

Highway Temporarily Closed Near West Carroll High School

ATWOOD — Beginning Wednesday, June 21, State Route 77/70A, Atwood to McLemoresville will be closed for the reconstruction of the roadway. The closure is expected to last six weeks, contingent on weather conditions.

All residents will have access to homes or businesses, according to the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

Signage for the detour route following Highway 70 and 105 will be posted.

The closure for the intersection of the new State Route 76 (U.S. 79) bypass around Atwood and Trezevant. Eventually, the new divided four-lane highway



The intersection of the new divided four-lane State Route 76 (U.S. 79) and State Route 77/70A near West Carroll High School will be closed for approximately six weeks.

way will extend from the Gibson County line near Atwood to McKenzie. It is being constructed in three

phases: (1) Around Atwood; (2) extended around Trezevant, and then from Trezevant to McKenzie.



Police Chief Ryan White addresses the McKenzie School Board during their June 15 meeting. Photo by Lyndsey Summers/The Banner

McKenzie Wants SROs to Return to Local Force

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MCKENZIE (June 15) — McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin and McKenzie Police Chief Ryan White appealed to the McKenzie School Board June 15, asking to provide McKenzie's school resource officers (SROs) for the 2023-24 school year.

The McKenzie Police Department provided one officer to McKenzie schools for several years until running out of resources. The Carroll County Sheriff's Office took charge and provided three SROs to the district last year through a financial contract. Each SRO was paid an approximate \$58,000 salary and benefits.

Officers Nick Lowe, Andy Weaver and Tyler Haley served as McKenzie Special School District's SROs during the 2022-23 school year, rotating between the three schools and at ball games.

Mayor Griffin said one of his top two priorities when he took office last November was to get the SROs back under the McKenzie Police Department and for the city to help promote education. Providing SROs from the McKenzie Police Department would be a way for the city to partner and create relationships with the school district.

Chief White said he would like the McKenzie Police Department to provide SROs because it has a local benefit. While the Sheriff's Office is in Huntingdon, the McKenzie Police Department is only a few minutes away from each school.

Carroll County Sheriff Andy Dickson also attended and asked the board to remain working with the Carroll County Sheriff's Office.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee signed a strong school safety bill in early May, presenting the Statewide School Resource Officer Grant Program. The program provides local law enforcement agencies up to \$75,000 per year, per each school they are providing SRO services.

The current full-time SRO salary and benefits is estimated at \$58,000. With the new grant, the McKenzie Police Department can fund the officers' salaries and benefits without help from the school district. Any remaining grant money would go toward new police cars for the officers. The McKenzie Police Department has a few older vehicles available, and they have ordered four new patrol vehicles.

The McKenzie Special School District qualifies for three SROs under the new grant, but both Chief

White and Sheriff Dickson said they would like to hire an additional SRO for the district, in case a current officer needs time off or a sick day. Chief White said the McKenzie Police Department would also put one of the officers in charge of overseeing SRO training.

The school district would pay the additional SRO's salary and benefits.

Mayor Griffin said McKenzie has a drug problem, not only in the city but in the schools. Chief White said if the school board chose to partner with the McKenzie Police Department, he would work to reintroduce the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program to the schools.

Sheriff Dickson said Officer Chris Adams from the Carroll County Sheriff's Office teaches D.A.R.E. classes in other county schools and he was surprised to hear that Officer Adams wasn't teaching in McKenzie.

Chief White said he has spoken to one of the district's current officers, and his main concern was staying in the schools. The officer did not mind if it was through the Carroll County Sheriff's Office or the McKenzie Police Department.

The McKenzie Police Department offered to hire the current SROs and consider their prior years of experience and vacation time they had with the sheriff's department. "If they decide to come over," said Chief White, "it would not hurt them. We don't want to do anything that's going to hurt the current employee."

However, Sheriff Dickson said he would be doing a disservice to the officers if he did not fight for them to stay and keep their current retirement program. "I feel like we have a better retirement program where we're at," he said. "I think we've got the best department in the county to work for, so I don't know that I could sway any of them to leave."

Mayor Griffin said he could review making the retirement benefits comparable to the county's benefits with the city council.

Sheriff Dickson said he would offer all three officers a job somewhere else in the county before they left. He is searching for officers to fill vacant positions at West Carroll, Bruceton, Clarksburg and the vocational school.

He said the three officers are already outfitted and have vehicles with the Carroll County Sheriff's Office. He said he would send back any grant money not needed for salary or

benefits unless the school board agreed to hire a fourth officer. In that case, the additional funds would go towards outfitting the officer and providing him or her with a vehicle.

"There's no doubt that [the county police department] currently has everything in place and we would be behind," said Chief White. "But we would like the opportunity." He said he would be doing the City of McKenzie and the police department an injustice if he did not try and bring back a relationship between McKenzie schools and the police department.

Chief White said the police department sometimes receives calls regarding the schools, and they have to pass it along to the sheriff's office in Huntingdon. During the 2022-23 school year, they received calls about traffic issues and other minor things.

Mayor Griffin said he also receives complaints about there not being an SRO on-duty, especially during school pick-up and drop-off times.

Sheriff Dickson leaves the SROs' daily management to the school staff. He said any traffic problems were never brought to his attention. Mayor Griffin, however, felt like a partnership with the McKenzie Police Department would establish more accountability with the officers.

"This is a special school district in McKenzie, Tennessee, not a county school," Mayor Griffin said. "And from our perspective, this should be a city issue."

School board member Karen Fowler expressed her gratitude toward the McKenzie Police Department for helping with traffic issues on Stonewall Street by the middle school. She said there were students who were almost getting hit in the afternoons when school dismissed, and the police department provided officers and vehicles to remedy the problem.

Chief White said the McKenzie Police Department would continue helping the school system, regardless of the school board's decision. Sheriff Dickson agreed.

"No matter what happens," Chief White said, "we're still part of this community."

Board member LaShonda Williams motioned to table the discussion and decide in a special-called meeting. Spiros Roditis seconded the motion.

The McKenzie School Board will meet for a vote between the McKenzie Police Department and the Carroll County Sheriff's Office before July 1.

Trezevant Approves Budget

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TREZEVANT (June 13) — Trezevant Mayor and Council approved the 2023-24 fiscal year budget during the June 13 meeting. While the taxes at .65 per \$100 assessed value did not increase, the town will experience a deficit budget in which expenses exceed revenues.

In the General Fund, revenues are budgeted at \$346,000 while expenditures are estimated at \$487,140, requiring the difference to be withdrawn from the reserve funds to leave an ending balance of \$209,104.

The State Street Aid Fund has \$28,000 in revenues and expenses. The Drug Fund has an estimated revenue of \$250 and \$200 in expenses. The Solid Waste Fund has \$74,500 in revenue and \$72,100 in expenses to leave an \$80,646 balance in its reserve fund.

The Water and Sewer Fund has an estimated \$285,050 in revenues and \$656,896 in expenses to create a \$371,846 deficit.

In other business, the Council voted to delay the implementation of a new cybersecurity policy until it can be explained to the Council.

Charles Trotter, attorney for the city, gave an update on the former PoJo's Tavern on Clay Street. Trotter said the owner, Jeff Harrison, now resides in Newbern and has received legal notification of pending civil court action concerning the dilapidated structure. The city is seeking for the owner to raze the building.

According to one town resident, the structure was once a tavern and music venue mainly frequented



Above, Trezevant Town Mayor and Council (L to R): Leon Lyell, Don Barger, Pam Joyner, Mayor Bobby Blaylock, Dan Dieringer and Mark Argo. Below, The former PoJo's Tavern in Trezevant is in disrepair and the city is seeking for it to be razed through court action.



by African-Americans, up to the 1980s.

The Board voted to request authority from the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to issue debt in the amount of \$30,000 to help fund a new amphitheater in the park. The city is asking permission in arrears after already issuing the notes.

Councilman Dan Dieringer said assembly of the new playground equipment at the park will begin soon. For safety reasons, the access gate to the walking trail will be locked during assembly of the equipment.

Ken and Barbi Martin were granted an extension of one month to address the Council concerning non-compliance with the city's ordinance concerning the height of grass.

City employee Mary Jo

Hall said the grass is overgrown and violates the city's ordinances. Mr. Martin was said to be sick and unable to attend the June meeting. According to information from the meeting, the Martins have a bee hive in the middle of a field, and they leave the vegetation to grow as a food source for the bees. The Martins received a letter from the city advising them of the violation.

Mayor Bobby Blaylock asked Councilman Don Barger to speak with an undisclosed deputy of the Carroll County Sheriff's Department about coming to work with the Town of Trezevant to fill the vacancy for a full-time officer. The city will discuss matching the salary paid to the Sheriff's Department.

Henry County Medical Center To Host Community Forum

PARIS — Henry County Medical Center is hosting a Community Forum at the Krider Performing Arts Center, 650 Volunteer Dr, Paris, at 5 p.m. Thursday, June 22.

CEO John Tucker announced said the event starts the evening with a presentation and close with questions from members of the community.

"In light of recent discussion regarding changes of services offered at HCMC, I would like the opportunity to be transparent with the community and answer any questions they may have," says Tucker. "I will outline current challenges and discuss sustainability plans moving forward."

Recently, Tucker announced obstetrics services will end at the hospital later in 2023.

Calling it a very difficult discussion, Tucker said that HCMC would cease providing OB services on Sept. 1. "Despite the great care that Drs. (Pamela) Evans, (Sandra) Boxell, and (Katherine) Whitfield provide their patients at Paris Women's Center and in our hospital, we have struggled with very low volumes for the past several months," Tucker said.



He explained the hospital would reorganize the Paris Women's Center to begin offering only gynecologic services while also working on expanding relationships with neighboring facilities and physicians for patients to receive obstetric care. Seeking ways to keep the hospital financially viable has been the primary objective the last several months for Tucker and the board, he explained. "With the financial struggles that have been in place at our organization for the past several years, HCMC is on the verge of financial failure and would not be able to sustain beyond year-end had this difficult decision not been made."

Tucker noted HCMC is not alone in ceasing service lines, as rural hospitals across the county continue to close or suspend services at a high rate. "Over half of the rural hospitals in the country have already been forced to make this decision, so while this is very unfortunate, it has become almost the rule in rural America and not the exception." When McKenzie Regional Hospital closed in 2018, along with it was the closure of the only obstetrics department in Carroll County. With the soon-to-be closed Henry County Center, the closest facility are Murray, Kentucky, Martin, Jackson and Union City.

McKenzie Schools' Enrollment Grew in 2022

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office released updated K-12 education information for the 2021-22 school year. The updated information includes data on teacher salaries, student enrollment, funding, graduation rates and ACT scores. New data indicates that the McKenzie Special School District's enrollment is set to grow back to pre-COVID numbers in the coming years.

For the first time since 2014, the McKenzie Special School District's enrollment has increased. In 2014, there were 1,411 students enrolled across the district's three schools. By 2021, that number dropped to 1,167 students enrolled. There were 1,195 students enrolled during the 2021-22 school year, which indicates a possibly growing student population.

Of those students, 483

were enrolled at McKenzie Elementary School, 371 were at McKenzie Middle School, and 341 were at McKenzie High School. 200 students across all schools required special education, 305 were economically disadvantaged, and 42 were English learners.

McKenzie High School had a graduation rate of 95.9%. The average ACT score among McKenzie High School students was 18.9, the highest among other Carroll County schools.

