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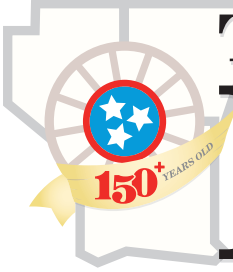
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Fire Chief Brian Tucker addresses the McKenzie City Council.

McKenzie Approves Budget,
Creates First Responder Program

BY JASON R. MARTIN
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McKENZIE (June 8) — During Thursday's regular meeting of the McKenzie Board of Mayor and Council, the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget was approved, taking effect July 1, 2023. The budget for next year is \$5,494,866 with an anticipated revenue totaling \$6,046,662 creating a surplus of \$551,796.

The largest portion of the nearly \$5.5 million budget will go to the Police Department with \$1,722,173. Followed by the Street Department with \$1,499,047 and General Government with \$1,269,830. The Water and Sewer Department has a budget

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GROWTH DEMANDS NEW HQ

Current Facility

Area 05/23/23 11:14
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Total Area: 5.29 acres
Total Perimeter: 994.8 yd

Tennessee Property Viewer

Map of newly purchased land at intersection of Paris and Veterans Drive.

Left, A map of the 5.29 acres in downtown Huntingdon where the current headquarters, warehouse and pole yard are located. Right, A map of the newly purchased land on the McKenzie-side of Huntingdon, located at the intersection of Paris and Veterans Drive.

Carroll County Electric Department
Purchases Land for Headquarters

HUNTINGDON (June 7) — The Carroll County Electric Department Board of Directors voted unanimously to purchase 10.8 acres of real estate to construct a new headquarters.

After discussing some concerns about the cost of future needs for the Department along with the fact the land is co-owned by an employee of the Department, the Board voted to

pay \$275,000 for the real estate, located at the intersection of Paris Street and Veterans Drive (bypass) on the south end of Huntingdon.

General Manager Ryan Drewry told the Board of Directors that the current 5-plus acres in downtown Huntingdon at 103 W. Paris Street would be inadequate in the future.

In the April meeting, Drewry asked

board members to search for vacant property to construct a new headquarters. He presented two possibilities in the May 25 meeting on opposite sides of State Route 22 (West Main) and Veterans Drive in Huntingdon.

One parcel is 10.8 acres on the

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McKenzie Alumni Association Discusses Bylaws, Plans Election

The McKenzie High School Alumni Association held its first official meeting Thursday, June 8, in the McKenzie High School Theater. Brad Camp, Class of 1983, led the meeting and reviewed the organization's new bylaws and committees. Attendees were urged to sign in via a Google Form where they inputted their names, email addresses and phone numbers for contact. They

also answered when they graduated from McKenzie High School, their involvement in school organizations, and if they would be interested in joining a committee.

The meeting operated as an overview of plans previously made by the organization's steering committee (Terry Howell, '69; Ricky Price, '74; Mona Batchelor, '75; Joel Washburn, '75; Lisa Ramsay Cole, '82; Brad Camp, '83; Tracy Brown Teague, '84; Michele Jarrett, '87; Tammy Nolan Parsley, '87; and Joshua Cary, 2000).

Camp announced committees and committee members. Finance/Fundraising committee members are Tracy Teague, Lauren Hickman

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Monday is
Juneteenth
Holiday

NASHVILLE — Juneteenth is now recognized as an official state holiday in Tennessee and the U.S.

Juneteenth was made a federal holiday by President Joe Biden on June 17, 2021. It is the 11th federal holiday in the US and the first new federal holiday in nearly 40 years after Martin Luther King Day was designated in 1983.

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Census Indicates
Decreasing
Populations

New population estimates from the Decennial Census compare population growth in Tennessee counties and towns in April 2020 to April 2010. It also compares growth between 2020 and 2021. Though each of the tri-counties grew from 2020-2021, the census indicates decreasing populations in Carroll, Henry and Weakley counties from 2010.

Weakley County's population decreased by 2,119 people (-6.1%) between 2010 and 2020. However, Weakley County saw a 0.5% population increase between 2020 and 2021, the largest increase of the three counties. Approximately 172 residents moved into Weakley County, growing its population to 33,036 people. Dresden's estimated 2021 population is 3,025. Gleason gained nine

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Retention Rates
Improve After ELA
Exam Retakes

Three weeks after the TCAP English/language arts (ELA) scores revealed that more than half of Tennessee's third-grade students faced high retention risks, the Tennessee Department of Education released a new chart representing students from each school district who decided to retake the assessment.

Third-grade students who did not meet proficiency on the first TCAP assessment could choose between several pathways to fourth grade promotion, including a TCAP retake opportunity, free summer camp, and/or tutoring in the upcoming school year.

Students eligible to participate in the TCAP retake opportunity had either no ELA score from the spring TCAP or scored "below" or "approaching" on the ELA

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Rebrand Survey Guides McKenzie Logo Development

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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In early May, McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin implored the community on the City of McKenzie Facebook page, asking them to participate in a survey with one major goal in mind: rebranding McKenzie.

"A brand, to me, is what is going to set us apart," said Mayor Griffin. "It will honor our past while looking to the future, setting us apart from other communities, not only in Carroll County, and proving that we're thriving and that we are constantly making McKenzie better than we were the day before."

After weeks of receiving quotes from several design companies in West Tennessee, Mayor Griffin and the City of McKenzie teamed up with Crove Media, out of Paris, to develop a new logo for the city. The next step was deciding what needed to be included in the rebrand.

He said getting community input was his biggest goal in creating the new logo. He wanted to make sure everyone had their voices heard. "This isn't my logo," he said. "This is the community's logo." He hopes getting input will help it survive the test of time.

Mayor Griffin created four main focus groups before releasing the survey on Facebook. He asked McKenzie High School's senior English class and an economics class, members from the McKenzie Senior Citizens Center, Bethel students, and other community members (ranging from 30-40 years old) to complete a survey asking what they thought McKenzie was best known for, reasons to relocate to McKenzie, what colors needed to be included on a logo, among other questions.

After surveying the four initial focus groups, Mayor Griffin had about 35-40 responses. He also wanted



The City of McKenzie's current seal will only be used on official documents once the City unveils the new logo.

to give other community members access to the survey. While asking residents is important, he said, it's also important to ask past residents and residents from neighboring communities for their opinions.

"Getting a sense of what other people think McKenzie is helps you understand what it really is," said Sam Hutson from Crove Media.

After posting the survey on social media, it gained 450 additional responses.

Survey results suggested that McKenzie's most recognizable landmarks or events are the Sweet Tea Festival, the McKenzie City Park, the train station, Bethel University, the Park Theatre, town square, the Boo Bash, the railroad, and Nights on Broadway.

The results said McKenzie is best known for Bethel University and overall education, sports, being a small town, music, having a Chick-fil-A, and being a community/having hospitality.

In a survey regarding logo colors, about 85% of responders voted on red or a mix of red and gray. Other suggested colors included white, purple, yellow/gold, black and blue.

Survey responses suggested that schools, cost of living, small town, work, community/charm, safety and church presence are reasons to relocate to McKenzie.

The survey also provided

several town/city logos and asked responders to vote on their favorites, based on fonts and overall designs. Responses indicated that Chattanooga, Nashville and Gatlinburg have the best logos.

Crove Media will use these responses to design a mock-up logo, which they will send to Mayor Griffin for approval. He then plans to show the design to the four focus groups and ask for feedback. Crove Media expects the mock-up design to be finished in late June, and Mayor Griffin anticipates a logo reveal in August.

Mayor Griffin said the logo will go on welcome signs, banners, buildings, city trucks, the city website, t-shirts, and more. Eventually, he hopes to put the new logo on the city's water tower.

However, it is not something that will happen overnight. If the new logo was immediately implemented on city-owned signs and buildings and trucks, it would cost tens of thousands of dollars. Instead, it will be done in a slower, more affordable process.

McKenzie's current logo is the city seal, which will only be used on official documents once the new logo is approved.

In other city plans, Mayor Griffin said he and the city council had three main goals entering his mayoral term: cleaning up the city, marketing the city, and partnering more with Bethel University.

Six months into his term, Mayor Griffin has worked to build McKenzie's marketing and advertising. He changed McKenzie's Nights on Broadway's advertising and has hired Juleyanne Weatherford to photograph the event, and he commissioned Allison Bowers of Gleason to paint the first of several murals in downtown McKenzie. He said he hopes to also improve the city's digital outreach.



Erika Cole (center) taught Cason Hernandez, Marlee Wheat, Amelya Becerra, Ava Moore, Avery Winston and Easton Webb in the 6-8 year-old classes. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

McKenzie Students Attend Summer Spanish Classes

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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Erika Cole introduced a new class to young minds this summer: Español with Señora Cole. The McKenzie High School Spanish instructor opened her classroom for students, ages 6-11, to learn Spanish and Mexican culture.

Mrs. Cole's summer Spanish classes began Tuesday, May 30, and ended Friday, June 2.

She developed curriculum to teach students how to say greetings, colors, emotions, clothing, numbers and more in Spanish. With help from her daughter Sophie, she taught students using songs and games.

She provided students with Mexican snacks, including Mexican cookies and chips, hibiscus water, and paletas (Mexican ice cream).

Each day, she introduced new crafts that represented Mexican culture. Wednesday, she helped students make flores de papel (paper flowers). She also helped students make maracas out of water bottles.

She instructed two classes per day. The first class, from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m., was for 6-8 year olds. The



Mrs. Cole helps student Ava Moore cut a paper flower. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

next class, from 12:30-3:30 p.m., was for 9-11 year olds. Mrs. Cole taught both classes the same material, but she taught more in-depth concepts with the older students.

Mrs. Cole teaches Spanish I and Spanish II to sophomores, juniors and seniors at McKenzie High School, but she says there is a need for younger students to learn Spanish.

"The earlier you learn a language," she said, "the better your understanding

of it is and the better your accent becomes." She said younger students are more open to taking chances and having fun while learning.

Mrs. Cole teaches Spanish courses and tutors children and adults online with a program called Varsity Tutors.

Spanish is the second most-spoken language in America and the fourth most spoken language in the world, and Mrs. Cole says it's marketable to know Spanish in today's workforce.



Seniors enjoyed plates of shrimp, sausage, potatoes, corn and cabbage. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Let the Good Times Boil at the Seniors Shrimp Boil

McKenzie's Senior Citizens Center hosted a Shrimp Boil Saturday, June 10. 67 meal tickets were sold prior to the event.

Community members who paid in advance received a plate full of Louisiana shrimp, boiled by Laverne and Eric Plank, kielbasa sausage, corn on the cob, potatoes and cabbage. Members from the Senior Citizens Center also provided dessert foods including cupcakes and watermelon slices.

Steve Bomar and Dale Cooper performed a number of classic rock and country hits while attendees enjoyed their meals.

Senior Citizens Center president and organizer Carol Armprist said once the organization paid for the cost of music, supplies and food, the remaining money raised would go to an activity fund. The



Steve Bomar and Dale Cooper provided music. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

activity fund pays for the Senior Citizens Center's Bingo games, craft days, potlucks, Domino games, dances and more.

The Senior Citizens Center hosts several events throughout the month of June. Mondays have 9 a.m. yoga, a 12:30 p.m. Canasta, 6 p.m. basic line dancing, and 6:30 p.m. line dancing. Tuesdays have 9 a.m.

low-impact cardio classes. Wednesdays have 9 a.m. fitness drums and balance classes. Thursdays have 9 a.m. yoga classes. Fridays have 9 a.m. resistance band classes and a 12:30 p.m. Canasta. Saturdays have 12:30 p.m. Dominoes games.

Additional activities include Crafts with Tammy at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 15; a potluck at 12 p.m. Thursday, June 22; and trivia at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 24.



