. Held tightly
- 35. __ route: going there
- 36. Explains again
- 40. Exclamation of surprise
- 41. Courteously
- 45. Lying down
- 47. Judge
- 48. Forcefully took
- 52. Loosely compacted sediment
- 53. High mountain
- 54. Portable conical tents
- 56. Cereal grass
- 57. Dining utensil
- 59. Thoughtful
- 60. Helps you walk
- 61. Indicates near
- 62. Midway between northeast and east
- 63. Local area network

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Week 52

See solution in next week's edition.

New Year Word Search

Auld Lang Syne	B	B	R	C	E	Q	R	L	T	D	E	V	E	C	F	S	T
Baby	S	A	A	U	L	D	L	A	N	G	S	Y	N	E	R	Q	O
Ball	T	H	L	B	Q	O	I	T	K	S	A	W	E	L	I	F	A
Balloons	W	I	O	L	Y	S	C	E	I	M	Q	J	W	E	E	A	S
Calendar	E	F	N	U	F	G	Q	K	J	H	A	T	Y	B	N	T	T
Celebrate	N	V	M	V	R	V	D	E	C	E	M	B	E	R	D	H	M
Champagne	T	O	T	E	I	G	O	W	N	K	M	J	A	A	S	E	U
Cheers	Y	W	Z	U	M	T	L	O	Q	P	C	A	R	T	B	R	S
Clock	T	E	M	D	X	O	E	A	W	C	O	N	F	E	T	T	I
Confetti	H	C	I	C	G	E	R	S	S	X	U	U	Q	X	A	I	C
Countdown	R	H	D	P	Q	A	D	I	L	S	N	A	E	V	Y	M	S
December	E	A	N	C	X	N	G	O	E	Q	T	R	N	F	A	E	D
End	E	M	I	A	H	W	S	V	E	S	D	Y	D	H	A	E	Y
Eve	X	P	G	L	S	E	D	R	P	Z	O	F	H	K	I	T	R
Father Time	G	A	H	E	K	L	E	X	N	F	W	S	S	A	L	G	L
First	O	G	T	N	C	B	E	R	D	I	N	E	W	Y	O	R	K
Friends	A	N	Z	D	U	N	V	M	S	R	Q	E	F	X	H	N	B
Glass	L	E	B	A	L	L	O	O	N	S	C	P	H	A	P	P	Y
Goals	S	W	E	R	E	F	L	E	C	T	I	O	N	G	C	J	P
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Luck	New Year	Resolution	Twenty Three
Memories	New York	Sleep	Vow

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Week 51 Crossword Puzzle Solution

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WEEK 52

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Left, Sarah Luci drives to the basket for the Lady Rebels. Right, Mikaela Reynolds takes a foul shot. Photos by Cari Hunt

McKenzie Splits with Milan

MILAN (December 19) — McKenzie Lady Rebels were victorious over the Milan Lady Bulldogs on Milan's home court on December 19.

The Lady Rebels scored 25, 19, 18 and 4 in the respective quarters for a total of 66 points. Mikaela Reynolds had 28 points, followed by sister, Kylie Reynolds with 13, Briley Auvenshine with 8, Katie Chesser with 7, and Sophie Pate, Ally Gibson, Morgan Little, and Gracie Aird with 2 each.

Milan Lady Bulldogs scored 2, 6, 10, and 11 in the respective quarters. Kaidence Morton was high scorer with 12.

The McKenzie Rebels scored 7, 9, 9, and 16 in the respective quarters. The team was led by Bryson Steele with 17, followed by Zach Aird with 9, Stafford Roditis with 8, Tate Surber with 3, Marquez Taylor with 2 and Zay Webber with 2 for a total of 41.

Milan Bulldogs scored 13, 12, 17, and 16 in the respective quarters for a total of 58.

Will McBride Graduates from UT Martin



Will McBride, of McKenzie, received a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering December 10 during the University of Tennessee at Martin fall commencement held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center. A total of 391 graduating seniors from the summer and fall semesters participated in one of two commencement ceremonies. Learn more about UT Martin at www.utm.edu.

Former Wildcat Signs with Albany Empire

ALBANY, New York — The Albany Empire announced the team has signed Defensive Back/Wide Receiver Vonte Bates for the 2023 National Arena League season.