There were 102 total personnel employed with the school district. The average salary for a classroom teacher (including vocational, home/hospital, special education and grade K-12 teachers) was \$52,222. The state average was \$55,579. The average salary for instructional personnel (including

supervisors of instruction, instructional coaches, attendance teachers, school psychologists, guidance counselors, social workers, and librarians) was \$54,391. The state average was \$58,125. The average salary for a licensed educator (including other positions with an educational license that are not counted as classroom teachers or instructional personnel) was \$55,109. The state average was \$58,594.

All three schools in the McKenzie Special School District were rated as good, out of excellent, good, fair or poor conditions. New director of schools Dr. Justin Barden is dedicating some of the 2023-24 fiscal year's budget to improving the appearance and utilities of McKenzie Middle School and McKenzie High School.

Homicide

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and Brent Booth conducted a custodial interview of Charles Johnson. After the waiver of his Miranda

rights, Johnson voluntarily provided a statement.

Johnson stated he twice shot Wooley with a shotgun - the first time in the back and the second time in the face while in front of the residence.

Johnson advised the shooting took place follow-

ing a physical altercation between himself and Wooley.

Johnson, 73, is accused of fatally shooting Wooley (DOB: 1/18/80).

Johnson (DOB: 7/15/49) was arrested and booked into the Carroll County Jail on a count of Criminal Homicide. He is held without bond.

Inglenook Book Club News

BY BEVERLY MUELLER
*Inglenook Book Club
Recording Secretary*

Lakeside Senior Living Community in McKenzie was the location for the June 14 monthly meeting of the Inglenook Book Club, with 19 members present. President Carolyn Moore called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. by thanking hostesses Gayron Lyles and Pedie Pedersen for serving delicious German Chocolate Cake along with assorted beverages.

Attendees stood for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and then recited the Club Aim and Motto. President Moore posed a question to all of what our club color is: Violet (purple), of course.

Roll call was taken, followed by the reading of the May minutes, which were approved as read. Treasurer Donna Ward followed, reading the treasurer's report, which was also approved as read.

President Moore called for committee reports, beginning with Sunshine chair, Elaine Williams, who reported birthday cards were sent. Mention of President Moore who had a birthday yesterday, and everyone joined together singing Happy Birthday. Telephone Chair, Victoria Ard, was thanked for her calling to remind everyone of the meeting date, time, and items to bring. Membership Chair, Suzanne Howell, mentioned that there is vacancy available for new member(s) and to give names to her. A suggestion was made for a potential new member, and

Suzanne will contact and report back next month. The items donated for May were delivered to the school, and they are always so appreciative of our support for the students.

There was no unfinished business, and President Moore called on member Mary Newman to present the program.

Mary spoke to the group on the New York Times, USA Today and (London) Sunday Times best-selling author of 28 novels published in more than 20 languages: Diane Chamberlain. The award-winning author has produced numerous novels since becoming a full-time author in 1982. Chamberlain was born March 18, 1950, to parents John and Nan Lopresti. Her mother's maiden name was Chamberlain, which she continues to go by. She grew up in Plainfield, New Jersey, spending her summers at the Jersey Shores — which two settings found their way into her novels. Her father was a school principal and supplied her with a new book almost daily. Chamberlain attended Glassboro State College in New Jersey and later received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in social work from San Diego State University.

One day while waiting for a doctor's appointment, pulling out a pen and paper, she began putting together the story she'd had in mind since her adolescent age, about a group of people living together at the Jersey Shore. Chamberlain took a fiction writing class, but for the most part, she said, "I learned by doing," and also, "Once I started writ-

ing, I couldn't stop."

That story, "Private Relations," took her four years to complete, and then it wasn't published until three long years later. It earned her the RITA award for the Best Single Title Contemporary Romance Novel.

Her Book "Big Lies in a Small Town" is the tale of two artists, living 78 years apart, with a third artist that links them together.

Chamberlain describes her work. "My stories are often filled with twists and surprises and I hope they also tug at the emotions, relationships between men and women, parents and children, sisters and brothers — which are always the primary focus of my books," she said.

According to Publishers Weekly, her work "bridges the gap between romance and relationship novels."

Book Chair Mary Newman distributed books after announcing the program. The next book passing date is June 28. There were no announcements.

The next meeting is July 12 at 3 p.m. at Lakeside. Remember to bring personal hygiene products for the school students. All recited the Benediction and the meeting adjourned.

Present members were Victoria Ard, Carolyn Goodwin, Jean Hollomon, Suzanne Howell, Geneva Johnson, Gayron Lyles, Gail Mack, Shirley Martin, Jean McKinnie, Carolyn Moore, Beverly Mueller, Mary Newman, Pedie Pederson, Marilynn Putman, Sheila Rogers, Suzanne Russell, Genia Sherwood, Donna Ward and Elaine Williams.

County

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the county mayor's office at \$353,899; county clerk's office at \$333,026; property assessor's office at \$270,096; county trustee's office at \$249,378; register of deeds' office at \$239,012; election commission's office is budgeted \$209,282; and juvenile services at \$192,530.

The largest portion of the \$7,982,601 tax-based revenue coming to Carroll County is \$4,941,589 from property taxes. Local sales tax is expected at \$800,000 and the wheel tax is figured at \$700,000. Additional revenue from the state is valued at \$4,551,384.

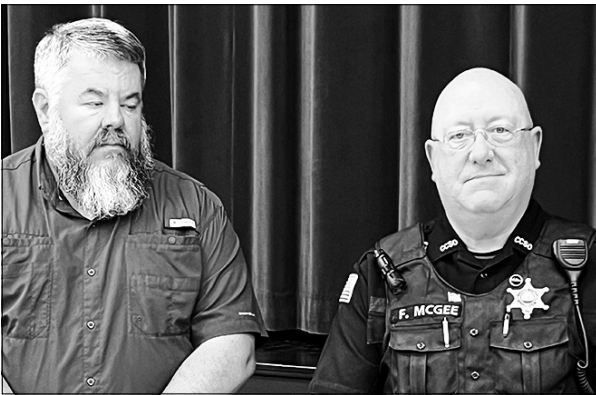
Separate from the general fund the proposed budget comes to \$15,030,328.

The Highway Department has a proposed budget of \$5,042,297 with an anticipated revenue of \$4,241,766 creating a deficit of \$800,531. \$500,000 of the deficit will be transferred from other financing sources (general fund balance) forcing \$300,351 to be paid through the department's fund balance.

The Carroll County Board of Education's proposed budget is \$4,852,796. The school budget contains expenses of \$731,000 for bus drivers, \$775,000 for transportation equipment, and \$118,733 for the superintendent's salary. \$500,000 of the deficit will be transferred from other financing sources (general fund balance) forcing \$371,004 to be paid through the board's fund balance.

With the passage of the budget, Resolution 6-02-2023 set the tax rate at \$1.4131 on each \$100 of taxable property. There is no tax increase for the 2023-24 fiscal year even though the county's payrolls are increasing by almost \$1 million in the General Fund.

Included in the budget are non-profit organization contributions. The non-profits are part of Resolution 6-01-2023 for \$58,000 to the fol-



Carroll County Deputy Frank McGee (right) is applauded for his career in law enforcement. He was joined by Sheriff Andy Dickson (left).

lowing organizations: Rescue Squad \$8,000; Gordon Browning Museum \$5,000; McKenzie Memorial Library \$6,000; Carl Perkins \$25,000; TN Rehab Center \$500; McKenzie Senior Citizens \$200; Carroll County Shooting Sports Park \$10,000; and the WRAP Organization \$3,823.

Due to a lack of necessary commissioners present in the May 2023 meeting to make a two-thirds vote on the Juneteenth Holiday, Resolution 6-09-2023 was brought before the board for a vote a third time on the proposed Federal and State holiday. Juneteenth, an annual commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States after the Civil War, was signed into legislation by President Joe Biden in 2021. Dr. Lakisha Yarbrough spoke to the commission at the meeting about the holiday.

The holiday passed by the narrow margin of 11 to 9 with one abstention. Monday, June 19, 2023, was its first observance. This makes the thirteenth paid holiday for the county. On average a paid day holiday costs the county \$71,000. This holiday now puts the yearly fiscal budget at approximately \$923,000 for paid holidays. Commissioners voting for the holiday were Willie Huffman, Jay Phipps, Spiros Roditis, John Austin, Joey Darnell, Manuel Crossno, Walter Smothers, Philip Moore, Daniel Thomas, Barry Mac Murphy and Jason

R. Martin. Commissioners who voted against the adoption were Lin Smith, Cyril Ostiguy, Jimmy McClure, Randy Long, Darrell Ridgely, Jimmy Halford, Daniel Wilman, Joey Simmons and Larry Spencer. Commissioner Lana Suite abstained.

The two state championship teams from McKenzie High School were presented with proclamations. The back-to-back championship girls' team and the boys' championship football team were lauded for their on and off-the-field performance by Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler. Mr. Football winner and title game MVP Jackson Cassidy also received a proclamation for his accomplishments.

Two retiring county deputies, Frank McGee and Mike Taylor, were presented with their service weapons. Dr. Lisa Norris and Sandi Walden were appointed to the Carroll County Library Board along with Paul Moore to the Carroll County Electric Department Board.

The following notaries were elected: Rasha Highdon, Michelle Martin, Jill Mayo, Valarie McMackin, Darrell Ridgely, Victoria Steele, Shari Summers and Savanna Wilson.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Carroll County Commission is August 14 at 7 p.m. in the conference room at the Carroll County Government Complex on High Street in Huntingdon.

School

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teachers making at least \$50,000 per year by the 2026-27 fiscal year. The starting salary for a first-year teacher with a Bachelor of Science is now \$43,150. This is a \$1,660 increase from the 2022-23 starting salary and \$1,150 more than the state minimum salary of \$42,000.

During a June 13 budget meeting, Dr. Barden mentioned he also wants to look into eventually supporting all staff through more insurance coverage. Right now, the school district covers 73% of insurance on a single person and 61% of family insurance. He said eventually raising the single coverage rate to 100% would establish an incentive to work within the school district.

Dr. Barden also mentioned introducing a competitive pay system for substitute teachers. Currently, substitute teachers make \$75 per day, and he wants to look at a possible pay increase. The percentage increase will likely depend on whether the substitute teacher is certified or non-certified. He said this subject will be a continued conversation and is not set in stone.

The Regular Capital Outlay portion of the budget is \$982,719. This budget includes the funds for a window update at the middle and high schools. Most of the windows at McKenzie High School have broken seals, resulting in a white film covering them. There are four or five windows at the middle school with similar problems. Dr. Barden said new safety guidelines and safety grant funds could impact the price of a window unit, but he wants to still set aside the money for repairs.

Board member Karen Fowler asked if they could look into tinting the windows in the elementary school cafeteria because they allow so much heat into the room. Dr. Barden said the middle and high school windows are his priority at the moment, as the renovations will help preserve the buildings.

The General Fund Budget will see a \$355,754 increase due to salary increases; having semi-retired Marcia Webb as a part time instructor; and the addition of a teacher for students who speak English as a second language (ESL), a social worker, a special education teacher, and a special education teacher's assistant. Dr. Barden emphasized that these are all necessary positions in the district.

Dr. Barden said schools across the county are all hiring social workers with in their districts. "That's

a need that has been addressed by the principals, by our essential office staff — having behavior-related personnel," he said. "And certainly a social worker will be very beneficial as we continue to support our students within the buildings."

The new social worker, who has not yet been hired, will rotate throughout each school but might dedicate more attention to a particular school if needed.