Carey Counseling Center's development team met with Huntingdon Special School District leadership, Lilith Cumba and her mother, Selina, to present Lilith with copies of the book her illustrations inspired.

Huntingdon Student Illustrates Book About Storm Anxiety

After a series of tornadoes hit West Tennessee on December 11, 2021, Carey Counseling Center responded to local communities and schools. The organization sent social workers and licensed counselors to help children and families learn how to cope and talk through their concerns and anxieties following the natural disaster.

After spending a few days in schools, the social workers and counselors realized the communities needed more resources.

Carey Counseling Center received funds from SAM-HSA and FEMA to write and illustrate an activity book about the storms. Shel-

by Hardy, the school-based behavioral health liaison, tasked students with helping her create an idea for the story and illustrate pages. Huntingdon students in fourth through eighth grade submitted story ideas.

After combing through submissions, sixth-grader Lilith Cumba's idea of "Stormy and Cloudy" was chosen. Carey Counseling Center used Cumba's illustrations and developed her idea into an activity book to assist students with ways to manage storm anxieties. The counseling center also created a parent resource book to assist families in managing future storms and alleviate anxieties related to

past storms. Cumba provided more illustrations to use throughout the book.

Carey Counseling Center distributed the activity books to the Huntingdon Special School District and other surrounding school systems impacted by the storms.

Sean Jones, Brent Bullcock, Shelby Hardy, Alanna Mathis and Chloe Moore developed the idea and outline for the book, which included Lilith Cumba's illustrations. Joe Kendrick, Amanda Wood, Anna Butler, Caleigh Sue Smith, Jason Manzi and Gabby Defreitas brought the book to life.

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Top, Denise Sam and Glynda Rich presented Sandi Walden the “Friend of the Arts” award for her help with Carroll County’s arts programs, including the McKenzie and Bruceton-Hollow Rock bands and county theater programs. Above Left, Married duo Jon and Anna Eaton performed Drew and Ellie Holcomb’s “Feels Like Home,” a tribute to Tennessee. Above Right, Sophie Cole, an incoming eighth-grader at McKenzie High School, sang Hillsong Worship’s “King of Kings” and “Reflection” from the movie “Mulan.” Below Left, Isaac Stephen, a Central High School sophomore, performed two songs in the style of Frank Sinatra. Below Right, Dana Wyatt, an art teacher at Huntingdon High School, showcased her white gouache, mixed media and graphite works. *Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner*



An Evening with Carroll Arts

BY LYNDSEY SUMMERS
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Carroll Arts gathered some of Carroll County’s most talented residents Saturday, June 10, and placed them inside McKenzie’s First Cumberland Presbyterian Church for the annual Evening with Carroll Arts exhibition. The exhibition showcases visual, instrumental and vocal talents, all nominated by members and friends of the Carroll Arts organization, and is free to attendees.

“It’s a gift to our community,” said Glynda Rich, President and charter member of Carroll Arts. Rich is a retired art teacher from McKenzie High School, and she said she was interested in doing all she could to promote arts in Carroll County.

Visual arts on display included paintings and drawings by Ava Warman, Dana Wyatt, Linda McClure and Linda Kemp. Nancy Hicks had several quilts displayed throughout a hallway.

Chelsea Fuller Brown emceed at the instrumental and vocal talent event, located in the L.H. Cozart Family Life Center.

Eleven musicians performed at the event. David Bates sang and played Josiah and the Bonneville’s “Tennessee Song” and Vince Gill’s “Whenever You Come Around” on the guitar. Melissa

Harris sang “Jacob and Sons” from the musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” and “Beauty and the Beast” from the movie of the same title. Noelle Harris sang “When You Believe” from “Prince of Egypt” and “Only Hope” from the movie “A Walk to Remember.” Dr. Keith Harris accompanied both Melissa and Noelle on the piano.

Jon and Anna Eaton performed “Feels Like Home” by Drew and Ellie Holcomb and “Can’t Stop Thinkin’ Bout You” by Martin Sexton. Jon Eaton also took the stage to play “guitar karaoke,” as he phrased it, to Johnny Smith’s “Walk Don’t Run” and Jeff Beck’s “Cause We’ve Ended As Lovers.”

Townes Boyd, of Paris, then sang and played piano renditions of “Georgia On My Mind” in the style of Ray Charles and “Your Song” by Elton John. Sophie Cole, an incoming eighth-grader at McKenzie Middle School, sang Hillsong Worship’s “King of Kings” and “Reflection” from the movie “Mulan.” Isaac Stephen, an incoming sophomore at Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School sang two songs in the style of Frank Sinatra: “That’s Life” and “My Way.” The three students were all nominated by Megan Allen, a vocal teacher with Bethel University’s Renaissance

program.

Karl Foster sang Calum Scott’s “You Are The Reason,” which he said was his daughter’s favorite song.

Chelsea Fuller sang “The Music That Makes Me Dance” from the musical “Funny Girl,” accompanied by Dr. Keith Harris on piano. She and her husband, Mitchell, also performed “You Matter to Me” from “Waitress the Musical.”

Glynda Rich and Denise Sam presented the annual “Friend of the Arts” award to Sandi Walden. The award is presented to someone in Carroll County who has made a difference in the world of the arts, and Rich said Walden is “exceptionally worthy” of the honor. Rich worked with the McKenzie High School and Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central band as guard instructor for many years. She appeared in several productions from the Carroll Arts community theater, the Bethel University Academic Theatre, and the Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central Theater. She has also directed several productions at Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central.

Carroll Arts is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote a cultural, social and economic climate in Carroll County in which the artistic heritage and creativity of all its people may find voice.



The Jackson Symphony performed on the Courthouse steps as audience members gathered around in their lawnchairs. *Drone photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner*

Jackson Symphony Performs on Courthouse Steps

HUNTINGDON (June 8) — The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center and The Jackson Symphony provided a night under the stars featuring “Music Around the World” - a free, summer event on Thursday, June 8, 2023, on the campus of the Carroll County Courthouse. Starting at 6:30 p.m., The Jackson Symphony took its audience on an exciting trip around the world perform-

ing music from America’s favorite classics to exciting pieces from other countries. It featured singer John-Alex Warner and musicians of The Jackson Symphony, including keyboardist, Dr. Keith Harris of McKenzie.

Audience members sat in their lawnchairs on the street as the Symphony performed. This performance was provided through the support of Paula Atkins, Clarksburg’s

Mayor Howell Wayne Todd, and the Tenn. Arts Commission and is free and open to the public. If there’s inclement weather, the event will be moved inside The Dixie. For more information, visit DixiePAC.net. This project was supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number SLFRP5534 awarded to the State of Tennessee by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

rates the emancipation of the last remaining enslaved African Americans in the United States.

It recognizes the date of the executive decree announcement in Texas by the U.S. Army, which freed more than 250,000 African Americans who were the last to learn of their freedom on June 19, 1865.

Holiday

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On May 5, Governor Bill Lee signed a bill into a law that would recognize Juneteenth as an official holiday. The law will take effect this June and all state offices

will close on June 19th to celebrate the holiday.

Juneteenth was previously recognized only as a “Day of Observance” in Tennessee. In 2021, President Joe Biden signed a bill recognizing Juneteenth as a federal holiday.

Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day, commemo-

Budget

...From Front Page

of \$2,610,730. The Water Department operates separately from the City of McKenzie’s general budget.

The Council agreed to the creation of a First Responders Program for the City of McKenzie. The program is a partnership between McKenzie’s Fire Department and Priority Ambulance Service through Baptist Hospital. Fire Chief Brian Tucker, stated there has been an increased need for emergency services since the closure of McKenzie’s hospital.

The proposed partnership still needs to be approved by Priority Ambulance. Once approved, Dr. Terry Colotta will serve as the medical director and Jonathan Gaskins will supervise the program. The

First Responder Program comes at no additional cost to the City of McKenzie.

When an emergency call is dispatched, a pair of McKenzie responders will arrive on the scene to administer aid while an ambulance is on the way. The increased call volume will also benefit the McKenzie Fire Department as more calls equal a greater chance of receiving grant dollars.

Under financial matters, the Water Department replaced multiple water meters in town valued at approximately \$6,000. The department is also waiting on news for a grant to replace a lift station at the sewer facility.

In department reports, Jim Seaton was acknowledged as the new full-time Codes Enforcement Officer. Philip Morrisett retired from the Codes Department at the end of May. Seaton is working towards various

certifications.

The Street Department worked in conjunction with the Parks Department to remove the old tennis court adjacent to the new pickleball court.

The Police Department is expecting its K-9 to arrive from Poland this week. The narcotics animal will be assigned to Officer Cody Coleman. The German Shepherd will be trained by Paris Police Officer Ricky Wade. The City of McKenzie will meet with the McKenzie School Board to begin talks about student resource officers returning under the dominion of the McKenzie Police Department. Currently, the officers are employed by the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office.

The next regular meeting of the McKenzie City Council is July 13 at 6 p.m. at McKenzie City Hall.

Electric

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north side of Veterans Drive for \$799,000. The Board purchased 11.58 acres, located south of Veterans Drive at a negotiated price of \$275,000. It is owned by Mack Doster and Ronnie Bates, both of Weakley County. Doster is an employee of Carroll County Electric.

Robert Keeton, II, the Department’s attorney, indicated there is no conflict of interest since Doster is not in the management of CCED.

CCED had a purchase option open until June 9 on the real estate. Drewry noted CCED purchased real estate in 2011 to build a new substation in the 1000-Acre Lake area. That substation still needs to be built to accommodate the subdivision growth in the lake area.

Earnest money of \$10,000

will secure the property while due diligence, including geotechnical studies, property surveys and title opinions are completed. The Board has 90 days to complete the transaction after signing the contract.

Drewry said the property is near one of its electrical substations, has good egress and ingress for its heavy trucks and customers, and is large enough for offices, garages, and the pole yard. The downtown location is often dangerous for the company’s large trucks with long, replacement poles hanging from the rear.

Board Member Marty Hurley said the county is expected to grow in the 1000-Acre Lake area and a substation would need to be funded for that location.

Drewry said construction of a substation is the priority, followed by the headquarters in the next five to ten years. Drewry said financing bonds would be issued for

the project.

Currently, CCED has retired all outstanding bonded indebtedness. Any issuance of bonds requires approval by the Carroll County Commission. He noted CCED has the lowest utility rates in the immediate area.

Kelly Fields, office manager for CCED, said the electric Department is receiving considerable non-ratepayer revenue from other sources, such as pole rental from the cable TV company, internet providers leasing part of the dark fiber optics owned by CCED, and interest on bank deposits. That amount continues to increase as the internet is expanded into the rural areas of the county. The current year’s income is approximately \$200,000, which is held in reserve. Those funds can pay for the land purchase.

Board members include: Chairman Lori Nolen, Marty Hurley, Chris Gurley, John Austin and David Hale.

Census

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new residents, growing its population to an estimated 1,398 people in 2021.

Carroll County had the smallest population loss in the past decade, losing only 82 members of its population (-0.3%). Carroll County also had the smallest growth of the tri-counties between 2020 and 2021, with a 0.1% increase. 17 new residents moved to the county, growing its population to an estimated 24,432 people. Several cities and towns in the county experienced decreasing populations. Atwood gained two residents,

growing to an estimated population of 949. Bruce-ton lost three members of its population (a 0.2% decrease), leaving its estimated population at 1,499 in 2021. Clarksburg’s population gained one civilian, growing it to 380 people. Hollow Rock lost two members of its population (a 0.3% decrease), leaving its estimated population at 688 people. Huntingdon’s population decreased by one (a 0.0% decrease); the town’s 2021 estimated population is 4,433. McKenzie’s population decreased by 5 people (a 0.1% decrease); the city’s 2021 estimated population is 5,456. Populations in McMoresville and Trezevant did

not change between 2020 and 2021. McMoresville’s 2021 estimated population is 291 people. Trezevant’s 2021 estimated population is 800 people.