Bates is a former standout at Bethel University. During Bates' career at Bethel, he appeared in 30 total games recording 239 total tackles, 111 of which were solo tackles. Bates also produced six forced fumbles and five interceptions during his time as a Wildcat. His 239 career tackles ranks ninth in program history.

The Watertown, Tennessee native joins former Bethel standout quarterback Sam Castronova who has been a star with the Empire.



Vonte Bates



Bethel's Darel Middleton to Play in Hula Bowl

ORLANDO, Florida — The Hula Bowl is the Nation's Premier College Football All-Star Game. The Hula Bowl is an event where NFL, XFL, USFL and CFL teams are represented by top scouts watching the game.

Bethel's Darel Middleton will represent the Wildcats in the game. It is Saturday, January 14, 11 a.m. CST on the CBS TV network. For more information, visit www.hulabowl.com.

One hundred of the top senior athletes will play at the game in Orlando, Florida on January 14th at 11 a.m. CST. Players will be participating from across the United States, Canada, Australia and Japan.

The native of Knoxville played ten games this past season at Bethel and had one of the biggest plays of the year at Lindsey Wilson. He scooped up a fumble and ran for 48 yards and a touchdown which was a key play in the battle between the undefeated squads.

The Hula Bowl committee said, "Darel Middleton is a massive man in the middle for the Bethel program. We are excited to have the big man coming to Orlando to display his talent."

Another Honor for Bethel's Brandon Moore

MCKENZIE — Brandon Moore of the Bethel Wildcat football team is a nominee for the ninth annual Cliff Harris Award, the Little Rock Touchdown Club and Wright Lindsey Jennings, LLP have announced.

This award is presented to the nation's top small college defensive player representing more than 5,000 defensive players from almost 500 NCAA Division II, Division III and NAIA colleges and universities. A prestigious selection committee made up of former college and pro football greats will select the winner. In addition to the Cliff Harris overall winner, the top vote-getter from each division will also be announced.

The winner will be announced on December 30 and honored at the Little Rock Touchdown Club's annual awards banquet on January 13, 2023.

The winner receives the \$3,000 CLIFF HARRIS AWARD trophy presented by Cliff Harris along with featured speaker Joe Theismann.

Moore was recently announced as a NAIA All-American.

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Work-related Resolutions to Consider in the Year Ahead

New Year's resolutions run the gamut from kicking bad habits like smoking to finding more time to exercise to learning a foreign language. Many resolutions are about self-improvement, and that desire to live better can extend into the professional arena.

New Year's resolutions can be just as beneficial to a person's professional life as they can in that same individual's personal life. With that in mind, professionals can consider these work-related resolutions this January.

Make a concerted effort to change careers. The numbers are in regarding satisfaction at work, and they're not very promising. According to Gallup's State of the Global Workplace: 2022 report, 60 percent of workers report being emotionally detached at work. Perhaps more troubling is that 19 percent report being miserable at their jobs. Professionals who are not engaged at work can resolve to get the ball rolling on a career change in the year ahead. Look into what that might entail, whether it's simply applying for new jobs in your field or going back to school to facilitate a career change, and take the necessary first step.

Re-balance your work and family life. A survey of 1,000 full-time professionals in the United States found that 77 percent felt they had experienced burnout at their jobs. Re-balancing work and family life can make more time for things outside of work, including family. That can lead to greater life satisfaction, including a renewed vigor for your career.

Resolve to communicate more effectively with your team. Even professionals satisfied with their careers can take steps to make their work lives better. There are many reasons why workers feel stressed and burned out, and some may find communication with their managers is lacking. Managers can make a concerted effort to improve lines of communication with their staff. Doing so can improve productivity and create a better working environment for all.

Find ways to be more productive. A study by Rescue Time found that, in a given workday, workers' average time of productivity is just two hours and 28 minutes. By making a concerted effort to be more productive, workers can get more done in a typical eight-hour workday, thus paving the way for a better work-life balance. Spend less time surfing the Internet, avoid checking your phone for texts and other distractions, and make a daily schedule of tasks to tackle. Each of these steps can help you be more productive in a given workday.

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