There is a \$25,000 budget increase in other contracted services, which includes extra transportation costs for sports teams. During the 2022-23 school year, five sports teams from McKenzie High School played in the TSSAA State Championships. As a hopeful precaution, Dr. Barden and Davis allotted funds in the budget for those possible transportation costs during the 2023-24 school year. The budget also includes expenses paid to Carroll Academy on behalf of McKenzie students attending the correctional school.

Karen Fowler asked if the extra transportation budget would also apply to middle school sports. She and board member Misty Aird both have experience driving players to away sports games because there were no buses available. Consulting superintendent Lynn Watkins said middle school coaches likely choose to ask parents to drive their players because the school district only has a handful of school bus drivers and most will not drive for extracurricular activities. There are also sometimes scheduling conflicts with bus drivers and middle school games, as many school bus drivers are not available until after 4:30 or 5 p.m. because of regular school drop-off.

"It is a poor practice to ask parents to drive, really," said Watkins. "Every team event that they attend, they should get on a bus." He said it is a liability expecting parents to drive players to games.

Dr. Barden presented a possible solution. When he coached in the past, he obtained a bus-driving license so he could drive the team to games. He offered to speak to McKenzie coaches about obtaining licenses and said he will work with them if they are willing.

Dr. Barden recently joined the Tennessee Organization of Superintendents, a group of current and former superintendents across Tennessee. Some of the total budget will go towards various superintendent training sessions through the organization.

Dr. Barden also said the principals from all three schools have spoken to him and said they needed additional storage space for desks and other school furniture. He spoke with a representative from Akin

Storage Trailer Rentals of Medina and found an inexpensive 40-foot storage unit as a temporary solution. The unit will sit adjacent to the maintenance building beside the football field and will keep the furniture dry and protected while the school board thinks about a more permanent solution.

In updates from the 2022-23 school year, Dr. Barden informed the board of the replacement of HVAC units in the middle and high school. The middle school units had basically disintegrated and were replaced several weeks ago. The high school units also need replacing. He allocated \$30,000 of the budget for new HVAC units.

Watkins said construction of the multi-purpose sports facility beside McKenzie High School should conclude by November 2023.

Misty Aird suggested using an incentive-based pay model for teachers and coaching staff, basing their salaries on performance rather than previously-chosen stipends.

"We are losing good coaches because of better pay options," she said. She noted that Rebels and Lady Rebels head soccer coach Karlene Brown earns a 4% stipend on each sport, while the football head coach and the band director each earn 12% stipends. Coach Brown has led one or both soccer teams to the State Championships for at least six years, said Aird, and she still earns a smaller stipend combined than other sports' coaches.

Board member Chad Brown suggested reevaluating each coach's salary stipend at a later meeting.

Budget

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funding formula that generates funding according to each student's needs - a base of \$6,860 per student with additional funding for students with special needs and other qualifying situations. The state funding is based on 1,065 students, five fewer than in the 2022-23 budget. The school is participating in the Innovative School Model Grant to add more Career and Technical Education opportunities and other educational enhancements. The grant generates another \$1.5 million in revenue.

The tax rate remains unchanged at \$1.1211 per \$100 of assessed value.

The district budget includes Math and Reading Instructional Coaches, Enrichment teacher at Huntingdon Primary, an additional agriculture teacher at Huntingdon High School, STREAM classes at Huntingdon Middle School and HHS, full-time mental health counselors, a four-percent raise for all teachers and staff, a \$750 bonus for certified faculty and \$500 for non-certified staff, a 10 percent supplement increase for athletic coaches' and band directors' supplements. With the

changes in how state funding is generated, funding for transportation and salaries currently funded through grants could be reallocated for any nonrecurring capital improvements for the upcoming fiscal year.

The minimum starting pay for non-certified staff members is \$12.48 per hour, and the starting salary for a teacher with a bachelor's degree and no years of experience is \$43,119. Students in the school system will receive free admission to all regular season home sporting events. Funding will be allocated to each extracurricular activity to support free admission for students while providing revenue to cover overhead costs of each program. Additionally, the initiative aims to potentially reduce fundraising efforts. Each student will sign in at the entry gate for each sporting event. Dr. Kee said free access encourages students to support their peers and become actively involved in promoting the overall success of the school. Free admission will also lighten the cost burden on families attending sporting events.

The three certified police

officers (Student Resource Officers — SROs) assigned to the school will be funded by the State of Tennessee and be paid directly to the Town of Huntingdon. The new funding will relieve the school district of the financial obligation of funding the officers.

Overall, the school's funding is allocated as follows: State 62.7 percent, Federal 21.4 percent, and local 16 percent. The school system is required to match state funding with local funds at a minimum of \$1,397,848. The district continues to fund above the minimum math and is proposing using \$2,478,400 of local funds.

It is important for residents to shop locally, said Kee. Each school in Carroll County receives a portion of the locally-generated sales tax regardless of where the money is collected in the county. Each school's share of the local sales tax is distributed according to average daily student attendance. According to Kee, "the more we support our local businesses in Carroll County, the more we support education in Huntingdon and throughout Carroll County."

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Above Left, A 1926 photo of the Detroit Stars. Norman “Turkey” Stearnes played for the Negro League team for 11 years. Above Right, The plaque of Turkey Stearnes that hangs at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. Right, In later years Turkey Stearnes worked to have his career remembered. It was 2000 when he was finally put in the hall of fame.

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Celebrating McKenzie's oldest business and historical record

‘Turkey’ Stearnes

Tennessee’s Only Major League Hall of Famer

With the Vols headed to Omaha to compete in the College World Series, my wheels got turning about professional baseball players from Tennessee. Proudly, there is a great number from our state but surprisingly there is only one player in the Hall of Fame. That one player is Norman “Turkey” Stearnes who played in the Negro Leagues. So with the help of Google and every sports index online, Turkey Stearnes is this week’s Weekly 150 spotlight.

Norman Thomas Stearnes was born on May 8, 1901, in Nashville, Tennessee, to Will and Mary (Everett) Stearnes. It was at an early age he gained the nickname Turkey, he once told a reporter it was because when he was little he had a “potbelly build like a turkey.”

Like most youths, he began his journey in baseball in the sandlots. He attended Bellevue Elementary School in Nashville, where his love for the sport was fostered. He later attended Pearl High, where his talent and passion for the game continued to flourish. In 1921, he had the opportunity to showcase his skills when he joined the Montgomery Gray Sox in the Negro Southern League for the summer.

He returned to Nashville after the season. In the fall of 1922, he completed high school and continued his career in the Negro Leagues.

Stearnes told of his next season, “In 1922, I played in Memphis, Tennessee. All those clubs down there were affiliated with the league up here [in the Midwest and East]. ... The big-league colored teams had scouts, that’s how the Detroit Stars picked me up. Bruce Petway of the Stars was one of the finest catchers we had in colored baseball. He was sent down there to watch me; they had heard so much talk about me. I was pitching and playing first base. But they changed me to the outfield after I got up here, ‘cause I was hitting too good. He begged me to come up here [Detroit] in ‘22. I was trying to finish high school. That was my last year. I at least wanted to finish high school, because I knew I couldn’t go to college.”

1923 proved to be a break-out season for Stearnes as he made his mark as a rookie. His performance on the field captured the attention of fans and fellow players alike. His batting prowess and defensive skills made him a force to be reckoned with. Stearnes quickly earned a reputation as one of the most talented players in the league, establishing himself as a true star.

“I came north in 1923, March 1. I came here to De-

troit. I worked at the Briggs Manufacturing Company, the same man that owned the Tigers. All our gang. He gave us a job out there and we’d play semi-pro. We were painting the bodies of the cars. I was putting them into the drier myself. The white boys were painting. I’d put them on the drier for them. ... In ‘23 I was playing professional ball with the Detroit Stars out on Mack Avenue. Tenny Blount was the owner at that time. He was the policy king. That was the biggest thing doing around here in Detroit among the colored. But he was one of the squarest men; I never worked for anyone better. If you worked, you got paid. Nothing but the best.”

Stearnes remarked on the Stars’ season, “Saturday, Sunday, Mondays, Tuesday we’d play league games against Chicago, Kansas City, and them. Wednesday and Thursday, we’d play exhibition games with the white kids. We used to work in Canada, all those places, the little leagues they got over there. Sometimes we’d go 300 miles. Everybody thought they could beat us until they found out.”

In 1924, Stearnes continued to dazzle audiences with his exceptional play. He boasted an impressive batting average of .348 and an OPS (On-base Plus Slugging) of .996 in 61 games for the third-place Stars. Stearnes’ contributions to his team were undeniable, and his consistent excellence solidified his position as one of the league’s premier players.

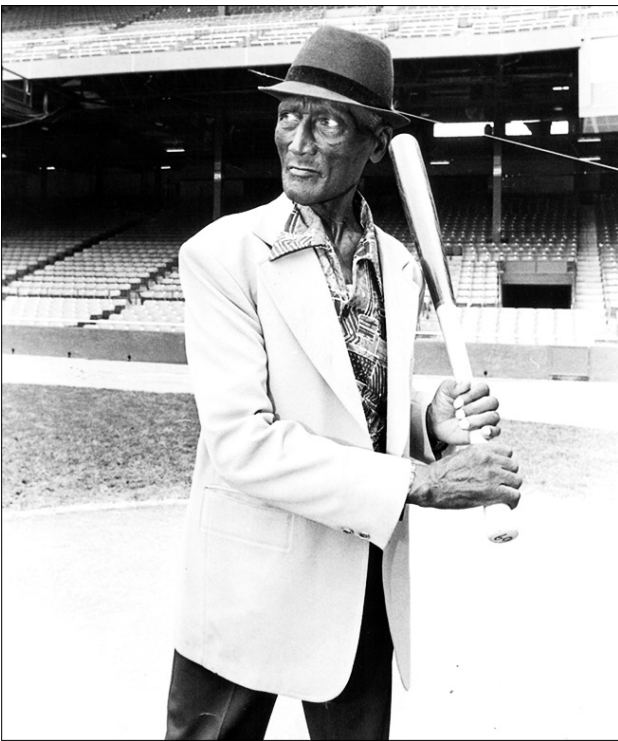
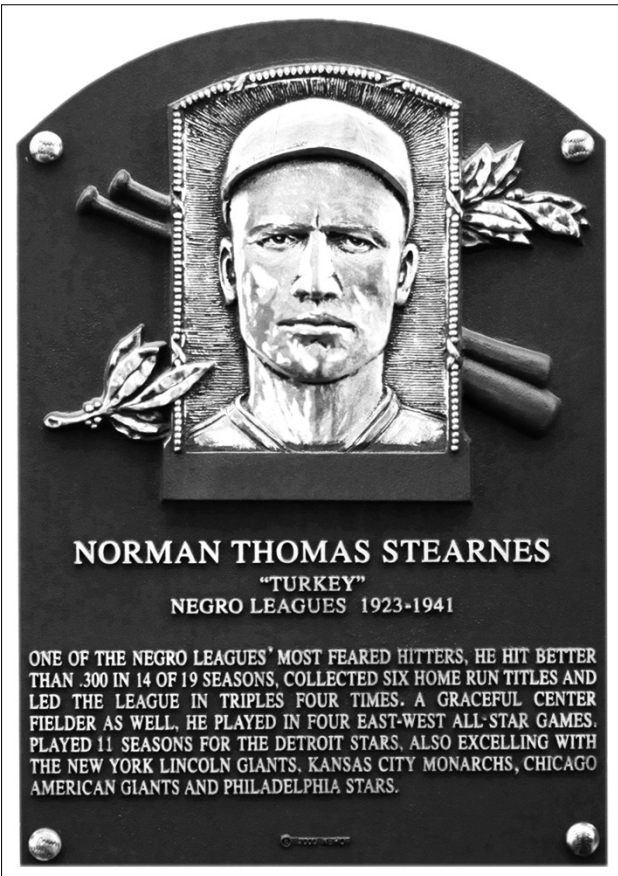
Despite his remarkable abilities on the field, Stearnes was not one to seek the spotlight or engage in self-promotion. He maintained a humble and reserved demeanor, which some perceived as aloofness. However, those who knew him well understood that his focus was solely on the game and delivering his best performance day in and day out.