Henry County lost 131 members of its population (-0.4%) between 2010 and 2020. The county’s population increased by 0.4% between 2020 and 2021, gaining 124 new residents. The county’s 2021 estimated population is 32,239. The county’s largest growth was in Paris, which gained 30 residents in 2021 (a 0.3% increase). Paris’s new estimated population is 10,341. Henry’s population did not change between 2020 and 2021. Henry’s estimated population is 442.

Alumni

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and Emily Young. Historical committee members are Brad Camp, Joshua Cary, Paula Watkins, Bobby Young, Byron Rich and LaRenda Scarbrough. Membership/Database Development committee members are Tammi Parsley, Carol Nanney, Melinda Moore, Sandi Roditis, Cheryl Oglesby-Townes and Emily Young. Marketing committee members are Joel Washburn, Sandi Roditis, Ricky Price, Anna Moore and Carol Nanney. Special Events committee members are Mona Batchelor, Michele Jarrett, Kelly Spivey, Tammi Parsley, Brad Camp, Sandi Roditis, Terry Howell, Cheryl Oglesby-Townes and Emily Young.

Camp asked attendees to join the Election commit-

tee, as there will be an election at the next meeting. Lesa Hutcherson Roberson, Mona Batchelor, Terry Howell and Ricky Price volunteered to help with elections.

The Scholarship committee still needs members.

The McKenzie High School Alumni Association was created, in part, to support current students, promote school pride and rekindle friendships. Camp introduced the idea of hosting an annual “mega-reunion” during Sweet Tea Festival weekend and providing class officers with a “reunion planning kit.”

“What keeps a lot of classes from meeting for reunions is getting started,” he said. The planning kit would provide officers with a checklist to prepare for class reunions.

The organization also wants to create a scholarship for McKenzie High School seniors. To fund the scholarship, there will

be an annual \$10 membership fee. The organization is also open to donations.

The McKenzie High School Alumni Association has a hybrid meeting July 20 to elect an executive board (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and five at-large members). Attendees can meet at the McKenzie High School Theater or via Microsoft Teams at 6 p.m. Voters must be paying members. You can mail cash or checks to the McKenzie High Alumni Association at the McKenzie Special School District Board Office. Camp also plans to set up a Venmo account for the association.

To join the McKenzie High Alumni Association, you must have earned a diploma from McKenzie High School. For more information, alumni can join the McKenzie High School Alumni Association Facebook group, created by Sandi Roditis.

ELA

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segment of their spring TCAP assessment.

Students who demonstrated proficiency on the TCAP retake will be promoted to fourth grade.

Third grade students at McKenzie Elementary School had the highest percent of students scoring below proficiency on the initial assessment. 50.8 percent of students who scored below proficiency decided to retake the assessment. 15.6 percent of students exceeded or met proficiency on the retake and will be promoted to fourth grade. 76 percent of students

from the Hollow Rock - Bruceton Special School District who initially scored below proficiency retook the assessment this summer. 21.1 percent of students exceeded or met proficiency on the retake and will be promoted to fourth grade.

62.8 percent of students from the Huntingdon Special School District who scored below proficiency on the initial assessment retook the assessment. 14.8 percent of those students will continue to fourth grade.

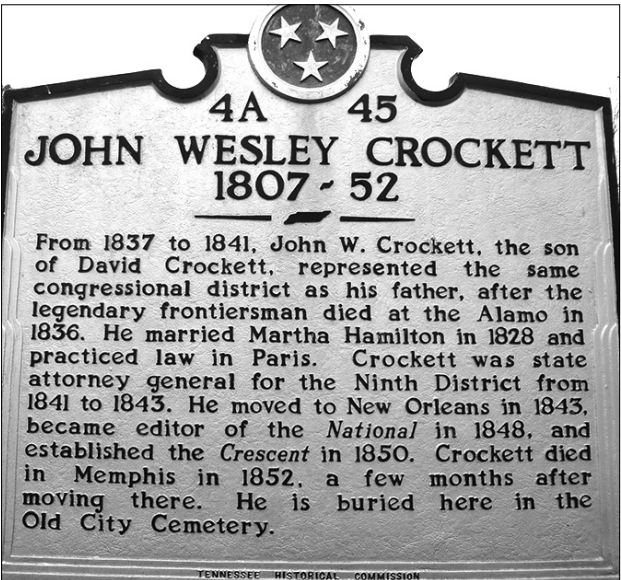
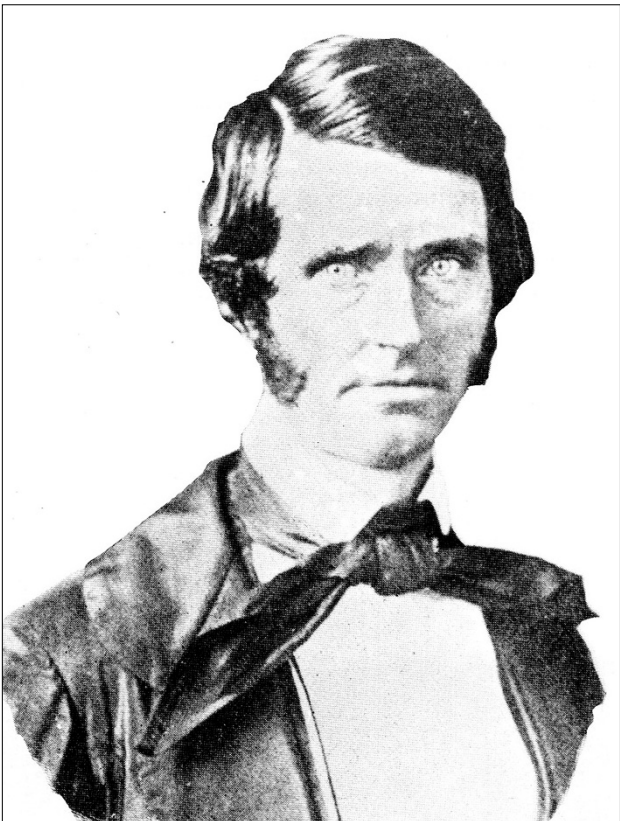
53.5 percent of students from the West Carroll Special School District who initially scored below proficiency retook the ELA assessment. 8.7 percent of those students will be pro-

moted to fourth grade.

58.8 percent of students from the Paris Special School District who scored below proficiency decided to retake the assessment. 17.5 percent of those students achieved proficiency on the retake and will be promoted to fourth grade.

59 percent of students from Weakley County Schools who scored below proficiency retook the ELA assessment. 12.7 percent of those students achieved proficiency and will continue to fourth grade.

Students’ last few days of summer school are nearing. Students who scored approaching or below proficiency must maintain at least 90% attendance at summer school to continue to fourth grade.



Left, John Wesley Crockett was the eldest son of David Crockett. He served as an attorney, congressman and state legislator while living in Paris. Center, Robert Hamilton Crockett, grandson of David Crockett, was born in Paris, Tenn. He is pictured with his great-granddaughter in Stuttgart, Arkansas. Right, A marker from the Tennessee Historical Commission in front of the Old City Cemetery in Paris, Tenn., noting the life of John Wesley Crockett.

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Celebrating McKenzie's oldest business and historical record

John Wesley Crockett

Attorney, Politician, Entrepreneur

John Wesley Crockett was born on August 10, 1807, in East Tennessee, to David and Mary Crockett. He came from a notable lineage, being the eldest son of the legendary frontiersman and former congressman. John Wesley Crockett would leave his mark on the world.

Crockett received his education in the public schools of Tennessee, where he exhibited a keen intellect and an insatiable thirst for knowledge. His upbringing, deeply influenced by the tales of his father's adventures and political endeavors, instilled within him a sense of duty and service to his community.

He moved to Paris, Ten-

nessee, and delved into the field of law, undertaking rigorous training and eventually gaining admission to the bar. With his newfound legal expertise, he established his law practice in Paris and set the stage for a promising career.

During this time, Crockett's personal life took a meaningful turn when he met and fell in love with Martha Hamilton. Martha, a woman known for her grace and intelligence, captured his heart, and the two were married in 1828.

Together, John Wesley and Martha Crockett built a life centered around their values of hard work, integrity, and dedication. As they settled into their roles as husband and wife, their union produced fourteen

children.

In 1837, following in his father's footsteps, John Wesley successfully ran for and was elected to the United States House of Representatives, representing Tennessee's Twelfth Congressional District. This pivotal moment marked the beginning of his political career and the platform from which he would advocate for the interests of his constituents. Crockett's dedication to public service and his desire to make a difference drove his work in Congress, as he fought for legislation that would improve the lives of the people he represented.

After serving two terms in Congress, he returned to Tennessee and resumed his law practice in Paris. In 1841, Crockett's commitment to public service led him to run for the Tennessee General Assembly while serving as district attorney general. Drawing upon his experiences in Congress, his legal expertise, and his passion for effecting positive change, he campaigned tirelessly, connecting with voters and sharing his vision for a better Tennessee. His per-

suasive oratory skills and extensive knowledge of the law resonated with the electorate, and he emerged victorious in the election. As a member of the General Assembly, Crockett worked tirelessly to enact legislation that would benefit the people of Tennessee and promote the values he held dear.

However, Crockett's ambitions did not stop at his flourishing political career. Driven by an entrepreneurial spirit and the desire to explore new opportunities, he made the bold decision in 1843 to relocate to the bustling city of New Orleans. There, he hoped to carve a path for himself in the world of business as a commission merchant. The vibrant atmosphere of the city provided the perfect backdrop for his endeavors, and Crockett's entrepreneurial spirit flourished as he navigated the world of trade and commerce. His dedication and astute business acumen soon earned him recognition and success.

As Crockett's business ventures thrived, his influence extended beyond commerce. Harnessing his talent for communication

and expression, John Wesley Crockett ventured into the realm of journalism. In 1847, he established the Crescent News, a newspaper that aimed to provide insightful commentary on the pressing issues of the day. Crockett's editorial prowess and his ability to articulate complex ideas with clarity soon garnered a dedicated readership, solidifying his place among the influential voices of the time. The following year, he added another feather to his cap by publishing the National, a newspaper that further amplified his impact and expanded his reach.

Not content in New Orleans and much like his father who was always on the move, John Wesley returned to Tennessee. He looked to make his stake in the thriving hub of commerce and culture in Memphis. The city's strategic location on the Mississippi River and its status as a prominent trade center provided Crockett with fresh opportunities to thrive in his business ventures. He quickly established himself as a respected figure in Memphis

However, tragedy struck when he succumbed to a sudden illness and passed away on November 24, 1852, at the young age of 45. His untimely demise was mourned by many who recognized his contributions to both politics and the business world.

John Wesley's body was returned to Paris and was buried at Old City Cemetery in a serene spot that serves as a poignant reminder of his enduring ties to the town. His wife, Martha, would later move to Arkansas, where she died in 1873.

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Lynn Watkins was honored by members of the McKenzie Board of Education. (L to R) Misty Aird (front), Chad Brown, LaShonda Williams, Lynn Watkins, Bobby Young, Karen Fowler (front), George Cassidy and Spiros Roditis.

Watkins Honored by School Board

MCKENZIE (MAY 31) — Lynn Watkins was honored for his service during a non-business, informal gathering of the McKenzie Board of Education on Wednesday, May 31 at the Board of Education office.

LaShonda Williams, chairman of the board, thanked Watkins for his service to the school system. Watkins is retiring June 30.

Each board member expressed thanks to the retiring director. Dr. Justin Barden is the newly hired director and began his service on June 5. The month of June is concurrent with Watkins.