During the offseason, Stearnes continued to sharpen his skills by participating in the California Winter League for an impressive nine years. This dedication to his craft further honed his abilities and showcased his commitment to constantly improving as a player. Stearnes’ work ethic and passion for the game were evident in every aspect of his career.

The stock market crash of October 1929 had a huge impact on the financial stability of the Negro Leagues. The crash caused great turmoil and uncertainty, affecting players and teams alike. Stearnes, along with his fellow athletes, faced significant challenges as the leagues struggled to navigate the difficult economic climate. However, their love for the game and resilience prevailed, as they continued to play and entertain fans despite the financial hardships.

In 1932, with the Negro Leagues, still in a state of disarray, the Negro Southern League emerged as a beacon of stability. The league expanded to include 11 teams, including the renowned Chicago American Giants. Stearnes found a new home with the American Giants, where he continued to excel. In that year, he achieved a batting average of .315 and an OPS of .890, demonstrating his unwavering talent and impact on the field. The American Giants triumphed over Stearnes’ hometown team, the Nashville Elite Giants, in a thrilling seven-game championship series.

By 1938, Stearnes had made a significant impact in the league and garnered attention from other teams. He began the season with the American Giants but soon had his contract purchased by the Monarchs, another highly respected team in the Negro Leagues. Stearnes remained with the Monarchs until 1940 when he was 39 years old. Despite his ad-



vancing age, he continued to impress with his skills and made valuable contributions to the team.

In 1945, Branch Rickey, renowned for breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball, played a crucial role in the formation of the United States Negro Baseball League (USNL). This league aimed to discover potential major-league talent from the Negro Leagues. At the age of 44, Stearnes joined the Toledo Cubs in the USNL and assumed the role of field captain. His leadership and experience were invaluable to the team, and he made headlines during the season opener as he led the hitting attack in Toledo’s 10-4 victory over Hilldale.

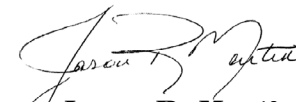
Stearnes’ exceptional baseball career came to a close, but his legacy endured. He retired from the game with an impressive record and a lasting impact on the Negro Leagues. Throughout his career, he displayed a level of dedication, skill, and sportsmanship that earned him respect from his peers and fans alike.

He batted over .400 three times and led the Negro leagues in home runs seven times. He is credited with 186 home runs in his Negro League career, the all-time Negro League record. He led

the league in triples six times (1923–1925, 1927, 1934, 1936), which is the most all-time.

Stearnes died on September 4, 1979, at the age of 78. In 2000, his contributions to the sport were finally recognized when he was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. This cemented his status as one of the all-time greats in the history of baseball. His induction served as a testament to his outstanding achievements and his enduring influence on the game.

In 2001, writer Bill James ranked Stearnes as the 25th greatest baseball player of all time and the best left fielder in the Negro leagues.



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HUNKER DOWN WITH KES

Ode (Owed) to an Older Generation

My seventeen year old grandson just took a job at Wendy’s. I was proud for him, and of him. A young man going into his senior year in high school ought to be holding down a steady job. Learning to “earn his way” so to speak. I called to congratulate....and encourage him.

“Luke, so you’re getting paid to flip burgers!”

“Well, KK, I don’t really flip them. I put the meat into a press; the machine does all the rest.”

It was a mite technical for me. And I was having trouble “seeing” hamburgers in any fast food restaurant not being flipped in some shape, form or fashion. But this call didn’t start out being about me....

“I’m so proud of you, Luke. Just think of all the neat things you can buy with your own money. How much are they paying you?”

“Fifteen dollars an hour.”

FIFTEEN DOLLARS AN HOUR!!! Thankfully I didn’t shout that out loud. But I was sure screaming it in my mind OUT LOUD!

The first job I ever had was picking up walnuts in Miss Boaz’s backyard. I picked those things up all one morning and half the afternoon. She paid me a dime. That was one thin dime, one-tenth of a dollar.... I used up 25 cents worth of lye soap trying to scrub the blackish green stain off my hands.

I was fifteen cents in the hole....and my skinny little

grandson is making fifteen dollars an hour NOT to flip burgers! There is no justice here. Something is way out of kilter. And don’t talk to me about “different eras,” “stone age vs. modern,” “carpe diem,” “que sera sera” or “writs of habeas corpus”.... I don’t want to hear it!

Why does my generation always get the short end of the stick? Stuff like this has been keeping me up for years....

My first steady job was working at the swimming pool. I was too young to lifeguard so Miss Belle let me work in the small concession stand. She and Mr. Roe paid me a quarter an hour.

I would eat a hotdog (15 cents) and a Butterfinger (5

cents) and drink a Coke (10 cents) every other hour. I was lucky at the end of the day to break even!

When I moved up to a full time lifeguard my pay went to 50 cents an hour. Some weeks I made 36 dollars—you can do the math on how much time it took to earn it. And I considered myself lucky.

Listen, this was when I was young, foolish and living in the wrong generation. I appreciated the job, I needed the money and I still thank Roe and Miss Belle to this day for letting me work there. It seemed fair, right and made perfect sense back then....

We just didn’t any of us know that young master Luke would one day be making 30 TIMES an hour more than that! He’s a teenager for goodness sakes! And they are throwing money at him! It will make you wonder how any college student could

possibly be in any type of debt today.

I hauled hay in the fall for a penny a bale. And it finally dawned on us that we actually handled the hay bale twice; once when we picked it up in the field and the second time when we lifted it off the wagon and tossed it into the barn loft. We were “doubling up” but getting single pay. I’m telling you it was the worst generation....

When I was seventeen, like Luke is today, I worked at Mr. Tommie Hill’s DX service station. I didn’t pump much gas. That was the easy part. I changed flat tires, put hot Camel patches on busted inner tubes, changed oil and greased the car, checked the rear-end differential and washed near ‘bout every vehicle in town every Saturday!

Mr. Tommie paid me five dollars a day. Every evening, after burning on those Camel patches, I’d come home with

holes all in my brand new \$1.49 blue chambray shirt. So I wasn’t exactly clearing five dollars a day! And you figure I bought a drink or two from the Coke box and a Butterfinger....

And I didn’t have some magical mechanical “press” to do the tire changing for me or help me find those grease fittings or to save me from having to dip my little finger in that boiling hot oil in the differential!

Of course, I am still proud of Luke. I’m just not sure his idea of teenage work and mine are exactly the same. But there is a bright side. When I run out of money again, and that is going to happen, it is a dreaded reality of my generation—ole Luke is going to be there to bail me out....

Respectfully,
Kes



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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 McLemoresville. Entry fee is \$20 and food will be provided by the McLemoresville Fire Department. For more information, contact Bill Hargrove, 731-415-3952.

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.

SHOOTING HUNGER
EVENT JUNE 23

The 2022 Shooting Hunger events provided more than 300,000 backpack meals for hungry children. The 2023 shooting event is June 23 at the Carroll County Shooting Sports Park. For more information, visit www.shooting-hunger.com.

AMERICAN LEGION
5K, 1 MILE FUN RUN

Join the American Legion Post 47 on their "Salute the Vets" 5K and 1 mile fun run Saturday, June 24 beginning at 7 a.m. at each side of the Carroll County Court House. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. There is a \$25 entry fee.

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.

TERRY FIRE DEPT
BBQ FUNDRAISER
JUNE 24

Bring chairs and enjoy great food, fellowship and live music at the Terry Fire Department's BBQ fundrais-

er Saturday, June 24 from 5-9 p.m. BBQ chicken plates (whole or half) include potato salad, baked beans or Cole slaw, a roll, and a drink. There will also be BBQ bologna, racks of ribs and more.

For call-in orders, call: Alan W. (731) 676-6558, Becky H. (731) 415-7144, Ashley F. (731) 358-1583, Jerry F. (731) 358-7836, or Trevor F. (731) 487-7704.

JOHNSON TEMPLE
CME CHURCH
WOMEN'S NIGHT
JUNE 25

The ladies of the Johnson Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church host their annual Women's Day Service June 25 at 2:30 p.m. They ask all ladies to wear white. Ms. Charissa Walden, a McKenzie High School graduate, is the service's speaker.

GREENFIELD FBC VBS
IS JUNE 25-28

Greenfield First Baptist Church has Vacation Bible School Sunday, June 25 through Wednesday, June 28 from 6-8 p.m. each night. There will be Bible lessons, Adult Bible Study, music, games, crafts, missions and food for all ages. Pre-register at www.fbcgreenfield.org. Call (731) 235-3365 for (731) 414-9556 for a ride. Bus riders must be pre-registered. The Greenfield First Baptist Church is at 3127 N. Meridian St., Greenfield.

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.

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 janol1970@att.net.

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.

CARROLL COUNTY
COMMISSION MEETS
MONTHLY

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

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.

Obituaries

JESSE KARL
WINKLER
1980 — 2023

McKENZIE — Jesse Karl Winkler, 42, died Sunday, June 11, 2023, at Methodist University Hospital, Memphis. The family is planning a private memorial service at a later date.

Mr. Winkler was born in McKenzie on November 30, 1980, to the late Dr. Volker G and Tina Haggard Winkler.

He is survived by his girlfriend, Kayla Glover of McKenzie, two sisters, Robyn (Fred) Hatler and Kirsten (Jeffrey) Sass, all of McKenzie, brothers, Benjamin Winkler and Roman Winkler of Huntingdon and Ty Winkler of Jackson.

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

JOYCE JEAN
FREEMAN
1947 — 2023

McKENZIE — Services for Joyce Jean Freeman, 76, were Saturday, June 17, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home with Brother Jimmy Fowler officiating. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

The family received friends on Friday, June 16, 2023, 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, June 17, 2023, 11 a.m. until service time.

Mrs. Freeman, a florist,

died Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at her residence. She was born on May 27, 1947, in McKenzie, Tennessee, to Willie D. Black and Charlotte Jean McCord. She was a life member of the VFW Auxiliary. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Harry Freeman of McKenzie, her daughter, Cindy Jarrett of McKenzie, her sons, Stacey Duke and Jason Freeman of McKenzie, her sisters, Margie Ann Smith and Paula Chesser of Paris, a brother, Mike (Shannon) Black of McKenzie, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers who served were Stacey Duke, Jason Freeman, Brent Bradberry, Jerry Jarrett, Chad Brown, E.J. Mann, and as honorary pallbearers Bruce Wright, David Barksdale, and Skyler Freeman.

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

ERNESTINE
CARTY
1940 — 2023

HUNTINGDON — Mrs. Ernestine Carty, 83, of Huntingdon, Tennessee, died Wednesday June 14, 2023, at Life Care Center. She was born January 21, 1940.