Watkins has held the position for 14 years. He followed Jim Ward, Bentley Rawdon, Joe F. Williams,

Baxter Wheatley, and W.O. Warren in approximately the last 50-plus years. Watkins, a McKenzie native, was hired in the fall of 1988 by Joe F. Williams as an eighth grade science teacher. His principal was James Jackson. He taught eighth grade for 8 years in the two-story middle school that faced Stonewall Street. In the fall of 1996, he was hired as assistant principal at McKenzie High School by J. Bentley Rawdon. Principal Terry Howell was his immediate supervisor beginning in the fall of 1997. The principal at MHS was Dewey Chism. In the fall of 2000, Watkins was promoted by Rawdon to serve as the MMS principal. He served in that position

under Interim Director Joe Williams, who returned to his former position on January 1, 2001 until James (Jim) Ward was appointed director in the spring of 2001. Watkins served under Mr. Ward until July 2004.

Watkins took a break from education in 2004 until 2007 when he worked in the roofing business with both Stambaugh Roofing and Kirk's Roofing.

Watkins returned to education when he was hired by Jim Ward to return as principal of McKenzie Middle School in July 2007. In July, 2009, he was appointed by the Board to Education to serve as director of schools.

HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Desperate Times Call For Desperate Measures

What is below the pits? This can't get much worse. I feel like I'm living on Elm Street. I'm so far down I can't even see the underside of the bottom of the barrel! And there is not an end in sight. Not one ray of sunlight.....

I feel chained to the brick wall in Edgar Allan Poe's "The Cast of Amon-tillado." I'm up to my neck in Macbeth's boiling cauldron. I can hear those three witches chanting, "Double, double, toil and trouble." It's like Scotty is trying to "beam me up" but I've got one foot that won't leave the alien space ship.

Nothing I eat tastes good. Cathy looks less pretty than I've ever seen her. The cat won't come near me. I haven't slept in weeks. It's raining on me every second of every day while the sun shines on everyone else....

My beloved St. Louis Cardinals are 0 for June. They haven't won a baseball game this month! They were horrible in May. And even worse in April! They are stinking up major league baseball. And slowly drilling ten penny nails into my eyeball sockets one lose at a time!

And if you say "it's just a game" I'm going to find out where you live and I'm coming after you!

I don't ever remember not being a St. Louis Cardinal Baseball fan. Daddy was. My older brother was. Mom even listened to the games with us. I'd lie on that braided rug in the living room in front of our big, upright Zenith radio and hang on every word the announcers were saying.

I was three or four years old....but I cheered when Enos Slaughter made a

running catch in the outfield or Stan "The Man" Musial hit a home run over the Longines watch sign in right center. There was no TV of course. And we had no place to go. And not a whole lot to do....and not much to do it with.

The Cardinals, via that old Zenith, came to visit us. They thrilled us. They entertained us. They gave us something to be passionate about. They filled us with hope.

And let's be gut level honest here, passion and hope did not always abound way out at the end of Stonewall Street.

That single solitary baseball team took ordinary, routine, commonplace, humdrum and flipped it into some of the happiest times to be on earth.... For me! For my family! For my closest friends! For a whole town!

When I was seven I went to my first game in St. Louis. It is, still to this day, the greenest grass I have ever seen! The sky was so blue it hurt my eyes. In his first ever "at bat" with me in the ballpark, Stan hit one off the screen in right for one of his 725 lifetime doubles. As he dusted himself off after the slide into second, he looked up in my direction, like he was saying, "I've been waiting on you kid."

I asked, "Is this Heaven?" way before that "Field of Dreams" guy got hold of it.

Stan Musial was "The Man" in every respect. And he still "shines" in the heart of every true Cardinals fan.

Some Saturdays I wouldn't go to the Park Theatre matinee until after

the Cards' game was over. If a friend invited me to their house I'd asked about their radio signal right off. I would not, under any circumstances, date a girl that was not a Cardinals geek.

The Cards also got me into the newspaper business. I would sit down every morning with the Memphis Commercial Appeal and read every word about every game from the preceding day. And then I would double check what I had just read in the afternoon addition of the Nashville Banner.

It was sometimes hard being a Cardinals fan in the 1950's. They didn't win all the time. But they were never horrible. We just always needed a bona fide pitcher and one more hitter to help Stan....

But I never wavered because it was never "just a game." It was a treasured gift....a passion of a lifetime! And don't forget the hope that springs eternal!

That is why I'm out of sorts today. 2023 was supposed to be our year! St. Louis was predicted by the experts to win the division and get to the World Series. I was like a little kid again....

Until we didn't win. And didn't win....and are now 0 for June!

We need to dig up Stan. I think that's our only chance. I know he would be 103 years old. But if we could just get him propped up in the batter's box....

We've still got the passion. Stan would give us Cardinals fans the hope.... just like he always did!

Respectfully,
Kes

Information Needed

McKenzie and the surrounding communities are rich with history and stories waiting to be told, but the information or resources are not always available. We need your help.

Have a person or topic you want to see featured in the Weekly 150? Please send information and photos to jmartin@mckenziebanner.com.

To do the story right, it is important to provide as much detail as possible and/or photos.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

McKENZIE CHAMBER, INDUSTRY BANQUET JUNE 20

The McKenzie Chamber of Commerce and Industry Banquet is Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 6 p.m. at the Venue at Waddell Place at 894 Joy Sparks Road in McKenzie, Tenn. Tickets are on sale now. Tickets are \$40 for Chamber members, \$60 for Non-Members and \$250 for a table of 8 seats. During the event, awards will be presented to members for the Business Person of the Year, Business of the Year and Non-Profit of the Year. Members are encouraged to attend. The keynote speaker will be Kyle Spurgeon, President and CEO of the Jackson, Tenn. Chamber. For more information about this event or joining the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce, contact Monica Heath 731-352-2004.

DIXIE CAR SHOW TOP 25 JULY 1

The Dixie Car Show Top 25 is Saturday, July 1, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., in McMoresville. Entry fee is \$20 and food will be provided by the McMoresville Fire Department. For more information, contact Bill Hargrove, 731-415-3952.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JUNE 11-15

Hollow Rock's Faith Baptist Church hosts Vacation Bible School "Twists and Turns" Sunday, June 11, through Thursday, June 15, from 6-8 p.m. Classes are for Pre-K through sixth grade students.

For more information, call VBS director Pam Wade at (731) 415-3935.

RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MEETS JUNE 16

The Carroll County Retired Teachers Association hosts a luncheon and informative meeting Friday, June 16 at 11:30 a.m. at Mallard's Restaurant in Huntingdon. First-time attendees are honored guests. Call Donna Ward at 731-352-2391 to RSVP.

LAKESIDE FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION JUNE 18

Lakeside Senior Living hosts a Father's Day ice cream social June 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. There will be ice cream sundaes, a photo opportunity, and time to fel-

lowship with dads. Lakeside Senior Living is at 390 Dr. Smith Ln., McKenzie.

E911 BOARD MEETING JUNE 20

The Carroll County E911 Board of Directors meets in regular session on June 20 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting is at 200 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon, in the training room at the jail.

CANCER SURVIVORS DINNER JUNE 30

To celebrate Cancer Survivor Month, all cancer survivors in Carroll County are invited to attend a dinner at the Carroll County Civic Center, Huntingdon, June 30 at 6 p.m. Each cancer survivor will be recognized. Any donations will go to St. Jude. For more information, call Wilma Pearson at 865-406-9889.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meets Wednesday, June 21 at 10 a.m. at the Carroll County Emergency Operations Center, 210 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon.

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.

CARING HEARTS FOOD PANTRY

The Caring Hearts Food Pantry offers food distribution the second Saturday of each month, 9-11 a.m., at Mt Zion United Methodist Church, 120 Mt. Zion Road, Huntingdon.

SMALLTOWN CRUISERS ANTIQUE CAR CLUB MEETS MONTHLY

The Smalltown Cruisers Antique Car Club meets the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Hollow Rock Fire station, 21280 Seminary Street, Hollow Rock. The monthly Cruise-Ins begin in April. For more information, contact Jan Ostiguy at 217-304-2606 or email jano1970@att.net.

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 Of-

fice Complex, High Street, Huntingdon. There are no meetings in December, February, and July.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

The McKenzie TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter meets on Mondays at 3 p.m. at the McKenzie Church of Christ gym. Anyone interested in losing weight can join. Visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Linda Lawrence at 731-352-7309. If no answer, leave a message.

MINISTRY OF CHRIST MEETS SUNDAYS, THURSDAYS

The Ministry of Christ Church is Apostolic in faith and holds services Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. The church is on 6680 Terry Road, Lavinia, Tenn.

For more information, contact Brother Melvin Allan at (731) 225-2970.

McKENZIE CITY COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY

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

CARROLL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

The Carroll County Democratic Party meets the third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at 12740 Lexington Street, Huntingdon.

CARROLL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

The Carroll County Republican Party meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the court room of the Public Safety building, 12740 Lexington Street, Huntingdon.

SHEPHERD'S TABLE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

The Shepherd's Table community kitchen serves meals the third Tuesday of each month at First Presbyterian Church located at 19835 East 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 in 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.

Obituaries

LINDA SUE PEARSON 1951 — 2023

CEDAR GROVE — Mrs. Linda Sue Pearson, 72, of Cedar Grove, died Sunday, June 4, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital. Funeral services were Saturday, June 10, at 1 p.m. at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Antwanne Jordan officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The family received friends at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday from 11 a.m. until time of the services.

Mrs. Pearson was preceded in death by parents at David and Claudine (Owens) Cozart.

SHIRLEY LANE INMAN 1942 — 2023

CEDAR GROVE — Mrs. Shirley Lane Inman, 80, of Cedar Grove, died Tuesday, June 6, at Henderson County Community Hospital.

Funeral services were June 8 in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home with Bro. Paul Jackson officiating. Interment followed in West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads.

The family received

friends in the Chapel of Chase Funeral Home on Thursday from 10 a.m. until time of service.

She is survived by her husband of forty-six years, John Inman, one step-daughter, Donna Depper (John) of Patton, Missouri, one son, Jack E. Beck (Becca) of Seattle, Washington, one step-son, John R. Inman (Jennifer) of Jackson, Missouri, and one sister, Jean Williamson (Larry) of Athens, Georgia. She also leaves three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

NIKKI RAY SANDERS 1948 — 2023

ATHENS, Tenn. — Funeral services for Nikki Ray Sanders are Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, 11 a.m. until service time. Interment will follow at Shiloh Cemetery, McKenzie.

Mr. Sanders, 75, died Thursday, June 8, 2023, at Star Rehab and Healthcare Etowah, Tenn. He attended Tennessee Valley Church, Paris, Tenn., and was a draftsman and CAD operator.

He was born in Union City on February 19, 1948, to George Cooke Sanders and Katherin "Katie" Elizabeth Mangum Sanders.

He is survived by his sister, Frankie (Jerry) Pratt of Jackson, a brother, Roy "Tip" Sanders of Riceville

and nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Deborah "Debbie" Thompson Sanders and brother, William George "Billy" Sanders.

If you need further assistance, please call Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home 731-352-4848 or visit our website at brummitt-mckenziefuneralhome.com. +

JANETTE CARRELL JOHNSON 1938 — 2023

McKENZIE—Ms. Janette Irene Carrell Johnson, 74, died at AHC of McKenzie on June 9, 2023. The family will have a private memorial service for her at a later date.

She is formerly of Memphis and was a bookkeeper. She was born in Memphis on June 14, 1938 to Cleo and Vivian Carroll Carrell.

She is survived by her children, JR (Shelley) Foreman of Higden, Arkansas and Janet Edwards of Fayetteville, Arkansas, five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Samuel Kenny Carrell and Joe Carrell.