Funeral services are 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2023, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Brother Bud Ricketts is officiating. Interment will follow in The Valley Church Public Cemetery in St. Mary's Parrish, An-

tigua at a later date.

The family will receive friends at Dilday-Carter Funeral Home on Wednesday, 1 until 4 p.m.

She is survived by five children: Dr. Calphor Carty of Huntingdon, Esworth Carty of California, Carol Carty of New York, Dawn Marie Carty of Georgia and Victorine Carty-Joseph of Antiqua.

BOBBY
FREEMAN, JR.
1973 — 2023

PARIS — Bobby Earl "Rob" Freeman, Jr., 49, of Paris, Tenn., died Monday, June 5, 2023, at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, Tenn.

Rob was born September 20, 1973, in Paris to the late Bobby Earl Freeman, Sr., and Shelby Murray Freeman, who survives, of Paris.

He was married to Kathryn Holcomb Freeman, who survives, of Paris.

Along with his wife and mother, he is also survived by his children, Tripp (Hunter) Freeman of Murray, Kentucky, Kathryn Holcomb of Paris, and four other stepchildren; one sister, Pam (Rick) Rockwell of Paris; his grandchild, Peanut Holcomb and several other grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Ridgeway Funeral Home, 201 Dunlap Street/PO Box 788, Paris, TN 38242. The body was cremated with a memorial gathering held Sunday, June 11, 2023, from 1 until 4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church 105 S. Market St., Paris, TN 38242.

Bethel, Eastside FCE News

The Bethel/Eastside Family and Community Education (FCE) met at the lake for their June 8 meeting. Seven ladies attended. Danita Laman called the meeting to order and read the Family and Community Education Club Prayer. Meeting hostess Gail Eubanks gave the devotion, using "Ask the Expert." She quoted Bible verse Luke 11:10. The day's thought was

read, and last meeting's minutes were read and approved.

In old business, group members agreed to table the question of participating in the upcoming Heritage Day Festival.

In new business, they agreed to have the next cluster meeting at the Henry County Fairgrounds July 21.

There is a mini-conference August 8. Gail Eu-

banks must receive the \$15 registration fees by July 7. The ladies discussed having a workshop to make decorative bowls from magazines, but no date was set.

The educational program was on improving concentration. The ladies learned 14 steps to use to improve their concentration.

Sue Smith is July's hostess.

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2 cups sugar
1 cup pineapple juice, optional
Mix and serve over ice.
Serves 20

APPETIZER
2 pkg Pillsbury crescent rolls
16 oz. cream cheese
1 cup mayonnaise
1 pkg dry ranch dressing mix
1 cup bell pepper, finely chopped
1 cup broccoli, finely chopped
1 cup cauliflower, finely chopped
1 cup tomatoes, finely chopped
Unroll crescent roll dough. Spread on large cookie sheet, sealing perforations.
Cook and cool. Beat cream cheese, mayonnaise, and ranch dressing mix until smooth. Spread over baked rolls. Mix finely chopped vegetables and spread over cream cheese mixture. Press down slightly. Chill and cut into squares.

COCKTAIL
WIENERS
1 (6oz.) jar red currant jelly
(grape will do)
1 (6oz.) jar mustard
2 pounds wieners
Combine jelly and mustard in a fondue. Heat until completely dissolved. Diagonally cut wieners. Place in fondue and let wieners cook thoroughly. Serve on toothpicks.

PARTY STUFFED
PINWHEELS
1 envelope Lipton Recipe Secret Ranch soup mix
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (about 4oz.)
1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons milk
2 (10oz.) pkg refrigerated pizza crust
Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In medium bowl combine all ingredients, except pizza crust; set aside. Unroll pizza crust, then evenly top with filling. Roll, starting at longest side, jelly-roll style. Cut into about 32 rounds. On baking sheet sprayed with nonstick cooking spray, arrange rounds cut side down. Bake uncovered 13 minutes or until golden brown.

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Thurs. 4:25, 7:25

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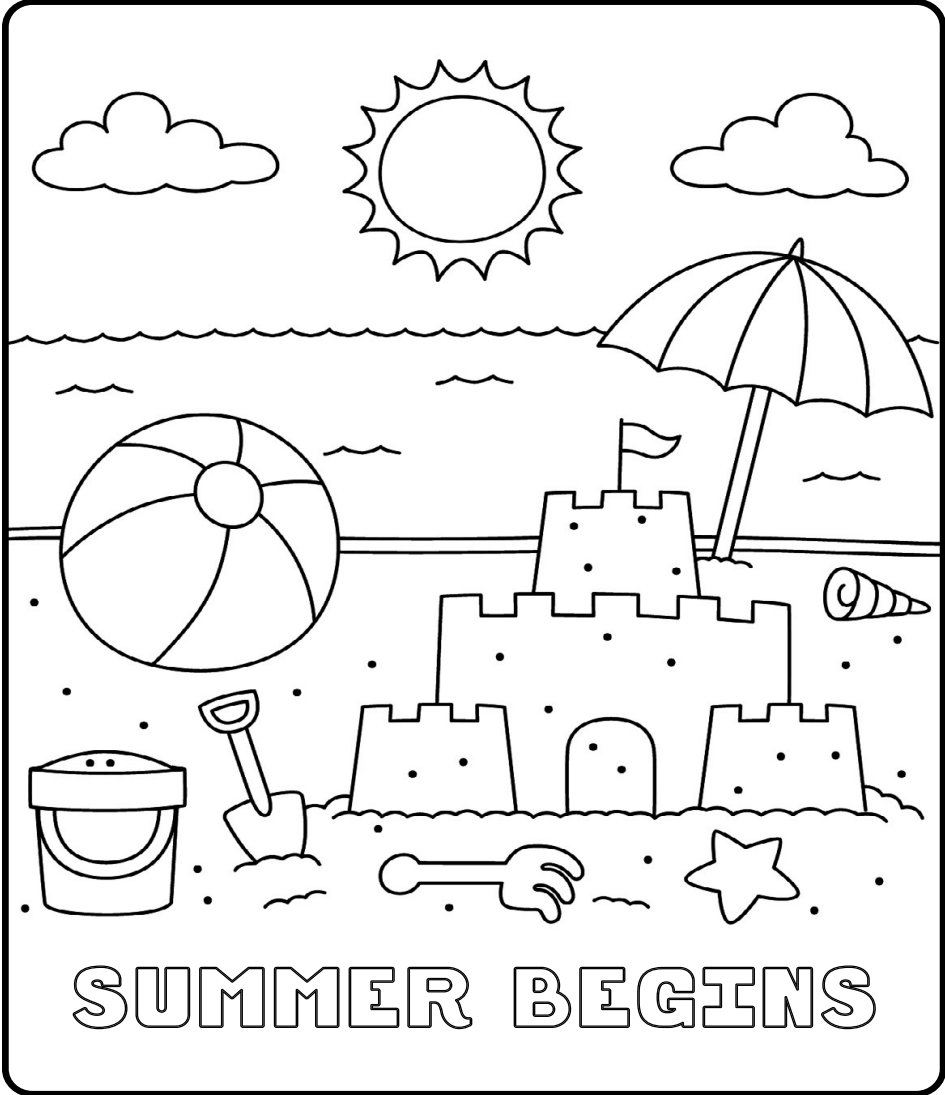
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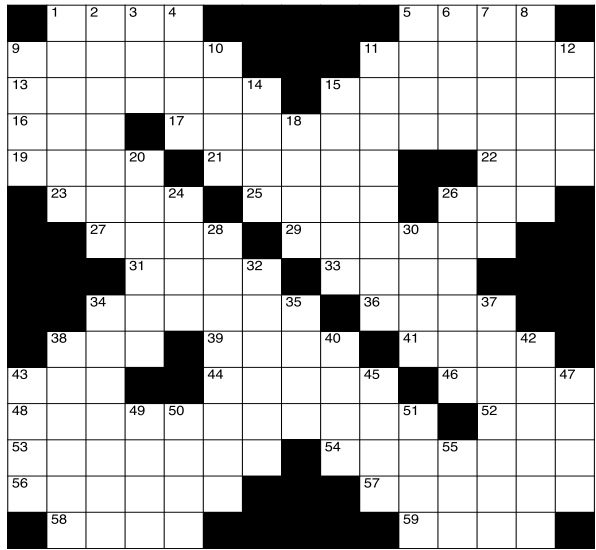
Weekly Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Understand intuitively
- 5. Two of something
- 9. Not involving computer tech
- 11. Acclaimed
- 13. Undermine
- 15. The condition of being concealed or hidden
- 16. Irritate
- 17. The process of developing a theory
- 19. Ceramic jar
- 21. Not fresh
- 22. Dad's fashion accessory
- 23. Popular review site
- 25. New Mexico county
- 26. "... death do us part
- 27. Fees
- 29. Takes with force
- 31. One-time Yankees rookie sensation
- 33. Gordon and Snider are two
- 34. Body parts
- 36. Arranges
- 38. Fiddler crabs
- 39. Mimics
- 41. Witnesses
- 43. They —
- 44. Lasso
- 46. Runs down
- 48. In response to
- 52. Bird-like dinosaur
- 53. Metamorphic stages
- 54. Conditions of incapacity
- 56. Sodas are sold in these units
- 57. Break away from
- 58. Ethereal
- 59. Boggy

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mangled
- 2. Ruffled some feathers



- 3. Not young
- 4. Lakers legend
- 5. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 6. Direction (Scottish)
- 7. Intestinal inflammation
- 8. Spring back in fear
- 9. Owl genus
- 10. Girls
- 11. Unbeliefs
- 12. Force unit
- 14. Expired trade agreement
- 15. Went alone
- 18. Animal noises
- 20. Woman who graduated from a specific school
- 24. The very top
- 26. Organs in males
- 28. Earnings
- 30. Z Z Z
- 32. Reddish browns
- 34. A salt or ester of acetic acid
- 35. A place to get off your feet
- 37. More disreputable
- 38. Kidney condition
- 40. Cease moving
- 42. Quick
- 43. Extra seed covering
- 45. "Survivor: Panama" winner
- 47. Six
- 49. One who inspects lamps
- 50. Small parrot
- 51. Primordial matter of the universe
- 55. ... fi (slang)

Week 25

See solution in next week's edition.

Summer Word Search

Air Conditioner	Lemonade	D Q H R B T F U N F S U N Z T A N Q
Aloe	Longest Day	O P O S C I P H S A Q L S O W B B O
Beach	Memories	G O T W H V K L A N U A R O K O E U
Bees	Mosquitoes	D O S K I T E E N L M K E R J A E T
Bike	Oceans	A L W B E A C H D S B E A H G T S S
Boat	Outside	Y A E T X W H Q G W R P U A L O E I
Break	Park	S I A L E M O N A D E M T Q W S G D
Camping	Picnic	W R T S G S T C M X L J O L A O R E
Dog Days	Pool	R C F W Z N E V E G L G W O V L I W
Family	Road Trip	M O I I L O L H S M A H E N E S L G
Fan	Sand	H N R M I C E C R E A M L G S T L D
Fireflies	Sno Cones	A D E S Q O S U M M E R B E G I N S
Fireworks	Solstice	M I W U F N S T H O T O Y S B C P N
Friends	Splash	M T O I A E P R E R L G D T R E I A
Fun	Summer	O I R T M S L Z A I H A T D E K C E
Games	Begins	C O K D I C A I C E D T E A A F N C
Grill	Sun	K N S M L F S G H S W G H Y K S I O
Hammock	Sweat	Q E H Y Y T H R O A D T R I P G C Q
Hat	Swimsuit	F R I E N D S F W F I R E F L I E S
Hot	Tan	M O S Q U I T O E S Q C A M P I N G
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Iced Tea	Umbrella	
Kite	Waves	
Lake	Zoo	

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Week 24 Crossword Puzzle Solution



SUDOKU SOLUTION WEEK 24

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

SUDOKU WEEK 25

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

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See solution in next week's edition.

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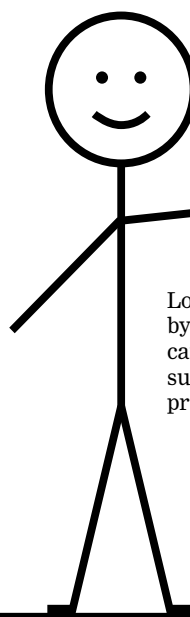
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McKenzie Police Reports

Manufacturing Meth — Alexis Davis, 26, Florida Avenue, McKenzie, was charged with Manufacturing Meth and Simple Possession/Casual Exchange on June 17.

Officer Matthew Cunningham filed a report indicating he received a dispatch indicating a red Cadillac driving recklessly. He stopped the vehicle driven by Davis.

The driver was nervous and had slurred speech. Additional officers from MPD and Carroll County Sheriff's Department assisted. An uncapped syringe was located and the driver indicated the syringes contained meth and fentanyl. She was transported to Carroll County Jail.

Theft of Merchandise — Terron Christopher Freeman, 32, Stonewall Street, McKenzie, was charged with Theft of Merchandise and Driving

on Suspended License on June 16.

Officer Bryan Batchelder reported he received a dispatch on June 16 about a shoplifter at Eagle Food Store, who left the store and drove away. A photo of the suspect resulted in the identification of a suspect, Freeman. They located him, ran his license through the national crime computer, and learned of the suspended status. He was cited into court.

Criminal Trespass — Christopher Van Wetter, 45, Highland Drive, McKenzie, was charged with Criminal Trespass on an outstanding warrant after a traffic stop.

Officer Sean Beck stopped VanWetter's vehicle for a taillight not functioning. A check of his license revealed outstanding warrants for Criminal Trespass and Theft. He was taken into custody.

Carroll County Sheriff Reports

Multiple Charges — Stephen Cooper, 52, of Atwood was charged with Drug Equipment Violation and Drug/ Narcotic Violations.

On June 12, Deputy Crowe stopped a vehicle for plate violation. The driver, Stephen Cooper, appeared nervous. A consent search was performed, where a pipe was located. A driver's license check showed Cooper, having active warrants out of Madison County. During a pat down, Cooper took off running. Officers saw him reach in his pocket

and throw something to the ground. Officers went back and located a black container containing 2.2 grams of a substance that field tested positive for meth.

Criminal Trespass — Bradley Umstead, 49, of Huntingdon was charged with Trespass of Real Property.

On June 12, Bradley Umstead was seen on camera at a property where he was not allowed. Cpl. Michael Sevarns had previously informed him to not be on the property.

Chappell Places in Juneteenth 5K Race

NASHVILLE (June 19) — Allie Chappell placed second in the women's group and eighth overall in the Music City Juneteenth Freedom Day 5K in Nashville. 160 runners participated in Nashville's inaugural Juneteenth 5K walk/run, and 111 were women. The event began at Nashville's historic Shelby Park.

Chappell, a McKenzie native and track and field runner at Bethel University, completed the race with a net time of 24:28 and a pace of 7:53 min/m.



Allie Chappell received a Juneteenth Freedom Day 5K medal after her run.

McKenzie Middle Adds Girls Soccer to Roster

BY LINDSEY SUMMERS
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McKENZIE (June 15) — McKenzie High School girls and boys soccer coach Karlene Brown spoke to the McKenzie School Board June 15, proposing adding a girls soccer team to the middle school.

Brown began coaching the Lady Rebels soccer team five years ago and has helped the team achieve consecutive successful seasons. Every year, though, she faces the same problem.

"We've been to state four times at the high school level, but when we go to state, we get knocked out at the first round," she said.

The team competes against other teams with girls who played soccer in feeder programs — developmental programs before high school. The McKenzie school system does not have a feeder system.

McKenzie Middle School has a co-ed soccer team, but Brown said she has never seen more than five girls make the team. Then, if they make the team, they hardly play in games. Be-

cause McKenzie's team is one of the only co-ed teams in the region, it mostly competes against boys teams.

"As a coach, you want to win," said Brown. "So you're going to put in most of the boys to play against the boys teams. The girls are not growing."

Brown said that instead of expanding the girls' skills when they go into high school, she is building and making players. Some of the girls on her team have never played soccer before, so it sometimes takes them years to develop.

Brown gathered 36 signatures from middle school girls interested in joining the team.

The school board voted unanimously in favor of the new soccer team.

Mary Davis, a teacher assistant, will be the head coach, with McKenzie alum and Bethel soccer player Allie Chappell assisting. Brown said she will help with practices.

McKenzie Middle School's girls soccer team will play in the fall. The co-ed team will become a boys team that plays in the spring.

Tennessee Shows Increase in College-Going Rate for Students

NASHVILLE (June 15) — The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) is thrilled to announce the release of the college-going rate for the Class of 2022. The data for the Class of 2022 showcases a one and a half percentage point increase over the class of 2021, for a statewide college-going rate of 54.3%. This represents the largest statewide increase since the implementation of Tennessee Promise in 2015.

The College Going and the Class of 2022: Continuing Momentum report, developed by THEC, provides valuable insights into the trends and progress of college enrollment among high school graduates in Tennessee. College-going rate indicates the portion of public high school graduates who seamlessly enroll (i.e., immediately after high school) in postsecondary education.

Key highlights from the Class of 2022 college-going rate report include:

Overall College-Going Rate: The college-going rate for the Class of 2022 is 54.3%, representing a one and a half percentage point increase compared to the previous year.

Equity and Access: College going for the class of 2022 is up across all race and gender pairs. Black or African American students of both genders, Hispanic/Latino females, and White males saw growth in college-going rates above the statewide growth of one and a half percentage points.

Dual Enrollment Impact: Dual enrollment programs play a crucial role in fostering college readiness among Tennessee's high school students. Students who were found to have participated in the Dual Enrollment Grant at any point in their high school career were found to have consistently higher college-going rates than their full high school graduating cohort.

Postsecondary Institution Enrollment: The report examines the distribution of college enrollment across Tennessee's postsecondary institutions. The proportion of the class of 2022 enrolling at Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs) and at the Locally Governed Institutions (LGIs) increased compared to the previous class.

Regarding the new report, Dr. Robert M. Smith, Interim Executive Director of THEC, stated, "We are thrilled to report an increase in the college-going rate for the Class of 2022. This achievement reflects the collective efforts of our state's students, families, educators, and policymakers. By fostering a college-going culture and ensuring equitable access to higher education, we are empowering Tennessee's future workforce and strengthening our communities."

The release of the college-going rate report reaffirms THEC's commitment to advancing educational attainment in Tennessee. The data not only highlights the progress made but also serves as a valuable tool for policymakers and educational institutions to identify areas for further improvement and enhance strategic planning.

For more information on THEC and to access the full Class of 2022 college-going rate report, please visit www.tn.gov/the/research/ college-going-reports.

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission was created in 1967 by the Tennessee General Assembly. The Commission develops, implements, evaluates postsecondary education policies and programs in Tennessee while coordinating the state's systems of higher education, and is relentlessly focused on increasing the number of Tennesseans with a postsecondary credential.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Drug Charges — Priest Weathers, 59, of Huntingdon was charged with Possession of Meth.

An officer conducted a traffic stop on an individual stumbling and wobbling back and forth on his bicycle. The suspect, Priest Weathers, also did not have

the equipped light to ride his bicycle at night. When asked if he had any illegal drugs on him, he stated no and agreed to a consent search. Officers located a plastic and bag and a folded piece of paper with substances that field tested positive for meth.

Bruceton, Trezevant, Gleason Among 131 to Receive State Water Grants

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) today announced 131 grants totaling \$299,228,167 from the state's American Rescue Plan (ARP) fund, a Biden administration federal program. TDEC is administering part of those federal dollars in the form of drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure grants. Since August, TDEC has awarded and announced \$933,632,711 in grant funds through ARP programming.

Of the 131 grants announced, 29 are collaborative grants and 102 are non-collaborative grants. Collaborative grants involve multiple entities (cities, counties, or water utilities) partnering on projects to work toward a shared purpose. All grants awarded represent 469 individual drinking water, wastewater, and/or stormwater infrastructure projects.

Tennessee received \$3.725 billion from the ARP, and the state's Financial Stimulus Accountability Group dedicated \$1.35 billion of those funds to TDEC to support water projects in communities throughout Tennessee. Of the \$1.35 billion, approximately \$1 billion was designated for non-competitive formula-based grants offered to counties and eligible cities to address systems' critical needs. Those include developing Asset Management Plans, addressing significant non-compliance, updating aging infrastructure, mitigating water loss for drinking water systems, and reducing inflow and infiltration for wastewater systems.

The grants announced today are part of the \$1 billion non-competitive grant program. The remaining funds (\$269 million) will go to state-initiated projects and competitive grants.

"As Tennessee continues to experience unprecedented growth, we're prioritizing critical infrastructure investments that will address the needs of Tennesseans and give local communities the resources needed to thrive," Gov. Bill Lee said. "We look forward to the improvements these projects will bring, and we commend the communities who have gone through the application process."

"We are grateful to the local applicants, and we anticipate excellent results from these grants," said TDEC Commissioner David Salyers. "This shows that Tennessee recognizes the need for improved water infrastructure, and we are grateful for the leadership of Governor Lee and the General Assembly in seeing that communities get this assistance."

Gleason, \$1,384,057

The City of Gleason, in collaboration with Weakley County, will use ARP funds to develop an Asset Management Plan, reduce water loss, and rehabilitate infrastructure. Projects include the replacement of 670 existing water meters with new advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) meters, and cleaning and CCTV of sanitary sewer system lines.

Henry Co., \$4,270,000

Henry County, in collaboration with the Paris Utility Authority, the Northeast Henry Utility District, the Northwest Henry Utility District, and the Springville Utility District, will use ARP funds to develop an Asset Management Plan, reduce water loss, and improve access to clean drinking water. Projects include system upgrades to aging infrastructure and GIS mapping to identify problem areas and possible extensions to service new customers.

Sharon, \$1,298,563

The Town of Sharon, in collaboration with Weakley County, will use ARP funds to develop an Asset Management Plan and address critical needs. Projects include the replacement of existing meters and meter boxes, replacement and rehabilitation of existing valves, the installation of a new sewer lift pumping station, and manhole repairs. Sharon will replace 550 existing meters with new automatic meter reading (AMR) meters and 85 existing gate

valves. The installation of new gate valves will allow the city to turn the flow of waterlines and water services on and off effectively when performing repairs, maintenance, or connecting new lines.

Bruceton, \$910,480

The Town of Bruceton will use ARP funds to develop an Asset Management Plan and reduce water loss in the town. Projects include the purchase and installation of automated water meters system-wide and the replacement of three aged service pumps in Bruceton's Water Treatment Plant. Bruceton will also upgrade the operational system of the drinking water plant with chlorine and turbidity monitors, digital controls, and a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system connected to the two elevated water tanks.