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Easy Ambrosia Cake

1 angel food cake (use directions on box)
1 package frozen coconut (or 1 can 3 1/2 oz.)
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup orange juice
1 pint cream, whipped
1 can crushed pineapple (2 cups) with juice
Bake cake and cool. Break in bite size pieces. Whip cream and combine with other ingredients. Place in 9x13 pan or dish. Chill overnight.

Fudge Pie

1 1/2 cups sugar
3 1/2 tablespoons cocoa
1/2 stick melted margarine
2/3 cup carnation milk
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix together sugar

and cocoa. Add other ingredients and mix well. Pour into unbaked pie shell and bake 40-45 minutes in 350 degree oven.

Reese's Peanut Butter Bars

1 package crushed graham crackers
3 cups powdered sugar
Mix together. Mix 1/2 pound butter with crumbs and sugar. Add 2 cups peanut butter; blend together. Press into cookie sheet and up sides. Melt 1 package chocolate chips with 1/3 cup milk, stirring constantly. Spread on graham cracker mixture. Chill. Cut into squares.

Low Calorie Salad

1 quart cottage cheese, small curd
2 (3 oz.) strawberry jello
1 small can crushed pineapple, undrained
1 small can mandarin oranges, drained
1 large cool whip
With mixer on high

speed, whip cottage cheese, dry jello, pineapple and oranges. Add cool whip. Mixture will be light and fluffy. Store in air-tight container in refrigerator. Will store one week.

Pork Chop Casserole

8 pork chops
1/4 cup oil
10 oz. water
Salt, pepper & seasoning salt to taste
1 1/2 cups flour + 2 tablespoons
Rinse pork chops. Flour lightly. Brown in skillet with 1/4 cup oil over medium heat. Place chops in 9x13 casserole dish. Leave about 1/2 of the oil in skillet and mix 2 tablespoons flour with 10 oz. water to make a thin gravy. Pour this over the pork chops and cover with foil. Place in oven at 325 degrees for 2 hours until tender.

Nights on Broadway To Return June 15

Thursdays in McKenzie just got a little more musical. Nights on Broadway returns to downtown McKenzie Thursday, June 15. The Fajita Brothers open the summer festival series at 8 p.m.

Colton Baker headlines June 29. Baker is a student at Bethel University and a member of the Renaissance bluegrass band.

Longshot Band performs July 6, followed by Flashback on July 20.

James Greer Band takes the stage August 3, the only Nights on Broadway show during the month of August.

The Cool Daddy Band performs September 7, and The King Beez close out the

summer concert series September 14.

McKenzie's Nights on Broadway performances are at 8 p.m. at Veterans Park. Pack your lawn chair or a blanket, and plan to eat at

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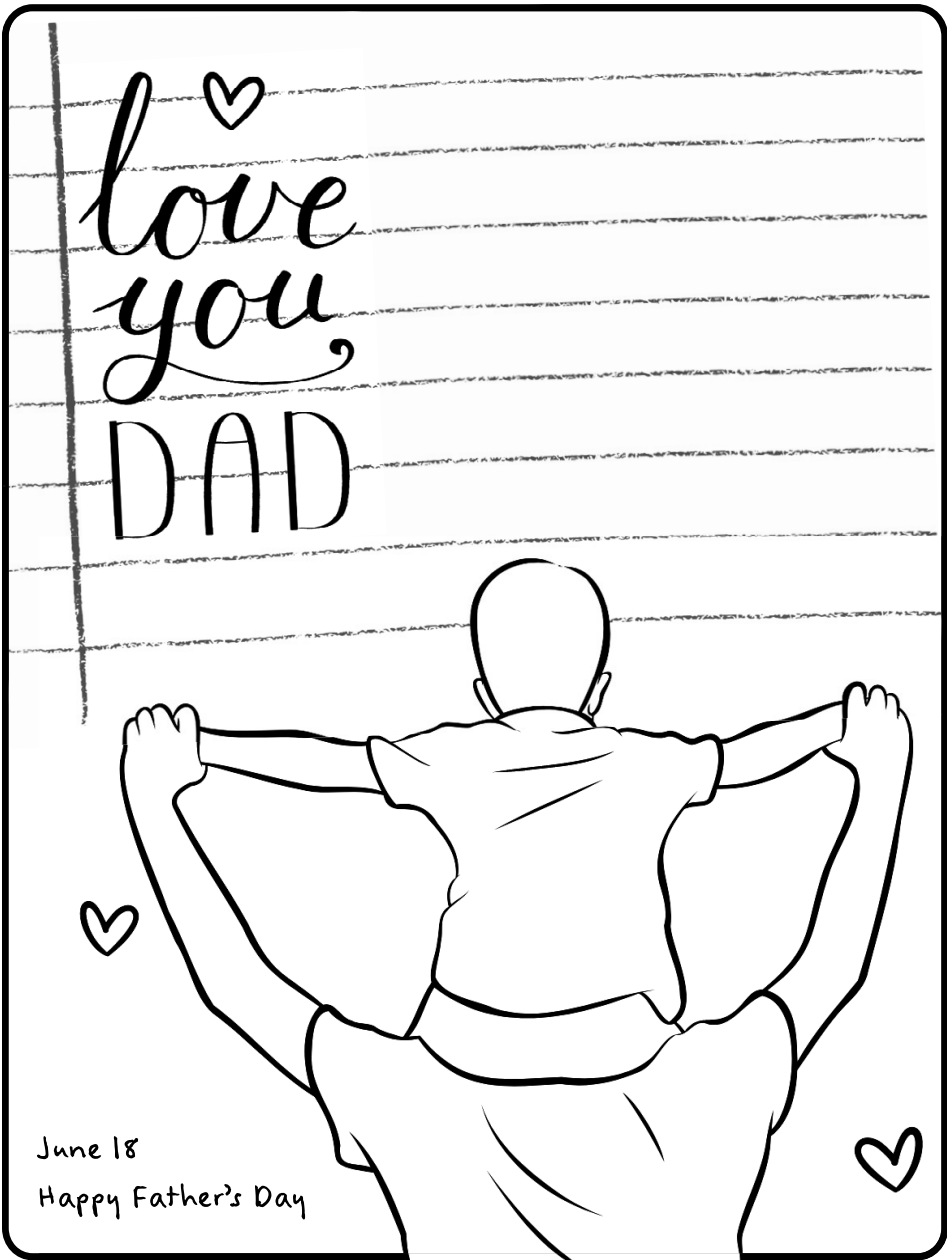
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CLUES ACROSS

1. In a place to sleep
5. Chemical compound (abbr.)
8. A way to fish
11. Classic Linklater film “__ and Confused”
13. Legume
14. Indonesian island
15. Smooth, creamy substance
16. Arctic
17. Wood sorrels
18. Defied
20. Cattle
21. Tableland
22. Honorably retired and retaining one's title
25. Repossession
30. Danced
31. Adult males
32. A type of section
33. Type of Japanese animation
38. Satisfaction
41. Fit
43. “Ain't No Sunshine” singer
45. Failure
47. Israeli city
49. French river
50. Cavalry-sword
55. Nocturnal S. American rodent
56. Liquefied natural gas
57. Afflicted
59. Electronic counter-countermeasures
60. Popular HBO fantasy series (abbr.)
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Large body of water
63. __kosh, near Lake Winnebago
64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. Payroll firm
2. Unit of transmission
3. Rockers Better Than __
4. Bambi is one

5. Highest parts of something
6. Correct behavior
7. Batty
8. Cyprinid fishes
9. Expression of sorrow or pity
10. Site of the famous Leaning Tower
12. American rocker Snider
14. W. African language
19. Symbol to mark for removal
23. __ Squad
24. Resident
25. Federal savings bank
26. Paddle
27. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
28. One point south of due east
29. Winter melon
34. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series

35. Anger
36. Central European river
37. First responders
39. Spanish noble
40. Persons with absence of skin pigment
41. Defunct airline
42. Small island (British)
44. The extent of something from beginning to end
45. Capital of Bangladesh
46. Dutch cheese
47. Imitates
48. A contest of speed
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. UNLV's are Runnin'
58. Criticize

Week 24

See solution in next week's edition.

Father's Day Word Search

Abuelo
Admire
Advice
Belt
Bond
Call
Card
Celebrate
Chef
Coach
Coffee
Cool
Dad
Dada
Fan
Father's Day
Fix
Gifts
Golf
Grandfather
Great
Grill
Handy
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Week 23 Crossword Puzzle Solution

Puzzle Solution

Sudoku SOLUTION WEEK 23

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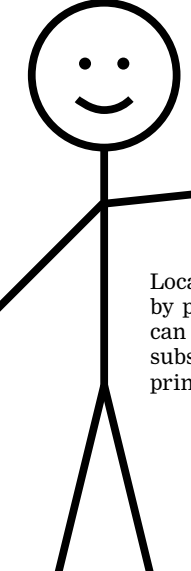
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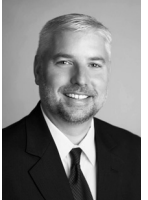


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Carroll County General Sessions Court Report

HUNTINGDON (June 7) — The following cases were heard in Carroll County General Sessions Court on June 7.

Three defendants were bound to the Carroll County Circuit Court Grand Jury.

Thomas Ballew, Mitchell Road, McKenzie, was bound over to the Grand Jury on charges of Evading Arrest-Flight Vehicle; Reckless Endangerment Vehicle/Felony; Display of Registration Plates.

Patricia Joyce Bettie, White Rose Street, Humboldt, bound over on charges of DUI-First Offense; Possession of a Handgun While Under the Influence.

Vince Vandiver, North Main Street, Milan, bound over on charge of Meth-Manufacture, Deliver, Sale, Possess with Intent; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The following persons were either found guilty or entered a plea of guilt.

Tyler James Ashby, Barren Springs Road, Hollow Rock, guilty, Theft, 11/29 jail suspended to time served; restitution of \$100 to victim, supervised probation.

Bridget D. Azbill, Crockett Road, Wildersville, guilty, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; \$150 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to time served of nine days; supervised probation; dismissed, Criminal Impersonation.

David Scott Beckey, Lambs Park, Limestone Tennessee, guilty, Simple Possession, \$750 fine, 11/29 jail suspended to 20 days; supervised probation; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; dismissed, Driving While Suspended; dismissed, Criminal Imper-

sonation.

Daniel Bommer, Drew Court, Huntingdon, guilty, Public Intoxication, \$50 fine, 30 days jail, suspended to time served.

Jonathan M. Cole, Christian Chapel Road, Cedar Grove, guilty, Probation Violation, 11/29 jail, credit for time in rehab if completed; dismissed, Violation of Conditional Release.

Michael Custer Washington Avenue, Camden, guilty, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Violation of Parole, \$400 fine, 11/29 jail - minimum sentence in jail 30 days with balance in inpatient rehab.; dismissed, Simple Possession.

Teala Grayson, West Street, Gleason, guilty, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, \$750 fine, 11/29 Jail suspended to 13 days, supervised probation; dismissed, Criminal Trespass.

Gwendela Hampton, Cozart Avenue, Huntingdon, guilty, Driving While Suspended, \$100 fine, supervised probation, jail sentence suspended except for time served, must obtain a valid driver's license as part of the sentence; dismissed, Speeding; dismissed, Financial Responsibility.

Rudolph Mishum Johnson, IV, Pillow Road, Jackson, guilty, Driving While Canceled, \$100 fine, supervised probation, must obtain valid driver's license as a condition of sentence; dismissed, Leaving Scene of Accident; dismissed, Failure to Immediate Notify About Accident.

Julie McClure, Buena Vista Road, Hollow Rock, guilty, Driving While Suspended-Second or Subsequent Offense, \$1000 fine, Jail Sentence suspended

to time served, supervised probation, must obtain valid driver's license as a condition of sentence.

Amanda Powers, Christian Chapel Road, Cedar Grove, guilty, Probation Violation, Failure to Appear, Jail 20 days with 18 days credit; probation extended.