Dresden, \$1,604,005

The Town of Dresden will use ARP funds to develop an Asset Management Plan and address infiltration and inflow. Projects include a comprehensive sewer system study of approximately 50,000 linear feet of sewer system lines, sewer system rehabilitation, smoke testing, cleaning, and manhole inspections.

Lexington, \$4,474,049

The City of Lexington will use ARP funds to develop an Asset Management Plan and address critical needs, including aging infrastructure. Projects include upgrades and replacement of equipment to combat water loss, leak detection, and water main installation to provide interconnection between systems. The city will also address excessive infiltration and inflow through the installation of a screens at pumping stations.

Trezevant, \$899,487

The Town of Trezevant will use ARP funds to develop an Asset Management Plan and address critical wastewater system needs. Trezevant will add aeration to the current lagoon, perform smoke testing, cleaning, and CCTV of portions of the sewer system with approximately 5,000 linear feet of cured-in-place pipe repairs. Additional projects include the installation of seven floating aerators to the lagoon and inspection of approximately 8,000 linear feet of sewer lines.

Jackson, \$9,327,640

The City of Jackson will use ARP funds to address critical stormwater needs and significant non-compliance through a citywide assessment of its stormwater infrastructure. The assessment will be completed for each watershed within the city limits and includes the following projects: survey and geodatabase development of stormwater utility infrastructure, conditions assessment of existing stormwater infrastructure, existing conditions stream assessments, existing conditions stormwater modeling, future conditions stormwater modeling, alternatives analysis for recommended improvements, public involvement, and development of a stormwater master plan report with a capital projects list.

Humboldt, \$1,929,349

The City of Humboldt will use ARP funds to reduce infiltration and inflow in the collection system as well as modernize the sewer collection system. This will protect the sewers and manholes from hydrogen sulfide and reduce infiltration and inflow into the system by using cured-in-place pipe and coating the manholes with a multi-layer polymer system.

Dyer, \$952,163

The City of Dyer will use ARP funds to develop an Asset Management Plan and address critical needs through improvements to the wastewater treatment plant. Projects include the addition of a mechanical biosolids press to enhance and stabilize facility operations, investigation of the collection system with smoke testing and CCTV inspection, and line and manhole rehabilitation to reduce infiltration and inflow.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northwest Tennessee Development District Executive Committee and Northwest Tennessee Human Resource Agency Governing Board will meet in regular session at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 23, 2023. The meeting will be held at the Northwest Tennessee Development District and Human Resource Agency conference room located at 124 Weldon Drive, Martin, TN 38237.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **July 27, 2023 at 11 a.m.** local time, at the east door, Carroll County Courthouse, 99 Court Square, Huntingdon, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by Douglas Ryan Bullington and Trilby Layne Bullington, to Old Republic Title Company of Tennessee, Trustee, as trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Advantage Mortgage and Consulting, LLC on December 12, 2001 at Trust Deed Book 481, Page 502; and modified by agreement recorded June 4, 2003 in Trust Deed Book 505, Page 266 and further modified by agreement recorded December 10, 2014 in Trust Deed Book 638, Page 1010; conducted by LLG Trustee TN LLC, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Carroll County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party Entitled to Enforce the Debt: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2021-2, its successors and assigns.

The real estate located in Carroll County, Tennessee, and described in the said Deed of Trust will be sold to the highest call bidder. The terms of the said Deed of Trust may be modified by other instruments appearing in the public record. Additional identifying information regarding the collateral property is below and is believed to be accurate, but no representation or warrant is intended.

Street Address: 211 Allen St, Bruceton, Tennessee 38317
Parcel Number: 66F A 018.00
Current Owner(s) of Property: Douglas Ryan Bullington

This sale is subject to, without limitation, all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory right of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances including those created by a fixture filing or any applicable homeowners' association dues or assessments; all claims or other matters, whether of record or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

The following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property to be affected by the foreclosure: any judgment creditor or lien holder with an interest subordinate to the said Deed of Trust or any party claiming by, through, or under any of the foregoing. Such parties known to the Substitute Trustee may include: None.

Terms of Sale will be public auction, for cash, free and clear of rights of homestead, redemption and dower to the extent disclaimed or inapplicable, and the rights of Douglas Ryan Bullington and Trilby Layne Bullington, and those claiming through him/her/it/them.

Any right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are waived in accord with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. **If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified/bank check made payable to or endorsed to LOGS Legal Group LLP. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.**

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded only by the Substitute Trustee at any time. If the Substitute Trustee rescinds the sale, the purchaser shall only be entitled to a return of any money paid towards the purchase price and shall have no other recourse. Once the purchaser tenders the purchase price, the Substitute Trustee may deem the sale final in which case the purchaser shall have no remedy. The real property will be sold AS IS, WHERE IS, with no warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding condition of the property or marketability of title.

This office may be a debt collector. This may be an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose.

LLG Trustee TN LLC, Substitute Trustee
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Huntingdon Board of Education

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Huntingdon Board of Education will hold a meeting on Wednesday, June 21 at 5 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Huntingdon Central Office located at 585 High Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344.

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NIGHTS ON BROADWAY



The Fajita Brothers performed Thursday evening in downtown McKenzie. Spectators enjoyed dancing and sitting as they listened to the music. Drone Photo by Joel Washburn/The Banner

Fajita Brothers Open Summer Series

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

A number of area residents enjoyed the music as the band performed from a

stage set up on Banner Row in downtown. Lawnchairs lined Veterans Park as the spectator sat under the canopy of trees.

The summer series is every other Thursday.

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

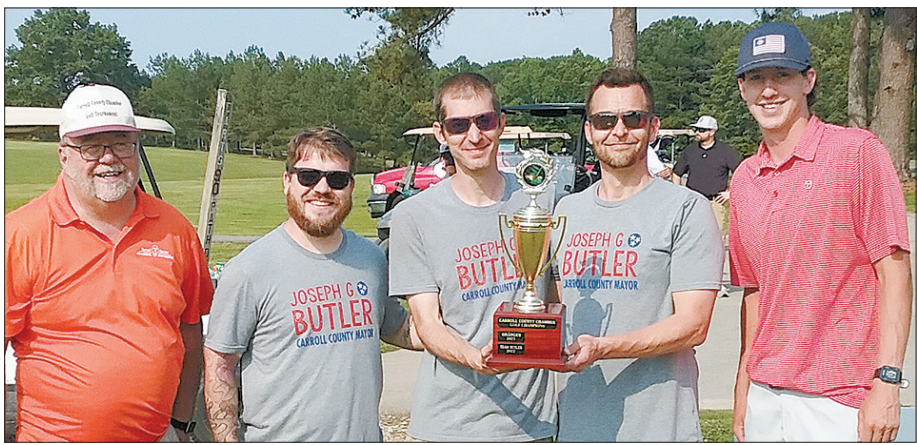
The King Beez close out the summer concert series September 14.

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 one of the many food trucks and a downtown restaurant near the park.

Mayor Butler's Golf Team Wins Chamber Tourney

Team Butler was the champion of the 2023 Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. The team had a score of 17 under par. The team was comprised of Joseph Butler, Brandon Kilburn, Blake Fawcett, and Evan Jarrett. The event was held at the Carroll Lake Golf Course in McKenzie.

Tiger Pride won first place in the First Flight in a scorecard playoff. The team shot 9 under par. The team had the following members: Myles Hebrard, Chris Finley, Rick Holt and Mike Zuro.



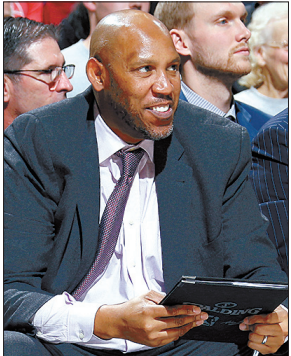
Above, Mayor Butler's Golf Team (L to R): Brad Hurley, Joseph Butler, Brandon Kilburn, Blake Fawcett and Evan Jarrett. Below, Tiger Pride's Golf Team (L to R): Chris Finley, Brad Hurley and Myles Hebrard.



Dresden's Popeye Jones Wins First NBA Title

BY LYNDSY SUMMERS
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When the Denver Nuggets won the NBA finals Monday, June 12, it was monumental. Stepping onto the court June 1, the Denver Nuggets had never played in the NBA finals before. Eleven days later, the team won their first ever NBA championship. It was monumental — not only for the city of Denver, but also for Dresden native Ronald "Popeye" Jones who served as the team's assistant coach.



Dresden native Popeye Jones is the assistant coach of the Denver Nuggets. Photo by Ron Hoskins/NBAE via GettyImages

This was Jones' first NBA title since joining the National Basketball Association in 1993 as a player.

Jones was born in Dresden, Tenn., June 17, 1970. He graduated from Dresden High School in 1988, but not before he helped lead the school's baseball team win a state championship, the basketball team appear in the state tournaments, and the football team play in the playoffs.

Jones attended Murray State University, where he played as a power forward for the Racers. By the end of his college career, the 6'8" student became the only player in Murray State history to accrue more than 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds. He was a career rebound leader, with 1,374 rebounds. He led the NCAA in rebounding in 1992. Jones is ranked fourth on the Racers' all-time scoring list, with 2,057 points. Murray State has since retired Jones' #54 jersey.

Jones was the fourteenth pick in the second round of the 1992 NBA Draft. He

was drafted 41st overall by the Houston Rockets. He played one season in Italy before joining the Dallas Mavericks in 1993.

Jones made his NBA debut November 5, 1993 in the Dallas Mavericks' last game of the season. He played his best season with the Mavericks, averaging 11.3 points and 10.8 rebounds per game in the 1995-1996 season.

Jones played for the Toronto Raptors from 1997 to 1998, the Boston Celtics in 1999, the Denver Nuggets from 1999 to 2000, the Washington Wizards from 2001 to 2002, and the Golden State Warriors in 2004. He played alongside NBA legend Michael Jordan in Jordan's last season with the Washington Wizards.

In Jones' 11-year NBA and professional playing career, he appeared in 535 games and had a career average of 7 points and 7.4 rebounds in 23.5 minutes per game.

In 2010, Jones began an

instructional career with the New Jersey/Brooklyn Nets. He started out working in player development before becoming the assistant coach to Avery Johnson and P.J. Carlesimo until 2013. From 2013 to 2020, Jones was the assistant coach for the Indiana Pacers under head coaches Nate McMillan and Frank Vogel. From 2020 to 2021, he joined the Philadelphia 76ers as the assistant coach under Doc Rivers.

In 2021, Jones returned to the Denver Nuggets for the first time since he was a player. So far, he has spent two years as an assistant coach under head coach Mike Malone and has helped coach the team to their first ever NBA championship.

The Nuggets' accomplishment makes Jones the first Murray State men's basketball alumni to win an NBA championship as a coach.

Jones is an inaugural member of the Weakley County Sports Hall of Fame, inducted in 2022. He is also an inductee of the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame and the Murray State Hall of Fame.

Jones and his wife, Amy, have four children: Justin, Seth, Caleb and Camden. Seth and Caleb have made names for themselves in the NHL. Seth was selected fourth overall by the Nashville Predators in the 2013 NHL draft. Caleb was also drafted in 2015. Both play for the Chicago Blackhawks.

Another Success Story

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- Ms. Smith, AHC McKenzie patient

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Amber Wright Wins Intercollegiate Broadcasting Award

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Amber Wright won Best Sports Play-By-Play in the 2023 Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Awards.