Joshua Adam Saylolt, II, Linden Heights, McKenzie, guilty, Disorderly Conduct, 30 days jail-suspended to 48 hours, \$50 fine.

Joshua D. Steele, Jones Bend Road, Paris, guilty, Drivers License to be Carried, \$25 fine; dismissed, DUI-Third Offense; dismissed, Display of Registration; dismissed, Financial Responsibility.

Raven L. Story, Highway 135, Waverly, pre-trial diversion, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, six months supervised probation; dismissed, Simple Possession.

Jedediah Henry Thum, Moran Road, Greenfield, guilty, DUI-First Offense, \$350 fine, 11/29 jail; dismissed, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Chasity N. Utley, Blythe Street, Paris, guilty, Probation Violation, 30 days jail - credit for 29 days; probation extended.

Nicole Lynn Will, Hilliard Road, McKenzie, guilty, School Attendance Violation, 10 days jail-suspended to two days, \$50 fine.

The following cases were dismissed.

Paul Andrew Hickman, Baywood Dr., Millington, dismissed, Simple Possession; dismissed, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia.

Maria Brown Merced, 57, of Huntingdon.

Hannah Lanelle Mosley, 28, of Martin to Alex Koby McAlexander, 34, of McKenzie.

Jackson was charged with a DUI and a Violation of Implied Consent law on May 29. Shanique C. Williams, 29, of Huntingdon was charged with Child Abuse/Neglect on June 5.

McKenzie Police Reports

Retaliation, Domestic Assault — Brian William Sawyer, 30, Forrest Circle, McKenzie was charged with Domestic Assault and Retaliation for Past Action after an incident on June 5. Officer Sean Beck was dispatched to the trailer court where Sawyer was on the porch screaming after making threats of bodily harm to family members. The family members were informed of the eviction process if they wanted Mr. Sawyer barred from the residence. As he was being transported to the Carroll County Jail, he made threats to the officer and about other officers. He was additionally charged with Retaliation for a Past

Action. His bond was set at \$12,500.

Burglary, Criminal Trespass — Benjamin Jordan, 61, White Street, McKenzie was charged with Burglary and Criminal Trespass for an incident that occurred on June 9. Officer Jeremiah Brooks reported a witness saw Jordan taking an antique bed frame from a residence on Forrest Avenue. The witness advised Jordan to return the bed frame he took from an exterior garage. He did that but later attempted to break into the house. He was arrested and transported to Carroll County Jail.

Driving on a Suspended License — Jessica

and others to Deborah Brown in District 22.

Rebecca L. Presson to Scott V. Cunningham in District 4. Giles Bryant to State of Tenn.

Dorothy V. Newbill to James K. and Sabrina Peterson in District 12.

Anthony and Daniel Martin to Michael A. Goodrich. Carol Lee Smith and others to Bedford Wallace Lasley Jr. in District 16.

Ricky Maness to Betty Rosenblatt in District 4.

James P. Cook and others to Cody Bell in District 5.

Ronald and Karen Trussell to Ronald Trussell in District 15.

William Webb to Matthew and Michelle Martin in District 23.

Susan Wilks to John and Jennifer Springer in District 16.

Crystal Hill to Matthew Hill in District 21.

Paige Muncy, 28, Cottage Grove, was charged with Driving on a Suspended License-First Offense and Speeding on June 8. Sergeant Cody Coleman clocked Muncy's vehicle on Highland Drive and made a traffic stop. He discovered her license was suspended. Muncy was cited into Carroll County General Sessions Court.

Driving on a Suspended License — Charles Arant, 47, Hinkledale Road, McKenzie was charged with Driving on a Suspended License after a traffic stop on June 6. Officer Sean Beck stopped Arant's vehicle for a Display of Registration violation and discovered the driver's license was suspended. He was cited into General Sessions Court.

Joyce Cohen to Holbrook Family Trust in District 5.

Logan and Kaytlynn Hicks to Regina Tidwell in District 11.

Arthur Beard to Shelly Beard in District 10.

Michael Shawn Mulligan to Austin Mulligan in District 2.

Susan Arnold to Susan Arnold in District 4.

Travis and Cynthia Thrasher to Dewaine Christmas in District 10.

Kenneth and Barbara Petering to Kenneth Petering in District 22.

William and Susan Brown to Heather Dean in District 8.

Katie Crowe to Douglas Williams.

Carroll County to Daniel Hollowell in District 22.

Johnny Frank to Randy Venn in District 11.

MRH Holdings to Laurie and Leslie Turnbull in District 4.

tion of Implied Consent law on June 4.

Stephen I. Rougeou, 34, of McKenzie was charged with Violation of Order of Protection on June 5.

Marriage Licenses

Christine Beate Miller Farley, 52, of Cedar Grove to Christopher Michael

Randell, 60, of Cedar Grove. Robert Wayne Carrigan Jr., 52, of Dyer to Kathleen

Huntingdon Police Reports

David Scott Beckey, 52, of Limestone was charged with Criminal Impersonation, Possession of Controlled

Substances, and Possession of Schedule II Cocaine on May 28.

Russell S. Grigsby, 41, of

City of McKenzie

NOTICE

RE: Unsafe dilapidated house located at 77 Booker Street, McKenzie, TN 38201 (Map 12M, Group G, Parcel 4.01).

This office has made an inspection of the structure located at the above mentioned address and determined that the structure is dilapidated and conditions exist there that are dangerous and/or detrimental to the occupants, and the occupants of neighboring structures and/or other residents of the municipality. According to our records, you are the owner and/or a party of interest of this property.

In accordance with section 13-203 of THE CITY OF MCKENZIE SLUM CLEARANCE ORDINANCE, a hearing has been set for 2 p.m., June 26, 2023, at McKenzie City Hall located at 2470 Cedar Street, McKenzie, TN. The owner and interested parties will have the opportunity to answer this complaint. The rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity shall not be controlling in hearings before the Administrative Hearing Officers.

If you have any questions concerning this issue, please feel free to contact the City of McKenzie Building Inspector at 731-352-2292.

Jim Seaton, City of McKenzie

Prepared By: Jim Pillow, Master Code Professional Certified Fire Marshall Certified Building Official

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2023PE120

ESTATE OF: JACKIE EARL BATTON, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **31ST** day of **MAY, 2023** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **JACKIE EARL BATTON** deceased, who died **FEBRUARY 21ST, 2023**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received a copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This **31ST** day of **MAY, 2023**.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPPLICATE WITH:
KENNETH TODD - CLERK & MASTER
99 Court Square, Suite 105, Huntingdon, TN 38344

JACLYN MAYO, Executor/Administrator
DWAYNE D. MADDOX III, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2023PE106

ESTATE OF: JAMES KENNETH SMITH, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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The 2023 Lady Rebels Softball Team: Back Row (L to R) — Briley Auvenshine, Katie Chesser, Savannah Davis, Jaleah Moore and Ady Freeman. Front Row (L to R) — Carli Beeler, Haylee Beard, Aubrey Jackson, Alyse Lowe and Kassidy Brown. Not pictured: Payton Ognibene. Photo By Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

Lady Rebels Honored at Banquet

BY LYNDSLEY SUMMERS
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Players, coaches and parents of the Lady Rebels softball team gathered inside Hometown Hangout June 11 for a bittersweet end-of-season banquet. It marked the end of Kristi Brown's last season as head coach of McKenzie High School softball.

Attendees enjoyed chicken tenders, fries, onion rings, and salads, catered by the Beeler family. Before the meal, Assistant Coach George Ognibene prayed for the girls' further success in high school and in their future endeavors in college and elsewhere.

Head Coach Kristi Brown thanked the girls' parents and all of their other family members and friends for supporting the team. She also thanked Coach Ognibene and Coach Luke Anderson for their help every day during practice and games.

Coaches Anderson and Ognibene handed each player a certificate and gift card to Hometown Hangout as Coach Brown told stories and voiced her appreciation for the players.

"I'm very proud of all of these girls," said Brown. "Hopefully, in the future, State will be there." The Lady Rebels won the District Championship this year, but their season ended in the Regional Tournament.

Coach Brown distributed



2023 All-District Players: Katie Chesser, Briley Auvenshine and Kassidy Brown. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner.

plaques to the 2023 All-District Players: Briley Auvenshine, Katie Chesser and Kassidy Brown.

Brown awarded Offensive Player of the Year to Katie Chesser, Defensive Player of the Year to Kassidy Brown, and 2023 Most Valuable Player to Briley Auvenshine.

Each year, the coaches award senior players with an end-of-season gift. Briley Auvenshine, Katie Chesser, Kassidy Brown,

and Payton Ognibene (not present) received backpacks.

Coach Brown delivered a goodbye speech to the students and parents. She welcomed Coach Luke Anderson as the team's new head coach. Coach Anderson, who volunteered his time during the 2023 season, is the middle school softball coach. "I see a lot of good things happening," said Brown. "He will do a lot of great things with the

high school team."

Coach Anderson thanked the coaches, parents and players for trusting and allowing him to coach the girls.

Brown concluded the ceremony by telling the girls, "Over all my years of coaching, if there's one thing I learned, it's to always go with your instinct. Whatever you think is the right decision, do it. No matter what you do, you will be judged."

Local Students Make UT Dean's List

The University of Tennessee-Knoxville released its Spring 2023 Dean's List Tuesday, May 30. The Dean's List recognizes the dedication required, and the contributions each student makes to the Knoxville campus and community. Several students from Carroll, Henry and Weakley counties made the spring list.

Each term, undergraduate students who complete at least 12 credit hours and have an overall term grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-4.0 earn their place on the Dean's List.

Students with a GPA between 3.9-4.0 are Summa Cum Laude, 3.7-3.89 are Magna Cum Laude, and 3.5-3.69 are Cum Laude.

Carroll County

Macie M. Brush, McKenzie, Summa Cum Laude; Anna G. Spivey, McKenzie, Summa Cum Laude; Lyndsey B. Summers, McKenzie, Summa Cum Laude; Moriah Jordan M. Deloach, McKenzie, Magna Cum Laude; Jackey Q. Zheng, McKenzie, Summa Cum Laude; Elizabeth K. Oakley, McKenzie, Cum Laude; Katie R. Simpson, Huntingdon, Magna Cum Laude; Aden T. Hutcherson, Huntingdon, Summa Cum Laude; Mia J. Sampson, Huntingdon, Cum Laude; Ryleigh B. Bailey, Huntingdon, Magna Cum Laude; Adyson C. Shands, Huntingdon, Magna Cum Laude; Adyn E. Swenson,

Huntingdon, Magna Cum Laude; Logan A. Mazik, Cedar Grove, Summa Cum Laude; Hannah M. Stephens, Cedar Grove, Magna Cum Laude; Paul J. Odum, Trezevant, Cum Laude; Carter M. Graves, Buena Vista, Summa Cum Laude.

Henry County

George W. Smith, Paris, Magna Cum Laude; Elizabeth A. Taylor, Paris, Magna Cum Laude; Jermarcus J. Johnson, Paris, Magna Cum Laude; Olivia B. Kenworthy, Paris, Magna Cum Laude; Jackson Z. Foster, Paris, Summa Cum Laude; Delia L. McDevitt, Paris, Summa Cum Laude; Emma F. Hill, Paris, Summa Cum Laude; Joseph F. Crichton, Paris, Magna Cum Laude; Emily G. Hendrix, Paris, Magna Cum Laude; Wyatt F. Hollingsworth, Paris, Magna Cum Laude; Madison B. Huffstutter, Paris, Summa Cum Laude; Lynn M. Chau, Springville, Cum Laude; Kaitlin R. Crabtree, Springville, Summa Cum Laude; Madison E. Edmonds, Puryear, Magna Cum Laude; Cittlali Onate, Mansfield, Summa Cum Laude; Jace C. Brown, Buchanan, Magna Cum Laude.

Weakley County

Natalie J. Williams, Martin, Summa Cum Laude; Anna C. Cursey, Martin, Cum Laude; Taylor B. Davis, Martin, Magna Cum Laude; Lydia J. Runions, Martin, Cum Laude; Diego

Ferrer, Martin, Summa Cum Laude; Ashley K. Rogers, Martin, Cum Laude; Katherine E. Freeman, Dresden, Magna Cum Laude; Dryver Z. Finch, Dresden,

Magna Cum Laude; Mary E. Buchanan, Sharon, Magna Cum Laude; Kadedra Evans, Sharon, Cum Laude; Edie C. Darby, Greenfield, Summa Cum Laude.

Local Students Named On Union University Spring Academic Lists

JACKSON — Students from Carroll, Henry and Weakley counties were honored on Union University's President's List and Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester.

The President's List includes full-time students who achieve a 4.0 grade point average on a four-point scale. Abby Lewis of Huntingdon and Heather Baugh from Trezevant were two of 284 students named on the Spring President's List.

The Dean's List includes full-time students who achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on a four-point scale. Eight of 335 honored students are from Carroll, Henry and Weakley

counties.

Local Dean's List honorees are Anna Williams, Huntingdon; Matthew Schultz, McKenzie; Braden Denman, Henry; Abigail Hobson, Paris; Alyssa Simmons, Paris; Olivia Wyatt, Paris; Cassalyn Callahan, Puryear; and Philip Trandel, Dresden.

Founded in 1823 and affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Union University is characterized by quality Christ-centered teaching and learning. Union offers liberal arts training in more than 100 majors and programs of study along with professional programs in business, education and nursing.

Nine Carroll County Students Graduate from Union University

JACKSON — Union University's spring commencement honored 495 graduates on May 6. Nine of the 495 students are from Carroll County.

Carroll County graduates are Michael Fields, Bachelor of Science in Biology (general), Cedar Grove; Kate Carter-Matlock, Master of Social Work Advanced, Huntingdon; Katie Chase, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Huntingdon; Tori Crider, Doctor of Pharmacy, Huntingdon; James Jones, Master of Business Administration (Online Only), Huntingdon; Angelic Laman, Master of

Social Work, Huntingdon; Emily Bloodworth, Master of Education - Instructional Leadership, McKenzie; Heather Baugh, Bachelor of Science in Biology (general), Trezevant; and Nakhila Parker, Postsecondary Education Program Certificate of Completion, Trezevant.

Located in Jackson, Tenn., Union University is a liberal arts-based university affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Founded in 1823, Union is the oldest institution relating to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Local Students Graduate From Harding University

SEARCY, Ark. — More than 600 students, including two students from Weakley County, received diplomas and were recognized as Harding University graduates for Spring 2023 during a commencement ceremony on May 6, 2023.

Graduates include students from the College of Allied Health, College of Arts and Humanities, College of Bible and Ministry, Paul R. Carter College of Business Administration, Cannon-Clary College of Education, Carr College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, College of Sciences and University College.

University President

Mike Williams recognized the candidates as they were recommended by the faculty for graduation.

Paxton Davis of Gleason received a Bachelor of Arts in history.

Hannah Garner of Martin received a Bachelor of Business Administration in international business.

Harding University is a private Christian, liberal arts university. Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, it is the largest private university in the state. The university offers more than 110 undergraduate majors, 14 pre-professional programs.

Local Students Make Ole Miss Honor Rolls

The University of Mississippi announced students named to its Spring 2023 Chancellor's Honor Roll and Dean's Honor Roll. Six local students made the lists.

The Chancellor's Honor Roll is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.0 on a four-point scale.

Isabella Colotta, of Gleason; Martha Nichols, of Gleason;

Marley Trosper, of Paris; and Loral Winn, of Dresden, made the Spring 2023 Chancellor's Honor Roll.

The Dean's Honor Roll is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.5-3.84.

Benjamin Murphey, of Paris, and Lindsey Sanders, of Huntingdon, made the Dean's Honor Roll.

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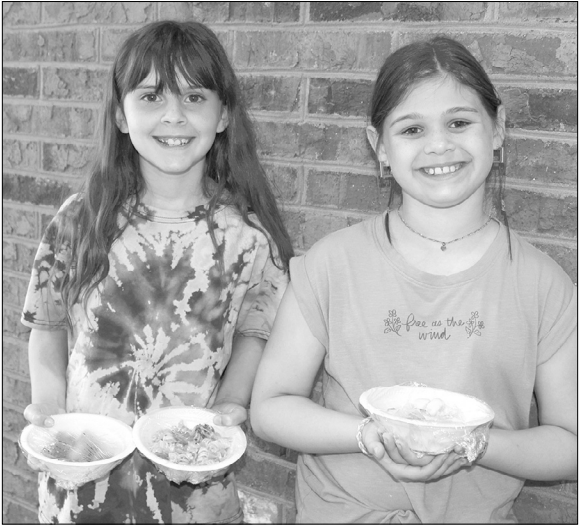
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Above, Pictured, cooking class students hold their hamburgers in front of the Cedar Street Studio mural. Students included Avery Anderson, Landry Chappell, Maddilyn Chappell, Adeline Johnson, Addie Brown, Anna Kate Tucker, Presley Shipp, Merritt Ghyers, Avery Cooper, Cason Hernandez, Hunter Johnson, and Colin Yeley. Below Left, Addie Brown and Presley Shipp, incoming fourth-graders at McKenzie Elementary School, hold bowls of tomato pasta salad, skillet potatoes, and fruit salad. Below Right, Instructor McKenzie Hurst helps Adeline Johnson peel a carrot. Photos by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner



First Cedar Street Studio Class Introduces Cooking Skills to Kids

BY LYNDSLEY SUMMERS
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Twelve elementary-aged students attended a cooking class at Cedar Street Studio in downtown McKenzie Tuesday, June 6. This is the first of many skills classes to be taught in the new studio owned by Urban Trading Company's Ashley Bell.

Amanda Paschall, Lacy Yeley and McKenzie Hurst from the UT-Extension Institute of Agriculture chose four recipes approved by the UT-Extension program and other federal programs to teach to the handful of students.

The instructors broke the students into groups of six so each child had an equal chance of participating. One-by-one, each child used vegetable peelers, knives, graters and more to prepare their meals.

"We do a lot of cooking programs throughout the county, especially with the youth," said Paschall, Carroll County's 4H agent.



Addie Brown grates a carrot. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

"Part of UT-Extension is educating on basic life skills, so that's a reason we do some of these classes. These

cooking classes are some of our favorites."

By the end of the two-hour class, the students each prepared their own "Big Orange Burger," a burger that had carrots and onions integrated into the beef. The class also joined forces to make tomato pasta salad, skillet potatoes with peppers and onions, and fruit salad.

Each student brought home a serving of each meal and an insulated goodie bag containing a cutting board, measuring spoons, measuring cups, a reusable water bottle, lunch bags, a refrigerator thermostat, a meat thermostat, a colander, and a vegetable scrubbing brush.

Paschall, Yeley and Hurst will return to Cedar Street Studio June 20 for a second cooking class session, where they will teach a new group of students four different recipes.

Cedar Street Studio is located at 2375 Cedar Street, behind Urban Trading Company.

LIFELINE Blood Services Critical Appeal Continues

JACKSON — West Tennessee's blood supply is at an extremely low level, according to LIFELINE Blood Services. The organization continues its Critical Appeal for the third week, requesting blood types O positive, O negative, A positive, A negative, B positive and B negative right away.

"Our blood supply has been running low for three weeks now and our blood usage was high over the Memorial Day weekend," said Melinda Reid, marketing manager with LIFELINE Blood Services. "We have not seen the big donor response that we are so desperate for, so we are staying on Critical Appeal."

The LIFELINE Bloodmobile will be at the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon at 1 p.m. June 22, Overflow Church in McKenzie at 9 a.m. June 25, and Walmart in Huntingdon

at 1 p.m. June 30.

"Summer is always a challenging time to maintain an adequate blood supply at LIFELINE," said Reid. LIFELINE Blood Services needs to draw about 450 units of whole blood each week to maintain an adequate blood supply. "We are experiencing a critical shortage, and we need everyone to donate immediately at either our Jackson or Dyersburg Center or on one of our mobile blood drives in order to save lives. You never know when you will be the one on the receiving end in the hospital needing blood, so please donate today!"

Donors ages 18 and up can enter to win a 2020 Ford Mustang upon donating at either one of their centers or on a mobile blood drive.

LIFELINE Blood Services, at 183 Sterling Farms Drive, Jackson, is open Monday through Saturday from

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome. The Dyersburg Center is at 1130 Hwy 51 Bypass, Suites 19 and 20, and is open Saturday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday through Tuesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. No appointment is necessary to donate whole blood.

LIFELINE provides blood services to 21 West Tennessee counties, including 18 hospitals, 14 emergency helicopter service locations and one ground ambulance service. The center collects approximately 26,000 blood products (red cell units, platelets, plasma, etc.) annually to meet the needs to patients. LIFELINE also provides reference lab and cross-matching services to healthcare facilities.

For more information, visit lifelinebloodserv.org/drive-calendar.

Carroll County Library June Activities Announced

The Carroll County Library hosts multiple educational events to promote activity and reading to children (and adults) this June and July. This year's Summer Reading Program theme, chosen by the Collaborative Summer Library Program, is "All Together Now," which advocates kindness, unity and friendship among library-goers.

Beginning June 8, workers and volunteers at the Carroll County Library urge readers to register and grab reading logs to kick off their summer reading. Kid's Cafe is Monday through Friday, providing free snacks to children 18 and younger.

Throughout the months of June and July, the library will host several activities. Tot time is every Wednesday beginning at 10:30 a.m. PBS visits June 15 at 3:30 p.m., and Lego Club meets at 3:30. Friday, June 16, the library hosts the Barry Mitchell Friendship Adventure at 2:30 p.m.

The library is closed Monday, June 19, in recognition of Juneteenth. The UT-Extension hosts a 4H cooking class Thursday, June 22, at 10:30 a.m. The Memory Cafe is Friday, June 23, at 10:30 a.m. The Coffee with Characters book club meets Saturday, June 24, at 10 a.m. June's book is "The Story

Sisters" by Alice Hoffman. Friendship and Etiquette Tea begins at 2 p.m.

Explorer Monday is June 26, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Monday Makers follows at 3:30 p.m. The West Tennessee Public Utility District visits Thursday, June 29, at 10:30 a.m. Anime Club follows, beginning at 4 p.m. Friday, June 30, the library hosts an "Escape Together" activity from 5 to 8 p.m. Attendees must preregister.

The Carroll County Library is open Monday through Wednesday 8-4:30, Thursday 8-5:30, Friday 8-4, and Saturday 9-12. It is closed on Sundays.

Ashley Horn Named Marketing, Communications VP at LIS

Carroll County native Ashley Horn was promoted to Vice President of Marketing and Communications at L.I. Smith & Associates (LIS) in early May. LIS is a land surveying and civil engineering company in Paris and Nashville. Horn works at the Paris office.

Horn, previously the marketing coordinator, has worked with LIS for just over two years.

LIS President Patrick Smith said, "Ashely has been incredibly successful in her time here. We have seen great incomes in outreach and our internship programs, largely due to the increase in corporate communications. She has my full trust as she continues to build the marketing department and enhance our brand and company culture."

As Vice President of Marketing and Communications, Horn will be responsible for building LIS' vision and voice while protecting and growing the



Ashley Horn

company's brand and reputation. She will also continue managing all internal staff communications and engagement, public relations, business development and recruitment initiatives.