McKenzie High School alum Amber Wright earned the Best Sports Play-By-Play Award during February's Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Awards in New York. Wright and her broadcasting partner, Davis Gregory, broadcast through the University of Tennessee at Martin's (UTM) radio station, WUTM, and won the award for their play-by-play from night 3 of the 2022 UTM college rodeo.

Wright is an incoming senior agribusiness communications major with a marketing minor, and she became involved with the radio station her freshman year. She took an introductory broadcast class, during which she and her classmates were required work a few hours at the station. She helped with the morning news and weather. She also began working for ESPN+ to film baseball and soccer games, and she filmed her first rodeo.

She began broadcasting as a color commentator during rodeo championship nights her sophomore year of college. Since joining, she has developed a goal to explain the sport so well that listeners will be able to see what is going on. She said she uses rodeo terms but also tries her best to explain the terms to someone who may have never watched or listened to a rodeo before.

The Best Sports Play-By-Play Award is her first honor

since joining the radio station, and she hopes she and her partner win again for the 2023 rodeo broadcast.

Her experience with WUTM has taught her that she enjoys being on the radio and that she has a passion for rodeos.

While Wright wraps up her college career and prepares for graduation in May 2024, she said she plans to combine agriculture and sports and fine a communications career within the rodeo industry. She said her dream job would be a rodeo sideline reporter.

Currently, Wright is the marketing intern with River Valley AgCredit in Paducah, Kentucky. She creates social media graphics and posts, and she is helping start up a podcast.

Wright plans to broadcast her final rodeo play-by-play in April 2024 with partner Jared Davidson.



Spiros Roditis, vice-president of McKenzie Rotary along with Andrew Stokes of Habitat for Humanity.

Rotary Hears About Habitat for Humanity

McKENZIE (June 13) — Andrew Stokes, chairman of the Habitat for Humanity in Carroll County, was the featured speaker at the McKenzie Rotary Club on June 13. Stokes is a volunteer with the organization. He is also a Baptist minister, Boy Scout leader, and owns Stokes Surveying in Clarksburg.

Stokes spoke about the local non-profit agency's mission to provide affordable housing. The group has constructed over 20 houses in Carroll County, using volunteer labor and discounted pricing on materials. The program does not provide free housing, but provides a new, safe house with an affordable mortgage. Partner families must provide 'sweat equity' to the organization and other partner families and must prove they can manage their household budget adequately to make the mortgage payments.

Stokes said in past years, the organization has provided a zero interest rate loan but now goes through a federal loan process with extremely low interest rates. That

allows Habitat to receive its money upon closing of the loan and applies those funds to construct the next home.

The current house under construction is in McKenzie at the intersection of Magnolia and Randall. Schacara Weatherford and her children, Zhayvareion (13), Jamair (10), Nazier (7), Jacaden (8) and Malaya (4) are the owners.

This is the first Habitat build since 2019 - prior to the pandemic. It is located at the intersection of Magnolia and Randle streets at the Carroll/Weakley county line. It is dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. Jerry Atkins, a McKenzie native, who served as a family physician in Huntingdon for decades. His wife, Paula Atkins was in attendance and she was the driving force to the founding of Habitat in Carroll County.

A Habitat Store in the former Barnett Shopping Center in Huntingdon, provides low-cost household items donated by area residents. The store helps generate revenue for the local Habitat organization.

Thank You!

MHS GOLF ENJOYS SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

The MHS Golf Team held their Par 3 Extravaganza golf tournament on Saturday, June 17, at the Carroll Lake Golf Club, which serves as their course for home golf matches. This tournament serves as the major fundraiser for the MHS golf team. A total of 26 teams came out to support this event, where all 18 holes are set up to play as a par 3. All participants left with a door prize as a token of appreciation for playing, and regardless of the skill level, everyone always has fun at this event, while at the same time helping our golf program.

On behalf of Coach Tyler Holt and the MHS golf team, we would like to thank all of our sponsoring individuals and businesses in the community, the Carroll Lake Golf Course, our golf team families, and all 26 teams that came to play in our tournament. It was a very successful day and we appreciate your continued support of our MHS golf program.

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HEALTH + WELLNESS

HEALTHY NUTRITION TIPS FOR THE ELDERLY

BY STEVE SMITH
Touching Hearts at Home

As we get older, it is important to focus on the kinds of food we need for our body type and to support the medical issues we are facing. This becomes more important than achieving an ideal weight or counting how many calories we consume. For example, older people who do not get enough of the right nutrients can be too thin or too heavy. Some may be too thin because they do not get enough food, while others might be overweight partly because they get too much of the wrong types of foods. Likewise, people with certain medical conditions might find it necessary to limit certain types of foods or follow a specific diet (i.e., no concentrated carbohydrates, low sodium, low fat, low cholesterol, low potassium).

Malnutrition is a real problem for older adults. A recent study showed that more than half of American seniors seen at emergency departments are either malnourished or at risk of malnutrition. Malnutrition can be caused by digestive problems related to aging, eating too little food, or eating too few nutrients. It can lead to fatigue, depression, weak immune system, anemia, weakness, digestive issues, lung and heart problems, and skin issues. Older adults may eat less often or eat only foods with a distinctive or strong flavor. As we age, the intensity of taste and the ability to identify different tastes diminishes. While older people tend to maintain the ability to detect sweet taste, they have more difficulty detecting sour, salty and bitter tastes. Other factors affecting taste include

dentures, medications and smoking. Problems with digestion and medication interactions can also affect our diet. As we get older, calorie needs change due to more body fat and less lean muscle. Less activity can further decrease calorie needs. The challenge for older adults, especially for those who are overweight, is to meet new and higher nutrient needs, yet consume fewer calories. For example, older adults require increased calcium to stay bone healthy. The answer to this problem is to choose foods high in nutrients in relation to their calorie count.

There exists much help when it comes to healthy eating tips, and most of it is free via the Internet. However, the best place to start is with your doctor. The reason most seniors do not eat right is not as much a lack of knowledge, as it is lack of discipline or lack of resources to prepare the right food. Those who suffer from memory issues need assistance to even know when to eat. At Touching Hearts at Home, we provide meal preparation services as part of our program. This includes following diet guidelines and assistance with grocery shopping and with actual meal preparation. We are licensed by the State and employ comprehensively trained caregivers who are insured and bonded. You can reach us anytime at 731-613-2526, or on the web at www.touchingheartswesttn.com.

4 CONDITIONS NOT OFTEN CHARACTERIZED AS WOMEN'S ISSUES

Preventive care is vital to maintaining overall health throughout adulthood. Though preventive care is often discussed in terms of diet, wellness checkups and physical activity, recognition of various threats to long-term health is equally important. Certain women's health conditions garner more attention than others, but other women's health issues tend to fall off the radar. Here are four significant and less publicized women's health issues:

1 Heart disease: A 2020 report from the American Heart Association indicated that, in 2009, 65 percent of women were aware that heart disease is their leading cause of death. By 2019, that figure had dropped to 44 percent. In addition, in its 2019 Global Burden of Disease Study, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation estimated there are 275 million women around the world with cardiovascular disease. Often and incorrectly considered a disease for men, heart disease poses a significant threat to women as well. Women can speak with their

physicians about their heart disease risk and what they can do to maintain their long-term heart health.

2 Diabetes: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that African American, Hispanic/Latina, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Asian/Pacific Islander women are more likely to have diabetes than white women. But any woman can get diabetes, and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services reports that type 2 diabetes is more common in adults who are 45 and older. The CDC also reports that diabetes increases the risk for heart disease in women by about four times compared to two times for men, which underscores how great a threat the disease is for women. Women can speak to their physicians about the significance of checking their blood sugar and the role diet and exercise can play in reducing diabetes risk.

3 Urinary tract infections: The Office on Women's Health notes that women get urinary tract infections up to

30 times more often than men. A 2016 report in the journal American Family Physician® also indicated that 30-44 percent of women will have a second UTI within six months of an initial infection. The OWH indicates urinating when the need arises, drinking between 6-8 glasses of water per day and additional hygiene measures are some ways to potentially prevent a UTI. Women can discuss more specific measures with their physicians.

4 Alzheimer's disease: The Alzheimer's Association® notes that almost two-thirds of Americans living with Alzheimer's are women. The life expectancy of women is still longer than it is for men, which may explain the greater incidence rates of Alzheimer's among women. However, women can still speak with their physicians about lifestyle choices that could reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's.

Recognition of less publicized issues affecting women's health can be the first step toward reducing the risk for many conditions.

Did You Know?

Colds are not exclusive to the cold weather months and early spring. It's still possible to catch a cold in the summer. During colder months, people tend to stay indoors in close proximity to others, making it easier for contagious cold viruses to spread. The air is cold and

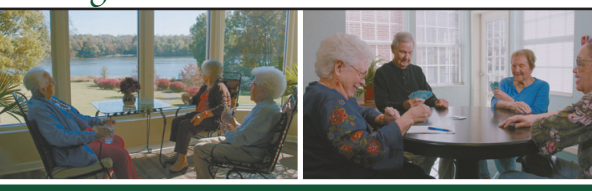
dry, and these conditions are hospitable to cold viruses. In the summer, humidity can impede the common cold's easy spread, but air conditioning units with recirculated air can reverse humidity's protective nature. Though people may spend more time outdoors

during the summer, they may retreat indoors to cool off on especially hot days. That's when cold viruses thrive. Summer cold symptoms are the same as winter colds. However, when cold symptoms keep people from fun summertime activities, it can seem more impactful than suffering in winter when there's less to do.



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A physician's referral is required for aquatic therapy.

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Understanding Resting Heart Rate

Understanding how the heart works can help you become more attuned to your personal health and wellness. Recognition of the importance of heart rate may shed light on aspects of heart health that people may otherwise never think about. According to HealthDirect, heart rate (pulse) is the number of times the heart beats per minute. A resting heart rate is the heart rate when one is relaxed, sitting down or lying down. For normal, healthy adults, a resting heart rate ranges between 60-100 beats per minute. The American Heart Association indicates that resting heart rate is the heart pumping the lowest amount of blood needed because the

body is not exerting itself. A lower resting heart rate is common among people who are physically fit - sometimes as low as 40 bpm. This results from the heart muscle being very athletic and not having to work as hard to maintain a steady beat. Resting heart rate differs according to age. Verywell Health says babies and children have higher resting heart rates because their hearts are smaller. Resting heart rate gradually decreases until about age 10, at which point it stabilizes through adulthood. Here's the expected resting heart rates based on age.

0-1 month: 70-190 bpm
1-11 months: 80-160 bpm
1-2 years: 80-130 bpm

3-4 years: 80-120 bpm
5-6 years: 75-115 bpm
7-9 years: 70-110 bpm
10+ years: 60-100 bpm
Athlete: 40-60 bpm

Knowing one's typical resting heart rate can help people keep up with their personal health. A lower-than-normal resting heart (bradycardia) could indicate a congenital heart defect, a heart blockage, heart damage, or abnormally high blood calcium. It also may indicate hypothyroidism, hypothermia or other conditions. A higher resting heart rate may suggest other issues, like anemia, obesity, dehydration, fever, heart failure, hyperthyroidism, or overconsumption of stimulants like caffeine or nicotine. Resting heart rate is not directly linked to or an indication of blood pressure. Heart rate is measured on the inside of the wrist or on the artery in the neck at the base of the jaw. Pulse should be counted for 30 seconds and then multiplied by two to find beats per minute. Individuals should keep in mind that air temperature, body position, emotions, body size, and medication use can affect heart rate. Checking heart rate several times can provide a more accurate perception of resting heart rate. Any concerns should be discussed with a doctor.



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