"I am thrilled to take on this new role and to continue telling LIS' story," said Horn. "This is truly an exciting time for the

company, as we have a talented group of diverse staff members and are continuing to grow across the board. I look forward to this new chapter."

Horn has a diverse background in communications, with an emphasis in higher education and nonprofit fields. She laid the foundation for the LIS internship program, which launched in 2022 and has provided a hands-on learning opportunity for students studying within the civil engineering, surveying, communications or marketing fields.

Horn is a doctoral student at Regent University and holds a Master of Arts degree in Strategic Communication from the University of Tennessee at Martin. She is a member of the Society for Marketing Professional Services, serves as a board member for the American Advertising Federation, a volunteer for the Paris-Henry County Arts Council, and is a graduate of Leadership Carroll County.

Mayor Griffin Speaks to McKenzie Rotary

MCKENZIE (June 6) — Mayor Ryan Griffin was the featured speaker at the Rotary Club of McKenzie on Tuesday, June 6.

Griffin has a six-month tenure as the newly elected mayor of the city. He spoke about his first six months and plans for the city.

He noted the recent opening of the six pickleball courts in McKenzie City Park and a plan to construct soccer fields in the park. Pickleball in McKenzie is very popular with players coming to the city from throughout the region. While some cities have combination tennis/pickleball courts, McKenzie's is regulation-size pickleball courts with nets lower in height than tennis nets.

Construction on a sidewalk along Cedar Street, from McKenzie Banking Company to U.S. 79, should start in the coming weeks. Several years ago, the city received a grant to mostly fund the construction. A sidewalk along South Main Street to complete a walkway from downtown to E.W. James is also in the works. Both projects were initiated during the previous city administration, acknowledged Griffin.

Soon, McKenzie Police Department will add a canine to the force, said the mayor. He also noted the



Mayor Ryan Griffin and Kathy Ham, president of the McKenzie Rotary Club.

department is fully staffed with a waiting list of officers, who have applied to join the city force.

Phone calls to City Hall are now directed to via phone menu to the department supervisors instead of the office staff. Griffin said that makes the government more efficient in their work.

The city is working to develop a 'brand' and logos

to better represent the city.

The state's Department of Tourism is also funding promotional videos for the County of Carroll. It features McKenzie and other parts of the county in the video.

McKenzie Fire Department will soon be equipped with four new self-contained breathing apparatus, funded, in part by a grant.

Tatum Nolan Receives Distinguished Tennessean Scholarship

The University of Tennessee-Knoxville announced its second cohort of Distinguished Tennessean Scholars on May 26. UT launched the Distinguished Tennessean Scholarship in fall 2022 with the goal of awarding a tuition and mandatory fees scholarship, renewable for four years, to one outstanding student from each county across the state.

Tatum Nolan, a Huntingdon High School graduate, is Carroll County's 2023 scholarship recipient.

Each selected scholar was automatically considered for the award if they applied to the university by December 15, the regular admissions deadline. Award recipients were selected based on their academic performance and engagement. The recipient must be admitted to the university and enroll for the fall semester immediately following their graduation from a Tennessee high school.



Tatum Nolan

Gasoline Prices Drop During Week

Average gasoline prices in Tennessee fell 4.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.12/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 3,821 stations in Tennessee. Prices in Tennessee are 2.6 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 151.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 1.6 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.87 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Tennessee was priced at \$2.77/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.22/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.77/g while the highest was \$3.99/g, a difference of \$1.22/g. The national average price of gasoline has risen 5.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.57/g today. The national average is up 5.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 144.6 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 ten years:

Date	Tennessee (U.S. Average)
June 12, 2022	\$4.64/g (\$5.01/g)
June 12, 2021	\$2.84/g (\$2.88/g)
June 12, 2020	\$1.85/g (\$2.10/g)
June 12, 2019	\$2.37/g (\$2.71/g)
June 12, 2018	\$2.65/g (\$2.91/g)
June 12, 2017	\$2.06/g (\$2.32/g)
June 12, 2016	\$2.18/g (\$2.38/g)
June 12, 2015	\$2.55/g (\$2.79/g)
June 12, 2014	\$3.41/g (\$3.65/g)
June 12, 2013	\$3.31/g (\$3.63/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Location	Price (U.S. Average)
Chattanooga	\$3.04/g, down 9.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.14/g.
Nashville	\$3.18/g, down 8.1 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.26/g.
Huntsville	\$3.10/g, down 3.6 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.13/g.

"We've seen some hefty

gas price increases in several states in the Great Lakes and also in Florida. These areas saw prices jump up in line with behaviors that see such jumps every couple of weeks. Exacerbating these routine jumps was government data that showed the third straight week with U.S. gasoline demand over the critical 9 million barrel per day mark, putting upward pressure on average prices in other areas as well," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "With the Fed meeting this week to potentially alter interest rates again, we could see some turbulence in oil markets, potentially impacting states where gas prices were quiet this week, while the states that saw a big jump last week could see some moderate relief in the week ahead. The good news has continued for average diesel prices, which again fell last week to their lowest since early 2022, helping to relieve some pressure on hard-hit consumers of diesel."

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Planning for Medical Emergencies

Medical emergencies pose a significant threat to human health.

Unintentional injuries are not the only situations that qualify as medical emergencies, which also can result from sudden, life-threatening issues like heart attack or stroke. Knowing what to do in the wake of a medical emergency can reduce the likelihood that such instances end in tragedy.

Document your medical history & keep printed documentation in an easily accessible place. Younger individuals likely won't have as much documentation regarding their medical histories, including existing conditions, medications and even previous emergencies. All individuals should print out a document that includes a brief rundown of their medical histories, and keep the document in an easily accessible place so caretakers, spouses or roommates can quickly find it and share all relevant information with first responders.

Pack an overnight bag. Aging men and women or young people with a history of illness and/or medical emergencies should pack an overnight bag or ask their caretakers to pack one for them. Include pajamas, personal toiletries and other care items, and even some books or activity books so you have something to do should you require an extended stay in the hospital. Include a spare phone or device charger in your overnight bag, as it's easy to forget such items when you're hurrying out the door in an emergency situation.

Become CPR-certified. The medical experts at MedStar Health recommend that individuals take classes for first aid and CPR. Such lessons can save lives and help anyone experiencing a medical emergency get immediate attention until first responders arrive to administer additional care. Some organizations may offer free CPR courses, while others, including the American Red Cross, offer training at affordable prices.

Map out the quickest route to the nearest emergency room. Modern drivers are accustomed to relying on their car's GPS systems to get from point A to point B. However, during a medical emergency it's ideal if individuals or caretakers already know where the nearest hospital is and how to get there. That removes uncertainties from the situation and ensures that precious seconds won't be wasted trying to get devices to connect with automobiles.

Medical emergencies can affect anyone at any time. Knowing what to do in such situations can save lives and increase the chances of a positive outcome.

AGE-BASED HEALTH SCREENING GUIDELINES

Early detection is crucial to overcoming serious illnesses. The following age-specific health screening recommendations can be a preventive care guideline, but doctors may advise patients to have more frequent screenings depending on their medical histories.

18-39 YEARS

Cholesterol: A cholesterol check should occur around age 20, then every 5 years until age 35. Afterward it can occur annually.

Skin screening: An annual full body screening identifies any suspicious moles or skin lesions.

Cervical cancer: Women in this age range should receive a Pap smear every 3 years and an annual pelvic exam.

Breast exam: Self-examination of the breasts and examination by a clinical provider should take place every year.

Testicular exam: Men should conduct self exams for testicular abnormalities. Doctors may also examine the testicles during annual physicals.

Tdap vaccine: Adults should get the Tdap vaccine if they did not receive it as a child to protect against pertussis, and then a Td (tetanus, diphtheria) booster shot every 10 years.

HPV vaccine: The human papilloma virus vaccine is recommended if you did not receive it as a child.

40-64 YEARS

Zoster (Shingles) vaccine: 2 doses of this vaccine are administered between 2 and 6 months apart starting at age 50.

Colorectal screening: A colonoscopy to detect any colorectal illnesses is recommended beginning at age 50.

Prostate screening: Prostate screenings begin at age 50 unless you are a high-risk individual, in which case screenings begin at age 40.

Osteoporosis: Doctors may recommend a bone density test and osteoporosis screening at age 50+ if certain risk factors are present.

Lung cancer screening: If you are a past/current smoker, it's wise to have an annual lung cancer screening. The American Lung Association says adults age 55+ can have this screening covered by health insurance.

Mammogram: Women should receive annual mammograms after age 40.

65 YEARS & OLDER

Cervical cancer: Most women can stop getting Pap smears at this age if they have no history of cervical cancer.

Pneumococcal & pneumonia vaccines: These are recommended every 5 years for certain conditions & risk factors.

Cognitive health: Doctors may assess your cognitive health to see if there are any risk factors for dementias.

Doctors may also conduct annual depression screenings to assess mental health or routine blood glucose monitoring based on diabetes risk factors.

Individuals are urged to speak to their doctors to map out a health screening schedule specific to their needs.

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Did You Know?

Cancers affect many different parts of the body and are named according to where in the body they originated. Cancers that begin in the bones and in the soft, connective tissues are called sarcomas.

According to the Mayo Clinic, there are more than 70 types of sarcoma. Sarcomas also can form in fat, muscle, blood vessels, nerves, tendons, and the lining of the joints. Sarcomas can develop anywhere from the top to the bottom of the body. However, 40 percent occur in the lower extremities (legs, ankles, feet) and 30 percent occur in the trunk, chest wall, abdomen, and pelvis. Sarcomas in the upper extremities as well as the head and neck are not as common.

The Cleveland Clinic says that sarcomas generally form when immature bone or soft tissue cells have changed their DNA, and they develop into cancer cells and grow unregulated.

People who have been exposed to certain chemicals like arsenic or radiation or individuals who have lymphedema or inherited genetic conditions like Gardner syndrome are at an elevated risk of developing sarcoma.

Pre-Workout Tips for Seniors

As physically active individuals age, they typically must change how they approach exercise. Seniors may have to think about injury prevention and ways to improve their endurance before even lacing up their sneakers. For most, that may boil down to taking the following pre-workout steps.

1 Get enough rest. The body requires adequate sleep and other rest during the day to stimulate muscle growth and repair. Exercise may not be as effective and may be more dangerous if seniors do not get enough sleep. Sleep deprivation can also reduce reaction times, which can negatively affect workouts.

2 Emphasize stretching. Stretching can improve flexibility and reduce the risk of muscle injuries. It can also improve range of motion in the joints. Stretching before and after a workout prepares the body for exercise and helps it recover.

3 Wear proper footwear and clothing. Sturdy, supportive athletic shoes and well-fitting workout wear can make working out safer and more comfortable. The National Institute on Aging recommends finding footwear designed for the specific activity you'll be engaging in. Footwear that offers sufficient heel support and nonslip soles is also beneficial.

4 Warm up. Warming up loosens up the joints and muscles for the exercise ahead.

After a workout, seniors should cool down to reduce their heart rates and prepare for recovery.

5 Carefully consider pre-workout supplements. Pre-workout powders and pills have become popular for exercise enthusiasts. Manufacturers may advertise that their products are loaded with vitamins and minerals that will help energize the body for a workout. However, they also may be fortified with caffeine. Do not take a pre-workout supplement without first consulting your physician, as certain products may adversely interact with medications you're taking for preexisting conditions.

Pre-workout steps can keep seniors safe and reduce injury risk from exercise.

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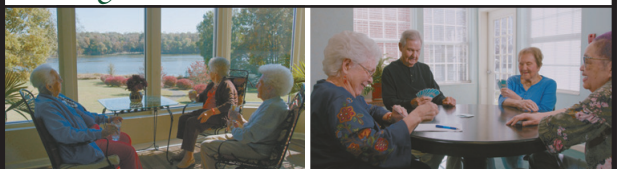
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